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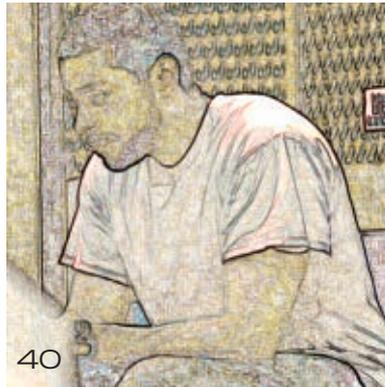
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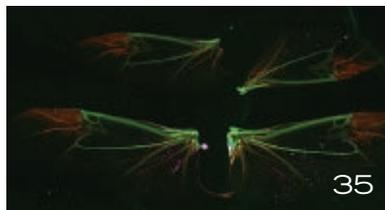
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BETH SAULNIER

Every Friday night, theatre professor Bruce Levitt and a few colleagues make the forty-five-minute drive north to Auburn Correctional Facility. There, inside the walls of a maximum security prison, they work with members of the Phoenix Players Theatre Group (PPTG). Run by inmates and facilitated by volunteers from Cornell and Ithaca College, the group uses acting and writing as tools of personal transformation. And while the inmates rave about the program’s benefits, many of the volunteers find the experience just as life-changing. “PPTG is not about rehabilitation,” says inmate David Bendezu. “Rehabilitation is when you have to fix something. This lets you be free.”

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Reunion 2014 set attendance records, as Cornellians flocked to the Hill for the traditional festivities and a few new ones. Five members of the Class of ’39 marked their 75th—a milestone that this year’s graduates will hit in 2089—and LGBT alumni celebrated their first-ever CUGALA reunion. A pictorial look at the annual bash, which drew alumni from as far away as Australia.

50 Body Language

BETH SAULNIER

The 2013–14 academic year marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Cornell’s Human Sexuality Collection. While the archive ruffled some feathers when it was founded, it now boasts some 10,000 volumes and other materials used by scholars from all over the world. “When we did the early publicity, we were very, very cautious,” recalls University Archivist Elaine Engst, MA ’72. “The joke was that we were making sex boring.” Through mid-October, Kroch Library is hosting an exhibit that surveys the collection’s depth and breadth. Entitled “Speaking of Sex,” the show features a dizzying variety of items—from antique photos to Fifties pulp novels, ACT UP artifacts to nudist-themed napkins.

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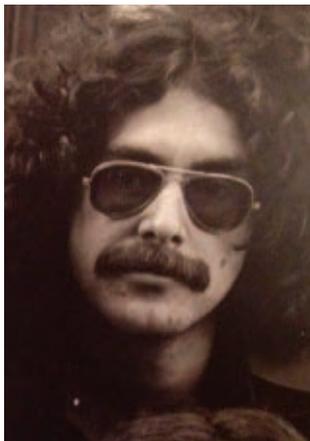
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A Tribute to Jim Roberts

Robin and I first met Jim Roberts '71 four days after my appointment as Cornell's twelfth president, when he flew to Iowa City to interview us for an article that appeared in the March/April 2006 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Jim asked all the right questions—about our impressions of the University and my goals as president, and also some hard-ball questions about challenges I would face. We liked him immediately; he was smart, professional, and clearly committed to Cornell, but with an independent, critical spirit. It was the start of a wonderful partnership that has continued throughout our time together.

I owe Jim an enormous debt, not only for making these columns a regular feature of CAM, but also for being endlessly tolerant of my requests for deadline extensions—which is how, with the surreptitious help of his colleagues, we managed to keep the content of this column secret until it was too late for him to object.

Jim came to his career in journalism by a somewhat circuitous route. After earning a BA in government, he moved to Massachusetts to follow his passion for music. He worked as a bass player in several rock and R & B bands, supplementing his musician's wages by writing about music, first for local publications and then for national music magazines.



When the opportunity arose to serve as founding editor of *Bass Player* magazine in 1989, Jim—by then married to Dr. Susan Strahosky and the father of two-year-old Miles (named after Miles Davis)—moved his family to the San Francisco Bay Area and accepted the job. He soon became group publisher of *Bass Player* and four other specialty magazines for Miller Freeman Inc.

A decade later, the time seemed right for another career change. After answering an ad in CAM, Jim (along with Susan, Miles, and daughter Nadia, who had joined the family from Central Russia in 1997) came back to Cornell as director of communications for Alumni Affairs and Development. The following year, Jim became editor and publisher of CAM—at a time when

Flashback: CAM editor and publisher Jim Roberts '71 in his post-college music days (above) and today.

the magazine was deeply engaged in soul-searching about how best to connect with the alumni body.

Cornell's leaders laud Jim's vision and accomplishments. Jim Mazza '88, associate vice president for alumni affairs, notes that he has strengthened the magazine's content and visual appeal, making it a publication any Cornellian would be glad to read and have on the coffee table. His addition of digital and mobile versions of CAM has offered an important new dimension to the magazine. And, as Charlie Phlegar, vice president for alumni affairs and development, noted, "Even during difficult discussions about the magazine's future, Jim was always professional and weighed all sides of the arguments, which kept the conversation moving forward in a positive way. He is an editor of great integrity—fair and thoughtful—and an alumnus with a lively commitment to Cornell."

In fact, Jim is a third-generation Cornellian, while Susan received her degrees from Boston University. And the entire family enjoys music and sports, which makes for some interesting dynamics. As Jim tells it, Miles played several sports in high school and wanted to go to a large research university with a great hockey tradition whose colors were red and white—but it turned out to be his mother's alma mater. Those split loyalties have invariably complicated seating arrangements at the fall hockey matchups between the two teams in Madison Square Garden.

When Jim retires as editor and publisher in September, he and Susan will move back to New England with daughter Nadia, who will be looking at college options. Susan will take on a new position at a hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire, continuing her work in developmental-behavioral pediatrics. And Miles is already in New England, working as assistant athletic director and sports information director at Pine Manor College in Boston. I understand that Jim plans to freelance, doing music journalism and other writing as the spirit moves him.

Jim, it's been a rare pleasure. I couldn't have asked for a better editor, colleague, and guide to Cornell—and I know I speak for the CAM readership in thanking you for your extraordinary service. We'll be looking for you the next time the Big Red plays BU in Madison Square Garden, and will take careful note of which side you're sitting on!

— President David Skorton
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The Big Picture





Time Marches On

This year's Commencement fell on that rarest of Ithaca commodities: a picture-perfect spring day.

JASON KOSKI / UP

Charting a New Course

How a courageous example changed a life

I went to Cornell because of Andrew Goodman and his companions (“Mother Courage,” May/June 2014). In 1964, I was a fifteen-year-old geek in Mississippi absorbed in weird science that occasionally threatened the power grid and eventually sent me to the International Science Fair as a Westinghouse Science Talent Search finalist. Back then, I was totally absorbed in my experiments. I just didn’t care about the outside world.

I was the last person you might think would be affected by the death of an “outsider” civil rights worker. My great-great-grandfather, James Zachariah George, a U.S. Senator and state supreme court chief justice, was the first to codify Jim Crow segregation when he wrote the Mississippi Constitution of 1890. And my maternal great-grandfather, Andrew Armstrong Kincannon, owned two cotton plantations in the Delta. But the Neshoba County murders somehow punched through to me. That epiphany eventually provoked me to lead a civil rights march that got me kicked out of Ole Miss. That act of civil disobedience was anything but civil. It also sealed my disinheritance and hastened my exit from Mississippi.

I believe that many others had their lives set on new trajectories by the strength and legacies of Goodman, Chaney, and Schwerner.

Lewis Perdue '72
Sonoma, California

Self Reliance

No one is denying Sandra Fluke '03 access to birth control (“Progressive Thinker,” Currents, May/June 2014). The objection is to her demand that Georgetown, a Jesuit school, be forced to provide contraception as part of its insurance cov-



erage under Obamacare even though this runs counter to the school’s religious beliefs.

Ms. Fluke complained about the high cost of birth control for her and her student friends. Some of us were raised to believe that if you couldn’t afford something, you did without. You did not demand that someone else pay for it.

Naomi Pollin Zucker '53
Georgetown, Texas

In a Haze

In May/June 2014, we read that Chi Psi and Theta Delta Chi have run afoul of the David Skorton monoculture (“Two More Frats Suspended,” From the Hill). It is reported that there were “allegations of serious hazing,” and on May 2 Cornell revoked its recognition of Chi Psi. Of course, the University does not want you to know what variety of “serious hazing”

occurred for fear that you might think a factual account would seem laughable instead of “serious.” And Day Hall is pleased to keep the alumni ignorant of how they use anonymous informers, closed hearings, unpublicized charges, a slippery definition of “hazing,” and the hammer of collective punishment to cripple the Cornell fraternity system.

H. William Fogle '70
Mesa, Arizona

Ed. Note: On May 15, Vice President Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, responding to an appeal, upheld the Chi Psi revocation but reduced the loss of recognition period from three years to two years, with the possibility of returning to probation after one year.

Above and Beyond

“The Sagan Files” (March/April 2014) pointed out that Carl Sagan “leapt over conventional boundaries.” But many do not realize that he did so even within his scientific work. I worked in Professor Sagan’s lab after graduation, and his research group was exceptional among investigators in at once engaging in space exploration, laboratory experiments, and computer modeling. The experimental work, in particular, often delved into detailed physical and chemical properties of planetary materials using spectroscopy and other approaches. The work in his lab was guided by broad intellectual significance, not quick publication. In natural but pioneering ways, this and other experimental work in Sagan’s lab bridged two distant and seemingly unrelated fields—astrobiology and materials science.

Likwan Cheng, MEng '88
Evanston, Illinois

Corrections—May/June 2014

Sports Shorts, page 19: We wrote that Mark Tatum '91 was named deputy commissioner of the NBA after Adam Silver became commissioner upon the retirement of “Larry Stern.” The former commissioner’s correct name is David Stern.

Authors, page 21: We listed the book *White Man’s Problems* by Kevin Morris. His correct class year is '85, not '91.

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Field of Dreams

For undergrads, searching for the perfect internship can feel like a full-time job

Last winter, my best friend thought it would be hilarious to go on my computer and update my Facebook status to say I'd be spending the summer as the food and beverage blogging intern for the Myrtle Beach Pelicans minor league baseball team. The posting garnered more than 150 likes.

It wasn't the only time my friends and I relied on comic relief to get us through the process of applying to internships. We'd throw around terms like "funemployed" to show we'd be cool without a plum job in our industry of choice. But the truth is, we were nervous about what it would mean for the future.

The pressure on rising seniors to land the perfect summer internship—potentially the gateway to a full-time job in a mediocre economy—is extreme. So in the hope of landing a journalism gig after graduation, I started applying to every publication and network I could think of—a frenzy during which I sent out numerous applications with spelling and grammar errors. (Note: this is a great way to ensure that no one hires you.)

Of course, all internships aren't created equal. There are paid jobs, others that offer stipends for transportation and lunch, and gigs that are totally pro bono. A well-paid internship in your chosen field is the holy grail.

Since I'd already had four internships as an undergrad, including a semester at Bloomberg in Washington, D.C., it was frustrating to get zero responses from my top choices. As a labor relations major with an English minor, I feared my résumé lacked focus. So I got more proactive, using LinkedIn to query alumni connected to places where I hoped to intern.

As spring semester wore on, friends got offers from impressive places—while I was still frantically sending out applications. I really wanted to intern in journalism—but it got to the point where I'd apply for anything remotely interesting. A process that started with Comcast and Viacom moved on to local news networks and then the financial sector. On the Cornell career website alone, I applied to about fifty postings. I was fairly sure I'd get hired somewhere, but still stressed that it wouldn't be the position I dreamed of.

Besides the Cornell system, I sought internships through online portals that often seemed like black holes: you press a button and send your hopes and dreams into cyber nothingness, receiving only an automated e-mail with a "candidate reference number" as long as pi. There are also addresses ("internships@famousnewsnetwork.com") where you can submit your materials—and you almost never hear back.

I was at Career Services so often that I'm pretty sure an alarm went off every time I walked in. My friends and family also never heard the end of it. I'd be upset when they asked about my summer plans—and even more upset when they didn't want to hear any more about my internship drama. I was so preoccupied that I let school and social obligations slide. I realized that another reason why the process was so stressful is that my generation is used to instant communication; what may have seemed like a normal



Courtney Sokol '15

LISA BANLAKI FRANK

correspondence timeline twenty years ago is agony for us.

I was in the ILR library when an e-mail popped up with the subject, "Phone Interview CNN." It was like getting a text from a crush: a mixture of excitement, panic, and nausea. How soon should I respond? How eager should I sound? I wound up scheduling an interview for Valentine's Day, hoping the recruiter would fall in love. The initial screening must have gone well, because I was put on the short list for several positions. More than a month went by. I was in my History of Consumption class when a number from Atlanta came up on my caller ID. I ran out of the lecture hall, nearly tripping on the steps. The interviewer immediately launched into queries about software and research databases I'd never heard of. I could feel the job slipping through my sweaty fingers.

Dejected, I continued to apply. Finally, after months of interviewing, I was offered a job in human resources for a major credit card company. The pay was great, the commute easy, and the program interesting. I had two weeks to decide—and I promptly became obsessed with CNN. I e-mailed the initial recruiter to say I was on a deadline. He explained that things had been hectic due to the invasion of Crimea and the disappearance of the Malaysian airliner.

Deadline looming, I leaned toward the HR position. But with two days to go, I turned it down; I couldn't accept it while I had a sliver of hope at CNN. Several days later, I woke up from a nap with a missed call from Atlanta. The voicemail was from a producer at "CNN Newsroom," asking for my résumé. A week later I did another interview, but this time I was ready. I answered confidently as I paced through an empty hallway in Ives Hall. At the end of the conversation, she said the words I'd been longing to hear: "I'm offering you the position as a 'Newsroom' intern."

— Courtney Sokol '15



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From the Hill



JASON KOSKI / UP

For the Class of 2014, a Sunny Send-Off

President David Skorton presided over his penultimate Commencement in May, giving the traditional address to some 6,000 graduates and nearly 39,000 friends and relatives on a picture-perfect spring day in Schoellkopf Stadium. In his talk, Skorton noted that fifty years after President Lyndon Johnson launched the War on Poverty, income inequality is endemic and 50 million Americans are economically disadvantaged. "Virtually all of you will find your places in the knowledge economy," he told the University's 146th class, "which relies on advanced skills and higher-order thinking of the kind you've developed and refined at Cornell." He lauded *Chasing the American Dream*, a recent book by sociology professor Thomas Hirschl, for its message of creating a "virtuous cycle"



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Pomp and circumstance: (Clockwise from far left) Grads and supporters pack Schoellkopf, a selfie with Skorton, and Provost Kent Fuchs hoods a new PhD.

KOSKI

through investment in human capital. “As you move to new communities in your lives after Cornell,” he said, “I hope you’ll consider how you can contribute to that virtuous cycle, whether in your careers or as engaged citizens.”

This year’s Convocation speaker—chosen by the seniors themselves—was actor Ed Helms, who portrayed fanatically loyal Cornellian Andy Bernard in the sitcom “The Office.” “You do realize I’m not actually Andy Bernard, right?” Helms told the crowd in Schoellkopf. “He isn’t a real person. He is a character from a TV show, and I am the actor who played him. Or did you actually invite a fictional person to give this speech?” Helms described his

efforts to break into acting, which included years of voiceover work and going on auditions that ended in rejection 99 percent of the time. “When you try hard at everything you do, even if it feels utterly foolish to do so,” he said, “you’re opening up future doors and possibilities that you might not be seeing in the moment.” Helms went on to thank Cornellians for embracing Bernard—not always a sympathetic character—and for inviting him to deliver the Convocation address despite having “directly embarrassed this school for eight years on national television.” Said Helms: “When I got the invitation to speak here, I was scared to open the e-mail, because I thought it might actually be a lawsuit.”

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Robert Schenkkan, MFA '77, who won the Tony and Drama Desk awards for best play for *All the Way*, about President Lyndon Johnson’s efforts to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Schenkkan holds a 1992 Pulitzer for *Kentucky Cycle*.

Human Ecology Dean **Alan Mathios**, named to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Applied and engineering physics professor **Greg Fuchs, PhD '07**, who won a five-year, \$750,000 early career research award from the Department of Energy.

Environmental activist **Annie Leonard, MRP '13**, named executive director of Greenpeace USA.

The **Lab of Ornithology**, whose Merlin Bird ID mobile app won a gold medal from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Geneticist **Edward Buckler**, elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Economics professor **John Abowd**, honored by the American Statistical Association and the Washington Statistical Society for developing innovative approaches to solving statistical problems in federal census data.

Katharine Leigh '15, a biology major in CALS, winner of a Udall Scholarship.

Gannett Health Services director **Janet Corson-Rikert**, winner of an exceptional service award from the American College Health Association.

Aaron Match '15, Swati Sureka '15, and Benjamin Van Doren '16, winners of Goldwater Scholarships. **Matthew Loring '15** got an honorable mention.

Roman Mystery Tapped for Student Reading Project

A literary mystery with multicultural themes has been chosen for this year's New Student Reading Project. *Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio*, a 2006 novel by the Algerian-born writer Amara Lakhous, is narrated by the various residents of an apartment building in modern-day Rome. "Lakhous's story generates a range of engaging topics for discussion and exploration—including emigration and immigration, ethnic stereotyping, cosmopolitan culture, and literature," says Laura

Brown, senior vice provost for undergraduate education. The novel, a European bestseller that was adapted into a 2009 film, will be the subject of seminars, talks, and events on and off campus throughout the 2014–15 academic year.



Johnson School Launches Bilingual MBA in China

In a partnership with Tsinghua University, the Johnson School will offer an MBA in China. The part-time program, taught in English and Mandarin and lasting twenty-one months, will enroll its first students in April; it's expected to attract people in their early thirties with five to eight years of work experience. The curriculum will include field trips to Wall Street, Cornell Tech, and Ithaca.

Leaders in Undergraduate Enrollment Appointed

After a year in their posts on an interim basis, two leaders in undergraduate admissions have been formally appointed. Jason Locke was named associate vice provost for enrollment; his responsibilities include enrollment management, undergraduate admissions, and financial aid programs. A former director of admissions in CALS, he reports to Barbara Knuth, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School. Shawn Felton, who has worked in admissions on campus for more than a decade, was appointed director of undergraduate admissions.

In other leadership transitions, the executive director of the Cornell Center for Technology Enterprise & Commercialization (CCTEC) has announced his departure. Alan Paau will leave the post in early August, with CCTEC official Alice Li, PhD '98, filling it on an interim basis.

R&D

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In the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery*, veterinarians report that they've found a worm in cats never before seen in the species. They theorize that the animals may have contracted the six-inch worms, known as *Dracunculus insignis*, by drinking unfiltered water or hunting frogs.

Using solar power and a smartphone app, engineers and medical researchers have developed a way to test for a deadly skin cancer related to HIV infection. Known as Kaposi's sarcoma, the disease is a known killer in sub-Saharan Africa.

Facebook users already know to be careful of what they post about themselves, but research at Cornell and Northwestern finds they should also be mindful of posting about others. Communication professor Jeff Hancock and colleagues polled 150 users and found that many felt uncomfortable or threatened by what had been posted about them.

Good news for coffee drinkers: food science professor Chang Lee reports that the beverage contains a strong antioxidant that may prevent retinal degeneration. The theory has been successfully tested in mice.

Illegal immigrants working in dangerous jobs generally don't

get compensated for the risk. A joint study with Penn State found that although illegals don't tend to do the nation's most dangerous work, they're rarely paid extra for workplace hazards like heights and toxins.

According to archaeologist Sturt Manning, climate change may have felled the Egyptian empire. Tree ring samples taken from an ancient coffin and funeral boats indicate that an arid period disrupted growing seasons and lowered food production.

Psychologist David Dunning and colleagues are exploring "excessive trust" among strangers, such as farmers who leave produce to be purchased on the honor system. "Despite the protests of philosophers and economists that it is irrational to do so," the researchers write, "people trust strangers and those strangers reward that trust."

The Cornell Stem Cell Program, which comprises forty affiliated labs, recently got a major boost: \$3 million in research funding from New York State.

A computer avatar can help women evaluate breast cancer risk, says psychologist Valerie Reyna. She developed a system that helps women decide whether to be tested for the BRCA1 mutation and what to do if they have it.

Ending a long debate, a study in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* finds that the pathogen behind the Irish potato famine originated in central Mexico rather than in the Andes. The discovery could help breeders identify local plants with blight resistance.



Sew lovely: Double Mexican Wedding Rings IV by Nancy Crow is among the works on display at the Johnson Museum from July 5 to August 17 as part of “Bold by Design,” a show featuring contemporary quilts collected by John Walsh III '58, BCE '59.

Lab of Ornithology Receives New Sculpture by Maya Lin

In recognition of the Lab of Ornithology's conservation efforts, artist Maya Lin has given the facility a large wooden sculpture that's part of her series on endangered species and habitats. Entitled “Sound Ring,” the work consists of an oval made of American walnut and speakers that play natural soundscapes drawn from the lab's Macaulay Library—from loons on an Adirondack lake to lemurs in a Madagascar forest. “The sounds surround us with stories of beauty, fragility, vulnerability, and loss,” says lab director John Fitzpatrick. “They cry to us for help, lest they disappear forever.” Lin, best known for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama, visited campus in May to unveil the work. “As an artist, I want to get people to think outside the box,” she said at the ceremony, “and give them hope that there is something they can do as individuals.”



Nature lover: Maya Lin on campus

LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Semester Abroad Options Now Include Cuba

Starting in August, Cornell students can spend a semester in Cuba. Described by organizers as the first time a U.S. school has sponsored a joint research effort by students of the two nations, the Cornell Cuba Research Program will bring young investigators in the life sciences to the University of Havana. The program will start small, with placements in two Havana labs—one focused on the neurophysiology of bats, the other studying potential medical uses for enzymes isolated from local marine invertebrates. “We've made important inroads,” says psychology professor Tim DeVoogd, who proposed the program, “and this has the possibility to expand.”

Five New Members Join Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has welcomed five new members, whose terms begin July 1. They are Richard Baker '88, CEO of Hudson's Bay Company; alumni-elected trustees Elizabeth Everett '97, a managing director at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and Michael Troy '81, former managing director and partner at Goldman Sachs; grad student trustee Annie Devaney O'Toole, a second-year law student; and faculty trustee Mariana Wolfner '74, the Goldwin Smith professor of molecular biology and genetics.

Hazing Charges Lifted Against Theta Delta Chi

After an investigation by the Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living found that hazing allegations could not be substantiated, Theta Delta Chi has been restored to full recognition status. The University announced its findings in late May; the frat had been on interim suspension since mid-March.

Sports Shorts



GENNA HARTUNG

IRA champions: The men's lightweight rowing team

BEST IN CREW The men's lightweight rowing team closed out its 11th undefeated season in dramatic style, as the varsity eight edged Harvard by 0.54 seconds to win its first Intercollegiate Rowing Association title since 2008. It's the first time Cornell has been the undefeated IRA champion since 1992. Earlier, the Big Red posted top three finishes in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, and freshmen eight races at the Eastern Sprints to take home the Ivy Cup, Joseph Wright Trophy, and Jope Cup.

TOPS AT HEPS Led by an MVP performance from **Max Hairston '16**, the men's track and field team won the Outdoor Heps after three straight second-place finishes. The Big Red edged Princeton by 6-2/3 points, the closest finish since Cornell beat the Tigers by 3 points in 2003. Hairston was named the top track performer after posting three event wins, sweeping the 110- and 400-meter hurdles and leading off the 4x400 relay. Other Cornell champions were **Larry Gibson '16** in the 200 meters, **Stephen Mozia '15** in the shot put, and the 4x100 relay team. The women's team finished third behind first-place finishes from **Rachel Sorna '14** in the steeplechase, **Zena Kolliesuah '15** in the 400, and the 4x100 relay team.

BOSTON STRONG A pair of Cornell alumni placed in the top 60 of the 2014 Boston Marathon, and each had the best finish for a resident of his state. **Chip O'Hara '03** of New York was 50th overall with a time of 2:24:35, while **Graham Peck, ME '12**, of Maryland was 59th overall in 2:26:36. Two days before the Marathon, **Morgan Uceny '07** won the Boston Athletic Association Invitational mile race with a time of 4:44.0, becoming the first runner, male or female, to win the event three times.

R.I.P. COACH Longtime Cornell golf coach **Jim Fenner '53** died in Ithaca on May 1. Fenner, who served as head coach from 1973 to 1989 after many years as an assistant, was also the club professional at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course. In 1980, he led the Big Red to a second-place finish in the Ivy championships and fifth in the ECACs.



Jim Fenner

TOP HONOR Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, recently renamed its softball field in honor of **Peter Drench '70**, who has coached the softball squad for 26 seasons. Although Drench is retiring as a history teacher at the school, he plans to keep coaching. He has already racked up more than 300 wins at Andover, along with many tournament titles including Big East Prep Invitational crowns in 2011, 2012, and 2013.

ALL-AMERICAN Lacrosse standout **Connor Buczek '15** earned first-team All-America honors and was named the Ivy League Player of the Year after helping lead the Big Red men's team to an 11-5 season and the squad's tenth NCAA berth in the last 11 years. Buczek was a Tewaaraton Award nominee after scoring 30 goals with 17 assists from his midfield position.



DARL ZEHR

Connor Buczek

TURNING PRO Although quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** went undrafted after rewriting the Cornell and Ivy League record books as a passer, he didn't have to wait long to sign an NFL contract. Mathews inked a free-agent deal with the Atlanta Falcons shortly after the draft ended. He received positive reviews from the media following the team's rookie minicamp in May and will try to earn a spot on the roster when preseason training camp begins in July.

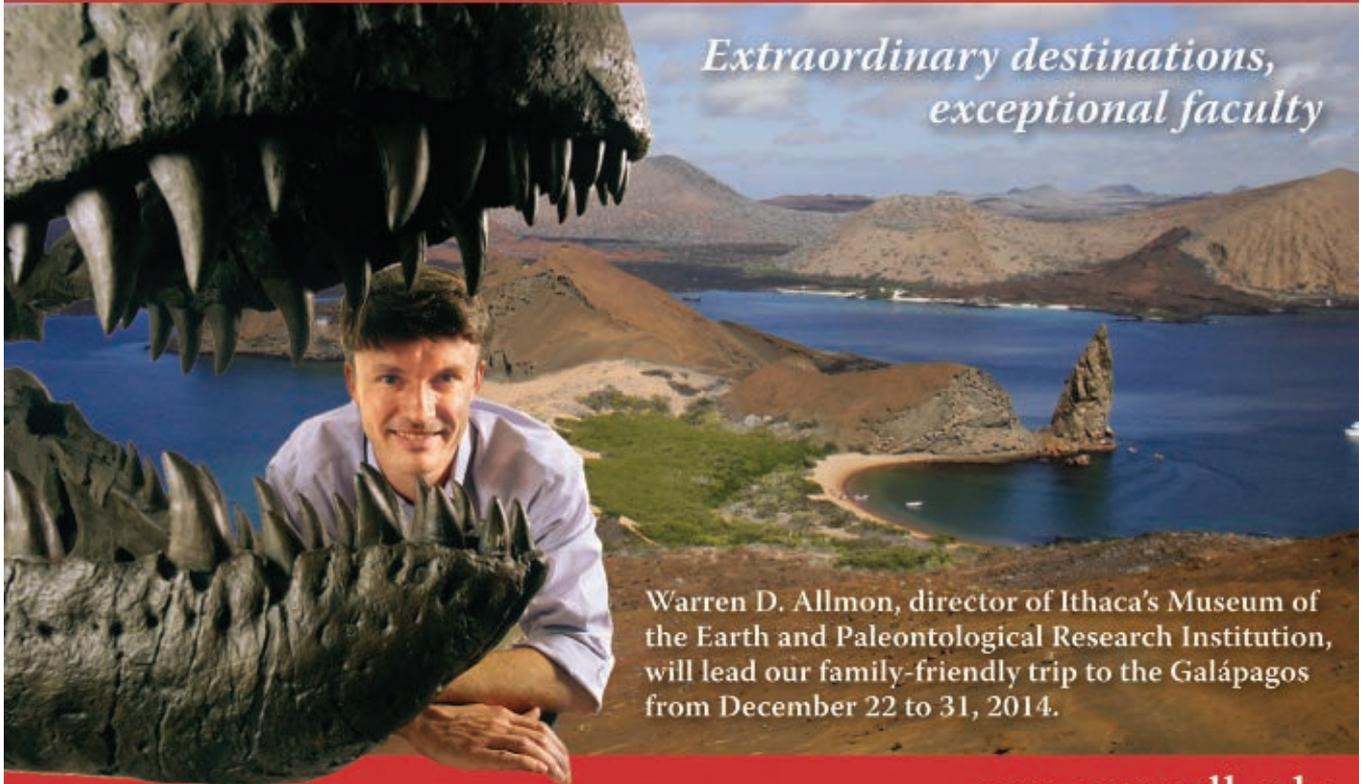
SCHOLAR-ATHLETES Big Red teams showed their ability in the classroom this year, with ten squads earning commendations from the NCAA for posting Academic Progress Rate scores in the top 10 percent of their sport. Eight of those teams—baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, men's golf, women's gymnastics, women's lacrosse, and volleyball—all finished with perfect scores of 1,000. Cornell's overall average was 989.9 for its 28 teams.

Spring Teams Final Records

Baseball	18-21; 9-11 Ivy (3rd, Gehrig Div.)
Men's Lacrosse	11-5; 5-1 Ivy (T-1st)
Women's Lacrosse	7-9; 4-3 Ivy (T-3rd)
Varsity Hvywt. Rowing	4-3
J.V. Hvywt. Rowing	3-4
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Women's Varsity Rowing	3-4
Women's J.V. Rowing	2-5
Softball	18-26; 8-10 Ivy (4th, South Div.)
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Women's Tennis	7-10; 0-7 Ivy (8th)

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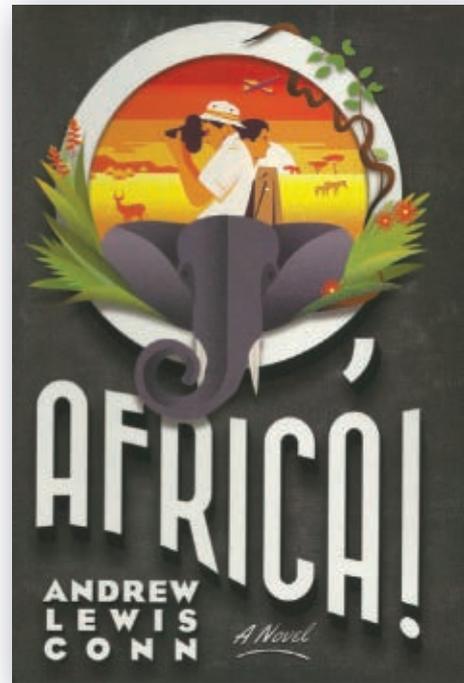
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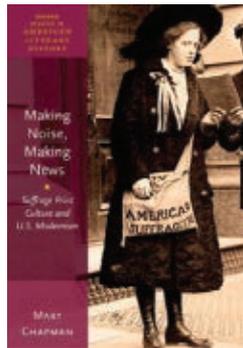
O, Africa!

by Andrew Lewis Conn '95 (Hogarth)

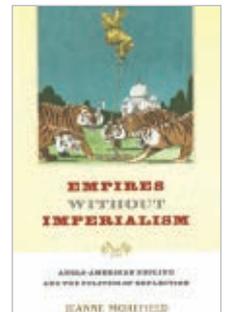
At the tag end of the Roaring Twenties, twin moviemakers Micah and Izzy Grand turn out silent comedies and dismiss the new talkies. Micah is a flamboyant director, gambler, and womanizer; Izzy is a brilliant but painfully shy cameraman. Their attempt to make the first studio movie in Africa devolves into a series of disasters when people die and a hippo eats some of their film. While Conn deals with the themes of racism, anti-Semitism, and cultural disruption, his second novel is above all a love song to the early movie industry.



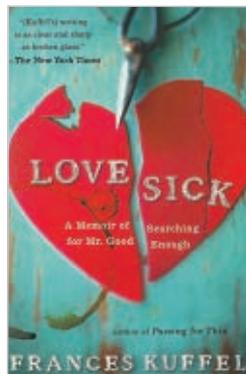
Making Noise, Making News by Mary Chapman, PhD '92 (Oxford). Shifting from a reliance on oratory to a focus on print allowed suffragists to be less controversial, argues an associate professor of English at the University of British Columbia. "In the final fifteen years of a lengthy campaign that coincided with the founding of literary modernism and culminated in 1920 with the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment," she writes, "U.S. suffragists took advantage of the low cost and wide readership of mass print media to spread the suffrage message across a diverse, politically divided, and geographically spread out population."



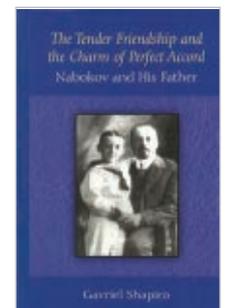
Empires Without Imperialism by Jeanne Morefield, PhD '99 (Oxford). "Liberal imperialists insist that we understand Britain and America as essentially liberal societies," argues an associate professor of politics at Whitman College. "At the same time, they commit themselves to a politics that supports the status quo—the continuing economic, military, and political domination of much of the world's population. They express revulsion at violations of liberal human rights throughout the world, and yet insist that the ongoing abrogation of these rights for those who fall within the liberal imperial state's sphere of influence remains a regrettable but necessary path to liberal ends."



Love Sick by Frances Kuffel, MFA '84 (Berkley). In her latest memoir, the author of *Passing for Thin* and *Eating Ice Cream with My Dog* recounts her search for a man who is, if not exactly Mr. Right, then Mr. Good Enough. As she tries out online dating sites, she corresponds with a persistent scammer, meets shoe fetishists, and goes on a series of strange dates. "You probably picked up this book expecting a love story or a comedy," she writes. "I think it is, in the end, a love story that hasn't reached its ending yet."



The Tender Friendship and the Charm of Perfect Accord by Gavriel Shapiro (Michigan). Vladimir Nabokov's father was a prominent jurist and liberal statesman at the turn of the twentieth century—a connoisseur of literature, painting, music, and theatre, and an athlete, chess player, butterfly collector, anti-communist, and leader in the Russian émigré community in Berlin during the early Twenties. He advocated prison reform, denounced capital punishment, and condemned the persecution of Jews. A professor of comparative and Russian literature at Cornell examines the life of V. D. Nabokov and the influence he exerted on his son's worldview, politics, and aesthetics.





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Fiction

Killer of Enemies by Joseph Bruchac '64 (Tu). In a future where technology no longer works and genetically modified monsters roam the earth, the young Apache warrior Lozen has the physical and magical skills to slay the monsters and save her family.

The Secret of Rose-Anne Riley by Shaw J. Dallal '55, JD '59 (Hamilton). In his debut novel, an emeritus professor of Middle East studies at Colgate University tells the story of four generations of a family and the destructive effect of keeping secrets.

The Lonely Hearts Club by Brenda Janowitz '95 (Polis). After Jo Waldman's father fires her and her boyfriend breaks up with her, she becomes a spokeswoman for an anti-love website. Soon she must abandon that role when she falls for the site's programmer.

Poetry

Etched in Clay by Andrea Cheng '79, MS '84 (Lee & Low). The enslaved potter known as Dave created—and signed—some of the best-made examples of nineteenth-century Edgefield pottery. Cheng, the author of *Only One Year*, tells Dave's story in poems that communicate his bravery, dignity, and artistry.

Children's

Plastic, Ahoy! by Patricia Newman '81; photographs by Annie Crawley (Millbrook). A team of scientists spends three weeks aboard the *New Horizon* investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, where tons of plastic have drifted from around the world and threaten the ocean's food chain.

Non-Fiction

Planning for Long-Term Care for Dummies by Carol Levine '56 (Wiley). The director of the Families and Health Care Project offers a broad overview of information on long-term care including such topics as assisted living, legal and financial issues, transportation, nursing homes, medical care, rehabilitation services, and how to modify your home to age in place.

Playbook for Progressives by Eric Mann '64 (Beacon). The director of the Labor/Community Strategy Center outlines the sixteen qualities of a successful political organizer. "My hope," he writes, "is that you will be transformed, from a critic to an activist, from an activist to an organizer, and, finally, from an organizer to a more conscious, introspective, and successful leader."

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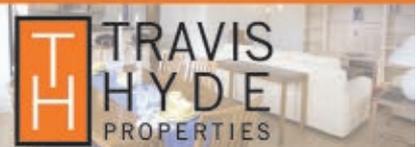
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Brothers in Arms by Andrew Mertha (Cornell). China's assistance maintained the viability of the Khmer Rouge regime (1975–79), yet it received little benefit from its Cambodian allies. An associate professor of government at Cornell asks why such a powerful nation was unable to influence its far weaker and ostensibly dependent client state.

The Success Matrix by Gerry Langeler '72 (Logos). In this hybrid of business guide and fiction, the managing director of OVP Venture Partners demonstrates the ways executives can improve business performance, as well as increase satisfaction in their personal lives, by focusing on vision, process, and output.

Climate Changed by Philippe Squarzoni, translated by Ivanka Hahnenberger '83

(Abrams). The winner of the Jury Prize at the 2012 Lyon Graphic Novel Festival brings together research and interviews with experts in a personal journey through the science of climate change.

A History of the Vietnamese by K. W. Taylor (Cambridge). A professor in Cornell's Department of Asian Studies surveys more than 2,000 years of Vietnamese history, covering historical events, important people, culture, economics, language, literature, religion, and relations with China and the U.S.

Madiba A to Z by Danny Schechter '64 (Seven Stories Press). In a companion book to the film *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*, a documentary filmmaker and Emmy-winning producer for ABC News paints a portrait of Nelson Mandela that shows the strengths and flaws of the man behind the image.

Derivative Securities, Financial Markets, and Risk Management by Robert A. Jarrow and Arkadev Chatterjea, PhD '93 (Norton). Jarrow, the Lynch Professor of Investment Management at the Johnson School, and Chatterjea, a research fellow at the Kenan-

Flagler Business School, provide an accessible introduction to derivatives and their uses and abuses.

Hunger and Hope by George W. Norton '71 (Waveland). Drawing on his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia, a professor of agricultural and applied economics at Virginia Tech presents the struggles of the rural poor to improve their lives.

The Human Rights Paradox edited by Steve J. Stern '73 and Scott Straus (Wisconsin). Two professors at the University of Wisconsin edit a collection of essays that examines the tensions between universal ideas about human rights and local conditions.

A Self Made of Words by Carl H. Klaus, PhD '66 (Iowa). The founder of the Nonfiction Writing Program at the University of Iowa shows how to project the self and craft a distinctive persona in nonfiction writing.

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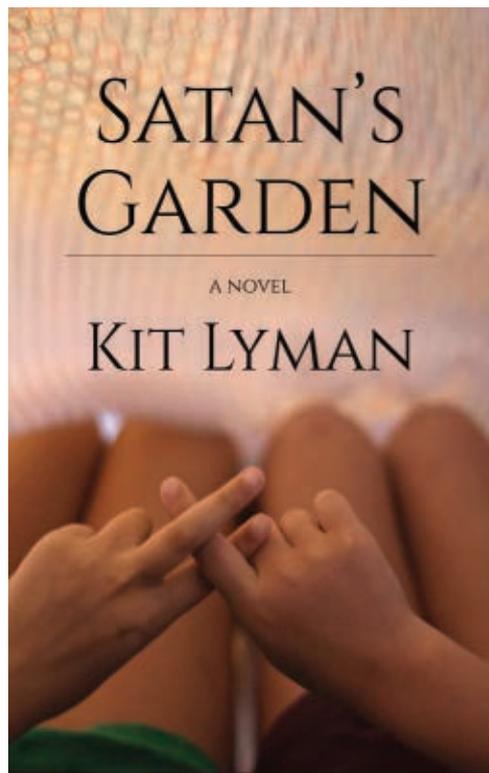
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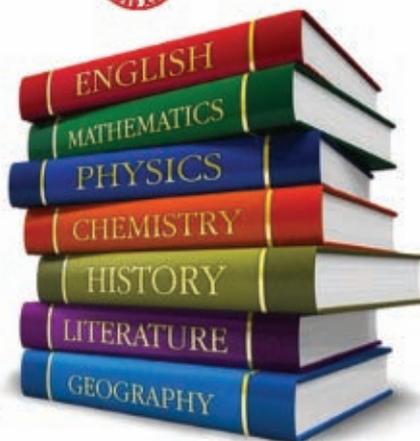
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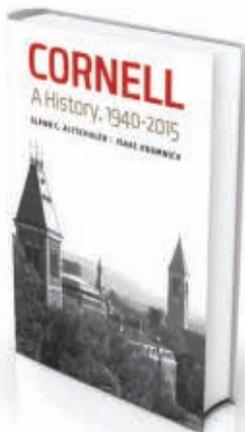
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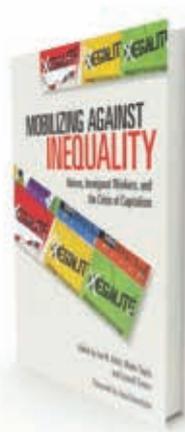
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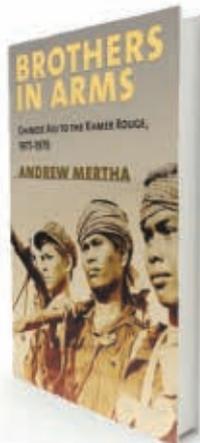


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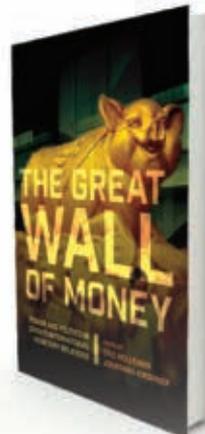
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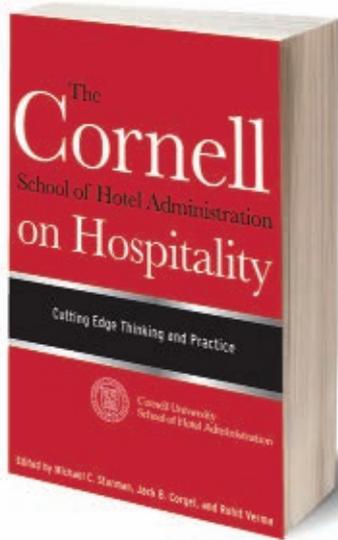
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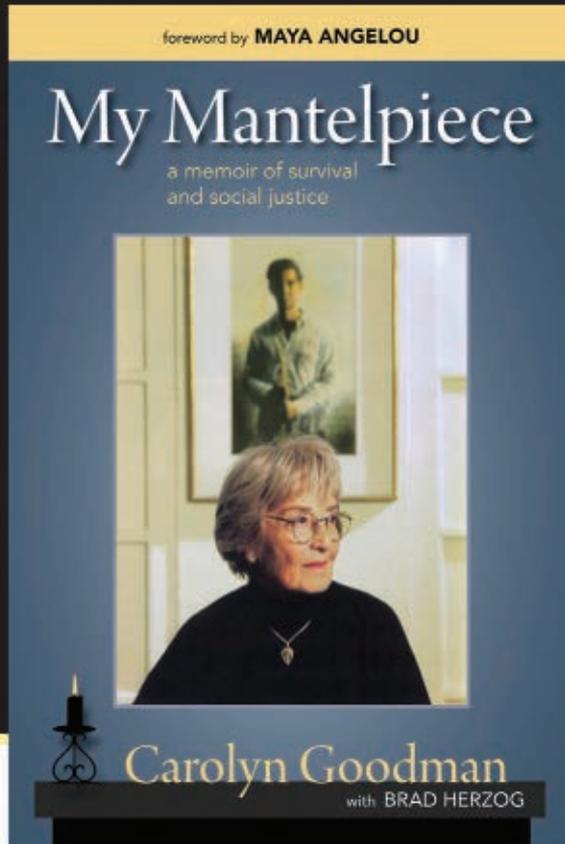


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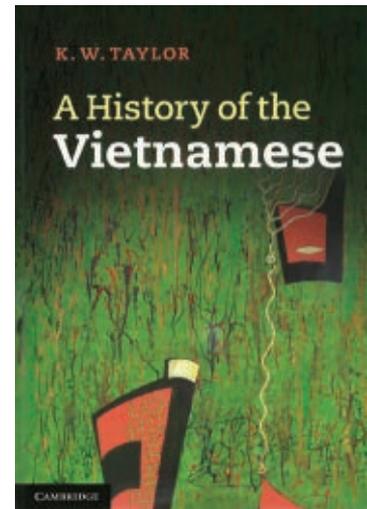
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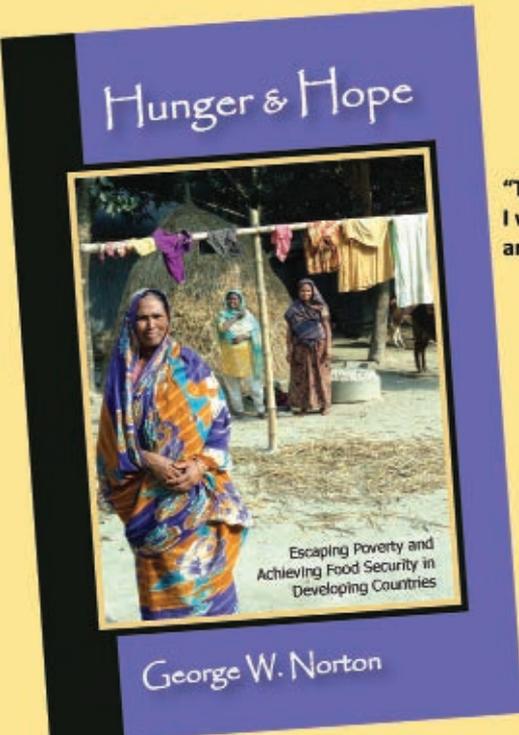
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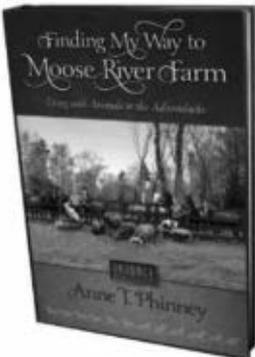
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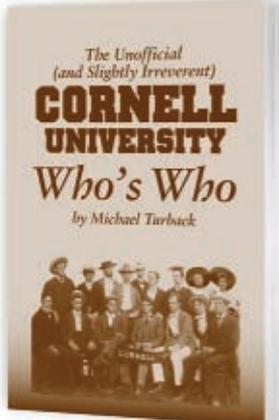
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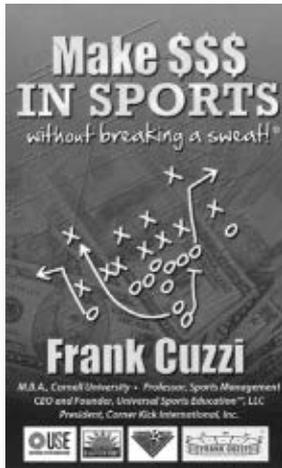
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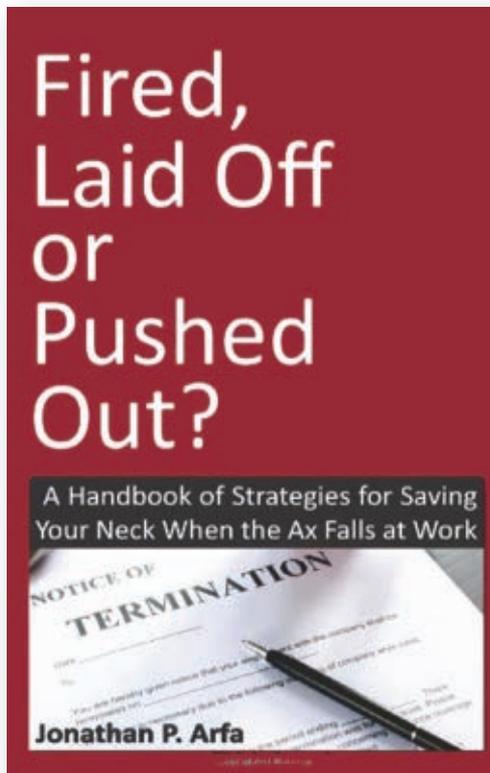


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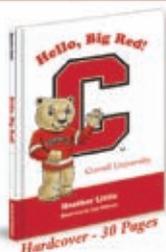
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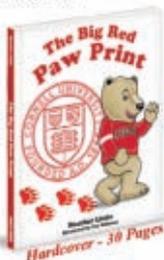
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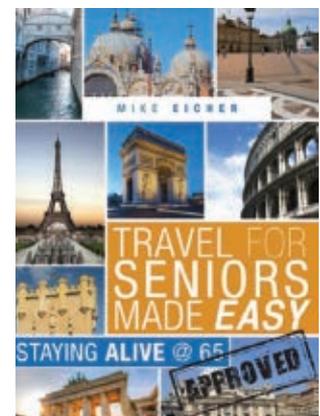
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Curtain's Up

Meet Sam Gold '00, one of the theatre world's hottest directors



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Center stage: Director Sam Gold '00 at work. Opposite: In *The Realistic Joneses*, Toni Collette (left), Michael C. Hall, and Tracy Letts contemplate the fate of a departed squirrel.

The theatre critics at the *New York Times* aren't much known for gushing—which made an April review of a show directed by Sam Gold '00 that much more of an eye-popper. “Plays as funny and moving, as wonderful and weird as *The Realistic Joneses*, by Will Eno, do not appear often on Broadway,” wrote the notoriously exacting Charles Isherwood. “Or ever, really.” When the production didn't receive a single Tony nomination, Isherwood was so incensed he devoted a column to the snub.

The play is another hit for the thirty-six-year-old Gold, whom Isherwood praises as a “consummate director of adventurous new writing for the theater.” As theatre arts professor Bruce Levitt notes, one measure of Gold's status is that, well . . . he works



JOAN MARCUS

like crazy. “Very few people work all the time, but he’s never without a show,” says Levitt. “He always seems to be doing three shows a year, which is unheard of.”

The Realistic Joneses, which ends its limited run in July, is a dark comedy with four characters, all named Jones. It’s summer in a small woodsy town, where the long-married Jennifer and Bob (Oscar nominee Toni Collette and Tracy Letts, a Tony-winning actor and Pulitzer-winning playwright) are haltingly coping with his incipient neurological illness. Into their backyard one night stumble Pony and John (Oscar winner Marisa Tomei and Michael C. Hall of “Dexter” fame), their eccentric, volatile, and oddly vulnerable new neighbors. For the next ninety minutes, the two couples ponder life, death, love, marriage—and what to do with a squirrel in advanced rigor mortis. “It’s people facing mortality in an incredibly mundane but also existential and cosmic way,” Gold observes. “It’s funny and enjoyable to watch, but it also connects to something spiritual and large.”

A native of the New York metro area, Gold started acting in high school. He was cast in a collection of one-acts his first week on the Hill, and his junior year he played the lead in *Equus*. At twenty, he was an understudy in the Broadway production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*—“I pushed Anne Frank down the stairs nightly,” he told *Playbill* in 2012—but soon shifted to the other side of the proscenium arch. “It was clear that I was not a great actor, but I had a point of view that could make me a good director,” Gold recalls. “You really have to want to tell people what to do. I had a lot of ideas about how to tell a story; I had aesthetic opinions about how things should look and be and move. I was also a kind of disgruntled audience member who felt I wasn’t seeing my generation represented in professional theatre. I was an opinionated kid.”

On campus, he majored in theatre arts with a film minor and directed numerous shows, including a mainstage production of the quirky domestic comedy *The House of Yes*. “As a student, Sam was insatiably curious about everything,” says Levitt. “He would come into your office and ask question after question. He was always interested in knowing more, getting details, fine-tuning.” Gold studied directing at Juilliard, getting some early breaks through close working relationships with up-and-coming playwrights like Annie Baker, who’d go on to win a Pulitzer for *The Flick*. One of his first major Off-Broadway productions was her play *Circle Mirror Transformation*, which earned him an Obie for best director. “For a lot of the plays I do, I get involved while the writer is still writing,” Gold says. “It’s nice to have an outside perspective, someone who’s not inside the birthing process. So I tend to become an ear for the writer. That also gives me great insight into the play, because I’m seeing what the writer is trying to accomplish even before they finish.”

Gold’s Broadway directing debut came in 2011 with *Seminar*, starring Alan Rickman as a literary lion leading a fraught writer’s workshop; it was followed in 2013 by William Inge’s *Picnic* with Ellen Burstyn and Mare Winningham. He chased *The Realistic Joneses* with an Off-Broadway production of the London hit *The Village Bike*, starring indie muse Greta Gerwig as a pregnant schoolteacher having an extramarital affair. In October, he returns to Broadway with Tom Stoppard’s *The Real Thing* starring Maggie Gyllenhaal and Ewan McGregor. “One of the things that makes Sam a good director is that he’s deeply human,” Levitt muses. “He’s gracious, kind, and open; he loves actors and writers. He creates such a wonderful, warm, inviting, safe space for great work.”

— Beth Saulnier



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Whiskers and wisdom: The professorial ranks in 1882

CAPE'd Crusaders

Faculty group keeps emeriti in the loop

Environmental toxicology professor Ann Lemley, PhD '71, felt the first nip of retirement jitters while completing the stacks of forms that papered her path out of Cornell. She'd arrived as a grad student, gone on to a postdoc, and risen to full professor. Now she was pulling the ripcord on a thirty-two-year career. "I had this sense of being cut loose, that soon I'd no longer be fully connected to something that was my whole life, basically," says Lemley, who retired with emerita status in December. "My sense of identity as a Cornell faculty member is profound."

Lemley landed softly on that other shore by becoming active with the Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti (CAPE). All emeriti automatically become CAPE members; nominal annual dues, which are voluntary, directly support group activities. "Get-

ting involved with CAPE helped ease my transition into retirement," Lemley says. "They're a great bunch of people, very committed to the University and to sharing their collective wisdom."

Cornell emeriti get such perks as free parking, office space, and, in some departments, \$2,000 per annum for five years after retirement. But CAPE, which was founded in 1982 and officially recognized as a Cornell organization in 1998, provides something extra: a sense of continuity and belonging. Members organize lectures and tours, support various projects, and stay connected through newsletters, e-mail, and monthly meetings with the dean of the faculty. "The University's greatest resource is its faculty," says J. Robert Cooke, professor emeritus of biological and environmental engineering and a former dean of the faculty. "If you ask them to do something, it's amazing how often they'll do it. That's what makes the clock tick at CAPE—people

who have a sense of generosity and a willingness to contribute.”

Monthly lectures and regional tours provide settings where emeriti can mingle outside departmental silos. CAPE also supports numerous academic initiatives including the Podell Professor Emeriti Awards for Research and Scholarship. A Podell grant helped Susan Watkins, professor emerita of apparel design, update a third edition of *Clothing: The Portable Environment*, an image-rich textbook. While not an active member, she says that regular communications from the CAPE office act as “a kind of pain management” for those isolated by retirement.

The group is not limited to emeriti; a handful of CAPE’s members, like former Johnson Museum director Frank Robinson, are proactive subscribers. “CAPE demonstrates the extraordinary range, intellectual vitality, and deep commitment of a large number of retired faculty,” says Robinson, an ardent booster who serves on the group’s executive committee. “The remarkable number of projects they organize and the wide range of teaching and research they’re engaged in make it an invaluable resource for Cornell.”

Most of CAPE’s 625 members live in Ithaca; roughly 110 maintain departmental addresses and half live within forty-five minutes of campus. While many winter elsewhere—they are, after all, a brainy group—they don’t draw a bright line between career and retirement. “I’ve spent forty years of my life in Ithaca; my wife and I raised two daughters here,” says Fred Gouldin, professor emeritus of mechanical and aerospace engineering and CAPE’s current president. “In addition to my strong ties to the University, this is my home.”

Among CAPE’s missions is supporting members’ lifelong passion for advancing scholarship in their disciplines and beyond. Howard Howland, PhD ’68, professor emeritus of neurobiology and behavior, is working on a University memorabilia project; Cooke is immersed in a ten-year labor of love to create an online database of faculty oral histories, biographies, and more. Other efforts include teaching in regional prisons, offering computer support for emeriti, hosting Medicare workshops, working to equip lecture halls with assistive listening systems, and fundraising for the University Library (to the tune of \$50,000 last year alone). “I’ve been with five universities, all of them splendid,” says Robinson. “But my perception is that CAPE is unique to Cornell. The accumulated knowledge and experience here is a real treasure.”

— Franklin Crawford

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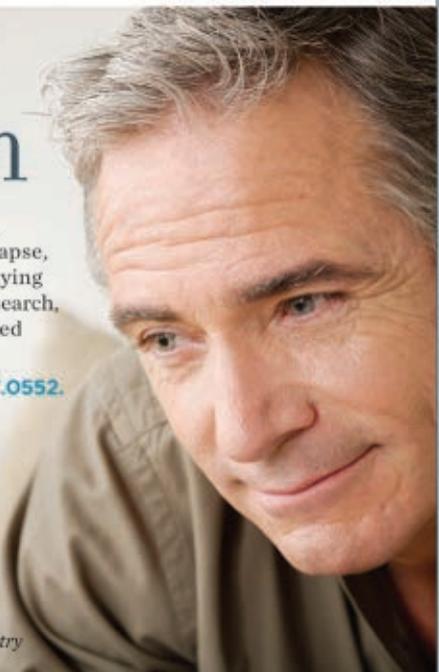
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Meat and Greet

Chef Jeffrey Weiss '10 is spreading the word about Spanish *charcutería*



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Beneath a high ceiling on the ground floor of an iconic building in the California seaside town of Pacific Grove, local art decorates the walls and global fusion dominates the tables. At Jeninni Kitchen + Wine Bar, it's a revelation for the taste buds each time a server returns with a small tapas plate—from *chicharrones* (pork rinds) and eggplant fries to rabbit-and-bacon sausage and goat's milk flan.

Chef Jeffrey Weiss '10 uses the catchall “southern Mediterranean” to describe his cuisine, because nothing more specific can capture its variety of flavors—a *mélange* of Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Andalusian, Turkish, Tunisian, and more. The menu at

Jeninni—located three blocks off Monterey Bay in a former department store that John Steinbeck made famous in *Cannery Row*—even includes a glossary of culinary terms. *Urfa*? It's a smoky Turkish pepper. *Boquerones* are pickled white anchovies. *Butifarra* is a Catalán sausage, *ras el hanout* a North African spice, *dukkah* an Egyptian herb. No wonder the local weekly paper described Weiss's cuisine as “an invigorating education for your palate.”

In the partially open kitchen, the thirty-seven-year-old chef oversees the eclectic menu, which reflects the unusual route he took from his native California and back again. Most notable is the charcuterie, offerings that include chicken liver pâté, country pork terrine, and a ham of the month. The featured meat (in

Con mucho gusto: Chef and cured meats expert Jeffrey Weiss '10 at Jeninni Kitchen + Wine Bar

May, a peanut-fed Berkshire from Virginia's Surry Farms) is displayed atop the second-floor bar like edible art. Nearby is the book—*Charcutería: The Soul of Spain*—that Weiss published in March. At 464 pages, it weighs more than the ham.

Weiss owes his passion for charcuterie to James Beard Award-winning chef José Andrés, the Picasso of tapas in America. Thanks to a recommendation from Andrés, Weiss landed a prestigious culinary scholarship from the Spanish Trade Commission, which allowed him to immerse himself in the nation's language and culture while apprenticing in the kitchens of some of its most renowned chefs. He also spent time in Spain's Extremadura region, becoming expert in the art of charcuterie—using the preservation process to draw out the flavor of meats.

Although *charcutier* is a French word that roughly translates as “pork butcher,” it isn't reserved for porcine products and is by no means just a Gallic talent. But when Weiss went to work at a gastropub in Greenwich Village after returning from Europe, he discovered that even some of Manhattan's top chefs were largely unschooled in the Spanish version of the technique. “Most of the information was

verbally handed down within families and regions,” he says. “It was never written into some sort of compendium. There was no collection of this knowledge anywhere.”

So Weiss wrote the book on it. More than simply a cookbook, *Charcutería* is a hardcover epic that combines photographs, illustrations, anecdotes, and recipes to tell historical, cultural, and gastronomical tales about Spain's meat-curing traditions. As a review in the *Austin Chronicle* put it: “Until this book, no one has ever detailed in the English language the butcher's traditions of Spain or the art of the *matanza* (the ritual pig slaughter), and Weiss has done it in a detailed fashion that immediately gets your mouth watering.”

Weiss's culinary commitment is also evident in the way he tutors his young chefs. When they're prepping vegetables and he tells them (from some distance away), “I can hear you cutting it wrong,” he's channeling his own gastronomic guru. While in high school outside San Francisco, he found part-time work at the Silicon Valley's upscale Lion & Compass restaurant. Its chef became his mentor, using every task—from washing dishes to slicing onions—as a teachable moment. When Weiss excitedly showed him his

acceptance letter to Cornell, he replied, “That's awesome. Congratulations. You're not ready,” and convinced him to defer for a semester.

Weiss had already gotten a late start in college due to an entirely different pursuit: competitive pairs figure skating. The sport took him around the world, earning him a silver medal at the 1995 U.S. junior championships and a sixth-place finish at the seniors event in 2000. But Weiss says that it wasn't so much the global travel that informed his cooking career as what skating taught him about the need for basic skills. Even as a young boy, he'd wake up before dawn to trudge to a dimly lit rink and commit to the drudgery of practicing school figures, tracing the same prescribed patterns in the ice over and over. Having traded in his blades for cutlery by age twenty-four—he notes that “the *Mickey Mouse on Ice* show is a future I didn't want”—Weiss now pairs with Jeninni Kitchen owner Thamin Saleh, adding more global fusion to his résumé. “He's Palestinian; I'm a Jew. But he drinks wine and I do pork,” Weiss says with a laugh. “I think we can solve world peace through this restaurant. Why not?”

— Brad Herzog '90

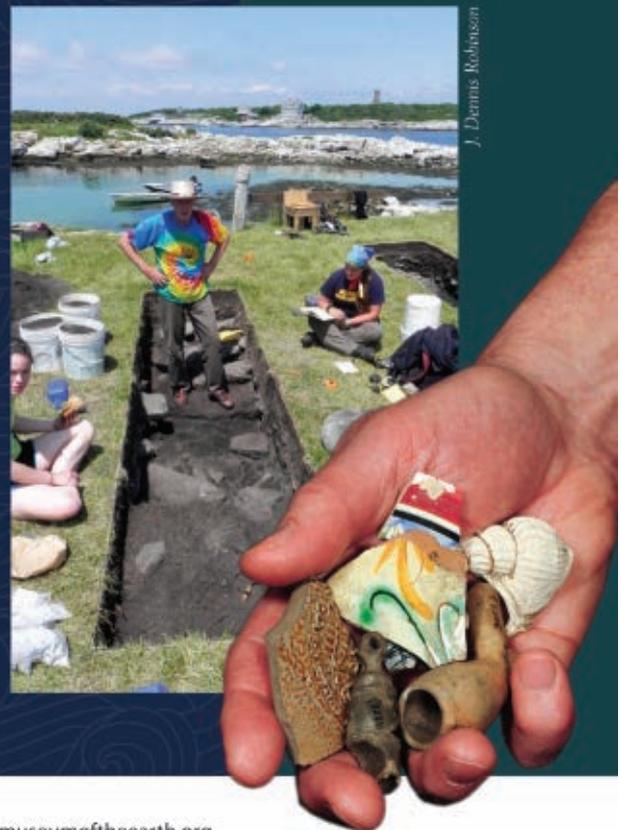
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Start Me Up

Collegietown's PopShop is a hub for student entrepreneurs

At eleven on a Tuesday night, a set of storefront windows on College Avenue reveals an unexpected scene amid the neighborhood's bars and eateries: nearly 1,000 square feet of open work space, packed with students hunched over 3-D printers or scribbling on whiteboards.

It's called PopShop—and with its collection of high-tech equipment and scavenged furniture, the brightly lit space looks like a cross between a laboratory and a yard sale. Projects ranging from smartphone apps to an electric keg-cooler keep PopShop abuzz at all hours of the night, often attracting stares from students trudging home from the libraries or the Pixel Lounge dance floor. "Starting your own business can be a lonely process," says co-founder Ali Hamed '14. "We've dealt with that problem by creating a space where like-minded people can have fun and learn from each other."

Inspired by General Assembly and We Work—co-working spaces popular in large cities across America—PopShop's eight undergraduate founders sought to create a highly visible venue for students to explore their entrepreneurial interests. Since its original location opened for a month-long trial in a small studio on Dryden Road in April 2012, it has attracted more than a hundred undergrads and grad students in disciplines from architecture to electrical engineering. "We had \$1,000 to pilot the space—for rent, light bulbs, toilet paper, you name it," says cofounder Morgan Beller '13. "It wasn't palatial, but it had the character and essence that PopShop embodies." With the help of a handful of faculty and alumni, it moved to its current location on College Avenue in May 2013. "The entrepreneurship community existed, but it was dispersed across campus," says Beller. "We created a centralized hub where all students, regardless of year or major, could come to discuss their endeavors."

Now in its second year, the storefront attracts newcomers and keeps regulars coming back with classes called PopShopU, offering instruction in such topics as Photoshop and iOS programming. It also hosts networking events like "start-up speed-dating," which

matches entrepreneurs with potential talent. That's how information science major Nicole Calace '16 started working on the interactive design for a grocery shopping app created by MBA student Nick Nickitas. Engineer Ricky Panzer '13, BS '14, had already started Splat (short for Smartphone Powered Laser Tag) when he came to the shop looking for more manpower; the company, now based in Menlo Park, California, makes hardware and software that turns a phone into a Bluetooth-enabled tag gizmo. Recent alumni who have launched their own entrepreneurial careers have returned to PopShop to host workshops on topics like Google Glass or to judge hackathons—collaborative computer programming competitions that can go on for more than twenty-four hours. "My favorite part of PopShop isn't a physical attribute but the atmosphere," says Calace. "If you're working on something and you need help, all you have to do is look up from your computer and ask for it. That's the difference between co-working spaces and a library: here, everyone is a resource."

— Brooke LaPorte '14

Weed Whackers

Researchers battle hydrilla,
leafy invader of Cayuga's waters



STEFANIE GREEN

Green goblin: Retired Cornell Research Ponds manager Bob Johnson '65 examines hydrilla plants newly uprooted from the waters of Ithaca's Stewart Park.

H hydrilla is, perhaps, the perfect plant for freshwater aquariums. Its miniature, saw-toothed leaves form circular whorls emerging from slender, bright green stems, setting a naturalistic scene behind glass. Known as water thyme and adorned with delicate, white flowers, the herbaceous perennial thrives in

low light, tolerates a broad range of temperatures and nutrient levels, and grows quickly. In its native environs throughout Asia, strands of *Hydrilla verticillata* extend twenty-five to thirty feet long. There, the submerged plant hangs in a delicate ecological balance with native fish, insects, and pathogens that hold its vigorous nature in check.

But what captivated an exotic fish

importer in 1950 has made hydrilla a nightmare in the United States for nearly sixty-five years—ever since the contents of an aquarium were dumped into a Florida canal. Once loosed, it's nearly impossible to eradicate, forming dense mats that choke shallow waters, outcompete native species, fuel toxic blue-algae blooms, and clog the intakes of power plants and water treatment facilities. Added to the Federal



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‘If we let hydrilla go, it will have a huge impact on how people use the south end of the lake. We could end up singing “Far above Cayuga’s swamp.”’

Noxious Weed registry in 1979, it’s now endemic throughout the Southeast and found in isolated pockets as far north as Maine and all the way to the Pacific coast. Hydrilla boasts established populations on every continent but Antarctica.

As of August 2011, those beleaguered communities officially include Ithaca. That month, a high school student sampling aquatic plants tossed the working end of a farm rake into the waters of the Cayuga Inlet. When she drew it back, hydrilla clung to the tines. Retired Cornell Research Ponds manager Bob Johnson ’65 confirmed its identity and, within days, the Hydrilla Task Force of the Cayuga Lake Watershed—a broad coalition of state, local, and federal officials and non-profit environmental groups—had formed to pursue a singular goal: to eradicate the invader within five years. “If we let hydrilla go, it will have a huge impact on how people use the south end of the lake,” says Johnson. “We could end up singing ‘Far above Cayuga’s swamp.’”

Hydrilla propagates easily and spreads fast—in propellers and on boat trailers, stowed away on waterfowl, and in the water itself, driven by wind and waves. The Inlet feeds into Cayuga, which connects to the other ten Finger Lakes, providing a gateway to the extensive Erie Canal system and ultimately the Great Lakes. In addition to their combined \$600 million recreational boating industry, the interconnected waterways are integral to a robust shipping industry as well as local power plants and water treatment facilities.

In the first year of a comprehensive survey, Johnson found hydrilla mats comprising nearly eight acres near the Ithaca Farmers’ Market, at Cass Park, and along the Cornell crew’s practice route. His studies suggested that it had likely been introduced two years earlier, and interviews with Big Red coaches confirmed the hypothesis. “The dense mats made it hard

for the chase boats to follow along,” recalls director of rowing Todd Kennett, who noticed the growths in August 2009. “We knew where they were and avoided them.”

Despite six decades of dedicated study in the Southeast, scientists have yet to find an effective bio-control to mimic the ecological balance furnished by hydrilla’s natural enemies in Asia. So like communities in Florida and Louisiana, the Cayuga Lake task force has relied on a suite of herbicides. So far, the combined tab for local monitoring and chemicals is \$700,000. That’s chump change compared to the \$15 million to \$20 million spent annually in the Sunshine State to keep the invader in check. “Here, we’ve got 20,000-acre lakes that are 90 percent covered in hydrilla,” says agronomist Bill Haller ’69, acting director of the University of Florida’s Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. “Our economic surveys have shown that with a 50 percent infestation, 75 percent of people stop using the lake for fishing, sailing, boating, swimming, and other recreational uses.”

On Cayuga, Johnson’s surveys—paired with a citizen science group known as the Hydrilla Hunters and volunteers from the nonprofit Floating Classroom—show that the team is making headway. Last year, new infestations were discovered at the southern end of the lake, in water features at the Ithaca Golf Course, and in Fall Creek, but populations of the overwintering tubers that transform seasonal top growth into a perennial infestation seem to be falling dramatically. “We don’t know exactly how this plant will behave in a large, open body of water like Cayuga in our bioregion,” says Bill Foster ’87, Floating Classroom’s program director. “The risks, however, are extreme. If hydrilla succeeds in becoming established and behaves as it has elsewhere, lake-based recreation will be curtailed or radically altered.”

— Sharon Tregaskis ’95

Art from Science

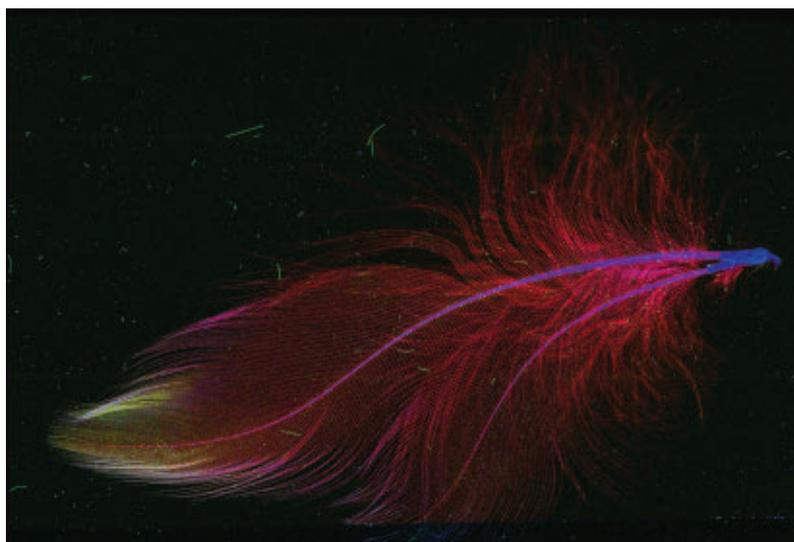
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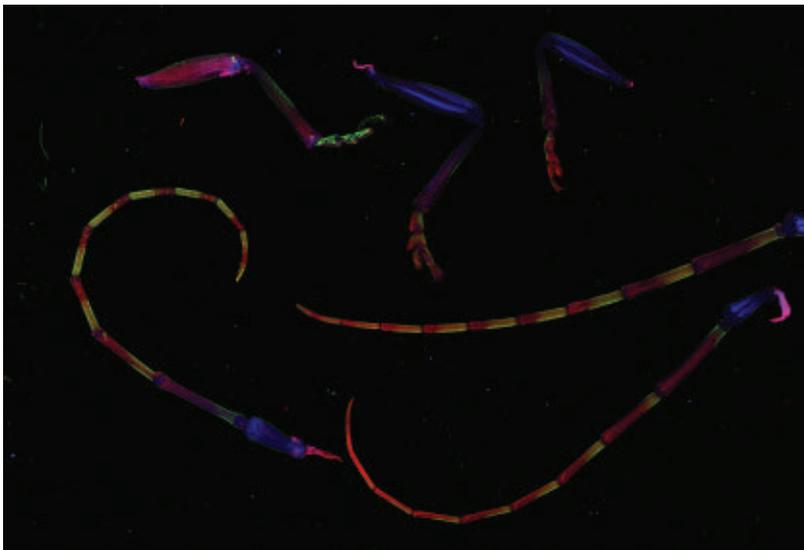
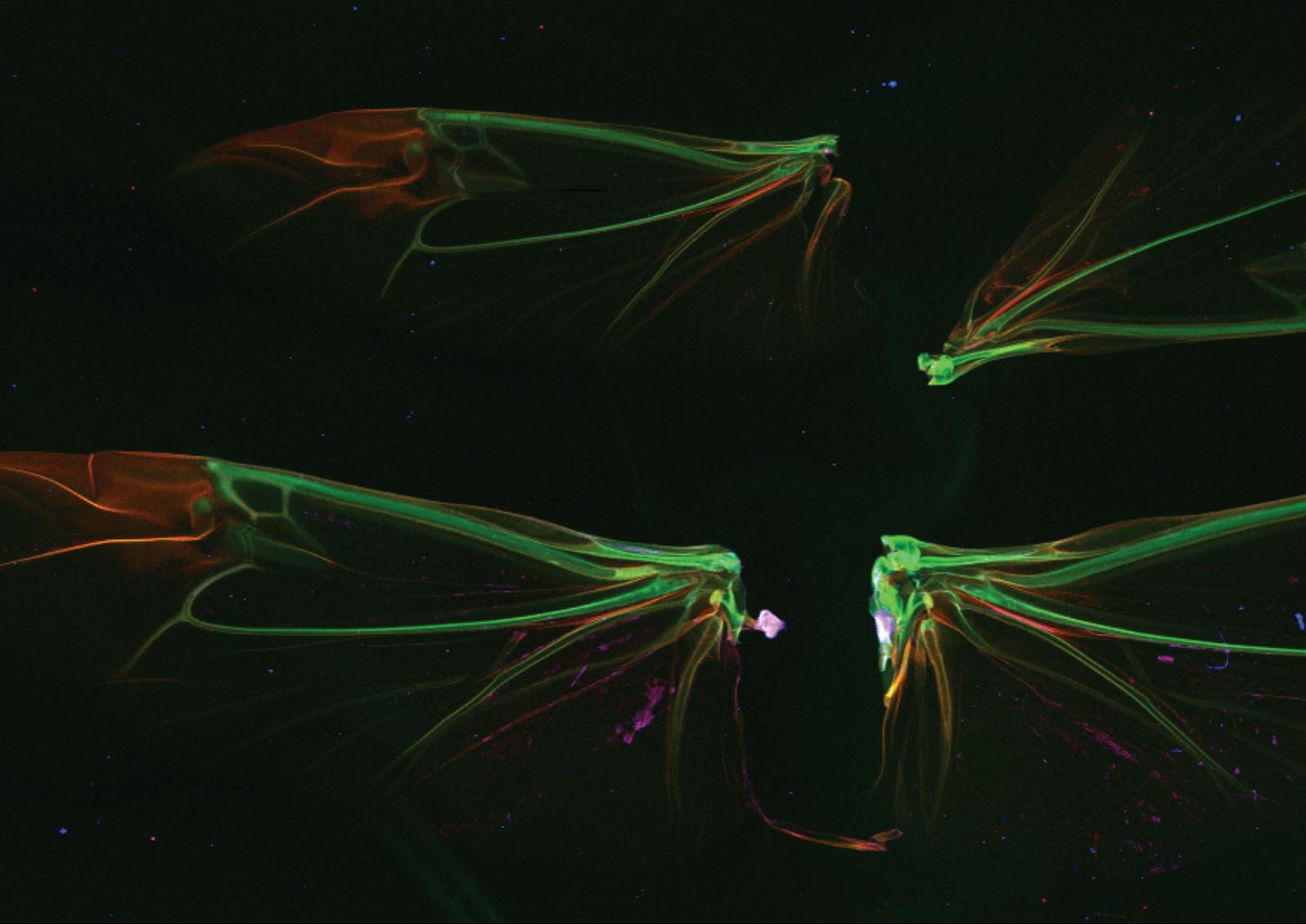


Light bright: A pressed, dried iris flower and the breast feather of a great blue heron (below), as seen through CHES's new Maia detector.

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Flowers, feathers, and beetles took ethereal form in March, when the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHES) invited campus researchers and friends to participate in a trial run of its newest piece of equipment: a 384-sensor, energy-dispersive detector dubbed "Maia." Developed by Australia's national science agency and the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, it offers significant improvements in data gathering. "One use of this combination of

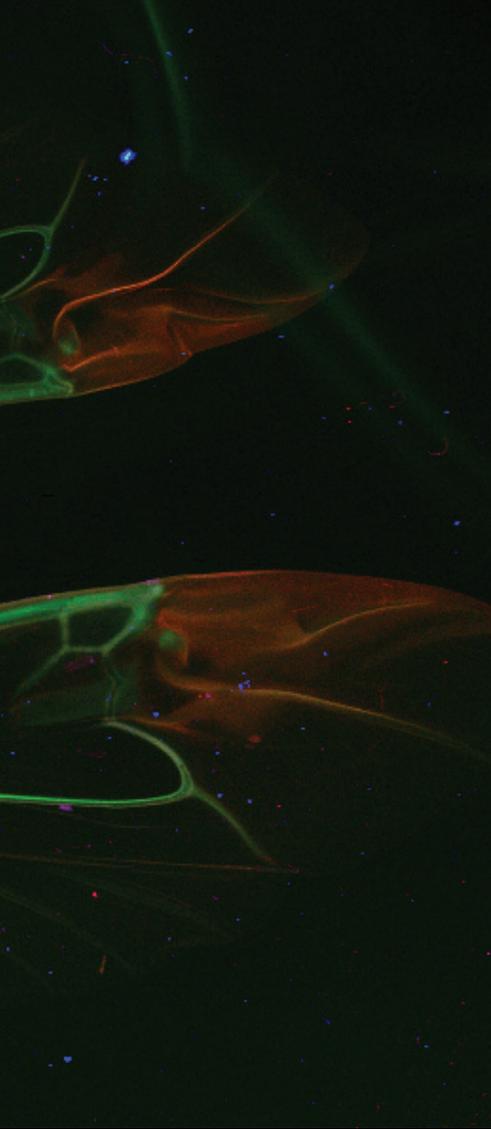




Neon signs: The wings (top) and legs and antennae (left) of Asian longhorned beetles. Right: Leaflets taken from a cinnamon fern.

energy resolution and high count rate,” staff scientist Arthur Woll, PhD ’00, reports on the CHESS website, “is to map the elemental composition of objects with breathtaking resolution in a much shorter time than was previously possible.”

Woll led the inaugural Maia project, which included mapping an iris flower pressed by his six-year-old daughter, Lucy. It created what he describes in technical terms as “a false-color representation of potassium, calcium, and zinc concentrations.” But the image, he goes on to note, “is striking for both its beauty and the precise information it contains.”



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The finest wines of the Finger Lakes are generally thought to be those derived from grapes such as Riesling and Gewürztraminer, varieties associated with Germany and the Alsace region of France. But in recent years, Finger Lakes wineries have increasingly looked to Germany's neighbor Austria for vinous inspiration.

The most conspicuous of the Austrian newcomers are Grüner Veltliner and Blaufränkisch. The white Grüner Veltliner, Austria's most widely planted grape variety, is now offered by a growing number of Finger Lakes wineries, including such veterans as Dr. Frank and Wiemer. Blaufränkisch is frequently identified by its German name, Lemberger, and Seneca Lake's Fox Run has been produced a wine with this name for more than a decade. More recently, other wineries that have latched on to this variety include Hosmer and Swedish Hill on Cayuga Lake and Anthony Road, Lakewood, Red Tail Ridge, and Fulkerson on Seneca Lake.

Fulkerson Winery, headed by Sayre



Fulkerson '75, now offers its first wine made from yet another Austrian variety: the William Vigne 2013 Zweigelt. Austria's most popular red grape variety, Zweigelt (TSVYE-gelt), is an early ripener, which makes it a good candidate for a cool climate region like the Finger Lakes. Fulkerson makes their Zweigelt from grapes purchased from esteemed Seneca Lake grower Frank Gigliotti. It's a soft yet lively wine full of cherry-like fruit made more complex by hints of cinnamon and violet. Overall, it's a fine first attempt—one that would fit comfortably into a blind tasting of Austrian examples.

The William Vigne 2013 Zweigelt (\$17.99 retail) is best served at a cool temperature, making it an ideal summer red. It's an excellent choice to accompany all sorts of grilled foods.

For more information regarding this interesting new offering and other wines produced by Fulkerson, visit www.fulkersonwinery.com.

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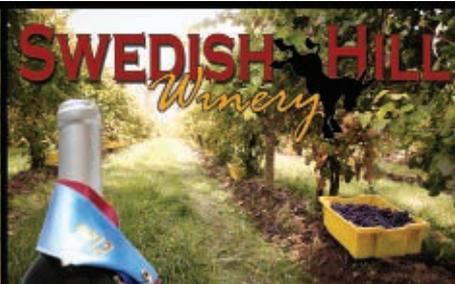
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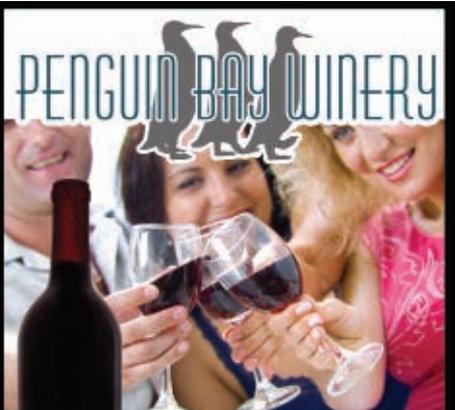
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All the world's a stage: Cornell professor Bruce Levitt in a Phoenix Players Theatre Group (PPTG) rehearsal with (from left) inmate Nate Powell, Ithaca College professor Judy Levitt, and inmates Demetrius "Meat" Molina and David Bendezu

A prison theatre program is life-changing for inmates—and for the students and faculty who work with them

"This is my first time on stage," says the man in the bright yellow hoodie. "Oh my God."

Demetrius Molina stares out at the audience from his unfamiliar perch, not so much a stage as a low platform. Despite his deep voice and neatly trimmed goatee, there's an oddly childlike air about him: gap between his front teeth, sweatshirt the jolly color of a traffic sign, palpable awkwardness at being on display.

It's a Monday night in mid-May, the first time that Molina and his fellow cast members have rehearsed in the space where they'll perform the following Thursday. Alison Van Dyke, a senior lecturer in acting at Cornell, sits in the front row with a script in case the actors fumble a line. Theatre professor Bruce Levitt—red shirt untucked over blue jeans, Mozart hair askew—stands at the back, taking in the action and urging the cast to project.

"I'm nervous," Molina says, to no one in particular.

"Just focus on what you're doing," Van Dyke tells him.

He takes a deep breath. "This is a story about life," he says. "This is a story about love—" Molina stops. "It seems like I'm yelling."

"No, you're not," she assures him.

"I gotta get used to this," he says.

"That's why we do it," she replies, and Molina gives it another go.

For the next ninety minutes, the teachers and actors run scenes and tweak blocking, skipping over some sections and reworking others. It's a typical rehearsal—except for the countless ways in which it isn't.

Take the monologue that Molina launches into, about a falling out with his younger sister over her abusive boyfriend. He describes how the man beat her up and got her pregnant, how she wouldn't leave him despite Molina's pleas, how the situation escalated to where she helped the boyfriend try to kill him in a drive-by. Although the tale has a happy ending of sorts, it's bittersweet. Brother and sister mend fences—but their rapprochement comes in the visiting room at Auburn Correctional Facility, where Molina is serving time for murder.

"This is a story about life," Molina says again, his voice booming to the back row. "This is a story about love. And this is a story about loss."

At Auburn, there are hundreds of incarcerated lives, and it doesn't take



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a sociologist to see that the inmates have experienced—and caused—an immense amount of loss. What's surprising is that, at least in this room, there's a fair amount of love.

The performers are members of the Phoenix Players Theatre Group (PPTG)—an inmate-led program, facilitated by volunteers from Cornell and Ithaca College, that uses acting and writing as tools of personal transformation. Each Friday, Levitt and his colleagues travel to Auburn to help the inmates develop scenes and monologues that explore their experiences. Every spring for the past four years, the group has performed those works for some eighty invited guests; this year's show is entitled *An Indeterminate Life*, a nod to New York State's policy of indeterminate sentencing.

As Levitt explains on the forty-five-minute drive to Auburn, the system is designed to reward good behavior in prison with less time served—but in practice, parole boards tend to be more influenced by an inmate's original crime than what he's made of his life behind bars. "What we've witnessed with these guys is their hunger for confronting what they've done, for understanding that they're not their crime—that they're rich, full individuals who have worth beyond their labels of incarcerated people," Levitt tells me as we cruise north. "Being able to tell their own stories, to create a safe place for themselves in the context of an institution where things aren't very safe, is important not only to their ability to transform themselves—to grow artistically, intellectually, emotionally, and psychologically—but also to being citizens of the world if they ever get out."

Opened in 1817, Auburn is a maximum-security prison straight out of Hollywood—Dickensian stone walls, fences topped by razor wire, cell blocks surrounding a central yard. At the main entrance is a piece of the original gate, an antique slab of black iron that looks like it could seal a dungeon on *Game of Thrones*. Outside is a historical marker like those found all around New York; it notes that the world's first execution by electric chair was held here in 1890.

Before my visit, Levitt forwards me a long list of rules for entry. Cell phones must stay in the car. You can bring in a bottle of water—and you should, because the prison is hot, dry, and stuffy—but it has to be sealed by the manufacturer. No car remotes, large sums of money, or expensive jewelry. At the visitors' entrance, a sign also prohibits Bibles, Korans, board games, cards, keys, and children's toys.

Then there's the dress code, which proscribes "halter tops, leggings, jeggings, or tight-fitting clothing, mini-skirts, short-shorts, see-through clothing, plunging necklines, T-shirts containing statements or references promoting crime, drugs, alcohol, or sadistic/violent, satanic, sexual, pornographic, vulgar, or gang-related references or ethnic slurs." During a pre-visit phone call, the Department of Corrections' collegial director of volunteer programs has already advised me of the protocols that can be triggered when an underwire bra sets off the metal detector.

On Monday night, our group waits in the reception area for half an hour before there's enough staff to process us, a situation that's fairly common and often can't be helped. "Busy day," a friendly guard observes. "There were some bad boys." Once we're admitted—and have received an ultraviolet hand stamp that will allow us to leave—we're escorted down hallways, up and down staircases, through airlock-style gates. As some corrections officers walk by, one mentions that the evening's misdeeds included two stabbings and an assault. It brings to mind something Levitt said in the car: "I once asked one of the COs what the job was like, and he said,

Upon reflection: PPTG members Molina (opposite) and Leroy Taylor in the Auburn chapel



‘90 percent boredom, 10 percent terror.’ There are 1,800 men incarcerated at Auburn, and a lot of them are not ready for our group or any other. So the COs’ jobs are potentially tedious, but sometimes dangerous. One thing that the PPTG guys have pointed out is that the officers are incarcerated too—they just get to go home at the end of their shift.”

After a few minutes’ walk, we’re outdoors again. As we approach the chapel—the venue for the PPTG show—we pass a block of cells. Noise erupts instantly; it’s like someone pushed a button labeled “catcalls.” Our group includes five women: myself, Van Dyke, the two undergrads, and Levitt’s wife, Judy, an acting professor at Ithaca College. It’s hard to make out much of what’s being shouted down at us, but one comment—directed at Sandra Oyenyin ’14, who’s African American—comes through loud and clear. “*Yeah, chocolate,*” the voice says. “*I see you.*” It’s unsettling—but, as the young women note later, it’s a more low-key commute than what they experience after regular PPTG classes, when their walk back from the school building takes them through a yard filled with more than 500 men. “It’s like parting the Red Sea,” says IC junior Blaize Hall. “You walk through and feel so many pairs of eyes on you. I’ve never felt unsafe, but it’s like you’re in a fishbowl.”

When we get to the chapel, it’s a relative oasis. Yes, the wooden pews are battered and there are convex security mirrors on the walls. But if you can ignore the basketball game pounding the floor in the gym above, the atmosphere is calm. And the inmates, when they arrive, are extraordinarily warm and gracious.

There are five of them, their numbers having been reduced by recent transfers to other facilities: Molina (nicknamed “Meat”), who grew up in Elmira; Rochester native Michael Rhynes, the group’s soft-spoken co-founder and paterfamilias, who sports Buddhist prayer beads around his neck; David Bendezu, a sweet-faced twenty-seven-year-old from Yonkers, a self-described “kid from the ghetto” with a shy smile; Nate Powell, a brainy Ithaca High School alum and former Columbia undergrad with curly gray hair and a slight paunch; and Leroy Taylor, a garrulous father of four from the Albany area, who has brought photos of his kids to show the visiting reporter.

The inmates and volunteers greet each other warmly; for both groups, the class is a highlight of their week. “It has become a cliché, but the people who teach at Auburn say almost universally that these are the best students they’ve ever had,” says Levitt. “They’re so devoted to learning, so hungry for knowledge, so eager to expand their minds. For us, those rewards are enormous. But we’re also exposed to a world that we never thought we’d be part of—to different perspectives about life, society, the criminal justice system, notions of what it is to be human.”

When one conjures up stereotypes of felons serving hard time, it’s nothing like these five men—who, admittedly, needed sterling behavior records to join PPTG in the first place. The inmates themselves acknowledge that they can be much more approachable in acting class than in the prison at large, where tough-guy attitudes are the norm. “When I went to prison, I told myself I had to man up; this is a man’s prison and I was a nineteen-year-old kid,” says Bendezu, who’s so nervous about talking to a reporter that his hands shake and his voice catches. “This helps me regain my past, the youth of me. The rest of the week, I see everyone else wearing the mask that I’m wearing. Before PPTG, I didn’t know I could take it off.”

One of Bendezu’s pieces in *An Indeterminate Life* is entitled “Ghost Bus.” It recalls how, as a twelve-year-old out grocery shopping with his mother, he’d seen a mysterious vehicle with tinted windows. The thought of that bus haunted him over the years—until he found himself on it, look-

ing out at his old neighborhood en route to Auburn to serve fifteen years to life. “I want people to know that PPTG is not about rehabilitation,” says Bendezu, whose first parole date is in 2021. “Rehabilitation is when you have to fix something. This lets you be free. It lets you be who you are, no matter what baggage you carry or what you’ve done in the past.”

Founded in 2009, PPTG has its roots in an ambitious plan that Michael Rhynes conceived while in Attica: to revisit the Harlem Renaissance through performing arts programs for prisoners. While that never panned out, Rhynes—who has been incarcerated since 1985 and doesn’t come up for parole until 2037—sought to develop an arts-based program at Auburn with some like-minded inmates. “They were looking for a way to take charge of their own redemption,” Levitt explains. “They had the sense that rehabilitation as it’s defined is imposed from the outside; the people being rehabilitated don’t have much say, no matter how worthy the program. They wanted to look at themselves and their behavior through a different lens.”

In the Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP)—which brings professors to Auburn to teach classes that inmates take toward an associate degree—Rhynes had studied theatre, most memorably *Fences* by the African American playwright August Wilson. “I got the idea that we needed an acting program for ourselves, independent of Cornell,” he says, “because they leave, and when they leave it’s like we have nothing.” Once the DOC gave its blessing, the founders contacted Cornell theatre professor Stephen Cole, since retired. “Stephen interviewed with them—in other words, the inmates were in charge of the interview,” says Levitt, who joined the group in 2010.

Call to witness: Bendezu (below left) and PPTG co-founder Michael Rhynes in rehearsal. Opposite: Grad student Nick Fesette (left), Rhynes, and Molina performing in *An Indeterminate Life*.



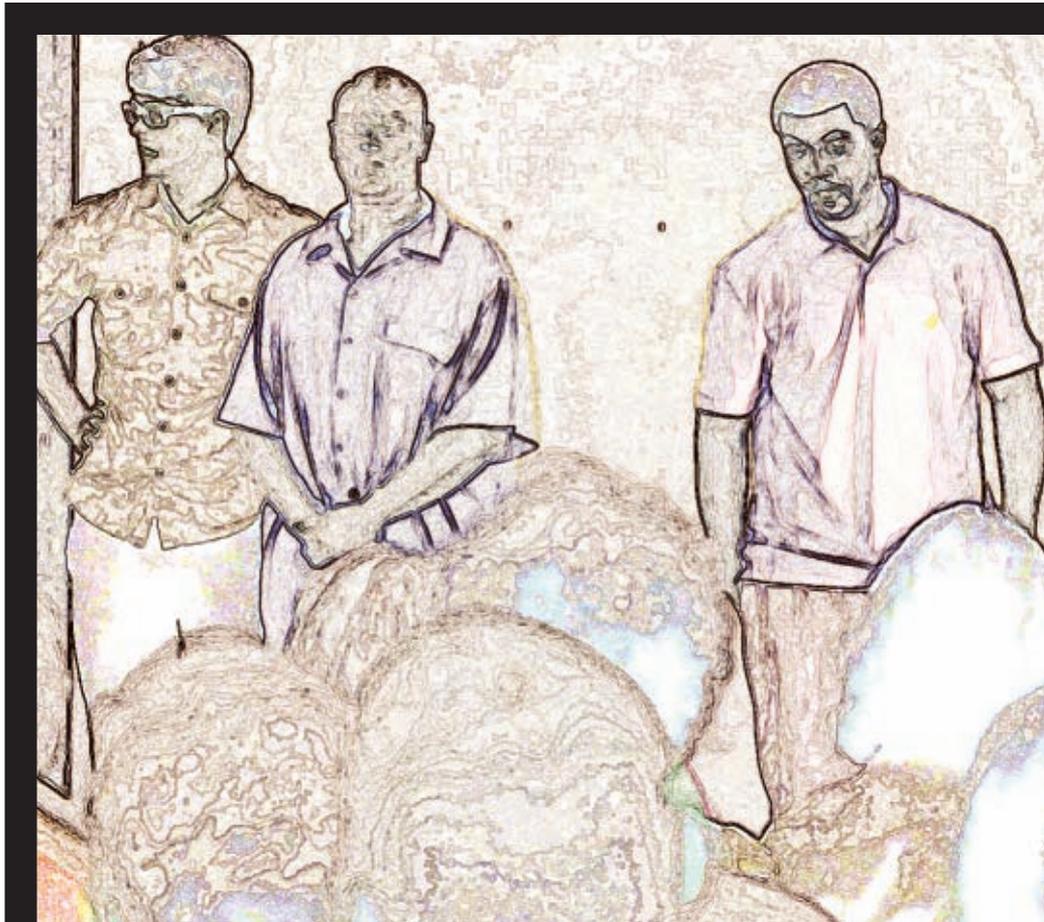
“He met with them three times before they said, ‘OK, you can work with us.’”

Each PPTG class opens and closes with stretching, deep breathing, and a recitation of the group’s mantra: “We are a community of transformation. Through the power of self-discovery, we create the opportunity to know and grow into ourselves.” The group is self-governing; core members replenish their ranks by inviting qualified inmates to apply, a process that includes a six-page form. “This is a toxic environment in many respects, and there are limited opportunities to make a positive difference,” says Powell. “PPTG represents one way to make a contribution, and not just for the members. You can also use what you learn here to help people in the regular population who are moving in a positive direction.”

For the members, a key goal of PPTG is to be “witnessed”—that is, to be seen as human beings rather than mug shots, inmate numbers, green prison uniforms, or (as Rhynes puts it in a monologue) animals in a zoo. “They’re intent upon getting the word out that they’re useful people who have something to offer,” says Judy Levitt. “Their desire to connect with the audience is palpable, because they want people to know who they really are and to challenge the stereotypes of prison and prisoners.” The program also breaks down boundaries by having inmates share the stage with PPTG facilitators, who contribute their own material. “There’s something about witnessing that’s of utmost importance in theatre,” muses facilitator Nick Fesette; the son and grandson of corrections officers, he’s doing a PhD thesis on prison theatre. “I think that counteracts what prison tries to do, which is incarcerate people and forget them. Theatre works against prison in a dynamic way.”

While the PPTG process offers myriad insights into the inmates’ backgrounds and emotional lives, the facilitators often don’t glean what many would consider the bottom line: the precise nature of the men’s crimes. Details do trickle out; in one of Taylor’s pieces, he describes how his son found out via Google that he’d been involved in a shooting and high-speed chase. And of course, the students and professors know that just being incarcerated at Auburn means that an inmate has been convicted of a serious felony, often murder. But they delve no deeper. “I don’t want to know, because I don’t want to think of them like that,” says Hall. “That’s not who they are now. They’re these beautiful people whom I care so much about.” Adds Levitt: “We want to take them as we see them. Most of them committed their offenses anywhere from eight to thirty years ago. They’re not the people they were at that moment. You can look them up on the DOC website, because their crimes and sentences are public—but we don’t.”

But reporters are a different breed. When I got back from my first visit to Auburn, I spent hours online researching the men



and their cases. With one exception—a crime that predated the Internet—I found out what they’d done, sometimes in graphic detail. The crimes ranged from a tragic accident to a grisly horror show out of “CSI.” But in nearly every case, reconciling those acts with the men I’d met was all but impossible. “This brings home the fact that people are multidimensional,” Levitt observes. “They’re warm, wonderful guys—and at one point in their lives, they did these things. But they’re capable of change.”

On the drive back to the prison on Friday night—Van Dyke at the wheel, the Levitts warning her of speed traps—we talk about how Auburn sticks with you, how you can’t help but think about it as you’re living your life. Van Dyke points out that visiting a maximum security prison guarantees that you’ll never take your personal liberty for granted. “I know this will sound bizarre,” she says. “But every morning when I wake up in my room, I’m aware that the men don’t have this. Not in a sentimental way; not, ‘This is so sad for them, and I’m so lucky.’ It’s just an awareness of the world in a different way.”

The professors note that although few Americans ever get a first-hand look at prison life, the corrections system is everyone’s problem. They cite the familiar national statistics: the U.S. has the world’s highest per-capita incarceration rate; some 2.4 million Americans are behind bars; since 1980, our prison population has quadrupled. While there’s hardly widespread political support for enriching the lives of felons through programs like PPTG, Levitt calls them an essential investment in human capital—if for no other reason than enlightened self-interest. “The culture has decided to warehouse people, and it’s an unnatural and bizarre system,” Levitt observes. “But 95 percent of inmates will be released. And if they’re coming to a theater near you, how do you want them to be when they get out?”



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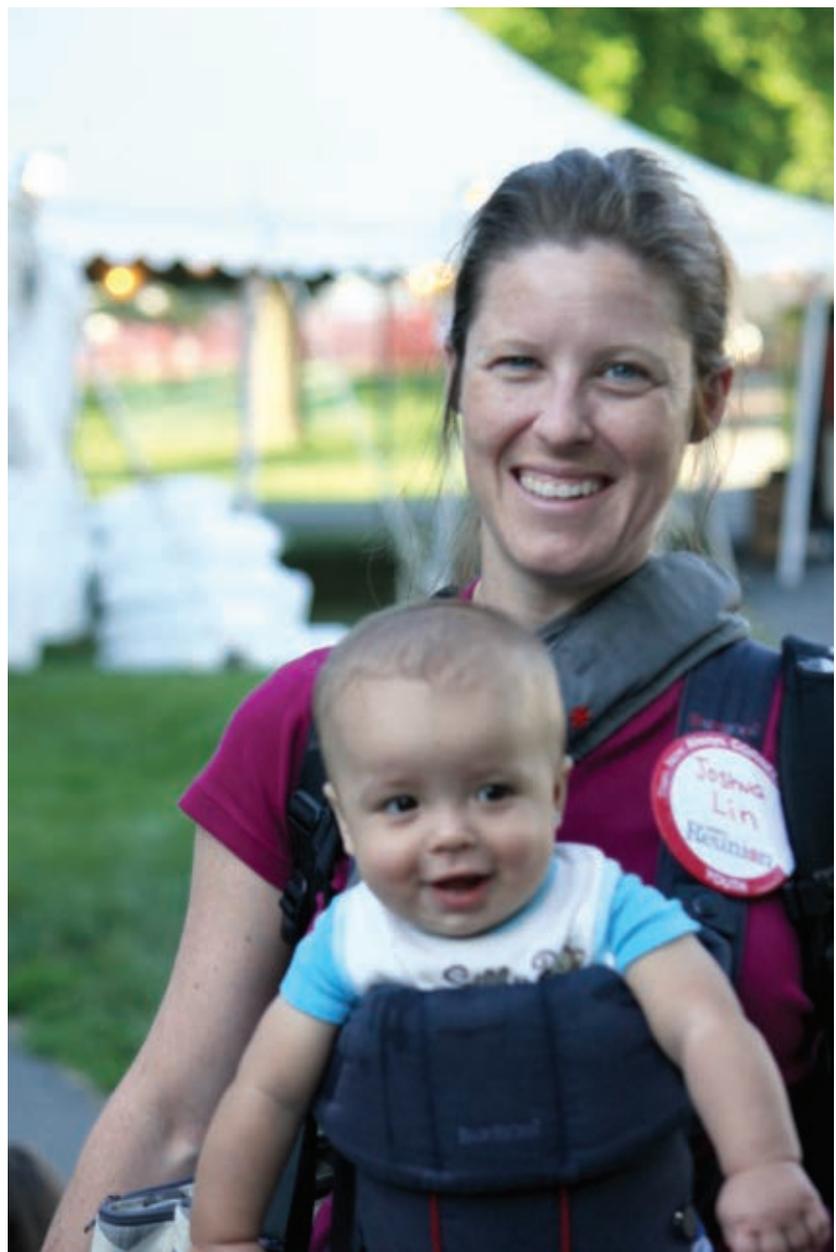


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Reunion 2014 broke the record for alumni attendance set five years ago, with some 4,800 grads returning to campus. The event drew visitors from forty-seven states as well as Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. (North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming: we've got our eye on you.) Honors for the Cornellian who traveled the farthest went to Andrew McRobert, LLM '09, who journeyed from Melbourne, Australia.

The oldest Reunion group, the Class of 1939, boasted five attendees for its 75th: Austin Kiplinger, Dorothy Sennett, Dawn Rochow-Balden Seymour, James White, PhD '44, and Alexander Yaxis. (Additionally, classmate Ruth Gold Goodman, MA '41, joined via Google Chat for a "virtual reunion" from her home in New Jersey.) The Class of 1974 broke the 40th Reunion record—held for more than two decades by the Class of '52—with 272 classmates attending. Counting friends and family, some 6,600 people flocked to the Hill for the weekend, which was blessed with mostly sunny skies and balmy temperatures. Alumni Affairs and Development reports that this year's Reunion campaigns garnered more than \$115 million.

The weekend's highlights included the first-ever reunion of CUGALA, the University's LGBT



Good times: Reunion activities included (clockwise from left) an impromptu dance in Milstein Hall, rappelling across the gorge, croquet on the Anabel Taylor lawn, and a campus tour for the Class of 2035.

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Trooping the colors: A proud grad shows his stripes (below) and the crowd sways to the Alma Mater on Cornelliana Night (right). Center: A festive scene on the shore of Beebe Lake.



Speaking up:
Ithaca Mayor
Svante Myrick '09
introduces
President Skorton
(far right).
Right: Olin
lecturer Glenn
Altschuler, PhD
'76, greets a fan.





JOE WILENSKY

Rain or shine: The weekend featured the first-ever CUGALA reunion (above), whose attendees included Scott Pesner '87 (left) and Erica Kagan '05. Top: Dancing the night away in the tents.

alumni association, which drew more than 100 people. Professors Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, and Isaac Kramnick gave the annual Olin Lecture, offering a talk entitled “The Way We Were—and Are: Reflections on Students and Faculty at Cornell.” The speech was a sneak preview of their forthcoming book, *Cornell: A History, 1940–2015*.

In his second-to-last Reunion appearance as president, David Skorton gave a State of the University Address that included a promise to keep in touch after he departs to lead the Smithsonian Institution following the University’s 150th birthday celebrations in 2014–15. “In the sesquicentennial year, it is worth remembering that for a 150 years, Cornell and Cornellians have mobilized to tackle seemingly intractable real-world problems,” Skorton told the audience in Bailey Hall. “And the commitment of Cornellians to contribute productively toward solutions remains as strong—indeed, stronger than ever.” ■



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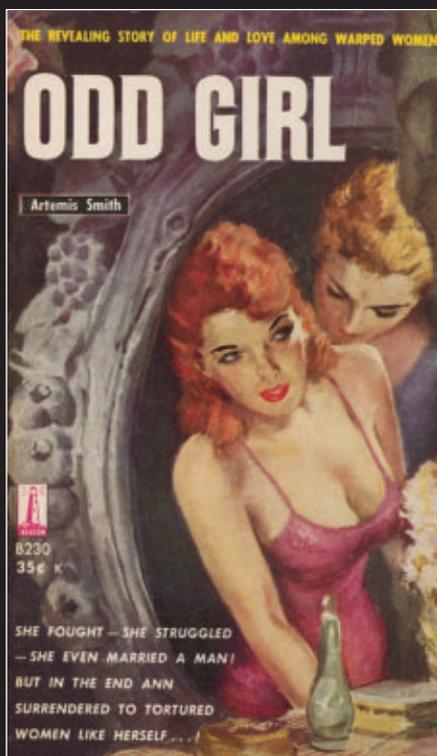
Wanted: Franklin Koch's 1918 mug shots following his arrest for homosexual acts

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The two small, black-and-white photographs show a sweet-faced man who looks to be in his late teens or early twenties; he's young enough, in any event, to sport a smattering of acne across his cheek and chin. He's neatly dressed—three-piece suit, stiff-collared shirt, pocket handkerchief, lapel pin—and his hair is coiffed in the style of the day, shorn high at the sides and floppy on top. In the left-hand image he's in profile, eyes turned heavenward; in the right

one, he stares directly into the camera with a classic deer-in-headlights expression. The longer you look at the tiny photos, the more startled and frightened he seems.

Of course, it's impossible to know for sure what this young man was feeling—but the context makes it easy to surmise. The images are mug shots from December 1918, when one Franklin Koch was arrested in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The charges: “sodomy and buggery.”



Gender bending: A Fifties-era pulp novel (above) and a hand-colored postcard (right) of a French cross-dressing couple, circa 1900



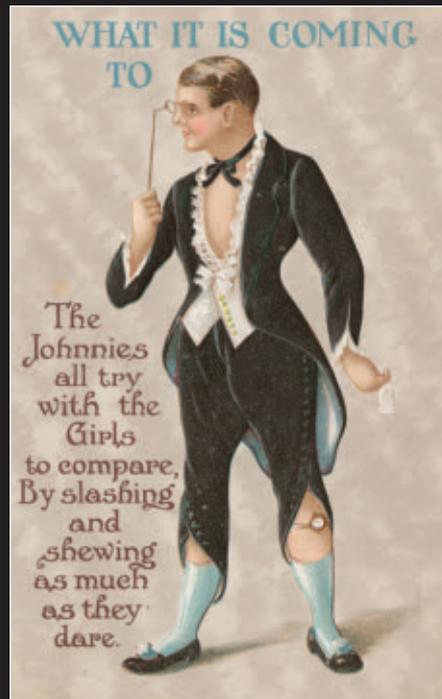
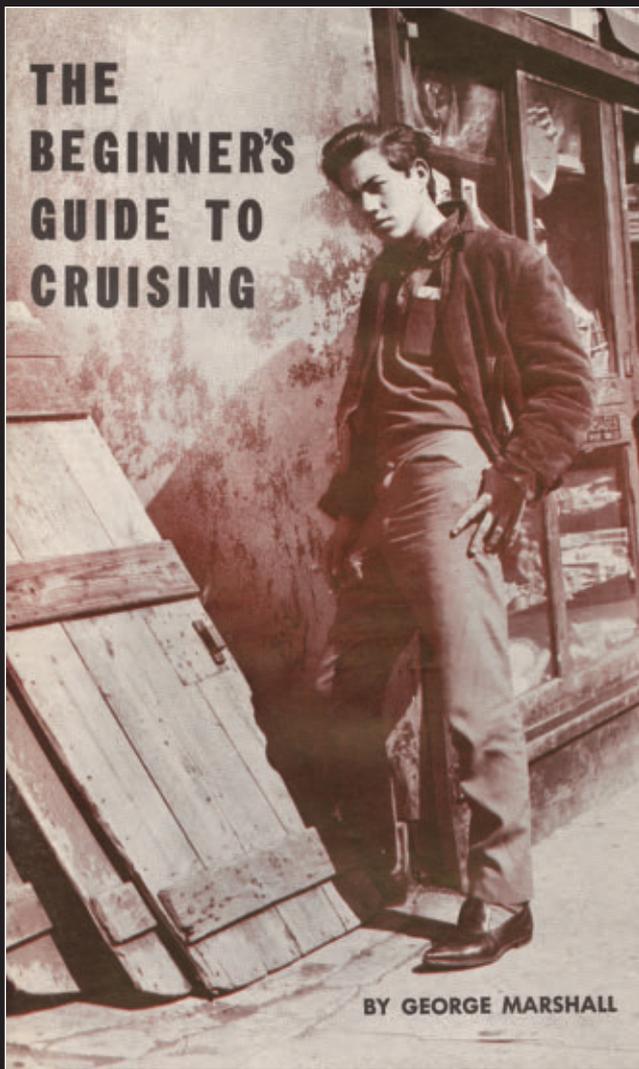
Viewing his mug shots in Kroch Library makes you wonder what became of poor Mr. Koch—whether he served time, lost his job, got beaten up, was rejected by his family. Inevitably, it also prompts thoughts of how different his life would have been if he'd been born a century later. While homosexual acts were crimes in Pennsylvania in Koch's day, this spring the state became the nineteenth in the U.S. to legalize gay marriage. The man who was slapped into cuffs for consensual sex could have shopped for an officiant on EngagedGayWeddings.com.

According to the University Library's Brenda Marston, such musings are exactly what the creators of "Speaking of Sex" were aiming for. The exhibit, which opened in February and runs through mid-October, celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of Cornell's Human Sexuality Collection, a milestone the University

marked with events throughout the 2013–14 academic year. "We were unique in having an archival focus and in documenting the social movements related to sexuality," says Marston, who has served as the collection's curator since shortly after its inception. "We were pioneering both in giving prominent attention to lesbian and gay history and also in documenting sexuality broadly—saying it's important to look at all the different margins of sexuality and the kinds of sex that have been considered deviant. We were interested in transgender rights before a lot of other people, because our focus is looking at what is excluded and how new communities are forming and defining themselves."

"Speaking of Sex," on display in Kroch's main gallery, offers a glimpse into the depth and breadth of the Human Sexuality Collection—an archive that boasts some 10,000 volumes and other materials

comprising more than 1,430 cubic feet of storage space. There's a 1926 advice book quaintly titled *The Question of Petting*. A 1955 "Dating Ladder" that prescribes five rungs of social interaction, topped—naturally—by engagement and marriage. A 1997 copy of *Roberts' Rules of Lesbian Break-Ups*. The Fifties-era pulp novel *Odd Girl*, touted as "the revealing story of life and love among warped women." Turn-of-the-last-century photos and postcards of same-sex couples and cross-dressing performers. An 1813 edition of Henry Fielding's *The Surprising Adventures of a Female Husband*. A program from the musical *La Cage Aux Folles*. *The Beginner's Guide to Cruising*. A poster from the 1973 X-rated romp *Campus Girls*, "in color for ladies and gentlemen over 21." A sticker promoting the San Francisco chapter of ACT UP ("200,000 dead from AIDS—Had Enough?"). A box



Out on the town: George Marshall's 1964 guide (left) noted that "the cruiser's ideal is a gay who can be had (though not too easily) and once had is, one way or another, fun." Above: A turn-of-the-century British postcard.

of nudist-themed napkins. Buttons supporting abortion rights and opposing sodomy laws. Cards advertising sex workers, from a "shemale transvestite" to a gal named Maria who boasts "the best nipples in London." One spare, handwritten slip of paper bears a phone number and a promise: "Kinky But Kind."

Stored in Kroch and in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections' climate-controlled annex at Cornell Orchards, the Human Sexuality Collection has its roots in the early Eighties. Its chief architect was David Goodstein '54, longtime publisher of the gay magazine the *Advocate*. "He approached the University because he felt there needed to be scholarly research into sexuality as a subject—that it should be

part of the academic mission," says University Archivist Elaine Engst, MA '72. "Rather than buying a lot of books on sexuality, the decision was made to explore the idea of a collecting effort." An early ally was Goodstein's friend Bruce Voeller, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Voeller was president of the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation, which promoted understanding of LGBT issues; he and Goodstein sought a home for its papers and the many other documents chronicling the gay rights movement they and their colleagues had compiled over the years. From the start, founding staff recall, Goodstein was adamant that the collection have a broad mandate. "He wanted the concept to be all of human sexuality," says Tom Hickerson, who chaired the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives at

the time and is now at the University of Calgary. "While he focused on collecting materials on gay and lesbian life, he wanted that portion of society and the issues around it to be seen in the context of all humans. He didn't want it to be pulled out as distinctly different, but to be on a continuum of sexual experience."

While Goodstein's sudden death in 1985 caused some delays—and, Hickerson recalls, meant that the University received substantially less support than he'd originally pledged—trustees ultimately approved the collection's establishment, and the first items were accepted in 1988. "It was a bold step," says Marston. "At the time, there weren't other major research libraries paying close attention to sexual politics." Yes, sex was the focus of Indiana University's Kinsey Institute—but, Hickerson notes, it approached the subject as did its namesake researcher. "He

looked at it from the biological,” he says. “We consciously did it from a social perspective.”

How controversial was the archive’s creation? Memories and opinions differ. As Marston recalls it, “There wasn’t really any official pressure on the library or concern from alumni that was expressed.” Engst remembers the reception as similarly low-key. “My understanding is that it was seen as something we should do, and that the University got very few negative reactions; you could count them on one hand, maybe two,” she says. “My recollection is that the concern wasn’t that people would be outraged, but that they would giggle, because sex makes them uncomfortable.”

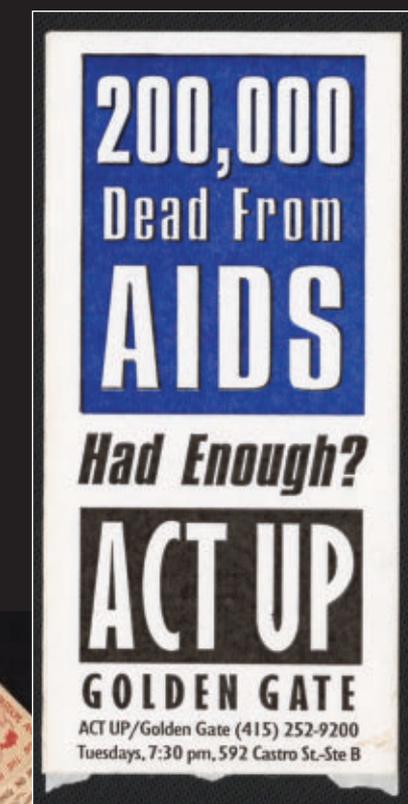
But Joan Jacobs Brumberg, professor emerita of human development, recalls vocal opposition from some at the library and on the faculty, at least during the formative stages. “When the archive was proposed, it was not universally welcomed,” she says. “There were people who thought it was silly, that sex was not an appropriate subject for scholarship. I was a historian of women, so I was already tuned into the idea that the history of sexuality could illuminate issues about women and their place in society—but there were plenty of faculty members and librarians who weren’t used to that. So let me emphasize: we are celebrating something today that was not universally welcomed when it began.”

To avoid sensationalizing the subject matter, Engst recalls with a chuckle, the press releases and in-house articles announcing the archive were almost comically circumspect. “When we did the early publicity, we were very, very cautious,” she says. “The joke was that we were making sex boring. We were talking about it in a dry, scholarly fashion, deliberately trying to dial it down.” Nevertheless, an Associated Press story on the collection’s debut ran in dozens of papers around the country. “With one fell swoop, it established our presence nationwide,” says Hickerson. “And, my goodness—what a diverse array of headlines that story appeared under. They reflected many different political views.”

The publicity, Hickerson says, prompted numerous inquiries from people seeking to donate materials; it also engendered hate mail, much of it informing Hickerson that he’d be spending eternity in warmer climes. “The University received a fair amount of critical communications, some from alumni and some from others,” Hickerson says. “Some were hateful against gays and lesbians; people were upset that the University was giving its imprimatur that this was a legitimate part

of society.” For years, Hickerson kept a favorite postcard, sent by someone with no clear affiliation to Cornell but plenty of righteous indignation. “It was crowded with writing, all around the edges,” he recalls drolly. “The person was trying to get in all the slurs they could.”

In the intervening quarter century, of course, American society has made remarkable advances in LGBT civil rights; the collection’s early days fall at roughly the midpoint between the present and the Stonewall riots of 1969. Shannon Minter, JD ’93, recalls using the archive shortly after its establishment, not only for research (first as a grad student in English, then as a law student), but as a source of personal inspiration. Born biologically female in a socially conservative Texas family, Minter identified as a lesbian during most of law school, but eventually



Tragedy and comedy: A sticker advertising ACT UP meetings in San Francisco (right), and a set of paper napkins from the Fifties bearing bawdy cartoons set in nudist parks (below).





No laughing matter: In a 1965 comic published by the New York City health department, a teenage boy learns some tough lessons about venereal disease after contracting syphilis.

of human history, we recognize you exist, you're a valued part of our academic community, we're not embarrassed or ashamed to acknowledge you. To have the archives be part of a library of international scholarly importance, where people from all over the world come to study, sends a great message to young people. You can't really have a sense of the future—that there is someplace for you in the world—unless you fundamentally think that who you are is OK."

A generation earlier, Human Sexuality Collection donor Jearld Moldenhauer '68 had no such resource on campus—so he created one. The year before Stonewall, Moldenhauer founded Cornell's first gay rights group, the Student Homophile League. It was only the second such chapter on an American campus, after Columbia's. "A lot of my straight friends joined, but many of the gay ones were afraid of what it might mean for their future, in terms of employment," he recalls. "I was

afraid too. I used a pseudonym for a week, until I forgot what it was." Moldenhauer went on to found another chapter at the University of Toronto, publish the gay monthly the *Body Politic*, and open Toronto's Glad Day Bookshop, which remains in business. A few years ago, he gave the archive some 175 books on German LGBT history—volumes he'd painstakingly collected over the course of decades because the same works had been burned under Hitler. Asked what having something like the Human Sexuality Collection on campus might have meant to him in his younger days—when he was so in denial about his sexual orientation that he was engaged to a woman—Moldenhauer ponders the question for a moment. "On a personal level, I think I would have believed in myself more and had a few more years of an enjoyable life," he says finally. "I would have had deeper and more intimate relationships, because all of that depends on a social support system."

For Hickerson, one of the most powerful memories of working with the collection is a trip to rural North Carolina he and Marston took in 1989. They were retrieving the personal papers of Robert Lynch, a gay man of mixed race whose varied résumé included practicing securities law, writing poetry, collecting outsider art, and serving as a consultant to the Dance Theatre of Harlem. The trove of materials included extensive correspondence, diaries, family photos, erotica—and, Hickerson remembers most vividly, florid biohazard posters from Lynch's hospital stays for AIDS treatment. He and Marston rented a car from the airport and drove into the hill country; Lynch, by then gravely ill, had to be supported on the short walk to a storage building. Hickerson's voice catches at the memory. "A couple of days later his sister called us and told us he had died," he says. "She thanked us, and told us that he had stayed alive until he could give us his papers." ■

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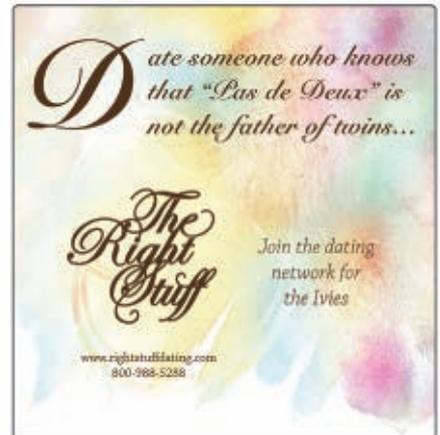
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With more than 15,000 alumni volunteers, Cornell is the envy of most universities. Our alumni plan reunions, serve on school advisory committees, oversee regional campaigns, lead classes, oversee regional and international club boards, and much more. With this large army to keep informed and trained, the University has expanded its training arsenal to include not only an annual leadership conference, but events around the world—and even ways for alumni who can't travel to stay up to date, share ideas, and learn how to perform their volunteer roles more effectively.

Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference

For more than a century, the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) has held a mid-winter meeting in one iteration or another. About five years ago, that event became the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), bringing together alumni leaders from around the world to share best practices, learn from their peers, and hear from University administrators.

The three-day conference is designed to appeal to volunteers regardless of affiliation, under the overarching themes of collaboration and thought leadership. This year, more than 600 alumni leaders representing a wide range of constituencies—from colleges to classes to local clubs—gathered in Boston. Attendees participated in workshops on leadership, volunteer engagement, strategic planning, and many other topics. Participants also heard from



Raise a glass: Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference attendees toast the gathering's success.

senior University leaders on critical issues facing Cornell, and from student leaders on challenges and opportunities on campus including initiatives related to health and well-being.

On Friday, attendees participated in a public service project developed in collaboration with the Cornell Club of Boston, followed by a lunch showcasing college and program leaders, including deans of Engineering, Human Ecology,

and Arts and Sciences. This roundtable discussion provided a window into the challenges, successes, and joys of leadership at Cornell. Saturday featured additional panels, from mentoring to planning for the Sesquicentennial.

Feedback from the weekend confirmed that one of the key benefits of CALC is the chance to engage with alumni leaders from around the globe.

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That interaction creates phenomenal energy, which is carried forward as attendees return to their organizations and implement what they've learned from each other. "CALC not only gives me great ideas on how to do my job better," says Marie-Jouville Aubourg '06, who is involved in both class and regional programs, "but also gives me the opportunity to meet so many alumni who give their time and energy as volunteer leaders."

Next year's conference promises to be the most successful yet. In addition to a broad array of training and networking opportunities, CALC 2015 will feature one of the major regional sesquicentennial celebrations. Write it down: Boston, January 16–18.

Asia Pacific Leadership Conference

With alumni volunteers supporting the University all over the world—and some of them unable to travel to the East Coast in the winter—the University also hosts volunteer gatherings elsewhere. In early April, the seventh annual Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference was held in Singapore.



Rising in the East: Attendees at the Asia Pacific Leadership Conference gather for a group shot.

The event was founded seven years ago by alumni leaders in Hong Kong, with the goal of bringing together the region's most involved and committed volunteers to rekindle Cornell memories and share best practices in alumni engagement. Over the years it has evolved to include campus updates by University administrators as well as talks and panel discussions featuring academic thought leaders. Since its inception, it has been held in locations including Seoul, Beijing, and Shanghai. Attendance has almost quadrupled since its inception, with this year's gathering drawing more than ninety alumni from eleven geographic areas, representing all seven undergraduate



Everybody wins: CALC included the traditional viewing of a Big Red hockey game on TV, with libations.

colleges as well as the Johnson School and the Law School. Several events were open to the community, attracting more than forty additional attendees and coverage by local media.

This year's conference featured a broad array of topics, including an update

alumni activities in the region. "In addition, alumni really enjoy hearing from great faculty, getting up to speed with the latest happenings on campus, and sharing a grand time with fellow Cornellians," Hansen says.

West Coast Leadership Conference

The Asia-Pacific Conference was used as a model for the first-ever West Coast Leadership Conference (WCLC), held in Santa Monica in mid-March. Drawing nearly 100 volunteer leaders, it was overseen by the Office of Alumni Affairs and by Nancy Abrams Dreier '86, who heads West Coast Regional Programs.

With approximately 31,000 alumni living on the West Coast, WCLC provided an opportunity for volunteer leaders to delve into many of the topics explored at CALC; it featured panels, talks, and social events meant to encourage a free exchange of ideas. Programs included a discussion of thoughtful leadership and another of enriched leadership through inclusion. Says participant Karen Kearns, DVM '93: "I will think about and remember the fact that you can show leadership by helping to motivate others."

Some of the faculty and staff who attended included Jim Detert of the Johnson School, University Librarian Anne Kenney, and ILR professor Sam Bacharach, who gave the keynote address. Charlie Phlegar, vice president for alumni affairs and development, spoke about current Cornell news and honored a trustee emeritus, Curtis Reis '56, who passed away in February. One of the focal points of the conference was the upcoming sesquicentennial celebration that will unite alumni across the country and the world. There was even a scavenger hunt, which brought back memories of orientation week when



California confab: Johnson School management professor Jim Detert (left) lectures at the West Coast Leadership Conference. Below: The weekend's highlights included a private backlot tour of Fox Studios, courtesy of Fox TV president Kevin Reilly '84.



then-freshmen were just beginning to learn how important Cornell would be in shaping their lives.

The conference was such a success, Phlegar says, that another will be held in 2016.

CAAN Leadership Weekend

Training Cornell's largest volunteer group isn't easy. The Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) has more than 11,000 people serving on 350 committees around the world. While it offers online training and local guidance by CAAN chairs, a more comprehensive type of in-person training has been difficult to arrange.

This May, for only the second time (and the first in seventeen years), the Undergraduate Admissions Office invited CAAN committee chairs to Ithaca for a weekend of information sessions and re-engagement. "It was a great opportunity for them to be reacquainted with Cornell and get up to

speed with what's happening in admissions, and for the University to show its appreciation for their volunteer efforts," says Enrique Vila-Biaggi '94, MEng '95, chair of the CAAN Advisory Committee and CAAN chair for Puerto Rico. Almost fifty people attended the event, Vila-Biaggi says; for many, it was their first visit to campus in more than a decade.

The weekend was vital due to the increased workload CAAN volunteers have been shouldering. Cornell received a record number of applications for the Class of 2018—upwards of 43,000, an increase of more than 7 percent over the previous year. CAAN volunteers have stepped up to the plate, with 22,000 reports filed on those applicants, also an all-time high.

But with that huge workload comes the need to share best practices, meet other CAAN leaders, and hear from University administrators—which the weekend offered. Jason Locke, interim

associate provost for enrollment, provided an update on admissions trends and the recently ended cycle, while Kyle Downey, who oversees CAAN, offered feedback from faculty who review applications on what they find helpful in alumni reports. A panel of current students answered questions about campus life and why they applied to Cornell, while Travis Appgar, associate dean of students, spoke about Greek life and other issues facing Student Services. "This is exactly what I needed," says Stephen O'Brien '91, chair of the CAAN committees in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. "I found all the discussions helpful. Each committee faces different challenges, but we can share how to solve problems."

Webinars

While leadership conferences are the "big picture," webinars offer hands-on training. Alumni watch the presentations—which can combine real-time PowerPoint with video or audio—live online, participating via telephone or streaming audio. "Also, we can record webinars, so alumni have some flexibility," notes Jennifer Cunningham '92, senior director of marketing and metrics in the Office of Alumni Affairs. "They can tap in when they want."

Cunningham says that webinars have many uses—from hosting Cornell Entrepreneur Network (CEN) events to facilitating conversations with faculty, deans, and President Skorton. "People love webinars with the deans and the president," she says. "It allows them access to visionary leaders they wouldn't necessarily have otherwise." For volunteers, the University has held webinars on such topics as CornellConnect, e-mail best practices, using social media, alumni engagement metrics, class affinity marketing, class budgets, nominations, and succession planning. Cunningham notes that CACO has been a great help in identifying training needs. "A lot of what they've developed has been relevant to other groups, so we've opened up some of those things to other volunteers," she says. "We've done surveys on what people want, and delivered on that. We've also offered things that they need to know around specific topics, like Reunion."

Cunningham reminds volunteers that webinars are no substitute for face-to-face interaction, like that available at leadership conferences. However, if webinars are offered throughout the year, the conferences can be devoted to more meaningful, in-depth discussions. And as technology continues to evolve—and the University hones its webinar techniques—Cunningham says that more and better online resources are in store.

38 **John Clement**, last heard from in the Sept/Oct '13 issue's Reunion coverage, sent this update from Toledo, OH: "I keep busy on my MacBook Air computer and spend time with wood-carving, workouts, and reading books. I go to Florida for one month every January to escape the cold weather!" Thanks for writing, John. More news welcome at: [✉ Class of 1938, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu)

40 We were happy to hear from **Jeanne Robinson Cowden**, who sent brief news from Brecksville, OH. Her three children live in Michigan, Maryland, and nearby southern Ohio, and she visits them on three separate trips. She lost her husband, **James**, in December 2012. Her favorite memories of Cornell are of Beebe Lake: walks around the lake in the mild weather and ice skating in the winter. [✉ Class of 1940, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu)

41 The Class of 1941 column may disappear occasionally, but it is never gone for good. Keep sending your news, and you'll see it published here!

We heard from a number of old friends over the spring, including former class correspondent **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, who is enjoying her new assisted-living home with husband Ken—"where all of our needs are handled by a friendly staff. Although I still drive my red Suzuki, it was great to turn over trips to doctors to our fine bus driver this winter in the heavy snows." Shirley was sorry to hear of the loss of class officers **Eddie Burgess** Bartholomew and **Allene Cushing** Knibloe and sent thanks to those who remain, especially **Bob Mueller**, BArch '42. The class also recently lost former class correspondent **Dorothy Bud** Papish. Her daughter, Nancy, wrote that she died at home on February 23.

Dolores Dirlam Daudt (Midland, MI) writes, "Nothing new to report. Happily, still living in the house we built in 1957. Still traveling, but shorter distances to visit family in Ontario, Indiana, and Colorado—and lots of company." **Julian Smith** (Ithaca, NY) wrote to us on his 95th birthday, March 10. "For the past 12 years I have lived at Kendal at Ithaca, a good place to grow old. Now I can no longer walk without a cane, walker, or powered scooter, but I've been able to travel on cruises—to the Adriatic in 2013 and, hopefully, to Honduras and Belize in April 2014. I sang a solo at the Savage Club reunion concert in June 2013 and at their downtown concert in February 2014. For the Kendal Play Readers, I just completed a new play called 'Prodigy,' which will be read at Kendal on March 15." Julian puts on his class treasurer hat and reminds classmates to pay their dues: "We have to finance our 75th Reunion in 2016!"

Ted Eiben, MS '46 (Port Byron, NY) writes that he is still alive and kicking and was expecting to

move again in a couple of months. Here's hoping he's all settled by the time you read this. **John Borst** (Leesburg, FL) sends the sad news that he lost his beloved wife, **Lucile (Heise)**, on February 7. She was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. **Anne Caro** Guttman sends dues but no news from Boynton Beach, FL. **Jack Weikart** (Hockessin, DE) writes, "I moved February 11—age takes its toll—within Cokesbury Village, from a cottage to an apartment. Still surrounded by boxes and too much furniture. But I move ahead. Health still OK, but the memory worsens. I walk; no cane. Best to all."

Larry Kalik (New York City) still works full-time as counsel—"a sort of emeritus status"—with the law firm with which he has been affiliated and hopes to continue. He adds, "I know there are a number of us still around. At our reunion in 2011, those in attendance pledged to return for the 75th in 2016, and there was and still remains some hope that the pledge will be honored by some. I noticed in an earlier edition of the Class Notes that **Sylvia Jaffe** Abrams lives in Washington, DC. On the last visit with my granddaughter who lives there, I visited Sylvia and we spent a delightful hour reminiscing. She lives in a three-story home and walks daily from the basement to the top floor for exercise. I am glad that I live in an apartment in Manhattan, so that I cannot be tempted to indulge in that pleasure." Sylvia wrote us herself in early April, saying she wouldn't have been surprised to look out her kitchen window and see another blizzard—which is exactly what had happened the week before. "This is what happens when you fool with Mother Nature! But I am still hale and hearty and enjoying life to its fullest—for which I thank God!"

Herbert Cogan (New York City) has recovered from two spinal surgeries and is back to swimming. Also: "Completing a psychoanalytic paper; writing poems; conversing in Spanish." More to come in the next issue from **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon, **Madelon Rufner** Umlauf, **Henry Heimlich**, MD '43, **Marjorie Lee Treadwell**, and any others who write in. Have a good summer! [✉ Class of 1941, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu)

43 **Curt Strand** (Snowmass Village, CO) sent this update in April: "My activities in winter revolve around friends, whatever music and seminars are offered, and the good social scene here in Aspen and Snowmass. There was a great three-day seminar on Churchill, one of my heroes. His writings, not only on politics and war, but on what painting and history meant to him, are quite fascinating. I am very fortunate to be in good health and was able to downhill ski 23 days this past winter. My legs—at 93—tell me to take it easy, and I listen to them."

"A highlight this March was a one-week trip to Cuba, organized by Cornell University Travel. They did a superb job selecting the guides and lecturers—both from Cornell and locals—and there were 21 in our group from all over the country. (Americans must go in a group to Cuba.) The program was a great variety of sights, including the

poverty after 60 years of US sanctions, imposed to get rid of Castro, with no result. Still visible is beautiful Spanish colonial art and architecture, but also its deterioration: two buildings collapse from neglect every single day. We went to other cities, but Havana was the key, and it held a special significance for me as I was last there negotiating the contracts for the Havana Hilton 57 years ago. The hotel opened a few weeks after Castro took over on January 1, 1959. He liked the hotel so much that he elected to stay there—not in the presidential suite, but on a cot in the kitchen. When he left after three weeks, he took the hotel with him—nationalized it. Now it is the Havana Libre. It was a stop on our tour. Regards to all!"

Shig Kondo adds that he's glad to know Curt is still active. "After Cornell, Curt made it to the top as CEO of the Hilton Hotels and thus tried to negotiate with Castro. I remember the incident at the Cosmopolitan Club on campus, where we lived, when someone used Club money to buy the popular jazz version of Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto*. Curt thought that was almost sacrilegious and smashed it to pieces. No one said or did anything more."

Jean Hammersmith Wright is at Wake Robin, a retirement community in Shelburne, VT. She inquired as to who was "CEO" of the Class of 1943. As First Vice President, duly appointed by **Miller Harris**, that would be our own Shig Kondo. The office of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* will send some back issues of the magazine to Jean so she can hear news from our classmates. [✉ Class of 1943, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu)

44 While we await the report on Reunion 2014 that will appear in the next issue, here's the latest news from our classmates.

Durland Weale, MS Ag '53 (Addison, NY) starts us off. Although he is still the real property assessor for the Town of Addison, he spends a lot of his time in the garden: with dahlias, raspberries, and strawberries. He also cultivates friendships and continues to maintain several old Ford cars. In fact, when asked what he might rather be doing, he said, "Exercising my 100-year-old brass Model T Ford." Four years ago, **Lew**, BS Ag '46, and **Connie Avery Mix '48** (Virginia Beach, VA; lucinda.melone@gmail.com) moved to a senior community just a few miles from the home they had lived in since 1995. Due to balance issues and several falls, writes Lew, "a move for me to assisted living was needed two years ago. Connie lives within walking distance, though, and we are able to be together every day. So grateful for that! I am getting wonderful care and appreciate the exercise classes I attend four times a week, as well as a weekly Bible study. I am an avid reader." The Mix family continues to grow: four children in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, 15 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren—so far! Lew and Connie were looking forward to the 70th in June and would love to hear from friends!

Barbara Van Slyke Anderson (Glendale, AZ; dba86505@gmail.com) writes, "I've been sorting

and annotating my late husband's many photographs and slides, which document our lives lived in the midst of another culture—Native Americans, mostly Navajo. Always writing more about how we lived and what we learned. Have also been enjoying children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Gave up on bridge. Too many old players—deaf and careless. Not me, of course." Barbara connected briefly with **Kay Snell Sigety** and hears from **Nancy Maynard Harlan**. **Maryann Trask Whitcomb** (Cape Elizabeth, ME) sends thanks to the Alumni Office for helping her get in touch with **Betty Scheidelman Droz**. **Maurice P. Bellis** (North Andover, MA; BellisPeter@comcast.net) writes, "In 2013 my memoir, 'A Good Life,' was published and distributed to family and friends. This book of 'Recollections of People, Places, and Things' proved to be very successful." He adds that he is trying to stay fit.

Ray Baxter (raybaxter3@gmail.com) sent a nice, long letter in March. "**Martha (Edson)** and I are living on a sort of farm of about 400 acres," he writes, "mostly forest and pasture, in the Allegheny Mountains just below the New York border in Pennsylvania. We are both in good health for 92, forgetful and indolent, enjoying what to us is a good quality of life and feeling richly blessed. Three of our four children have second homes here, and we have other family in the immediate vicinity, so, while we are quite independent, we have lots of support available. Martha has given up cooking and most housework, and I have taken over some of it. Our grandchildren love the place and come often—we have one granddaughter in the cottage next door—so we have lots of young people here. Hosting them mostly falls to others, so we can enjoy. I still do some hunting and fishing and am trying to finish some of the work I did on three houses I was involved in building here, but it will never be completed. We both still drive, almost essential here, but stay pretty much in our own territory. We have a lovely little church, the fellowship of which we enjoy, and some very nice but not too close neighbors." About Cornell, Ray adds, "1941-44 was an unusual time to be at the university, and it was pretty much 'study and work.' I can't think of much I would have done differently. It was a great experience, and we owe much to Cornell."

Janice Taylor Scott (Highland Beach, FL; jts1023@gmail.com) sent dues but no news. **Nancy Claney Hoffman** and husband Gene live in Wayzata, MN. Nancy says she reads a lot, plus goes out to breakfast every morning, stays in contact with family, and takes care of her health. She shares her personal reflection that we continue to be nourished by the special memories created at Cornell. Nancy would like to hear from **Ruth Wilson Long**, BA '43. **Robert F. Miller**, BS Ag '48, PhD '51, reads, plays golf, and visits with friends at his retirement community, John Knox Village, in Orange City, FL. **Maryellen Severinghaus Bowers** has been spending time "learning to be 91 years old." This in addition to cooking, weaving, reading, and gardening. She lives in Chapel Hill, NC. And **Robert S. Miller**, BA '47, is at Kendal at Ithaca and enjoys woodworking and eating out. Happily it sounds like he spent the worst part of last winter in Florida! Send news to: **Class of 1944**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; **Dorothy Kay Kesten**, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

45 Greetings to the Class of 1945! **Arlene Loede Hanley** (Rochester, NY) writes, "I still work for New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) as an employee retirement consultant a few hours a week." And mixed in with some cryptograms and crossword puzzles, she also takes care of a 13-room house, maintains her porch garden, and enjoys her three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **Joe McDonald** (mmjnmcdonald@comcast.net) says his peripheral neuropathy keeps him from doing some of the things he'd like to be doing, like playing golf and taking long walks. But he fills his time with other activities, including billiards, bocce, reading, painting, and chairing a transition committee as the residents of his community take over the condo association. Joe and wife **Mardell** live in Mashpee, MA.

Fred Williams (truegrit1925@comcast.net) and wife **Leslie** live in Frederick, MD. He is enjoying retirement and stays busy reading, using the computer, and keeping in touch with friends. "I'm happy that I got the education I had at Cornell, which made my life fruitful and successful. When I was at Cornell, I remember we walked on the snow on the sidewalks in Ithaca above the fire hydrants. The snow this past winter came close to that, but not like back then!" What's next for Fred? "24 more hours, and hours—and hours of happiness and bliss." **Maralyn Winsor Fleming** (Ithaca, NY) has recently moved from her home of 50-plus years to Kendal at Ithaca, joining many old friends from Cornell. She is looking forward to participating in lots of Kendal activities.

Dick Allen, BME '47 (Cincinnati, OH) went skiing in Alta, UT, last March. He has also recently visited his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in New Orleans, California, and Washington, DC. **Doris Klein Lelchook** (Newton, MA) writes, "I am spending my time scheduling rides (since I no longer drive) and trying to be on time. I'm playing bridge, listening to books on tape, doing muscle conditioning, and chairing a senior group. I attended a meeting in the Cambridge area featuring Cornell professors discussing sustainability. I was the oldest person, but everyone treated me well." Doris would love to hear from **Maxine Katz Morse** and **Marjorie Marks Boas Levins**.

Although **Evelyn Wittenberg Haas** is chairbound these days, she has found many ways to fill her time. She crochets, reads, and watches TV, and plays bridge once a week. She would like to hear from **Sue Spitz**, MEd '67. **Marjorie Beha Lopez**, BS HE '44, reports she is reading and sleeping—"Because I'm 90 now! No regrets!" Send news to either of your class correspondents at: **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815-4703; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

46 I was notified by the family of **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith**, BS HE '45, of her death on February 17. She was one of a long line of Cornellians: her late husband, **Karl '47** (died 2002), and two sons, **Class of '72** (deceased) and **Class of '77**, plus a daughter-in-law in the Class of '76. Her daughters went elsewhere to college. (Editor's note: "I'll miss your notes and phone calls, old friend.")

Some exciting news: My *Alumni Magazine* Class Notes editor, **Adele Durham Robinette**, wrote in March that she was getting married on April 11.

She is moving and selling her longtime home, but will still be our editor. She and **Elsie McMillan '55** are the only two editors I've had since I began writing this column in June 1956. All Cornell correspondents should be as blessed as I have been. Thank you for all the news you send.

I almost missed this notice from **Valerie Kagen**, who wrote for her mother, **Ann McGloin Stevens**, about the fact that grandson **Andrew Kagen '13** was the tour leader for a group of high school students visiting Shanghai last January. I'm hoping Ann will call to say she's in good health. Her husband, **Orrie**, JD '48, died in 2006, shortly after our 60th Reunion. He surely loved leading us in song. Recent news and dues also came from **Naomi Colvin Gellman**, BA '45 (NYC), who wrote that she kept busy reading the *New Yorker* and talking back to the TV. She remembers her years at Cornell, wearing Wellington boots and woolen skirts, but no pants and jeans. (Editor's note: "I guess we all remember those itchy skirts. I even remember going to the men's department to buy my first pair of jeans for a fraternity party. I took a girlfriend along to guard the dressing room door.")

Louise Greene Richards, BS HE '45, PhD '65 (Ithaca, NY) is also into reading, TV, and opera, plus telephoning friends. She's lucky and has lots of Cornell friends and sorority sisters living in Ithaca. As a freshman, she also brought skirts, sweaters, and boots, as well as a quilt, an address book, and family photos. **Nancy Allen Chamberlain**, BS HE '45, moved to a senior living center in Lowville, NY. **Dotie Van Vleet Hicks** lives in an apartment in State College, PA. She still does lots of gardening, and since the 1980s spends half the year in her cottage on Seneca Lake. Unlike many of her friends, she is still driving. She plays bridge, reads, corresponds with other Delta Gammans, attends girls' basketball games at Penn State, and goes twice a week to Silver Sneakers. She brought her first pair of blue jeans with her to Cornell. Her mother said she'd never wear them, but she still does.

Beverly Smith Whitehead (Tuscaloosa, AL) wrote that she plays lots of duplicate bridge and, at 89, dozes a lot. **Kay Smith Mancini** (Palm Coast, FL) e-mails me quite often. She wrote that she and her four girls have a yearly tradition of calling each other at midnight on New Year's Eve. I plan to finish up with the last news items that you submitted in the next issue, so keep watching. **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Robert Brodsky (Claremont, CA; rfoxbro@aol.com) sent me an e-mail in December 2012 with season's greetings to classmates. Somehow, in the turmoil of our move to Stoneridge, I misplaced it. Bob has forgiven my indiscretion and went further, sending an update. Excerpts from the original and the update follow:

"Season's greetings from the Brodskys, to our family and dear friends—from the senior zone, we wish you a wonderful, happy 2013! Alas, the past year, 2012, was our worst year ever—emotionally and physically. We are glad it is behind us, as we hope for a better 2013. The day after Thanksgiving, our oldest son, **Bobby**, died of heart failure and other complications, after being on a downhill slope for over a year. He was a wonderful, strange, and creatively endowed person. He was a great ceramist and artist.

"We underwent a major change in lifestyle in March. We moved inland into a retirement

community, Claremont Manor, which has a large campus consisting of individual houses, cottages, and apartments. The main structure is surrounded by the other major care facilities: the Assisted Living building, the Alzheimer's building, and a large Care Center—a hospital with no doctors on duty. The houses, cottages, and two other apartment buildings are on the periphery of what is essentially an entire city block. We can live out our lives here (we hope not at the Alzheimer's facility). Moving was very trying—we both ended up in the hospital and subsequent Care Center twice, but now are both well and reasonably healthy.

"The year was not a total loss: in February I received a heartwarming letter of citation from the president of USC* and finished and published my fifth book*. Patti and I have also both 'performed' here to what Patti calls 'the Inmates'—she was in a Noel Coward play-reading, and I gave one of my New Orleans Jazz 'lectures.' And on December 7, I was the only guest on a Web-cast—"The Space Show"*. We send our love!"

**Editor's note:* Bob sent very interesting information in attachments on the three asterisked topics above. On request, I'll forward any of that material to classmates. Send any requests to me at pblevine@juno.com.

Bob's update revealed that 2013 was a happier year. It featured a surprise 80th birthday party for Patti. Another great event was grandson Alo's Santa Fe wedding, which they vicariously attended via Skype. Bob and Patti increasingly enjoy "life in the old folks' home." They welcome visitors. Just send an e-mail to the e-address above to arrange a date.

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47 As I have said many times, "I love writing this column." That statement might be questioned—because in reality, I don't really "write this column," I merely put your words into context. To simplify, I gather the news you send me and put it on paper. Well, for the first time in many years, I have no news—which is bad! The good news is that I have come across an article in a local paper that sums up our situation better than I could have imagined. I urge you all to read it, and perhaps re-read it, and "get in the swim."

The process of living is the process of change. It is something we humans experience during every phase of our lives. In fact, everything in our universe—whether organic or inorganic—endures change. It is only humans who examine, contemplate, and assess the various stages of our lives.

The years that transport us through our 20s are filled with the optimism and the inexperience of youth. Life has no boundaries and seems like a meandering river, to travel on forever. We are still learning to walk, testing and strengthening our legs for the impending life's journey. Any responsibilities are focused more on ourselves and the preparation for the next phase of our life. Then we leap into our 30s, 40s, and 50s with unbridled optimism, accepting the substantial responsibilities of relationships and jobs. We multitask, and our involvement with our family, community, and work-place knows no bounds. We attempt to manage

any obstacle with direction and purpose. Our lives may be hectic, but we are in balance and in control. Life's river careens down the canyon and we all utilize powerful strokes to stay abreast.

Then, as seniors, we find ourselves upon the shore—watching, as if mesmerized, life flow past, carrying those who can still swim firmly in its current. The years have advanced so quickly, and now we are more observers than participants. We seem to have been pushed out of the workplace while our children are now chancing the quick current. Our minds, we are told, have dulled, our bodies have become frailier, bone and muscle are less dense, the elasticity of youth has abandoned us for the rigor and stiffness of old age. In the blink of an eye we have become grandparents. We all change, but can we still swim?

Let us not docilely accept society's outmoded definition of aging. Do not sit while you can actively walk, do not walk when you can run. If you walk with a cane, improve your balance and strength to sustain a greater independence. Do not just take a pill, but work so as not to need a pill. Make an effort to remove your feet from the sand and get back in the river. We may not be young, but with effort we can still swim. We have certainly changed from our youth, but as seniors we can still navigate the swift currents and allow the river to guide us rather than relegate us to the shore. We can still be powerful swimmers. Just have faith in your ability to float and enjoy the ride.

I hope you enjoyed the above article, but before closing I want to congratulate a dear Cornell friend, **Harriet Morel Oxman '48**. I was very fortunate to receive a signed copy of her recently published book, *Around The World With Harriet*. [Sylvia Kianoff](mailto:Sylvia.Kianoff@verizon.net) Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610.

48 **Mary Ann Grammer Byers**, Orchard Park, NY: "First great-grandchild born October 7, 2013, named Riley. Youngest grandchild, 22, is in NYC, and the oldest, 32, in Atlanta. I keep busy here playing bridge and with the Episcopal Church, which we are expanding. Also work on keeping Lake Erie clean, which is 20 miles from here. Last year we visited Atlanta, San Francisco, and Juneau, AK." **Peter Lovisa**, Pelham, NY: "Tennis and fitness center and boating keep me moving. Went to Columbus, NJ, for family reunion—I'm now the third oldest. Oldest grandchild is a senior at Barton U., and youngest is a freshman at Maryland U. Pelham Manor, just outside the Bronx, is a very genial, laid-back community. Everything is less than a mile away, but the Atlantic Ocean is 15 miles. Went to Homecoming in October. I couldn't find a spot for handicapped parking near the stadium, so parked on Tower Road and hiked. Had to leave game early as rear got soaking wet. Bucknell was ahead. As we walked to the car, Cornell starting scoring. You know the result: Cornell 45, Bucknell, 13. The fireworks were the best I have ever seen and I have seen a few in my time."

Marylin Aikman Beardsley, Ithaca, NY: "Husband **Wallace '46**, BArch '49, passed away in April 2012. I have lived at Kendal at Ithaca for ten years. Life is very good there, with many Cornell friends and the advantage of Cornell and Ithaca College nearby. Oldest grandchild is 26, in Northeast Harbor, ME." **Charlotte Smith** Moore, Peabody, MA: "Playing bridge, reading, crossword puzzles,

theatre, and concerts. Big family reunion last July in Cazenovia, NY, where daughter **Betsy '74** is a professor at the college. A grand time was had by all. Oldest grandchild, 29, is in NYC; youngest is 12, in Cazenovia. Sorry I missed reunion in 2013. I was recovering from colon surgery in late May. Recently visited daughter **Jean Moore** Latham '70 in Reading, MA, son **Ted Moore '71** in Marblehead, MA, and son **Tom Moore '79** in Hampton Falls, NH, all 10-30 miles from Peabody."

Jacqueline Smith Flournoy, Westport, CT: "Sailing, crafting, and walking. Celebrated 97th birthday with whole family last November—a total of 16 including girl and boyfriends. Oldest grandchild, 28, is in Connecticut. Youngest, 18, is at U. of Vermont. I met **Gifford Doxsee** at 65th Reunion. He was in a German prison in WWII with **Kurt Vonnegut '44**, who later wrote *Slaughterhouse Five* based on the experience. The closest things to me are Long Island Sound, the Yacht Club, and the banks (1 mile). Most distant are Walmart and Home Depot (5-8 miles). Last large city I visited was NYC, two years ago. Plan to go to Baltimore for Thanksgiving and take a cruise to Norway." **Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "I do bridge and physical therapy. In 2012, I was living in our apartment in NYC, which was boring. Now I'm in Palm Beach, hopeful for the world. We have six kids, three in New York, two in California, and one in New Jersey. With eight grandchildren we have six lawyers. One is a law professor at UCLA."

Mary Wells Symons, Ottawa, ON: "My husband, David, died June 2, 2013. He had Parkinson's disease and his quality of life had gone downhill seriously. I miss him terribly, but it was time." **Neil Munch**, Gaithersburg, MD: "I walk. Oldest grandchild is 61 in Newport News, VA. Youngest is 23, in Herndon, VA." **Richard Brown**, Rockville Centre, NY: "Back problem sends me to physical therapy. In summer we sail and swim, then read, travel, and go to the theatre. After 12 years teaching for the Dept. of Defense in Germany, daughter, son-in-law, and two grandkids have returned. Sadly, we have sold our ancestral (since 1930) summer home. Oldest grandchild, 19, is at West Point. Youngest, 10, is in Manhattan. Sorry to say I haven't met any new interesting individuals lately, but I generally like Paul Krugman's column in the *New York Times*. Everything is nearby in Rockville Centre, the remotest being Home Depot, three miles, and the ocean, five miles. Good question for next year: What's the best movie you've seen or best book you've read in the last year, and reasons why. Plan to go to Sardinia and Rome in April 2014."

Leon Hammer, MD '52, Indian Lake, NY: "I have spent my time writing 15 books, 40 articles, kayaking, playing tennis, and teaching. We have a grandson, 28, in Los Angeles and a granddaughter, 3, in Sarasota, FL. Sadly, there is a cell tower going up in our town (2010 Census: 1,352 residents). From here, Sears, Macy's, Walmart, and Home Depot are 65 miles away, as are the doctor and the hospital. The ocean seems like 500 miles away. The only thing close is the fishing stream (1/4 mile) and the lake (1 mile). The only recent visits to large cities were to Washington, DC, Atlanta, and San Francisco, all ten years ago. I've been kayaking on the endless beautiful lakes in the Adirondack Mountains. I plan to go to Sarasota for several weeks, by train. I'm in an endless art museum: my apple trees were bare and brown and each uniquely shaped, changing through the spring and summer with green leaves and branches rearranged by bears, and in the fall when green and

red fruit yield to the deer, followed finally by leaves that paint the fields brown, yellow, and red.”

Majanah Hagan Bender, El Paso, TX: “Husband Ted died Jan. 7, 2013. I do yoga and walk the dogs. Oldest grandchild is 35 and lives here in El Paso. A new Triple A baseball park is being built, and the ASARGO smoke stacks were destroyed. Our nearest lake is 125 miles away and the ocean 600 miles. Everything else is close. Went to North Carolina for my sister’s 90th birthday. The corn maze in La Union, NM, is lots of fun. I plan to go back to Roanoke, VA, for the unveiling of a new grave marker for ancestor Joseph Varner, a son of the American Revolution.” **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone/fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 The story of our great 65th Reunion will be told in the next issue of the *Alumni News* (Sept/Oct)! Now we look forward to our 70th! For those of us who would like to experience reunion every year, the Continuous Reunion Club is the one to join! Contact **Jim Hanchett ’53** (jch46@cornell.edu).

Our class is proud to note that we have another published writer, **Charles Huhtanen** (Port Richey, FL; chuhtanen@tampabay.rr.com). Charles tells us, “After 41 years of microbiology research in industry and government, I retired to Florida and resumed my interest in writing and politics. My latest book is *They Changed Their Minds . . . and the World*. It features short biographies of 15 famous people who were instrumental in altering the course of history. I also wrote *Growing Up During the Great Depression* (in Tompkins County). **Jean Schultheis Brechter** (Shelter Island Heights, NY) writes that she was surprised and delighted to be recognized last October when she was honored at the Shelter Island Yacht Club decommissioning party. She received an award of recognition from the Town of Shelter Island supervisor and the club commodore for her volunteer work as a member of the East End Hospice board of directors from 1997-2012. She founded and chaired the fundraising biennial East End Hospice Shelter Island Cocktail Party and assists patients, families in need, and the children attending Camp Good Grief. For her work, October 12, 2013 was proclaimed to be Jean Brechter Day by the Town of Shelter Island. Jean notes, “I think I first learned about community service at my sorority (Delta Delta Delta) back in 1946 at Cornell.”

Lila MacLeod Kuhn (Tenafly, NJ; lilak27@aol.com), after dining with **Karen DeMarco Boroff ’75**, recently reminisced, “I came from a very small high school in Ardsley, NY. My original plan was to study science, but my professors in English had different ideas! They were outstanding professors, helping to nurture my interests and expand my horizons.” Lila married her husband, Jim, now a professor emeritus at Columbia U. Graduate School of Business, in Australia while he was on a Fulbright scholarship. Before her retirement, Lila was an English teacher at a private school in Englewood, NJ, and was an active volunteer with the League of Women Voters. She now volunteers at a local community center. She has four daughters, several grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ann Stevens Feldt (Virginia Beach, VA) is taking care of her son, Robert, as well as her house, yard, and car. She spends her time shopping, reading, talking with family, repairing her house, watching TV, sewing, etc. She adds, “Playing with grandchildren and great-grandchildren,

writing letters, and paying bills!” Elizabeth Ann would rather be “going to the beach or shopping in Williamsburg, or taking a trip to D.C. if they get the road repaired (potholes), etc.” She would most enjoy hearing from friends in Kappa Kappa Gamma, as well as classmates, roommates, and professors. When she came to Cornell for the first

“We had the gorgeous campus all to ourselves.”

Vincent Rogers ’49

time, she brought “clothes, essentials, notebooks, pens, and pencils—no electronics!”

Vincent Rogers (Storrs, CT; vinrogers@charter.net) writes, “I’m reading, writing, playing trumpet and flugelhorn (jazz-bop and beyond), biking, model railroading, politicking (am slightly to the right of Stalin), watching Jon Stewart and Cornelian **Bill Maher ’78**, and handicapping races—especially at Saratoga in August. Also happening in Vincent’s life: “Son Evan is a music writer, producer, and discoverer and great friend of Rihanna (among many others), who graced us with her presence at Thanksgiving a few years ago.” Regarding this past winter, he writes, “Every winter I think of the time Chris Jennings (my girlfriend and later my wife) stayed on campus during Christmas break—we had the gorgeous campus all to ourselves! Magical moments.”

Edward Balian (Syracuse, NY; ebalian1@gmail.com) is “reading, walking, taking a friend to visit his wife in a nursing home, and visiting another friend in an adult home. I am enjoying my grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and having lunch with my friends from my days at General Electric (35 years ago).” Edward adds, “My wife, Marie-Louise, of almost 60 years, died six years ago. I’d like to have her with me now. My best friend at Cornell (and in high school) was **Wally Beardsley ’46**, BArch ’49, but he passed away the year before last. I attended Cornell just after the Army so I arrived with my Model A Ford and a few clothes.”

Richard Schreiber, BArch ’49 (Springfield, OH; schreibpad@icloud.com), married to Charlene, is doing “yard work (mainly for the exercise!), reading, e-mail, and Internet.” About his arrival at Cornell, he writes, “Being still in the Navy and arriving as a transfer from the V-12 program at Hobart College, I brought not much more than my Navy duffle bag!” **Helen Osborne Jenkins** (Copley, OH; hkojenkins@gmail) writes, “We are residents of a retirement home recently acquired by Concordia of Pennsylvania. I visit less able persons monthly, do water exercises, and participate in a watercolor group. Still learning.” She adds that she has begun a “new phase of life” as caregiver for her husband, **Jerry ’51**, “who has developed Parkinson’s disease, which will only become worse, slowly.” Helen would rather be “painting or photographing outdoors.” She would enjoy hearing from **Mary Heisler Allison**, with whom she roomed for four years at Cornell. Coming to the Hill for the first time, Helen brought “a suitcase, bedding, linens, toiletries—and faith!”

Rosemary Sheil Malia, MA ’51 (Fairport, NY) tells us that she has been “walking and playing with the dog, reading, doing crossword puzzles, knitting, and visiting with friends and family. I’ve

also been trying to lose weight in order to have good results with knee replacement.” She would rather be “touring and sightseeing in other parts of the US, Europe, and Canada.” Rosemary says, “I brought my clothes and an alarm clock when I first came to Cornell.” She adds, “Questions you didn’t ask—answered. I have a new great-grandchild.

That makes two so far—Ben and Lucy. My granddaughter **Mackenzie ’14** will be finishing up at Cornell this year.” **Marilyn Gruenberg Luebeck** (West Bloomfield, MI; alvinmarilyn@comcast.net) writes, “Since I lost my husband, Alvin, in December 2012, I have been learning all about money. Cut down on my activities; only belong to three book groups.” When first coming to the Hill, Marilyn tells us, “I brought myself and one suitcase—no microwave, radio, TV, or computer.” Classmates! Please keep your news coming! **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 3608 North Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; tel., (505) 258-4778; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 **Marjorie Leigh Hart** (New York City; marj.hart@verizon.net) and her husband, Gurnee, still have an unbelievable amount of energy for traveling. Last year’s holidays found them in Berlin, St. Petersburg, and Moscow. “Our midwinter break was on Antigua, in a dreamy villa high above the sea. In the spring, we joined a New York Philharmonic patrons’ tour to Turkey for concerts in Istanbul and Izmir. We went on to Cappadocia, in central Turkey, where ballooning at 6 a.m. is a must-do.” The Harts then toured Dutch waterworks and gardens and “stopped in Dresden to hear a concert in a glass-box Volkswagen factory. Charleston in April for plantations in the Carolina rice country.” Finally, in England, they attended the Garter Ceremony at Windsor and opening day at the Ascot Racecourse. In the photograph that Marjorie sent, they are both wearing traditional Ascot attire. Marjorie is in an elegant pink suit and a dashing, broad-brimmed pink hat, and Gurnee is in a formal morning coat, gray waistcoat, and a gray top hat.

John Mellor, PhD ’54 (jmellor@jmassoc inc.com), an agricultural economist, continues as president of his consulting firm, John Mellor Assocs. Inc., in Washington, DC. “I am consulting on policy in low income countries,” John reports. “We have new major contracts in Ethiopia, Pakistan, and Nepal. Our work in Ethiopia is having a major effect because of the prime minister’s vision and strategy into which our work fits. I published two papers recently in refereed journals on economic development theory. Just back from Pakistan.”

Kirk Reid (Hudson, OH) has also sent photographs of a longtime love named Genevieve, a 1929 Model A station wagon. One black-and-white photograph, taken in 1948 during our Cornell days, shows seven young men crammed into the vehicle. “Cornell coeds were so sharp that their Saturday nights were booked weeks in advance. This picture

shows some weekend procrastinators forced to spend date night at Elmira College as their last remaining choice. This wagon-load of the desperate features **Ed Crocco '52** in the jump seat and **Don Hayes '52** in back. Up front is **Gordie Gardiner**, who arranged the excursion. Behind Gordie are **Al Ginty '51**, **BEE '52**, **Frank Field '51**, **BCH '52**, and **Doug Swanson '51**, **BME '52**." Kirk is at Genevieve's wheel and claims that the beverage in the can he is holding is water. Over the years, Kirk has meticulously restored Genevieve's innards; needless to say, he is an engineer. A second, color photograph shows Genevieve today, her hood painted a snazzy blue and her woodwork gleaming. "Genevieve now transports more mature passengers around our retirement community and in the Memorial Day parade. Genevieve may be the only one in the class better looking now than she was in the late 1940s."

A few years ago, you may remember, **Charles Deakayne** (Severna Park, MD; charles.deakayne@gte.net) and his crew aboard his 37-ft. Alberg sloop performed a tricky nighttime rescue in rough seas and a stiff wind of four adults and three children, whose fishing boat had overturned on the Chesapeake Bay. Now Charles tells us about another water rescue he performed while he was still a Cornell student: he actually saved a group of US Navy ships. Every summer during college, Charles had a job with the US Coast and Geodetic Survey, doing hydrographic surveys of the ocean bottom off the northern coast of Alaska. In the summer of 1948, between our sophomore and junior years, a group of Navy supply ships became fog- and ice-bound on their way to Barter Island. Charles was assigned the task of navigating them. Using soundings, nautical charts, and his knowledge of the ocean floor, Charles led the ships safely through a dense fog, around the ice and the shoals, to their destination.

When I wrote the book *Women at Work: Demolishing a Myth of the 1950s*, about what the women in our Class of 1950 did with their lives, we knew about five women classmates who were WWII veterans. Now we have learned about several more, eight all together. **Esther Clark O'Neill** and **Bertha Scheffel Seifert** were in the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Bertha Seifert was a staff sergeant who served overseas in Taunton and Salisbury, England, and in Rheims, France. And **Elizabeth Campbell Booth**, **Marian Francis**, **Phyllis Shaw**, **Florence Trefry**, MA '51, **Barbara Addison** Turner, and **Trude Kanaley** Yaxis were all in the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). Elizabeth Booth worked in the meteorology department at the Norfolk, VA, Naval Station. Barbara Turner was the assistant to the director of a supply base in Mechanicsburg, PA. Phyllis Shaw served as an air-traffic controller in Jacksonville, FL. There were, of course, other women veterans in other classes. **Ellen Thomas** Phillips was not in the military—she was only a young teenager—but she and her family spent more than three years as Japanese prisoners of war at the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, the Philippines. **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoinder@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Jostlin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel. (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 Ernest Sofis was honored as Veteran of the Year on Veteran's Day 2013 by the town of Hingham, MA. A local Hingham paper reported on Ernest's countless hours "as a volunteer serving on the board of directors of Hingham Elder Affairs; as Commander and chaplain of American Legion Post 120; as Memorial Day guest speaker; and with the Historical Society as a GAR Hall Trustee and as secretary of the Hingham Veterans Council."

Nancy Belcher First (Northampton, MA) is learning to accept the positive aspects of aging. "I'm trying to live in a sustainable manner because I'm concerned about global warming and ecological disaster. I'm active in a women's group to stop Vermont Yankee and other nuclear plants from operating. Also, I'm painting and have a couple of exhibits each year, most recently at the US Fish and Wildlife Service building in Hadley, MA. I'd rather be taking a few trips like we used to—visiting with old friends, hiking, and watching wildlife this fall." She'd like to hear from **Peg Healy McNulty** and **Anita Van Hassel** Blauvelt. When asked what she brought to Cornell: "Seasonal clothing, a typewriter, and hope."

Kent, DVM '51, and **Shirley Fulton Roberts**, SP Arts '50-51, report, "We moved into a retirement community in Winchester, VA, from our home in Williamsburg in March 2013." Kent's been reading the *WSJ* and watching the news on TV. "Old (older?) folks are big business in the US now. We can't build retirement homes/communities fast enough! I'd rather be playing golf and/or practicing my profession of veterinary medicine. Hope to make at least one more reunion. Many friends have passed on; at least half my Veterinary class of 50 males (no women) is gone." Didn't bring much to Cornell: "Three years in the Navy taught me how to travel light."

Robert Williams, PhD '62 (Goose Creek, SC) is reading and attending music and lecture events in the Charleston area. "I was a delegate for the Berkeley County and South Carolina Republican Party 2013 conventions. I like my life as is—no debts." **Corinne Watkins** Stork (Penn Yan, NY) is working and planning to help build a community center (Penn Yan does not have a YMCA or swimming pool). She's a member of a women's stock club, holds various offices in the Yates County Branch of the AAUW, and is playing bridge and golf.

Charles Moore (Laporte, PA) writes, "I have just stepped down (after 13-plus years) as executive director of the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy and am now working on a new Corporate Leaders Index to measure/benchmark corporate performance and behavior of global CEOs. Am also serving on the board of GBCHealth and the executive council of the Office of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Financing the Health Millennium Development Goals. As of May 28, 2013, we have established our official residence in Laporte, while keeping a small studio apartment in NYC. **Stuart Campbell**, a fellow Sigma Nu, played with me in the Eagles Mere Country Club Member-Guest Golf Tournament in June. Our granddaughter just graduated from Cornell and another will graduate next year."

John Roberts (Sedona, AZ) writes, "I walk my two greyhounds, date my steady, Mary, and tend my 25-sq.-ft. raised vegetable garden. Consulted with Mary's farming brother about which John Deere model I ought to buy. His advice: 'Forget that, just make sure it'll hook onto your combine.' Traveling: NYC and an inside visit to the New York Stock Exchange, as well as a revisit to Ground Zero, Lincoln Center Performing Arts, Boat House in Central Park for lunch, etc." **Reg Rice**, MBA '52 (Menlo Park, CA) mentions "reading, traveling, playing bridge, gardening, swimming for exercise, and backpacking in the Sierras." He would like to hear from **Bob Ashton '53** and **Sue Spiers** McLean '52. "I transferred from the U. of Colorado as a junior. Was more serious about studies and seeking a career." He has retired as financial planner/investments for Cigna.

Bill Kay (Drexel Hill, PA) writes, "I still go to work every day, unless I am off on a vacation. My vacations consist of going skiing—two weeks each year in Colorado and two weeks each year in France. I am running my business because I enjoy it so much." **Rip Haley** is the Cornell friend he most likes to hear from. He talks to him occasionally, and they play golf together. **Sam Hochberger** (Savannah, GA): "I play tennis three to four times per week, keep current on national/international events, follow current sport activities, and engage with family, friends, and Ivy League members. Now that our New Jersey home took two years to rebuild after being destroyed by fire, we have elected to become Georgia residents. Life is great at our Skidaway Island (population: 8,200) resident community of 'The Landings.' Our Ivy League Club is very active and the folks here are wonderful—come see us y'all!" Sam would like to hear from any or all Cornell friends, "especially the Civil Engineers and 150 Footballers."

Bill Kilian (Cockeysville, MD) remembers the 1947-51 Ithaca winters. "I recall leaving Alpha Sigma Phi house on the gorge and pushing through snow to get to an 8:00 class. There was one week of ten below zero. I recall fond memories of the cross-country trips to West Point, Dartmouth, Yale, and Penn State. I remember receiving a Cornell Athletics blazer and letters for track and cross-country teams. One highlight was the Cornell-Princeton-Oxford-Cambridge meet. I ran against Roger Bannister of Oxford, who broke the four-minute mile in 1954." **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Avoidance. The Cornell column is due tomorrow, but today the April sun is warm, the sky is a clear blue, and the Bradford pear blooms white outside the window. Having done the move from big old house to urban condo three years ago, I find that what I miss most is the garden. Not the work. The garden. After a garden walk in what is essentially a residential neighborhood, I can report that the daffodils are blooming, the tulips are coming, and the trees are greening. It was a long winter and has been an almost absent spring, but today it is here. That's the day's report from a mid-Atlantic state.

Now reports from other places. **Martin Cohen** (Belmont, MA) has been a museum volunteer, involved in local politics, and reading. He would also like to be folk and square dancing, but, writes he, "I get out of breath." Not surprisingly, Cornell memories he mentions are "Outing Club and folk

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George Kennedy '52

dancing." **George Kennedy**, MBA '56 (Green Valley, AZ; gmk31@cox.net) writes, "**Gayle (Raymond)** and I did a lot of traveling during the summer of 2013 (packed one suitcase 25 times). This included a sun-filled week in the Orkney Islands (off the north tip of Scotland). Our month in Great Britain included visits to Durham, Bristol, Bath, and London. The summer of 2014 will be less strenuous. We will escape the heat of southern Arizona with a condo in Edina, MN."

Glen, PhD '56, and **Nancy Guttmann Slack**, MS '54 (Scotia, NY) register displeasure with the "What I'd rather be doing now" question. Nancy then relents and writes that perhaps she would like to return to Sanibel with her husband, children, and grandchildren. "I have been working on a research grant (2012-14) studying the ecology of plants in the alpine zone on Mt. Washington with relation to climate change." Last year she published a new field guide with photographs: *Field Guild to the Alpine Summits of New England*. This year she has been reading more books and cross-country skiing. On the then-and-now campus culture, she writes that she was back in summer 2013 and found several of her old professors (Plant Biology) and the same spirit. She writes, "At Cornell I learned lots of biology, French literature, and mountain climbing, and made friendships I still have." **George Vlahakis** (Nashville, TN; gsvlahakis@att.net) has been tending to health matters, trying to lose weight, and working a couple of days a week. He'd rather be traveling, but doesn't want to go alone. A widower, he writes that most tours require a couple for the cheap rates. "Single rates are ridiculous." On the campus culture question, George writes, "It's easy to get lost. Campus has changed so much since 1952." At Cornell, he learned hotel administration, but spent most of his career as a financial consultant.

Rabbi **Ronald Millstein** (Fort Lee, NJ; Joyceem6@yahoo.com) writes, "I attend virtually every Sabbath and holiday worship service. It's not that I'm so anxious to meet my maker; it's just that I hope that he's not anxious to meet me! Further, I take enormous pride in my Rabbi. He's my son!" As to what he would also like to be doing: "During the past two years—since I've turned 80—whenever I've been asked, 'What are you doing?' I have responded, 'I'm past doing; I concentrate on being!'" Campus culture then and now: "When we attended Cornell back in the early Middle Ages there were four men for every woman—very unbalanced. I believe that it's much healthier now." Learned at Cornell? "As a Government major in the Arts college, I really learned how to understand our political institutions. Professors Rossiter, Einaudi, Cushman, and Konvitz still resonate with me."

Gerald and Shirley Read (Prattsburgh, NY; gread@empacc.net) have recently been busy with home maintenance, and they have been enjoying their family, visiting their 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Gerald writes, "I am disappointed in the conduct of the lacrosse team. At Cornell I learned that there is a world outside of a small farming community. Much education from great professors that I have used in my vocation (vo-ag teacher) and in life." **Honey Moscowitz Kuhl** (Merrick, NY) has been attending folk dance classes and different library programs as well as visiting friends and family and going to various interesting lectures at a local university. She writes that she would rather be attending classes at Cornell. Honey remembers, "At Cornell I learned to love meeting people from different parts of the world and to become interested in a variety of new

subjects." **Henry Ver Valen** (Monkton, MD; henrycvv@gmail.com) reflects on how he spends his time: "Where does it go? Was at Watkins Glen for the Vintage car races with my 1967 Jaguar E-Type coupe. Also have a 1957 Jaguar XX140 FHC and a 1960 Jaguar XK150 roadster. So very busy." As to what he would also like to be doing: "Travel . . . but too much work around the house. Next step: downsize—get rid of much stuff." Good luck.

Henry Borys (Mukilteo, WA; boryswa@comcast.net) writes that what he would like to be doing now, he is doing now: enjoying his large family—two sons and daughters, ten grands, and seven great-grands, all in the Seattle area. He sits back and basks in memories of Cornell. Recently he has been fishing (because he can), but not catching. "My career didn't leave me much time between negotiating with both the union and my top management at General Telephone for 35 years and my community involvement." Now he is learning to fish and maintaining the strict discipline at kidney dialysis. Campus culture? "It's fantastic what these youngsters are participating in today. In about every place in the world. More power to them and Cornell."

Tom Weber, PhD '63 (Williamsville, NY; twweber@buffalo.edu): "My wife, Marianne, passed away last July, so my life has changed drastically. We made the right choice in moving to Canterbury Woods, a continuing lifecare development, six years ago. I have many wonderful neighbors and activities to keep me occupied." Tom offered, "As for a comparison of the campus culture then and now, it's apples and oranges. As for my major, Chemical Engineering, it would probably be better to describe it as biological or medical engineering. I learned the basics of chemical engineering with a strong emphasis on writing. Both led to a very satisfying career."

Sad news comes with the rest. **Robert Ward's** wife of 61 years, Barbara, reports that he died on March 10, 2014 in Auburn, NY. An ILR graduate and Phi Kappa Tau, Bob served in the Korean War and was active in business and community service for many years. A long note from Pat Lewis, the daughter of **Mary Hervey** Smith (Torrance, CA), who sent news on behalf of her mother, who lives across the street and spends "cozy days watching mysteries on TV or putting in the garden." Mary was diagnosed with dementia in 2005, but manages most of her daily routine independently. She has four children and five grandchildren (three in Europe and two living right across the street). The family hopes to take Mary to Spain for her grandson's wedding in the summer. 📧 **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@verizon.net. Class website: <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

53 Wild geese and pigskins will be flying far above before long, but the trilobites are settled in for the LONG haul. You remember those old guys? Trilobites abound around our gorgeous gorges. They ruled the waves of blue, or any other color—and indeed the world—before the dinosaurs were even twinkles in Mother Nature's eye, the *New York Times* has reported. That was maybe a half-billion years ago. Shorter than most people's index fingers, these marine crustaceans were an endangered species long before the glacier dug out the Finger Lakes. But their fossils are still everywhere in the fields around Ithaca, as they were when we were very young and they were, even then, very, very old.

Elaine Stern Koretsky, a Grade A (Dean's List) scholar from Brookline, MA, in due course found her way back home. She and husband Sidney established international museums of paper history in Brookline and, of all places, Brooklyn, NY. The Brookline one holds, in a century-old carriage house, rare old books, papermaking tools and products, Southeast Asian prayer books, and novelties like books printed on paper obtained by pounding mulberry bark. It has been written that the museum has the world's largest collection of Chinese "spirit paper," i.e., handmade bamboo-based paper, burned in burial ceremonies. Then there's paper handmade for sanitary purposes. Yep. TP. Elaine and Sidney write, "We celebrated 60 years of blissful matrimony last year." Later, they took in the Boston Flower Show, as they have done just about annually, and received awards for their orchids, climbing onion, and Drunkard's Dream. They attended Sidney's 70th Harvard Reunion (Class of '43) in May. In July, they visited a "Paper and Science" exhibition at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, MA, where some of their artifacts were displayed. In the fall, they produced a documentary ("The Final Papermakers of the Royal Family of Thailand"), a video that Elaine narrated with traditional Thai music in the background.

"Recognizing that our bodies may be deteriorating," the Rev. **John Twiname** observes, "we can still continue to grow spiritually." Since his resignation from the Green's Farms Congregational Church (Westport, CT) staff, he has been pursuing a project "enlisting the interfaith clergy of Fairfield and Westport-Weston to entice the for-profit, long-term care facilities to employ a full-time spiritual care professional (chaplain). We have helped one top-flight skilled nursing home to employ a mature and very skilled chaplain—the first in Fairfield County." He also obtained a new hip to help conduct a Florida beach wedding ceremony for the oldest of his eight grandlings. Spouse **Carolyn (Anderson) '54** checks in with two knee replacements.

Former Cornell Communication department lecturer **Jane Little** Hardy gives high grades to her former student, NBC Newscaster **Kate Snow '91**, and her interviews of Columbia and UCLA law professor **Kimberle Crenshaw '81** on gender equity. Jane remembers Snow as a four-year straight-A student and wrote her a grad school recommendation to study international relations. She also remembers that the school she contacted was the only one ever to reply with thanks for the input. Jane adds that her son **Ed '79**, MFA '88, who teaches at Brown, had one of his short stories listed under "The Notables" in "Best Short Stories of 2013." **Bill Simon** (Los Angeles, CA) has been a freelance writer after four years in the Navy, following five EE years and a degree. He began "writing hundreds of short films" including a tall ship documentary with Walter Cronkite. He went on to nonfiction books. Best known are Steve Jobs's biography *iCon* and *Ghost in the Wires*, a biography of hacker Kevin Mitnick. Both were *New York Times* best sellers. Worldwide sales of his 30-some books are approaching a million copies. His book on the Mars Rover *Curiosity* is due out in October. And he's starting two new book projects. Two of his screenplays were in circulation this year. Well done, all you aboves.

"In US Federal and State courts," says **Ruth Burns** Cowan (NYC) "justice means punishment." Pleased with a documentary she created on post-apartheid women judges bolstering human rights

in South Africa, she has proceeded to another, on the judges serving the two largest California Indian tribes. "In the tribal courts," she says, "justice means restoring the injured and those who have injured to wellness."

Randy Barker, an Aggie transfer who joined us from Princeton, sums it up thus: "Living in Ithaca. Desk in Warren Hall (as emeritus professor I get free parking, but they don't pay me). Spend three to four months of year in Philippines/Asia." Retired educator **Richard Haner**, MEd '64 (Saratoga Springs, NY) divides his leisure hours among gardening, golf, hunting, parenting, Cape Cod, and Sarasota, FL. What did he see fit to bring to Cornell in the fall of '49? "Car, money, and clothes (pre-electronic era)." If memory serves, freshmen weren't encouraged to have wheels. The statute of limitations must be exhausted. **Klaus Buxbaum** (Whittier, CA) retired from the practice of gastroenterology last year. But when we last looked he was still teaching one day a week at the Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles. He has two granddaughters. He fondly recalls meeting in the "now probably defunct" music room.

Those pigskins should be flying high above the Crescent and the height of red and gold color in time for Homecoming 2014, which is also Trustee/Council Annual Weekend, seasoned by Sesquicentennial observations. The improving Big Red football team meets second-oldest rival Lehigh on October 18 of that weekend, and you'll be hearing more about our traditional annual breaking of bread with our friends from the other classes of our Fifties.

This just in (on St. Patrick's weekend 2014) from **Dave Kopko** (Nantucket, MA): "I have pretty much recovered from a hip fracture in June, which caused me to miss my first reunion ever and spend six weeks in the hospital. Have to walk with a cane, which I try to do jauntily, and of course I had to give up Flamenco dancing. Otherwise, no bad effects to speak of." Glad to say it's still going strong, everyone. **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Every five years I get to write a time-sensitive column in an untimely manner. This is written in April, a full month-plus before reunion, in the month of fools, taxes, showers, and expectations of spring—in other words, a mix-master month. It contains nary a mention of neither our 60th Reunion plans nor a report on how much fun we had in Ithaca, enjoying the Calls' well-laid plans. All that will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. Prognostications not being a learned skill, I shall report on impressions received, not those perceived.

I ended my last column saying I had a news form pop up on my computer screen from **Allan Griff**. Using the Internet vs. USPS to transmit news has been a dream of mine since I started the column those many years ago. It is fast, neat, and sustainable, and saves time, plus I can read computer fonts more accurately than I can handwriting. If there is a question, I just zap a question back—easy. Allan, **Michael Stone**, MD '58, and **Bob Friedman** have e-mailed me for years. My address is on the forms and always at the end of the column. We may be in our ninth decade, but that doesn't mean these old dogs aren't up to learning how to fly in cyberspace. Allan moved to El Cerrito, CA, a couple of years ago, and has no thoughts of leaving the field of plastics with

all its ramifications. He is researching, teaching, singing, and writing prize-winning poetry, with nary a thought of retiring—whatever that truly means. The thought of most of us "withdrawing" is inconceivable. I wish to create a vehicle for your letters, which often contain more than this column can hold. Shall keep trying. Many of the class do inspiring work, which I feel selfish keeping buried in my files.

A note from **Avis Pope Payne** mentions she has retired from Country Max, their family business, and is now enjoying having more family time. Don't know if **George '52** retired also. **Mimi Cohen Levine** was in the process of closing their business when she wrote last October, so perhaps has freed up time for knitting and other more relaxed pursuits. A note from **Fred Jensen** tells of his marriage to Barbara Rothenburger over three years ago, and their trip to Tanzania to visit the territory I love so well. After their tenting experience on the Serengeti, they are ready for a first class cabin on a cruise ship. But Fred, there are no hyenas and elephants on a ship, unless you have a ticket from Noah. **David Ginsberg**, BArch '55, has withdrawn from the world of commerce and is now a student at the Art Student League of New York. A bit of news from **John Eisele** reports that **Tracy Storer** has remarried, and **Bill Potter** has moved to Florida after 50 years in Anchorage. I have been tracking moves for years, but that is the extreme move, without a doubt.

Reorienting her life after 50 years in the high-powered New York scene, **Anita Zicht** Fial now has time to board planes for Israel, Berlin, Cuba, Turkey, and more, much more. If not packing, Anita would love to take classes and learn to play the flute. Your correspondent would love to learn the pipes, but receives no encouragement from friends or neighbors. Michael Stone and his wife are patrons of the Metropolitan Opera in NYC and on the board of the Musica Sacra along with his investigations into minds that commit dastardly crimes. Look for more mention of Michael's work in the months to come. **Rosalyn Roth Treger** is fortunate enough to be able to take courses at Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. at Carnegie Mellon U. She also edits their newsletter. She and **Albert '52** downsized recently from their 1906 Victorian, where they had lived for 43 years, to a condo apartment, giving them more latitude to travel and spend time with family that is spread coast to coast.

Ginnie and **Willard Wheeler** are still enjoying boating and golf in Coral Gables, but have extended their range to Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire by acquiring a home way to the north. That, too, is unique among my tracking data. **Harold Eaton**, who hails from Ithaca originally and enjoyed lettering in 150-lb. football, moved south 20 years ago to Naples, FL, and never looks north. **Sandy Dreier** Kozinn still uses Demarest, NJ, for her point of departure for Israel and other far-flung points to visit her numerous grands and great-grands. All the turmoil in the state of Israel has never deterred her from visiting family. Brave lady. **Lloyd '52** and **Jean Vettel Forstall** met at Cornell 60-plus years ago and now have moved to a retirement community in Olympia Fields, IL, not far from the area they have enjoyed for years. Their family, church, and volunteer activities continue to be very much a part of their lives. They do work for PADS, an organization that serves the homeless among us. I would say a rather ideal life. **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesiejreed@me.com; Class Website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

55 **Herbert Le Fevre** writes, "I used my Hotel school education to make my career selling food service equipment." He adds that he hopes to be with us in June 2015, "God willing!" We'll look for you, Herb. **Dick McKillip** lives in Madison, CT, and winters in Naples, FL. He's turning 80 this year (join the club!) but is "still up and about" and is giving us a "tentative yes" about reunion. Dick remembers the Lambda Chi Alpha house as "an all-around good experience." **Rob Stotz** majored in Engineering Physics at Cornell, but went into computers instead. He says he would definitely recommend a Cornell education to a young person today for its diversity of subjects and students, and he's planning to make reunion, too. Rob keeps busy volunteering, playing senior softball, and working with copper and fused glass. Another '55er we'll hope to see at reunion is **Tom Stafford**, whose favorite course was History of American Civilization. Tom especially enjoyed living in the DTD house in 1953-54 with roommate **Norm Harvey**.

Grace Fox Parsons remembers junior and senior years in Balch with **Marlene Crosier** Carpenter and **Dorothy Conley** Cooper. "It was less formal." In Cincinnati, OH, **John Braun** keeps up with the news from the former Russian Republic. He has been volunteering with their sister city, Kharkiv, in Ukraine, and says, "I fear for the welfare of the citizens now that Russia under Putin has invaded the country." John's planning to return for reunion and adds a request: "Please ensure that we have good weather!" Taking a cue from an old familiar college song, **Bob Leader** writes, "Age has taken more than our beauty; it's taken our golf, tennis, and traveling group." He still travels and plays golf, but with a whole new set of friends. Bob will join us in June 2015 "if the Almighty agrees!" **Veralee Hardenburg** McClain reports that she continued her interest in art history with jobs at Morningside College, Lafayette College, and Muhlenberg College—and has been singing in various groups ever since her four years in the Sage Chapel choir. Vee also says she hopes to get back to Cornell for reunion. **Marcia Willemen** Sutter comments, "Hope to make it to our 60th—but I don't think I'll be able to zip up and down the hills as I did 60 years ago!"

Malcolm Whyte and his wife, Karen, are taking the whole family ("all 15 of us!") for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Africa. He adds, "That'll be the last long, wearying trip for us"—except to visit the polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba, next year. And what's next for the Whytes? "We may get a puppy again! Between visits with our children and grandchildren, we read and snooze." Mal's latest book, *Cottage Classics: Their Makers and the Making*, was published in March and will be available on Amazon. It features illustrators such as Edward Gorey, S. Clay Wilson, and Maxon Crumb. **Allen** and **Kay Brezinsky** have four kids and nine grandchildren, and "all are healthy and doing well." **Ben** and **Ruth Clarke Hawkins** send the same "all well and thriving" report on their family: six kids and 16 grandchildren. "Needless to say," Ruth adds, "we've been more than blessed and are most grateful."

Earle Peterson, DVM '58, has been mentoring the Rutgers lacrosse team for 42 years. He also manages a 1,200-acre nature preserve and SUNY research site near Cooperstown, NY. Earle has great memories of living at Alpha Psi with fellow Vet student **Don Mielke**, DVM '58. **Jim Liedell** says, "I play a lot of tennis, and love it!" Jim spent most of his working life with General Electric, and he's still working diligently in support of

the Cape Wind Project in Nantucket. He especially enjoyed living in Sigma Phi Epsilon with good friends, “leading to lifelong associations and mutual continued interest in Cornell.” Jim says he and **Susan (Baudendistel) ’57** will join us in June 2015. **Dick Stanton**, MBA ’58, who recently had lunch with **John Wolcott**, BME ’57, in Vero Beach, is also hoping to make the trek to Ithaca for our big 60th. He found living at Chi Psi “comfortable and convenient.”

Last April, we received a most interesting report from **Dick Mathewson** in Fullerton, CA: “When a 5.1 quake is about three miles from your home, you don’t have to hear about it on the news—you know it when it happens! What was once a rather inactive fault was declared active—and we have had three to five quakes and 150 aftershocks in the last six days. All this activity is known as a swarm. Having been a beekeeper, I would much rather “hive” a swarm of bees than experience a close-by quake. In the 40 years we have lived here, we have felt quakes higher on the Richter scale, but when you’re sitting close to the epicenter it’s a totally different experience. It’s as if someone has picked up the house off its foundation and dropped it several times. All the old wives’ tales about where to shelter don’t do you much good when you can’t get out of your chair due to the violent shaking.” Undeterred, Dick continues, “We will be at our 60th Reunion, regardless of rain—come hell or high water!” Put it on your calendar now, and let’s make it a truly memorable occasion—for our class and for Cornell. ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 A follow-up: **Carol Solomon** Levine’s book, which was reported on in our last issue, was reviewed in the *New York Times* in March. The book, entitled, *Living in the Land of Limbo* is filled with poems and stories about caregiving from some of the most renowned authors of the past half-century. As journalist Jane Gross reported, “In a society where 50 million people are caring for someone with a chronic or terminal illness, there is no shortage on the subject, from academic papers to memoirs to practical guides. But in this new anthology, the first of its kind, the ‘literature’ is really that.” Carol is the director of the United Hospital Fund’s Families and Health Care Project.

In semi-retirement, **Harvey Hammer** (Morristown, NJ) uses his psychiatric expertise on Morristown Medical Center committees and to continue as a “forensic psychologist” in expert witness work. He is also very involved in gardening activities: including “master gardener” courses, 4H Club, the garden hotline, plant sales, Rutgers U. community activities, and working to establish new gardens at the Cornell Plantations Welcome Center. Harvey and wife Ronnie enjoy visiting their son, Mark, and two daughters, Amy and **Melinda Hammer** Lehman ’89, as well as their six wonderful grandkids. He adds, “I am very proud of Ronnie on the publication of her book, *En Garde: My Battle with Breast Cancer*. I am grateful for her courage and her ability to express her journey in this book . . . and am equally grateful she is alive and well some 18 years later.”

Charles Dorman (Austin, TX) married Ann Moscardini on March 14. “We have known each other for seven years and met through our mutual participation in adult education at our church. Our big honeymoon trip will be in September for

a 12-day cruise visiting ports in Italy, Croatia, Turkey, Greece, and Spain.” He and Ann look forward to joining classmates at our 60th Reunion. **Judy Cimildoro** Jones has retired from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), where she served as commissioner for ten years. She and her husband moved to East Hampton, NY, to be closer to their son and daughter and twin 4-year-old grandsons. **Don Phillips** moved from Charlotte, NC, to Seattle, WA, into a life-care community called Skyline at First Hill, also closer to two of their children. “I have happily reconnected with my fraternity brother and former roommate **Jack Bloxom ’55** (Yakima, WA). He had introduced my wife and me to the fruit business. I have no plans to compete, only consume.”

Fred Sharaf (Bennington, VT), who entertained us in the spring musicals, is enjoying a renaissance of composing. His “Three Settings from *Imitations* by Robert Lowell,” for mezzo-soprano and piano, was recently published. He is working hard to find the right mezzo-soprano and a venue for the performance, as well as working on a string quartet. This news was reported to me by **Roz Grinberg** Aronson (Berkeley, CA), who is accompanying “Dance for PD (Parkinson Disease),” part of an international program initiated by Mark Morris. Roz is retired from editorial work at UC Berkeley. Check out <http://artsfuse.org> for the latest book reviews by **Roberta Karpel** Silman.

Congrats to **Lenny Brotman** Greenstein on becoming a great-grandmother! Emily Hope was born to her oldest grandson. **Nancy Van Valkenburg** Sunshine-Seroff (Rego Park, NY) has both a relatively new grandson, 4-1/2, and a brand new great-grandson, born last March. **Janet Booth** Anderson (Fairport, NY) is involved in her local Cornell Club. She spends summers on Canandaigua Lake and took a recent trip to the fjords in Norway. **Leo Convery** (Edgartown, MA) is involved in commercial real estate on Martha’s Vineyard. Last August, he took his family and grandkids to Provence, France, for two weeks, where they sampled wines and pastries, kayaked a river, and picnicked in small mountain villages.

Private equity money manager **Martin Wilens**, BCE ’57 (Rockville, MD) is raising funds for “small cap” growth companies. He also published *South of Saigon* in 2012 (available on Amazon) and is currently writing “The Team,” about the Cornell 1953-54 Ivy Championship basketball team. **Doug Parker**, LLB ’58 (Ojai, CA) writes a blog of political commentary, RINOcracy.com, and occasionally tutors an ESL student and a fourth grader. **Bob Seraphin**, BEE ’62 (Annandale, VA) writes, “I am still trying to help clients make sense of the US Congress, where I spent a third of my career. I intend to finally and fully retire when I reach 80 in October.” **Pat Brodie** (Concord, MA) is a semi-retired clinical social worker, but continues to see a few clients per week. “I also help with poetry segments in sophomore English classes at the local high school. I still write poetry and take part in poetry workshops.” **Syrell Rogovin** Leahy (Fort Lee, NJ) is also still writing, though she says she hasn’t been published for a while. “In January I became an Arizona citizen. I’ve had a house there for a dozen years, so not much will change. **Tom** and **Marilyn Way Merryweather ’57** are neighbors, along with other Cornellians.”

At long last, **Martha Bentel** Lovell (Roseville, CA) was able to make a trip to the same locales in China where her father spent his early naval service patrolling the Yangtze River. Martha loves living in a retirement community and still

volunteers at Kaiser Hospital. **Suzanne Kalter** DeWitt (Berkeley, CA) works in molecular biology and cancer diagnostics. She also enjoys folk dancing and is involved with Berkeley Hadassah. **James Yates** (Lemoyne, PA) is a practicing plastic surgeon. Among other posts, he is chief of plastic and aesthetic surgery at Holy Spirit Hospital and medical director of Grandview Surgery Center and Laser Center in Camp Hill.

Connections with classmates: I had a delicious dinner at the Ocean Grill restaurant on the West Side of Manhattan hosted by co-correspondent **Stephen Kittenplan** and his wife, Gail. I also get very long-distance calls from **Ellie Schaffer** in Paris, France, who wants to hear about classmates. I attended a birthday party for reunion co-chair **Carole Rapp** Thompson’s husband, Paul. Other classmates there were **Judy Cohen** Lowry and husband George, and **Judy Frankel** Woodfin. **Sam Basch** and wife Linda invited me to their annual Passover Seder. This year we were encouraged to share our thoughts about freedom, a recurring issue in the Exodus.

We are saddened to hear about the passing of **Peter Curtiss** (Sun City, FL) from his wife, Rhoda. Peter worked in Day Hall from 1963 to his retirement in 1995 in the Office of Sponsored Programs doing grants and contract work—mainly for the Physics, Chemistry, and Astronomy departments and the Materials Science Center. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Most, if not all, of us are in our 80th year on the planet, with a great many still active in professional and extracurricular pursuits. **Bill Angell**, citing 1956 intramural football, had a knee replaced recently, but still participates in a one-hour aerobic exercise routine daily. He is active in his son’s diving and collecting business in the Florida Keys. **Jim Rosborough** is in quasi-perpetual training for Olympic distance triathlons, the latest planned for Milwaukee in late summer. **Harvey Lyndaker** exercises regularly and enjoys skiing, in addition to being involved in real estate in Middleport, NY, and vicinity.

Roger Soloway, MD ’61, is full-time at the U. of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). He writes, “I spend much of my time treating prisoners with end-stage liver disease by telemedicine over the eastern two-thirds of Texas to keep them healthy and keep them out of our prison hospital.” Roger was honored in April at the annual UTMB dinner for his outstanding work in this regard. After that, he attended a conference in London, followed by a few jars in the local pubs. **Allan Dunn** remembers bringing his violin to the Hill in 1953, and continues to make good use of it in a recent recital of a number of Beethoven’s works. His orthopedic practice is ongoing, concentrating in regrowth of cartilage in arthritic joints and spinal discs (I’ll bet most of us could use a little help there). **Tom Potter** is actively involved in residential real estate in the Pittsburgh area, but spends winters chasing that little white ball in Indian Wells, CA. He regularly attends a summer retreat in Chautauqua, NY.

In the honors department, **Lee Phillips**, JD ’59, “legendary” attorney in the music field, was lauded in April as the Entertainment Lawyer of the Year at a Beverly Hills dinner. Among the clients he provides with strategic, tactical, and legal advice are Barbra Streisand, Kenny Loggins, Burt Bacharach, Neil Young, Paul Anka, and the Eagles. **Bill Schmidt** continues to pile up the accolades, with three of his wonderful paintings being displayed

in the Athens residence of US Ambassador to Greece, David Pearce. This is the sixth time Bill has been so honored by the State Dept.'s Art in Embassies program. 📧 **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

If it's July, it must be time for CAU on campus. There are a number of classmates who take advantage of the course offerings as well as some time to "tread the Hill once more." Although it's been a work in progress for over a half-century, I'm still trying to improve my golf game, so I enrolled in the Golf Clinic. Hope to see some of you that week.

With summer's outdoor activities going on right now, very few are thinking of hockey, but it's never too early to put a date on your calendar—November 29. That's when Cornell meets Penn State at Madison Square Garden in NYC, and once again **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, is organizing a class dinner before the game. The place is Niles Restaurant, across the street from MSG, and the time is 5 p.m. You can e-mail Judy at JudyLevy@aol.com to let her know if you're interested.

Bill '55 and **Sue Sutton Moyer** get away from the summer heat in Dallas, TX, by enjoying their place on Tucker Pond in New Hampshire. It's also a chance to spend some time with their daughters and grandchildren who live in New England. When in Dallas, Sue sings in the church choir, and takes an arthritis aquatic class at the YMCA. She recently replaced her knee, shoulder, and hip joints: "So I can keep moving." Sounds like a familiar story for our age group. Sue keeps in touch with **Sharon Flynn** and **Mary Neill** Hanna, classmates she met when she came to Cornell with "clothes, phonograph records, and a pillow." **Martha Ballard Lacy** remembers coming to Frosh Camp with shorts, but also recalls that we couldn't wear them on campus, even for tennis class. These days **Martie** and **Dick** enjoy volunteering at their church and in the community of Jamesville, NY.

Mary Alice Rusk Dirks, who graduated from Cornell's Nursing school, is one of the quilters in our class. Along with knitting and colonial dancing, Mary Alice is busy with church activities, where she is promoting construction of a men's quilt to raise funds for a children's center. She also enjoys painting and has entered some of her work for a juried show to exhibit with the local arts group in Midlothian, VA. **Sari Feldman** Zukerman is continuing her volunteer work with the local hospital, condo executive council, and school board. When she leaves her place in Guttenberg, NJ, it's to travel, most recently to Laos and Myanmar. One of Sari's granddaughters is in the Neuroscience PhD program at Weill Cornell.

Sympathies are extended to **Bert Grunert DeVries**, whose husband **John '56**, to whom she has been married for over 50 years, passed away in March. 📧 **Judy Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 We hear from two classmate professors, both still teaching. **Anita Podell** Miller leads a land-use law course at U. of New Mexico full of law and graduate planning students. She retired again from the Albuquerque legal department, this time after two-plus years as assistant DA, to return to private practice in land-use issues. She says, "I'd rather be at the beach," which is the same thing **Ann Gaffey** Coyne wrote from Lincoln, NE. Ann teaches social work at U. of Nebraska and continues her frequent teaching trips to Leon, Nicaragua, for intensive

coursework with 26 students there. On the news form question of what they brought to Cornell as new frosh, both said "Clothes," and that was about it, although Ann also packed a camera and clock radio. Ann would like to hear from **Germain Gibian**, and Anita from **Mona Levin** Kunen.

Carolyn Browne Malkin travels to the Adirondacks for four months a year, coming up from Louisville, KY. She still paints, but retired from jewelry making. She has grandchildren who have graduated from UNC in Wilmington and Chapel Hill, and a son just recently married. She would like to hear from **Gretchen Cuyle** Davis. **Barbara "Bunny" Hartmann** Homan (Bunnyhoman@aol.com) writes, "Doing art—drawing, painting in oil and pastel; Michigan ambassador to the Portrait Society of America." As to why art: "Because it is great fun and I love it!" Another classmate artist, stage lighting expert **Jennifer Tipton** (remember her fascinating demo at our 50th?), sent no news, but a new address in NYC. **Fred Sherman** (scufred@aol.com) enjoyed lunching with Nancy and **Jim Grunzweig '59** and **Bennett '57** and **Ruth Lipson Brown** in Alta Vista, CA, on the occasions of their visits to his sunny southern environs.

Gerald Moress (dgmores@gmail.com) would like to hear from **William Goldstein**. Gerald and his wife, Doris, live in Ketchum, ID. He writes, "I read, exercise, occasionally travel, and have MD appointments ad nauseum for multiple myeloma treatments following a stem cell transplant." He would most like to be doing "healthy traveling, worldwide." Well, we all know of one traveler, worldwide, still in action. Yes, he's back from Yemen in one piece—and relatively healthy as well. **Al Podell** (alpodell@yahoo.com), having survived sword-bearing, horse-riding tribesmen, heads back to Africa this summer and seeks others to join him, writing, "If any classmate has a hankering to see Equatorial Guinea and Cape Verde and the Congo with an experienced African traveler—this will be my 14th trip there—I would love some company. I'll even pay for the hotels. They can send me an e-mail. And I have always brought all my companions back alive. So far." This notice may appear too late to allow joining him, but maybe not if you're quick.

I'm sorry to report that our class has lost two more well known members. **Eileen Funcheon** Linsner succumbed in hospice to her long-fought several diseases just before Christmas. She will be especially remembered for her active and stoic support of her husband, our many-time reunion chairman **Jerry Linsner** ("Jer, you got enough ice, right?" and other caring questions), and also for her annual info-packed letters about family and her beloved Chi Gams. She leaves two children and four grandchildren, all living in the Buffalo area, and, as Jerry said in a recent phone call, all are of great support to him.

Another Jack has died, following **Jack Meakem**, MBA '61's death last fall. **Jack Weaver** lost his battle to a vicious bile-duct cancer in December. This fine classmate of ours had many talents, a few of which included his chemical engineering and business expertise; his music, always his music—piano (Glee Club accompanist, Phi Psi party songs, "banging away on the piano," as **Jim Harper** reminds us) and singing in local choruses and other charitable works involving music; dean of Esperanza College (a branch of Eastern U.) after retirement; and on and on. His wife, Linda, says that she and their surviving daughter, **Sonya '89**, are getting along OK, but miss him greatly. **Dick Eales** wrote, "It was great to have Jack as a fellow Chemical Engineer. He was intelligent and

a serious-minded engineer, but he had mastered the art of relieving study stress by having a really good time on Saturday. Yet he was ready to hit the books for eight hours on Sunday. With a third classmate, Jack and I worked together on our big fifth-year Engineering project. Nancy (my wife) and I were dating quite seriously at that time, so she sat in on many of our project meetings and typed the final paper. The project was fun, but an engineering fiasco (providing a story I have told many times over the years). The Chemical Engineering school shook its collective head and gave us a passing grade anyway."

We will miss both Eileen and Jack, and extend our sympathies to both families on their, and our, loss. 📧 **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Janet Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 "Two decades ago, **Stephen Friedman** navigated challenging markets as the head of Goldman Sachs. These days, he can be seen traversing a fantastical realm populated by bloodthirsty warriors and screeching dragons." So wrote William Alden in the *New York Times*, describing Steve's brief appearance in the Season 4 premiere of the HBO series "Game of Thrones." Steve and his wife, **Barbara (Benioff)**, "dressed in peasant robes," walk down a dirt path . . . and are gone. Alden points out that the cameo might not be a surprise to die-hard fans of the series; the Friedmans' son, David Benioff, is a creator of the show. David changed his surname in his late 30s to his mother's maiden name because he didn't wish to be known as yet another David Friedman in Hollywood. In addition to credits as a screenwriter and television producer, David is the author of *The 25th Hour*, *When the Nines Roll Over (And Other Stories)*, and *City of Thieves*.

Congratulations and best wishes to the most recent recipient of the Class of '59 scholarship, **Shamari Simpson '14**. The next stop on her career path is the Washington U. School of Law in St. Louis, MO, where she plans to concentrate on intellectual property law, with a focus in contracts, copyrights, and trademarks. Selection of our next scholarship recipient will take place in the fall. As of February, the scholarship fund had a value of more than \$323,000, meaning there will be more than \$14,000 available for awarding to a student or students. You can help the fund grow even further by earmarking your donations to Cornell.

"What I'd rather be doing now" is well known to those of you who send in the class news form. One of the best answers comes from **Charles "Walt" Stewart**: "Matriculating to Cornell." A sentiment not foreign to many of us! Meanwhile, Walt keeps busy reading, exercising, handling seasonal chores, and hunting with hounds. Exercise also is on **Pat Williams**'s agenda, together with volunteering in Ithaca at Northeast Elementary School and at Kendal, where she lives. She also travels—to Machu Picchu and the Galápagos last year; Spain this year. **Dave Portman**, BArch '60, took his entire family—"all 15 of us"—to Israel for an 11-day private tour over Christmas vacation to celebrate his 75th birthday. "It was an absolutely unique and unforgettable experience," he writes. "Among other places, we went to Tel Aviv/Jaffa, Caesarea, Acco, Rosh Hanikra, Tiberias, Safed, Golan Heights, Jerusalem, Masada, Dead Sea, Mitzpe Ramon, Eilat, and, in Jordan, Petra. One of the special highlights was a private visit to an active army outpost on the Lebanese border. What brave people!"

Charlie '55, **BS Hotel '58**, and **Phyllis Corwin Rogers** were in Austria this spring, visiting their son **Chuck '80**, PhD '87, and his wife, **Mary Sue Pandl Rogers '80**, who were living in Vienna for the school year on sabbatical from the U. of Colorado, where Chuck is a research physicist. ("They chose to be in Austria because their daughter Katie married an Austrian and now lives in Vienna," writes Phyllis.) The families also visited Prague and Budapest: "We had two weeks of being together, and the memories are so special." Back home in Santa Rosa, CA, Phyllis is a "Lion with several hats." She is the secretary of the Redwood Lions Memorial Foundation, which owns 17 acres with a blind center operated by the Earle Baum Center of the Blind. In addition, she is moving up through the Lions clubs in California and will be 1st Vice District Governor of District 4-C2, with 56 clubs located north of San Francisco up to the Oregon border, from the Pacific Ocean to Interstate I-5. Among her responsibilities is to visit all the clubs during her year as 1st VDG and then again as district governor.

Al Stratta—soccer player extraordinaire while on the Hill—has retired from academia after 13 years at Methodist U. in Fayetteville, NC, where he was executive in residence at the Reeves School of Business, educating students on result and club management. He is moving to Las Vegas to be near two of his sons. Dentist **Jerry Hirsch** has finally laid down his scalpel and drill, but keeps busy with gardening. He received his Master Gardener and Beekeeping certificates from Rutgers in 2008 and became involved with the Branchburg, NJ, community garden where he "farms" a 10x20 plot of land, specializing in vegetables and medicinal herbs. "The garden is a never-ending study of nature, and its wonders keep my mind alive," he notes. "For example, it enables me to study interactions between garden plants and fungi. I do not roto-till for fear of upsetting an established relationship developed over the past three years. Instead, I risk carpel tunnel syndrome by hand-weeding. Life has its trade-offs." Jerry also writes a weekly online garden column and coordinates food distribution to a local food kitchen. And he's putting the finishing touches on his book about gardening, tentatively titled "Community Garden: A Foundation for Living." Our class column in the next issue will focus on our 55th Reunion. Meanwhile, be sure to send me your news! ☐ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 **Joseph and Pauline Sutta Degenfelder '61**, of Shaker Heights, OH, have enriched the cultural offerings at Cornell by co-founding and contributing exhibition material to the new China Center in Sage Hall, the renovated home of the Johnson School, whose dean emeritus Joseph Thomas was also involved in the creation of the Center. At its grand opening in November 2013, the Center featured items from the Degenfelders' Chinese collection, including antique jade carvings and colorful scrolls acquired during visits the couple made to China. When asked about his connection to the country, Joseph says, "Our older son, **Eric '86**, was an executive for DuPont Performance Coatings based in Shanghai starting in 2007; we made trips in 2008, 2010, and 2011." He adds that **Jim**, MST '65, and **Lois Lundberg Carter** also provided items to the Center's premier exhibition, including photographs and antique coins they purchased during their 1991 trip along the Silk Road.

Faith Jackson sent word from her new address in Altadena, CA: "I just retired from 40 years of working at Kaiser Permanente in the San Fernando Valley, mostly in medical social work. I was involved in the administration of long-term care and recently directed hospice volunteers and chaplains. I'm now writing some poetry, volunteering in areas related to my professional work, trying to find myself with the cello again, and reading. Getting used to letting multi-tasking rest easy."

‘I have always brought all my companions back alive. So far.’

Al Podell '58

Faith, who began at Cornell in pre-Vet studies, adds that she has "a good housesitting practice, which satisfies that old veterinarian instinct," and allows her to do "resident pet therapy." She enjoys being in touch with old Cornell friends, time spent with her daughter and son-in-law and two grandsons in Santa Cruz, and the many pleasures of living in Southern California.

After a decade as a senior planner at an architecture and planning firm in Boston, in which he found himself increasingly engrossed by those aspects of urban planning that come under the heading of "civic engagement," **Ron Mallis** reports that he has begun a new enterprise focused on art in Greater Boston's public places. Describing himself as a "public arts advocate," Ron has been organizing roundtables and workshops on topics such as the role of art in improving the community life of neighborhoods and in furthering Boston's efforts at technological innovation. More on his advocacy efforts can be found on the website www.Bostonapp.org.

Carolyn Huntoon Russell (carolyn.russell@charter.net) writes from Whitmore Lake, MI: "At last I've joined many other classmates and retired from my 'pre-retirement fun job' running a senior program at the US Environmental Protection Agency. Time for travel at last (Jamaica, Switzerland) and more time for skiing (Missouri, Colorado) and boating on the small Michigan lake where I live. Love company, so if you're headed my way, let me know." Also fully retired, **Ron Obermeyer**, MS '62, reports, "I'm spending my time volunteering, playing golf, and visiting my three children and six grandchildren in Colorado Springs, Omaha, and Sacramento. I also make it back to Cornell at least once a year to serve as VP of my fraternity alumni board."

Jim and Gail Taylor Hodges of Lake Forest, IL, seem very much these days to be in the not-retired category, with Jim now serving as CEO of Hodges Financial Solutions, specializing in corporate finance. Gail, who also serves as our class historian, is development director of Family Service in Highland Park, IL, a social service agency focused on counseling for all ages, senior and caregiver services, and Latino educational and support services. Her work involves raising about \$1 million a year for the agency and developing all public relations material. **Barbara Baillet Moran** writes from Greensboro, NC, that she and Bill celebrated their 50th anniversary with grandchildren. "I also celebrated the success of two knee-replacement surgeries and my re-found ability to walk!" **Susan**

Wood Brewer and her husband, **Don '59**, are residents of Chapel Hill, NC, where they have now lived in a retirement community for over a year. Susan notes, "There are several Cornellians here, but most surprising was to find someone from my freshman dorm, **Mary-Jo Sliney Doherty**. I had not seen her in over 50 years, but remembered her!"

Estelle Gittleman Weiss, whose move from Jackson to Tinton Falls, NJ, was noted in my January column, is now in San Antonio, TX. And

Robert Baime, JD '62, previously of Kittery Point, ME, is now in Sarasota, FL. Keep news coming my way! ☐ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu

61 Many classmates sent in new addresses. **Lassie Tischler Eicher** and husband **Mike '60** are now in Scottsdale, AZ; **William Keltz** (billkeltz@verizon.net) is in West Chester, PA; **Judith Friedman Brandeis** (mommabran@aol.com) and husband **Peter** have also relocated to Scottsdale; and **Bob Herdt**, MS '63, is now living in "a great retirement village in Connecticut." **Dave Waks** and wife Sandy are now "full-time residents of Sanibel Island, FL." **Stephanie Rehnberg Murray** and husband Doug live in North Stonington, CT, and travel to Montana "to spend time at Greycliffs Lodge (which we own), mingling with guests and enjoying the beautiful scenery."

David and **Miriam Adam Swanson** (mwsanson@hawaiiintel.net) live in Kihei, HI. **Nelson Spencer** (spenshaw@aol.com), married to Brenda, is still in the property investment business in Dallas. **Louis Jagerman** (Bellingham, WA) has written a new book, *Quantum Mechanics That Makes Sense: Demystifying the Mysteries*, which is written for the amateur scientist. **Judith Locker Adelson** (jaadel@verizon.net) is making and selling jewelry. "Started accidentally about ten years ago and have become passionate. I work with gold, semi-precious stones, and ancient beads, mostly Southeast Asian."

Edwards "Pete" O'Boyle (Snellville, GA; ecojan@juno.com) is enjoying retirement with his wife, Janet. **Ed Robbins** (e.robbs@frontier.com) lives with wife Dian in Hebron, IL, and will be retired by the time you read this. **Judy Rensin Mandell** (judy804@aol.com) is on the Cornell Council and does freelance writing. She and husband **Jerry '58**, MD '62, are in North Garden, VA. **William Magee** and wife Jeanette are in Cazenovia, NY. William writes, "I'm in my 23rd year as a member of the NYS Assembly and am also an auctioneer." **Wilnot "Bill" Carter** (bgolfer1448@aol.com) lives with wife Sherry in Dewey, AZ. "I am director of missions at the First Southern Baptist Church of Prescott Valley, AZ. We serve the Navajo Indian Mission in Klagetoh, Navajo Nation." **Bradley Griffin** and wife Nita Ostrander are in Groton, NY. Bradley is retired and enjoying doing the typical retirement pursuits, as well as "presentations on historical subjects."

Robert Gambino (rbgambino@snet.net) writes, "I'm working with our residents' association solving local land use issues and developing a neat niche business eradicating Phragmites—the invasive weed taking over our wetlands." He enclosed a business card describing his weed control business. **Catherine Graeffe** Burke is in San Gabriel, CA. At USC, she's "working on a research project on automated transportation networks (ATNs). The project could lead to cost effective, safe, and very low polluting transportation in urban and suburban areas. I'd like to improve the environment for present and future generations."

Deanna Palmer Kaplan, MEd '62 (deefkaplan@gmail.com) is active with Cornell interviews and is on the local alumni board in Eatontown, NJ. **Robert Stampler** (stamperr@vision.ucsf.edu) is at UCSF "developing methods for finding and treating glaucoma in developing countries—preventing world blindness." He and his wife, Naomi, live in San Francisco. **May Lee** Ling and husband Chung-Li reside in Laguna Woods, CA. May does translation from English to Chinese for the Saddleback Hong Kong campus, which was launched in October 2013. **Steven** (steven.stein@dentons.com) and **Susan Volpert Stein '62** are in Greenwich, CT. Steven writes, "I am counsel to Dentons (an international law firm) in the NYC office, coordinating lawyers in Dentons' offices in the US, UK, France, Turkey, and China on common global strategy for a technology client."

James, DVM '62, and **Brenda Young Crawford** (helivet@aol.com) are enjoying family and traveling. They are in touch with the veterinary community of Cornell. Brenda had a fun three days in Philadelphia with **Mary Ellen**

Zolper Cummings, BFA '61, **Barb Hasenzahl** Eckelmeyer, **Ellie Stanford** Erskine, **Joan Ware** Mead, BArch '65, **Mary Ann Roda** Horan, **Nancy Ricksecker** Renckens, and **Pat Kelly** Poggi '63. **Charles** (charlie1939@hotmail.com) and **Ruth Ann Seefeldt McChesney** live in Mars, PA. Charles is a church volunteer and does artwork and content for Pittsburgh Concert Chorales: "four program books, the season brochure, and four reminder post-cards, and I attend board meetings as a member. I row two or three times a week with the Chautauqua Lake Rowing Association, raced in Cleveland, and ski in the winter at Seven Springs in the Laurel Mountains of Pennsylvania." **George Sarkus** (gsarkus@twcny-rr.com) writes from Bridgeport, NY. He and wife Lynn "have traveled extensively in the past, but are focusing on the North American continent by motor home this year." He also spends time with children and grandchildren, as we all do these days. He's adds that he's "glad to have time for adventure or to be helpful."

Preston (pwshimer@comcast.net) and **Annette Gates Shimer '62** live in Pittsburgh, PA. He writes, "I am a community activist working for progressive government, gun safety, environmental protection, and individual rights. Finishing up a 12-year stint as the administrator of a professional foundation serving the information management community. Advancing the profession of information management is important to me." **Gail Kweller Ripans** (Atlanta, GA; ripans@mindspring.com) is teaching international relations at Senior U. in Mercer. She and husband **Allan '55** are enjoying being grandparents and traveling to be with

family. They were looking forward to a February cruise to Honduras. I've almost used all the news I had, so keep us informed as usual. **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 Save the date! Our 55th Reunion is coming up in 2017—June 8-11.

New York architect **John L. Sullivan III**, BArch '63, and Pei Cobb Freed & Partners have received a 2014 Design Award from the American Inst. of Architects New York Chapter (AIANY) for the new wing at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art. John also worked on the original museum project for Cornell in 1973, designed by architect I.M. Pei. In all, AIANY conferred 35 honor and merit awards this year for architecture, interiors, projects, and urban design. The winning projects were exhibited from April to June at the Center for Architecture in NYC.

"I am still volunteering most of my time to bird-related activities such as teaching the annual Sound Recording workshop for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, teaching a series of six Birding by Ear classes for New Jersey Audubon, and leading bird walks for the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and the Somerset Hills Memorial Park," writes **Randy Little** (rsl@att.net). Randy and wife JoAnn's daughter **Diane Little** Sassano '88 returned to the Hill for her 25th and brought her older daughter, Victoria (ChemE '19 perhaps?), for a campus visit in February. Diane returned again in June with her sister, **Karen Little '89**, for Karen's

25th Reunion. "Both Diane and Karen now live close to us in north-central New Jersey, so family activities are being enjoyed much more regularly than when they each lived in opposite neighboring states. JoAnn and I are enthralled at the precision of granddaughter Tori's high school color guard during fall football games, and at the impressive sound of their orchestra, where she is associate principal violinist. Children and grandchildren are doing us proud!"

While visiting Seattle for their granddaughter Sadie's 9th birthday, **Phil**, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler '65** (mphand@comcast.net) stopped by for a visit. They are still making videos and have discovered the joys of cruising. They have also enjoyed the several webcams available through the Lab of Ornithology. Try http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/channel/16/Red-tailed_Hawks/ for a treat. **Leonard Goodisman** (Bothell, WA; leonardgoodisman@yahoo.com) is a playwright. "Most recently, my full-length *Checkoff In The Sun* was produced at the Eclectic Theater in Seattle for 19 shows. Coming up is a one act entitled *Top Secret*, with more to come." Leonard expects to write and produce more plays, mostly in New York and Seattle. Indianola, WA, is home to **Stephen Wald**, PhD '66 (stephenawald@hotmail.com), who is fundraising full-time as chief advocate for UW Medicine Center's new Center for Interstitial Lung Disease. Stephen and his wife write, "We abandoned Seattle last winter to our homes in Palm Springs, CA; they can be rented through VRBO #430408." His least favorite thing about his life right now is male pattern baldness.

From **John Lowrie** (jmlowrie@comcast.net): "Since our wonderful 50th Reunion, my life very much resembles that of a person who enjoyed a great career and is now readjusting to the life of someone in his 70s. **Phyllis (Blair) '64** and I sold our 'big house' in Richmond and downsized to a slightly smaller house outside of Richmond. It is a classic empty-nester house with everything we need on one floor, which we can close up when we go south to our Florida home. Unfortunately, Phyllis was diagnosed with bone cancer last year and is fighting a real battle. Modern medicine is keeping her going, but we understand that 'getting old ain't for sissies.' What is most interesting about the past few years is to see how we and many of our friends downplay our past lives and careers and are much more focused on family, church, charities, current friends, the status of our country, etc. It is great to see or hear from old friends, and to seriously appreciate how much our Cornell background benefitted us."

Bill and **Frankie Campbell Tutt** (wbttutt@comcast.net and ftutt@comcast.net), friends from the Class of '63, travel from their home in Colorado Springs, CO. Last year it was to Sicily, "because life still goes slowly and the food is fabulous," and to Puerto Vallarta, Patagonia, and Alaska. Visiting son Ben and his family in Santa Fe is a frequent jaunt. Frankie is closing her travel business and has been rebuilding a condo building in Vail. Music occupies much of **Don** and **Carol Juran's** time (drj5@cornell.edu). Don sings with three groups, plus occasional pro gigs. "Son Adam sent along a link to MuseScore (music writing software), Josh got it working on our aging iMac," and Don is composing again. He completed his first commissioned work, performed in May, a song on a late Renaissance text (lovesick maiden variety), and is now setting three Lewis Carroll poems for chorus. Last August, he began YouTubeing the Bach cantatas in numerical order. As of this writing: "202 down, about a dozen to go." The Jurans traveled from their Rockville, MD, home to New York, where Don sang with the City Choir of Washington in *Defiant Requiem* at Lincoln Center. In May, TCCW will again perform *Defiant Requiem* at Strathmore Arts Center in Bethesda, MD. Next season Don will be commissioner of a softball league for men 55 and up. (At 73, he says, "I'll be too old to play with those guys.") Don still power-walks, plays pickup volleyball, and takes Ping-Pong lessons, playing in the occasional local tournament.

And what are you doing these days? Let us know. **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Many of you received an April 1 e-mail letter from our class president, **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70. He mentioned that our webmaster, **Paula Trested** Laholt, has our Class of 1963 website operational and loaded with pictures from Reunion. Access it through: <http://classof1963reunion2013.shutterfly.com>. The password is: EZRA1963.

At the class meeting at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in January, the officers talked about activities that the class could sponsor that would provide contact among classmates and other Cornellians. Ideas included trips, cruises, local gatherings, and lectures from faculty we knew. Joe would love to hear from anyone who has ideas. E-mail him at jstregack@aol.com.

Mary Lou Moore West, MS '65, sent a great photo of husband **Roger '60**, PhD '65, with **Mike**

‘30 bands on board for eight days!’

Robert Freeman '65

Jaffe and Dick '61, MBA '63, and **Sara Hart Olson**, who were enjoying an evening at the Round Towners ballroom dancing club in Montclair, NJ. Sorry we can't print photos in the Class Notes. Mary Lou is enjoying retirement. "I visit my two granddaughters and am doing astronomy enrichment visits to elementary schools, community groups, and astronomy clubs." **Joe Brennan** writes that the Cornell Fiji Class of '63 reunion is scheduled for October 3-5 at his house in Belmont, CA (on the San Francisco Peninsula). He expects that at least 30 Fijis and their partners will attend. Other classes are welcome, as usual. Please send your correspondence to: jab296@gmail.com.

Hal Spitzer, BArch '66, lives with his partner, Thomas Martin, in Hamden, CT. When asked what he would rather be doing now, he states, "Nothing. I like everything I am doing and am actually overbooked. I plan on cutting back on some of the activities in the coming year." Hal just finished his six-year term as board chair of the Professional Children's School in New York City. He is vice chair of Mary Wade Home (a senior citizen home) and Homehaven, which helps to keep seniors in their homes as long as possible. Hal also maintains his architectural practice. Tom and Hal like to travel and spent three weeks in Scandinavia and Amsterdam last summer. Hal also reads and takes drawing courses, so it is easy to see that he has very little spare time.

Whinfield, ME '68, and **Joan Melville** are still in Pittsford, NY. He reports, "I work as design center manager for Intrinsix—we develop custom integrated circuits. Went scuba diving with son **Jeff '09**, ME '10, at Grand Cayman Island. I am still working—paying off college loans and contributing to God's work." He would like to hear from **Raymond "Bunky" Weil**. We received the news that classmate **Tom Begner** died from complications of congestive heart failure on March 5. He died at home with his family and his puppy around him. Turkey Mountain Traders will continue being run by his son, **Steve '91**, and his wife, Diana.

Jennifer Patai Schneider lives in Tucson, AZ, and has three educational missions that keep her busy. First, she teaches physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and dentists about the appropriate prescribing of opioids (narcotics). Second, she writes, "I continue to be very active in moderating and participating in an e-mail support, information, and advocacy group for people who (like myself, now 12 years past) incurred a spontaneous femur fracture after years of taking Fosamax." Her third mission involves the death ten years ago of her daughter Jessica to colon cancer. "I'm still active in trying to publicize the need to keep track of egg donors and do follow-up on them to determine what the long-term risks are." Jennifer has co-authored two books, which I will write about in the next column.

Please keep me posted—by e-mail or news form—as to what is happening in your lives. As Joe mentioned in his e-mail to all classmates, please consider paying your dues, and while doing that, write to me! Thanks to everyone who sent an update from our most recent class mailing—they will appear in future columns. ☐ **Nancy Biers** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 This is the first column since our 50th Reunion, and, yes, I know you're all anxious for news from the Big Event. But you'll have to wait until

the Sept/Oct issue for that, because I'm writing this column in mid-April, and the deadline's next week, so . . . In the meantime, here's other news—beginning with three classmates who have never appeared in the column before!

For the last two years, **Henry Schiffman** has been developing a technical consumer product to prevent cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases caused by air pollution. He plans to market the product in China, notorious for its air pollution, and is seeking \$1 million to manufacture his product for a major Chinese retailer. He's looking to launch the invention in Shanghai this October. Henry, who lives in Reston, VA, otherwise consults on law reform for IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and other international development organizations. He and his wife enjoy skiing in Colorado and were in Boulder last month for the marriage of their son.

James Maresh (jimarish@gmail.com) started out raising money for Cornell, became a renowned philatelist (and once a dealer/trader of rare postage stamps for 22 years), spent 18 years as a substitute teacher and tutor, and is now teaching a computer class for beginner seniors. Jim is looking forward to traveling the world as he once did—apparently beginning, he writes, with visits to his children and grandchildren. He is looking to hear from Sigma Phi from the initiation class of '61. Nearby, **Robert Goldberg**, MS '66, director of psychology training at the Cleveland V.A. Medical Center and an adjunct professor at three universities, has been awarded Fellow status in the American Psychological Association. Wife **Cynthia (Haber) '65** performs independent social work and professional clinical counseling in northeast Ohio. Considering Robert's profession, I have to smile at the name of the town where they live: Chagrin Falls, OH.

William Viel is a nearly never in this column; he was cited as a "mentioned by" 19 years ago. Living in Doylestown, PA, he retired as VP of international development for BASF, and currently is a full-time lecturer in the business department of Delaware Valley College. "I enjoy working with the students and keeping my brain working." William's avocation is interesting: he makes and markets rustic canes and walking sticks—inspired, he writes, from losing eight huge trees over the past two years. "If anyone needs one (meaning a cane or walking stick, not a huge tree), let me know."

Harley Brown, last in this column 26 years ago, is active in two related topics: music; and a renowned source of great music, Italy. Harley, who lives in Bangor, PA, sings in two men's choruses, the Bangor Elks and Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus. He's also busy learning Italian because his partner is Italian and they visit Italy frequently. Harley otherwise is active in the Lehigh Valley Humanists, which he helped found, and caring for his large vegetable garden. **Linda Traub** Brittan is also active in music; she's on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and is a member of the L.A. Opera Board. Linda, who lives in Beverly Hills, CA, with husband Maynard, also breeds and shows Saddlebred horses, and enjoys her grandchildren and travel with her family. **Jane Rothman**, last in this column in 1991, retired eight years ago after contracting GBS, a little-known autoimmune disease. She's recovered from that, but still has a paralyzed left hand. Jane writes that her legs are recovered and strong, so she and her husband go bush- and snow-walking, ". . . and love it." They live in New South Wales, Australia, in a location

she loves—just two blocks from the beach. Their son moved back to the US recently, and Jane plans to visit him in NYC this autumn.

Danny Schechter still lives in NYC, where he's an independent TV and film producer and author. His latest book is *Madiba A to Z: The Many Faces of Nelson Mandela*. Danny's done several films about Mandela and has a major production about him in process. Since 2000, he has edited [Mediachannel.org](http://mediachannel.org), and also has a blog at newsdissector.net. He writes, "I like that I am free to pursue projects that are meaningful, like fighting for another memorial at Cornell for the three slain civil rights workers, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and **Mickey Schwerner '61**. As you age, you realize how uncertain life can be and hope for health and happiness."

Michael Goldstein writes that the Dow Lohnes law firm, in which he headed up a higher education practice since he created the specialty in 1978, merged with Cooley LLP, a much larger international firm, last January. Fortunately, his entire practice group, from lawyers to PhD experts to support staff, was transferred to the new entity intact. Michael writes, "Given the very challenging upheavals in higher education in the US and throughout the world, this is a very exciting opportunity." For the next several years, he'll focus on building out his practice on a global basis. Of all this, Michael adds, "I could use a couple of extra days in the week." He and wife Jinny live in Washington, DC, not far from their recently wed son.

Enough for now. Please keep the news coming, either via e-mail, regular mail, or our class website (www.cornell1964.org). Plus, you can visit and post at our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 The annual luncheon in Fort Myers, FL, that **Judy Rushmore** organizes was again a marvelous event shared by over a dozen classmates this past March. Those present included Judy and **George Arangio**, MD '69 (who sent news himself in early April saying how much he is enjoying Cornell classmates in Venice, FL), **Frank and Carol Gibbs Stover**, **Lew Stevens**, **Joe Ryan**, **Sharon Hegarty** Williams, **Faye Thomas** Bakhru, MAT '66, **Neena Martin** Lurvey, **Joe and Kathy Schneider**, **Dave Bridgeman**, and your correspondent. Many are travelers, and we enjoyed sharing stories of the adventures we have encountered.

The funding of our class project, the Gateway Arch to the A.D White Gardens, is almost complete. We've had a warm response from many classmates and have nearly reached the \$50,000 goal needed before work can start. Please go to our class website to see the rendering of this impressive gate, which will have our class year integrated into the design. We welcome all those who have yet to donate to please consider a gift. Every gift counts and it is a special joy to know that nearly all of our classmates have made a contribution. We'll dedicate the arch during our reunion in June 2015. Please make sure YOU are coming!

Classmate **Carl Weisbrod**, who earned his JD from NYU in 1968, was in the news in February when NYC mayor Bill de Blasio appointed him the new chair of the City Planning Commission. Carl has served the city government in various capacities during four other mayoral administrations,

including his work as an anti-poverty lawyer, leading the effort to revitalize Times Square, serving as executive director of the NYC Dept. of City Planning, as founding president of the NYC Economic Development Corp., and as director of the Trust for Governor's Island and the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. According to the *New York Times*, Mayor de Blasio said Carl would be taking a novel approach, one that looks beyond aesthetics to use the planning process to create housing and jobs and to help solve a "crisis of affordability." Congratulations, Carl!

Robert Freeman, BA '66 (rfreeman@intergate.com) is in Portland, OR, and continues as principal of Robert Freeman Architecture. He is enjoying some occasional free time and looks forward to more traveling and dancing, productive work, and maintaining good health in the future. Two grandchildren live happily in Colorado Springs, and his son is off to Malawi. Robert adds, "I spend a lot of time listening and dancing to live blues bands. Recently returned from the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise—30 bands on board for eight days." **Elliot Pollard** (Great Neck, NY; ERPLawman@aol.com), a partner at the NYC law firm Hoffman Pollard & Furman PLLC, is looking forward to the 50th Reunion in 2015! He adds that three of his five children are married, and that he and his wife are the proud grandparents of two beautiful granddaughters. **Raphael Nevins** has a new address in Albuquerque, NM, and a grandchild who lives in Rio. "Every day is special," he writes. Raphael is president of the governing board of Health Sciences Academy, a charter school in Santa Teresa, NM.

Looking forward to hearing from various classmates around the country and the world in the months ahead. Please send your news! **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanhpj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

66 Thank goodness we're now enjoying spring weather. Winter was a bear . . . and I don't mean a Big Red Bear! Weren't Ithaca springs terrific, as we recovered from the long winter? Of course, we were also preparing for finals, and figuring out what we were going to do over the summer!

Gerald Gitner and his sons, **Daniel '92** and Seth, have created an endowed prize for teaching assistants in honor of one of our class correspondents, **Deanne Gebell Gitner**. The Deanne Gebell Gitner '66 and Family Annual Prize is for teaching assistants in the College of Arts and Sciences. The award has first preference for teaching assistants in the departments of English (Deanne's major at Cornell) and History (her son Daniel's major at Cornell). This award appreciates and recognizes the talented graduate students who teach in the Arts college. And here seems an overdue but perfect moment to thank Deanne for sharing her "English major" writing talent with all of us through her wonderful '66 class columns, keeping all of us connected with one another.

Roy Troxel (roytroxel@gmail.com) writes that he and his wife, Jean, are comfortably settled in Taos, NM. Roy writes, "The town, which was once the home of D.H. Lawrence and Dennis Hopper, is situated on a desert plateau, about 90 minutes north of Santa Fe. The beautiful desert and mountain scenery provide excellent opportunities for photography. There are numerous art galleries here as well, and the restaurants serve great Southwest food, along with some fine margaritas." Taos also

has the clearest night skies of almost anywhere in the country, and Roy can often be found in the backyard at the telescope, observing distant galaxies. Jean, a retired nurse, is learning to master Southwestern cooking and intends to volunteer at the local animal shelter after completing her landscape project.

John Duggar (j.duggar@yahoo.com) wrote that last May he experienced cardiopulmonary arrest while scuba diving in the whale shark tank at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. "I was revived by CPR and sent to Emory Hospital, where I had a quadruple bypass operation—thanks to a team of brilliant heart surgeons. It has taken me over six months to recover, thanks to my saintly, caregiving wife, Cate. These events are more than a little ironic, given that I've been scuba diving since I was 14 years old, and I was an officer in the Navy's SEAL Team—so I've had the opportunity to dive in all conditions all around the world, including some combat diving. Anyway, blame genetics and not the whale sharks, which are the largest fish in the sea and are gorgeous, powerful creatures."

Stan Kochanoff (environ@eastlink.ca) writes from Falmouth, Nova Scotia, that he is running two related companies: Environova Planning Group Inc. and Maritime Landscape Services Ltd. He and his wife, **Peggy (Lavery) '65**, are still active with their Cornell cohorts. He went to Sochi, Russia, for seven weeks as an international volunteer at the 2014 Winter Olympics, one of 130 Canadians. He worked mostly with young university-age Russians, and learned some Russian. He wrote, "My Russian workforce mates were a great bunch and made me feel very much at home for an old guy (for most of them, I was 50 years their senior)." This was his second Olympics because he volunteered in Vancouver in 2010. In response to the news form question about what we brought to Cornell as freshmen, Stan wrote, "A '54 Dodge, with the gearshift mounted on the dash. In it, a load of my Canadian hockey buddies."

Michael W.N. Chiu (mwnchiu@yahoo.com) wrote that he spends most of his time working, but plays tennis on weekends. He travels a lot for business, but also for leisure. He's still traveling on business to Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bali, where he is active with development, construction, and management of boutique hotels. When he arrived at Cornell, he brought "suitcases of clothes and belongings, as a foreign student. No computers or iPads then. I did bring a portable typewriter." **Marion Krause Benedict** (dbenedic@comcast.net) spends her time with church activities, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, and visiting her grandchildren and her 97-year-old mother-in-law in an adult care facility. She's learning to Skype with family who live far away. She's also recovering from knee surgery and remembering a Viking river cruise to France, with a side trip to Highclere Castle in Oxford, England (where "Downton Abbey" is filmed). She wishes she had more time for downhill skiing, as her husband, **Dale '62**, volunteers on ski patrols—for the 50th year!

Kathleen Earle Fox (Kathleen@swfox.com) writes, "I am now a full-time artist, after years of teaching college and doing research for the National Indian Child Welfare Association in Portland, OR. My annual art show will be August 22-24, 2014 at the Ocean View Grange in Tenants Harbor, ME." When she arrived at Cornell, Kathleen writes that she was "incredibly naive—today's youth are quite sophisticated. I transferred out of Cornell and have regretted it all of my life since." **John Deasy**, BS Ag '71, MPS '72 (deasyjr@aol.com) writes, "I still

fly my old Beechcraft Bonanza and spend summers at my camp in the Adirondacks. I continue to serve as president of the USS *Ticonderoga* (CVA-14 and CG-47) Veterans Association. I was asked and, being retired, could not think of a good reason to say 'no!' What did he bring to Cornell his freshman year? "Coffee cup heating elements." John would like to hear from **Robbie Wood**. **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 **Robert Greig** (rgreig@cgsh.com) is living and working in Paris, France. "I am senior counsel in the Paris office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, whose practice is in public international law, mostly representing sovereigns in treaty disputes." **Tracy Maxwell** (Hobe Sound, FL; tmax@flightline.com) is still flying for Delta Airlines as a purser. "I recently became certified as a yoga instructor and went to Myanmar in November and a yoga retreat in Nepal in March. I like traveling to exotic places and volunteering in my community and am sorry I don't have my wonderful husband to share these experiences with."

Ann Savishinsky Epstein (annsepstein@att.net) reports, "I am still living in Ann Arbor, MI, where I came to graduate school in 1967, and working at the HighScope Foundation, where I have been since 1975. My most recent book, *The Intentional Teacher* (revised edition), was just published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. On my own time, I continue to do artwork (weaving and drawing) and creative writing. I have published several short stories and I'm finishing my second novel and seeking an agent." She adds, "I am the besotted grandmother of Oscar, born August 2012. I'm fortunate that creativity still infuses my life, my family is close by, my friends are the right amount of crazy, and I still have all my original body parts in (reasonably good) working order." **Karen Kaufman Polansky** (Carmichael, CA; kkpolsky@gmail.com) reports, "Patriot's Day in Boston was the reason for a mini-DPhiE reunion. I was in Boston because my husband, **Steve**, was running the marathon, and my sorority sisters **Sally Shoolman Mechur** and **Harriet Hecht** Gould were there because they live there. Sally has recently relocated to Boston from Rochester, NY. We met for brunch and had a wonderful visit. Steve and I will be reuniting with **Laurel Druce** in Palm Springs, CA, in May at a Great Neck North High School mini-reunion."

Peter Janus (Avon, CT; pjanus@siegeleconnor.com) writes, "As of April 2014 I have officially gone part-time (50 percent) with my law firm. I will probably wait to fully retire at the end of 2015 when my wife, Nancy, plans to retire from her position as a psychiatric clinician at the Inst. of Living in Hartford. It doesn't pay for me to be completely retired while she is still working. I am enjoying the new blend of my continued law practice and time off to do other things without measuring it in billable hours." Regarding the near future, Peter adds, "I plan to play a lot of outdoor tennis this spring, summer, and fall, to volunteer some time with the local Habitat for Humanity organization, and to spend more time skiing next winter at our condo in Steamboat Springs, CO. Also, late this year I am going on a build trip for Habitat to Santiago, Chile. I am really excited about this project, and I plan to do a couple of international Habitat trips next year."

“Retired in fall 2012 from a career as a communication system engineer,” advises **John Bleiweis**, ME ’68 (Great Falls, VA; johnbleiweis@earthlink.net). “I am now spending time planning trips and traveling, being a volunteer computer instructor for the Jewish Council for the Aging, and hanging out with two grandchildren who live close by. I love being able to sleep late. This past winter resembled Ithaca a lot. Fortunately, I rarely had to be somewhere first thing in the morning, and we’re getting plowed out much quicker than in the past.” What’s next for John? “Figuring out where to go in May, instead of our planned trip to Kiev and the Crimea.” **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 Kudos and my appreciation to those who reported their news via e-mail. The rapidly growing number of you (last issue one, this issue six) who reported using this 20th-century technology, I think, would agree with my comment in our last column that e-mailing is quick and easy, and that e-mail is a fun way to communicate. I’ll add that e-mail is also environmentally friendly and economical. Now, don’t you think everyone should report their news from their desktop, laptop, PC, tablet, smart phone, or whatever new gadget comes our way? To paraphrase *The Cat In The Hat*: You can send it from a chair / You can send it from a car (not moving) / You can send it from near / You can send it from far / You can send it from an office / You can send it from a house / You can even send it from your bed / And someday they’ll invent a chip so you can send it from your head.

Steve Steinhardt fled his frigid home in Albany, NY, for the winter and took his tennis and golf games to Boca Raton, FL. While there, he dined with AEPi fraternity brother **Art Bernstein** and his wife, Margaret. At last year’s New York State Senior Games, Steve won the bronze medal in Pickleball, a rapidly growing racket sport that enables players to stand in one place while striking a whiffleball, thus reducing the incidence of back, leg, arm, and neck injuries, while at the same time reducing a player’s exercise. (Next sport: Statueball, requiring no movement, thus producing no injuries or exercise.) **Harry Greenberg** retired last year and enjoyed an extended stay this winter at his home in Vail, CO. Harry frequently exchanges e-mails with Beta Sig ’68 frat brothers **Richard Garick**, **Robert Cantor**, **Howard Needleman**, MPS ’75, and **Neil Rivchin**. Harry is now back at his home in Dexter, MI, planning and working out for a bike trip along Croatia’s Dalmatian Coast next fall and working on his garden.

William Goewey lives in Silver Springs, NY, and leads an active life raising sheep, cutting firewood, cross-country skiing, and helping his sons and their families as well as others in the community. In the summer, Bill stays active biking and kayaking. **D. Lynn Toepperwein** Rogers lives in Levant, ME, and retired from teaching in Y2K (remember that dreaded abbreviation?), which freed up her time to write local history books related to the Civil War and veterans from her area. She’s also busy singing barbershop harmony with two choruses and a quartet. Lynn and her husband, Dale, enjoy traveling, but are especially excited that their kids and grandchildren have moved back to Maine after many years away. **Gloria Pessirilo** Jurisic volunteers as a docent at the L.A. County Museum of Art and also serves on

the board of the Jules Stein Inst. Affiliates at UCLA. Gloria visited campus last spring for the first time since graduation and stood on the very spot in Ackerman Union where she and her husband first met (collective aaah!).

Deborah Sundell Perotti is happy to be walking distance from work at the water company she manages in Saxapahow, NC. Still excited about learning new skills, Deborah is taking a class in QuickBooks, which will make the bookkeeping at work so much more efficient. The cold and snow in the North Carolina hills this past winter reminded Deborah of winters at Cornell. Fortunately, she had the birth of a new grandson, Edwin John, and her other grandchildren to keep her warm. **Bill Falik** teaches an interdisciplinary course in law and business planning at Berkley Law School, Haas School of Business, and the College of Environmental Design. Bill also continues working on developing large master-planned communities in beautiful Northern California and contributes his time serving on nonprofit boards. **Thomas Fingar** returned to teaching at Stanford in 2009 after a 23-year detour to Washington, DC, that began as chief of the China Division in 1986

50th high school reunion, so share it with us! **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all appreciate the warm weather! **Ann Sullivan** lives in Ithaca and is enjoying her free time gardening, traveling, volunteering, and with her Ithaca grandchild. Her husband, Nick Salvatore, is still teaching at the ILR school. **Dick Erali** writes, “My surgery practice in Auburn, NY, is going very well. My farm, Second Wind Organic Farm, is a joy, and may even turn a profit in two years.” Dick misses singing with the Glee Club and sailing on Cayuga’s waters.

Judith Burdin Asuni (judyasuni2007@yahoo.com) is back working in her “beloved Nigeria” after a sabbatical in Washington at SAIS and US Inst. of Peace. “Now bringing together the government oil-producing corporation, a small indigenous oil company, and local communities for mutual benefit—not an easy task!” Judith adds that she was recently diagnosed as the fourth of five women in her family with breast cancer and feels strongly that the cause was environmental.

“I still have all my original body parts in (reasonably good) working order.”

Ann Savishinsky Epstein ’67

and culminated as deputy director of National Intelligence for Analysis and chairman of the National Intelligence Council, 2005-08, and included several high-level positions in Intelligence and Analysis for the State Dept. Tom and his wife, Orlene, travel extensively, as his teaching assignments have included Santiago, Beijing, and Oxford. Tom says, “I am delighted to teach some of what I learned in Washington.”

Herb Fuller is still actively involved in digital film production. He is currently presenting his latest production, *The Greatest Locomotive Chase*, filmed in England, to travel and railroad enthusiasts. Herb was gratified to hear that copies of his two novels, *It’s a Wrap* and *Film at 11*, were among the first to sell out from the Cornell writers table at our 45th Reunion last June. They have now been released digitally. Herb and his wife, Martha, enjoy traveling in retirement, especially since they no longer are required to first save up vacation days. Herb also volunteers serving on the board of his hometown fire department in Prudence Island, RI. **Diane DeGeorge** Nichols has been the data manager for the Blood and Transplant Unit at the U. of Rochester Medical Center since 1999. She enjoys the work so much she plans to continue for several years. “I get great satisfaction knowing I fill a necessary role and make a difference for our patients, albeit behind the scenes.” Her daughter recently gave birth to her first child, a boy, which makes three grandchildren for Diane. For this birth, she had the excitement of being in the delivery room and cutting the umbilical cord. One of her goals is to continue returning to reunions until our class lodging is in the Statler. (Hope to see you there, Diane!)

We’re all interested in hearing about our classmates, so keep sending those e-mails. Perhaps by now you have a funny story from your

Her future plans are to continue to work for peace in Nigeria and to “address the horrible cancer rates in the US.” All the best to you, Judith.

T. Shepard Burr (Lake Mary, FL) is a semi-retired CPA, but is still actively presenting seminars and handling unique tax cases (such as short sales and foreclosures), working full-time in their family real estate business including buying, selling, rehabbing, renting, and lending. He will try to wind down business over the next five years. His 70th birthday present was a trip to Beijing, China. This past winter reminded him that he really likes living in Florida. “I spent 22 years in Ithaca and don’t miss the weather, but I do miss the natural beauty of Upstate New York.” **Rob Kaufelt’s** company, Murray’s Cheese, opened its newest location on April 10 in the Sherman Oaks Superstore, part of the Ralph’s grocery chain. This is the 109th Murray’s shop from New York to Seattle. His next project is Murray’s Melts, a new grilled cheese concept. He is most proud of growing the “first national chain—and brand—of specialty cheese.” **Rick Spiewak**, ME ’70, recently relocated to Annapolis, MD, where he continues to work for the MITRE Corp., focusing on mission planning for the US Air Force.

Fellow Hotelier **Mark Emerson** writes from Florida: “I’ve been retired for ten years and have a lovely life here in Jupiter, FL. I attend an annual ‘Boxcar’ reunion each year in Hilton Head with, among others, **Pete Tyson ’68**, **Dave Sherf ’67**, **Jay DuMond ’67**, **Matt Cleary ’73**, and **Garry Morfit ’67**. And I keep up with a couple of Sigma Chi fraternity brothers as well. While in business, I recruited at the Hotel school a couple of times, and a professor named Alex Susskind had me do roundtable seminars on three occasions. Beyond that, my Cornell ties are few and far between, though I do get a visit from the Planned

Giving department most years." The next column will be full of reunion news—enjoy the summer!
✉ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 By the time you receive this issue, **Bill, ME '71**, and **Gail Post Wallis** (our fantastic reunion chairs), **Ellen Kotsones** Kreopolides, and I will have joined the Class of 1969 in Ithaca for their 45th Reunion. We will have watched and studied their reunion events, as well as visited the reunion headquarters and events of all the other reunion classes. We will have new ideas from being on campus in June, but we are still anxious to hear ideas and suggestions from you for our 45th. The Legendary Class of 1970 will be gathering in Ithaca Thursday to Sunday, June 4-7, 2015.

Josh Katzen (Newton, MA; joshkatzen@gmail.com) and classmates **Marty Katz**, **Elliot Gordon**, **Harry Brull**, and **Rick Ludwig** continue to insist that qualifying for senior discounts at movie theaters is not a reason to give up enjoying the great outdoors. This year, the group will meet in Banff, Alberta, for their annual week of September hiking in beautiful places (in the context of sleeping in hotels and eating well). What a great tradition! Have fun. **Ronald Terrazas** (Scottsdale, AZ; ronterrazas@gmail.com) writes, "Tired of retirement, I started two new companies last year: Legacy Franchise Group (franchisor consulting and sales) and Prudencia (financing wind turbines). I'm working harder than I did in my 30s, and glad to be doing it again." Ronald likes the excitement of being an entrepreneur and says he is now preparing for the second half of his life!

Debbie Cheney Lazar (debblazar@gmail.com) has been writing a blog about the latest adventure she has shared with husband **Rick** (chaosfdl@gmail.com). The link (<http://debblazar.wordpress.com/2014/03/06/and-watch-out-for-pirates/>) will take you to the most recent entry, but there is a table of contents to all 12 entries on the right-hand menu bar. Debbie and Rick have moved to Florida and certainly fit the demographics of "snowbirds" and/or retirees, but they feel far from retired. In fact, they both hope to keep working forever. Rick has been in the heavy construction industry for decades as a trouble-shooter, problem-solver, manager, and consultant. His latest projects include being contract manager for the Hoover Dam By-Pass Bridge, which is 20 miles south of Las Vegas and was completed in August 2010. He was also manager for the Light Rail Tunnel on Capitol Hill in Seattle, and keeps in close touch with the Big Bertha tunnel drillers there. Rick will continue to be available for whichever projects need him the most. The Lazars are thoroughly enjoying living aboard their 85-ft. tugboat in the balmy Fort Myers, FL, climate. **Jody Humphreys** Vilardo and **Robert Neville**, Hotelie friends, have visited them, and Rick and Debbie hope to see more Cornell friends in Ft. Myers.

Anita Harris (harris.anita@harriscom.com) has relocated to Cambridge, MA. She is an author and has published a new edition of her earlier book, *Broken Patterns: Professional Women and the Quest for a New Feminine Identity*. Anita is seeking a publisher for her now-completed Ithaca Diaries. She describes it as a sort of "Gidget Goes to the Revolution" version tracing the transformation of a student, the university, and the nation in the tumultuous 1960s. Additionally, Anita is managing director of the Harris Communications Group, an award-winning PR and marketing firm based in

Cambridge, MA (<http://NewCambridgeObserver.com>). Anita says she is still looking for Mr. Right. At the same time, she is enjoying great freedom and creativity in an exciting environment. However, she does have concerns about the ill health of several friends and family members. In her future, Anita sees more books and photo shows, speaking, communications consulting, building New Cambridge Observer, and hopefully travel.

Sharon Sauerbrunn Doyle, MFA '72 (Sierra Madre, CA; sedoyle@verizon.net) has been given a Fulbright scholarship to go to London to teach screenwriting at the London College of Communication in 2014-15. She plans to study the differences between the way Americans and the British develop TV. "Downton Abbey, here I come!" Sharon has a new grandchild on the way, and her son Nick is having his first solo show in NYC. Sharon says that two good things in her life are her chickens (!) and the film she is editing on the Afghani girls' school in Pakistan, which was founded by her Quaker meeting.

I received a very sad message from Hawaii that **Rani Denise Ulrich** died on April 1, 2014, after a nearly two-year battle with ovarian cancer. She started at a hospice on March 11, and her brothers were able to get to Hawaii to share a few last activities with her, along with friends. Denise greatly enjoyed this and passed peacefully. No services were held and her ashes will be scattered. ✉ **Connie Ferris** Meyer; tel., (601) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@gmail.com.

71 As most of our classmates reach that magic number 65, they are finding new ways to balance work, play, and everything in between. **William Dickinson** (bdickinson@oceanreef.com) has sold his real estate company and will be working with the Ocean Reef Club Real Estate Co. "I can now revive my neglected habits of flying, golf, tennis, motorcycling, and fishing and brush off the dust!" Living in Key Largo, FL, he had no complaints about the past winter that the northerners endured this year. Bill is expecting his first grandchild this July. **Steve Fierce** (sfierce@yahoo.com) reports that he is now fully retired. He has also moved halfway down the eastern coast. "Last fall, we moved from the Philadelphia area to Pinehurst, NC, to be closer to our two grandsons. However, we still plan to spend the summers at our house on the Jersey Shore." He is embracing retirement and is enjoying "golf, travel, woodworking, and no stress," though he doesn't appreciate the "getting old" part of the equation. Steve and his wife, Betsy, will be vacationing with **Russ Davies** and his wife, Pat, in the Poconos in May. Steve and Betsy are also planning a trip to Switzerland and Italy this fall.

Susan Primmer (Suprim123@comcast.net) reports that she is still working in dermatology. For the future, she says, "I'd like to do something less stressful but still interesting. I would like to have fun and not feel guilty about it." Susan's daughter recently started a job as a junior producer at Buzzfeed.com in L.A. Now *that* sounds like a fun job! **Irene Smalls** (ISmalls107@aol.com) is working on multiple creative fronts including writing, storytelling, and marketing. "I am exhibiting a group of authors at the Frankfurt Bookfair, the world's largest, in October in Germany. Details at www.frankfurt2014.com." Much of Irene's time is focused on young people. "I will continue to develop my HairMath stem education project for math and science adverse black girls."

Irene lives in Boston and is the proud grandmother of two, a boy and a girl.

We also heard from **Eric Freedman** (freedma5@msu.edu). Eric has been named Knight Chair and director of the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at Michigan State U. in East Lansing. Congratulations! Here's some news that we don't get to report on much these days: **Harry Tipper** (htipper3@comcast.net) wrote, "On March 28, 2014 I married Mary Elizabeth Burns at a sunrise service in Tranquility Park, Osprey Cove, St. Marys, GA." Our very best wishes to Harry and Mary Elizabeth!

I will close with the news that my college roommate, **Beth Kraegel** Labush, and I (**Gayle Yeomans**) are leaving in just two days for a two-week African safari adventure—Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and (briefly) South Africa. We'll let you know how it went. Hopefully, there will be two people returning (just kidding)! Please, please send us more news, so we can share it with your classmates and other Cornellians! ✉ **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu.

72 Class correspondent **Gary Rubin** appeared on "Today's Verdict," a live, half-hour television talk show, on March 25 to discuss the legal implications of the NYC East Harlem explosion. Gary also examined the issue of aging infrastructure in NYC and throughout the county. "Infrastructure is an issue that affects everyone. We're all in this together. It doesn't matter if you're a Democrat or a Republican, if you happen to be standing where the infrastructure explodes, you're going to suffer the consequences," he says. Gary is a partner in the law firm of Schiff Hardin and has practiced construction law in NYC since 1975. He has written frequently on adjudication of construction disputes.

Dave Cooper (davec41@gmail.com) lives in Branford, CT. **Larry Taylor** (New London, NH; ltaylor@nec.edu) recently opened and directed the New England College downtown site in Concord, NH. He is still teaching, too, as professor of psychology. Wife **Deb (Long)** is still VPAA at Colby-Sawyer College. The couple has two grandchildren. Right now, Larry does not like that he is too busy and laments the recent long, cold winter. He'd like to enjoy some warmth when the semester ends. After 40 years being based in Rochester, NY, **Charlie Brown** (csbrownjr1950@gmail.com) and wife Renée are relocating to Pittsboro, NC, south of Chapel Hill. They are looking forward to the third stage of their career and making new friends, following 33 years with Kodak and three years running an academic center of STEM education.

Sandra Smithers Yeater, MBA '80 (Amherst, NY; sanyeater@gmail.com) is executive director of the Integrity Health Group (recently rebranded from Tonawanda Pediatrics), the largest pediatric group in Western New York. She achieved NCCA PCMH recognition for her medical practice, and the National Association of Professional Women named her VIP Woman of the Year for 2014. What Sandra likes most about her life right now is that she can spend time each month in North Palm Beach, FL. She says that the heavy snow this winter reminded her of the time the university closed during our undergrad years. **Clifford Donn** (Morrisville, NY; donn@lemoyne.edu) e-mails that he is still at Le Moyne College (now 32 years), but has moved from the now defunct Dept. of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management to the Dept. of

Anthropology, Criminology, and Sociology, where he now teaches mostly criminology. His research is about collective bargaining for public school teachers. Clifford's daughter, **Rachel Donn Goldberg '01**, is about to have her third child, which will give him his sixth grandchild. Examining his current life, Clifford says he likes his grandchildren and is enjoying the empty nest with his wife. They have some freedom to travel and do as they like. Surprisingly, he says the weather in Ithaca was better than where he is right now. "It is colder and we have more snow! Who would have believed it?" He says he may retire at some point, but not yet.

Donna Brescia (Belmont, MA; donnabrescia@aol.com) started a nonprofit to train returning veterans in property management in low-income sites in urban environments. She recently returned from Tanzania, where she went with a group from Babson College, to teach an intensive entrepreneurship and leadership program to high school juniors and seniors at a secondary school in Karatu. Donna loves having the freedom to start up new projects and do things that she was only able to dream of doing—even ten years ago.

Sally Rogers Leonard (aghc@outlook.com) lives in Nashua, NH, where she owns a home care/hospice company. She proudly reports that she is a new grandmother and an intrepid white-water paddler. As for what's next in her life, Sally responds, "Who knows?" **Bill Molloy**, MBA '74 (bmolloy@ensemblere.com) sends news from Paradise Valley, AZ, where he is CEO and managing director of Ensemble Real Estate Solutions, specializing in healthcare real estate. His current hobbies include participating in dog agility competitions with his two border collies. Bill was in Harrisburg, PA, for the AKC 2014 National Agility Championship and bumped into **Jim Gordon** and his wife. Jim was also competing with his toy poodle, Lugnut. The Gordons have invited Bill to their ranch in Montana later this summer and Bill hopes to "make it happen."

Our class is partnering with Cornell Plantations to sponsor a special weekend on campus, Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20, 2014. It will be a weekend of garden tours, guided hikes down the newly renovated Cascadilla Gorge Trail, a "garden to table" cooking class, "Shakespeare in the Arboretum," food, and fun. This is a great opportunity for us to get together with a smaller group and partake of the wonders of the Cornell campus, Plantations, and Ithaca at a beautiful time of year. There is so much to do that weekend that we recommend you come early to take advantage of as much as you can. To ensure the best experience on the tours and classes, the weekend program at Plantations is limited to 30 people, so register early if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact class president **Nancy Roistacher** at nr34@cornell.edu. Send news to: **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 I am still coming to grips with my 62nd birthday, entering that stage when life is what happens between colonoscopies, all your co-workers are younger and smarter, and you're wondering why you haven't retired yet. I still think back to our 40th Reunion last year—where displayed at Keeton Hall were four years of *Cornell Daily Sun* articles: 18-Year-Olds Get Vote, Africana Studies Center Burns, Dale Corson Made President, Carpenter Hall Occupied, First Draft Lottery, Angela Davis Arrested,

C. David Burak on The Stump, Marinaro Stomps Harvard, Kent State, Students Gather at Barton to Call Strike, Women Invade Men's Steam Room (an event I somehow missed), J. Edgar Hoover Dies, Khrushchev Dies, LBJ Dies, Watergate, Gold Hits \$42.22 an Ounce, Late Evening Silhouette Stripteases on North Campus (by someone named Laura in front of 500 cheering students—missed that too), Women's Curfew Lifted (took advantage of that one), and my favorite story: Annual Tuition for College of Arts and Sciences Increased to \$2,800! Oh, the humanity!

I learned at Trivia Night that ours was the last class to have to take the swim test in the nude (I definitely remembered that—especially since, not being a great swimmer, I had to do the back float), and that the only sit-in to take place since the Class of '73 left was at Redbud Woods, where students sat in trees to prevent construction of a parking lot.

At our class forum, Prof. Walter LaFeber, who packed Bailey Hall back in the day with his Vietnam lectures, acknowledged our role in human history by observing that most of today's most intractable societal issues have their roots in what happened between 1969 and 1973. Prof. Joan Jacobs Brumberg remarked that the concept of *in loco parentis*—which our generation rejected—was replaced by helicopter parenting when it dawned on us that we didn't want our own kids to be as unsupervised as we were. And while Prof. Brumberg supports Planned Parenthood, she also noted that as a result of the Pill, "hooking up" is now the norm for up to 80 percent of students, despite the surveillance. And Prof. Richard Polenberg noted that, whereas during our era, no more than 10-15 percent of students received A's, today no student gets below a B-. I realize he was hoping to shock us, but all I remember was immediately feeling better about my transcript.

On to the news. **Jamie Lawenda** (jamie@kingo.com) and her husband live in NYC, where they operate a shoe sourcing and development company two doors down from their Tribeca apartment. Lately they've been developing a line of high-end boots that include American-made components—no easy task. Their son attends the Art Inst. of Chicago and last year wrote short stories and developed video game characters for Marvel Comics. **Rich Stearns** is now president of World Vision, headquartered here in the Seattle area and one of the world's largest relief and development organizations. He recently delivered the Beimfohr (Faith and Society) Lecture, describing his journey from Cornell to the pinnacle of corporate America, and then to the poorest villages in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia.

William McAleer, MBA '75—who I met at Reunion—was recently featured in the Alumni Spotlight. He's a Cornell trustee, helped start the Cornell Entrepreneur Network in Seattle and restart the Seattle Johnson School Club, and is an advisor to the Big Red Venture Fund. His day job is managing director and co-founder of Voyager Capital in Seattle. He remembers his favorite "Cornell spot" was the ride-share box at Willard Straight, where he met his wife, **Colleen (McGinn) '74**, who happily chose him to drive her to Pittsburgh. The ride box, of course, is no more; it's been replaced by an app. But then, so has dating.

Amelia Welt is living in Newton, MA, with husband **Josh Katzen '70**, and runs the Jewish News Service (jns.org). She reports they've just helped start a new news agency to provide newspapers with unbiased stories about Israel and the Middle East. Given that it's summer, they're likely

working from their island retreat in Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. She'd most like to hear from classmates **Clark Davis** and **Linda Susan Smith**. On her news form she mentioned that as a freshman, she was especially proud of her brand new Lafayette combo turntable and eight-track tape player. I hope she kept it, because I understand that a new generation is discovering vinyl records (although they'd have no idea what to do with the eight-track, except perhaps store sandwiches).

By the way, those of you who haven't been back in a while (especially the men) won't recognize West Campus. Noyes Center, where so many of us perfected our pinball skills as a fallback career path, is gone. And the freshman dorms have now been replaced by "houses" where students live with "fellows" who mentor them. All very Harry Potter, except compliant with modern building codes—and with better food service than many cruise ships. The only way I knew I was in the right place was the Dylan album playing in the lounge . . . although without the scratches, it wasn't the same.

Remember that you can spread any breaking news, opinions, comments, photos, and updates by posting to the Cornell Class of 1973 page on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/87659675088/?ref=br_tf). **David Ross**, dave@dave.ross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeysers@fuse.net.

74 Even as the Class of '74 approaches 40 years away from the Hill, we are still making our alma mater proud. **Mariana Wolfner**, professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics at Cornell, is a faculty trustee and part of the search committee to find a new president for Cornell—not an easy task given President Skorton's legacy. **K. Lisa Yang** received the Jerome Alpern Award recognizing her outstanding service to the ILR school. **Beth Balog** Berger received Orange County's 2013-14 award for Post-Secondary Counselor of the Year. There are many Cornellians in her family, including her niece, **Aliza Balog '02**, Aliza's father, **Gilbert Balog '65**, BArch '66, and Aliza's brother, **Joshua Balog '99**.

Roz Horn Schaffer is director of human resources at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia and an adjunct professor of human resources at Philadelphia U. Roz and her husband are self-proclaimed foodies and look forward to attending reunion. **Mark Levy** is a six-year financial advisor for Mass Mutual/The Eppy Group. His younger son, **Evan '10**, is a second year medical student at Yale; his other son, Brian, is in-house counsel for a wholesale sports ticket broker. Mark's daughter, Andrea, is married to Adam Goldman, an attorney in Ft. Lauderdale. **Mitch Rubin** recently joined Emblem Health in NYC as a medical director. **Karen Lewis** Young has been comptroller at R. Young & Son Inc. for 22 years. She has two boys and six grandchildren. She still works six days a week, but also loves to cruise.

Deborah Lyon Fister formed Berean Hills Alpacos, which raises alpacos and uses what Deborah describes as the "most luxurious and warmest fiber known to man" to make clothing items and jewelry. Twenty percent of the proceeds support a daycare center in Siguatepeque, Honduras. She asks us to check out her website, www.bereanhillsalpacos.com. After 28 years as a cardiologist, **Cathy Glick** is enjoying a life of travel, including a Mediterranean cruise and trips to Israel and Eastern Europe. She tells us, "While work is great, time off is fabulous." **Stephen Hatch** is also reveling

in his retirement, as he adds to his car collection and travels with his wife. His son, also Stephen, is a U. of Virginia chemical engineer graduate and is enjoying “great success” in Boston. Stephen Sr. reports, “Life is good!”

Edward Evans, MBA '75, writes, “I retired February 1 to Martha’s Vineyard after eight years as a part-time spouse. Now I’m a full-time spouse with time to catch up on eight-plus years of projects and fun.” **Ceci Hermann** LeBeau is also enjoying her retirement after 23 years as a piano teacher, as well as her children and husband of 37 years. She was looking forward to attending her first reunion this year. **Kay Walker** James retired last year from a 28-year career in public service in Canandaigua, NY, including five years as the city manager. **Leslee Carver** has also recently retired and is volunteering in a local food pantry. She hopes to travel. **Berta Esperanza Hernandez**, her partner, Vivian, and their children, 9-year-old Nikolai and 2-year-old twins Natalie and Nadal, traveled to France this summer. She describes her trip as “quite an adventure.”

Beverly Evans has been immersed in French; this summer, she will make a presentation on French music in WWI to the British Library. She is also the executive director of Pi Delta Phi, the French honor society founded in 1906 in Berkeley. She describes Pi Delta Phi as “the oldest discipline-specific honor society in the US.” Check out <http://www.cornell.edu/video/summer-prelaw-program> to see classmate **Evan Stewart**, JD '77, discuss the Cornell Prelaw Program, held every summer in New York City. Evan directs this intensive six-week program, which combines a four-credit course, an internship, and an opportunity to explore the law and culture of NYC. Students spend the first three weeks in the Introduction to the American Legal System class with Prof. Stewart and the second three weeks at their internship. Because of this intense experience, says Evan, the students have a huge leg up when they go to law school.

Karen Spencer Turner (karen.turner@marsh.com) reports her recent marriage. She is a medical malpractice insurance underwriter and enjoys home renovation in her free time. **Moir Hearne** Hints tells us that she is “obsessed” with her dahlia garden and is busy working at the new Adam J. Lewis Preschool in Bridgeport, CT. She has two Cornellians sons: **Matt '10**, who works in communications at Harvard, and **Mickey '15**, a “very happy” junior in the Hotel school. Moira also enjoys learning more about art as a member of the advisory council for the Johnson Art Museum. **Martin Siegel**, DVM '78 (dipre778@gmail.com) writes, “My daughter **Devon '09** is starting her final clinical year at the Cornell Vet college.” Martin was looking forward to seeing members of the “Hole in the Wall Gang” at reunion.

Seth Arluck’s son, **Jacob '14**, is in Arts and Sciences. Seth includes the Cornell-in-Washington program among his greatest Cornell experiences, as well as his semester abroad in New Zealand and being a research assistant on campus. **Ann Trueblood** Raper informs us that her book, *A Quaker Courtship*, will soon be published. She and husband David have two children and two grandchildren and are enjoying travel. Ann also serves on several boards. **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte reports, “Finally made it to the empty nest state of life after 31 years of parenting. Our youngest is now a freshman at Cornell! I thought that would mean a less hectic lifestyle, but we seem to be busier than ever, still directing plays for the area schools, traveling more with my husband, and

getting to see our kids—now in Silver Spring, MD, San Diego, CA, Cincinnati and Columbus, OH, and Ithaca! It’s great to get back to campus!”

In May, I will be attending the last college graduation of my children. Fitting that it should be at Cornell, where I met their father, **John Kronstadt '73**. Stay tuned for a full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct edition! ■ **Helen I. Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Jack J. Wind**, jj2@mwhlfirm.com; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.com.

75 It’s Year 149 for Cornell. And I think we in the Class of '75 are fortunate to have the “5” in our class year, as this means we will be at reunion next year for the Sesquicentennial—likely the (by far) most attended reunion of all time. For those of you who have never been to reunion, or haven’t been in a long time, consider going. Reunions are simply fantastic. And our 40th in 2015 should be both fantastic and unique. I hear that the administration is going all out.

And now, on to the news. **Harry Solomon** (Harry.Solomon@med.ge.com) was elected chair of DICOM, the international standard for medical imaging (when you get your CT or MRI images on a CD, that’s his work). He works for GE Healthcare and also teaches at Oregon Health and Science U. This past year, his job has taken him to India, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and Sweden. **Mark Strauss**, BArch '76 (mstrauss@fxfowle.com) reports that he is now leading architectural design and planning efforts in Washington, DC, where his firm, FXFOWLE, recently opened a new office on McPherson Square. Mark has rented a carriage house in Georgetown, but still maintains an apartment in New York. FXFOWLE had an opening party in February, which was attended by a large number of his fellow Cornell AAP graduates, including **Donna Creedon '76**, BArch '77, **Margie DeBolt '76**, BArch '77, **Dave Esch '76**, BArch '77, **Bruce Lawson '76**, BArch '77, **Robert Nichols '79**, BArch '79, MArch '81, and **Lauren Gluck '12**, BArch '12 (who works for the firm), as well as business partner **Dan Kaplan '84**, BArch '84, and Mark’s wife, **Jaye Medalia '72**, BArch '72. If there are other classmates from Cornell in D.C., Mark would love to hear from you.

Rex Griswold (rgriswold@cpiaz.com), who is in commercial real estate in Mesa, AZ, writes that after 23 years he has downsized into a smaller home (and I’m betting Rex is far from alone among our class in doing so). Rex says he is happy being off the city council and is enjoying “the sunshine and warmth of Arizona—missed at Cornell.” Next up are “more and larger commercial real estate deals with the market heating up in Arizona.” **Marcia Meislin** (Hartsdale, NY; Marcia@marcia.meislin.com) is the proud author of *The Goodbye Cookie: A Memoir About Never Giving Up*. Marcia runs workshops and does consulting and coaching on leadership, relationships, self-esteem, and body image. She is married to **Steven Weinstein '76**, MS '78, and they have two sons, Jon and Adam. “I love that I lost and kept off 150 pounds and am able to share my journey with people who are suffering from food addiction or weight and eating issues, or people who feel they are not good enough, no matter what their size or situation.” Next up for Marcia: “Movie rights to my memoir?” . . . along with more travel with Steve, including her favorite trip, the African safari.

Cornell Psychology professor Thomas Gilovich is the first Irene Blecker Rosenfeld Chair of Psychology, endowed by **Irene Blecker Rosenfeld**,

PhD '80, and her husband, Richard Ilgen. Irene has served as a Cornell trustee since 1999, is the first woman Robert S. Hatfield Fellow in Economic Education (the highest honor Cornell bestows on individuals from the corporate sector), and is the recipient, along with daughter **Allison Rosenfeld '08**, of Cornell Hillel’s 2010 Tanner Prize. Irene has an extensive corporate background, including (but not limited to) 30 years of food and beverage industry experience, two years as chairman and CEO of Frito-Lay, and CEO of Kraft Foods. The *Financial Times* and *Fortune* recently ranked her No. 1 in their “Top 50 Women in Global Business” and “50 Most Powerful Women in Business” lists.

Ann Welge Schleppei (Las Vegas, NV; katjunk@me.com) spends most of her time coalition building for Medicaid waivers for medically fragile children, in addition to developing a pediatric hospice and palliative care program for a small local hospice. “My passion is advocating for more palliative care programs for kids, and I have also been appointed to the board of directors of a nonprofit organization serving families of critically ill children. I can’t think of anything I’d rather be doing!” For fun, Ann plays Words With Friends with **John Lively**, stays in touch with **Janet Rosen** Zarowitz, and Facebooks with **Karen Leung** Moore. What did Ann bring to Cornell? “I brought a cassette player, a typewriter, and the belief that Andy and Ezra would actually get down and cross the Quad at midnight.”

Debra James, JD '78, is now “Her Honor,” having been sworn in as an elected justice of the New York State Supreme Court. In addition to being a Cornell Law grad, Debra was one of the first members of the Cornell Black Alumni Association and formulated its articles of incorporation. She is alumna-in-residence at Alice Cook Hall on West Campus, past vice chair of the University Council, and a member of the President’s Council of Cornell Women. On the subject of her introductory remarks at her swearing-in ceremony, Debra (was she a marketing expert?) said, “Although I mentioned Cornell 22 times, I had to apologize to Associate VP for Alumni Affairs **Jim Mazza '88** for not working Cornell into each line.”

No class column can be written without your help—so please keep the e-mails and news forms coming. ■ **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

76 News is on the light side, but a few people have e-mailed updates.

Ann Rosovsky Beaton wrote that 2013-14 has been and continues to be exciting times for the Beaton family. They welcomed their first grandson, Leo, on February 4, 2013. Leo is lucky to have two Cornell parents, **Eric Beaton '04** and **Rachel Shaw '04**, and three Cornell grandparents all in the Class of '76: **Tony Shaw**, ME '77, **Marilyn Tebor** Shaw, and Ann. He also has a proud Harvard grandpa, Neal. She writes that they are thrilled that their middle son, Greg (Duke '08), is engaged and marrying into another Cornell family. Ann’s youngest, Andrew, is graduating from Duke in May 2014. Look for his byline in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The snow this winter reminded **Abdullah Paksoy**, ME '77, about time at Cornell, but he was not fond of the weather when there was a need to travel. He is currently a coordinator for a company paving the airport in Ashkabad, Turkmenistan.

His photographer daughter left Vogue Turkey to do a master's in Italy. When replying to the question about likes and dislikes in life now, he says that he enjoys farming and carpentry, but does not enjoy money matters. His future plans include vacationing more. No change for **Peter Einset**, who has been working as a lawyer for 30 years. Life has been fairly easy, but he wonders about retirement, although he still wants to work. He has been watching over his mother. It was a cold winter in Geneva, NY, but he does not remember that Cornell was so cold when we were there. Peter adds, "I still want to love and marry. I must be a fool. Otherwise, there are always changes, and they don't have to be bad, just different. I still have some idealism."

David Fiske's research on Solomon Northup, whose story of being sold into slavery before the Civil War was the subject of the Oscar-winning film *12 Years a Slave*, has been recognized in several ways. Fiske self-published a book on Northup in 2012, and then worked with two other people to write a comprehensive biography of Northup, titled *Solomon Northup: The Complete Story of the Author of Twelve Years a Slave*. This book has earned praise from several scholars, including Henry Louis Gates, Jr. David did some work for Fox Searchlight's marketing department and was given a private screening of the film prior to its release. A write-up he did, "Additional Historical Background," was included in the film's distribution notes. David's work has gained the attention of many newspapers around the world, and he also appears as an expert on Northup in a documentary feature "Solomon Northup: A Historical Portrait" included on the Blu-ray disc of *12 Years a Slave*. Media coverage of his work has included the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, Associated Press, Canadian Press, the syndicated radio program "The John Batchelor Show," and Britain's Sky News.

In April, **Karen Welling** did a workshop entitled "How to stay cool when things get hot" at the Michael Phelps Swim Center vacation camp in Saco, ME. She is doing as much work as possible helping artists and athletes of all kinds enjoy their art/sport and achieve their goals. ■ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

77 Thanks to everyone who responded to the e-mail solicitation for news! First up is **Matthew Swaya**, who lives in Seattle with wife Jill and two teen children. Matthew is chief ethics and compliance officer for Starbucks and reports that life in the Pacific Northwest is good. **Roy Cohen** is a career counselor and executive coach. "I serve on the advisory board of *Men's Fitness* magazine and was selected last August as the official career coach for the movie *Lee Daniels' The Butler*. I am also the author of the best-selling career book *The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide*." Roy adds, "My belief is that retirement is an increasingly obsolete and dangerous proposition. My goal is to demonstrate to my clients through my work and by example that change is possible at any age and that it has the very real potential to be achieved with great success." Not surprisingly, Roy has another book in the works and is looking to increase his media exposure. Best wishes to you, Roy!

Gary Buerman is working for an electronic data collection system to modernize the review of information at work. He notes that it has been an

evolutionary change since he punched cards in Computer Science courses at Cornell (some might say revolutionary). Gary's daughter **Elizabeth '12** has been accepted at Cornell for an MS in Food and Science Technology. He adds that this past winter reminded him of his years at Cornell—except that he wasn't going home on breaks to trim apple trees for his father. **Peter Johnson** is VP of engineering for a small electronic test and measurement company that he helped found ten years ago after 25 years with HP and Agilent Technologies. "Wish I had started a company sooner in my career!" He and his wife of 34 years are now empty-nesters: one son is in retail management in Vermont; two daughters are in Boston, one as a

(also ILR) is studying diplomacy in Tel Aviv and will be attending Gerogetown Law School in the fall. Ruth keeps in touch with classmates **Sam Rosmarin**, **Mike Brizel**, JD '80, **Dana Eisenman** Sherwin, **Dave Joseph**, **Elise Epner**, **Bruce Gitlin**, **Stephani Wilson** Hamrickhouse, and **Judy Gross**. She confesses that, as a freshman, she brought a picture of Robert Redford with her to Cornell!

Susan Lewis Solomont has recently returned to Weston, MA, from Madrid, Spain, where her husband, Alan, was US Ambassador to Spain (and Andorra). She enjoys being back home and intends to write a book on being "La Embajadora." **Richard Shaffer** lives in Montclair, NJ, with wife Nataka. He is still working at the investment firm

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Ann Welge Schleppe '75

licensed independent clinical social worker, and the other in a software company; and the younger son is at NYU. Peter loves working for a smaller company and living in the Boston area. He hopes to keep growing his business as well as have more travel and leisure time.

Mike Heisler never developed escape velocity from Ithaca and still manages computer systems at Cornell, a much more complicated enterprise than when we were there. He and his wife have also started a part-time energy business. His son David and spouse Katie are living in Rochester and have one child with another on the way. Son **Ben '05**, married a Korean woman, Bohye, and lives in Seoul, South Korea. Daughter Karisa lives in Virginia Beach with spouse Whitney and had her first child last year. Daughter Kathy is at home working several jobs. Mike reports that life is good. He looks forward to expanding the business. **Nan Schiller** (Binghamton, NY) has been taking pottery classes at a local museum, gardening, and spending more time with her son and her friends. "I hope to add a pair of breeding alpacas to my farm. I like being retired so I can pace my day, but I miss my work friends."

Christian Nill, MS '91, works in El Paso, TX, as an economic development specialist with the city and county—"focusing on developing an arts district along the historic Mission Trail, as well as reaching out to the many colonias that lack basic services in the area." Chris and his wife, Mireya, are proud to note that daughter **Andrea '06**, will be receiving her JD from Yale this spring and getting married in August. Congratulations! Chris reports snowless weather in El Paso and was glad to miss the meteorological festivities in New York this past winter. "Immersion in the border culture here has been wonderful, and we may remain in the Southwest for a while."

From the news forms: **Fred Stellato** (Eldred, NY) works for two florists locally and also landscapes and gardens. He would like to hear from **Joe Rego**. **Randy Kubota** is working for an independent oil company, CCED, in Muscat, Oman. He enjoys golfing, boating, and learning about the Middle East. **Ruth Raisfeld** is celebrating her 12th year serving as a mediator and arbitrator—which was her exact career goal when she applied to the ILR school in 1973. Daughter **Sarah Bendwich '13**

they started 20 years ago. He spends a lot of time in Colorado and also travels to Europe and elsewhere in the US. This past September, he attended a cooking school in Barcelona with friends and says he has mastered Spanish cooking. He also attended schools in French and Italian cuisine and is seeking culinary education in another country that has good wines. He would like to hear from **Tom Paddrik** and **Tom Swanson**.

Unfortunately, there is very sad news to report. **Barbara Spitzer Hiller**, who lived in Westfield, NJ, died of breast cancer in February 2014. While at Cornell, she was an active member of Riskey Residential College. Her husband, **Howard '74**, died several years ago. Barbara is survived by loving sons Ben and Evan, and by brothers David Spitzer and **Art Spitzer '71** (who forwarded this news). Donations can be made in Barbara's memory to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine or the Farm Sanctuary, two organizations that she supported for a humane and sustainable planet. To Barbara's family, we send our deepest condolences.

Please keep all of your news and views coming to: ■ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; or **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com. Or send via the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

78 Work, travel, and getting the kids through college continue to be the common themes among our classmates. As principal of the real estate investment firm Colony Capital, **David Monahan** is wrapped up with the recent purchase of the Ritz Carlton Kapalua in Maui, while looking to buy more hotels outside the US. The Maui project brings him much closer to home on "the Big Island," where he and his wife will soon be empty-nesters. After packing up their daughter for USC next year, they look forward to traveling internationally and spending more time together in Hawaii and L.A. David's son, **Michael '15**, a Chi Psi, just finished his junior year at Cornell and plays Sprint football. His tales of the frigid Ithaca winter brought back memories of the cold walks between classes to the libraries and to the Chapter House.

Cornell remains an important part of **Jonathan Honig's** life—and that of his family—with the last

of his three children graduating last year. Their Cornell experiences, he says, contributed to his first son's career in African wildlife conservation, his second son's career in investment banking, and now his daughter's career start in the Peace Corps. In between family visits in the Netherlands, they enjoyed taking the super-high-speed train between visits to Valencia and Madrid, as well as a journey to Berlin. More news from South Carolina family doctor **Michael Bernardo**, MD '89, which was left out of his update in the last column: Michael's wife is also a family doctor, specializing in occupational medicine. They have four children: one college graduate, who is back home working at the local bank and the morgue (not so unusual in a small town, he says), a college senior who has his sights set on Broadway, and two more in high school.

Stephen Kesselman, JD '81, is a litigator at the Boston office of the national law firm LeClair-Ryan. In April, his son and daughter celebrated their b'nai mitzvah. Other Class of '78 members attending included his ZBT fraternity brother **Bill Sternberg** and wife **Ellen (Haas)**, **Ron** and Sherry **Frier**, and **Brian** and Joan **Ochs**. **Ricky Schwartz** completed his first Ironman triathlon in Whistler, BC, last summer. He has become passionate about the sport, completing more than a dozen triathlons since his first in 2008. Wow! **Diana Lorenz** Weggler is helping others facilitate their own healing as a certified level II practitioner of Reiki, a gentle, hands-on energy practice. Thanks to Facebook and Skype, she was able to keep in touch with her children in four different time zones this winter: California, Colorado, Massachusetts, and Germany. While savoring life in Vermont, Diana wishes time was not going by so quickly so she could accomplish everything she would like to in this lifetime. Amen to that!

Take a minute to drop Cindy or me a line about what's going on in your world for our next class column. ✉ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com.

79 Happy summer to everyone! News about our 35th Reunion will be in the Sept/Oct issue. Many thanks to all the classmates who volunteered their time in connection with our reunion, both leading up to the event and during the weekend's festivities. Hats off to **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, for chairing our 35th, to class president **Jeff Weiss** for his tireless leadership, and to our past president, **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, for his continued willingness to pitch in!

Arthur Leonard '74 lives in NYC. In 1979, Arthur helped to start the Cornell U. Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association. That group, along with the Law School, co-sponsored a panel discussion during Reunion Weekend on June 7 regarding the legal developments since last year's historic Supreme Court marriage equality decision. Arthur was one of the speakers on the panel. We hope to report more on this in the column.

We heard from **Lisa Fernow**, MBA '84, who lives in Seattle, WA. Lisa has a consulting business (www.fernowconsulting.com) through which she helps companies identify and capitalize on growth opportunities. The company's slogan: "Insights, strategies, and ideas for world class innovation." Lisa has also published her first novel, *Dead on Her Feet*, which is a planned series of books about the world of tango dancing. Lisa has been studying Argentine tango since 1996 and has also been blogging for a number of years (www.lisafernow.com).

Lisa encourages classmates to visit her websites and writes that she would like to reconnect with **Debby Anne Ackerman** Barnett, MBA '84. **Sharon Flank** is living in Washington, DC, with her husband, Max Maksimovic, and her teenage daughters, who have convinced her to take up jogging. Sharon is managing InfraTrac, which provides chemical anti-counterfeiting for products and packaging. **Jeff Bloom**, MA '92, and wife Anne live in Arlington, VA. **Madeline Romer** Flanagan lives and works in Cherry Hill, NJ. In her free time, she enjoys volunteer work, travel, practicing yoga, and visiting her daughter in Los Angeles.

Patrick Culligan lives in Tennessee with his wife, Barbara. He is the principal with Hospitality Real Estate Counselors (HREC), a leading national hospitality consulting practice and hotel brokerage. Their daughter **Cailan '08** is a graduate of the Hotel school. Her fiancé, **Robert Putko '08**, was a soccer player for Cornell during his years on the Hill. **David Potter** and wife Roxanne live in La Crosse, WA. David drives a school bus and volunteers with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Through his volunteer work with youth and sports, David "pays it forward" and has the satisfaction of introducing the gospel to young people. **Susan Zellner Dunietz** is a full-time homemaker in Highland Park, NJ, with her youngest child, Ruthie (age 15 with Down syndrome and autism), at home for the foreseeable future. Susan finds scrapbooking to be her "sanity-saver." Susan and husband **Irwin '78** celebrated the marriage of their oldest child, Heidi, in June 2013, and then had a wonderful family vacation in July 2013 on Cape Cod with her sister, **Barbara Zellner Weiss '81**, and her sister's husband, Yitzy.

Sunny Hallanan (Waterloo, Belgium) is the rector of All Saints' Church, the only Episcopal parish in Belgium. Sunny notes that the Battle of Waterloo Bicentennial will be celebrated in 2015, and that the location is the second most visited battlefield in the world. **Lemuel de Jesus Varona** is living in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, where he has been practicing at the Clinica Veterinaria Fajardo and the Camarero Racetrack for the past 30 years. He enjoys life in the tropics and spends spare time on travel and reading. **Mark Hallock** lives in East Irvington, NY, and founded M20 Private Fund Advisors, an investment-banking boutique specializing in all aspects of private equity fundraising. Mark is active on the board of the Cornell Rowing Association and looks forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at Cornell. Mark's son Nick is a rising sophomore at Columbia U. and son Rob is a rising junior at the Hackley High School.

We share the sad news that **Gary Mendell** lost his son Brian to addiction problems in 2011. As a result of this terrible personal loss, Gary decided to found a new national nonprofit organization called Shatterproof. The mission of Shatterproof is to protect our children from addiction to alcohol or other drugs and to end the stigma and suffering of those affected by these diseases and addictions. Gary's story about how he came to found Shatterproof can be accessed at <http://www.shatterproof.org/pages/our-story>. Shatterproof is based in Norwalk, CT.

What did you bring to Cornell as a freshman? Here are some of our classmates' answers. Lisa Fernow: "A mono record player that belonged to my dad"; Sharon Flank: "A 20-pound typewriter because my parents were afraid those new portable Smith-Coronas were too likely to get stolen"; David Potter: "An old manual typewriter,

lots of paper and pens, cookies from home, and a wanting-to-learn attitude!"

Connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of '79), and send news to your class correspondents to keep this column filled. Send updates to classof79@cornell.edu, directly to your class correspondents, or via the online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ✉ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cindy.shea@sothebyshomes.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Less than one year remains until our 35th Reunion (gulp!), scheduled for the weekend of June 4-7, 2015, and your class officers and committees will soon be dangling carrots too tempting to resist. For now, virtually pencil those dates into your fancy magic screen, and keep a watchful eye on all mailboxes (real and imagined), social media outlets, and Cornell websites.

Our newly hitched editor/maven Adele Robi-nette (congratulations from your friends at '80!) reminds all class correspondents that the Class Notes section is not a vehicle for writers to vent, expound, or otherwise pontificate. I could go on about this draconian and despotic policy, but that would clearly be in violation of at least the spirit of these repressive practices. Let's just say that if any of you fellow classmates come up with "Cornell Class of 1980's 35th Reunion—It's Gunna Be Sesquicentennial-idocious!" as a tag line for our weekend, I would enthusiastically heap praise upon you for sharing your creative talents with your class. Hypothetically speaking, of course.

Where creativity is concerned, **Jack Glassman**, BArch '80, MA '82, takes a back seat to no one. Among the things he toted to the Hill as a freshman were art posters of Dali and Escher and a pair of disco pants. Today, Jack is an architect and director of historic preservation for a firm in Boston. Who better to properly store those bell-bottomed gleaming white polyester britches? **Bob Miller** lives outside of Chicago, and he and wife Emily have soccer-playing sons at both Notre Dame and Bowdoin. **Kathy Dixon-Leone** can relate to that travel schedule. She and Paul have a son at UNC, Chapel Hill, another at Deerfield, and a third attending school closer to home in Palm Beach, FL. Kathy would like to reconnect with **Nancy Abrams Deyo '81** and **Sara Klein Brill '82**. (Author's note: Might I suggest a gathering in June 2015 in Ithaca; all indications are that the first weekend will be Sesquicentennial-idocious.)

Sherie Aisha McGuffey came to Cornell with "youthful enthusiasm and hope for humanity," and since 1989 she has applied her passions as a senior medical bodywork therapist. Her Tacoma, WA, practice, ALIVE Healing Therapies, provides advanced medical bodywork, herbalism, and gentle heart therapy to address issues of mind and heart. For the past six years **Evelyn Wilkens** has worked with the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) as an editor. Prior to that she was at the UN Development Programme. Evelyn credits Cornell for inspiring an interest in international affairs, which has led to a fruitful career.

As of the writing of her Class Note, **Harriet Kreams** White was employed in the legal department at SUNY Upstate Medical U. in administrative support. Older daughter **Lauren White '09**

graduated from Cornell and is engaged to another Cornell 2009 graduate. Lauren and her fiancé are both medical residents at Yale. Harriet's younger daughter, Katie, is a Le Moyne graduate and is employed as a crisis call counselor. The reason for the qualifier that leads this paragraph is that Harriet also writes, "I plan to move to the Washington, DC, area next year to join my husband, who is an attorney in Rockville, MD."

As you read this, **Jill Holtzman** Leichter is struggling through winter, although by Ithaca standards things are pretty tame. Jill is a freelance editor and artist in Dunedin, on the South Island of New Zealand. Son Samuel works as an electrical engineer after earning his degree from the U. of Canterbury, and daughter Anna is pursuing a master's in genetics at U. of Otago. Jill reports, "I like working for myself and gardening, and am contemplating a return to the US after ten years living abroad."

Jeff Axelbank has received the Peterson Prize from the Rutgers U. Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology for his advocacy on behalf of psychology and mental health patients. He has also formed a rock band; check out seven of their tunes online at <http://bit.ly/1ibVSTy>. **Gregory Gordon** is a family physician in suburban Philadelphia. He is an expert at dotting over his granddaughter, his son **Steven '08's** first daughter. Son **Jonathan '15** is in the Arts college. Gregory is looking to reconnect with former friends and classmates from U-Hall 5 (may she rest in pieces) and ZBT.

It's a Sesquicentennial-idocious time to be a member of the Class of 1980. Your class officers and other volunteers will provide the means for you to reach out to old friends and forge new connections with your classmates. Our 35th Reunion will be like no other! **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 I had the pleasure this winter of attending **Mary Wilensky** Kahn '79's daughter Marissa's marriage in Philadelphia, PA, at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Despite the impending snowstorm, my husband, Russ, and I were able to leave Florida for a long two days and enjoy the beautiful wedding. It was filled with joy and happiness! We also ran into **Linda Moses '79** and got to catch up with her. Much happiness to the bride and groom!

Linda Koski Geevers was re-elected last November 5 to a third term on the West Windsor Township Council. Previously she was elected and re-elected to the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. "Looking forward to resolving the challenges the town faces as they manage continued residential growth while ensuring that students continue to benefit from a superior public education." **Lisa Freeman**, MS/DVM '86, was appointed in October 2013 as the executive VP and interim provost of Northern Illinois U. (NIU). She will return to the permanent position as NIU VP for research for the 2014-15 academic year pending the successful search for provost. She traveled to Myanmar in July 2013 to assess collaborative opportunities for NIU and met with academic leaders from more than a dozen institutions under a number of ministries. "It was a very exciting time to see democracy emerge."

Also at school, **Douglas Nelson**, MS '84, tells us he has been a professor of architectural engineering at the Milwaukee School of Engineering

since 2011. His wife is VP of student affairs at Black River Technical College. He has had some fun, as he has biked nearly 1,500 miles since June 2013. Now that's a road trip! Ironically, much of his adult life has involved the joy of hockey—quite different than his life at Cornell, where he didn't even see one game! And **Peter Schott**, Rochester director of the CALS Alumni Association, shares that the college is interested in reconnecting with the "lost generation" of alumni. "Who is the lost generation? It's us—the subset of alumni who have been primarily focused on child rearing and career activities for the past 30 years. I'm living proof that it's not too late to renew your Cornell experience by getting involved with other alumni in support of all the great work going on at CALS."

Phebe Ladd Swope (Colorado Springs, CO) writes, "I am now the UNIX team lead for the North American Delivery Center of Accenture. I also added six new members to the team to meet the increased demand due to new contract sales for IT service." Phebe adds that she lives in the most beautiful place in the world—"so many parks to hike and mountains to explore. I am working 60 hours a week and not getting enough exercise to do 'the Incline.'" She is trying to learn how to do employee reviews and manage ten guys! Sounds like a big task! Phebe's youngest child is graduating from the U. of Texas, San Antonio. Her oldest is planning a wedding.

Susan Scarf Merrell is a fiction editor for *TSR: The Southampton Review* and is on the faculty of the MFA program in creative writing and literature at Stony Brook Southampton. Her second novel, *Shirley*, about a young woman who goes to live with novelist Shirley Jackson and her husband, the literary critic Stanley Edgar Hyman, in their Bennington home in 1964, was just published by Blue Rider/Penguin Books. **Paula Kaplan** Reiss continues her private practice as a psychologist in New Jersey. She is also part-time faculty at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Inst. of Religion in the Doctor of Ministry department teaching human development. After successfully battling breast cancer, she has written a book, *The Year I Lost My Breasts . . . And Got Some New Ones: A Breast Cancer Blog* (available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble). She hopes to help others who are going through the same experience.

Anthony Boyadjis, JD '84 (Morristown, NJ) tells us that he continues to enjoy the practice of law. "Newly minted alum daughter **Hannah '12** is happily employed at NBC Universal, and twin Rachel (Sarah Lawrence '12) likewise at the Martha Graham Dance Co. Both living in Manhattan." Anthony is preparing to downsize with the nest empty and to move to new digs in Maplewood this fall. But first: "Marathon number 12 on April 27 and 30th Law School Reunion in June!" When **Nat Comisar** wrote in the spring, he was scheduled to sing in Bailey Hall on April 11 with 15 other alumni Cayuga's Waiters as the guest group at Spring Fever! So much fun! **Julio Caro** (Woodland Hills, CA) is the executive producer at Bunim/Murray Productions Inc. He writes, "My daughter, Isabel, has been accepted to Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences for the Class of 2018! A family tradition painted in red has begun!" He adds, "I work with creative talent every day, and that makes work special; the only part of the process I do not like is being on location or away from my family for extended periods of time." Julio just completed the feature film *Primero de Enero*, and is currently working on two other feature films. He has several

television series in development that he hopes will make production soon!

More than 22,000 alumni voted last spring for alumni-elected trustee in a very close election, with four excellent candidates. By taking part in this critical process, you all continue to demonstrate your commitment to Cornell. I am honored to announce that our classmate **Michael Troy '81** (Greenwich, CT) has joined the Cornell Board of Trustees, starting July 1, 2014. Our hats off to you, Michael!

James Kent has retired from Washington Gas Energy Services and is now active at Winchester Medical Center in Virginia as a volunteer. He writes that 2013 was a difficult year. His wife, Dena, passed away in January from cancer after James cared for her full-time for 15 months. His father, **John Kent '48**, also passed away in October 2013 from heart failure. "I like being master of my own time and priorities. However, it's been a challenge adjusting to being alone." He adds, "Winter here in the Shenandoah Valley was unlike any in recent memory. Long, cold, and snowy. At least in Ithaca we had lots of peers to hang out, study, and just plain do stuff with, and we didn't have to shovel the driveway!"

With a sad heart, I pass on the news that **Wendy Rosenthal** Gellman's husband, Steven, passed away this winter after a nine-month battle with cancer. She had resigned her position on Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's staff to be his partner and caregiver in his fight. It has been a rough year for their family, but they are supporting each other and taking each day as it comes. Wendy always felt that Steve was an "honorary" Cornelian—always happy to attend or host events, generously support the university, and most importantly, support her claims that Cornell was an incredibly special place with unrivaled beauty—even though he received his law degree from Stanford. Steve's sister, brother-in-law, and niece are all also Cornellians.

Please keep in touch! We hope everyone is doing well, and we look forward to hearing your news. **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net; and **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com.

82 Over the years our class news has been full of reports of fascinating careers, hobbies, trips, and children's accomplishments. Our class has now matured—some might say aged—to the point that we are now receiving reports of grandchildren. This new area of information will certainly expand class news in the years to come.

Our grandchildren news comes from **Beth Berman** Zipper, who lives in Boca Raton, FL, with husband Jeff. Beth became a grandmother this past January and writes that it is the "best job of all!" She also attended her son **Brandon '13's** graduation from CALS last year with the entire family, including Brandon's older brother, **Harrison '10** (also CALS). In addition, she hosted a Cornell Women's Network event in January at her house attended by 15 Cornell alumni and current students.

More classmates have reported that their children have followed their path to East Hill. **Richard Cowles** (Richard.cowles@snet.net) lives in Storrs, CT, with wife **Elizabeth (Hoare)**. Their daughter graduated from Cornell this past December, "saving her grateful parents one semester's tuition." She was cheered on by her family, including her grandfather **John Hoare '56**, MBA '57. Richard

would like to hear from **Christine Miller**, DVM '85. **Victoria Gladstone** Dubin (Vicki@VictoriaDubin.com) reported that her youngest daughter is off to Cornell in the fall, so she is spending as much time as possible with her. Vicki lives in Purchase, NY, with her husband, Michael, and operates Victoria Dubin Events, a full-service event planning and design company for social, corporate, and not-for-profit events. **Meryl Seltzer** Jacobs, if you are reading this, Vicki would love to hear from you.

‘I love caring for those who are in the rigorous training pipeline for the “silent service.”’

Cameron Fish '82

Cyndy Schillinger Rochford (Victor, NY; Rochford@rochester.rr.com) recently opened Solutions Through Mediation, a mediation practice specializing in family, divorce, and elder mediation. She is very excited to be using her legal skills in this developing field—and she writes that the experience she's gained raising three daughters certainly helps a lot in the field of mediation. Cyndy would like to hear from **Chris Woiwode**. **Thomas Gagne** (Simpsonville, SC; tgagne@prodigy.net) owns a small law firm, with offices in Greenville and Spartanburg, provides pro bono legal services for those in need, and enjoys his extracurricular activities as a Cornell ambassador for upstate South Carolina. Tom's daughter Katie graduated cum laude from St. Joseph's School in Greenville in 2013 and is currently studying at Furman U. and planning to go to law school. Son Tom graduated from Harvard Business OPM in 2008. Other children attend secondary school. Tom adds, “My greatest enjoyment is my kids and helping them navigate life's glorious rough and tumble road, as well as the time I spend with my wife, Judy, having been married 20 years. Also, our Lab Rose, our Golden Holly, and our Beagle Daisy provide us with lots of laughs and not a few gray hairs.”

Short takes: **Nell Gardner** (Spencerport, NY) is a horticulturist at Martin House Restoration Corp. in Buffalo. **Jack Dresser** is senior VP/CPO at Southcoast Health System in New Bedford, MA. **Amy Hurd**, DVM '85 (Rehoboth, MA) is a veterinarian at Bristol County Veterinary Hospital in Seekonk. And **Michael Drews**, MD '86, is at Reproductive Medicine Assocs. of New Jersey, in Basking Ridge.

Michael Panosian (Beavercreek, OH) has been the chief of otolaryngology at the Dayton V.A. Medical Center since retiring from the Air Force in 2007. He enjoys caring for our veterans, and says, “Definitely a rewarding calling.” **Cameron Fish** (revcamfish@aol.com) lives with wife Paulette in Mystic, CT, and is currently serving as the senior chaplain at the US Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT. He was promoted to Captain in the US Navy Chaplain Corps in October 2013 and completed a Doctor of Ministry degree program (Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA) in March 2014. Cameron writes, “I love being at the Submarine School and caring for those who are in the rigorous training pipeline for the ‘silent service.’” Next for Cameron is serving on the staff of Commander, Seventh Fleet, where he'll be embarked on the Admiral's flagship USS *Blue Ridge*, home-ported

in Yokosuka, Japan. Once he and Paulette settle in, they would welcome friends from the Class of 1982 who might be traveling to or through Tokyo.

Lisa Avazian Saunders (saundersbooks@aol.com), another Mystic resident, is a freelance writer and historical interpreter at Mystic Seaport. Lisa recently worked to pass a bill in Connecticut requiring the State Health Dept. to educate women of childbearing age on how to prevent congenital cytomegalovirus, which causes more disabilities

than Down syndrome. Sadly, this is a virus that disabled and led to the untimely death of Lisa's daughter, Elizabeth, at the age of 16 in 2006. For more information on this virus, you may visit a website set up by Lisa on the issue at www.author.lisaanders.com. Architect **Alison Spear '81**, BArch '82 (Alison@alisonspear.com) writes that she and her husband, Alexander Reese, split their busy week between their home in New York City and their farm, Obercreek, in the Hudson River Valley. Alison is the director of interior design, working with her family's firm Arquitectonica Interiors. She would like to hear from **Jaime Lustberg '81**, BFA '81, **Margaret Stone Barry '81**, **Michael Neumann '81**, BArch '82, and **Andre Balazs '79**.

Thank you for your reports! Please continue to send your news, and enjoy your summer! ☑ **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@nplaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

83 Greetings, Class of '83! Thank you for sending your news to Barb and me. Your classmates enjoy hearing from you, so take a moment and send us news. You can submit a “news form” at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Also, you can access the *Alumni Magazine* in its digital format at <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>.

Our class volunteers joined up with our Boston-area classmates during the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) this past January at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. Although I could not make all of the events, I am advised by my co-officer **Mark Rhodes** that the fun continued with Saturday dinner at the lively Globe Bar & Grill. After dinner, the crew moved across the street to the famous OAK Long Bar for martinis and dessert. Those quaffing included **Nancy Gilroy**, Mark Rhodes, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer, **Jennifer Bell** Knapp, **Linda Lovero**-Waterhouse, **Andy Sosa** and wife **Dee Longfellow**, **Suzanne Townsend** Cuccurullo, **Bill '84** and **Pat Lehtola Lee**, and **Brad** and **Dina Wolfman Baker**. I remained at the Lenox Hotel as emergency designated driver/attorney, but did not have to render any special services during the evening. There is no truth to the rumor that the entire group ended up in the Boston hoosegow!

Get ready for the big event in November 2014! Big Red Hockey is coming back to Madison

Square Garden over Thanksgiving weekend. We will take on Penn State in the “Frozen Apple” on Saturday, November 29 at 8:00 p.m. The Class of '83 has a block of 75 tickets in the second level (section 225, 226, or 227 TBD) at \$57.00 per ticket. See http://www.athletics.cornell.edu/tickets/MSG_hockey_classes.html for more details. If you are interested in sitting in the Class of '83 block, contact **Lynn Leopold** at lynnleopold@gmail.com and send a check payable to “Cornell Class of 1983” to Lynn at 35 West 92nd St., Apt. 2B, New York, NY, 10025. We may also arrange a pre-game event (such as the highly successful drinks and appetizers at Lucy's Cantina Royale in 2013)—details to come. Tickets will be honored on a first come, first served basis, and only received payments for tickets will assure your seat. We sell out every year, so do not wait! Get your orders in now.

And now, the news. Mark Rhodes, class treasurer, hiked the Torres del Paine in Patagonia over Christmas with son Chris and daughter Amanda. According to Mark, the trip highlighted the beautiful violence of nature with rugged mountain peaks, ice walls, distant avalanches, glacial lakes and waterfalls, shining sun followed by driving hail, and hurricane winds whipping the lakes into a frenzy. Chris followed up his Michigan aerospace engineering degree with Air Force pilot training. Amanda is headed to Lehigh for graduate school in psychology. Mark continues to play tennis and hike with wife **Kimberly (Osborn)** when time permits. Kim is enjoying teaching and child development, independent living, and cooking at the high school.

Congratulations to classmate **Scott Boltwood**, who was named the 2013-14 State of Virginia Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation's Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. You can read more about this award at <http://www.usprofessorsoftheyear.org>. **Alan Krueger** is the Bendheim Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton U. and former chairman of President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisors. Alan spoke at Cornell on March 6 at Ives Hall. The title of his presentation: “Lessons from Serving as the President's Chief Economist.”

Classmate **Lorena Lewison** Blonsky is celebrating 25 years as president of LMB Assocs., a Chicago-based search firm specializing in the recruitment of information technology professionals. Son **Michael Blonsky '14** will be graduating with a BS in Materials Science this May. Equally as exciting is that she has now paid her final tuition bill for her last child! **Shari Rabinowitz Reig** continues to serve as the deputy special master for the Swiss Banks Holocaust Settlement. In 2013, she was appointed to a four-year term by the US State Dept. to serve as trustee of the Berlin-based foundation. Shari remains “of counsel” to the New York law firm of Bingham McCutchen. Her husband, **Neil '81**, continues with his busy law practice. Their daughter, **Samantha '17**, is a freshman and loves Cornell. Son Adam is only in the third grade, but is thinking of Cornell.

Vivian Schiller joined Twitter as Head of News. Her youngest son, Jared, is starting Cornell Engineering this fall! **Niels Nielsen** has become the managing director for Avalon Consulting LLC in Washington, DC. He leads a team of expert consultants who develop and integrate all sorts of content solutions (websites, content-driven applications, etc.) for corporations, government agencies, and nonprofits. **Lauren Hefferon** is celebrating her 26th year as owner and director of Ciclismo Classico, specializing in European cycling vacations. Lauren just returned from a month in

Argentina scouting a photo and wine workshop, Andean Vision and Vine, a nine-day tour with a renowned Argentinian photographer and documentary filmmaker. She plans to dive into her lifelong passion of photography by creating a photo workshop extension of her business. "I will also be working with Cornell Alumni Travel to develop active programs for Cornell alumni." Fun stuff! Please send us some news. ☒ **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; or **Barb Warner** Deane, barbdeane@barbdeane.com.

84 As I write, our 30th Reunion is a month away . . . but this column won't be published until a month after the event. Look for a full Reunion Report in the next issue, and our thanks to reunion co-chairs **Ellen Strauss** Friedman and **Joanne Restivo** Jensen for all their hard work over many months.

Jahn Gazder (Maineville, OH; jdg45@cornell.edu) was promoted to vice president at Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. He reports, "We recently rebuilt a house on Landen Lake, located on the outskirts of Cincinnati. We attempt to travel somewhere intriguing at least annually. My favorite area seems to be the Charleston/Savannah area. The cold this winter undoubtedly reminded me of numerous walks up and down Libe Slope." Future plans include potentially building a home on St. John, VI, or rebuilding a historic home in Savannah. **Cheri Hoffman Yanuck** (chy@nc.rr.com) is living in Chapel Hill, NC, where she escaped the cold winter. She and husband **Sam '82** have medical practices in the same office space, the Yanuck Center for Life and Health. "I do psychotherapy, eating disorder management, nutritional counseling, and stress management for adults with mood and eating disorders and trauma-related problems. Daughter Sarah is a junior at Vassar, and son Sol is planning to attend Carleton College this fall. So we will be empty nesters!" Cheri adds, "Being my own boss is good. I do a lot of singing and exercise of various sorts, and see friends regularly."

Nelly Maseda is a practicing pediatrician in the Bronx, serving a community very much like the one she grew up with. She reports that she uses her personal experience to aide her patients who are living with violence and abuse. She helps them access available resources to "unshackle themselves from the shame surrounding mental states that lead to the cycle of abuse." Her memoir, *Strangers in the Night: Mentally Ill Mothers and Their Effects on Their Children*, which she shares with her patients, is available on amazon.com.

Anne Tall Phinney (spyhopes@frontiernet.net) also recently published a memoir, called *Finding My Way to Moose River Farm*, about her life with animals (also available at Amazon). She is an elementary school teacher in the Adirondacks, living in Old Forge, NY. Anne teaches horseback riding to local equestrians in the good weather months. She reports that this past winter was more brutal in the Adirondacks than any other winter she remembers. Anne plans on more writing, teaching, and interactions with her animal family.

Clare Kelly (Gaithersburg, MD) has been devoted to historic preservation in the Montgomery County (MD) Planning Dept. for 25 years. In March 2014, she was honored for her preservation efforts with the prestigious Montgomery Prize, the highest honor awarded by Montgomery Preservation, in recognition of all her years of exemplary professional and public service toward protecting county historic resources. Clare is now research

and designation coordinator. She leads the Montgomery Modern initiative to study and raise awareness about the architecture of the recent past. Bravo, Clare!

Lindsay Liotta Forness and husband **Bob '87** report that son Brian was admitted to Cornell, but is deferring to play hockey. Daughter **Keri '15** is back from her semester abroad in Amman, Jordan, and is heading to D.C. for a summer internship with a New Jersey senator! **Emily Liu** Filloramo (Glastonbury, CT; Emily@SuccessAndJoyNow.com) writes, "After being laid off from my 27-year sales career at Pfizer, I finally discovered my life's true calling. I am a success and happiness catalyst who helps people go from good to great with health, wealth, and happiness. The sweet spot of my life's mission is in the intersection of nutrition, self-image psychology, spirituality, peak performance, human excellence, and the law of attraction. And since I was a nutritionist in pharmaceutical sales, I have connected the dots on what it really takes to achieve mental and physical health." Emily's son, Jason, graduated in May from Tufts U., magna cum laude. He double-majored in psychology and music and is an electronic music composer, producer, and guitarist.

My sincere thanks to those who sent along news. Please send us more via e-mail and remember to check out *Cornell Alumni Magazine* on your iPad and smartphone at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and they are NOT searchable by Google!). All e-mail and website links are active hotlinks. ☒ **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinecantwell@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 Our quantum of '85er tidings for this column is closer to a pennyworth or a particle than to a passel or a parsec, but the good news about our news is that the news about us is good. So here, forthwith, is what I know about what's going on with us.

Peter Gross, BFA '85, a Seattle-based painter and teacher, had a solo exhibition of his paintings at the Linda Hodges Gallery this past January, and also published a piece, "Sheer Cardigan and Avenida Amsterdam," in the May issue of *Harper's* magazine. Bravo, Peter! Three of our classmates—**Greig Schneider**, **Dean Gowen**, and **Doug Masters**—were tapped for senior positions in their respective firms. Greig is now US managing partner of Egon Zehnder, a global executive search and talent consulting firm. He previously served as VP of strategy for the Foundation Strategy Group and as an engagement manager with McKinsey & Co. Dean joined the Buffalo, NY, office of Wendel, a national architectural and engineering firm, where he leads the firm's urban planning and design initiatives. Doug was made Chicago office head at Loeb & Loeb, where, in addition to his duties as co-chair of the intellectual property protection group, he is now responsible for general office oversight and growing the firm's services and capabilities throughout the region. Doug was named an "IP Star" by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine, and recently co-authored "Managing an Athlete's Brand Value After Injury" in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*.

In April, **Robert Smith**, chief executive of Vista Equity Partners, a private equity firm with \$8 billion in assets under management, was the subject of a profile in the *New York Times*. In an article entitled "A Private Equity Titan with a Narrow

Focus and Broad Aims," Robert (the aforementioned Titan), explained, "Everyone thinks that private equity is very transactional: buy a company, do some financial engineering, and sell it. We're looking to transform the culture of that company, transform the way they think about themselves and the industry they serve." A classmate who is looking to help transform Yahoo!, chief marketing officer **Kathy Savitt**, will serve as the keynote speaker at Alpha Chi Omega sorority's national convention in Palm Springs, CA, in July. She also served as the keynote speaker for this year's annual meeting of the President's Council of Cornell Women, at which **Sarah Dahlgren**, head of the Financial Institution Supervision Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was also a panelist.

Yahoo! is becoming something of a Cornell '85 dynasty: in April, **Susan Kittenplan** became executive editor of media initiatives at the company. Susan previously held senior editorial positions at *Allure*, *Glamour*, *GQ*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Vanity Fair*. Congratulations and best wishes in the new role, Susan, and also to **Denis Hurley** and **Michael Lang**, ME '85, who, like Susan, are enjoying a change of career venue. Denis traded private law practice for an exciting public service role as assistant attorney general in New York's Civil Recoveries Bureau; and Michael moved from Boston, his home for the past 20 years, to Ottawa, ON, where he is now chief operating officer of Intelcan Technosystems Inc., an aviation electronics company. Although Michael says of Canadians that "the people couldn't be more welcoming," he did allow that his sense of timing might have been slightly off with this move: in 2014, Ottawa experienced its coldest winter in decades, and Michael was "treated" to multiple instances of -20 degree temperatures.

Hey, kids: -20 degrees in Ottawa almost makes an Ithaca winter sound balmy! Perhaps that's the pitch that **Robert Senzer** made to his oldest son, Brandon, who received an early decision acceptance to Cornell's College of Human Ecology. In addition to celebrating Brandon's membership in the Cornell Class of '18, Robert is also enjoying his own new gig as a corporate lawyer in the NYC office of McKenna Long & Aldridge, where he specializes in stadium finance and economic development.

I am choosing to celebrate vicariously, through this column, the personal and career freedom that **Ben Geschwind** is experiencing. Ben, who was formerly in corporate communications with Accenture, is now a freelancer and self-described "stay-at-home Dad/husband." Last summer he took an eight-week, cross-country trip with his son, driving through 30 states, visiting 20 national parks and monuments, taking in the sights, and visiting twin brother **Mike Geschwind** and friends **Farland Chang '84**, **Charlie** and **Karen Weiner Goss**, and **Paul Kohn**, MS '89. Now, Ben says, "I'm currently seeking inspiration for my next adventure while kicking back and enjoying life."

If you've had a great adventure and/or an enjoyable life experience and/or an inspirational epiphany, please write and let your fellow classmates know. Remember: Sharing is caring. ☒ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 Being a class columnist has graced me with the opportunity to keep in regular touch with many friends, classmates, and teammates. An

added benefit is that I get to irregularly hear from some who go years without checking in. **Damiano Albanese** is one of those. After many years of nothing, I caught up with him this spring. “Dam” is a big shot (my words, not his) with Marriott Vacation Club in Singapore. He has been overseeing the sales and marketing of vacation ownership in Asia for several years, and that is his good excuse for not making it back to campus for a decade and missing reunion. He will return to his hometown of Cleveland, OH (he says it is the center of the universe) to attend his son’s graduation from Case Western Reserve U. in May. Dam says when he is reassigned back to the US, he will become a much better alum.

Norm ‘87 and **Elyssa Katz Hurlbut** hosted a birthday party in February for **Lenore DiLeo-Berner**, with husband Dan, at their home in Westchester, NY. In attendance were **Donna Mandell Korren**, **Gabe ‘87** and **Katie Roth Boyar**, and **Mike** and **Lisa Hellinger Manaster**. Two months later, Norm and Elyssa had the pleasure of seeing Lisa and Mike again, along with **Keith** and **Gail Schlüssel Allen**, **Cindy Kaufman**, and **Dave Sherwyn**, JD ‘89, on campus for sorority parents’ weekend when visiting their Cornell daughters.

Jim Schubauer ‘87 made an unsolicited outgoing call to me the other week just to catch up. That happens only about once every five years, so it was fortuitous timing for this column. He and wife **Maggie (Holcomb)** are happy to tell us that their daughter Julia will follow in her older sister’s footsteps and attend Cornell next fall. She is a recruited soccer player and looks forward to wearing a Big Red uniform. Speaking of sports, classmate **Jenny Graap’s** Cornell women’s lacrosse team is doing well. They defeated Yale in a critical Ivy League matchup at Schoellkopf Field to clinch a berth in the Ivy League tournament. The Big Red wore pink uniforms against the Bulldogs for its annual Pink Game to show support for breast cancer awareness. Our own **Mike Schafer** coached the men’s hockey team to a 17-10-5 season and finished the year ranked 15th in the country. The team was eliminated in the playoffs by eventual national championship winner Union College.

Steve ‘84 and **Susan Seligsohn Howell**, whose residential design and construction business recently celebrated its 17th anniversary, just ventured south to Valparaiso, Chile, to visit their Cornell daughter, **Olivia ‘15**, who is studying there this semester. “We spent the first week trekking in Patagonia and the second week exploring the cities of Santiago and Valparaiso and the beaches of Viña del Mar.” Joining them on the trip was their son Jake, who will be the fourth Howell on the Hill when he starts Cornell this fall. **Julie Bick Weed** (Seattle, WA) is a freelance writer for the *New York Times* and *Seattle Times*. **Nancy Keates** is also a writer in the Pacific Northwest. Nancy will be joining Holly and me as a class correspondent. She is loving life in Portland, OR, with her husband and two boys, ages 12 and 14. She has been a writer for the *Wall Street Journal* for many years, and we look forward to her contributions to our class notes. □ **Mike Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com; **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com.

87 **Debbie Garkawe** Gilman proudly boasts that she has an all-Cornell family, as her son Ben was accepted early decision to the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He will be joining his sister **Sarah**

‘16 on the Hill. **Kim Leinwand** Erle writes, “It’s been a crazy year for us. Our home was uninhabitable after Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. 16 months later, we have finally started to rebuild—and we’re building a home that will seek LEED Platinum certification when it’s completed. I’m chronicling the journey on SunsetGreenHome.com, and welcome any classmates who are interested in sustainable building to check out the site and contact me if they have any ideas!”

Eric Ford has embarked on a new venture. “Having been something slightly less than a stellar undergraduate student, my new business venture will seem a little odd to my contemporaries. A colleague and I launched a new company to help faculty develop assignments that promote critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration competencies. The Mobius Social Learning Information Platform uses a double-looped learning algorithm to promote effective and efficient peer-to-peer exchange. In addition, the system provides detailed learning analytics that help instructors target their own feedback to the students who need it most.” **David Briskman**, ME ‘88, reports that he is living in Varese, Italy, which is in the country’s Lake District, and is working for Whirlpool. **German Del Valle** is an IT project manager and has a 14-year-old son named Anthony. For him, the big difference between Ithaca winters and this past winter is that he didn’t have to shovel snow when he was at Cornell. He plans on becoming an active stock trader during the summer.

Deanna Silver Jacobson wrote, “Just completed an East Coast college tour with son Ari—first stop was Cornell! He loved it! Second stop was Troy to visit my other son, Josh, at RPI. Third stop featured an overnight with U-Hall 2 and Baker roomie **Amy Comstock Kingsley** and her great family—such fun to catch up with her! Two-thirds of the way through our final tour, at Penn, **Janelle Hansen Zurek** and I recognized each other! It was an all-Cornell week (even as we toured other Ivies). Also took an amazing ‘just the two of us’ vacation to Ecuador this winter with husband Mark. Due to engine problems on the boat we booked, we ended up on the yacht Brangelina chartered for their honeymoon. Hard to say if the incredible food and service or the spectacular things we saw were more memorable!” **Charlie Muller** works in finance in NYC. He says that he and wife **Debbie (Kranz)** are pleased that their oldest son, Matthew, was accepted to Cornell’s Class of 2018. Charlie says this past winter reminded him a bit of Cornell—“except that I wasn’t able to skip work, get the notes from a friend, and sleep in when the weather got really nasty.”

Thomas Riford reports that he was named VP of Homewood Retirement Centers and put in charge of the Homewood Foundation. He says that during cold-weather months he still teaches skiing at Whitehall Ski Resorts on weekends, some nights, and the occasional holiday. He is an examiner in the Professional Ski Instructors of America-Eastern Division, and traveled to teach clinics and conduct exams at other ski areas. In 2013, Thomas was named to the Top 25 People Who Make A Difference list by *Blue Ridge Country* magazine, and also named as a top tourism professional by *Rejuvenate Magazine*. Before starting his job with Homewood, he was president of the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Glen Dake** writes, “I was appointed to the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California by Los Angeles’ new mayor, Eric Garcetti, just in time for an historic drought.”

Amit Batabyal’s book, *Dynamic and Stochastic Resource Economics*, was published in March 2014. Daughter Sanjana will start as a freshman in CALS in the fall. Please be sure to send us your news via the Cornell University Class of ‘87 Facebook page, a Class of 1987 news form, or by e-mailing one of us at: □ **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

88 Have you ever had a “Cornell everywhere” experience? I’m talking about a period of time—it could be a day, a week, or a month—where Cornell’s presence touched and connected you again and again? Ubiquity is the only word that really describes it. Recently I had a Cornell everywhere week—seven days of Cornell encounters in rapid succession: 1) Cornell’s new technology campus in NYC came up three times in conversation. 2) I found out that my neighbor (and babysitter) has been accepted into the Class of 2019 (Cornell Engineering). 3) I was introduced to a potential client via e-mail without Cornell being mentioned. She immediately responded with “Go Big Red! Let’s talk soon” in her note. Turns out she looked me up on LinkedIn and saw my Cornell background. 4) One of the alumni updates I received from the university was from a former business partner of mine. He’s also from the Class of ‘88, though it never came up in conversation. And 5) Two news forms and eight e-mail updates came my way—all welcome, BTW. It’s been all Cornell, all the time.

Michael DeStefano now has an all-Cornell family. Michael and his wife, **Molly Driver ‘87**, just found out that their son Brian will attend Cornell this fall. Their other two kids are also Cornellians: **Jackson ‘13** and **Kelly ‘15**. Michael and Molly live in Annapolis and are looking forward to many more drives up to Ithaca. **CJ DelVecchio** Croft has been busy as a Cornell ambassador of sorts. She is the newly elected president of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Ithaca Area. CJ has been busy planning fun events around Ithaca for local alums and is fortunate to have “a great board of directors with a diverse background of skills and talents. It’s rekindling my love of Cornell all over again.”

Those of you who live in Atlanta can easily have a Cornell everywhere week. **Dana Barrett** is on the air every day, hosting a daily business talk radio show on 1190 in Atlanta. The Dana Barrett show airs weekdays at 9 a.m. and can be found on demand at biz1190.com/DanaBarrett. Her daughter, Lauren, is graduating from Boston U. this spring and headed off to grad school. Dana writes, “I am living the dream right now. Getting to do what I love and helping others get their message out. My plans to be the next Oprah/Ryan Seacrest are well under way. Radio today, TV tomorrow, and then who knows!”

Amy Doig Cullen (Burnt Hills, NY) is a community service coordinator for Shenendehowa CSD. She writes, “My son Ryan is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy at Oneonta/Upstate Medical. He has almost completed three years and has three more to go! My daughter, Meghan, is a sophomore and plays softball and volleyball, and my youngest, Kevin, plays hockey and baseball.” After teaching for ten years on the faculty at Oxford U. in England, **Victor Seidel** and his family moved back to the US in January 2013, and they now live in Massachusetts. Victor teaches MBA students at Babson

College and undergraduates at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. His wife, Sandra Shefelbine, is on the faculty at Northeastern U., and their three children, Corbin, Spencer, and Phoebe, are all enjoying life in the Boston area.

Our class is a very entrepreneurial group! In addition to **Howard Greenstein's** ongoing marketing, writing, and consulting, he's now COO of DomainSkate.com, which provides online brand protection for small to mid-sized businesses. They launched in April and presented at NY TechDay as well. **Amanda Smith**, MPS '92, writes, "My company just opened a new location in Darien, CT, and we started a new line called 'En Route by Amanda Smith Caterers,' which is a dinner service where you order online and pick up en route home—the menu changes every week and is listed every Sunday afternoon. Would love all feedback!" **Howard Vex** (Rockaway, NJ) is the founding partner of Vex & Gage LLC, a boutique labor and employment law firm serving all of northern New Jersey. **Susan Wenz** Coyle and her husband have retired and moved south. "Although we miss family and friends, we do not miss snow. We recently opened a new venture called Blazing Copper in Columbia, SC. We are a live music venue bar and grill that caters to the Five Points area college scene as well as young professionals. If any alumni are in the area, feel free to stop by and say hey. You can find us on Facebook and Twitter or check out our website at <http://blazingcopper.com>."

The diversity of our class, and the rich, varied experiences of our classmates, continues to be a source of inspiration. From live music in South Carolina to the halls of Harvard to the airwaves of Atlanta, Cornellians are everywhere. We wouldn't want it any other way. Please send your latest and greatest news to your class correspondents, and if you've had a Cornell everywhere moment, we'd love to hear your stories! 📧 **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu.

89 News was a bit sparse for this column, but our thanks to those who responded to the e-mail request that went out last spring. To send news any time of year, go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> and let us know what's happening in your life. Were you able to go to Reunion? A full report on our 25th will appear in the Sept/Oct issue! In the meantime, here's the latest from some of our classmates.

Richard Thornton, a Naval Undersea Warfare Center mathematician, has won the Dept. of the Navy (DoN) Test and Evaluation (T&E) Award in the Small Program Outstanding Tester category. Thornton is the alteration installation team manager and test director for several critical submarine projects and has played an essential role in the successful accomplishment of programmatic milestones and delivery

of systems to fleet operators. **Eleonora Gafton** (gafton@comcast.net) is the Whole Foods Cooking Labs manager and an adjunct professor in the Master of Nutrition and Integrative Health program at Maryland U. of Integrative Health. After getting her MS in herbal medicine and clinical studies, she is building her clinical nutrition practice. She is also holding community education workshops and probably going for her PhD. She loves the work-life balance, the great changes that she is able to make in her clients lives, and the ability to infuse her passion for whole foods into her students' lives. Eleonora writes that she's grateful for spring's arrival. "I am looking forward to sunny days that I can spend outside in nature and to start my herb garden on my patio in raised beds."

Jamie Platt Lyons (jamieplattlyons@gmail.com) celebrated her daughter's bat mitzvah on February 1, 2014. **Amy Susman-Stillman** and her family were there. Also attending from Cornell was **Lori Schain** Hiller '88 with her family and **Alena Tepper** Margolis '88. Jamie was looking forward to being on campus in June. **Hayley Weston** Murphy, DVM '92 (hmurphy@zooatlanta.org) is director of veterinary services at Zoo Atlanta and director of the Great Ape Heart Project. She lives in Marietta, GA. **Laurie Teller Markin** is the managing physician of a family medicine group in

Fairfax County, VA. She is proud to report that her daughter, **Jennifer '15**, is pole-vaulting herself into the Cornell record books for indoor track this year. Her son, Jacob, is enjoying his junior year of high school and playing water polo for the Naval Academy youth team. She was also looking forward to reconnecting with fellow classmates at reunion, and shortly thereafter celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary with **Gary '87**.

Peter Dedek, MA '93, is an associate professor in interior design at Texas State U. He recently published a textbook on historic preservation called *Preservation for Designers* with Fairchild Books. Now he is working on a book about the architecture of historic cemeteries. Also in Texas, **Marci Braunstein** Arnold was featured on the Kokoon website as their highlighted representative in March. **Lane Blumenfeld** (laneblumenfeld@gmail.com) works with cutting-edge technology companies in Washington, DC, as a member of Outside GC, an innovative law firm composed entirely of partner-level attorneys, each with executive level, in-house experience. Last summer, he and his 13-year-old son climbed Mount Whitney in California, the highest peak in the Continental US, ascending via the heavily exposed, and hence less traveled, Mountaineer's Route. On other travels in 2013, he got Mets tickets from **Cory Zimmerman**

Not Just Playing Around

Keith Camhi '88

On any given day, one of Keith Camhi's gyms can be a baseball stadium, a golf course, a playground, a basketball court—or all of the above and more. Camhi runs Great Play, a nationwide chain of a dozen gyms (with ten more in the works) geared toward kids from toddlerhood to ten. Using virtual reality technology in a 2,000-square-foot space called an

interactive arena, the gyms' audiovisuals and equipment can change to accommodate various activities and ages. "In the morning we can have two-year-olds in a parent-child class with Buddy, the animated mascot, leading cartoon games that teach how to run, jump, hop, and skip," Camhi says. "And then in the afternoon it's a basketball stadium with cheering and intros that mimic the NBA playoffs."

A former high school athlete, Camhi majored in computer science at Cornell, where he played intramural sports. While his gyms are designed to appeal to kids of all skill levels, he says, they're especially helpful to those who aren't natural athletes. "The idea is that practice is seen as boring, but games are fun—so we turn key motor skill development into games," says Camhi, who founded Great Play with his wife, Jyl. "We're helping kids get off to a great start in life. If they're competent and confident in

their athletic skills, they can opt in and play. That has huge benefits, setting them on the right path both for physical health and for participating in sports down the road."

The company holds patents on the interactive technology, which employs overhead cameras to triangulate the location of a ball—so, for instance, kids can smash towers of bottles as in a carnival game, or kick a field goal and have a virtual ref decide if it scored. But Camhi stresses that the facility is more than a giant Wii. "It's not just a video game," he says. "The technology plays a supporting role to an instructor-led curriculum." The father of two children now in their teens, Camhi created his first interactive arena at home. During the testing phase, he notes with a laugh, there was no shortage of willing guinea pigs. "When we built the simulation in our basement," he says, "all the kids in the neighborhood wanted to play at our place."



while in NYC and dining tips from Amy Susman-Stilman while in Minneapolis.

I just returned from Zihuatenejo with my husband, **Steve Labovitz '92**, along with **Carlyse Marshall** Evans and her husband. We were right there for the 7.2 earthquake. Amazing that after 17 years in California, I had to go to Mexico to really feel a quake. Keep the news coming. ☐ **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, lflato@att.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu.

90 Happy summer! Grab a glass of something cool, kick back, and relax with your Class of 1990 news.

Alan Glanz writes from Michigan that he continues to split his time between his two businesses, Joint Software Development LLC and Massage & Wellness LLC. "Software development and massage therapy is still a great combination for me for keeping a good work balance," he says. He also has bragging rights for having survived his

I will be returning to Camp Wayne for Boys this summer. My other son is working on getting courses or experience for his science research project in physics. I need to work full-time so that when my oldest son (heading into his junior year of high school) goes to Cornell, we will be able to afford it!" **John Gauch** is involved in two "fabulous" projects: a financial technology startup and a corporate education and learning company. He has a third fabulous project at home: a new puppy, Lexi. "She's a handful, but lovely." Aren't they all?

I had the pleasure of attending this year's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston and hearing lots of information on the upcoming Sesquicentennial celebration in honor of Cornell's 150th birthday. The celebration begins this September and continues well into 2015—which means it will bracket our 25th Reunion! Mark your calendars for June 4-7, 2015. Our class president, **Jeff Goldstein**, is leading a reunion planning committee that welcomes all volunteers. If you're interested, let me know and I'll connect you with him.

Now, back to the Sesquicentennial. The celebration will include regional celebrations in New

91 I hope the summer is treating you well. Based on the news from our classmates, we are keeping busy no matter the season. **Hallie Goldman Hohner** shares, "My husband, **Doug '92**, ME '93, and I still live in Chicago—surviving the Chicago winters! I work as an attorney for the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw, representing federal contractors in affirmative action matters. We have two children, Nate, 11, and Caroline, 9. We are looking forward to the summer and heading to Aspen when the kids are off at camp."

Carl Thorne-Thomsen has been busy the past three years as the chef and owner of Story in Prairie Village, KS, and was named *Food & Wine Magazine's* The People's Best New Chef. You can find out more at <http://fandw.me/QFWwmk>. When they're not busy working at the restaurant, Carl and his wife spend time with their three children (a son and two daughters). While the winters of Kansas are reminiscent of winters on the Hill, he is looking forward to spring produce! Helping chefs with the best ingredients possible, **Katharine Knowlton** was named the Colonel Horace E. Alphin Professor in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech. She was acknowledged for her work with private, state, and federal agencies to foster cooperation in reducing the environmental impact of the dairy industry. She also coaches the Virginia Tech Dairy Cattle Judging team, which won the national championship four times in the last eight years.

Miles Morgan writes from Madison, WI, where he is working as an emergency physician. He is married and has four children, with the oldest, **Eva '16**, now attending Cornell. This is a reminder that we are at that stage where our children are continuing the Cornell tradition. With our 25th Reunion only two years away, it's a great opportunity to show our kids what a lovely place Ithaca is . . . in the summer. From the Cornell Class of '91 Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Cornell91>) in January, Cornell had its Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, and our class was well represented by **Richard Rosen**, **Lisa Bushlow**, **Bob Baca**, **Scott Lewis**, **Jeannette Perez-Rossello**, **Ruby Wang** Pizzini, and **Paul Hayre**.

Jennifer Leeds writes from the lovely climes of Northern California and the city of Walnut Creek, where she lives with husband **Rob Hess** and sons Tjaden and Max. Jennifer is leading the antibacterial research division of Novartis, and Rob is a patent attorney at Solazyme Inc. "The best part of life is getting to spend time outdoors with the family—hiking and biking around Walnut Creek, enjoying the Pacific Ocean, and just enjoying a glass of wine on our deck! The hardest part, though, is being 3,000 miles away from most of our family. We did get to see some old friends, such as Rob's roommate **Ron Khosla**, and we also were CAAAN volunteers for the incoming Cornell class. I also recently caught up with my thesis advisor, **Rod Welch '73**. In two weeks, I will be taking Max to Paris with me for a Harvard post-doc lab reunion! Should be a fantastic trip!"

Also in Northern California, **Cristos Goodrow** is working for Google and, by extension, YouTube, where he is responsible for search and recommendations. His oldest son, Corgan, will begin his freshman year at Saint Ignatius High School in the fall. "We will also have two kids, Isabelle and Brendan, in middle school and our youngest, Eve, in elementary school." **Robert Spencer**, PhD '97, sends his regards from Portland, OR, where he continues to enjoy his career at Intel. "Moore's Law marches on!" He reports that his schedule is

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Lauren Flato Labovitz '89

state's worst winter in 130 years. "I won't be in Michigan again in my lifetime during the month of January. I've committed myself to that statement!" He also tells us that he and his partner, Ramona, have gone their separate ways "after six-plus wonderful years together."

Daniel Helman now makes his home in Long Beach, CA. He shares a fascinating fact: you can put your master's thesis on Amazon. He did. His is titled "Metamorphism & Electricity: Metamorphic Contributions to Electrical Phenomena in the Earth's Crust," and it has been selling. Now where did I put that master's project I did on woman veterans? But wait, Daniel has more news. He's been hired as a research scientist related to earthquake forecasting—a highly relevant subject to your class correspondents, living as we do on the West Coast and in Japan. And he can be found on Etsy, doing sculpture and painting portraiture based on photographs.

Also in California, **Eileen McPeake** returned to work in fall 2013 as a financial adviser with Rebalance IRA. She writes, "I'm able to work with clients all across the country and put them into low-cost, globally diversified portfolios. Exciting times!" Congratulations to a third California Cornellian, **Chris Arends**, who retired in March as a commander after 24 years as a meteorology and oceanography (METOC) officer with the US Navy. He's enjoying midweek golf without the crowds in San Diego—well-earned. Chris also reports that his wife, Bridget, was recently promoted to manager of financial reporting for Sempra Energy.

Elisa Barfus Bremner spends part of her time doing nutrition outreach at schools and community centers throughout Westchester County, NY. She loves her job. "I make my own schedule, and the feedback from kids of all ages is fantastic!" Fortunate woman! Elisa reports, "My youngest son and

York, Washington, DC, Hong Kong, Boston, Florida, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and London. The main birthday party will be on Charter Day—aka Cornell's birthday, April 27—but if you can't make it to Ithaca, don't worry. Plans are in the works for simultaneous "Charter Day Around the World" celebrations. In other Sesquicentennial news, **Richard J. Schwartz '60**, professor of Government Isaac Kramnick, and VP for university relations **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, are writing a new history of the university and will offer a Sesquicentennial history course that will be taped and made available to all Cornellians. If you'd like to get up to speed on Cornell history before then, check out *Cornell: Glorious to View* by Carol Kammen.

The Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) presented its ninth annual **William "Bill" Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award to **Shigeo Kondo '43**. As he is known to do, Shig made everyone laugh with his opening line, "Behind every successful man is a woman—and a surprised mother-in-law," then made everyone tear up by recounting that when he was in Japan toward the end of WWII, he comforted himself with memories of "that special place on the Hill." To read about Shig's remarkable life, go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/awards/vanneman.cfm>.

Finally, if you're looking for summer reading, how about the book chosen for Cornell's 2014 New Student Reading Project? *Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittoria*, written by Amara Lakhous, won Italy's prestigious Flaiano Prize. This year, the Office of Alumni Affairs plans to facilitate virtual reading project seminars for alumni, based on similar programming for Freshman Orientation in August. ☐ **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net; **Rose Tanasugarn**, bigredrose1990@gmail.com.

completely governed by his kids' various and sundry activities: quiz bowls, soccer games, etc. A 2014 trip to London was in the works for the whole Spencer family.

Closing out the notes, I am happy to share that I, **Charles Wu**, got married to Euree Kim in March 2014 in lovely Santa Monica, CA. The festivities ended up being a mini-reunion with classmates **David Franson**, **Paul Cheng**, **Susan Chen**, **Eric Cheng**, **William T. Lee**, and **Sameer Desai** attending. Other Cornellians included groomsman **Greg Coladonato '93** and his wife **Maia (Albano) '92**, **John K. Lin '93**, **Karl Niemann '85**, **Christine Zheng '00**, and **Andrew Smolik '09**. Coincidentally, the wedding took place the same weekend and in the same city as the Cornell West Coast Alumni Leadership Conference, so I was able to stop by and see too many other alumni to mention. However, Bay Area alum and Hawaii ambassador **Jonathan Poe '82**, who organized a champagne toast to offer well wishes, would like to express his thanks. The honeymoon was in Kauai, HI, and I leave this edition of the Class Notes with a Public Service Announcement that if you have never been to Kauai, you should definitely go—and if you have been, you should go again.

Don't forget that you can always submit news at any time by visiting <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Also visit our class website at <http://cornellclassof1991.com> and our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell91> to stay up to date on news of our class. ☐ **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Wendy Milks Coburn**, wmilkscoburn@mac.com; and **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu.

92 Ahhhh . . . It's summertime in Ithaca. Hanging out with nothing to do, splashing my feet in the water, wandering around the gardens, feeling the warmth of the sun after a long, gray winter . . . Ithaca is a good place to be in the summer. Depending on when this issue reaches your mailbox, you might have time to check something off your bucket list by slipping in a week of summer camp for adults at Cornell's Adult University.

Congratulations are in order for **Christine Schwenzer** Mosholder. Her company, Fort Point Project Management (Fort Point PM), has been recognized as the 37th fastest-growing, privately held company in Massachusetts. Since 2010, Fort Point PM has added 19 employees to the team, and revenue has grown 200 percent. In addition, Christine received a 2014 New England Women in Real Estate (NEWIRE) award for collaboration on the new Boston headquarters of Iron Mountain, a leading information management provider. Fort Point PM served as the project manager and relocation management team.

Dan Rosner is living in Bellmore, NY, and working as a photography supervisor for Lifetouch Sports. That probably comes in handy for him, as one of his 16-year-old twin sons is an ice and roller hockey goalie, and the other son is an accomplished stage performer, working his way toward Broadway. Like thriller novels? Then **Carter Wilson** (Erie, CO) has big news for you. His first novel, *Final Crossing*, was released in 2012. His second novel, *The Boy in the Woods*, has recently been published by Severn House in the US. You can pick up both books on Amazon.com.

Rachael Perkins Arenstein writes, "After years of talking about living closer to my husband's family, we finally did it, and this past summer we

moved to Israel. The kids made an amazing adjustment and I am enjoying my new position as the conservator for the Bible Lands Museum, an archaeological collection in Jerusalem." Rachael is enjoying watching their children absorb the language and culture, and she's "learning to love the country, even with all its complexities." Best part of the move? "We were thrilled to miss the harsh US winter and enjoyed wearing just a fleece through most of the mild Israeli winter." Rachael invites friends to visit her!

Kim Sanders Lehrman is a bankruptcy lawyer representing individuals in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy in south Florida. In December, she and her husband celebrated their son Josh's bar mitzvah with alums **David Peck '91**, MPA '92, **Eric Weintraub**, and **Rory '91** and **Julie Grass Jurman** in attendance. Sounds like a good time to me! Kim and the family recently moved to a neighborhood called Sea Ranch Lakes, and get this: the neighborhood has two small lakes named Lake Cayuga and Lake Seneca! Kim writes, "We had an awesome time at Cornell last summer with **Greg**, MBA '97, and **Lori Isman Greene** and their family." She also keeps in touch with **Gabrielle Mollo Hartley** and recently saw Gabrielle, husband **Mitch**, and their family in Florida. My husband, **John Torrance '90**, and I recently got to see **J.R.** and **Jessica Torrance Kavanagh** in western New York, where our family all gathered to celebrate the life of Jessica and John's grandfather. He was 100 years old and had seen a lot of history. It's pretty amazing to think of what you can see and do in a lifetime that lasts a century. Quite an inspiration.

It's been a little more than a quarter-century since we started our Cornell journey. What did you learn at Cornell that you still use today? One of my young teammates at work has been accepted into two very different graduate programs here in Michigan, and she is in the midst of a big, big decision. It's gotten me thinking about the choices I made and the things I learned during my time on the Hill. Comm 201 and 301—the public and business speaking courses—have become useful in recent years. Accounting with Marge Hubbard has been useful in John's business and in mine. I took an employment law course in the ILR school that comes in handy from time to time. And I love sharing the bits I remember from Geology with my daughter. Chemist Roald Hoffman taught me to ask my students to participate in the design of the course they're taking. And, yeah, it's still pretty darned cool that I took a Chemistry class from a Nobel laureate. One of **Brian Earle '67**, MPS 71's Communication courses helped me realize I probably wouldn't make much money in public relations, so I decided to get an MBA instead. My weekends spent working in John's entrepreneurial ventures taught me a lot about what it takes to run a business.

What about you? What courses and lessons do you keep with you today? What news do you have to share with your classmates? Send it along and we'll include it in an upcoming column. Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ☐ **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 **David Shapiro** is president of davidshapiro.net Inc., the largest social and professional networking company in the NYC area. They plan events in

NYC and vacations to the Hamptons, Fire Island, Club Getaway, and Atlantic City. David is planning a wedding this fall! Since graduating, **Charlotte Kuo-Benitez** received a master's in mass communications at Northwestern U., was a stay-at-home mom for ten years, and now works as a technical editor at Hayes Inc., a woman-owned health technology assessment and consulting company. She and **Kiko Benitez** live in the Philippines, but continue to maintain close ties to Seattle. They have three daughters: Chiara, 17, Nuria, 14, and Ariana, 9. Charlotte says, "I love working from home and setting my own hours. We are also grateful to have the chance to raise our children in both the US and Asia."

I believe that **Ken Outcalt** has one of the best jobs ever. He currently owns a children's birthday party clown business and has more than 15 clowns performing at parties all over the Cleveland area. Owning a small business is challenging and he hopes to one day sell his clown business and get into more of a consulting role. A recent milestone in the Outcalt family: Ken's twin boys recently eclipsed him in height and are now two inches taller than he is.

And finally, it's not too early to start planning for Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration. Cornell plans to roll out the Big Red carpet in 2014-15. Why not make plans for the October 17-18, 2014 first-ever combined Homecoming and Trustee Council Annual Meeting in Ithaca? **Theresa Flores** and her husband, **Ike Enahoro '94**, plan to attend. Stay tuned. ☐ **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melmoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com.

94 As I write this column in May, I have been busy helping plan our 20th Reunion. I hope by the time you read it, you have had great memories from the 1990s revived and made some fabulous new ones! A full Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct class column.

Gerry Cooney recently relocated back to Washington, DC, from Florida to take a senior HR project manager position for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Gerry, who is a certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR) from the HR Certification Inst., will put that certification to work for WMATA, where he will help ensure that their HR functions are aligned to support the business's needs and its 12,000-plus employees. Sisters, doctors, and Cornellians **Elizabeth Kaufmann Hale** and **Julie Kaufmann Karen, MD '03**, recently opened a state-of-the-art dermatology and laser surgery practice in New York City. Dr. Hale and Dr. Karen are both board certified dermatologists, and Dr. Hale is also a clinical associate professor of dermatology at the New York U. Langone Medical Center. The practice can be found online at <http://CompleteSkinMD.com>.

Shana Lory recently opened a life coaching business that caters to creative professionals and entrepreneurs. She provides both private coaching sessions and workplace team coaching sessions. She explains, "After a long career in marketing and branding, I feel reconnected to my purpose in life. I love using my insight and strategic thinking to help people launch new businesses or take their talents to the next level." Find Shana at ShanaLory.com or www.Facebook.com/ShanaLoryCoaching. **Julie Dickson** reports that she is "loving living in London, but hating being so far away from family."

She is working at Ashmore Group as its global head of client portfolio management for their emerging markets equities business.

Kevinn Matthews is the attorney for health and safety at WPXEnergy, a company that specializes in producing natural gas, plus oil and natural gas liquids from non-conventional resources such as tight-sands and shale formations, as well as from coal bed methane reserves in Oklahoma. Kevinn works with WPX business partners to ensure that the work the company does is safe for employees and the environment. He explains, "I don't just preach safety from my desk. I'm out there, in the field, conducting investigations, learning oilfield forensics, doing my part to ensure we understand why incidents happen, so that the company can take steps to ensure they don't happen again." Kevinn, who among other activities is the president of the Cornell Club of Oklahoma, was recently honored by his law school alma mater, the U. of Tulsa College of Law, with its Award for Service in Professional Development.

Laura Dobler Fitzmaurice, BArch '94, has put her Architecture degree to work. Since the birth of sons Aidan, now 14, and Kieran, 16, she has focused on small residential design projects, but prior to that she worked on large budget projects at the London office of RTKL Ltd., and then at Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbot (SBRA) in Boston. She also researches woman architects of the Victorian Age, and earned a BSA research grant to record the life and work of Ann Margaretta Cobb (1830-1911), architect-builder of Newton Highlands, MA. That research has led to many lectures and an exhibit at Historic Newton's Jackson Homestead. She serves as the Newton Historical Commission appointee to the Community Preservation Committee.

Family celebrations abound. **Toni Scime** married David Kamsler on November 9, 2013 in Buffalo, NY. Cornellians in attendance included **Paula Berman '93**, **Tom Mazortig**, **J.P. Brannan**, **Michael Bailey '92**, and **Kristopher '93** and **Kathleen Boggan Zierhut '91**. **Anne Paoletti** became Anne Paoletti Banya when she married Ron Banya on March 15, 2014 in Binghamton, NY. The couple live in southern New Jersey, where Anne continues to teach math and is enjoying her new family, which also includes Megan, 15, and Andrew, 11. **Ethan** and **Arielle Hecht Schiffman** celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Lucas. Cornell alumni in attendance included **Ian Wright** and grandparents **Barry '65** and **Bradlea Dorn Hecht '67**.

Congrats on 20 years, Class of 1994! Here's to another 20—and more! ☑ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu, **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 Did you know that we are on the verge of Cornell's Sesquicentennial?! Cornell will be celebrating 150 years far above Cayuga's waters throughout the 2014-15 academic year. There will be celebrations through Cornell Clubs all over the world and a special Charter Celebration in Ithaca, April 24-27, 2015. There's even a new book about Cornell coming out in September, entitled *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*. And now onto the news . . .

How many of you can say you've been at the same company for 20 years? **Kim Jordan** can! She e-mails, "I am still working as a software developer for the same people I did via the Engineering Co-op program while at Cornell—20 years with the

same group, which is practically unheard of these days. The company name has changed a few times due to mergers and acquisitions, but quite a few folks besides me are still here from 20 years ago. I am thankful to continue to be working in the field I studied for!" Kim adds, "This past spring I had an opportunity to stay with a high school friend working in London. Although she had to work, I was able to play tourist around London, as well as southern England, via excursion bus tours. We took a weekend trip up to Edinburgh that was rainy, but still fun. I also had a chance to catch up with **Alex Benton**, MS '96, in a lovely English pub. I was awed by all the historical sites of the UK, from Stonehenge and the white cliffs of Dover, through a play of Shakespeare's at the Globe, to the many museums and cathedrals, all older than any building in the US. And I especially enjoyed my butterbeer at the Harry Potter Studios tour! (For the curious, it's very much like cream soda, with additional butterscotch flavoring.)" When not traveling or working, Kim spends much of her free time researching her family history. She writes, "A family reunion when I was in high school sparked my interest, and with the leaps and bounds in technology, this pastime is very different than what it was 20 years ago. Through websites such as Ancestry and Family Search, as well as the availability of DNA testing for genealogy, this is now a very high-tech field! Right up my computer science alley. My research has already connected me with a number of cousins previously unknown, and I'll be taking a trip to Sweden in the summer of 2014 to meet some Swedish fourth cousins!"

Laura Schmidt Tweeddale is employed by JPMorgan Chase, but not in the manner you might assume. Laura is a full-time project manager working on office renovations and construction projects for the company. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, with her husband, Robert, and enjoys kickboxing and bike riding when the weather is warm. Recently the couple traveled to Iceland: "Robert loved the volcanoes and I loved the hot springs!" Meanwhile, in Austin, TX, **Todd Greenberg** works for Microsoft as a general manager leading their VS mobile operator business, including Windows Phone. When not at work, Todd spends time with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, **Jaydon**, 4, and **Zachary**, 1.

At Penn State U., **Jennifer Graham**-Engelard conducts research on how emotional and cognitive responses to stress affect immune function and pain, in an attempt to find ways to break the cycle between stress and chronic pain. Jennifer writes, "I spend lots of time with my daughters and husband, cooking, and hanging out with friends—generally trying to find a happy Zen balance in life, because life is too short for anything else." On the opposite coast, **Jennifer Tsai** Ebbitt lives in Los Altos, CA, with her husband, Ken. In Kansas City, MO, **Chi Ha** Kim is working toward her nursing degree.

In January 2014, **Alison Torrillo French** launched her own consulting venture, Alto Solutions LLC (www.altosolutionsllc.com). She works with businesses and Federal agencies to coach leaders on organizational change, implement training and communications programs, and facilitate strategic planning, team building, and visioning programs. She also does individual career and resume coaching. Alison and her husband, **Matt**, live in the Washington, DC, suburbs with their children, Sarah, 3, and Benjamin, 1. **Wayne Gladstone** wrote, "I published my first novel, *Notes from the Internet Apocalypse*, on Thomas Dunne Books on March 4. I also sold books two and three of the Internet Apocalypse trilogy." **Agnes Varga** Wells

and her family have finally bought their dream house, and they moved into it in May. Since 2008, she has been a workforce analyst for the Dept. of Labor. Regarding this past winter, Agnes writes, "I think I recall one or two occasions in my four years at Cornell when classes were canceled due to snow. Our son's elementary school had a total of 13 weather-related closings and six delayed openings this winter! So glad that spring is finally here." **Dana Hill**, JD '05, recently changed jobs from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia to the Drug Enforcement Administration in the office of the chief counsel, diversion regulation, and litigation section.

Mark your calendar! In 2015, our 20th Reunion will be June 4-8. Looking forward to seeing you then! Thanks to everyone who has sent news! Please keep it coming. ☑ **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks**-Sigler, vkbrooksiger@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 **Jed Sonnenshein** had a big 2013: he and wife Ruth had twin daughters (Estee and Marlowe joined big brother Oscar, 3), and the entire family relocated from Los Angeles to Denver, where Jed took a real estate attorney position with the Fox Rothschild firm. **Marilyn Bashoff** Bordman and husband Ethan welcomed son Matthew in December 2013. "Now that the brutal winter is behind us, we have been showing Matthew around his hometown of Ridgewood, NJ!" Just across the Hudson in New York City is **Felix Lung**, ME '97, who recently co-founded a startup called Zola.com. "Our goal is to reinvent the wedding registry for the modern couple." Zola.com launched in October 2013, and Felix is planning on running his first marathon in 2014. "I like the startup life here in NYC: helping to create something from the ground up and seeing it come alive and blossom, and working with people from all sorts of backgrounds while also finding time to go running and spending time with my wife."

Checking in from the second-largest city in Bulgaria (Plovdiv, of course) is **Alexander Sapundshiev**, MBA '99, who is currently performing investor appraisal and valuation for hospitality projects in Europe and working on his Turkish language skills. He adds, "I have become a vegetarian, focused on health through diet. My kids are keen chess players; they already beat me using the same moves over and over again." **Denisse Jovel** Lie-Nielsen will be relocating with her family from central Florida to London in 2014. She had been busy this year spearheading the reinstallation of the Cornell Book Awards at several area high schools, and volunteering and substitute teaching at her child's school. Prior to that, she says, "I spent seven years of hard work as a Lower School Head in Miami. I will continue to search for the right administrative position in education, while our son enters middle school and our daughter begins her sophomore year in high school in the UK." Enjoy London, Denisse! **Erica Siegel** Henning, MPA '97, has a new address in Houston, TX.

Winner of a 2013 Outstanding Teacher Award given by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) was none other than **Amanda Stein** Thomson, MAT '96, from Middletown High School in Middletown, CT. For her efforts, the NAAE rewarded Amanda with a trip to Las Vegas and a 2014 Toyota Tundra! An educator for the last 17 years, Amanda teaches classes in animal science,

leadership, and agricultural business, and also oversees veterinary science and large animal labs. Class experiences have included carriage driving, kidding out Boer goats, grooming dogs, delivering lambs, tattooing rabbits, raising market hogs, milking dairy goats, and even shearing a llama. Amanda plans to use her new truck to transport students and livestock—in addition to family activities such as camping trips.

Finally, in addition to many of us turning 40 this year, Cornell has a big birthday coming up: the university is turning 150 in 2015! Cornell is planning regional sesquicentennial events around the world, leading up to a weekend full of events celebrating Charter Day in Ithaca (and elsewhere, in regionally coordinated events) on April 24-27, 2015. In addition, your Class Council is working to coordinate a variety of regional Class of '96 sesquicentennial events throughout 2014-15. Full details were still pending at press time. Please check our class Facebook and LinkedIn pages for the latest info, but '96ers in or around the following locations should mark their calendars: New York City (Sept. 13, 2014), Ithaca (Oct. 17-18, 2014—Homecoming Weekend), Washington, DC (Nov. 14, 2014), Hong Kong (Dec. 15, 2014), Boston (Jan. 17, 2015), South Florida (Feb. 14, 2015), San Francisco (March 4, 2015), Los Angeles (March 6, 2015), and London (May 14, 2015).

Perfected the recipe for beef stew? Organized a bloodless coup? Discovered a new shade of blue? Hired as a doula for a kangaroo? Tell us about it. **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahoney**, liamom@yahoo.com. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Better late than never, it seems that spring has finally sprung as I pen this column. Spring brings new beginnings and many changes for many of us. Changes are occurring on the Hill as well. A huge shout-out and congratulations to **Elizabeth Everett**, who joins the Cornell Board of Trustees this year as an alumni-elected representative. Liz has been a class leader in many ways since graduation (and even before), and we should all be proud that the Class of '97 is represented so well. Another class officer, longtime reunion co-chair **Joshua Steiner**, MS '98, also sends news of changes in his life. This spring, Josh and wife **Lheny (Lewis) '96**, MBA '06, welcomed daughter Juliette in Neuchatel, Switzerland. Not to be caught unprepared, Juliette (Class of 2036) will attend her first reunion this year and begin studying up on the best ways to run a fun weekend!

Many thanks to all of you who completed the update form sent out through e-mail. Erica and I love the flood of messages to our inboxes telling us what everyone has been up to recently. Sending in her update from sunny Florida was **April Bruning**. April is a self-employed landscape designer in Florida and has been busy working on her passion—

residential projects, including therapeutic landscapes. Business is going well as she recently added on a new home office. She enjoys visiting family in Colorado and California with daughters Suriana, 6, and Calathea, 4. Looking back, April wishes she had done more traying on the Slope during her time in Ithaca! **Miyun Sung** sends her update from the East Coast, where she recently left Hogan Lovells LLP to join Finjan Holdings Inc. as VP corporate counsel in NYC. **Jonas Chartock** (New Orleans, LA) recently got married to Andrea Zayas and is now stepfather to daughter Mila. Jonas is the CEO of Leading Educators, a "national organization that advances teacher leadership opportunities and skills to ensure that all students are successful in school and life." He is currently working on expanding Leading Educators north, to the city of Memphis. He loves living in New Orleans with his wonderful partner and stepdaughter and discovering new Cornell connections with friends and fellow alums **Jonel Daphnis '98** and **Teresa Turla**, as well as colleague/Cornellian **Phong Dinh '96**. It really is a small world!

Classmate **Brian Lester** kept busy this past winter enjoying the large amounts of snow that fell all over the US. When not working, Brian said he spent lots of time skiing—it was a great winter for it! He also enjoys hockey and lacrosse as well as spending time with his kids. **Claire Cho '13** sent word that her friend and mentor **Scott Kachlany** has been working hard and is being recognized for his efforts. As the founder of Actinobac Biomed

Inc., Scott was awarded the 2013 Thomas Edison Patent of the Year Award from the Research and Development Council of New Jersey, as well as the Innovators Award from the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame for his work in discovering new agents for the treatment of leukemias. According to the press release, his product, Leukothera, "specifically targets and depletes disease-related white blood cells." Scott received his PhD in microbiology from Columbia. Congrats on your achievements and continued good fortune!

If you ignored the update request when it came in, or didn't have a chance to reply in the moment, dig back in your inbox and drop us a line, or go right to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Erica and I need your news to have anything to write about, so let us know what you are up to this year. Any great vacation spots you want to share? Already rounding up a group for Reunion 2017? We hope to hear from you! **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Summer is here, and so are memories of our first month on campus two decades ago. Although the ubiquitous Cornell bumper stickers here on Long Island stir up my college memories fairly regularly, I'd like to kick off this column with a reminder that caught me off guard. While perusing a menu for a new local takeout place a couple

(Baby) Food for Thought

Jessica Rolph '97, MBA '04

Childcare experts talk about the "first 1,000 days"—beginning at conception and running through a baby's second birthday—as a vital time for development. That important period is the focus of Happy Family, an organic baby food company co-founded by Jessica Rolph. Combining GMO-free fruits, vegetables, and grains, the firm's products are designed to offer "whole foods" in convenient, kid-friendly packaging. "The foods are packed with nutritious, organic ingredients," says Rolph, the company's Boise, Idaho-based COO. "For example, we have a mix of spinach, mango, pear; you can taste a little bit of the spinach, but for the most part it tastes like a yummy, sweet puree."



Happy Family donates a portion of its profits to Project Peanut Butter, a nonprofit that battles malnutrition in developing countries through the distribution of a vitamin-enriched peanut-based supplement that requires no added water. The firm's products—which are sold at major retailers like Target, Amazon, and Costco—include lines aimed to appeal not only to babies but to toddlers, older kids, and even grownups. They include such ingredients as chia seeds, quinoa, and Greek yogurt, as well as probiotics for digestive health and the essential nutrient choline for

brain development. "I eat the products all the time," says Rolph, "even the baby food."

Rolph stresses the importance of exposing kids to a wide variety of foods early in life, so they grow up with an adventurous palate. "Infants are really receptive to new flavors and tastes," she says, "but when they transition to toddlerhood their range of acceptable tastes narrows." A former anthropology major, she has a background in nonprofits and political consulting and also had a stint working at Whole Foods. But she says that some of her best insights have come from being the mother of two boys under four. Says Rolph: "Getting my toddlers to eat healthy foods has taught me a lot."

— Courtney Sokol '15

of weeks ago, I was amazed to see something I had never encountered outside of Ithaca: corn nuggets! This instantly transported me back 20 years to my first taste of them at the Chariot, that unforgettable, underground pizza paradise. Although the Chariot is now just a Collegetown legend, you can still find corn nuggets at the Nines on your next trip back to the Hill.

This moment of culinary nostalgia prompted me to poll some of our classmates about their favorite freshman-year dining revelations. “Wegmans was somewhat of a religious experience,” shares **Megan O’Brien**, before seconding **Anne Savage Malenfant**, ME ’99’s praise for the “REAL bagels” at CTB. Although Anne writes, “Going to Moosewood Restaurant when my parents visited was pretty special,” most of us will confess that our favorite stops were to those guilty pleasures, the Louie’s Lunch van and Hot Truck. “Hot Truck PMP . . . obvious but true!” writes **Alice Tromble** Fagin, also joining **Kara Kownacki** Radcliffe, MBA ’04, in praise for Sage Dining. **Patricia Bolen** and **Soo Yi-Thompson** reminisced about the vegetarian steam buns and mac and cheese from Balch Dining, while **Uthica Jinvit** Utano fondly recalls the ice cream from the Cornell Dairy Bar.

Moving on from the old to the new, we know that you love to hear reports of our classmates’ growing families, and this issue will not disappoint! Last July, **Bradford Buonasera**, wife Manon, and big sister Mia Jolie, 4, welcomed Madison Cameron to their family. Also born that July to proud parents **Amy Peterson** and James DeMent were Torsten, Callan, and Oskar DeMent. Amy writes, “I’m taking a year off to be at home with our surprise identical triplets! They arrived three months early last July and came home from the hospital in September and October. They are growing fast, and though they have a few minor health issues, we expect them to catch up fully in time.”

In the new babies and new careers department, **Simon Arpiarian** was recently promoted to partner at Stream Realty Partners’ Atlanta office. Simon, wife Felicia, and big brother William, 2, also celebrated the birth of Edward Floyd in late 2013. **William Robertson**, BFA ’98, has been working since July 2013 at Newmark Grubb Knight Frank as senior managing director. He and family, including wife Amanda and the “healthy and super cute” Summer Kate (born in April 2013), have moved to Brentwood from Santa Monica.

Joseph Schatz is currently based in Yangon, Myanmar, writing for the *Washington Post*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and other news outlets, as well as working as a journalism trainer. He and wife Parsa relocated to Myanmar last year from Washington, DC, with daughter Leila after Parsa got a position with Save the Children.

Do you have news to share with our classmates? You can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or please e-mail either of your class correspondents; we would love to hear from you! **Toni Stabile** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 When **Gabriela Cadena** (Frederick, MD; Gabriela.cadena@gmail.com) wrote us last spring, she was looking forward to reunion in June. Since this column was written in May, please check back to this space in the next issue for a full Reunion Report from your correspondents!

Filmmaker and app developer **Teju Prasad** (Maplewood, NJ) says he’s already working on his next screen project! He writes, “I recently completed a documentary film and had the pleasure of screening it through the A3C at Cornell Cinema (www.notafeather.com). Having watched so many movies at the Willard Straight theater, I never imagined I’d have a film screen there! Working on a film project has put me in touch with so many interesting people. It’s a great and rewarding experience.” **Nikki Adame** Wingham, ME ’00 (mna6@cornell.edu) writes from New Jersey. “After living in the southern portions of the US since leaving Ithaca over ten years ago, my husband and I moved to Brooklyn in fall 2012. Since then we’ve settled in Hoboken, and I am now practicing environmental law at Lowenstein Sandler LLP. I love being in an area with so many Cornell alumni events—and access to live Cornell hockey games!” Last winter definitely reminded Nikki of Ithaca—with the added challenge of commuting. “My parents were absolutely right not to let me have a car while I was in Ithaca.”

Dave and Jennifer Chow Taylor, MAT ’00 (jl26@cornell.edu) are in Catonsville, MD, and building their first house! Jennifer writes, “After teaching biology since graduation, I am now a dedicated volunteer at my daughter Alana’s elementary school in Catonsville. I am also active with CAAAN and freelance in educational technology. Dave is in his first year of private practice as an interventional radiologist with Advanced Radiology in the Baltimore metro area. I love my schedule right now. I work when I want to, spending most of my time volunteering in education and taking care of my family. Our hard work over all of these years feels like it is paying off.”

Nika Dyakina is an assistant clinical professor at Columbia U. Medical Center and associate director of Columbia Pediatric Emergency and Consultation Liaison Services at Children’s Hospital of New York, CUMC. “I recently opened my private practice in Waldwick, NJ, specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents, and young adults, including psychotherapy and psychopharmacology (www.NikaDyakina.com).” Nika has 2-year-old twin boys, and as they get older she hopes to focus more on her clinical work in child adolescent psychiatry. **Karyn Smith** DiSalvo (Highland Falls, NY; karyn325@yahoo.com) writes, “Since December 2010, I have been happily working for Bozzuto Management Co. as the general manager of the 15 Bank Apartments in White Plains, NY, a 501-unit, luxury high-rise rental property 30 minutes from Grand Central. I visited the Hotel school in March to help introduce Hotelies to Bozzuto Management and the field of residential property management. We are looking forward to returning in the fall.” Karyn, husband Bobby, and big brother Luke, 5, welcomed twin boys Joseph and Peter to the family on July 25, 2013. “Life is crazier than we ever dreamed, but we are thankful for three healthy sons!”

Nicodemo Esposito (Williamsville, NY; nico.demo.esposito@gmail.com) and wife Meaghan welcomed their second child, Francesco Noel, into the world on December 14, 2013. He joins daughter Eleonora, who turned 5 in April. “I recently moved from my hometown of Brooklyn, NY, to Buffalo in order to take a senior position with Delaware North Companies, a family-owned hospitality company. I am VP of corporate development and led the company’s recent acquisition of Patina Restaurant Group, renowned for Michelin-starred restaurants including Lincoln Ristorante in New York City and Patina in Los Angeles.”

Nicodemo says it’s been great making new friends in a welcoming community, but he and Meaghan miss being near family in the NYC area.

We hope you were able to get to Ithaca for Reunion 2014! More on the weekend’s activities in the next issue. In the meantime, send your news to any of your class correspondents, or check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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OO I heard “Send Me on My Way” the other day, and it took me right back to the Rusted Root concert in Barton Hall our freshman year. It’s hard to believe that 18 years have passed since then—literally half a lifetime!

After more than five years at Nordstrom, **Andrea Wasserman** was hired to be the CEO of Sole Society in August 2013. She shares, “We sell our own brand of shoes and accessories on www.solesociety.com and at Nordstrom. Almost everything is less than \$100, and we like to say our look is on-trend but not tragically trendy! The new career opportunity brought my husband, **Ezra Marbach** ’97, and me to Los Angeles, where we enjoy getting together with my Class of 2000 reunion co-chair from our 5th and 10th reunions, **Melissa Bersofsky** Rodgers, and her husband, Greg. Melissa and Greg welcomed son Eli David on April 6, 2014, and I was excited to be one of his first visitors.” Melissa is the director of development and alumni relations at UCLA’s Luskin School of Public Affairs.

One of the first people I met at Cornell was my next door neighbor in Class of ’28, **Sarah Zorntzer**. I had a great time celebrating her marriage to Daniel Soto in beautiful San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, on March 29. San Miguel is a vibrant town that made a stunning backdrop for Sarah and Daniel’s amazing wedding, which featured fabulous food, a tequila-carrying donkey, a mariachi band, and awesome fireworks. Sarah and Daniel live in Northern Virginia with their lovable dog, Watson.

In October 2013, **Elena Nardolillo** Parlatore welcomed a son, Niccolo Louis, to the family. She reports that he loves oatmeal, walks around their Chicago neighborhood, and visits with his grandparents. **Wendi Huestis** heads up the New York office of Room to Read and has been doing international and national development work for the past 12 years. Room to Read, an international NGO in Asia and Africa, collaborates with local communities to focus on literacy and gender equality in education. She has a son, Jax, 2-1/2, who attends a local Montessori school in Manhattan. Wendi is also more than halfway through the Executive MBA program at Cornell, where she serves on the Leadership Advisory Council.

Heather Torrey Close and her husband are now settled in Sydney, Australia, where she is the Asia-Pacific regional marketing leader for Kimberly-Clark Professional. “I love my job, living in Sydney, and the fact that I can pick up a mallet and play polo in pretty much any city I visit in the world. I miss my friends and family that I’ve left behind in the Western Hemisphere!” A plus of living in the Southern Hemisphere is that, rather than the polar vortex most of us experienced this winter, Heather experienced a beautiful summer and skipped all the ice-capes back home. Also

on the move, **Cindy Salgado** relocated from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Puyallup, WA, in search of better job opportunities. She is enjoying the sense of excitement at beginning a new stage in life, but she misses her family.

Thanks to everyone who sent in news. Please continue to keep us updated—no need to wait for a big life event to write! We love to hear from you. ✉ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 How's this for a small world: I'm writing this column from my parents' house in tiny Briarcliff Manor, NY—a few blocks away from fellow Class Notes correspondent **Lauren Wallach** Hammer's new address. Not only that, but she moved into the house that used to belong to one of my longtime classmates, whom I once set up with **Melissa Hantman** Pheterson. Kevin Bacon's got nothing on connected Cornellians . . .

Melissa ended up marrying **Joshua Pheterson**, keeping her family's Cornell matrimonial streak alive, although they never even knew each other at Cornell. Funny, but I'm hearing more and more about people getting married to classmates they started dating years later, far from Cayuga's waters. Another example: **Royal '00** and **Dianna Power Stanton**, who married in October 2012 in Syracuse, NY. "Royal and I were friends at Cornell, but never dated," Dianna writes. "In August 2010, we reconnected after ten years, started dating, and just celebrated our first wedding anniversary." Has there been a study done yet on this post-Cornell love connection?

While on the East Coast for Easter, I saw as many Big Red friends as possible. **Amanda Ramos** Halene and I met up in Manhattan, where she's a busy mom to two boys and a third on the way! If anyone wants advice on navigating public transportation with a double stroller and rowdy boys, look her up. You could also try **Alison Solomon** Mainhart, who was home on maternity leave with new baby Violet Leah and new big sister Sienna. Check out her related comic blog, Wiggle Room: <http://wiggleroomblog.com>. Even Mr. Gnu would approve!

Rachel Reingold Mandel also knows a little something about juggling kids: she welcomed her third son, Micah Benjamin, last fall. He joined big brothers Joseph, 7, and Gabriel, 5. Rachel has also been made a shareholder at her law firm, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC. Congratulations! **Rachel Green** has joined Preti Flaherty's business law group in Portland, ME, as an associate, focusing on corporate law, mergers, acquisitions, real estate, and other transactions. After graduating from Cornell's College of Engineering, she earned her law degree from Brooklyn Law School and clerked for the Hon. Ralph K. Winter of the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New Haven, CT. And one last legal brief: **Adam Dunst** got married in February and lives in NYC. He's a business attorney, and his wife, Camille, formerly in finance, is the proprietor of a wine bar. Adam, I'm guessing you did better than I did in Cornell's Wines class!

Want to see your name in print? E-mail your updates to your correspondents or tweet me @BeliefBeat, and stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). ✉ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com; **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 We changed insurance providers this year and I had to refresh several of my doctors. I imagine my method for choosing these new doctors is rather odd, with a sprinkle of lazy. Sometimes it is merely based on proximity to my apartment (can I walk there in 15 minutes?), sometimes by the random foreign languages they speak (can they help me practice my Finnish?), and sometimes by whether or not their name is fun to pronounce (my dentist is Howard Babushkin). Years in practice, a friend's endorsement, or board certification status are clearly second-tier criteria. Recently, I met my new dermatologist, a woman I was pleased to choose over others because she is also a Cornellian: **Angela Lamb '99**. Upon meeting her I learned her husband and parents are also alumni. This instantly catapulted her to favorite-doctor status. To say my appreciation of Cornell tends to get carried away at times is a severe understatement. In other news, I have begun wearing SPF 30 over my daily moisturizer and plan to invest in sunless tanner.

Beau Avril is the global head of commercialization at Google. **Allen Liou**, ME '03, recently moved from Citigroup, after 11 years in various functions, to Morgan Stanley. He now leads their Basel Program Management Office function. Allen lives with his girlfriend down in Peter Cooper Village, and was back up on the Hill last fall for recruiting efforts. Out West, where I incidentally just spent the weekend, **Hunter Oliver** lives with his wife of two years in La Jolla, CA. Obviously, this past winter did not remind him of our time at Cornell: "It's sunny and high 70s in San Diego . . . Let me know if anyone is coming to town." He recently finished building his first Residence Inn by Marriott hotel from the ground up, and is already looking forward to building another. **Hally Chu** recently completed a master's program with the National Urban Fellows and is now working in the policy department of the Manhattan Borough President's Office in New York City.

Up a bit north in Bridgeport, CT, is **Julia Ramey** Serazio, now a senior writer and editor at Yale U. after working as a magazine journalist for a number of years. As part of her role, she also supports fundraising efforts. "In June 2013, my husband and I welcomed our first child, a daughter named Lucille." Having seen pictures, I can attest to Lucy's enviable hair-dos occasionally whipping around Facebook. Also surrounded by academia is **Annie Green**, the director of academic counseling and judicial programming and an adjunct lecturer in law at Columbia Law School. Annie, you may have the record for longest title ever published in CAM. "My husband, Lenny, and I (and our cat) welcomed our first daughter, Gwendolyn May Braman, on October 27, 2013!" The family lives on the Upper West Side in Manhattan. "Knock on wood, I love my family, job, and apartment, and really can't complain!" She was on maternity leave for most of this past winter's snow, where she hid out at home and did not have to climb too many icy hills.

Emily Apse Singer chimed in from Wayland, MA, where she lives with her husband, David. "Recently, I've been getting our 5-month-old son, Daniel, to get more food IN his mouth, rather than ON it." She is also a cardiac anesthesiologist at Boston Medical Center and Mount Auburn Hospital. Says Emily, "Life is wonderfully full right now."

Hopefully many of you were able to head out and enjoy the Non-Reunion Reunions in San Francisco, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York,

Washington, DC, and London. Send your news to: ✉ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 We received an announcement from the Cornell Athletics Alumni Affairs and Development department that **Molly McDowell** joined the group as a program assistant in January. Molly previously worked for the Women's Support Services in Sharon, CT, as a program director and managed their fundraising, public relations, event planning, communications, and stewardship for their development operation. We wish Molly the best of luck as she returns to Ithaca and Cornell.

Class VP **Nicole Manning Hart** and husband **Phillip** were thrilled to welcome their son, Emmett, to the world on October 16, 2013. Nicole and Phil met as sophomores in Sperry Hall, and after Phil proposed at the top of Libe Slope, they were married in Sage Chapel in July 2011. Nicole is currently senior counsel, labor and employment at GAF, while Phil is an executive director and portfolio manager at J.P. Morgan. **Sarah Hutcheon** Mancoll wrote, "My husband and I welcomed our first child, Samuel Noah, in June 2013." In more baby news, **Katie Nelson Schoenberg**, PhD '10, and I welcomed our second daughter, Whitney Rae, on April 17, 2014. We are enjoying life as a family of four, and Marie, 2-1/2, loves her new role as a big sister!

Our classmate mini-features continue this issue with **Jamie Moriarty**. Jamie recently launched a mobile app company called Pauwow with fellow Cornellian **Jamie Murray '00**. Jamie writes, "Pauwow is a platform for questions to find answers in a clean, efficient way. Communication within groups can be difficult, and conversations between brands and followers have traditionally been one-way, with the follower doing most of the listening. Pauwow balances the discussion by allowing users to pose questions and receive responses in a useful, organized manner. Only weeks old, we have already attracted notable users such as The Fray, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Danielle Bradbery (Season 4 winner of "The Voice"). We are currently talking with other artists, as well as travel magazines and professional sports teams, to help them reach their audience on Pauwow." For those interested in trying out Jamie's newest launch, the Pauwow experience is offered on iOS and Android operating systems, and is accessible on the Web (www.pauwow.com).

This is not Jamie's first venture. He adds, "While at Cornell, I played varsity football and, upon graduating, spent the next year trying to play professionally. In 2005 I founded a beverage dispensing company that invented a pretty cool keg tap—the Ubertap, a three-hosed tap with a foot pump—with Jamie Murray '00 and **Douglas Murray**. Doug and I were in the Hotel school together, and I met Jamie through my wife, **Nicole (Boyar)**, as they went to the same high school in Chicago. In the winter of '06 I found a new sport—bobsled—and actually spent the next four years competing for the US Bobsled Team. In 2010, I made the Olympic Team and competed for the US in the Vancouver Games. On a side note, Doug and I both competed in Vancouver—me on the US Bobsled Team and Doug, who plays in the NHL, representing Sweden on their hockey team. After the Olympics, I spent some time in the energy field, where I helped start a brokerage in Chicago before leaving to start Pauwow with Jamie."

In looking back at college, Jamie writes, “Cornell was instrumental in my professional success after graduation, as well as my personal growth. I think any graduate would agree that Cornell is a special place, and to me, ‘Any person any study’ really rings true with the eclectic nature of my post-collegiate adventures. Cornell helped me grow into a more inquisitive person that deeply appre-

ciates diversity and new experiences. If I could only do it all over with this knowledge as a freshman, I would want to take advantage of the many resources available to students that I didn’t pursue while on the Hill.” Jamie added these thoughts for current students: “Cherish the moments you have at Cornell. Most likely, after graduation you will not be around such an amazing group of people that are extremely intelligent, all your age, and interested in similar things.”

‘Ariel Zimmerman Zych is the new education manager for Public Radio’s “Science Friday.”’

Nina Terrero Groth ’07

Looking at the current state of Cornell, Jamie mused, “It seems it is always my luck that soon after I graduate from the school that I attend, a big project begins. I am excited and proud to read the updates about Cornell Tech, and a little jealous of the current students that will have the opportunity to attend. Keep it up, Cornell. I look forward to a visit soon.” Jamie’s wife, Nicole, works for Crate & Barrel at their headquarters in Chicago as a designer program and travel resource specialist. We wish Jamie much success in his new and ongoing ventures, and appreciate his willingness to share!

If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best.  **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

04 Reunion is on the mind! I am writing from my office on Ho Plaza, where this year I have been able to see the Marching Band dance by and the dragon and phoenix slither past, and in just two weeks I’ll see the celebrations of Slope Day and the end of classes commence. It has been a fantastic first year as an employee of Cornell, and in my role at Gannett I have a unique view of seeing a campus and community that I love through the eyes of a physician and public health official. Another exciting development in my life is the welcoming of my family’s first child into the world. Grace Cheryl Leeson was born on January 2 at the height of the New Year’s blizzard, and has continued to be a force to be reckoned with. My husband, Tom, and I are happily sleep-deprived and audience to her growth each day. I do hope that we will have the chance to meet many of you at reunion!

Our illustrious class president from 2004-08, **Esther Tang** (statlerlove@gmail.com), writes, “After Hotel school, British MBA, Chinese law school, and work in between Dallas and Dubai, I’m in my

fourth year as founding team member of an automotive turbocharger design and manufacturing company (www.Herm-Archer.com). The turbo world is satisfying in many ways because engineers are straight-shooters—blue collar America and China have funny things in common—and multi-time-zone entrepreneurship reveals my true management style: strangulation (not very Hoteli-like).

All that said, I’d like to meet others in the car/truck engine OEM and Aftermarket worlds. I’m planted in Irvine, CA. Please reach out and let’s meet up during reunion!”

Ronya Foy Connor, MPA ’05, is now the gender development coordinator for the government of Anguilla, working on national policymaking and programs to improve the state of gender affairs in Anguilla. “My grandfather Willie Calvin Foy Sr. turned 100 years old and is as sharp and intelligent as ever!” As to what she likes best about her life, Ronya says, “The fact that I graduated with my PhD in international social work. I’m officially Dr. Foy Connor now. I actually missed the snow and the cold. I’ve been basking in the sun and 75-plus-degree weather for a long time. No regrets, though.” **Laurny Slotnick** has been working for the SSA Office of Disability Adjudication and Review since 2008. “I’m sure I made the comparison numerous times to Ithaca in the winter! We just bought a small house and certainly had our fair share of snow to shovel!”

The reunion committee, chaired by classmates **Lee Ann Gullie** and **Juanita Parker McGonagle**, worked hard to plan a fantastic weekend for us. Look for a full Reunion Report in the next issue. **Laura Gonzales** Meyers, reunion social media chair, adds: “We’re closing out our old Facebook group in favor of our more frequently updated fan page, <https://www.facebook.com/cornelluniv04>.”  **Anne Jones**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 I’m happy to kick off this edition of Class Notes with a message from our co-presidents, **Meghan Cunningham** and **Julia Levy**. This past winter, they attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) and had this to report: “The Class of 2005 had great representation in Boston at CALC 2014, and we are looking forward to the upcoming year as we begin to plan our 10th Reunion. Reunion Weekend in June 2015 promises to be special as Cornell also celebrates its 150th birthday. We are again looking to partner with the Class of 1955 for an event or two during reunion. If you would like to help with reunion planning please contact either Meghan (mac94@cornell.edu) or Julia (JML82@cornell.edu), and we will put you in touch with the reunion chairs. We look forward to seeing everyone in June 2015!”

Congrats to our classmates with family updates! **Lisa Krieger** Hamlisch and her husband, Eliot, welcomed their first child last September:

“Jacob Robert was born five weeks early on September 10, 2013. Despite his early arrival, Jacob was happy and healthy and has been making Mom and Dad smile ever since!” On May 3, **Rebecca Raizman** married David Newman in Burbank, CA. Says Rebecca, “We live in the Eagle Rock neighborhood of Los Angeles. We are both attorneys at small law firms in Pasadena; I practice labor and employment law and he practices business litigation. We both graduated from the USC Gould School of Law.” Many close friends from Cornell attended the wedding, and the couple honeymooned in Italy.

We also received a number of career updates from across the country. I am constantly impressed by the accomplishments of our classmates. **Elizabeth Gillen** let us know she is an attorney at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in Palo Alto, CA, focusing on intellectual property and antitrust litigation. **Francis Im** now lives in Bethesda, MD, where he is in a Navy oral maxillofacial surgery residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. **Alexandra Tursi** writes, “I will be speaking at the Stanford Medicine X conference in September on how to use social media to engage people in healthy behaviors. This is on behalf of my organization, Fletcher Allen Health Care.”

Kimberly Dowdell, BArch ’06, shared some great news on the academic and career front: “I was recently accepted to the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where I will be a Mid-Career Master of Public Administration student for the 2014-15 academic year. Afterwards, I plan to return to Detroit and put my Harvard public administration and Cornell architecture skills to good use in an effort to revitalize the city. I couldn’t be more excited about this next chapter in my career.” Also starting a new chapter, **Mark Pincus** (New York, NY; mark@pincus-law.com) writes, “I am happy to announce the opening of my law firm, Pincus Law LLC, in downtown Manhattan. The firm will focus on commercial and employment litigation in New York and New Jersey, as well as business formation advice for startups and litigation avoidance strategies for small businesses.”

Pradeep Giri writes, “I’m a consultant at PwC, and I’m conducting original industry research on what people most value when managing their personal health, and how much additional risk they’re willing to take responsibility for in exchange for cost savings.” In addition, Pradeep moved from NYC to Cleveland, OH, which brought back some snowy memories: “This past winter was Ithaca all over again! Constant threat of snow, lake effect blizzards out of nowhere—it was wonderfully nostalgic.” Almost four years ago, I reported an update from **Savneet Singh**, who had recently founded Gold Bullion Int’l, a digital platform where banks, businesses, and individuals can buy, sell, and store gold, then ship it, insure it, and have it audited. This past April, that update came to mind when I recognized Savneet’s name on Crain’s New York Business list of 40 Under 40, Class of 2014. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

Keep the updates coming, Class of 2005! If you have any news you would like to share with the greater alumni community, send it our way!  **Michelle Wong**, mrv29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; and **Hilary Johnson** haj4@cornell.edu.

06 2014 started off great for fellow ’06 alum **Jamie Greubel**. As a former school and Heps meet record holder in the multi-events while at Cornell,

and one of the best all-around athletes in school history, Jamie took home a bronze medal for Team USA at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics in the women's bobsled. Jamie joined the bobsled team in 2007 and won her first World Cup Medal (silver) in La Plange, France, during the 2012-13 season. Jamie's athletic bobsled experience also comes with a love story. Back in 2011, while racing at the World Cup in Whistler, she met her now fiancé, German bobsledder Christian Poser. He also competed at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Two classmates wrote with news of their developing medical careers. **Wenyuan Lucy Pao** is gaining more clinical experience shadowing various physicians in pain management, physical medicine, and rehabilitation in preparation for her 2014 family medicine residency in Casper, WY. Wenyuan would love to hear from **Christine McInnis**. **Jeffrey Gnerre** writes, "I graduated from medical school at Stony Brook U. and I am a resident physician in the radiology department at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY." On this past winter, he fondly reflects, "Cornell certainly prepared me for any winter."

Benjamin Sesser joined a venture-backed technology company called Sailthru, where he is the director of strategy. **EJ Track** (ejt24@cornell.edu) is in his sixth year working for McMaster-Carr. He just transferred from their Atlanta office to Cleveland and works as an order fulfillment operations manager. EJ stays busy volunteering for both the Cornell Club of Pittsburgh and the Cornell Club of Northeast Ohio since he relocated from Pennsylvania to the greater Cleveland area. **Shuva Chakraborty** (shuva.chakraborty@gmail.com) and his wife, Karen Howard, live in Dallas, TX, where Shuva works at Booz & Co. Inc.

Feel free to write us with your updates! ☑ **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Katie Diccico**, katie.diccico@gmail.com; and **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

07 **Keziah Calmese** has relocated to Chicago, IL, after six years on the West Coast. And after five years with Aramark, she is now the regional marketing director based in Chicago. She is excited about attending Cornell alumni activities in the area. She adds, "This past winter in Chicago was brutal, with wind chills of record lows, sometimes in the -40s—a not-so-welcome reminder of the winter days in Ithaca." She made it through, though, and was looking forward to the short shorts of summer! **Felicia Chiu** (fyc2@cornell.edu) has a new address in New York City. She is now working at Columbia U. Medical Center-NewYork Presbyterian as an anesthesiology resident physician.

Omar Gonzalez-Pagan also has a new address—in Brooklyn, NY. "In April 2014 I moved to NYC and joined Lambda Legal, the nation's oldest and largest legal organization working for the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those living with HIV/AIDS, as a staff attorney." **Catherine O'Doherty** is currently enrolled in the ILR-MPS program in NYC and expects to graduate in May 2015. "Also training for my fourth NYC Marathon and looking at opportunities in the field of arbitrations." **Philip Niemann '06**, BS Hotel '07, is in Singapore, as area director of revenue at IHG. He writes, "After spending 12 years away, I moved back to Singapore last October. It feels good to be home—and was definitely

the right decision. I love being surrounded by family and close friends from a myriad of cultures, and watching how Singapore continues to evolve . . . and being a part of that transition. I'll be staying put in Singapore for a while, and will be based in Asia for the long-term future."

Ariel Zimmerman Zych is the new education manager for Public Radio's "Science Friday." "It's a total geek fest, besides also being a great way to get people excited about science! I'm looking forward to getting the word out about the cool stuff I'm doing there—like writing about innovative science educators, creating educational resources for teachers and informal educators, and inviting everyone to build machines that make art for our new SciFri science club." Ariel and husband **Noah '06** moved to NYC with their massive dog earlier this year, and she says the three of them couldn't be happier. "Manhattan is surprisingly livable and comfortable." **Cooper** and **Elizabeth "Scottie" McQuilkin Wardell** (scottie.wardell@gmail.com) have moved to Los Angeles from NYC, where both had resided since graduation from Cornell. Scottie joined the private equity team at Kayne Anderson in Los Angeles as a director in January 2014, and Cooper will begin the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at USC in August 2014.

Adrian Prieto is the new assistant director of the Class Agent Program at the Johnson School and brings some unusual expertise to the Alumni Affairs and Development team: he is conversationally fluent in both Spanish and Mandarin! Prior to starting this new position last March, Adrian was a development associate at Challenge Workforce Solutions, where he had responsibility for community relations, marketing, and fundraising initiatives. He received his BS in Communication with a focus on Social Influence, and as an undergrad, wrote music reviews as a staff writer for the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

Jordan '06 (CALS) and **Kara Tappen Barry** (A&S) (ket27@cornell.edu) were married on campus on October 12, 2013. The ceremony was held in Sage Chapel with a reception following in Willard Straight Hall. Kara and Jordan met on campus during their senior year. **Jesi Bender Buell** (jbuell@colgate.edu) was married on December 14, 2013 and now has a new address in Hamilton, NY. She is the instructional design and Web librarian as well as an assistant professor at Colgate U. Thanks for all the news! ☑ **Nina Terrero** Groth, nt58@cornell.edu.

08 Can you believe it, '08ers? It's summertime already and it's been a year since Reunion! Time flies! And with that, we have a ton of news from our classmates to catch up on.

Dan Shamir is celebrating one year with PwC/Landwell et Associés in Paris! Dan lucked out—his winter in France was wonderful: "That is to say, winter-free!" Very unlike our weather here on the East Coast of the US. **Katie Purpuro**, MPA '08, recently reached her five-year anniversary at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and still works in the labor relations department on the agency's bargaining team for contract negotiations with its unions. Katie writes, "I'm such an ILRie!" By the time you read this, Katie and fiancé **Jordan Rosen '06** may be settled in their new home in Hoboken, NJ. **Samantha Spindel**, ME '08, was recently married to a fellow Cornellian. Samantha and **Justin Musaffi**, who met in the Cornell Big Red Marching Band, were married on

March 22, 2014 in Bethesda, MD. Their story was featured in a *New York Times* article here: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/23/fashion/weddings/a-mystery-writers-ulterior-motive.html?_r=0

Sarah Hansen, MAT '09, tells us, "After leaving my teaching job last June, I am now a full-time student in the biological sciences master's program at U. of Maryland, Baltimore County, pursuing a career in science journalism and posting about research at UMBC here: <http://my.umbc.edu/groups/helix>. My life is great. I love the flexible schedule being a student allows—and my short commute. I am exercising, sleeping, and spending more time with loved ones. I also like playing in the orchestra at UMBC." Sarah is looking forward to a science communications internship this summer with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, MD.

Will Joseph (will.joseph@viceroyhotelsandresorts.com) writes, "Having spent the last five-plus years with Viceroy Hotel Group in Santa Monica, CA, I've recently joined the team at our East Coast flagship property, Viceroy New York, on 57th St. (between 6th and 7th). This is a gorgeous, brand-new building, with a fantastic restaurant (Kingside) and rooftop lounge with stunning views of Central Park. I'd love to partner on local accommodations, if Cornell alumni were in need of a hotel in the area, and am happy to offer a preferred rate given our Big Red allegiances. I hope to hear from you soon!"

The Pirate: Contemporary Art Gallery (pirateartonline.org) in Denver, CO, presented an exhibition entitled "Ithaca" in January and February featuring Cornell alumni artists **Leah Thomason Bromberg**, BFA '08, **Jillian Piccirilli '07**, BFA '08, and **Monique Crine**, MFA '08. The press release for the exhibit describes the inspiration behind each of the artist's works: "Crine's newest paintings are based on photographs taken of the artist's father between 1960 and 1970. The work invites speculation into the identity of an individual, while also exploring the aesthetic constructions of formal and informal photography. Bromberg's current work focuses on the moments of arrival and departure: between life and death, coming or leaving home, packing and unpacking. Her imagery is mined from family photographs and cell phone snapshots, and her story lines draw upon personal experience, her Southern hometown, and her Navajo heritage. And in her recently completed series 'Hemland', Piccirilli translates her maternal family's experience of their ancestral home, Sweden, through travel photographs, letters, and artifacts, into hand-painted cyanotypes." Congrats to all on a successful exhibition!

Another classmate is also getting a lot of press. **Travis Mayer**, BS Ag '07, received a write-up last winter in the *Buffalo News* (check it out here at <http://www.buffalonews.com/sports/mayer-still-living-dream-on-slopes-20140204>). Travis, who began skiing at age 5, was named to the US Olympic Team at age 19 and competed at the Winter Olympics in 2002 (where he took home a silver medal in moguls), as well as in 2006, where he placed 7th. The above article reports, "After graduating from Cornell, Travis earned his MBA from Harvard Business School before settling into the next stage of his life. A fifth-generation member of Mayer Bros., a cider and bottled water company based in West Seneca, he opted out of the family business and set his own career path. Mayer was hired by Intrawest, the Denver-based giant in high-end North American ski resorts, in 2007. It owns eight ski resorts and another getaway in

Hawaii. He started in the finance department, climbed the corporate ladder, and last summer was named senior VP for finance and business development." Congrats, Travis!

Also, please save the date! The Class of 2008 has purchased a block of seats for Red Hot Hockey at Madison Square Garden on November 29, 2014 at 8:00 p.m., where the Cornell Big Red will take on Penn State. Contact classmate **Steve Attanasio** at stevan.attanasio@gmail.com to secure your seat today!

Want to see your name in print? Send us your news! Feel free to send us updates of both the major life changes and arcane day-to-day life happenings. We'd love to feature it in these pages and you'll have your 15 minutes of Cornell fame. ☑ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 The friends, the campus, the camaraderie—and the partying! Stay tuned to this space in the next issue of the magazine for a full report from your correspondents on our 5th Reunion! In the meantime, here's some classmate news from last spring.

Here's what **Alexander Roth**, BS '08, ME '09 (adr33@cornell.edu) likes most about his life right now: "The city of Cleveland, Cleveland State U., my advisor, my friends and fellow graduate students, and my ferrets." Ferrets? "I adopted ferrets from a graduate student at Ohio U. They were part of an evolutionary biology experiment studying chewing mechanisms in various mammals. My former roommate and close friend **Donald Cerio** is also in the graduate program at Ohio U. I named the ferrets Jon and Arya, after Jon Snow and Arya Stark from 'Game of Thrones.' I am currently a doctoral student in chemical engineering at Cleveland State U. under the direction of Moo-Yeal Lee. My research is focused on determining the mechanisms governing idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity during adverse drug reactions." What's next? "Qualifier exams, generating publications, and finding a bigger apartment with my fellow graduate student/roommate. Also, playing more with my ferrets."

Michah Rothbart, BS ILR '08, MPA '09 (mwr23@cornell.edu) is in Brooklyn, NY, studying for a PhD in public administration at NYU Wagner. **Eli Klein** (eli.h.klein@gmail.com) is a student at Penn Law School. **Adam Kressel** (adamkressel@gmail.com) graduated Tulane U. School of Medicine in May and is beginning a general surgery residency at North Shore-Long Island Jewish in July.

Guerrilla knitter **Carol Zou** (carl.twombly@gmail.com), BFA '09, writes, "I've been organizing a knit graffiti art collective called Yarn Bombing Los Angeles. We recently were profiled in the *L.A. Times* regarding our mission to challenge the sexism embedded in street art" (<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/culture/la-et-cm-yarn-bombers-20140319,0,4346095.story>). Carol is now head of the group, having replaced the group's founder. And as stated in the article, "Under her leadership the group will continue to forgo spray paint for knitting needles and bushels of yarn to blur the lines between contemporary art, graffiti, and craft." "We'll have a show at the Manhattan Beach Creative Arts Center opening on May 23," says Carol, "as well as a show at Good Luck Gallery opening on July 12."

Gary Schneidkraut, BS Hotel '08, was recently named Empire Merchants' Wine & Spirits Salesperson of the Year. "Empire is a wine and liquor

distributor, and I work in the wine and spirits division as a sales consultant." In 2013 Gary tripled his division's average annual growth percentage in volume sold, revenue earned, and accounts sold, and maintains relationships with more than 130 accounts including catering halls, high-end restaurants, and bars. Congratulations also go to **Alexander Kates** (Jersey City, NJ), whose book, *Strategic Digital Marketing*, was published by McGraw-Hill and is currently in stores nationwide. "I've also recently assumed the role of global head of corporate partnerships at the Digital Marketing Inst. and am developing a platform that's poised to disrupt the pharmaceutical supply chain for veterinarians." Alexander adds that he has been speaking at conferences and events and lecturing to the MBA students at Baruch College and Rutgers on digital strategy, mobile technology, viral media, and wearables. "I also recently moved into a two-bedroom apartment with my girlfriend, and it's been great so far."

Manan Suri, ME '10 (New Delhi, India; manan.suri2002@gmail.com) went to France to pursue a PhD—in the field of neuromorphic or bio-inspired computing—and finished in 2013. "In simple words we were trying to build futuristic intelligent systems, inspired from mechanisms inside the mammalian brain. During my PhD, I obtained extremely encouraging results, in the form of 20 publications, five US and European patents, and several top-tier international conferences and invited talks. I was honored with a best paper award in Germany in 2013 at an international symposium. I currently work as a senior scientist with NXP Semiconductors, shuttling on a weekly basis between Belgium and the Netherlands. My work deals with the research and development of advanced and critical semiconductor devices found in almost all present-day consumer/industrial electronics. I will soon join the Indian Inst. of Technology (IIT Delhi) in the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering as an assistant professor." Manan adds, "At Cornell with Indian and Pakistani friends, we founded a fusion music band (Raga & Rock). We disbanded in 2009-10 when all of us graduated and went our ways. We still cherish the memories of jamming and playing live concerts at Cornell. I have tried to keep this spirit of music alive by continuing as a solo vocalist/songwriter/composer. Recently I released two of my original compositions and music videos, which have received great response so far!"

Manan says there's not a single day that doesn't remind you of something or other at Cornell. In that spirit, I hope you were able to come back to the Hill in June for Reunion 2014—and we will tell you all about it in the next issue! ☑ **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu. CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

10 Hello, Class of 2010! Summertime is once again upon us, and whether you're relaxing on your hammock by the beach or spending quality time with your family and friends, we hope you're enjoying it to the fullest. Perhaps you were among the thousands of alumni who returned to Ithaca in June for Reunion. If you missed it, mark your calendars now to be there for our 5th Reunion in 2015. Not only will it be our first reunion, but it will also be President Skorton's last reunion in office—so it will be a great chance to bid farewell to this beloved member of our class before he heads off to Washington. Sure, he may have taken a little longer

than we did to "graduate," but he came to Cornell right around the same time we did, so we can proudly consider him as one of our own. We're also looking for volunteers to help out, so e-mail **Alison Ewing** at ae8@cornell.edu if you're interested. In the meantime, be sure to check out one of the Sesquicentennial (that's a mouthful!) celebrations happening in Ithaca and eight other cities around the world, starting in September with Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Some of you have experienced the thrill of graduation all over again. **Jonathan Gursky** graduated from NYU School of Medicine and will be starting residency in neurology at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC. **Brian Beglin** will be returning to Cornell to attend the Johnson School this fall. Others, like **Neil Wusu**, are still continuing their studies. Neil is currently an MBA candidate at Harvard Business School, and is expecting to graduate next year. He is interning at Deloitte in NYC this summer. Neil wants anyone to reach out if they're in the NYC area this summer or in Boston in the fall. After spending the past four years working in Thailand, **Nida Bunnag** is heading back to the US for business school, where she'll be joining Wharton's Class of 2016. **John Tosi** is studying for the Level 3 Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Chartered Market Technician (CMT) exams. We wish him luck as he finishes the "final lap of the CFA marathon." He is looking to take the GMAT this summer and to potentially apply to business schools or pursue a position in investment research. He was awarded the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) Charter this past fall, and is working in management and product development at the Boston Company Asset Management LLC.

Rae Okawa is working as a development coordinator for the Hawaii Wildlife Center (HWC), a state- and region-wide native wildlife response and conservation nonprofit organization. HWC provides wildlife emergency response services for disasters, including oil and contaminant spills, professional responder training, contingency planning assistance, research and educational opportunities, and hands-on care of sick and injured native birds and bats at the state-of-the-art wildlife hospital in Kapaau on the Island of Hawaii (aka, the "Big Island"). "We are the only organization of our kind in the entire Pacific Islands region," says Rae. She endeavors to continue her work with the HWC to set up a wildlife response system that meets and exceeds national standards. Surprisingly, her description of the Hawaiian climate leads us to believe that she doesn't mind being away from sub-freezing temperatures. "This past winter on the Big Island was rainy and chilly, with my definition of chilly being anywhere in the 60s. There's a lot I miss about Cornell, but Ithaca winters are not on that list."

Teddy Lu is also enjoying tropical climates. After working for two years in a small private real estate investment firm in NYC, Teddy moved to Singapore to work in the city planning and urban design arm of their government, and has been there for over a year now. He writes, "It feels like Ithaca's July and August all year long here!" He is enjoying his work as a property market analyst in the property research department. "I get to utilize the knowledge I acquired at Cornell to contribute to Singapore's economic and social development, and at the same time pick up valuable skills that will enhance my professional skills." After a few years, he would like to explore opportunities in either property consultancy or property development,

preferably in China. He also invites us all to connect with him on LinkedIn.

James Pothen, who has gotten a job building an iPad app for the *New York Times*, uses his memories of Cornell's weather to cheer himself up. "Every time I want to feel better, I check the weather in Ithaca and laugh." James loves the New York experience because, as he puts it, "I get to work in Times Tower and meet some talented and cool people!" **Simon Taranto** recently moved from Colorado to San Francisco, where he is a developer at thoughtbot, a software consulting firm. He is enjoying his time getting to explore all the coffee shops the city has to offer. That wraps it up for this column. If you'd like to see your name here, please keep us updated with what's new in your life by sending us an e-mail. ✉ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Mike Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

11 With warm and sunny weather comes fresh life ventures and exciting news from the Class of 2011. **Colin Murphy** writes, "I was accepted in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, an exchange program between the US Congress and the German Bundestag. I have been living abroad in Germany since last July, and will return to the US this July. I work at the Berlin office of an international consulting firm. Everything is in German—which is both exciting and a little exhausting." **Sara Hundt** is working at Latham & Watkins LLP in San Francisco in the litigation department as a project assistant. She writes, "I am loving the West Coast and all it has to offer, but I miss snowy winters—polar vortex and all!"

In January, **Erika Gale** began medical studies at the U. of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. In exciting news, she will be a first-time auntie in May! She writes, "I love everything I'm learning about the amazing human body, and how I can apply this knowledge to help patients. It makes it all the more amazing being in Australia! The only occasional problem is when I miss my family and realize it's a 16-plus-hour flight back to Michigan!" After surviving a perpetual Queensland summer sun, Erika says, "I am looking to do well in my first semester exams, while continuing to explore my new surroundings and making lifelong friends."

Kit Lyman recently published a first novel, *Satan's Garden*, which is now available on Amazon in e-book and paperback formats. *Satan's Garden* is a psychological thriller and coming of age story, following twin sisters and how their lives diverge after one is kidnapped. For more information, check out www.kitlyman.com. In recent news, Kit's sister and brother-in-law, **Laura Lyman '08** and **Tony Sidari '07**, had their first child, Leon, who is a complete joy to their entire family. Kit writes, "I appreciate the freedom to become anything. Even though there are insecurities about being a recent grad, we have the ability to follow any inkling of interest we may have. That is special. The part I like the least is the potential of getting lost in all the pressure. We are, in a way, cast out into the world without being emotionally prepared for it. It's nice when things start slowly falling into place." Kit is thinking about her next novel, but in the meantime, she says, "I plan on releasing a four-part short story series this summer and I look forward to promoting my work and setting up events and book signings in the coming months, as well as attending more writing conferences and TED talks in the near future."

Julianne Viola will be moving to the UK to embark on a PhD program at the U. of Oxford! "I was lucky to be at the Cornell-Harvard hockey game in Boston in January—a great way to enjoy the winter with fellow Cornellians! Even though I got my master's at Harvard, I still cheered for my alma mater. GO BIG RED!" Until February 2014, **Elise Newman** worked as a zookeeper at the Binghamton (NY) Zoo at Ross Park. She is now a tour guide for photo safaris at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

‘**Rebecca Deveau works in pet product development—specifically, treats for dogs.**’

Dan Kuhr '13

"I love feeding giraffes and rhinos every day!" Her brother, **Scott Newman '14**, an AEM major, graduated summa cum laude from Cornell this past May as an AEM Academic Excellence Award recipient and a Merrill Presidential Scholar. After graduation, he will be working at Deloitte Consulting in Seattle.

You Sung Song currently resides in Seoul, Korea, and is working for the strategic planning department of Samsung Engineering. **Carolyn Sedgwick** was scheduled to graduate with her master's in environmental management in May at Duke, where she's been focusing on land conservation and strategic conservation planning. She writes, "I miss my time in Ithaca, but I've had many mini-Cornell reunions over the past year: in New York with **Daisy Glazebrook** and **Lauren Jonas '10**; in Nicaragua with **Cheryl DuMond**; in Chicago with **Owen Skinner**, **Carolyn Payne '12**, and **Justin Finkle**; in Maine with **Katie Wurtzell**; and in North Carolina with **Rose Stanley**, **Betsy Cook**, and **Nate Baker**. More to come." Do you have news to share? Contact your class correspondents: ✉ **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu; **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu.

12 **Rebecca Foxman** is working in Philadelphia as a company chef for Valley Shepherd Creamery, running and helping open their Meltkraft branded restaurants in NYC, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. When she's not working, she takes advantage of the great food and beer that Philadelphia has to offer. She has enjoyed using her CIA/Hotel school collaborated education to do what she loves. When asked what's to come for her, she says, "Hopefully more work involving cheese—and restaurants themed around it."

Christina Wang is currently a second-year medical student at New York Medical College (NYMC) and will be starting hospital rotations in July. She has enjoyed continuing her education in medical school alongside fellow Cornellians, attending fun events like their annual school formal. After moving from Ithaca to Olean, NY, to be closer to family, **Emily Bailey** is working at the Haskell Valley Veterinary Clinic and anticipating a job change in the near future. Aside from working, Emily is keeping busy planning a wedding. This winter she was often reminded of her cold, windy walks to the Ag campus at Cornell.

In Ithaca, **Jess Cisco** (jdc77@cornell.edu) works in Cornell's HR department as an organizational development consultant for faculty and

staff. He loves his work at the university, but is also eagerly working on a new business venture, which keeps him busy after hours. He adds, "2013 was a great year of travel, and 2014 is shaping up to be more of the same. I have had the pleasure of visiting several places: Hawaii's North Shore; Amsterdam, Paris, Portugal, and Spain; the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica; and Alberta, Canada. My favorite pastimes are travel, surfing (when I'm in a location that supports that

hobby), enjoying wine with friends, and working on business ideas."

Jarvis Veira is the creative director of his own fashion brand/company, Veira Clothing Co., out of Brooklyn, NY. "We specialize in selling bow ties that allow you to be stylish, on-trend, and fresh for any and all occasions. We sent President Skorton one of our Big Red Bow Ties, and he absolutely loves it!" Jarvis hopes to continue to expand the company. **Conant Schoenly** (Salisbury, CT) and fiancée **Melissa Rieger**, BS HE '11 (Highlands Ranch, CO) are hard at work planning a wedding in Falls Church, VA. Please send any news about your life post-Cornell to your class correspondents. ✉ **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

13 The Class of 2013 reunited once again for the annual Duff Ball at the Bowers Hotel. Classmates like **Grace Kaminer**, **Hannah Deixler**, **Julie Sitver**, and **Emily Foreman** came together for a night of spirited fun that will be remembered all year. If you could not make it this year, we hope you'll make an effort next year. It was truly a blast.

You might have seen **Laura Fortino** and **Lauriane Rougeau** do Cornell women's hockey proud at the Sochi Winter Olympics for the Canadian hockey team; after their last undergraduate final, they left for a "boot camp" in British Columbia, Canada. For a month, Hockey Canada put them through rigorous workouts from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., six days per week. "It was one of the hardest things I had to do, and looking back, I do not know how I survived," Lauriane says. Laura describes the games as "amazing." Apart from winning the gold medal, some other highlights of the Olympics reflected performances of other Canadian athletes and witnessing success in their sport. Furthermore, they enjoyed meeting all the other athletes, sharing stories and experiences, and hearing about their paths to the Olympics. Laura says, "Whether you make the Olympics for an individual or team sport you always have a sense of family, and I was part of one big Canadian family supporting each and every athlete on their Olympic journey."

Unsurprisingly, many of our classmates are pursuing careers in health and medicine. **Alyssa Tutunjian** is currently at Tufts U. School of Medicine working toward her master's in biomedical science and a Master of Public Health. When she is not studying, she helps teach basic cooking skills

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and nutrition to 6- and 8-year-olds through Jumbo's Kitchen, a Boston elementary school program. **Karolina Plonowska** is working for the Cardiovascular Inst. at Stanford U. School of Medicine, contributing to a project on mammalian cardiac regeneration during embryonic development. She will be attending medical school this August. Over at the Weill Cornell Medical College Center for Weight Management and Metabolic Clinical Research is **William Buniak**, BS HE '12. He is currently working on several device trials: one is an experimental weight loss device and the other is an alternative for glycemic control in Type II diabetics. **Abby Robinson** is researching how outcomes and perceptions are different after opt-out and opt-in HIV testing in the Bronx at Jacobi Medical Center. When she's not doing research, she's soaking in as much of the city as she can (before she heads to the Midwest for medical school) by running along the East River and following Yelp recommendations for new restaurants.

Crystal Han is in her first year of medical school with **Dan Kuhr** and **Diana Hong** at U. at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In the little free time she has from her studies, she keeps in touch with her Cornell family and tries to visit Ithaca whenever she can. Thus far she has visited three times. I guess staying upstate has its perks. **Stephen Allegra** has been working in the neuropsychiatry department at U. of Newcastle in New South Wales, Australia. His studies involve the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and long-term effects of traumatic brain injury. He has been traveling around Australia and starts a combined MD/MPH program at U. of Miami this summer. Taking a more nontraditional route to medical school is **Alex Chen**, who is currently pursuing his master's degree at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard U. He is concentrating on risk and resilience, focusing his studies on medicine and health in the built environment. He spent his spring break in the Bahamas doing anthropological fieldwork and enjoying the sun he never seemed to get while in Ithaca.

Out in Denver is **Rebecca Deveau**; she works for JBS at its corporate headquarters in pet product development, specifically developing treats for dogs. In her spare time, she explores the mountains of Colorado by skiing (much more often than she did while in Ithaca). **Becky Haft**, a Master of Health Administration candidate in the Sloan program at Cornell, did some traveling when she attended the American Israel Public Affairs Committee policy conference in March along with 24 other students through Hillel. While there, she saw a variety of speakers including John Kerry, Bibi Netanyahu, Chuck Schumer, and Bob Menendez. "As a pro-Israel advocate, I found the energy at the conference encouraging and exciting," she says. Becky is finally gearing up to leave the Hill after five years to work for Deloitte in NYC this summer. **Sasha Mack** has taken on a new project in Greenwich, CT, where she just became a board member for Off-Beat Players, a theatre company that brings together over 50 people of diverse backgrounds and puts on a musical every summer. Sasha has been working with them since she was 14 years old; they are performing Monty Python's *Spamalot* August 6-9, so if you're in the area, check it out!

As always, if you or one of your friends is up to something interesting and you want to share it with the rest of the class, please do not hesitate to e-mail us. We look forward to hearing from you! [✉ Dan Kuhr, dk453@cornell.edu](mailto:Dan.Kuhr@cornell.edu); [Rachael Schuman, raschuman@gmail.com](mailto:Rachael.Schuman@gmail.com).

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'31 BA, MA '37—**Helen McCurdy** Grommon, Portola Valley, CA, April 29, 2009

'36 BA, PhD '39—**Robert M. Gorrell**, Reno, NV, December 25, 2011

'38 MS Ag, PhD '41—**Robert D. Sweet**, Jacksonville, NY, January 30, 2014

'39 BA—**Frances Dempsey** Swiggett, Utica, NY, January 24, 2014

1940s

'40, BArch '49—**Henri V. Jova**, West Palm Beach, FL, January 13, 2014

'40 BS HE—**Dorothy Barnes Kelly**, Belmont, NY, January 30, 2014

'41 BS HE—**Lillian Strickman** Hecht, Walden, NY, June 28, 2013

'41—**A. Malcolm Thomas**, Newport Beach, CA, September 1, 2013

'41, BS Ag '42—**Dino S. Villa**, Greensboro, GA, February 1, 2014

'42—**Margaret R. Buckwalter**, Northampton, MA, January 5, 2014

'43 BS Ag—**Milton D. Coe**, Stamford, CT, January 23, 2014

'43 BS HE—**Dorothy Kellogg** Conti, Inverness, IL, January 30, 2014

'43 MS—**Daniel A. Swope**, Springfield, VA, January 30, 2014

'44, BS Ag '46, MS Ag '71—**Theodore W. Markham**, Bath, NY, January 29, 2014

'46 BA—**Jane Purdy** Cable, Naples, FL, February 1, 2014

'46, BS HE '45—**Cynthia Whitford** Cornwell, Encinitas, CA, August 21, 2013

'46 BA—**Bette Kreuzer** Cullaty, Needham, MA, January 29, 2014

'46 BA—**Kathleen Reilly** Gallagher, Calverton, NY, January 1, 2014

'46 BEE—**James B. Murtland Jr.**, Daytona Beach, FL, January 24, 2014

'47 BA—**Esta Soloway** Goldman, Shrewsbury, NJ, December 4, 2013

'47 BA—**Ellen-Gay Frederick** Haney, West Palm Beach, FL, July 12, 2013

'47 BS HE—**Carolyn Pratt** McFarland, Delhi, NY, January 18, 2014

'47 BS Ag—**Alice Klinko** Ohst, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, January 11, 2014

'47 BA—**Louise Boorstein** Schwartz, Rydal, PA, January 29, 2014

'47 BA—**Donald H. Standiford**, Houston, TX, January 20, 2014

'47-48 SP Ag—**Roger B. Trump**, North East, PA, February 3, 2014

'48, BS ILR '50—**John J. Caminer**, London, England, April 13, 2012

'48—**Robert L. Davidson**, Delray Beach, FL, March 31, 2011

'48 PhD—**Daljit S. Sarkaria**, Orange, CA, December 27, 2013

'48 PhD—**Raymond C. Scott**, Melbourne, FL, January 16, 2014

'48 JD—**Harrison E. Smith**, Nashua, NH, January 28, 2014

'48—**Dean C. Westervelt**, Acme, PA, December 31, 2012

'48 BCE—**Vernon F. Wetzel**, Cochrane, AB, December 5, 2013

'49—**Edward C. Blanchard**, Albuquerque, NM, December 9, 2011

'49 MCE—**Frederick J. Malkmus**, Glastonbury, CT, March 31, 2012

'49 BEE—**Paul M. Thiebaud**, Solomons, MD, October 6, 2013

1950s

'50 BS Ag—**Jack Mayrsohn**, Delray Beach, FL, February 1, 2014

'51 MS ILR—**Earl H. Kipp**, Folsom, CA, January 21, 2014

'51 BS Ag—**Homer J. Sands**, Smyrna, NY, February 4, 2014

'51 BA—**Robert S. Schweitzer**, Pembroke Pines, FL, December 23, 2013

'52 MA—**James W. Gousseff**, Ypsilanti, MI, January 25, 2014

'52—**David D. Peterson**, Wilmette, IL, January 30, 2014

'53—**Donald C. Armstrong**, West Exeter, NY, January 30, 2014

'53 JD—**Irving B. Levenson**, Miami, FL, January 30, 2014

'53, BS Ag '56—**Joseph R. Lindenmayer**, Summerville, SC, December 31, 2013

- '54—**Martin E. Baurer**, Hewitt, TX, February 8, 2008
 '54 **DVM**—**Thomas P. Cameron**, Rockville, MD, November 28, 2013
 '54 **BA**—**Robert P. Crum**, Arlington, VA, January 6, 2014
 '54 **PhD**—**Albert Goldstein**, Tinton Falls, NJ, February 1, 2014
 '54—**Delbert V. Keener**, Warren, OH, November 26, 2009
 '54 **MD**—**Nicholas M. Nelson**, Topsham, ME, January 26, 2014
 '54—**John W. Obbard**, Cummaquid, MA, February 7, 2007
- '55 **BS Ag**—**Richard D. Fisher**, North Charleston, SC, May 9, 2013
 '55, **BA '56, PhD '62**—**Wilfred K. Klemperer**, Boulder, CO, January 31, 2014
 '55 **MS**—**Kenneth L. Kuttler**, College Station, TX, November 13, 2012
- '56 **DVM**—**George E. Hahn**, North Branford, CT, February 1, 2014
 '56 **PhD**—**Karl W. Seemann**, Wakefield, RI, January 17, 2014
- '57 **BS Hotel**—**Joseph E. Honish**, Henderson, NV, January 16, 2014
 '57 **MBA**—**Kenneth F. Smith**, Vero Beach, FL, August 26, 2013
- '58 **MS Ag, PhD '62**—**Wallace R. Blischke**, Sherman Oaks, CA, February 1, 2014
- '59 **BS HE**—**Geraldine Hoaglin** Cadiz, Kailua, HI, February 2, 2014

1960s

- '60 **PhD**—**Lillie Oo Chang**, Fishers, IN, January 9, 2014
 '60 **BA**—**Susan Jobs** Thatcher, Gwynedd Valley, PA, January 12, 2014
- '62—**David J. Revak**, Gilbert, AZ, January 30, 2014
- '63 **BA**—**Joel D. Barkan**, Washington, DC, January 10, 2014
 '63, **BME '64, MS ORIE '66**—**Gary L. Orkin**, Berkeley, CA, Jan. 8, 2014
 '63, **BME '64**—**Lawrence W. Pratt**, Lyndonville, NY, January 27, 2014
- '64 **PhD**—**Peter C. Dooley**, Saskatoon, SK, June 19, 2012
 '64 **BA**—**James H. Paulsen**, Sandpoint, ID, January 31, 2014
- '65 **BA**—**Victor A. Fung**, Bethesda, MD, July 31, 2013
- '66 **BS ILR**—**Peter M. Jacobs**, Pasadena, CA, December 21, 2013
 '66 **MS HE, PhD '73**—**Gertrude Parrott** Jacoby, Jupiter, FL, January 16, 2014
 '66 **BA**—**Tom G. Morgan**, Falls Church, VA, January 22, 2014
- '67, **BS Ag '69**—**Max C. Barber**, Denver, CO, December 17, 2013
 '67-69 **GR**—**Gabor S. Szava-Kovats**, Tyngsboro, MA, December 27, 2013
- '68 **PhD**—**Willie T. Ellis Sr.**, Greensboro, NC January 13, 2014
 '68, **BArch '69**—**Michael J. Leineweber**, Honolulu, HI, January 8, 2014
- '69 **BS ILR**—**Kenneth Bania**, Queenstown, New Zealand, April 10, 2013
 '69 **DVM**—**Peter S. MacWilliams**, Madison, WI, January 1, 2014
 '69 **MST**—**Walter W. McCullor**, Tucson, AZ, December 11, 2013
 '69 **DVM**—**Roy Sadovsky**, Greenwich, CT, July 6, 2013
 '69 **BS HE**—**Linda Wolff**, Brooklyn, NY, December 15, 2013
 '69 **BS Ag**—**Dennis W. Wright**, Homer, NY, December 13, 2013

1970s

- '70 **MS**—**Stephen M. Belin**, Houtzdale, PA, January 19, 2014
 '70—**Judith Orr** Ellcome, Youngstown, NY, January 8, 2014
 '70—**T. Jonathan Justice**, Logansport, IN, January 14, 2014
 '70 **BA**—**Donald M. Wagman**, Ann Arbor, MI, January 24, 2014
- '71—**William C. Barrett**, Keene, NH, January 5, 2014

- '71 **MFA**—**Rebecca Kuch Helmer**, Noblesville, IN, December 25, 2013
- '72—**Jane S. Felmeier**, Little Falls, NY, December 28, 2013
 '72 **BS Ag**—**Gerald S. Inman**, Syracuse, NY, January 30, 2014
 '72—**Stephen E. Steiner**, Incline Village, NV, January 13, 2014
 '72 **JD**—**Charles A. Stewart**, Orange, VA, September 13, 2013

- '73 **BA**—**Gregory G. DeSimone**, Westtown, PA, July 15, 2013
 '73 **BS Nurs**—**Marsha Hohm-Paladino**, Sioux Falls, SD, January 3, 2014
 '73 **PhD**—**Madugba I. Iro**, Nbawsi, Nigeria, November 7, 2013
 '73-74 **GR**—**Frank L. Vaclavik**, Carrollton, TX, August 9, 2009

- '74 **BA**—**Richard H. Bloch**, Denver, CO, December 27, 2013
 '74 **BS Ag**—**Frederick C. Drake**, Pine City, NY, February 1, 2014
 '74 **BA, MBA '80**—**Michael N. Jacobson**, Franklin, NJ, Dec. 16, 2013

- '76 **MBA**—**Craig C. Zurick**, Randolph, NJ, November 25, 2013

- '78 **BA**—**Janet C. Jacobson**, Brooklyn, NY, January 23, 2014
 '78 **BS Nurs**—**Robin Rosenthal** Stallman, Tiburon, CA, Nov. 18, 2013
 '78 **BS Nurs**—**Katherine Winkler**, Wyndmoor, PA, September 14, 2009

- '79, **BS Eng '80**—**Thomas E. McMillan**, Hockessin, DE, January 17, 2014

1980s

- '82, **BS Ag '85**—**Edward J. Finnerty**, Portland, OR, January 27, 2014
 '82 **MLA**—**Betsy Boehm Hsu**, Stillwater, OK, January 27, 2014
 '82 **MS ORIE**—**Nancy E. Levine**, Warren, NJ, December 3, 2013
- '83 **MBA**—**Steven J. Blair**, Carefree, AZ, September 5, 2013
 '83 **MD**—**Eugenia Parnassa** Carroll, Cherry Hills Village, CO, Jan. 1, 2014
 '83 **BS, MEE '88**—**Mark J. Flemming**, Essex Junction, VT, Feb. 4, 2014
 '83 **PhD**—**William L. Keith**, Ashaway, RI, January 18, 2014
 '83 **BCE**—**Susan Tyler Masch**, Paso Robles, CA, December 23, 2013
- '85—**Jeanne M. Griffiths**, Hudson, NY, December 30, 2013
 '85 **BS Ag**—**Christine Sliva-Stratman**, West Chester, PA, Nov. 26, 2013

- '86, **BArch '88**—**Kurt M. Erlbeck**, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, February 4, 2014

- '87 **DVM**—**Mark Berens**, Pelham, MA, December 1, 2013

1990s

- '92 **MBA**—**Patrick G. Lynn**, San Jose, CA, December 26, 2013
- '93 **MPS**—**Genevieve Dopp** Pollard, Marshfield, WI, January 22, 2014
- '94 **JD**—**Lisa S. Dumaw**, Nederland, CO, December 11, 2013
- '95, **BA '96**—**Gabriel D. Hayes**, De Tour Village, MI, October 22, 2013
- '99 **BArch**—**RaShan K. Hilson**, New York City, January 4, 2014

2000s

- '02 **BS ILR**—**Kevin J. Koenig**, Yankton, SD, November 26, 2013
 '02 **BS ORIE**—**Patrick A. Spann**, New York City, January 9, 2014
- '05 **BFA**—**Mupalia Sakwa Wakhisi**, Cutler Bay, FL, January 19, 2014
- '07—**Gavin B. Tedford**, Chaumont, NY, February 4, 2014

2010s

- '15—**Milica Mandic**, Novi Sad, Republic of Serbia, January 13, 2014

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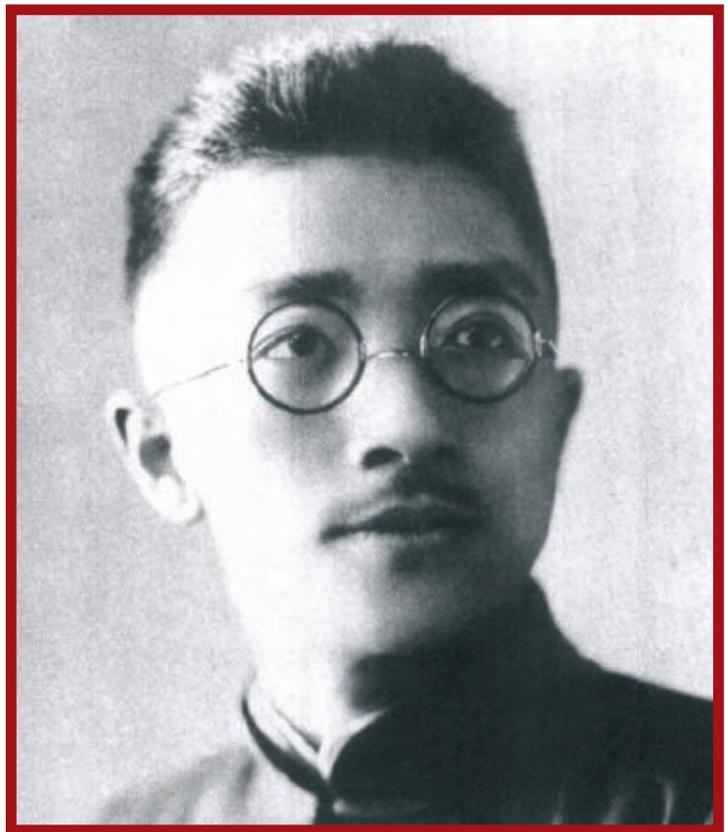
Celebrating Hu Shih 1914, who oversaw radical changes in Chinese language

Hu Shih 1914 has long been considered, in the words of University Archivist Elaine Engst, MA '72, “the most famous Cornell alumnus Americans have never heard of.” In honor of the centennial of his graduation, the University has been raising his profile with a series of salon-style talks about this prolific Chinese-born writer, scholar, poet, translator, statesman, and philosopher.

Hu is a venerated figure among the educated classes in China and Taiwan. In the salons, so far given in Seattle and San Francisco (with the next set for New York City’s Carriage House Center in October), historian Sherman Cochran makes the case that he is indeed one of the greatest Cornell alumni. He compares him to the likes of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54, writer Thomas Pynchon '59—even actor and football star Ed Marinaro '72. “The great man theory of history is a little outdated,” observes Cochran, the Hu Shih professor of Chinese history emeritus. “But as a public figure in official life, he was on par with Ginsburg; as a writer in both the popular press and as an esoteric scholar, he holds his own against Pynchon.” But . . . Ed Marinaro? “Hu Shih was a celebrity in his time,” Sherman says. “He was constantly referred to in the press and in scholarly circles and was extremely popular, and that’s without the benefit of television or radio.”

Hu came to Cornell on a Boxer Indemnity Scholarship, a program (funded by compensation money paid after the rebellion) that introduced many young Chinese scholars to Western ideas, creating an elite group that would effect sweeping changes in their homeland. After earning a PhD in philosophy from Columbia, he returned to China and became determined to modernize its language and literature. While at Peking University, he oversaw the translation of classical Chinese works into common speech, a radical undertaking that eventually led to the government’s adoption of the vernacular as the national language. “He wanted ordinary people to be able to read and understand these materials,” says Cochran. “But he also wanted people to write like they spoke.” It was a massive project, but merely one aspect of Hu’s impact on domestic and international affairs. As ambassador to the United States (1938–42) and later representative to the United Nations, Hu oversaw major changes in foreign policy. But his nationalist ideals ran counter to Mao’s communist principles, and he fell out of favor; after the 1949 revolution, he moved to New York City and then to Taipei. He helmed Taiwan’s leading scholarly organization, the Academia Sinica, until his death in 1962 at age seventy.

Three years ago, the University marked the centennial of



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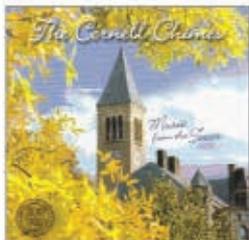
Man of the year: The University Library is celebrating the centennial graduation year of Hu Shih 1914, who left his mark both on Cornell and the Chinese language.

Hu’s landmark effort to enrich Chinese scholarship on campus. In 1911, he arranged for 300 books to be shipped to Ithaca—materials that laid the groundwork for Cornell’s expansive Asia collection. “It is our great pleasure to see the library of this university become one of the greatest college libraries in America,” he wrote at the time, “and it is also our duty to do our best to help the library grow.” Seven years later, the donation was incorporated into the Wason Collection on East Asia, which has since grown to 1.3 million volumes. “There is still something magical about print newspapers and books in native languages,” says associate university librarian Xin Li, who leads the salons with Cochran, “and the library is a home away from home for many Chinese students and scholars.” While most campus tourists gravitate to the clock tower and the suspension bridge, Engst notes that almost every Chinese visitor has another must-see: the Hu Shih collection.

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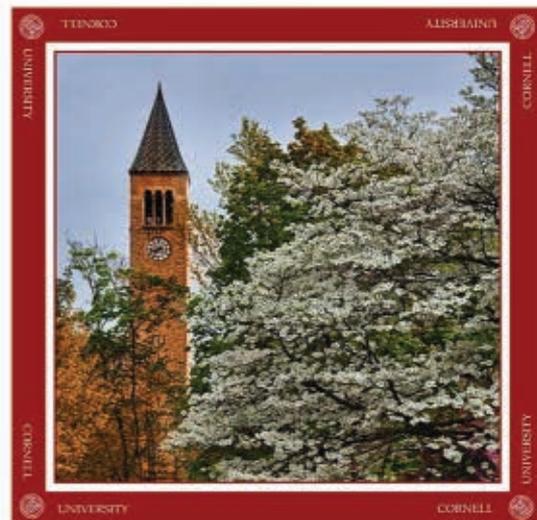


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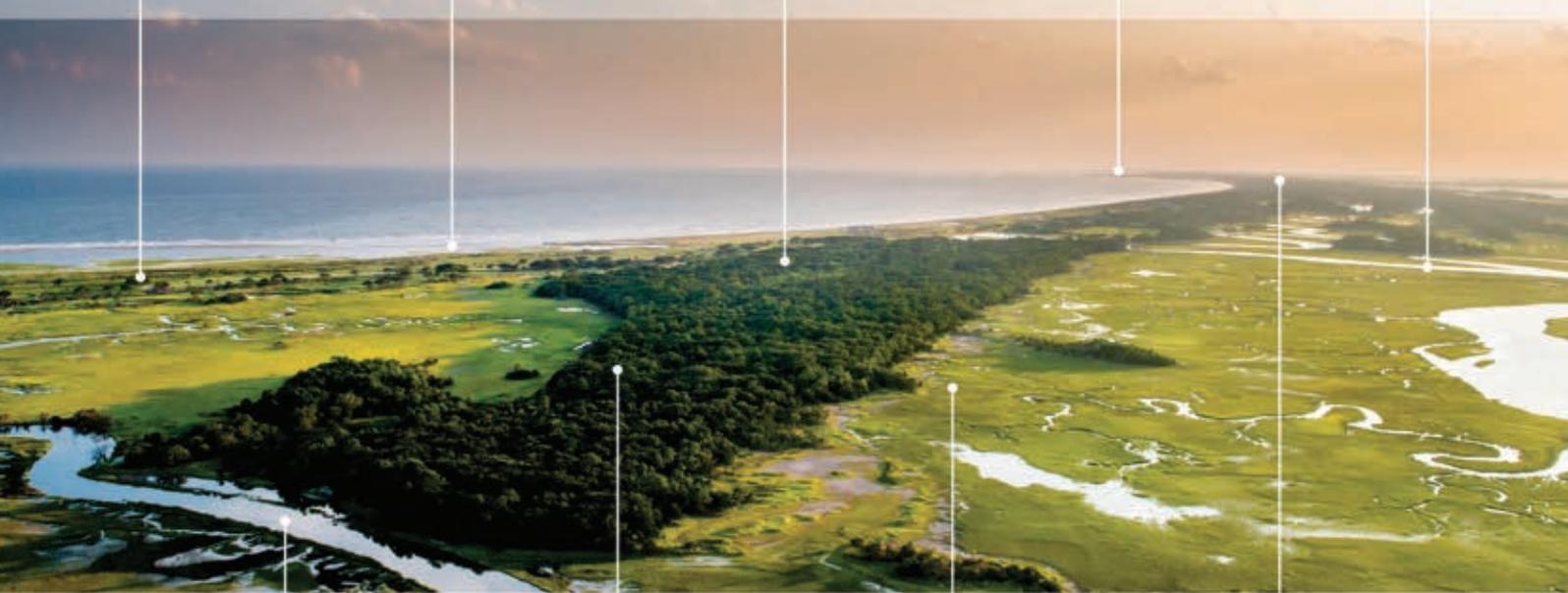
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