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### 33 Tasty Town

Back in 2008, the *New York Times* called Ithaca a “gastronomic oasis”—and things have only gotten better since. The city offers a veritable United Nations of culinary options both casual and fancy, from Mexican to Italian to Asian to Middle Eastern to a new Ethiopian joint. Says Mayor Svante Myrick '09: “You can’t throw a stone in this town without hitting a world-class restaurant—no exaggeration.” As tourist season heats up, CAM compiles a guide to some four dozen eateries, beloved by visitors and locals alike.

### 46 The Good Doctor

This summer, Cornell will bid farewell to its physician-president. In office since July 2006, David Skorton has been a popular and moderate chief executive—a stabilizing force who led the University during some tough times but was never shy (or stuffy) about enjoying the lighter moments. As Skorton heads to his new post at the Smithsonian, CAM offers a pictorial tribute to our outgoing president. Hint: he takes a mean selfie.

### 50 How to Build Your Dragon

In a tradition going back more than a century, freshman architects spend a frenzied week creating a mythical beast that’s paraded around campus on Dragon Day. This year, CAM embedded itself with those eager builders—plus the creators of the rival phoenix, pride of the Engineering college—in the days and nights leading up to the big event. As one student put it: “How many people actually get to build a dragon?”

### 56 King of the Road

Al Podell '58 has been around the world and then some. In 2012, the veteran traveler realized a long-held dream to visit every nation on the planet. And in March, Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin’s Press published his memoir of those journeys, *Around the World in 50 Years: My Adventure to Every Country on Earth*. In an excerpt, Podell describes his visit to North Korea, where he got a carefully curated tour of the Hermit Kingdom, “heavy on anti-American propaganda and nationalism bordering on xenophobia.”

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# A Smooth Transition

## Farewell and best wishes

**W**ith this essay, David concludes nine years of bimonthly columns in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. As much as we are looking forward to new adventures when we move to Washington, D.C., on July 1, both of us are going to miss the wonderful faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have become dear friends during our time at Cornell.

We also look forward to Beth Garrett's leadership as Cornell's thirteenth president, and we hope you'll extend to her and to her husband, Professor Andrei Marmor, the warmth and enthusiasm you've shared with us. Beginning with the next issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, these columns will appear under Beth Garrett's byline.

Looking back at our time at Cornell, we recall so many memorable occasions we have shared with alumni. Reunion Weekend 2006, before we were officially on board, was our first large-scale introduction to the Cornell spirit.

Immersed in a sea of red and white (and mud!) and chatting with so many alumni and their guests from across the generations and around the world, we were sure we had come to a very special place. That turned out to be a huge understatement!

We've seen the Cornell spirit again and again—at subsequent Reunions, at Homecoming, at each Sy Katz '31 Parade (“the shortest parade with the longest history in New York City”), and most recently at events on campus and around the world to celebrate the Sesquicentennial. We have no doubt that you'll keep the Big Red spirit alive and well in the Garrett administration.

Cornell alumni love a good party as much as anyone, but you also devote a tremendous amount of time and talent to our great institution. We've been privileged to attend meetings of the Cornell Association of Class Officers, for example, and each time we've been inspired by the eagerness of officers and others to spend a weekend learning how to better meet the needs of their classmates and the University as a whole.

Just last month alumni, parents, and friends joined us in Ithaca for Charter Day Weekend. We are especially grateful to the many talented alumni—including an impressive roster of writers, financial experts, media personalities, and many others—who collaborated with faculty, staff, and students to present an unforgettable “Festival of Ideas and Imagination.” Alumni engagement and achievement are wonderful things to celebrate, and we are certain you'll continue to be generous in sharing your ideas, intellect, constructive suggestions, and guidance.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

Robin broke new ground for a Cornell president's spouse by being a tenured faculty member here, as she had been at the University of Iowa. As The Andrew Dickson White Professor of Molecular Physiology, with laboratories in the College of Veterinary Medicine and at Weill Cornell Medical College, she also played a major role in developing the Graduate Research and Teaching Fellowship Program to train grad students to become more effective teachers. Year after year during Reunion Weekend, one of our favorite events was a reception for returning veterinary alumni, including some of Robin's former students, who were far more excited to see her than David!

Like Robin, Andrei Marmor is a distinguished faculty member. He currently is professor of philosophy and Maurice Jones Chair of Law at the University of Southern California, director of the USC Center for Law and Philosophy, and editor of the *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*. At Cornell, he will have faculty appointments in the Law School and the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences. We know he will be a spectacular addition to the faculty.

For us, it has been a wonderful nine years. We have learned so much from you and have made so many remarkable friends. We look forward to staying in touch after our move to Washington, and we know that you'll be as welcoming to Beth and Andrei as you've been to us.

— President David Skorton & Professor Robin Davisson  
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# More Seats at the Table



Dinner is Served Illustration by William Benson '72

*Editor's Note: In our March/April 2015 issue, we asked whom you would invite to our fantastical alumni reunion dinner if there were another leaf at the table. Here are some of your suggestions:*

Edward Bernays 1912—dubbed the “father of public relations” by the *New York Times* and listed among *LIFE* magazine’s “100 most influential Americans of the Twentieth Century.”

*Karen Kaplan '75  
Ambler, Pennsylvania*

Robert Arthur Douglas Ford, MA '39—diplomat, author, poet, Canadian ambassador to Russia, dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

*Munroe Scott, MA '50  
Peterborough, Ontario*

David Jordan, MS 1872, founding president of Stanford University; M. Carey Thomas 1877, second president of Bryn Mawr College; and Matt Urban '41, World War II Medal of Honor winner.

*Peter Freeman '66  
Interlaken, New York*

Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62 [former chairman of Tata Sons, holding company of the Tata Group].

*Lynn Phifer Keller '61  
Ramona, California*

Jane Lynch, MFA '84, for her irreverent sense of humor.

*Jacqueline DeVos '75  
Hartsdale, New York*

Hendrik Willem van Loon 1905—popularizer of history and art, best-selling author, adviser to President Franklin Roosevelt.

*Lewis Taishoff, LLB '66  
New York, New York*

Great party, but how did Bill Pidto '87 [former ESPN journalist and announcer for the New York Rangers and Knicks] get left off the list?

*Julia Fox '83, MPS '91, PhD '99  
Bloomington, Indiana*

Your exclusion of Ann Coulter '84, BA '85, and any others who may advocate for conservative viewpoints bespeaks of the strangulation of freedom of speech and the fading of open discussion of differing views on campuses today. Only when all viewpoints can be voiced without fear will the critical thought process be allowed to take root in young, developing minds. Agree or not agree with her views, she is far more widely read and more active in the analysis of life and politics here at home and abroad than some around your table.

*John Pruitt '62  
Carrollton, Texas*

## Winning Votes

*“Best Sports,” in which we shared CAM’s picks for the Big Red’s top sportsmen and women, received the largest reader response. Here is a selection:*

We were disappointed not to find our classmate and friend the late Paul Schimoler '89 on the list. He has been noted and voted one of the ten greatest lacrosse goalies of all time.

*Michael Clouser '90, MBA '99  
Haines City, Florida*

Since there were no women’s teams at Cornell at the time [swimmer] Shelley Mann '61 and I attended, it seems rather cruel to exclude her. Shelley won Olympic gold and silver medals, and not many people on this list did.

*Bonnie Graham MacDougall '62,  
PhD '73  
Ithaca, NY*

I roomed with Shelley Mann and remember watching her perform at a Cornell swim meet. Her arms went through the water like egg beaters.

*Elizabeth Heazlett Kury '60  
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania*

Pete Gogolak '64 at eighteen? As a record setter for Cornell and the NFL and a Hall of Fame selection, he should be in the Top Ten. His skill changed the way the most popular sport in America is played.

*John Gruen '66  
New York City*

I was surprised not to see basketball player Chuck Rolles '56 in the top ten. He set a lot of records, and some still stand. Back then, athletes could only play three varsity seasons, and comparing career stats against those allowed to play four years isn’t a true measure.

*Robert Fabbriatore '66  
Altamonte Springs, Florida*

Eric Gibson '73 requested a new copy of the March/April issue due to a certain over-enthusiasm on the part of his dog Lolo. He sent us a photo of the evidence, below.

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## CHAPTER HOUSE DESTROYED IN FIRE

Ithaca lost a local landmark—and Cornellians lost a watering hole beloved for generations—when a fire heavily damaged the Chapter House building in mid-April. There were no deaths or serious injuries in the early morning blaze, but Mayor Svante Myrick '09 declared the building and one next to it on Stewart Avenue a “total loss.” The fire, whose cause remains under investigation, displaced more than forty students and two staff members.

## Giffords to Give Convocation Address

Former Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '96, and her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, will be the featured speakers at this year's Convocation ceremony on May 23. Giffords left Congress in 2012 after suffering a brain injury in an assassination attempt the previous year. She and Kelly, a former Space Shuttle pilot, have gone on to advocate for gun control legislation. She was chosen, says Convocation Committee chair Rachel Gerber '15, because she “not only embodies the Big Red spirit, but also a passion and determination that is unmatched.”



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Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '96

## \$350 Health Fee Sparks Protests

The announcement in February of a new health fee sparked outrage from some students, who occupied offices in Day Hall for a few hours and held a protest during a trustee meeting. Going into effect for the 2015–16 academic year, the \$350 fee will apply to students not enrolled in the

Cornell Student Health Insurance Plan—affecting about 70 percent of undergrads, 30 percent of professional students, and 10 percent of grad students. “With the new funding model, most Gannett visits (medical, mental health, and physical therapy) will be covered by the health fee, with students paying a simple \$10 copay,” President David Skorton said. “Although introducing a new fee is never desirable, moving to a model that includes a health fee—a standard in college health nationwide—will make student costs more predictable and encourage students to seek the care they need.”



JAEL-GOLDFINE / DAILY SUN

## VP Phlegar to Depart

Vice president for alumni affairs and development Charles Phlegar is leaving at the end of June to return to his alma mater, Virginia Tech. Phlegar, who has been at Cornell since 2006—he was President David Skorton's first hire—will serve as vice president for advancement at Virginia's land grant institution. A native of the state, Phlegar earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Tech.





LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY / CORNELL

**Into the wild: In the Wyoming sagebrush, a greater sage-grouse shares the landscape with an oil drilling pad.**

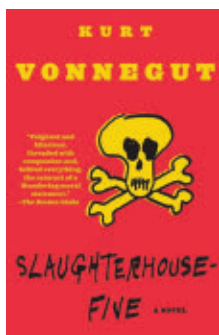
### Lab of O Doc to Air on PBS

A documentary produced by the Lab of Ornithology is set to run on May 20 as the season finale of the PBS series "Nature." Entitled "The Sagebrush Sea," it highlights what the filmmakers call one of the most overlooked ecosystems on the continent: the sagebrush, which spans eleven Western states and is home to 170 species including the greater sage-grouse. Also known as the sage-steppe, it faces such threats as residential encroachment, oil and gas drilling, and invasive species. "The sagebrush and the grouse carry on," notes the program description, "but they're losing ground."

### Slaughterhouse-Five is Book Pick

The choice for the University's fifteenth annual New Student Reading Project is a classic by a Cornelian:

*Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut '44. Published in 1969, the novel was inspired by Vonnegut's experiences in World War II, including his survival of the bombing of Dresden as a prisoner of war. Each year, the selected book is the subject of discussions on campus and in the community during fall semester, with copies sent over the summer to incoming freshmen and transfer students. Previous selections include *The Great Gatsby*, *Frankenstein*, and *The Grapes of Wrath*.



### Five A. D. White Profs Elected

The latest crop of A. D. White professors-at-large has been elected to six-year terms by the Board of Trustees. They are: jazz great Wynton Marsalis, anthropologist Bruno Latour, political scholar Theda Skocpol, planetary scientist David Stevenson, PhD '76, and artist Xu Bing.

### CU Is 20th in Reputation Poll

Cornell has landed at number twenty on the *Times Higher Education* World Reputation Rankings for 2015. The global list is the result of a poll of senior academics, conducted by *Times Higher Education* magazine. It was topped by Harvard, followed by Cambridge, Oxford, and MIT.

## GIVE MY REGARDS TO... THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS



**Winfried Denk, PhD '89, Karel Svoboda '88, and David Tank, PhD '83**, three of four winners of the Brain Prize, which carries an award of 1 million euros, for their groundbreaking work in two-photon microscopy.

**Dining with Diverse Minds**, a campus program that hosts events to promote tolerance and open dialogue, winner of Cornell's annual Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony.

**David Lustick '85**, an associate professor of science education at UMass, Lowell, honored by the White House as a Champion of Change for Climate Education and Literacy.

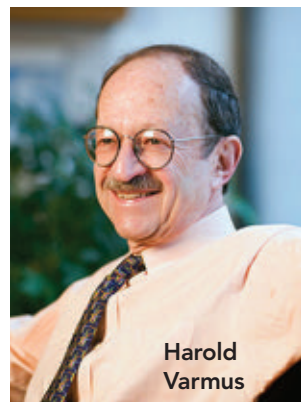
The Medical College's **Belfer Research Building**, awarded LEED Gold status from the U.S. Green Building Council for its environmental sustainability, a rare honor for a laboratory facility.

**'They challenge me; they frustrate me at times; they even exasperate me. But they inspire me, they reward me, and they give me great confidence in the future.'**

— Retiring vice president  
Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, on Cornell's students

### Nobel Prize Recruited to Med School

A Nobel Prize-winning cancer researcher has joined the Medical college faculty. Harold Varmus, previously director of the National Cancer Institute at the NIH, has an endowed professorship in medicine at Weill Cornell as well as a senior position at the New York Genome Center. He'll also be a senior adviser to Dean Laurie Glimcher. Varmus co-won the Nobel in 1989 for his research on retroviruses and the genetic basis of cancer. "This is a remarkable time in cancer research," he says. "Technological advances have enabled scientists to



Harold Varmus

conduct comprehensive genomic studies that are revealing detailed portraits of cancer cells, sparking new opportunities to develop next-generation therapies, diagnostics, and prevention strategies."

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# DID YOU KNOW...

**That Big League Chew was  
invented by a Cornellian?**

Rob Nelson '71 was a minor league pitcher when he and a teammate conceived the bubblegum—which hit stores thirty-five years ago this month—as an alternative to chewing tobacco.



## Classes Offered with University in Congo

This fall, Cornell will offer two courses in collaboration with a university in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The classes—one on building peace in conflicted regions, the other on understanding disease patterns in sub-Saharan Africa—will be conducted using video links. Ultimately, the program with Eben-Ezer University of Minembwe may include student exchanges.

## New Home for AAP in NYC

The College of Architecture, Art, and Planning's popular program in New York City has moved into new digs: the entire twentieth floor of the historic Standard Oil Building in Lower Manhattan. The 11,000-square-foot location, at 26 Broadway, offers more studio, classroom, and event space than the program's previous home on West 17th Street in Chelsea.

## R + D

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

**A team of student food scientists** has created a protein-rich product made of crushed mealworms. Dubbed "C-fu" (for its similarity to tofu), it finished in the top ten out of 350 entries at a collegiate competition in Europe last winter.

**Walking and texting can be risky**—but a new app could make it safer. Students at Cornell Tech are developing the app, which sends "don't walk" warnings from traffic signals to phone screens.

**With federal funding of \$1 million a year** for five years, Cornell nutritional scientists aim to encourage low-income families to eat more fresh produce through a multi-state education program and subsidies to buy shares of farmers' harvests.

**A University-wide partnership** is working to preserve scholarly material stored on magnetic tape media like VHS, Betamax, and Super 8. Organizers estimate that Cornell may have as many as a half-million items that are imperiled due to physical degradation and technical obsolescence.



**Germ of an idea: An interactive map shows bacteria in  
Manhattan, Brooklyn, and beyond.**

## Mapping Subway Microbes

It's called a pathogen map—or "PathoMap" for short. A team led by Christopher Mason, an assistant professor of physiology and biophysics at the Medical college, mapped the microbes lurking in New York's subway system, collecting more than 4,200 samples and sequencing about a third. Their findings: while most were harmless, about a quarter included live, antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Additionally, two included DNA fragments of anthrax, and three carried DNA associated with Bubonic plague—though they weren't found to be alive and aren't considered a threat. Notes Mason: "These bacteria may even be helpful, since they can out-compete any dangerous bacteria." With PathoMap as a baseline, researchers and public health officials can monitor for potential dangers.

MARK VORREUTER / HUMECC



**Stretch of the imagination: This year's Cornell Fashion  
Collective runway show included a twist on sports togs.**



## An Ithaca-Cambridge Faculty Swap

A former faculty member is returning to campus to become the new dean of the faculty of Computing and Information Science. Greg Morrisett, an expert in computer security who's currently at Harvard, taught on the Hill from 1996 to 2004. He will assume his new post July 1.

As Cornell lures its new dean from Harvard, the Cambridge campus is getting our vice provost for international affairs. Pulitzer Prize-winner Fredrik Logevall is leaving to teach international affairs at the Kennedy School of Government, with an additional appointment in history. Laura Spitz, associate dean for international affairs at the Law School, will serve in the vice provost position on an interim basis.

## 'We are fishing out our oceans.'

— Actor and activist Ted Danson, speaking on campus about marine conservation

## Verizon Funds Tech Building

Telecom giant Verizon has donated \$50 million to create an executive education center at Cornell Tech. The structure—described as “a gathering space for the tech community and a place for leveraging the campus’s impact on technology beyond its degree programs”—will be part of the first phase of the Roosevelt Island campus. Construction began in January; some buildings will open in summer 2017, with the executive ed center completed later.

## 25 YEARS AGO IN CAM

A story in the April 1990 issue entitled “The World of Hacking” chronicled the trial and conviction of Robert Morris, who disseminated the first-ever computer worm in 1988 while a grad student on the Hill. Morris claimed he had no malicious intent and had designed the worm to gauge the size of the fledgling Internet.

“My purpose was to see if I could write a program that would spread as widely as possible,” CAM quoted him as saying at his trial. “My intention was that it should not grow.” But the worm’s damage to networks—it disabled about 10 percent of online machines by infecting them multiple times and slowing them down to the point of uselessness—earned Morris a fine, probation, and community service. He also had the distinction of being the first person indicted under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, though he’d go on to become a respected faculty member at MIT.



Robert Morris

WIDEWORLD



PAUL SMITH

**Purrfect princess: A cat clad as royalty won the costume contest at the Vet college’s annual Feline Follies event.**

## Giving Day Raises Nearly \$7 Million

Cornell’s first-ever Giving Day, a twenty-four-hour fundraising marathon held on March 25, garnered more than 9,600 gifts totaling \$6.97 million. The event allowed donors to designate their gifts to specific programs, engendering a friendly rivalry as the numbers came in. Athletics and Physical Education topped the list with \$1,819,408, followed closely by the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Hotel Administration. In terms of individual gifts received, Arts and Sciences came in first with 1,496, followed by Engineering and CALS. Gifts came in from fifty-two countries, six continents, and all fifty U.S. states plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

## Puzzled?

In our special Sesquicentennial issue (March/April 2015) we ran a crossword on page 96. Here’s the answer key.



# Living Large

For undergrads,  
a housing smorgasbord

**T**oday's Cornell students have more housing options than ever. Though freshmen are required to live on North Campus, other undergrads have myriad places to choose from—from co-ops to Greek houses to dormitories to Collegetown apartments. Students' housing choices are guided by various priorities: lower costs, livelier night life, easier access to campus, or just the chance to live with friends.

Here, CAM breaks down students' housing options and explores what the different living arrangements have to offer. Unless otherwise indicated, the cost estimates do not include food.

— Arielle Cruz '15

ROBERT BARKER / UP



## FRESHMEN

All freshmen are required to live on North Campus, though they can choose among nine standard dorms and a townhouse complex, plus eight themed program houses (see above right). The dorms range from classic residences like Clara Dickson and the all-female Balch to newer buildings such as Court-Kay-Bauer and Mews, which opened in 2001. The townhouses, which also house transfer students, offer the most spacious accommodations on campus, with four to six people sharing a bathroom, kitchen, living room, and dining area.

**Cost:** from \$7,460 to \$9,180 per year, depending on location and room size.

## SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS

### Program Houses

While open to freshmen, these themed residences—all but one of which are located on North Campus—also house sophomores and above. They include Akwe:kon (the Native American residence), Ecology House, Just About Music, the Latino Living Center, the arts-themed Risley Residential College, and Ujamaa Residential College, devoted to African American culture. Language House, on West Campus, is open only to non-freshmen.

**Cost:** the same as other North Campus dorms, plus a program house fee of up to \$100.

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### Collegetown Dorms

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors can live in one of four Collegetown dorms, including Cascadilla Hall, the University's original building. Those in far-flung Schuyler House get a free bus pass.

**Cost:** from \$7,460 to \$9,180, depending on room size.

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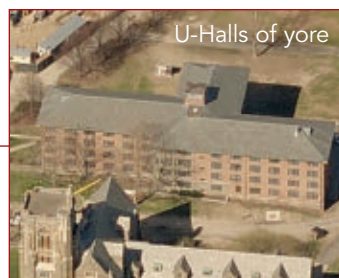
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### West Campus Houses

Loosely based on the residential college system at other universities, West Campus consists of five houses, each with its own dining facility. All named for former faculty, they replaced the aging U-Halls—originally built as temporary post-war housing—which were demolished in the mid-Aughts. About 65 percent of current residents are sophomores; 25 percent are juniors and 10 percent are seniors.

To live on West Campus or in a Collegetown dorm (see below left), students enter the Housing Lottery. It takes place over four days in March, when students go online at pre-set times to select from available rooms. Since sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing if they want it, they have priority over juniors and seniors.

**Cost:** from \$7,460 to \$9,180, depending on room size. Meal plans, which are mandatory, range from an additional \$5,320 to \$5,720.



U-Halls of yore

Postwar boom: Built in the Fifties, the U-Halls were demolished in the Aughts to make room for West Campus houses.

### Collegetown

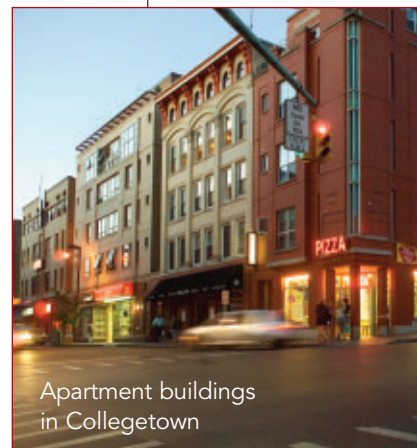
After sophomore year, most students move to Collegetown. Students begin apartment-hunting as early as September for the following year, and many aim to have a lease signed before October break. Students looking for large houses or apartments with more than six bedrooms are under the most time pressure, since inventory is limited. In recent years, students seeking prime properties have camped out overnight in front of the offices of one major landlord, Ithaca Renting Company, to snap up the next year's leases when they become available on October 1.

**Cost:** per-person, per-month rents range from about \$550 (in an older building with a less desirable location) to \$1,500 (for one bedroom apartments in newer buildings close to campus).



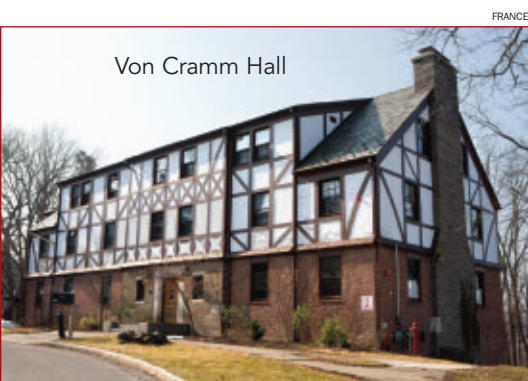
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First come, first served: Students camp out at Ithaca Renting Company.



Apartment buildings in Collegetown

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### Co-ops

There are five on North Campus and four on West Campus. In the co-ops—which include Von Cramm, 660 Stewart, and Watermargin—residents share chores, and some have communal meals. Most are coed, with the exceptions of 302 Wait Avenue (all female) and Wari (for women of color). To join, prospective members enter a process called “mosey,” a two-week visiting period styled as a more relaxed alternative to Greek rush.

**Cost:** from \$2,900 to \$7,120, depending on house and room size. Houses that have communal dining charge about \$900 more for meal plans.



Chi Psi fraternity house

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## GREEK HOUSING

### Sororities

Women who join one of Cornell's twelve sororities may live in their houses—all of which are located on North and West Campus—during sophomore year (or possibly later in the case of transfers). Living in a sorority means paying room and board in addition to chapter dues and other fees.

**Cost:** an average of about \$10,330 per year, including board

### Fraternities

Cornell's Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living currently recognizes thirty-three frats that offer housing. (Several others are expected to return to campus in the future, following renovations, disciplinary infractions, or other issues.) As in sororities, fraternity members often live in their houses sophomore year, requiring them to pay room and board, dues, social fees, and a damage deposit.

**Cost:** an average of about \$12,800 per year, including board.

# Play Time

## Program schools students in computer game design



Flying high: Iterative designs of the video game *Gathering Sky* by GDIAC student John Oliver '15 and teammates. Below: Professor Walker White, PhD '00, in class.

LISA BANLAKI FRANK



The game is called “Dodgeball Damnation,” but on a Tuesday afternoon in March, it’s just a collection of rudimentary images projected onto a wall in Upson Hall. Standing at the front of the classroom, information science major Christine Geeng ’16 explains that the game stars a character named Disco Thunder, who was the world dodge ball champion until her untimely demise. “Then she was recruited by the Demons to play against the Angels,” Geeng says, “who win every year—because they cheat.”

At this stage, Disco Thunder is just a red-and-black pixelated block; the balls she shoots are small yellow circles. But by the end of the semester, Dodgeball Damnation will be a fully functioning computer game. “I understand that this is a prototype, but things that are hard to see on the projector also tend to have game play effects,” computer science professor Walker White, PhD ’00, observes when the presentation concludes. “You have black on very dark blue; there’s not enough color differentiation. With very action-y games, you want high contrast and clear backgrounds.”

Geeng and her teammates ponder the feedback, and the rest of the class weighs in. “Are you planning to differentiate the obstacles?” one student asks. Another wants to know, “Will you have more monsters?” Then it’s time for the three other teams to present their prototypes: a storybook heroine’s quest for a happy ending; a trip through a maze-like prison; and a puzzle that culminates in a trip to heaven.

It’s a typical session in one of the University’s most sought-after classes: Introduction to Computer Game Development. The course, which is taught each spring and has a 200-person waiting list, is part of the Game Design Initiative at Cornell (GDIAC)—a program in the computer science department that gives student programmers and designers the chance to make original games, present them at local and national showcases, and earn an optional minor in the field. “If you can make a game, you can make any piece of software,” says White, who has directed GDIAC since 2008. “In terms of education, the selling point is not that we’re producing people for the games industry. It’s that you learn project management and how to develop large-scale software relatively early in your undergrad career.”

GDIAC courses are designed to be highly creative and entrepreneurial: students have to come up with their own concepts and develop them throughout the semester in a workshop-style atmosphere. “You start from scratch,” says White. “I’ll give you guidelines; I’m constantly giving feedback on what I think is fun and what’s not. First of all, it has to be innovative. It can’t be an



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exact copy of something I've seen before—and much to the students' chagrin, I play a lot of games."

That relentlessly practical focus is one of GDIAC's strengths, says teaching assistant John Oliver '15, who took the intro course as a freshman and has TA'ed it for three years. "It's definitely one of the most time-intensive classes at Cornell," Oliver says. "It forces you to actually build a finished product by the end of the semester. In a lot of classes you do projects but never have to give them to anyone. But this is an exercise in how you build something in the real world. You have to meet a deadline every two weeks and keep at it."

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dot-com bubble. It has since become highly regarded in the industry, White says, with its alumni working for such firms as Nintendo, Zynga, Riot, and Electronic Arts and helping to develop titles like "Plants Versus Zombies 2," "Farmville," "Star Wars: The Old Republic," and "BioShock Infinite."

Each May, students from GDIAC's introductory and advanced courses, plus those doing independent study projects, present their creations at a showcase in the engineering library in Carpenter Hall. Their popularity with the audience, White says, is a key factor in a student's final grade. "The public can always override my opinion," he says. "If I don't like a game but the public really likes it, I will defer to them and grade it accordingly."

When Oliver took the advanced class as a sophomore, his team won an audience choice award at the showcase. Their game, Gathering Sky, lets players guide a bird around the world, adding others to its flock. Last summer, it was named the most promising game at a showcase in San Francisco. "It's very meditative, very experiential," Oliver says. "It's the sort of game that a three-year-old can play and my grandmother can play, and they can both enjoy it."

— Melissa Sarmiento '16



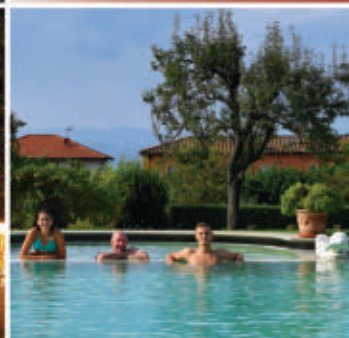
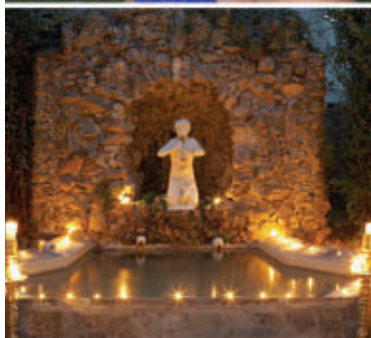


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Brush strokes: Last winter, Slope Studio held a painting class designed to help students relieve academic stress.



## Art for Art's Sake

Slope Studio carves out space for student creativity

**O**n a Thursday night last winter, two floors deep in the labyrinthine Willard Straight Hall, students are crowded around a table, webs of yarn dangling from their wrists as they struggle to learn the craft of “arm knitting.” The windowless room has white walls, colorfully painted heating pipes, and art supplies galore. A large table in the center is surrounded by stools, and a lounge area to the side offers comfy chairs that invite students to sit and stay awhile. It’s a typical evening at Slope Studio, Cornell’s new student-run art space.

Students can come in seven days a week to use or check out art supplies including acrylic and watercolor paints, pastels, charcoal, fountain pens, origami paper, a camera, a sewing machine, and more. In addition to supplies, Slope Studio also offers workshops on topics like figure drawing and colored pencil portraits. “I was starting to develop an interest in art, but was held back by the cost of supplies,” says Ahmed Ebrahim ’15, a biology major who comes to the studio a few times a week. “It gives me a chance to experiment with lots of different mediums and figure out my strengths.”

Until Slope Studio’s grand opening in August 2014, access to art supplies and a studio space at Cornell required taking a formal course—often difficult for non-majors due to fees of \$40 to \$135 and three-hour classes that can be hard to fit into an already packed schedule. Founder Sofia Hu ’17, a double major in biological sciences and the College Scholar program, recognized this

gap when she matriculated as a freshman. “It can be hard to find the supplies, the place, or the time to make art,” Hu says. “I wanted to simplify it so people just have to find the time and come here.” She pitched the idea to CU Collaborate, a contest for ideas to improve Cornell, and garnered some start-up funding. The studio found its home in a former ceramics studio turned storage room, which students transformed over a summer of cleaning and renovations. It has since attracted dozens of amateur artists from a variety of majors and backgrounds.

If future funding allows, studio organizers would like to increase their supply offerings, recruit local Ithaca artists to teach workshops, and possibly move into a bigger space. “Finances are a struggle,” says the group’s treasurer Naomi Edmark, a dual major in art and Africana studies who expects to graduate in 2018. “We’re a new club so we don’t have any kind of safety net.”

In December, Slope Studio held an artists’ market where students came to browse and buy art from their peers, including photography, paintings, and jewelry. In addition to offering a forum for students to explore their creativity, the studio emphasizes art as a form of relaxation; it has partnered with Cornell Minds Matter, a group that promotes mental health on campus, to offer a respite from the stresses of coursework. Says Hu: “I envision this becoming a lively community where you can come and run into friends, meet new people, and paint together.”

— Katie O’Brien ’16





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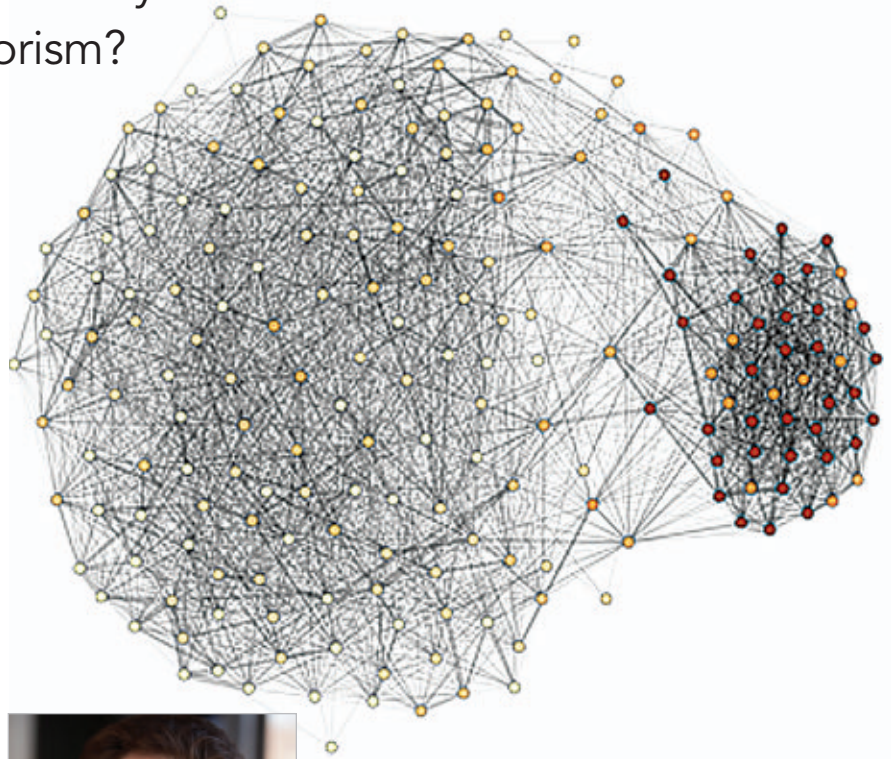
## Can social network analysis help prevent terrorism?

**S**ociology professor Matthew Brashears calls it the “Ikea problem.” In a nutshell: just because you have the instructions for how to put something together doesn’t mean you can actually make it work.

The phenomenon is all too familiar to frustrated fans of the Swedish chain’s assemble-it-yourself furniture—but Brashears cites it in regard to a weightier subject. When it comes to building a weapon of mass destruction, he says, the notion that terrorists can just download instructions off the Internet doesn’t hold water. To make what’s known as a CBRN weapon—one that is chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear—requires what’s known as “tacit knowledge,” which is skill and familiarity with a subject that can only be gained through training and experience. And that, Brashears says, may someday give intelligence agencies a way to prevent such devices from ever being built.

“If you were Al-Qaeda and you got your hands on enough weapons-grade uranium to build a nuclear bomb, would you hand it off to some guy and say, ‘See what you can do with this’—or would you recruit somebody who knows what he’s doing?” Brashears says. “What these organizations really want is somebody who has accumulated this tacit knowledge. And people who have this kind of knowledge are quite rare; there are still lots of them, but compared to the population at large, it’s very few.”

That principle is at the heart of Brashears’s ongoing research. In 2010, he received a nearly \$800,000 grant from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency to explore methods of identifying the social networks that connect terrorist groups aiming to deploy CBRN devices with the experts capable of creating them. In 2014, the agency—an arm of the Defense Department—found the work promising enough to give the project an additional award of almost \$630,000. “We’re not at all interested in motivations here,” Brashears says. “The reasons to participate in a terrorist group are very heterogeneous. It could be that you help Al-Qaeda because you agree with them; it could be that you don’t agree with them, but you don’t like the U.S.; it



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Linked in: Professor Matthew Brashears (left) is studying how social groups such as terrorist cells recruit members. The drawing above illustrates his findings that when a subset of people are radicalized (as seen in the small, darker cluster at right) it weakens their connections to the larger community (seen at left), making it harder for the group to expand.

could be that they’re paying you a ton of money; it could be that they kidnapped your kids. We have no earthly idea. Our only point is that if you’re at a short social distance, it’s more likely that somebody in that particular group will become aware of you and your expertise.”

Brashears stresses that he’s studying social networks—the connections among people—and not social *networking*, as in Twitter and its ilk. It’s a common misconception—so much so that he jokes about making up T-shirts that say “No, actually, I don’t study Facebook,” and handing them out to his colleagues at the next meeting of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. Neither is his work focused on the recruitment of jihadist foot soldiers—as in the high profile cases of teens lured from homes in the West to join ISIS

and other groups—but rather on understanding how people with CBRN expertise may come into contact with terrorists who want to exploit that knowledge.

The grant that Brashears received is on what’s known as a 6.1 line, earmarked for general science that could eventually be applied to defense operations. And in fact, his team is basing its work on a data set unrelated to terrorism: the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, which includes self-reported information on illicit behavior like drug sales and violent crime. As a stand-in for membership in a terrorist group, the researchers are looking at gang affiliation. “We have data on a subset of individuals who are in gangs and involved in serious deviance, mixed in with a much larger set of individuals who are not doing these things but



look a lot like the gang members demographically,” Brashears explains. “It gives us a test data set where we have a signal—those gang members we want to find—mixed in with a lot of similar individuals who represent noise.”

Why not use data on actual terrorists? For one thing, Brashears says, there’s no guarantee that such data would be accurate or complete—and, frankly, it’s not that useful to base a novel method on data about terrorists who’ve been caught through conventional means.

And those means, he adds, are often problematic, relying on the kind of racial and ethnic profiling that concerns civil libertarians. The system that Brashears is working on would use demographic factors less inflammatory than race or religion, such as education, age, income, and organizational membership. Those factors can be used to place someone into a sociological context known as “Blau space,” a tool that establishes spatial coordinates based on a person’s sociodemographic characteristics. The closer two people are in that conceptual space, the closer they are in terms of real-world social connections. “It can’t identify the specific individuals, but it can identify a subset who might be at risk for joining terrorist organizations,” says Michael Genkin, PhD ’14, who helped found the project as a grad student and now teaches sociology at Singapore Management University. “It would be overpromising to say that you can pick out, out of millions of people, those who will join terrorist organizations. But this can identify them better than existing methods—and that’s important, because we’re all concerned with racial profiling and the problems it raises. This method is able to do it in a cleaner way without victimizing innocent persons, and identify bad guys more precisely.”

An example of the phenomena that the research is exploring—close Blau space connections used for nefarious purposes—can be found in an unlikely place: the hit TV drama “Breaking Bad.” On that show, high school teacher Walter White has tacit knowledge in chemistry that makes him a talented maker of methamphetamine—but he doesn’t go into a life of crime until he teams up with a former student, Jesse, who’s involved in the drug trade. “When Walt was looking for someone to help him, he didn’t hook up with the cartel directly, or any of the various ethnic gangs,” Brashears says. “He basically ended up with another white male from a middle class background. There’s a lining up of demographic characteristics that mean that Walt and Jesse are much closer in social space than you might think.”

— Beth Saulnier

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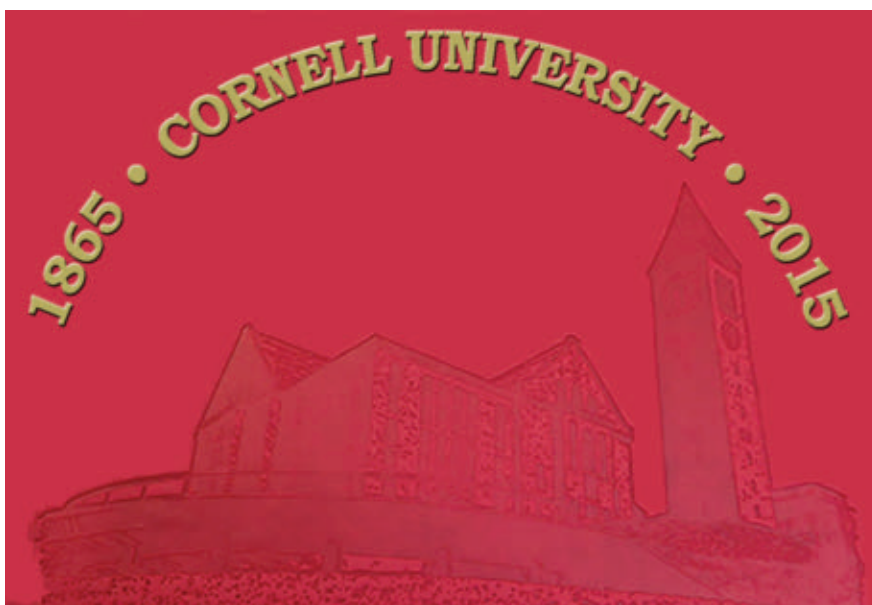
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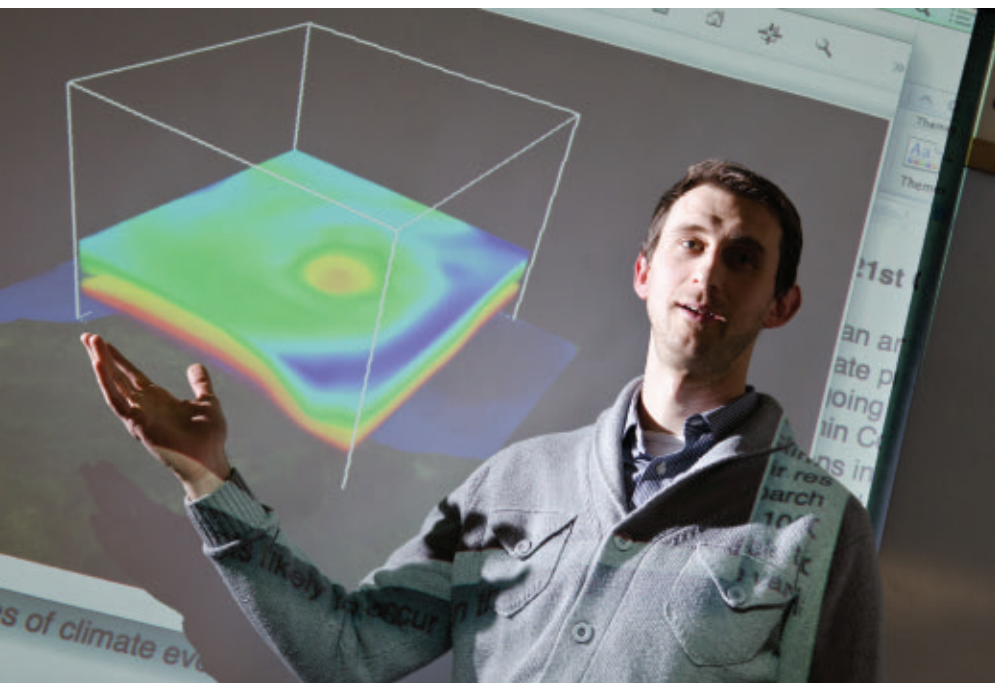


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Water levels: A lecture by earth and atmospheric sciences professor Toby Ault.

# Dry Spell

## Geoscientist Toby Ault warns that a 'megadrought' may be on the horizon

*It sounds like the bad guy in a monster movie: Godzilla vs. Megadrought. Earth and atmospheric sciences professor Toby Ault has been assessing the likelihood that a massive drought—what he calls a “slow-moving natural disaster”—will strike the Southwest by the end of this century.*

*Ault has published two recent papers on the megadrought phenomenon, defined as a drought lasting at least thirty-five years. The first, which appeared in the Journal of Climate last summer, focused on precipitation levels and put the chances at 30 to 50 percent. A more recent study that he coauthored, published in Science Advances in February, also factored in rising temperatures—and predicted the likelihood at 70 to 80 percent, and possibly even higher.*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** Historically, how often do these megadroughts happen?

**Toby Ault:** We found in our analysis that decade-long droughts—like the Fifties drought in the Southwest or the Dust Bowl in the Thirties—tend to happen at a rate of about one to two per century. Mul-

tidecadal megadroughts happen at a rate of about one to two per millennia. But using state-of-the-art global climate models, we found that the risk of these events seems to be much higher in the future than it's been during the last thousand years.

**CAM:** California has been facing drought conditions for the past few years, including controls on water consumption. Could they be at the beginning of a megadrought?

**T.A.:** Ask me again in thirty-one years. For the most part, our skill at weather forecasts is pretty low any longer than ten days into the future, so we can't say with confidence if this particular drought will last for many years.

**CAM:** We had a terrible winter in the Northeast. Were our heavy snow and freezing temperatures somehow related to the hot, dry conditions out West?

**T.A.:** They are connected. We really have a bipolar continent right now, and the reason is that there's a standing wave in the atmosphere. The crest, the high part of that wave, has parked itself off and

over the western part of the continent and that blocks storms from reaching California. In the meantime, the other half of that wave is a trough, a low—and that favored storms coming down and dumping snow and cold air in the Northeast, week after week.

**CAM:** It seems obvious, but does the increased megadrought risk come down to climate change?

**T.A.:** It does. It's because of greenhouse gases warming the atmosphere, driving down precipitation inputs and driving up evaporative losses. So overall, the moisture balance will go down by 2050 and beyond.

**CAM:** As a society, what can we do about it?

**T.A.:** One of the obvious things is to get our emissions under control, because the less carbon dioxide that gets into the atmosphere, the lower the risk. But that's a huge, complicated, geopolitical problem, and my role is not to make any specific policy recommendations. My area is to communicate the science as best I can—but I do think we should know what the risks are if we're going to warm the planet by several degrees.

Another side of the story is to continue to have discussions about how to use water in the West, and nationally. How do we protect this precious resource that we use for producing energy, growing crops, watering lawns, and generally having a healthy, thriving society? Those conversations need to be had with the public, water resource managers, politicians, and scientists alike.

**CAM:** On a practical level, does doing this research affect the way you think about turning on a faucet?

**T.A.:** It totally does. Every glass of water I drink, I think about how incredibly precious this resource is, how undervalued it's been, and how much more we need to think about its wide importance throughout society. In this country, we are literally flushing drinkable water down the toilet.

**CAM:** Is studying a potential long-term natural disaster like the megadrought kind of, well . . . depressing?

**T.A.:** Sometimes. But I have to maintain a hopeful outlook about our capacity as a creative and ingenious species—to believe that there are ways to thrive despite the risk of megadrought and of climate change. So I think there's room for cautious optimism. I do have a funny anecdote from my mother-in-law, who lived in New York during the drought in the Sixties. She remembers that there were signs on the subway that said, “Save Water—Shower with a Friend.”

— Kitty Kemp





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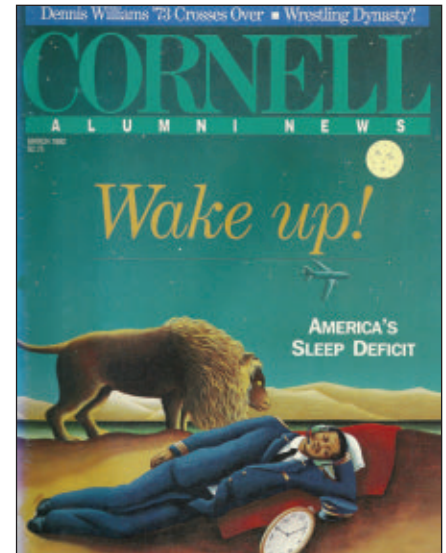
Our veteran art director says goodbye



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In late May, CAM's longtime art director is heading into a well-deserved retirement. Steffi Green joined the magazine full time in 1987—back when our offices were located in Alumni House and layout involved a giant typesetting machine, liquid wax, and a scalpel.

In her nearly three decades at CAM, Steffi oversaw the design of more than 200 issues and personally art directed thousands of stories. As she retires, we asked her to take stock of this remarkable body of work; these pages showcase just a few of her favorite covers and feature stories.

Steffi earned a BFA from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn—a school whose motto, appropriately enough, is “Be true to your work, and your work will be true to you.” She came to Ithaca in 1980, eventually becoming a manager at Cornell's Media Services office. When she joined CAM, the magazine was led by the legendary John Marcham '50, the first of five editors for whom Steffi worked. Under her guidance, CAM has evolved into a visually interesting, reader-friendly periodical that can stand head and shoulders with its newsstand counterparts; during her tenure, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) twice named us the best alumni magazine in the country. “I've always loved



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the idea of collaboration with my colleagues—that's the most satisfying part of the job,” she says. “When you finish an issue, you hold it in your hands for a minute, and the next thing you know you're onto the next one. It's working with the people at the magazine—the editors, illustrators, and photographers—that has made it so gratifying, and such wonderful fun.”

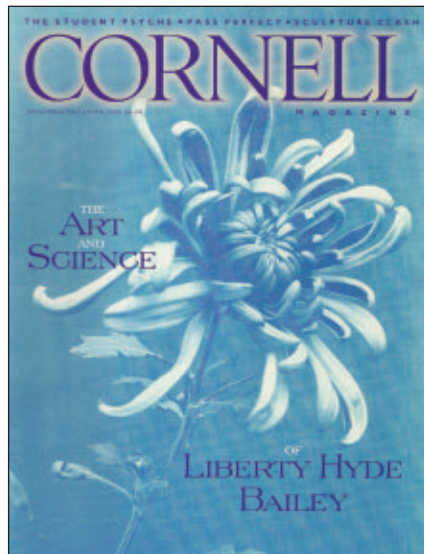
Over the past five years, Steffi has gotten heavily involved in performing and

studying music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods, a passion she aims to pursue in retirement. She plays recorder in two trios, practices faithfully, and has traveled internationally to early music gatherings. At lunchtime, she'd sometimes sequester herself on the third-floor stairs of the CAM office building to practice, and we'd hear her dulcet tones wafting down the hall. (“It's concrete,” she says of the stairwell, “and the acoustics are great.”) Our staff will miss that—and so much more.

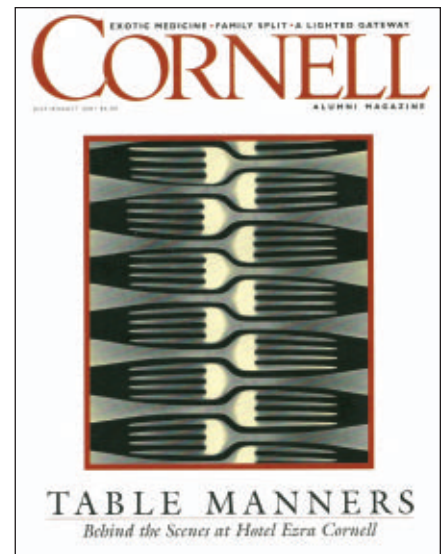




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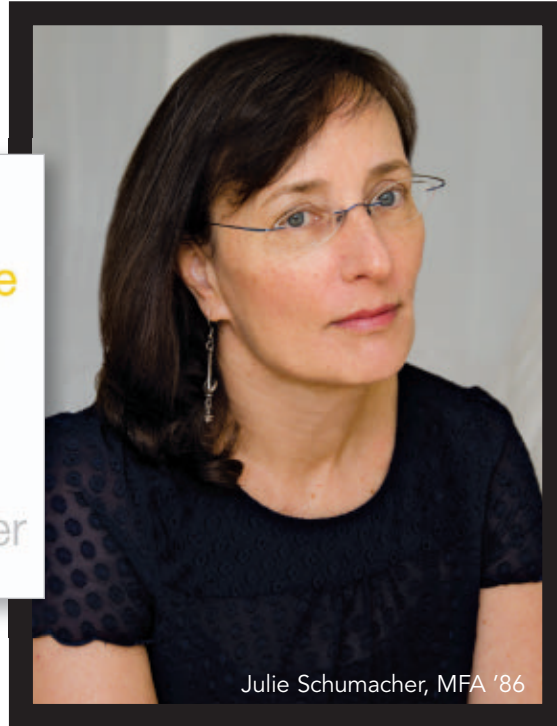
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Julie Schumacher, MFA '86

CATHERINE SMITH

## To Whom It May Concern

Novelist Julie Schumacher, MFA '86, skewers academia with a satirical riff on that professorial bane, letters of recommendation

**T**here's a crisis in the humanities, and it's no laughing matter—unless you're reading Julie Schumacher's latest book. Entitled *Dear Committee Members*, it's a comic novel composed entirely of madcap letters of recommendation from an embittered English professor.

The book, which briefly appeared on the *New York Times* best seller list in September, renders a complex portrait of one Jason T. Fitger, a professor of creative writing and semi-professional curmudgeon working at a Midwestern university. In the novel, published by Doubleday in August 2014, Schumacher, MFA '86, deftly details the dissatisfaction gnawing at many in the humanities, skewering a system she knows intimately: in addition to being an alumna of Cornell's highly regarded and notoriously selective MFA program, she teaches writing at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. "Schumacher has a sharp ear for the self-pitying eloquence peculiar to academics like the fictional Fitger, who feel that their genius has never gotten its due," said NPR critic Maureen Corrigan. "His resentment seeps out between the lines of the recommendation letters he relentlessly writes—or ineptly fills out on computerized questionnaires—urging R.V. parks and paint ball emporiums to hire his graduating English majors for entry-level management positions. Inventive as all these letters are, Schumacher is smart enough to sidestep the danger posed by the inherently static form of a collection of letters; instead, as Fitger's recommendation

letters grow more elaborately unhinged, we learn more about his background, and his character develops beyond the one-note academic burnout case."

In *Dear Committee Members*—which the *Times* called "terrific" and "hilarious"—the protagonist's office is adjacent to a non-working men's room. Pipes drip, ceiling tiles collapse, and dust coats every surface as renovations for a swanky new economics department proceed overhead. The book starts out with a letter promoting the one student Fitger believes has talent equal to his own; he implores a vaunted literary residency program to accept the young writer, currently at work on a retelling of Melville's *Bartleby, the Scrivener* set in a Nevada brothel. But the student is passed over, and Fitger's appeals on behalf of his protégé grow increasingly desperate, as if he's trying to protect the talent that once burned so brightly in himself.

Fitger, we learn, was a one-hit wonder whose first novel put him on the map. But subsequent works were thinly veiled airings of his domestic grievances—with his exes still on campus, no less—and his increasingly kooky missives further cement his isolation. "This letter's purpose is to provide the usual gratuitous language recommending a student, one Gunnar Lang, for a work-study fellowship," Schumacher writes in an early entry. "Lang—a sophomore with a mop of blond dreadlocks erupting from the top of his head like the yellow coils of an excess brain—tells me that he has applied, unsuccessfully, for this same golden



opportunity three times and that this is his final attempt to satisfy our university's endless requests for redundant documentation. He needs a minimum of eight to ten hours of work-study per week—preferably in the library rather than the

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slops of food service. Deny him the fellowship and he will undoubtedly turn his hand to something more lucrative, probably hawking illegal substances between the athletic facilities and the Pizza Barn."

Schumacher is writing what she knows: she says she's penned hundreds of letters of recommendation over the years. In January, she dissected the process in an essay for *The Chronicle of Higher Education* entitled "The Gristmill of Praise." "Most letters of reference, as pieces of writing, are awfully dull," Schumacher wrote. "The weary recipient skims through the 'context in which I knew her' paragraph and hunts for specific accolades like a pig after truffles."

A Delaware native who majored in Spanish at Oberlin, Schumacher came to the MFA program as a refugee from a dead-end job as a typist. (As she puts it: "Cornell's creative writing program saved my life.") Her campus mentors included English professor Stephanie Vaughn, who recalls that her talent made her classmates "want to rush back to their desks and work on their stories." Schumacher's first novel—*The Body Is Water*, about a young English teacher facing an unexpected pregnancy—was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award and the Minnesota Book Award. She also has five young-adult novels to her name, plus a collection of interlinked short stories entitled *An Explanation for Chaos*.

Schumacher admits she was thrilled to see her book on the *Times* best seller list in September, when *Dear Committee Members* stood at number twenty-two for a single, delicious week. "I was so completely happy to be on the list at all," she says, "that slipping off it could hardly bother me."

That's not what Jay Fitger would say.  
— Franklin Crawford



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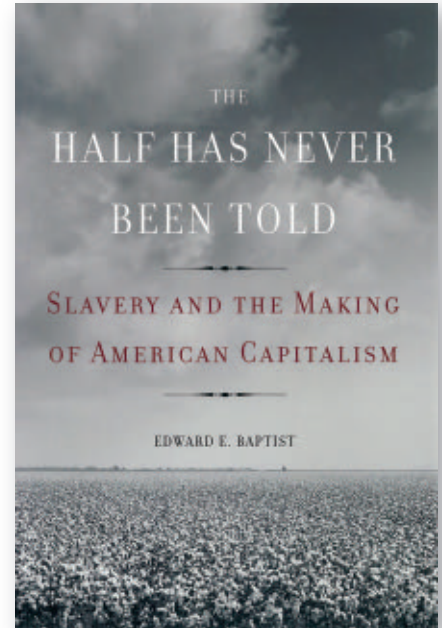
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# America's Original Sin

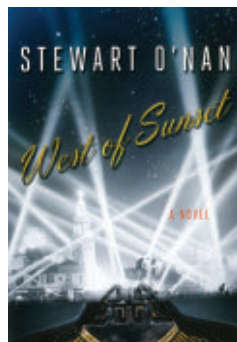
## The Half Has Never Been Told

by Edward E. Baptist (Basic)

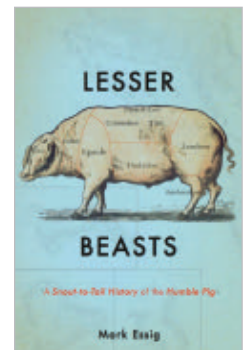
**S**lavery was the catalyst for America's rise to wealth, argues Baptist, an associate professor of history at Cornell. Yet after the Civil War, the uncomfortable truth of slavery's profitability was downplayed. "The historians of a reunified nation," he writes, "insisted that slavery was a premodern institution that was not committed to profit seeking." In 1860, four of the wealthiest states were in the cotton-growing regions of the South. Cotton accounted for 60 percent of U.S. exports and fed the mills of New England and Britain that clothed the world.



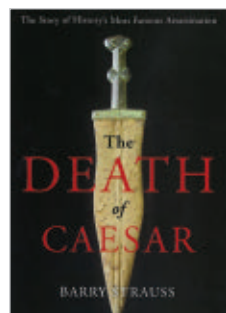
**West of Sunset** by Stewart O'Nan, MFA '92 (Viking). "There are no second acts in American lives," wrote F. Scott Fitzgerald. By the late 1930s, his earlier fame had waned and he was struggling to pay for his daughter's boarding school and his wife, Zelda's, mental hospital. He moved to Hollywood to become a screenwriter, not just for the money but to redeem himself. O'Nan's latest novel is a poignant depiction of the last three years of Fitzgerald's life as he toils over inferior scripts, falls in love with gossip columnist Sheila Graham, and works on *The Last Tycoon*.



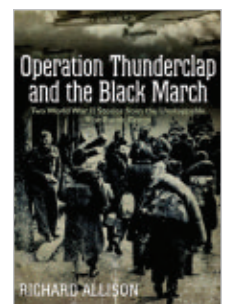
**Lesser Beasts** by Mark Essig, PhD '00 (Basic). Pigs are adaptable, prolific, and omnivorous, yet the same qualities that make them dietary staples in some cultures mark them as unclean in others. The author of *Edison and the Electric Chair* traces the history of pigs, from the wild boars that scavenged Neolithic settlements to the fat swine of the Roman Empire, from the hogs that helped American pioneers tame new land to the hybrids of the Corn Belt, and from the urban pigs that gave the poor their only source of meat to the animals raised in confinement barns by modern agribusiness.



**The Death of Caesar** by Barry Strauss '74 (Simon & Schuster). The murder of Julius Caesar is the most famous assassination in European history. Strauss, a professor of history and Classics at Cornell, dispels many of the myths surrounding the Ides of March and takes us behind the scenes to portray Brutus, Cassius, and the other conspirators who feared that Caesar was becoming a tyrant. Rather than surrender the Roman Republic to one-man rule, the plotters chose to kill a man who had been a friend and benefactor. Their act managed to hold off autocracy for another 300 years.



**Operation Thunderclap and the Black March** by Richard Allison '54 (Casemate). A retired Captain in the US Naval Reserve JAG Corps tells the story of two B-17 crewmen who served in the 91st Bomb Group in the last days of World War II. One, Addison Bartush, flew as co-pilot in thirty-one missions over Germany, including the bombing of Dresden. The other, Paul Lynch, PhD '63, was shot down on his first combat mission in November 1944, imprisoned in a concentration camp, and forced to march westward in extreme winter conditions as the Nazis withdrew ahead of the advancing Red Army.





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## Poetry

**Barely Composed** by Alice Fulton, MFA '82 (Norton). In her first collection in more than a decade, the MacArthur Fellow and Ann S. Bowers Professor of English at Cornell explores the aftermath of grief, where "anguish is the universal language" and "every silence quotes / a greater silence."

**The Circling Canopy** by Bisham Bherwani '90 (Cayuga Lake). The author of *The Second Night of the Spirit* ranges from dramatic monologues to sharp aphorisms in his second collection, which includes the poem "Delirium," a collaboration with Ithaca artist Kumi Korf.

## Fiction

**Africa's Heart** by Mark Wentling '83 (Peace Corps Writers). In the final book of Wentling's *Africa Trilogy*, Robin Fletcher goes from Kansas to the small African country of Kotoku to find out more about a man known as JB. There he meets Letivi, a village chief who struggles with family problems while he tries to bring development to his people.

**Lucy Lied** by M. J. Daspit '73 (Fireship). Monterey, California, in the 1870s is the setting of this historical mystery. When Lucy Strang is accused of murdering Flynn Talbott, her common-law husband, Dr. Jason Garrett, manipulates evidence to clear her name. Lucy cannot speak, and Doc Garrett hopes to cure her condition, but some suspect she is not as mute as she seems.

## Children's

**Polly and the Peaputts** by Rodo Sofranac '71, illustrated by Mark Sean Wilson (Inkwell). The second book in a series tells the further adventures of Polly and her friends. Honored with a Mom's Choice Award for excellence in family-friendly media.

## Non-Fiction

**Shenandoah** by Sue Eisenfeld '92 (Nebraska). Shenandoah National Park, unlike parks such as Yellowstone and Yosemite, was not created out of a wilderness, but required the forced removal of thousands of people from their homes. Eisenfeld, an instructor in the MA Writing Program at Johns Hopkins University, tramps the backwoods and tells the stories of the lost communities of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

**The Assault on International Law** by Jens David Ohlin (Oxford). A professor at the Law

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School argues that international law is under attack in the U.S., especially after 9/11, and that legal scholars such as Eric Posner, John Yoo, and others have provided the intellectual underpinnings for this offensive.

**Progressive Traditions** by Joshua B. Nelson, PhD '09 (Oklahoma). An assistant professor of English at the University of Oklahoma sets out to dismantle what he sees as the false dichotomy between traditional and assimilationist Cherokee thinkers.

**Violent Intermediaries** by Michelle R. Moyd, PhD '08 (Ohio). The askari, colonial soldiers in German East Africa (today's Tanzania), had a reputation for brutality among the populace but were praised for their loyalty to their German officers. An assistant professor of history at Indiana University attempts a more nuanced understanding of askari identities, motivations, and loyalties.

**Partisan Diary** by Ada Gobetti, translated and edited by Jomarie Alano '70, MBA '82 (Oxford). A visiting scholar at the Cornell Institute for European Studies translates the wartime memoir of Ada Gobetti, an educator, politician, and women's rights advocate who received the Silver Medal for Military Valor for her participation in the Resistance movement against the Fascists and Nazis in the Italian Piedmont during World War II.

**The Space That Remains** by Aaron Pelttari, PhD '12 (Cornell). Poetry from the last years of the Roman Empire usually suffers in comparison with the work of the Augustan poets Virgil, Horace, and Ovid. But a Classics fellow at the University of Edinburgh argues that fourth-century writers such as Ausonius, Claudian, and Prudentius are poets of considerable talent.

**Caught** by Marie Gottschalk '80 (Princeton). "The U.S. penal system has grown so extensive that it has begun to metastasize," argues a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. She examines the shortcomings of the major penal reform strategies and why the current political climate is preventing the country from solving its most pressing problems.

**Creating Kosovo** by Elton Skendaj, PhD '11 (Cornell). A visiting assistant professor of political science at the University of Miami contrasts the role of international organizations in bringing meritocratic standards and respect for human rights to Kosovo's police and customs service with the cronyism and corruption of the central administration and courts under local authority.

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## Good Grappling

**G**abe Dean '16 won the NCAA Division I national championship at 184 pounds, leading the Cornell wrestling team to a fifth-place finish, its sixth top five showing since 2009. Dean closed the season with a 28-match winning streak, including a 6-2 victory over Lehigh's Nathaniel Brown in the title tilt. Dean was one of four Big Red wrestlers to earn All-American along with Brian Realbuto '16 (who finished second at 157), Nahshon Garrett '16 (fifth at 125), and Chris Villalonga '15 (sixth at 149). Earlier in the season, the Big Red also extended its record streak of Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association titles to nine.



LINDSEY MECHALIK

NCAA champ: Wrestler Gabe Dean '16 capped a strong season by taking top honors at the Division I competition.

## Sports Shorts

### TO THE POINT Victoria Wines '17

(right) won the gold medal in épée at the NCAA Northeast Regional Fencing Championships in March, topping a field of 58 competitors. As the number-three seed, Wines received a first-round bye then went 11-2 in the next two rounds. She secured the title by going 9-2 in the final round. In February, Wines finished fifth among 187 épée fencers at the 2015 Junior Olympic Fencing Championships in Richmond, Virginia. She also finished fifth out of 111 competitors in the épée at the USA Fencing North American Cup in January.

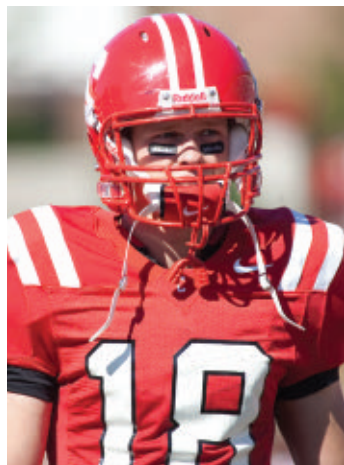


ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

**ON PITCH** A valiant, but ultimately unsuccessful, effort to beat the number-one ranked college baseball team in the country resulted in **Brian McAfee '15** earning Ivy League Pitcher of the Week honors for March 4. McAfee held the University of Virginia scoreless over seven innings, allowing seven hits while never letting the Cavaliers get past second base. The Big Red led 2-0 when he left the game, but yielded four unearned runs in the eighth inning and lost 5-4.

PATRICK SHANAHAN

**BOWL GAMER** After being deactivated by the team before the 2014 Super Bowl, **Bryan Walters '10** (right) was on Seattle's active roster for this year's game. He returned two punts for a total of six yards and was also targeted for one pass as the Seahawks fell to the New England Patriots 28-24 in Arizona. During the regular season, Walters caught six passes for 57 yards and led the team with 27 punt returns for 207 yards.



**SOCCER KUDOS** **Bruce Arena '73** has earned one of the nation's highest soccer honors: the Werner Fricker Builder Award, given annually by the U.S. Soccer Federation to someone who has worked tirelessly to further the interests of soccer without regard to personal recognition or advancement. Arena has been head coach of the L.A. Galaxy in Major League Soccer since 2008, leading the team to its third MLS Cup in the last four seasons in 2014. He also won two MLS Cup titles as head coach of DC United and was head coach of the U.S. National team from 1998-2006.

**STICK WORK** Two Cornell field hockey players have earned the right to compete on a bigger stage. **Kelly Johnson '18** was named to the USA Field Hockey Under-19 team that will travel to Belgium

## Winter Teams Final Records

Men's Basketball	13-17; 5-9 Ivy (T-5th)
Women's Basketball	15-13; 6-8 Ivy (5th)
Fencing	16-8; 2-4 Ivy (5th)
Gymnastics	2-4
Men's Hockey	11-14-6; 9-9-4 ECAC (7th)
Women's Hockey	19-11-3; 14-6-2 ECAC (T-4th)
Men's Polo	13-3
Women's Polo	14-4
Men's Squash	9-9; 2-5 Ivy (T-6th)
Women's Squash	10-7; 3-4 Ivy (5th)
Men's Swimming	5-4; 3-4 Ivy (5th)
Women's Swimming	5-4; 3-4 Ivy (T-4th)
Wrestling	17-2; 5-0 Ivy (1st)



in April. Johnson started 11 games in goal for the Big Red last fall, posting an Ivy League best 1.22 goals against average. **Sam McIlwrick '18**, meanwhile, was named to the 2015 Canadian Women's Junior Development Squad and will have the opportunity to represent her country at several events over the next two years. McIlwrick earned second-team All-Ivy honors last fall as a freshman and was named ECAC Rookie of the Week for November 11 after scoring three goals against Dartmouth.

**LAX DRAFT** Three Big Red players know where their professional careers will start after being selected in the Major League Lacrosse draft in January. **Connor Buczek '15** was the second overall pick in the draft, going to the Florida Launch. He's the third Cornell player in the last nine years to go in the top two picks, joining **Rob Pannell '12**, the first overall pick in 2012, and **Max Seibald '09**, the second player selected in 2009. **Matt Donovan '15** went 18th overall to the Chesapeake Bayhawks while **Jordan Stevens '15** was taken three picks later in the third round by the Rochester Rattlers.

**THE NEXT INNING** Dick Blood has announced that the 2015 season will be his last as head coach of the softball team. Blood joined the program for its third season in 1996 and entered the current campaign with an Ivy League record 606 wins and five league titles. One of his former players, **Julie Platt-Farlow '97** (above), has been tapped to succeed Blood after spending 13 seasons as an assistant coach for the Big Red. Two other women's programs recently named new head coaches. Trudy Vande Berg is the new head volleyball coach after three years as an assistant and one as interim head coach. Liz Dennison was named head coach of women's rowing after six seasons as an assistant.



ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

**LUCKY NUMBER 28** **Brian Ferlin '15** became the 28th Big Red player to play in the NHL when he joined the Boston Bruins for a February 20 game against the St. Louis Blues. Ferlin began the year with the Providence Bruins of the American Hockey League after leaving Cornell following his junior season. He was a fourth-round pick by the Bruins in the 2011 NHL Entry Draft and scored 31 goals in three seasons on East Hill.

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**S**vante Myrick '09 has a beer named after him—which seems fitting for a mayor whose city is increasingly renowned for its food and beverage scene. It's called Svante's Legislative Session IPA, and it's on tap at Bandwagon Brewpub, a North Cayuga Street eatery that not only makes beer but cures its own bacon and sources more than a third of its ingredients from local producers. "The dining scene here is almost too good to be true," says Myrick, sitting in his City Hall office just steps from a veritable United Nations of culinary options both casual and fancy, from Mexican to Italian to Asian to Middle

Eastern to a new Ethiopian joint. "You can't throw a stone in this town without hitting a world-class restaurant—no exaggeration."

So, Mister Mayor, what's the official word: Is the local culinary sector on the rise? "My waistline thinks so," Myrick says with a laugh. "If that expansion matches the expansion in our restaurant scene, then we're doing about fifteen pounds better."

In many ways, it's been a tough couple of years for downtown Ithaca. A massive renovation of the Commons has been ongoing since spring 2013, turning the city's once-lively pedestrian mall into a dusty, fenced-off construction zone for a full year longer than planned. A dreadful winter kept shoppers away. And most tragically, a tractor-trailer crash last summer not only took the life of a pregnant woman but partially destroyed a local landmark: Simeon's restaurant, a fixture at the east end of the



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But things are looking up. The \$15 million Commons renovation—which Myrick calls “the most complicated public works project the city has ever attempted”—is set to be completed at the end of July. The owners of Simeon’s have filed rebuilding plans, and the restaurant could reopen this fall or winter. And spring has finally come to Ithaca, a seasonal change heralded downtown by the first intrepid diners filling the outdoor tables on Aurora Street’s Restaurant Row.

Even during the grim days of winter, the city’s dining scene remained a bright spot in the local economy. On any given weekend, Ithaca’s bars and restaurants are hopping—from familiar venues like the popular tapas bar Just a Taste and the vegetarian mecca Moosewood to newer venues including the French bistro Le Café Cent-Dix and Coltivare, an upscale farm-to-table spot that doubles as a vocational training facility for the local community college. “For Upstate New York—especially for rural Upstate New York—there’s nothing even close to it,” Bruce Stoff, director of the Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention & Visitors Bureau, says of the area’s dining options, which his agency chronicles at [ithacafork.com](http://ithacafork.com). “I don’t know what city near us even compares for the quality and variety of food. It’s somewhere between unusual and unprecedented.” Hotel school lecturer Cheryl Stanley ’00, who has traveled far and wide, says: “Whatever you want in terms of food and beverage, Ithaca has it.”

In a 2008 travel piece, the *New York Times* called Ithaca “a liberal, cultural, and gastronomic oasis.” And in fact, Stoff says, the downtown dining and shopping scene is the third leading draw for out-of-town visitors, after Cornell and natural areas like waterfalls and gorges. “The food here is getting better and better,” says veteran local chef Dave D’Aprix, who teaches popular Cornell’s Adult University cooking classes—



FELICIA’S ATOMIC LOUNGE

including one on food truck cuisine that’s set for this summer. “It’s a whole different animal than when I arrived in 1980.” In mid-April, the Daily Meal website put Ithaca at number six on its list of America’s top twenty college towns for dining.

Just as culinary options have expanded—echoing a national trend that has seen the rise of the Food Network, “Top Chef,” and more—so has the beverage scene. Craft cocktails are *de rigueur* at many restaurants and bars, with spots like Felicia’s Atomic Lounge (located on a stretch of West State Street that’s fast becoming a second Restaurant Row) even using libations to showcase local produce. “People care what they’re putting behind the bar and on the wine list, which is very exciting,”

‘Whatever you want in terms of food and beverage, Ithaca has it.’

— Cheryl Stanley ’00

says Stanley, a beverage expert who teaches Intro to Wines. “It’s not just, ‘Let’s throw together some wines.’ It’s, ‘Let’s think about what’s on the list, how the wines pair with the food being served.’”

Unsurprisingly—given that Cornell has a world-class hotel school—numerous players in the local food and beverage world are alumni who returned to town or never left. They include Hoteliers Greg Norkus ’77, MS ’87, and his son Lindsey Norkus ’05, who operate Le Café Cent-Dix and the upscale Italian restaurant Mercato, both located on Restaurant Row. “During the summer months, it’s packed,” Greg says of the scene on Aurora Street. “It’s like going to the Magic Kingdom in Orlando. There are people everywhere, overflowing the sidewalk. It’s really quite a sight.”

Why does Ithaca have such a vibrant food scene? In a word: Cornell. Students, professors, and staff comprise a critical mass of people with broad and refined palates—and the disposable income to keep restaurants in business. “The scale of Cornell, and the international draw of the institution, make for a very worldly audience of diners here,” says Stoff, “and they demand great food.”



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For alumni coming back for Commencement, Reunion, or just a vacation, CAM offers a dining guide, featuring some four dozen local and staff favorites.

## What's New

### Bar Argos \$\$ ▶

The Argos Inn is a boutique hotel located directly across the street from CAM's offices on East State Street, and our staff got a bird's-eye view of its stem-to-stern renovation a couple of years ago. Its handsome bar has become a favorite with locals, offering live music and creative cocktails. [argosinn.com](http://argosinn.com)

### Ithaca Beer Co. \$\$

Long a favorite of hops aficionados, this beverage mecca off Route 13 recently renovated to add a taproom with a full menu, dining area, and outdoor patio. Some of the fare, like cheddar ale soup, incorporates the house brews. [ithacabeer.com](http://ithacabeer.com) ▼



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\$\$	\$11 to \$17
\$\$\$	\$18 to \$29
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### Coltivare \$\$\$

One of the newest arrivals to the downtown dining scene is an interesting hybrid: a farm-to-table restaurant married to a vocational training facility. Run by Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3), Coltivare boasts a seasonal menu as well as a bar popular with the after-work crowd. [coltivareithaca.com](http://coltivareithaca.com)

### Gola Osteria \$\$\$

Located in the historic Quarry Arms building off East State Street, Gola Osteria offers a modern take on Italian cuisine, featuring imported ingredients as well as fare from local farms and wineries. Its chef formerly worked at Babbo, Mario Batali's Michelin-starred restaurant in Greenwich Village. [golaosteria.com](http://golaosteria.com)

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### Le Café Cent-Dix \$\$\$ ▶

Styled as a classic French bistro, this addition to Aurora Street's Restaurant Row is the latest effort from Mercato proprietors Lindsey Norkus '05 and Greg Norkus '77, MS '87; their chef de cuisine is Kevin Curley '13. It features typical dishes like steak frites and frisée salad with lardons, as well as rotating *plats du jour*. [lecafecentdix.com](http://lecafecentdix.com)



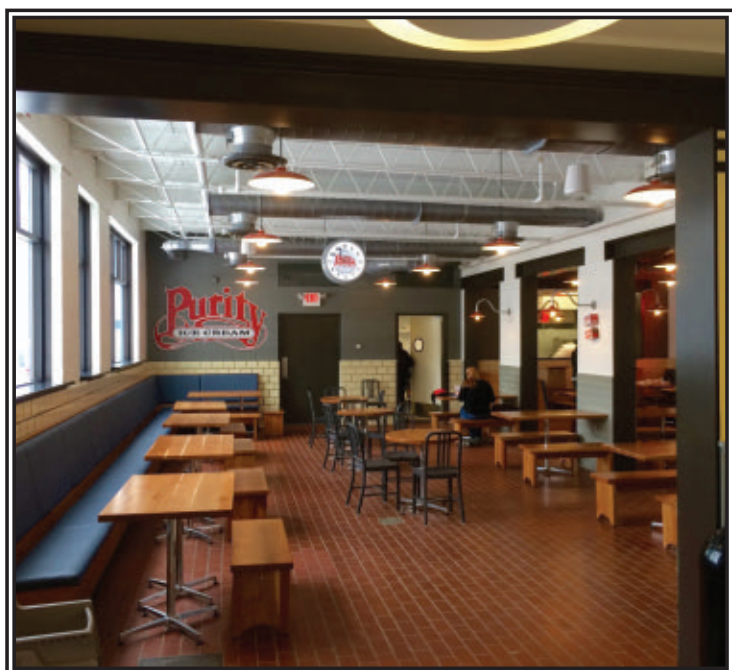
# Cornellian Favorites

## Collegetown Bagels & Ithaca Bakery \$

In addition to the College Avenue location, this local mainstay has outposts downtown, on Route 13, at Triphammer Marketplace, and in East Hill Plaza. While it offers a wide variety of baked goods, prepared foods, and other fare, the centerpiece of its menu is a huge roster of tasty, creatively named sandwiches for both vegetarians and omnivores alike. [collegetownbagels.com](http://collegetownbagels.com)

## Purity Ice Cream \$

While Ithaca's Ben & Jerry's store didn't survive, this local favorite has been around since 1936. Recently renovated, it boasts dozens of flavors, including originals such as Finger Lakes Tourist (chocolate with chocolate chunks and hazelnuts), Sleepers Awake (coffee with chocolate swirl and chunks), and Bulldog Crunch (praline with caramel swirl and chocolate-covered pecans). [purityicecream.com](http://purityicecream.com) ▼



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## Shortstop Deli \$

This downtown sandwich stalwart, where diners turn in their custom orders by checking boxes on preprinted slips, is open 24/7/365. The owners purchased the Hot Truck from its founder, and its beloved PMPs (Poor Man's Pizzas) are now part of the menu. [shortstopdeli.com](http://shortstopdeli.com)

## The State Diner \$

Following the recent closing of Manos on Route 13, this downtown favorite stands as the last of Ithaca's old-school diners. Founded in 1936, it (naturally) serves breakfast all day, and its hearty fare (like fries with cheese and gravy) has been sustaining Cornellians for generations. [thetatediner.com](http://thetatediner.com)

## Glenwood Pines \$\$

With a prime location overlooking the western shore of Cayuga Lake, this unpretentious roadhouse has attracted generations of Cornellians craving what local surveys routinely name the best burger in town: the famed Pinesburger. [glenwoodpines.com](http://glenwoodpines.com)



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## Moosewood \$\$ ▲

The Dewitt Mall's venerable vegetarian mecca—which has won three James Beard awards for its restaurant and cookbooks—is still going strong after more than forty years. A go-to spot for both tourists and locals, it features a changing menu of creative-but-comforting vegetarian fare, plus some fish entrees. Over the years, the collective that runs it has included numerous Cornellians. [moosewoodcooks.com](http://moosewoodcooks.com)

## The Nines \$\$

They're still sending pizzas down the dumbwaiter from the second-floor kitchen at this deep dish diehard, located next to Collegetown's Firehouse Number Nine. If you're in the mood for a slice—a quarter of a deep-dish pie—you can pick one up for around \$4, plus toppings. [theninesithacany.com](http://theninesithacany.com)

## Ruloff's \$\$

Newly reopened, this College Avenue fixture—established in 1977 and named after a notorious nineteenth-century murderer—is now under the management of the owners of the Collegetown Bagels empire. In addition to lunch and dinner, it hosts weekend brunch and a late-night menu. [ruloffs.com](http://ruloffs.com)

## Souvlaki House \$\$

Greek and Italian fare are served up in this popular, unpretentious spot on Eddy Street. Highlights include pizza, Greek salad, and Parmigiana dishes such as eggplant, chicken, and meatball. (No website, but the menu is viewable on sites like [grubhub.com](http://grubhub.com))

## Taverna Banfi \$\$\$

Featuring a Tuscan-inspired menu, the Statler Hotel's restaurant has been feeding Cornellians (and their visiting parents) for many years. The lavish lunch buffet is particularly popular with faculty, staff, and visitors. [tavernabanfi.com](http://tavernabanfi.com)

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# Upscale

## The Antlers \$\$\$

Established in 1982 by Bill Openshaw '70 and Toby McDonald '71, the Antlers calls itself the oldest restaurant in Ithaca to boast sole proprietorship. Located on Route 366, it has a homey décor and a heavily carnivorous menu with specials on prime rib, lobster, and more. [antlersrestaurant.com](http://antlersrestaurant.com)

## Fine Line Bistro \$\$\$

With its owners stepping down to spend more time with family, Fine Line Bistro is for sale, and its future may be in doubt. That would be a blow to its many fans, who laud the West State Street eatery as one of Ithaca's most consistently satisfying spots for interesting American fare. [finelinebistro.com](http://finelinebistro.com)

## Mercato Bar & Kitchen \$\$\$

Run by the same team as Le Café Cent-Dix, this Aurora Street spot specializes in what it calls "Italian-inspired, seasonally conscious cuisine." Like its more casual cousin, it also features a welcoming bar with a sophisticated cocktail menu. [mercatoabarandkitchen.com](http://mercatoabarandkitchen.com) ▼



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## ZaZa's Cucina \$\$\$

Northern Italian cuisine is on the menu at this downtown spot—located in what alumni of a certain era might remember as the Video Ithaca building on Route 13—which features fresh pasta like spaghetti, ravioli, and gnocchi. The owner, who also runs Mia, formerly operated the now-departed Thai Cuisine and founded the still-popular Just a Taste and Madeline's, which he later sold. [zazascucina.com](http://zazascucina.com)

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## ▲ The Heights Restaurant and H Bar \$\$\$\$

This elegant spot, located at Community Corners in Cayuga Heights, is popular with the professorial crowd. It has a seasonal menu of Mediterranean-inspired American cuisine and a wine list running to more than 400 selections. To enjoy the ambience in more modest fashion, try the bar menu. (Hint: if you order coffee, it comes with such tasty accompaniments as whipped cream, rock candy, and chocolate chips.) [theheightsithaca.com](http://theheightsithaca.com)

## John Thomas Steakhouse \$\$\$\$

This classic steakhouse on South Hill features hand-turned, dry-aged beef. Popular for special occasions like Commencement and for entertaining visiting dignitaries, it offers typical accompaniments like creamed spinach, clams casino, and Caesar salad alongside its prime cuts. [johnthomassteakhouse.com](http://johnthomassteakhouse.com) ▼

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## Moderate

### Agava \$\$ ▲

Located next to East Hill Plaza, this Southwest-inspired spot is named for the cactus that tequila comes from. A wood-fired oven produces a variety of flatbreads, and condiments like salsa, ketchup, and hot sauce are house-made. The cocktail menu features novel takes on such standards as mojitos and margaritas. [agavarestaurant.com](http://agavarestaurant.com)

### Carriage House Café \$\$

With brunch served six days a week, this Stewart Avenue spot is popular with the University crowd. Look for creative takes on standards like French toast (theirs is stuffed with brie), breakfast sandwiches (the “sconewich”), and the BLT (they use cured salmon instead of bacon). Voted best brunch in the *Daily Sun* and *Ithaca Times*. [carriagehousecafe.com](http://carriagehousecafe.com)

### Ciao! \$\$

A wood-fired oven produces the pies that, the owners boast, earned a spot on an industry magazine’s list of the top 100 independently owned pizzerias in the U.S. Located in Lansing next to the Ithaca Mall, the restaurant—which also serves pastas, salads, and a variety of entrées—draws overflow crowds, especially on the weekend. [ciaoithaca.com](http://ciaoithaca.com)

### Istanbul Turkish Kitchen \$\$ ►

The Turkish cuisine makes up for the less-than-ideal location, in a tiny, isolated shopping plaza next to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Offerings include a variety of meat kebabs and vegetarian dishes like chopped salad and stuffed grape leaves. [istanbulithaca.com](http://istanbulithaca.com)

### Just a Taste \$\$

Another stalwart of Restaurant Row, this wine and tapas bar is always hopping. While the menu changes frequently, perennial favorites include focaccia with roasted garlic, fried potato wedges with chipotle aioli, and housemade sausages. [just-a-taste.com](http://just-a-taste.com)



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### Maxie’s Supper Club & Oyster Bar \$\$

New Orleans-style cuisine is on the menu at this festive spot, located on Ithaca’s west side. There are raw bar specials during happy hour, frequent live music, a late-night menu, and Cajun standards like jambalaya, gumbo, po-boys, and shrimp ‘n’ grits. [maxies.com](http://maxies.com)

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### Mia Tapas Bar & Restaurant \$\$

This pan-Asian spot on the Ithaca Commons features the cuisines of Thailand, India, Vietnam, China, Japan, and more. The bar offers exotic twists on classic drinks, like a Monsoon Margarita and Thai Basil Negroni. [miaithaca.com](http://miaithaca.com)

### Northstar \$\$

Located in the Fall Creek neighborhood downtown (next to the former location of Fall Creek Pictures), Northstar offers novel twists on pub-style fare, like kimchee poutine, smoked organic chicken wings, and a vegetarian reuben. Many ingredients are sourced from New York State. [northstarpub.com](http://northstarpub.com)

### Sumo \$\$

Guests can opt for hibachi—complete with the traditional showmanship—or the regular dining room at this dependable Japanese option, in a shopping plaza across from the Ithaca Mall. A wide variety of sushi rolls are on the menu, including more unusual ones like oyster tempura and avocado with honey-roasted peanuts. [ithacasumo.com](http://ithacasumo.com)



## Casual

### Ithaca Ale House \$\$ ▶

Twenty craft beers are on tap at this Restaurant Row grill, beloved for its burgers plus hearty fare like wings, fries, and nachos. Lighter options include a variety of salads, and menu items come with suggested beverage pairings.

[ithacaalehouse.com](http://ithacaalehouse.com)

### Saigon Kitchen \$\$

The owners of Wok Village, a modest and dependable Chinese restaurant that operated out of Lansing's Small Mall for decades, closed it several years ago—and opened this popular spot on Ithaca's burgeoning restaurant corridor on West State Street, showcasing the cuisine of their native Vietnam.

[saigonkitchenithaca.com](http://saigonkitchenithaca.com) ▼



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### Spicy Asian \$\$

A relatively recent addition to Ithaca's many Chinese offerings, this spot in a strip mall on Route 13 is known for its fiery Szechuan dishes. [spicyasianfood.com](http://spicyasianfood.com)

### Viva Taquería & Cantina \$\$

At the corner of State and Aurora streets downtown since 1995, this Mexican favorite is divided into two sides: a sit-down restaurant and a counter-service operation. Like many of its neighbors on Restaurant Row, it offers outdoor seating in good weather. [vivataqueria.com](http://vivataqueria.com)

## Visit Ithaca (or Don't)

### A TOURISM JOKE GOES VIRAL

On a typical day, the website of the Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention & Visitors Bureau ([visitithaca.com](http://visitithaca.com)) gets about 1,500 hits. Over two days last February, it got 150,000—and then it crashed. The reason for the traffic jam? A jokey post in which the agency threw in the towel, admitting that Ithaca is a terrible place to visit in the winter and advising travelers to head to the Florida Keys instead. The doctored homepage—complete with a tempting photo of sea, sun, and sand—became one of the nation's top trending news stories, reaching an audience of 75 million people via broadcast media and 590 million online, says agency director Bruce Stoff. "It was honest," Stoff says, when asked to account for the post's massive popularity. "It was what people were thinking. And it was so crazy for a visitors' board to say, 'Don't come here.' But we timed it for a week when there is virtually no visitor traffic in Tompkins County, so we had nothing to lose."

Posted the Sunday of President's Weekend, the cyber version of a white flag raised the city's profile

That's it. We surrender. Winter, you win. Key West anyone? Due to this ridiculously stupid winter, Ithaca invites you to visit **The Florida Keys** this week. Please come back when things thaw out. Really, it's for the birds here now. (Still want to Visit Ithaca? Are you sure? Ok, [click here.](#)) P.S. **Send us a postcard.**



around the world. But will it translate into tourism dollars during more congenial weather? The jury's still out. "We did it to plant the seed for spring, summer, and fall, so we'll know in the next three seasons if it worked or not," Stoff says. "It was clearly not intended to make people come in February. In fact, it prompted one local hotel person to book a trip to Key West."

## Coffee, Desserts & Cocktails

### Gimme! Coffee \$

One of the two giants of the local coffee trade, Gimme! now has seven locations, including three in New York City. Its many kudos include being named the state's best coffee shop in 2014 by *Business Insider*.

[gimmecoffee.com](http://gimmecoffee.com) ▼



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### Corks & More \$\$

This cozy spot on the West End waterfront is a wine bar whose computerized machines dispense portions (a taste, half glass, or full glass) bought through prepaid cards. A tasting menu includes housemade crostinis and a variety of small plates. [corksandmore.com](http://corksandmore.com)

### Felicia's Atomic Lounge \$\$ ▶

Co-owned by Amelia Sauter '92 and her wife, Felicia's is another denizen of West State Street, which is emerging as the city's second Restaurant Row. It's known for its "locavore cocktails," with ingredients provided by local producers. It now serves brunch and bakes its own cupcakes, and has plans in the works for a second location in Trumansburg. [atomicloungeithaca.com](http://atomicloungeithaca.com)

### Sarah's Patisserie \$\$

While their Cayuga Heights location closed recently, the downtown store on Seneca Street is still selling delectable desserts. Its chef, an alumna of the French Culinary Institute, trained under pastry legend Jacques Torres at Le Cirque 2000.

[sarahspatisserie.com](http://sarahspatisserie.com)



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### Stella's \$\$

A hybrid operation on College Avenue, Stella's operates a coffee-house next door to a restaurant and lounge. The items on the coffee menu are divided into "freshmen," "upper-classmen," "graduates," "professors," and "townies." [stellabar.com](http://stellabar.com)

### Madeline's \$\$\$

While this Commons favorite is a full-service restaurant, it's especially popular for cocktails and desserts. With an eye-popping pastry case, Madeline's is routinely cited in local reader polls for having the best desserts in town.

[madelines-restaurant.com](http://madelines-restaurant.com)

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## On the Market

### LOCAVORE FAVORITE IS STILL GOING STRONG

Founded in 1973 (and operating at its current location at Steamboat Landing since 1990), the Ithaca Farmers' Market hosts upwards of eighty vendors on a typical summer Saturday—purveyors of crafts, produce, and prepared foods ranging from baked goods to burritos to Cambodian curries. This season will see some infrastructure improvements, including tripled bathroom capacity. (That may not sound like much, but regulars are rejoicing.) There's also a new kayak launch area, aimed to encourage watercraft as alternative transportation—both promoting sustainability and relieving congestion in the often-packed parking lot. Asks market manager Aaron Munzer: "What's cooler than arriving at the best farmers' market in the country in a kayak?"





## Out of Town

### Cayuga Lake Creamery \$

A scenic drive about half an hour up the west side of the lake brings you to the ice cream shop that *USA Today* named the best in New York State. If you're having trouble deciding from the dizzying list of flavors, opt for the three-scoop bowl and share it (or not). [cayugalakecreamery.com](http://cayugalakecreamery.com)

### Doug's Fish Fry \$\$

This old-school, family-friendly fish fry has been a favorite for locals and tourists for more than three decades. Its menu of seafood and grill items is available at two locations, in Cortland (about half an hour away) or in scenic Skaneateles, the lakeside resort town that hosted Chelsea Clinton's wedding. [dougfishfry.com](http://dougfishfry.com)

### Red Newt Bistro \$\$

Located about half an hour west of Ithaca in Hector, this bistro is part of Red Newt Cellars, a Seneca Lake winery. Lunch is served daily, with select items available until the winery closes at 5 p.m. [rednewt.com](http://rednewt.com)

### Rongovian Embassy \$\$

After an extended closure, this Trumansburg icon has reopened under new ownership. The revamped menu features local ingredients such as pork products from Ithaca's Piggery, and there's live music regularly. [rongovianembassy.com](http://rongovianembassy.com)

### Dano's Heuriger on Seneca \$\$\$

Relocated and expanded from its original home near the Ithaca Commons, Dano's Heuriger (pronounced "hoy-rig-er") is another of Seneca Lake's culinary highlights. It serves Viennese-inspired cuisine such as spätzle, wiener schnitzel, and smoked trout. [danosonseneca.com](http://danosonseneca.com) ▼

### Hazelnut Kitchen \$\$\$

Another farm-to-table favorite, Hazelnut Kitchen is about twenty minutes outside Ithaca in the Village of Trumansburg. Its simple but elegant fare has many passionate fans, and the menu changes regularly. [hazelnutkitchen.com](http://hazelnutkitchen.com) ▼



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### Stonecat Café \$\$\$

Located in Hector, Stonecat offers lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch, plus a Sunday afternoon happy hour. The menu details the local sources for many of its products and suggests beverage pairings. [stonecatcafe.com](http://stonecatcafe.com)



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### Suzanne Fine Regional Cuisine \$\$\$\$

A special occasion spot about an hour's drive from Ithaca, Suzanne operates out of a picturesque 1903 farmhouse overlooking Seneca Lake. Its chef was a semi-finalist for a regional James Beard Award in 2011. [suzannefrc.com](http://suzannefrc.com)



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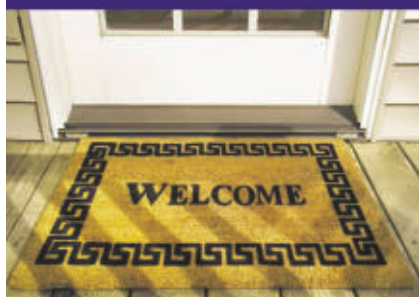
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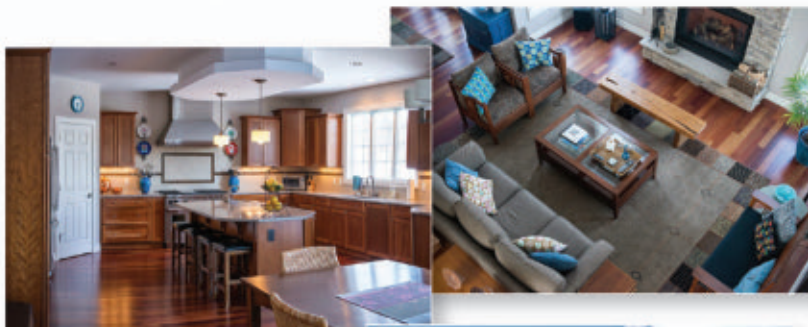
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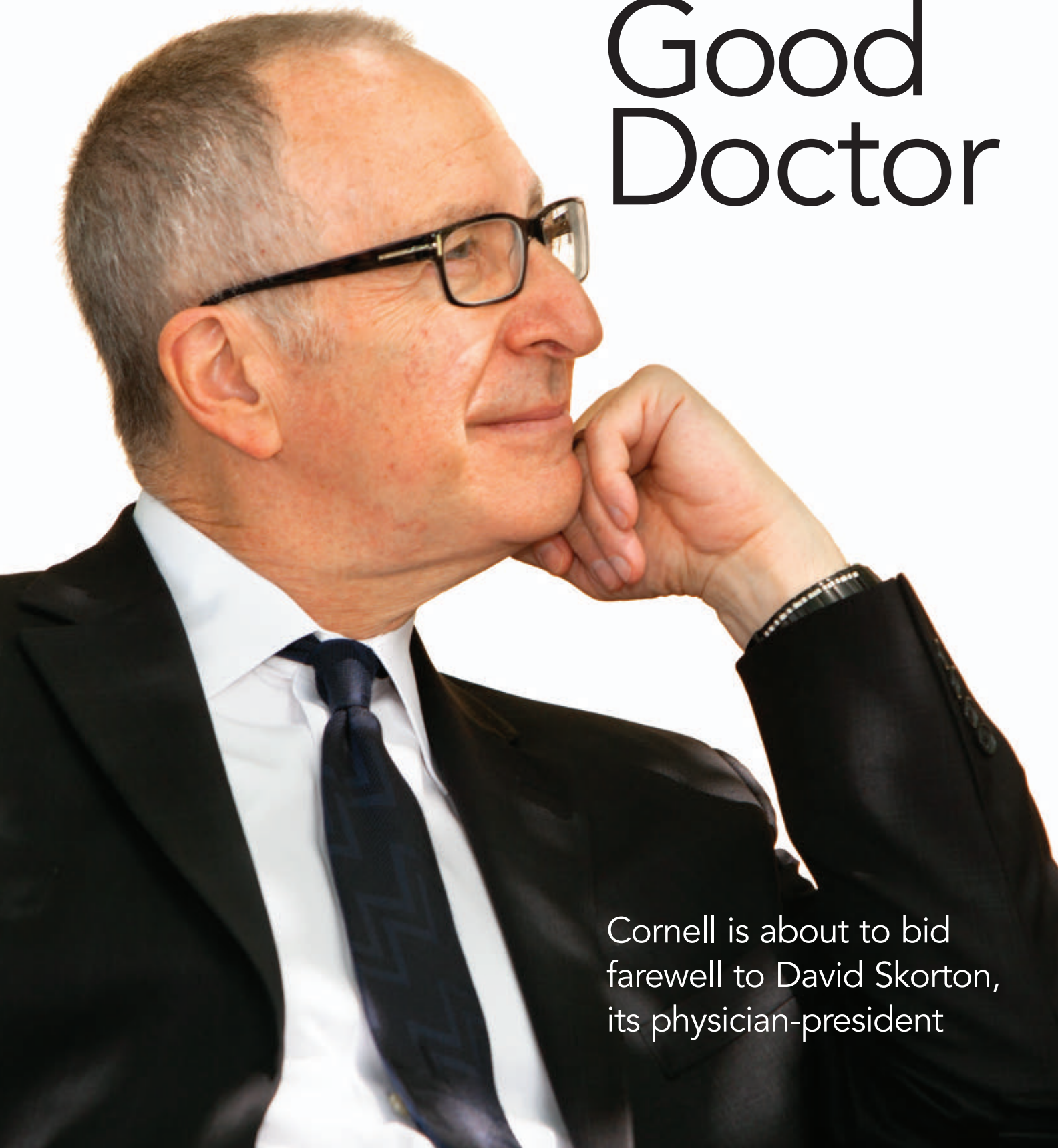
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# The Good Doctor



Cornell is about to bid  
farewell to David Skorton,  
its physician-president



Colleges are delicate organisms,” President David Skorton wrote in an essay in *U.S. News & World Report* last fall, “that require careful handling when they must be handled at all.” It’s an apt sentiment from a university president who’s also a medical doctor: as a physician, Skorton knows a thing or two about paying careful attention to symptoms, offering measured treatment, and doing no harm.

Since he took office in July 2006, Skorton has been a popular and moderate chief executive—a stabilizing force who led the University during some tough times but was never shy (or stuffy) about enjoying the lighter moments. During his tenure, the Ithaca campus saw a building boom that included new facilities for computing (Gates Hall), architecture (Milstein), life sciences (Weill), and humanities (Klarman, currently under construction). Skorton presided over the first Commencement ceremony at Cornell’s medical school in Qatar, and oversaw the University’s successful bid for a graduate technical campus in New York City.

On a day to day level, though, Skorton’s presidency was distinguished in large part by his willingness—in fact, his eagerness—to roll up his sleeves and mix with undergraduates. He shared his e-mail address far and wide and invited students to Day Hall for office hours. As he wrote in a recent column for CAM: “No source of information about the student experience is more meaningful than the students themselves.” Those CAM pieces, which ran in each issue throughout his presidency, were just one of the ways in which he communicated with a wider audience; his byline regularly appeared in national publications, and he served in numerous state and national organizations related to medicine, higher education, and the economy.

A respected cardiologist, Skorton held appointments in medicine and pediatrics at Weill Cornell and in Ithaca’s Department of Biomedical Engineering. Although he’s loath to claim the credit, he was widely admired for fostering closer relations between the Medical College and the Ithaca campus—a divide that, in the past, had sometimes seemed greater than the 200 or so miles separating them. He has also been a passionate advocate for the humanities, extolling their value not only for higher education but for society at large. As he once wrote in the *Huffington Post*, humanities study “is indispensable if we are to grasp where we come from, and why, in order to lead us into the future.”

While Skorton didn’t face campus crises as dramatic as did some of his predecessors—like James Perkins, who was president during the 1969 Straight Takeover and resigned shortly thereafter—he did guide Cornell through the worst economic downturn since the Depression. And in perhaps the gravest moment of his presidency, he coped with a suicide outbreak that shook campus in the spring of 2010, taking decisive (though not universally popular) action to fence off the gorges.

Despite his weighty day job, there was room for fun.

Taking office: Skorton at his 2006 inauguration (top). Right: He and his wife, Professor Robin Davisson, prepare for a stay in Donlon Hall on Move-In Day.



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Skorton jammed with jazz great Wynton Marsalis, crowd-surfed with the Pep Band, got soaked for the “Ice Bucket Challenge,” and gamely appeared in a dairy-promotion ad wearing a milk moustache. And he was indefatigably willing to pose with selfie-snappers—on campus, at Reunion, and beyond. If you’re skeptical, just google “David Skorton selfie.” Sometimes, he’s even the one holding the camera.

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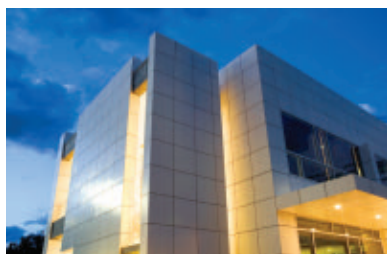
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## Building Boom

Skorton's tenure saw the construction of several major buildings including (from top) Milstein, Weill, and Gates halls.



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Sure-footed (from top): Participating in an exercise about disabilities on campus; speaking at a Cornell Tech press conference; marching to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Straight Takeover; and conferring a degree at the first Medical college commencement in Qatar





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Populist president (clockwise from far left): Taking the "Ice Bucket Challenge"; starring in a pro-dairy ad; crowd-surfing at Homecoming; and showing spirit with Big Red cheerleaders



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Art and soul (clockwise from right): Taking a selfie with students; meeting the Dalai Lama; performing with Wynton Marsalis; and jamming with the Jazz Ensemble



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# How to Build Your Dragon

Behind the scenes in Rand Hall, a mythical beast is born

By Beth Saulnier

Photos by Lisa Banlaki Frank

**W**e get to build a dragon,” says first-year architecture student Tara Chen

Sue. “I mean, how many people actually get to build a dragon?”

It’s the Tuesday evening before spring break, and Rand Hall is roaring. In the main workshop, freshmen in safety glasses cut lengths of metal—filling the air with an acrid smell, flying sparks, and the ear-splitting racket of a hundred dental drills. In an adjacent room behind a protective curtain, classmates are welding the pieces into diamond shapes that will form beastly ribs and an articulated tail. Down the hall, a dragon’s head is slowly emerging, as an automated milling machine carves foamboard according to a preprogrammed design.







Back in black: Freshman architects guide their creation along the parade route.





Construction zone (clockwise from above): Painting the dragon's head; the creature seen in a computer design program known as Rhino; an inside view of the body; and sparks fly as students cut beastly "bones."

There are only about sixty-seven hours to go before Dragon Day, but the two freshmen serving as the project's construction managers—Steven Ren and Jeff Drexel—seem surprisingly calm. “If you look at these spines on the back of the dragon, we’re going to have a rope system that runs through the middle, so when you pull it they all go up like a porcupine,” Ren explains over the din, spreading out wide paper sheets bearing architectural drawings. “It’s partly for the visuals, and partly because we have to fit it through a section in the parade where there are low overhanging branches.”

**W**elcome to Dragon Day central. While the students have been planning and designing for weeks, this is where the rubber meets the road: a few madcap days and nights when the mythical beast finally comes together. But thanks to some late-arriving materials, they’re already behind schedule. “Everyone is determined to finish,” says Ren, whose hands are black with carbon from the metal rods. “We’re all excited, and we can pull some late nights if we have to. We’re going to be dead tired on Dragon Day, but I’m pretty happy with the progress we’re making.”

Dragon Day was established more than a century ago—by Willard Straight, Class of 1901, during his senior spring—as a way to celebrate architecture studies at Cornell. Observances

varied in the early years, but for decades it has come down to this: first-year architects build a dragon that they parade around campus on the last day of classes before spring break amid much rejoicing, accompanied by upperclassmen clad in costumes that rival Greenwich Village on Halloween. “This is a wonderful tradition,” Katie Kurtz, a first-year sporting bright red lipstick and a pair of safety glasses, says after reporting to Ren and Drexel about the height of the tree branches on Ho Plaza. “It’s the one time of year that the whole university can really see the architecture students and what we’re capable of. I have so many friends who say, ‘I never see you; you’re never outside of Milstein.’”

These days, Dragon Day is a tamer affair than in years past. Once upon a time, the preliminary ritual known as Green Streak—held earlier in the week and echoing Dragon Day’s original connection to St. Patrick’s Day—involved actual nudity. The traditional pranks leading up to the big day are now carefully vetted. And most saliently, the rivalry with student engineers—who build a competing beast, the phoenix—has been ratcheted way down, after some ugliness a couple of decades ago. “Dragon Day used to get really violent. You’d get the dragon and the phoenix together and all kinds of projectiles would start flying, and fistfights would break out,” says Brian Beeners, a longtime staff mentor in the Rand Hall shop who has served as the Dragon Day adviser since 1988. “Those were the old days. It doesn’t happen anymore; everything’s nice and friendly. But in the Eighties and Nineties, there were a lot of people going to the hospital.”



The dragon-phoenix battles of yore—which, it must be said, some on campus are a bit nostalgic for—symbolized the stereotypical rivalry between the two professions. To wit: architects are visionaries, while engineers are practical folk who can actually build things. And though fisticuffs are a thing of the past, the rivalry still exists to some extent. What, for example, does Ren think of the phoenix? “It’s a joke,” he says. “The engineers say that they could use their science and math skills to build an amazing phoenix, but they just don’t have time. And I think that’s, like, slander.”

Later—unable to resist ginning up some drama—CAM’s reporter repeats Ren’s comment to the phoenix crew that’s toiling in a workshop on the outskirts of campus. “*Architecture* is a joke,” retorts freshman chemical engineer Daniel Vasquez. “People would rather hire civil engineers than architects.”

**B**y Wednesday night, the dragon squad has made serious progress. The metal pieces that will form the skeleton have been cut and laid out along the floor of Rand—ribs in the hallway, tail in an adjacent workshop known as the Annex. The head is now fully formed, though it’s still the foam’s original color, a lavender that’s less “Game of Thrones” than “My Little Pony.” “We just finished milling it, and now we’re figuring out how we’re going to attach it to the body,” says first-year Lucy Flieger, a member of the team in charge of the creature’s noggin. “The head is people’s first impression of the dragon, so we tried to make it really cool. It has complex geometries—they’re all triangular, so there are no curved surfaces on it.”

Outside, at the back of Rand along University Avenue, the students are erecting a tent under which to assemble the growing beast, which will soon be too big to fit inside the building. “It used to have to be better protected,” notes first-year Ainslie Cullen, sporting an official Dragon Day sweatshirt and an artfully shaved patch on the left side of her head, “because the engineers would attack.”

As it happens, CAM is headed over to their workshop tonight. Does Cullen—a co-president of the Dragon Day team—have a message for her engineering counterparts? “Watch out,” she says with a smile, “because the phoenix will fall.” Ren appears, and our rabble-rousing reporter asks him the same question. “Tell them ‘Good luck,’” he says, “but in a sarcastic tone.”

Over at the phoenix workshop, in the High Voltage Lab on Mitchell Street outside Collegetown, the scene is much more low key. Rather than assembling a single giant bird, the engineers plan to make separate sections—head, body, wings, and tail—that will be carried on individual poles, adding up to a creature that’s about ten feet long and ten feet wide. The team started making the feathers—red and orange cloth on wire—last week, and the papier-mâché head is in progress. “This has mostly become about keeping up appearances,” says Phoenix Society officer Natalie Diebold ’15, who first heard about the tradition from her dad, engineering alum John Diebold ’81. “Everybody expects us to do something.”

Diebold offers a tour of the cavernous building, where a handful of students are working in small groups. “We’re still figuring out how to put the feathers on,” she says. “Maybe we’ll use duct tape, the engineer’s best friend.” In the far corner, engineering physics student Brandon Daniels ’18 is salvaging wood from the corpse of last year’s phoenix to form this year’s wings. “I think it’s important to represent the healthy rivalry that we have with the architects,” Daniels says, “in a constructive way that benefits all of Cornell.”

But . . . has he heard the architects’ predictions that the phoenix will fall? He contemplates the question, then says: “If the phoenix is going down, it will triumphantly rise from the ashes.”

By the following night, the phoenix’s spherical head is nearing

## The Phoenix (Also) Rises



Bird watchers (from top): Engineers shaping wings; working on the papier-mâché head; and holding their creation aloft as the dragon marches by



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## There Be Dragons



Bygone beasts (clockwise from top right): The once-traditional dragon immolation, four years before it was banned by a 2009 change in state environmental law; a long-necked specimen from 1995; a horse-drawn beast circa 1906; and 2013's geometric version, decorated with paint flung at it during the parade



completion; a team is now working on its moveable beak. As the engineers note, their creation will even have sound effects—a cry that's a mix of exploding grenades and shrieking hawks. “We’re totally biased, but it’s going to be awesome,” says biological engineering student Fanny Chen ’18, as students snack on pizza and “Escape (The Piña Colada Song)” blares from a nearby laptop. “I’ve been bragging to my friends all week.” On their work table is a bowl of diluted glue, which they’re using to make the papier-mâché beak; a fly is trapped in the milky liquid, desperately swimming for its life. “That,” offers Vasquez, “is the dragon.”

**A**n hour later, outside Rand, the dragon’s forty-foot-long body has been assembled on its rolling chassis, formerly the guts of a Seventies-era Volkswagen minibus. The tail—equally long, and articulated so it can undulate—is taking shape. “We have eight sections, and we’re adding them individually to see if they’ll buckle,” says Drexel. “We’ll keep adding those until it can’t support them any longer, so we’ll know what the structural limit is.”

Over in the Annex, the massive head has been painted in imposing shades of black and grey, with only the red eyes left to

finish. Nearby, a half-dozen young women crouch on the floor, deftly hand-sewing triangles of stretchy, diaphanous black material onto the wings. “We were slowed down this morning because we couldn’t bring the arc welders outside—it was raining really hard, and we can’t have the metal in any water—but now we’re ahead of schedule,” Drexel says, as classmates walk by carrying towering stacks of pizza boxes. “The most difficult thing right now is to make sure that each of the joints that pivot on the tail are aligned, because if they’re not parallel, they won’t move. That’s what’s taking the most time.”

Throughout Rand, upperclassmen are hard at work on their costumes, many of them group efforts: a three-man Viking ship; a six-pack of beer made of trash cans covered in duct tape; a dozen donuts crafted from pool floaties. Second-year Sisi Yu stops spray-painting a donut long enough to declare that Dragon Day “is like Slope Day for architecture students.” Third-years Alex Zink and Vinny Portonovo, who are going as red and green crayons (mislabelled, in honor of the fact that they’re both color blind), note that the comparison isn’t hyperbole. In fact, they explain, many architecture students have major presentations due on and around the last day of classes, so they can’t attend Slope Day. “Dragon Day is a way for us to bond as a class,” says Portonovo, “and to come together as architects.”



Down the hall, Cullen is sitting at a sewing machine, doggedly producing more pieces of dragon skin. Is she resigned to an all-nighter? “I promised my mom,” she says, “that I’d sleep for an hour and a half.”

When the clock strikes one on Friday, it’s showtime. The completed dragon rolls out from behind Rand and around the corner onto East Avenue, guided by black-clad freshmen shouting the traditional chant: “*Dragon, dragon, dragon! Oy, oy, oy!*” After negotiating the narrow channel behind Goldwin Smith—where the Klarman Hall construction has reduced the road to one lane—the wings unfold, and the beast emerges in its full glory.

As CUPD officers and green-vested volunteers wrangle the crowds, the parade turns right onto Campus Road. While the dragon is the main attraction, the costumes are a close second. To name just a few: there’s a miniature Hot Truck; an iPhone; a vintage *Playboy*; a giant pair of Lululemon yoga pants; a cadre of Cornell-specific Monopoly cards; a Chipotle burrito; a Starbucks coffee cup; and a McGraw Tower made entirely of beer boxes, its occupant seeming to have partaken deeply of their contents. While the event may not be the bacchanalia of years past, the atmosphere is decidedly . . . festive. “I’m sober! I’m sober again!” a student dressed as a space alien declares, to no one in particular. “Why am I sober?”

Halloween in March (clockwise from top left): Costumed upperclassmen run circles around the dragon; students clad as a trio of classical composers; a ship manned by drumming Vikings; and British royals meet Monopoly houses.

As the parade passes the Engineering Quad, the architects chant, “The phoenix will fall!” and then, “Where’s the phoenix?” The immortal bird in question is parked next to the quad’s sundial, held aloft by a half-dozen of its creators. Though it has to stay on the sidelines—meaning that many spectators miss it entirely—it has come together in fine fashion, doing the engineers proud. Bringing up the parade’s rear is a herd of silver unicorns, made by physics students wanting in on the fun. (“Of the mythical creatures from which you could choose,” explains third-year grad student Neal Reynolds, “we thought the unicorn would be easily recognizable.”)

The dragon clears the trees on Ho Plaza and makes its way to the Arts Quad for the grand finale. The freshmen tear off its fabric skin, then run the traditional laps around it. The costumed upperclassmen are constrained by a ring of yellow caution tape until the freshmen chant, “Let them in!” The barrier falls, and the colorfully clad masses join the whirlwind.

When the ruckus finally dies down, the dragon returns to its birthplace behind Rand—where students immediately get to work tearing apart what they’ve so carefully constructed. “Everything went so smoothly this year,” observes Rand shop assistant Chris Oliver, doffing his costume as he prepares to oversee the dismantling. “In the past the dragon has broken in half during the parade, or the head has fallen off. This year was without any incidents, and it was really fun. It was a great Dragon Day,” he says, grinning as he raises his voice so the freshmen can hear, “and the best dragon *ever*.”



# KING OF THE ROAD

## GLOBE-TROTTER ALBERT PODELL '58 HAS VISITED EVERY COUNTRY ON EARTH

**D**on't ask Albert Podell '58 how he finally got a visa to enter Angola, because he won't tell you. All he'll say is that it involved the assistance of three people in that country, plus another in Portugal and "a guy in the Middle East."

Over the previous year, Podell had considered and abandoned a half-dozen schemes in his effort to obtain a visa to Angola, an all-but-impossible task for the average American. He tried getting certified as a gemologist so he could pass himself off as a diamond buyer, but his eyesight was too poor. He thought about joining a birdwatching tour, but the chances of getting a visa were still iffy, and the hefty deposit was nonrefundable. Then there was the idea of just renting a four-by-four in Namibia and sneaking across the border—but after reading about the conditions in Angolan prisons, he decided that was just plain stupid.

Podell's actual visit to Angola—in November and December 2012—was no great shakes, marked by bland food, unremarkable sights, and stratospheric prices. But the journey was memorable for capping his long-sought quest to visit every country in the world. In March, Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press published his memoir of those travels, *Around the World in 50 Years: My Adventure to Every Country on Earth*.

In the book, Podell chronicles his many voyages, from the sublime (swimming with penguins and sea lions in the Galápagos) to the ridiculous (a madcap misadventure to make a flight off the island nation of Kiribati, where his best laid plans were nearly undone by an inkless printer and a dirty van). He contemplates such weighty issues as child soldiers and female genital mutilation, and such lighter ones as the proliferation of Spam in the

Around the world in many days (clockwise from top left): A child in Mongolia; a breadseller in Central Asia; a rickshaw driver in Japan; a sweet shop in a Mumbai slum; a woman selling cassava balls in sub-Saharan Africa; the Great Mosque of Djenne, Mali; and an apartment house in Tbilisi, Georgia.

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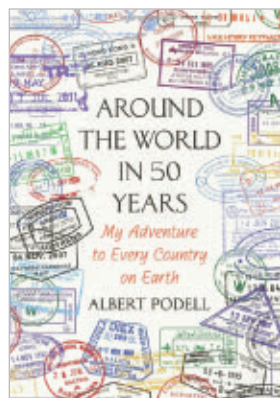


A long, strange trip (clockwise from above left): Podell relaxes on the Atlantic coast of Gabon; modern pedicabs in Havana; a guesthouse in Cap Haitien, Haiti.

'I do like being confronted with some problem in a foreign country that requires an ingenious solution.'



South Pacific. He eats the brains of a live monkey in Hong Kong and enjoys a "superb horse steak" in Mongolia. In Madagascar, he gets a rare look at a golden bamboo lemur and witnesses the joyous ritual disinterment of ancestral bones. In Zambia, a pick-pocket robs him of one of his most prized possessions: a cache of American toilet paper.



Podell almost dies at least twice, including a near-drowning in Costa Rica and a close call in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), where he narrowly escapes being hanged as an Indian spy—a fate he avoids through, of all things, a florid demonstration of severe intestinal distress. And that's not counting the time he dodged a swarm of poisonous sea snakes while diving off the Great Barrier Reef. "I may be a mild adrenaline junkie," admits Podell, who may also have a gift for understatement. "There's a huge thrill to surviving a near-death experience. Winston Churchill once said, 'There is nothing more exhilarating in life than to be shot at and missed.' I mean, I don't enjoy coming within a few minutes of dying, but I do like being confronted with some problem in a foreign country that requires an ingenious solution."

A retired attorney and former editor at *Playboy*, Podell never traveled much as a child, coming from a family of homebodies.

His grandparents had emigrated from Russia, he says, and as far as they were concerned, that was enough of a road trip. "In the rest of their lifetimes," the Brooklyn native says with a laugh, "they never went farther than Boston." The former government major didn't leave the U.S. until he was twenty-five, when he crossed over to Canada during his Army days at Fort Drum. ("It was kind of different than the U.S.," he recalls. "It was clean and neat and grassy, and the skies were not polluted.") He caught the travel bug in earnest in 1963, when a magazine junket took him to Spain and France. Two years later, he and a friend embarked on a globe-trotting adventure that spawned an earlier memoir—*Who Needs a Road?: The Story of the Longest and Last Motor Journey Around the World*—that remains in print today. "I just loved traveling," Podell says. "It beats working hands down."

While a years-long effort to be the first person to drive around the globe longitudinally got bogged down in technical snafus—after umpteen field tests, he could never cobble together a vehicle that would have made it across Antarctica—he eventually settled on the idea of visiting every country on Earth. But that opened up a question both practical and esoteric: what is a country, anyway? "And that wasn't easy," Podell writes. "Even as reliable a source as the *Economist* concluded, in an article titled 'In Quite a



State,’ that ‘any attempt to find a clear definition of a country soon runs into a thicket of exceptions and anomalies.’ Yet I needed to know where the goalposts were. It wasn’t sufficient to accept Frank Zappa’s delightful criteria: ‘You can’t be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline—it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer.’ ”

Podell read the Montevideo Convention of 1933—which had codified the criteria for statehood—and consulted with international law professors at NYU, among other research. In the end, he decided on a list of 196 comprising all the members of the United Nations, plus three that aren’t included for political reasons: Taiwan (kept out by China), Kosovo (ditto, by Russia), and Vatican City (which never applied and prefers to have “observer” status). “When you get down to it,” he says, “a country really is what the big powers say will be a country.” He visited about half of them in the past decade, after retirement freed him up to spend months-long stretches on the road. Eventually, he got down to what he termed the “Savage Seven” of danger-



Sights to see (clockwise from top right): A shopkeeper reading the Koran in Yemen; the Asoro Mudmen in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea; an outdoor salad bar in Turkmenistan.

ous African countries—a list that included Chad, Somalia, and South Sudan—and found that most of his friends and family (a.k.a. “the legion of naysayers”) thought it was time to call it quits. A therapist friend even offered a free mental-health evaluation. “My insurance agent advised he was unable to get me that million-dollar term-life policy now that he knew where I intended to travel,” writes Podell, who also penned an e-book of travel safety tips that came out in April. “And Professor John King [PhD ’63], my forensic pathologist pal at Cornell who usually autopsies pigs and sheep around the world that have died of mysterious diseases, thoughtfully volunteered to ‘help get what is left of you home.’ ”

But with a combination of bravado and savvy—Podell’s strategies included dressing so shabbily that he looked too poor to be worth mugging—he made it through. It didn’t hurt that he brought along a friend whom he describes as “a fearless martial arts expert and crack shot.” By the time Podell departed country number 196 (Angola), he had gone through seven pass-

ports—some of them expired, but two retired; they were so full of extra pages that the State Department refused to add more.

Asked to name his favorite country, Podell answers that there’s only one that has it all in terms of culture, food, and natural beauty: the good old U.S.A. But he notes that getting so far away from home has offered some invaluable perspective on his native land. “If you look at the way many people live in the undeveloped world, on less than a dollar and a half a day, you come to realize how extremely fortunate we are to have the kind of comfort, safety, and security that we have in the U.S.,” Podell says. “But most Americans don’t realize how fortunate we are, because when they travel they go to places like Paris, Rome, or London; they don’t see the kind of devastation and destitution that I saw. Sure, if you want to spend a fortune, almost every country has at least one American-style hotel, and you can go there and eat American food and hang out with a bunch of Americans—but you might as well stay home.”

— Kitty Kemp



# INSIDE THE 'HERMIT KINGDOM'



**P**odell's memoir includes passages ranging from the lighthearted to the tragic. In one of the more sober episodes, he describes his trip to North Korea—a.k.a. the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK—in August 2010, during the reign of Kim Jong-il. At the time of Podell's visit, very few Western tourists entered the country, and its government kept even tighter control of those visitors than they do today—for example, inspecting camera flash cards and deleting unapproved images.

I was not prepared for the modernity and wealth of Pyongyang. I'd expected a shabby, run-down town not much different than the capitals of many poor nations, so I was amazed to find instead a clean, modern, prosperous-looking, smoothly functioning, and livable city. It may be the world's largest Potemkin village, but it more than did its job of creating a favorable impression.

I saw thousands of trees bordering the streets, vast tracts of grassland, gardens, even vegetable farms, and was told that the city had more than forty parks and the most green space per capita of any major city. The dozens of gleaming white thirty-story apartment buildings I saw, home to the regime insiders, were unabashedly contemporary—cylindrical, curvilinear, or layered, most with terraces—each separated from its neighbor by a hundred yards of trees and carefully cultivated shrubs.

I was taken to three immense arches, more than ten impressively powerful monuments and commemorative towers, many over a hundred feet high, and saw at least thirty gigantic public

buildings of shining marble and polished granite. Each subway station (300 feet down in case the West tries to nuke them) was spacious and attractive, with cheerful art and colored lights, and not a speck of trash anywhere.

And it was just as pristinely clean throughout the countryside that I was allowed to see. When we were driven two hours south of the capital and two hours north of it, all we saw along the new, tree-lined, eight-lane highway were tidy towns of neatly dressed people and peaceful cooperative farms, lushly green with ripening rice, corn, and beans. I knew that our hosts were not about to show us any poverty or shabbiness, and that their job was to make us disbelieve that this was a dictatorship in which famished citizens ate undigested corn kernels they dug out of cow manure and where more than half a million died of starvation in some years. We were never shown those skeletal people or DPRK's A-bomb plants or the factories where they made Rodong medium-range missiles for Iran, Syria, and Pakistan.

Only if we looked closely could we discern some implicit indications of poverty: our bus drove for thirty minutes during which we did not see another car on the superhighway; half the people walked and the other half rode bikes, often two on a bike; every bit of land not used for buildings or green space in this 80 percent mountainous nation was given over to growing crops, as far up the hills as they could push it; everybody was quite thin; there were few streetlights, and other outdoor lights were kept low, except those illuminating the propaganda palaces; interior lights were frugally controlled by motion sensors, daylight sensors, and insert cards; in the hotel bowling alley, if I didn't roll my ball within a few seconds, the lights illuminating the pins went out; restaurants used miniature napkins and stainless steel chopsticks to conserve trees; and our guides wore the same clothes four or five days in a row without washing. Ironically, the harsh heel of their dictatorship has generated one of the smallest carbon footprints of any nation.



Official stories: A propaganda officer aboard the captured American "pirate-spy ship" *USS Pueblo* (above left). Above: Orphans perform a show to attract adoptive parents.



Triumphal arch: An example of the monumental architecture found throughout Pyongyang



In six days I saw not a single dog or cat, because the people could not afford to feed them, or had eaten them long ago. In five hundred kilometers of travel through this meat-deprived land, I saw not one goat, sheep, or cow. In one residential park, I saw a man catch a squirrel, stomp it, cut off its tail, and proudly put it, still alive and quivering in its death throes, into his bag to eat for dinner, as he made clear from his joyful gesticulations. It was difficult to reconcile the gleaming apartment buildings with residents stomping squirrels for dinner, but such is the paradox of the DPRK.

The tour was heavy on anti-American propaganda and nationalism bordering on xenophobia. We were taken to, and proudly told in fervid detail about, the humble home where Kim Il Sung was born, and then shown his awesome, four-story mausoleum, fronted by a plaza of one million square feet, surrounded by a moat, and reached through a marble hallway 450 yards long that I was allowed to enter only after my shoes had been dusted, disinfected, and blown clean. We were driven to the Workers' Party monument, and the Martyrs' Cemetery, and the 150-room International Friendship Exhibition, a repository carved into Mount Myohyang for the 90,000 gifts the Great Leader had received from other nations (mostly expensive and ornate, with only one from the U.S., a Wilson basketball signed by Michael Jordan and presented by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright). We were taken on a long drive to the DMZ (the four-kilometer-wide and 240-kilometer-long demilitarized zone between North and South Korea), to Panmunjom (where the armistice ending the fighting of the Korean War was negotiated and signed in 1953), and to the Concrete Fence (a wall 250 kilometers long, built by the South from sea to sea across the peninsula, "to keep our nation forever divided," we were told, and behind which the puppets of the South were planning a new invasion since their earlier one had failed). The next day to the museums: the three Museums of the Revolution, the War Museum (filled with U.S. planes, tanks, and guns captured in the Korean War during America's "cowardly retreat"), and the Art Museum (featuring portraits of the Great Leader performing various heroic functions). Finally to the Juche Tower (commemorating the Great

Leader's Socialist/Confucian philosophy of government), the captured US "pirate-spy" ship *USS Pueblo*; and, everywhere—and I do mean everywhere—portraits, murals, paintings, posters, billboards, and signs exhorting the populace to struggle and strive, and depicting the Great Leader encouraging farmers to grow more grain, workers to produce more machines, miners to dig more coal and iron, soldiers to be prepared to fight their imperialist foe, and children to zealously guard and defend the future of the nation.

'The tour was heavy on anti-American propaganda and nationalism bordering on xenophobia.'

Even the meals were part of the propaganda effort. Either because the North Koreans believe that all imperialists have ravenous appetites, or because they wanted to demonstrate that the claims of food shortages and starvation in their country were false, they sought to stuff us, at every meal, with three to four times more food than any human could possibly ingest at one sitting. Each meal, including breakfast, featured soup, at least five kinds of vegetables, a fish dish, a beef dish, a chicken dish, a pork or duck dish, plus a variety of other treats, from spicy squid to bean curd casserole, glassy noodles to scrambled eggs, frankfurters to potato pancakes, and on and on. This imperialist gained ten pounds in six days. ■

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## Lifting the 'Cup'

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### *Annual Award Honors Outstanding Volunteer Program*

For the past three years, the CAA Cup has been presented at the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) to recognize an outstanding alumni volunteer program, chosen from many entries. Alumni leaders attending the conference are invited to vote for their favorite of three finalists, which are chosen by a panel of CAA board members.

This year's winner was a unique program that the Class of '95 created for the run-up to its 20th Reunion; the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN) were finalists for their creative solutions to enhance alumni engagement. These terrific programs, as well as those from many other groups, showcase the innovative ways in which Cornell volunteers meet their organizations' goals.

#### **Winner: The Class of '95 Faces Blog**

Give the Class of '95 credit for thinking ahead. With more than two years to go before their 20th Reunion, the class aimed to generate excitement about the event. Launched in August 2013, the Class of '95 Faces Blog was seen as a way for members to reconnect,

to get excited about Reunion, and to remember what makes Cornell and the alumni community so great, according to Danielle Wolff '95, who oversaw the project.

The idea is simple: profile one classmate each week for the ninety-five days leading up to Reunion. Classmates are asked to respond to a series of questions, from providing an update on

their lives to naming their favorite course or extracurricular activity at Cornell. A new entry is posted each Monday on the website ([www.cornell95faces.com](http://www.cornell95faces.com)) and supported on multiple platforms, such as e-mail and Twitter. "Even with social networks like Facebook and LinkedIn, maintaining class cohesiveness can be a challenge with alumni

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**High score: Touchdown, the Big Red Bear, at the Class of '79's 35th Reunion last June. For its creative Reunion activities, the class was among the entrants in the 2015 CAA Cup competition.**



The winners: Alison Torrillo French '95 (above left) and Danielle Wolff '95 accept the Cup in recognition of the class's Faces Blog. Above right: Members of the Cornell Black Alumni Association revel during Homecoming 2014 festivities, for which the CBAA was a Cup finalist.

scattered throughout different industries and all over the globe," says Wolff. "This project is an attempt to rekindle a feeling of pride and camaraderie, to generate excitement about gathering in person in Ithaca, and to stay connected for years to come."

The response to the program has been terrific. "We've had several alums tell us that they hadn't been planning to come to Reunion, but because of participating in or following the blog, they decided to attend," Wolff says. "I think the program has worked so well because everyone has been so generous about opening up their lives and sharing their experiences and memories. It truly feels like meeting people all over again."

### Finalist: CBAA Homecoming

While Homecoming has been a long-standing tradition for many alumni, African American alumni and students have not participated in large numbers, according to the Cornell Black Alumni Association. However, for the past three years, CBAA has worked to increase participation in, and enjoyment of, the fall weekend among its constituents. CBAA offers a series of programs throughout the weekend, co-sponsored by a variety of student and alumni organizations, that attract hundreds of people; Homecoming 2014 included one of the largest contingents of African American alumni ever to return to campus.

Events included a presentation in the CBAA Alumni Lecture Series, tailgates prior to the football game, and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of COSEP (the Committee on Special Educational Projects,

established to increase African American enrollment and support those students during their Cornell careers) with a brunch at the Africana Studies and Research Center. More importantly, according to CBAA leaders, it helped keep students and alumni connected and ensured that black alumni and students feel part of the overall campus community.

### Finalist: CAAAN Expansion

Cornell has seen a remarkable increase in applications, topping 40,000 for several years. The Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) seeks to promote the benefits of attending Cornell by answering questions and hosting events, supporting the work of the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

As the numbers grow, it becomes more challenging for CAAAN to reach all applicants, especially in areas where there aren't as many alumni to contact local high school students. The CAAAN Advisory Committee ('C'AC, pronounced "C-ack") decided to tackle the problem by asking its members to chair an additional CAAAN committee from across the country, with the hope of training another volunteer who lives locally to take on the role of chair for that city, region, or state.

While it was a successful strategy, there was one state—Mississippi—in which Cornell had a rough time attracting students; for two consecutive years, no member of the freshman class came from there. Enrique Vila '94, MEng '95, CAAAN chair for Puerto Rico as well as 'C'AC chair, worked with Gian Fabbri '96, CAAAN chair for Cambridge, Massachusetts, to recruit

Boston-area alumni for the job. This enthusiastic group reached out to all applicants from Mississippi via phone and Skype, answering questions and sharing their college experiences. "To them, Cornell was a far-off place, and they had loads of questions for us," says Vila. "While we often assume applicants understand what Cornell is about and where it is, these students may be the first in their families to travel out of state for school, or even be first-generation college students."

The effort paid off. Six applicants were accepted and three enrolled in fall 2014. The project has been so effective that the 'C'AC is looking at ways to expand it to other areas.

### ADDITIONAL ENTRIES

#### Keeping the Class of '79 Connected

In 2014, the Class of '79 celebrated its 35th Reunion in many different ways, in many different ways, including Virtual Reunion Vidoes and the Distinguished Classmates Project.

When Brad Grainger '79 and Mary Maxon Grainger '79, MPS '87, began planning for Reunion, they realized they could use technology and social media to enrich the experience, share it with those who could not make it to Ithaca, and archive the events. During Saturday's reception and dinner at Schoellkopf, the Jumbotron showed a montage of images from 1975–79 taken from the University archives or submitted by classmates, as well as a slideshow of the Distinguished Classmates Project. The photographer the class hired took pictures at every event and captured video of highlights, including President Emeritus Frank Rhodes's remarks and a performance of





**Familiar face: President Emeritus Frank Rhodes with members of the Class of '79 at their 35th Reunion**

a new Cornell song composed by a classmate. Throughout the weekend and afterwards, images and videos from the Virtual Reunion project were posted to Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

While the video effort was new, the Class of '79 Distinguished Classmates Project has been in the works for more than ten years. As part of its 35th Reunion, the class named thirty-five distinguished classmates to complement the twenty-five previously named at its 25th Reunion and thirty named at its 30th. "We have made lasting contributions and received many important honors," Mary Grainger says of her classmates. "We are accomplished architects, artists, CEOs, clergy, coaches, designers, doctors, editors, educators, engineers, entrepreneurs, entertainers, farmers, financiers, hoteliers, judges, lawyers, nutritionists, public servants, restaurateurs, scientists, and veterinarians, among other occupations and avocations."

Recognizing this, the leadership solicited nominations from classmates, consulted with Alumni Affairs and Development staff, and did research on backgrounds and accomplishments. Says Maxon Grainger: "The selection process was extremely difficult, as the accomplishments are many and outstanding."

#### **CALS Alumni Association Grants**

Since 2012, the College of Agriculture

and Life Sciences Alumni Association (CALSAA) has been distributing grants to undergrads, grad students, and young alumni, to support research and internship opportunities. For 2014, the grants committee sought to cast a wider net, to increase both the number of applications it receives and the dollars it awards. According to Peter Schott '81, president of CALSAA, the program provides tangible benefits for the association: it introduces students to the fact that CALS has an alumni group and encourages them to become more engaged alumni in the future.

To get the word out, CALSAA promoted the program via the school's career development office, department chairs, and academic coordinators. The hard work paid off, with an almost 200 percent increase in applications and more than double the number of grants awarded. Among the students whom the grants have helped are

an undergraduate working for a U.N. food and agricultural organization, a grad student doing research in Guatemala, and another undergrad doing an internship in Tanzania.

#### **Ezra's D.C. Roots**

With the Sesquicentennial approaching, the Cornell Club of Washington, D.C., was looking for a way to tie in the celebration to its own community. Fortunately, the University's founder had a unique relationship with the city: in 1843–44, Ezra Cornell built an experimental telegraph line from Washington to Baltimore that helped form Western Union.

To highlight this connection, the club created a live-narration bus tour last September, taking alumni and guests through D.C. and Maryland; it showcased Ezra as a successful entrepreneur and businessman and explored his contemporaries in research during the 1840s. "It really is true that Cornell connections are everywhere in our daily lives," says club president A'ndrea Van Schoick '96. "The tour was a wonderful way to connect Ezra Cornell's history and legacy to our own backyard."



**Blast from the past: During a historical tour by the Cornell Club of Washington, D.C., Elisabeth Boas '71 poses in a vintage freshman beanie.**

**41** When **Jane Frier** Bertrand wrote last fall, she was still living in her East Syracuse, NY, townhouse, where she's been for 18 years. "I play some bridge and enjoy family and friends. Had a wonderful phone visit with **Eleanor Slack** Randles, MS '78, some time ago."

Our annual News and Dues mailings went out in the early spring, and the latest round of news from classmates should reach us soon. If you have already returned a news form, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—or ever!—now's the time. Write to us at the address below or send back the news form in the envelope provided. Your classmates look forward to hearing about you, your family, your friends, and how you spend your days. Write to: **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).

**42** We hope you received the class's annual News and Dues mailing last month and that many of you have already responded. Your class dues keep our class strong, and your news keeps us in touch with each other over the miles and years. If you've already sent your news, thank you! Look for it in a future column. If you haven't yet, now is the time. Your classmates want to hear from you.

Can't find the mailing? Here are the details. Dues for the 2015-16 year (July 1 - June 30) are \$40 for individuals (\$50 for Cornell '42 couples) and include a one-year subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Mail your dues, along with your latest news (What has been happening in your life or with your family? How do you spend your weekends?) to this address: P.O. Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692.

Class president **Liz Schlamm** Eddy received information about the current recipient of our Class of 1942 Memorial Scholarship—**Elizabeth Stone** '18 of Gardiner, MT—and I'm sure we will hear directly from her in the future. Just finishing up her freshman year in Arts and Sciences, Elizabeth says she's not sure what she'll be doing in five years, in the same way that five years ago she didn't imagine herself being at Cornell—"Yet here I am! I know that what I'm doing now at Cornell will help me get to where I'm going, and I hope to be a positive influence on all the people I come in contact with." Elizabeth already loves watching the chimes concerts from the top of McGraw Tower. "What a view!" she says. "I can take a few minutes out of my day, get somewhere high up, and just watch the chimesmasters." Not surprising, Elizabeth is also a member of Musicom, a student organization made up of residents of the Just About Music (JAM) program house on North Campus as well as other members of the Cornell community who are interested in producing concerts and other musical events.

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**44** **Dotty Kay Kesten** now spends winters in Florida, but she is in her Connecticut home the rest of the year and mail can be sent to her there. See below for the full address. She has seen **Katherine "Kit" Snell** Sigety, who hosted a dinner (with her son Rob) that Dotty attended along with **Andy Capi**, MD '46, and his wife, Sherrill, and **Jan Taylor** Scott.

Dotty adds, "Over the winter, I was very busy attending horse events in Wellington, FL, with my daughter, **Lynn Kesten** Coakley '74, who is president of the nonprofit EQUUS Foundation, sponsor of many of these events." EQUUS serves charities across the US that are not only improving the quality of life of horses, but are using horses and therapeutic riding instruction to enrich the lives of those in need, including students with autism and other neuro-biological and learning development disabilities.

Dotty also has this important news to share with classmates and friends of her late husband, **Art**. She writes, "Services will be held for Arthur H. Kesten at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC, on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Please arrive at the Post Chapel no later than 10:30 a.m. for the memorial service and innumment at the Columbarium. A reception will follow."

She adds that the hotel closest to Arlington National Cemetery is the IHG Army Hotels-Fort Myer, 318 Jackson Ave., Bldg. 50, Fort Myer, VA 22211; phone: (703) 696-3576. "Please let our daughter, Lynn, know if you are planning to attend. She can be reached via e-mail at: [lynncoakley@gmail.com](mailto:lynncoakley@gmail.com) or by phone at: (561) 459-0994. Thank you."

**Hank Baker** '70 sent the sad news that his father, **Alfred Landon Baker Jr.**, died last July at the age of 92. "He lived a terrific life and passed quickly and quietly surrounded by his five children," writes Hank. "Most importantly, he introduced me to Cornell, where I spent seven glorious years and made many lifelong friends."

We hope you received the class's annual News and Dues mailing last month and that many of you have responded. If you've already sent your news, thank you! Look for it in a future column. If you haven't yet, now is the time. If you've misplaced that mailing, here are the details. Dues for the 2015-16 year (July 1 - June 30) are \$40 for individuals (\$50 for Cornell '44 couples) and include a one-year subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Mail your dues, along with your latest news (What has been happening in your life or with your family? How do you spend your weekends?) to this address: P.O. Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692.

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**45** The editors apologize to co-correspondent **Bob Frankenfeld**, who wrote a great column for the previous issue that was lost in the mail until now.

He noted that several classmates had submitted news . . . and that all of them, including Bob himself, planned to come to Reunion, June 4-7—less than a month away!

Hotelie **Mary Wright** wrote this to Bob: "It will be a pleasure to join you and others next June for our 70th—my principal goal in life beyond the day-to-day challenges. Your 89th birthday was a blast; I can't imagine the 90th bettering it [referring to your scribe's 90th, which was actually louder and involved less sleep]. My failure to send in any news since June 1945 is reprehensible, particularly since retirement. As the principal columnist for the *Hotelie* magazine's Class Notes over the years, I know well the impatience with silent classmates. Since 2001 I have enjoyed living in Cooperstown, NY, a warm community that offers pleasant opportunities beyond baseball: other museums, an active Rotary, and beautiful scenery. In short, my work life was all about hospitality services—the providing and teaching thereof. Alumni life also included Cornell clubs: selling cheese in Rochester and committees in the Batavia/Gene-see area. Life without driving is frustrating and limiting, but, hey—at 90 I am on the Wright side of the turf and looking forward to our 70th!"

Another classmate who signed up for Reunion is Electrical Engineering major **Walter Keenan**, ME '49, who will fly to NYC and then arrive in Ithaca on Cornell's special Campus-to-Campus bus. Walter spent his career in engineering, married later in life, and is now widowed. He has spent free time traveling all over the world and fishing. "Next comes a surprise," writes Bob, "so don't you dare reveal it!" **Alison Weir** '86 wrote to president **Maxine Katz** Morse to reveal the Christmas gift she will give her father, **N. Bruce Weir** (Cocoa Beach, FL), of bringing him to Reunion! Bruce has been a loyal attendee. Alison, we look forward to meeting you and to complimenting you on a gift that's so much better than a necktie or a bottle of cologne.

We are informed of the passing of classmate **Ed Cranch**, PhD '51, professor emeritus in Cornell's College of Engineering, dean of the college, faculty member on the Cornell board of trustees, and president of Worcester Polytechnic U. for seven years from 1978 to 1985. He died February 4, 2015, in Bonita Springs, FL, where he and his wife, Virginia, spent their winters. Ed was one of the outstanding members of our class and was the master of ceremonies at our big banquet at the mini-reunion. He was a giant among men.

Let us all try to return to Cornell, where we shared the same time and place on that great path to adulthood! Join us for the hundreds of all-alumni and Sesquicentennial activities as well as many class-specific events. Have questions about registering? Contact Maxine at (603) 436-7578 ([maxine.morse@comcast.net](mailto:maxine.morse@comcast.net)); or Erin Kennedy ([ELK85@cornell.edu](mailto:ELK85@cornell.edu)) at Alumni Affairs' Class and Reunion Programs. See you there! **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, [betbobf@aol.com](mailto:betbobf@aol.com); **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, [julie.k.snell@gmail.com](mailto:julie.k.snell@gmail.com).



**46** Anne Hodgkins Ransom sent me my first bit of correspondence, using her Palmer Method! Thank you, Anne. It was a most welcome letter. She noted that she was one among 2,000 women and 12,000 V-12s who arrived at Cornell in the summer of 1943 and attended class every day except Christmas. That was a grind, but she had a wonderful time. She had seven children and has lived in Georgia since 1951. Anne watched Atlanta grow, along with her 41 grandchildren! Her health is good and she keeps very busy. I also want to thank **Priscilla Alden** Clement for her letter. Priscilla lives in Naples, FL, where I am certain she was enjoying that warm sunshine rather than enduring all that cold and snow in the Northeast.

**Jan Bassette** Summerville told me that **Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks, BS HE '45 (State College, PA), is planning to sell her Adirondacks cottage. This has been a gathering place for many Cornellians through the years. Dottie still drives and plays bridge. Jan is currently using a walker as she recovers from a broken back. Hopefully by the time this comes out, she will have fully regained her strength. Ordinarily, she would be playing bridge in Watertown once a week. Jan lives in a Sackets Harbor, NY, home that was built in 1812. Skip added 1,100 square feet to the house years ago, so she is able now to close off the older section and heat the smaller area to be cozy in the bitter winter.

I have come upon a few Cornelliana items of interest this month. **R. Alexander Anderson 1916** was raised in Hawaii. During his long and interesting life, he composed over 200 songs—for example, “Lovely Hula Hands.” (Read *From a Joyful Heart: Life and Music of R. Alexander Anderson*.) I also read a fascinating autobiography by **Emily Dunning Barringer 1897**, MD 1901, *Bowery to Bellevue*. She was the first female ambulance surgeon in New York City and the first woman to finish a surgical residency. Her grandson **Sanford Steever '74** is a renowned linguist.

On a personal note, CAM published an article a few months ago about **Hu Shih 1914**, a Chinese reformer and representative to the United Nations. He was a friend to my uncle **Charles M. Taylor 1912**. They continued to keep in touch over the years. This is just what I am asking you, out there, to do. **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave. #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; email, dmprey@aol.com; tel., (650) 342-1196.

Class president **Lloyd Slaughter** (Morgantown, WV; lslaughter594@aol.com) and his wife, Marilyn, had a wonderful time at the 2015 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston. They were lucky enough to leave for home just before the record snowstorms arrived there.

As president and reunion chair, Lloyd wrote, “The conference was very worthwhile and gave me many ideas for improving our 2016 reunion. In addition to the excellent sessions that offered many innovative suggestions for improving reunion, we attended many programs spotlighting Cornell’s strengths. Two programs were outstanding. The first was presented by professors Altschuler and Kramnick, authors of *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*. They lectured on the events surrounding President Nixon’s visit to China and the US State Dept. move toward a One-China policy. The subsequent activities of Frank Rhodes on behalf of Taiwan’s President **Lee Teng-hui, PhD '68**, led to a Two-China policy. The second highlight was President Skorton’s farewell address to the alumni.

“There was one downer, however. I learned at the meeting of the death of longtime board member **Dick Turner**, BME '45. Dick had been our Cornell Annual Fund representative. He led by example in that job. He made a significant gift to the fund each year before asking other classmates to do the same.” Lloyd added, “I look forward to the 2016 CALC meeting, to be held in Philadelphia, and our reunion in June 2016. I urge all '46 class officers and other volunteers to attend that meeting to assist in the final planning for our 70th Reunion.”

Our class has been losing outstanding board members in the past months. To memorialize their devotion to Cornell and our class, we can swell '46's Reunion totals by making gifts after July 1, 2015 to honor the memories of **Richard Turner**, **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, and **Patricia Kinne Paoella**, or of any Cornellian, living or dead. Gifts can be made to the '46 Scholarship Fund (#161221). Mail checks to: Cornell University, P.O. Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news via e-mail or snail mail to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com; tel., (925) 201-7575. Class website, <http://classof46alumni.edu>.

**47** This will be a short column as I have received little or no news recently from our class. I would like to continue as your correspondent, but need your input to keep it going. I realize that our numbers are smaller, but that is more reason to keep in touch and let others know what you are doing. With that said, take time now and let me hear from you. Write me directly at the e-mail address below, or send in the news form from our recent class mailings. My thanks to those of you who have already sent news. It will appear in upcoming columns.

**Margaret Newell Mitchell** writes that she lives in Cleveland and enjoys all it has to offer, including a superb orchestra and museum. She has been getting back to Cornell each fall for Trustee-Council Weekend. I am fortunate to have a classmate, **Naomi Strumer Samkoff**, live nearby. We recently found out that we go to the same dermatologist, podiatrist, and ophthalmologist. How lucky can those doctors be?

We are all saddened to hear about the death of our dear friend and co-correspondent **Arlie Williamson** Anderson. I want to thank **Beth Anderson '80** and **Roger Anderson '78** for helping Arlie to keep this column going. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

**48** Here's an update from last winter from **Harriet Morel Oxman** (Sarasota, FL). She writes, “I moved to Sarasota Bay Club, a retirement facility, in 2013. My top-floor apartment looks over Sarasota Bay and Longboat Key. My husband, Ted, a WWII Army Air Force vet, died April 1, 2014. We were married 59 years. Shortly afterwards, I went to a Cornell ILR reunion and saw a few classmates. I also took a Cornell cruise to the Caribbean in June 2014 and a Road Scholar tour to Australia in August. I'm still active in the Selby Library, walk

10,000 steps per day, and am an avid reader. I wanted to remember my many journeys so I wrote a book, *Around the World with Harriet*. It's available on Amazon and Books-a-Million. Profits go to the Cornell ILR library. The door is open to any classmates visiting Sarasota.”

When this column was submitted, the latest round of news hadn't reached me yet, but you can count on seeing it in an upcoming issue. If you haven't written yet, now's the time. Find the news form in our most recent class mailing, answer as many questions as you like, and send it all back in the envelope provided. Or write me directly at the address or e-mail below. What's been going on with you? Where do you hang your hat? How do you spend your weekends? **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

**49** Classmates, remember Louie's? Way back in 1944, this mobile purveyor of fast food was nightly parked in front of Balch, where it led this innocent young freshman down the path to obesity. Your class correspondent, enjoying an unaccustomed feast of a dozen doughnuts nightly, gained so much weight from the culinary delights on offer that her mother hardly recognized her when she appeared at the door on her first leave home. Today, the venerable establishment has replaced its 20-year-old truck with a shiny new red one, the sixth in its long history since the first Louie began selling sandwiches from a cart to Cornellians in 1918. It is still in front of Balch.

News comes from **Ruth Connie Berkower** Moore (connie234c@hotmail.com), who has been living in a continuing care retirement community for the last 12 years. She writes via e-mail, “I produce the community's newsletter. I also serve on the resident council. There are plenty of activities that I participate in and many interesting residents to converse with.” She adds that she has two great-grandchildren. “My husband and I are both in reasonably good health for our age. This winter was worse than I remember in Ithaca, but I didn't have to go outdoors.” What's next for her? “Staying alive and in good health!”

**A. Arthur Lowenthal**, BA '48 (Saratoga Springs; terrylowenthal@verizon.net), married to Therese, tells us, “I spend my time doing part-time home maintenance and repair and dealing with healthcare issues and problems as I did for many years (and many miles) at Arthur D. Little Inc. consultants before retiring in the 1980s. I've been traveling with my wife of 57 years to some 40 US states, many West European and Scandinavian countries, all of the Andean States in South America, and Mexico. Why? Most of above travel was for ADL, and my wife said, ‘Now it's my turn to see what I've missed during the first 30 years of marriage, four children and six grandchildren later!’” A. Arthur adds, “I'm catching up on reading before my macular degeneration gets much worse, and attending great and small symphonies before my hearing gets worse.” At Cornell, he says, “I wish I had developed a closer relationship with my faculty advisor as well as three or four professors who were great teachers, authors, and human beings.”

Now, may I please apologize to **Howard Lemelson** (Wyckoff, NJ; howarlu1@aol.com) for naming him Harold in a past issue of this column. Howard, married to Arlene, tells us, “No more golf, but I work out in the gym in New Jersey and Florida.”

Having become a great-grandfather almost three years ago, Howard says that what he most enjoys about his life right now is "playing bridge with friends and being with the 'kids.'" He wrote that he was looking forward to one granddaughter's graduation and another granddaughter's second son. Asked whether the past winter reminded him of his time at Cornell, Howard replied, "Not in Florida." **Richard Guilbert** (Stone Mountain, GA;

Jim Brandt and Brenda Teeter reported on current class giving for our 65th Reunion. Twelve class members constituted a committee to solicit classmates. To date we have 165 donors, including 24 Tower Club members (annual \$5,000-\$9,000) and 30 Quadrangle Club members (annual \$1,000-\$4,900). You should have received an updated report on contributions, and a revised goal will appear in the March class News and Dues mailing.

“Your class correspondent enjoyed an unaccustomed feast of a dozen doughnuts nightly.”

Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow '49

dickguil28@gmail.com), married to Carol, writes, "Retirement has changed. We have moved to a retirement community. Everything has changed." When asked on the news form what else has been happening, he replied, "Isn't this enough?"

**Walter Brenholts** (Mountain Top, PA) writes, "I am playing duplicate bridge, watching action or true TV, reading mysteries, and traveling (short distances to many doctors), and our Mohegan Sun casino is 15 minutes away." He adds, "On the slow days, I would rather be back at work. Maybe there are some skeletons (or old technical info) they haven't found yet." Of old Cornell friends, "Most are gone, but I still know almost all of the rest. To pick one—**Alma Guinness '52**. I was Chem E five years, so most of my friends graduated in '48, or, in the case of the famous **John Gerling '51**, later." **John McCormick**, DVM '49 (Cortez, FL; jem vet@aol.com) writes, "I am reading and watching sports on TV or online." He has moved from a single family home on a golf course to a large three-bedroom condo on the water. Great to hear from you all. Please do keep your news coming! **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** Our faithful class officers and guests attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, January 16-18. Attendees at the Friday evening class dinner at the elegant Algonquin Club were president **Pat Carry Stewart**, immediate past-president **Dick Pogue**, VP **Stan Rodwin** with **Joyce Wisbaum Underberg '53**, secretary **Ruth Downey Crone** with husband **Walt**, VP and class co-correspondent **Marion Steinmann** with husband **Charles Joiner**, Annual Fund representative **Jim Brandt**, and class book author **Brad Edmondson '81** with wife **Tania Werbizky, MA '92**.

The officers met Saturday morning for the annual mid-winter class business meeting with guests **Brad Edmondson**, **Brian Frey** (producer of the DVD to accompany the book), **Lauren Coffey** and **Brenda Teeter** (staff assistants), and **Kent Hubbell '69**, BArch '69 (dean of students). President Pat reported that of the 2,300 graduates in our class, we have about 700 classmates with functional mailing addresses. Pat reported a Class of the Century Fund balance of \$168,972 and a Class Operating Fund balance of \$20,132. The Willard Straight Fund of over \$800,000 has been fully committed to the Straight renovation project.

**Kent Hubbell** reported on renovations to the Willard Straight Theatre, which, with new stage lighting and sound amplification, is now state-of-the-art. Pat asked Kent whether, given our investment in the theater, it might be named the Class of 1950 Theater. Kent thought that highly possible. He also suggested that the unallocated balance of \$108,000 in the Willard Straight Fund might be used to employ a student manager for the theater. His suggestion was well received and was agreed to. Kent will work out the details.

Author Brad presented a mock-up of our class book devoted to the experiences of immediate post-WWII students, the war experiences of WWII veterans and their lives on campus, the restricted and changing lives of women students, and representative short bios of selected classmates. All were happily pleased with how the book is turning out. Each duespaying class member will receive a hard copy of the book and DVD, either at Reunion or later by mail. **Brian Frey** played a few samples from the DVD, including scenes of classmates arriving on campus in fall 1946. This elicited some nostalgic comments and a few tears. Pat expressed sincere thanks to Brad and Brian for their exemplary efforts.

Prior to the class meeting, all attended the CALC breakfast session at which our own **Stan Rodwin** was presented with the prestigious **Bill Vanneman '31 Award**, given for outstanding class leadership in service to the university. For 25 years, and under five class presidents, Stan has served as class VP and reunion co-chair, and organizer of reunion programs and activities. Moreover, he has been an energetic class cheerleader as well as organizer of our other annual class social and business meetings. In his acceptance speech, Stan recounted arriving in Ithaca, like many of us, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and walking into town where, enticed by pleasant odors, he stopped at a bakery for a doughnut and coffee. Then, with one suitcase, he trudged uphill for his first view of the campus.

After 48 years in Rochester, **Mary Louise Alstein** van Allen moved to Watkinsville, GA, to be with her son and family. Now legally blind, she relies on NPR to stay informed on the state of the world, especially politics, the environment, and innovations in medicine and technology. She is concerned about the increasing national and world divisiveness and hopes that Cornell might find some way to contribute to its amelioration. **Carl Foss** (Rochester, NY) served in the Navy in

WWII. He is now retired after a long career in auto sales and real estate. Carl is proud of creating the Mendon (NY) Foundation to create cross-country hiking and biking trails and also a not-for-profit club for tennis, badminton, squash, and racquetball. Happily, his family of three sons and five grandkids all live in the Rochester area.

Jaydev Mehta reported the death of his father, classmate **Harshraj J. Mehta**, in Pune, India, where, following marriage in 1951, he lived and worked as an accountant for ESSO and its successors. He is survived by wife Page and their children, son Jay, son **Kiran '78**, and daughter Anandi, all of who remained in the US after college graduation. Jay mentioned that while going through his father's papers he found numerous references to the enjoyable times Harshraj spent while at Cornell. He especially recalled his dad's recounting of how he and others gathered on the campus on the eve of August 15, 1947 to celebrate India's first Independence Day.

Reunion co-chairs **Stan Rodwin** and **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal Crispell, PhD '84, issue a last call for our 65th Reunion. If you now plan to attend, just call Stan at (585) 721-3168 or Jane at (607) 272-4065. Or just show up in Ithaca! They shall happily get you registered when you arrive. Those of us already registered will be elated to see you. All but one class event will be held at the Statler. Transportation will be provided to all other gala events celebrating our alma mater's 150th birthday. **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel. (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

**51** What with a new president at the helm, it's time to start planning for your 65th Reunion in 2016, one year after Cornell's 150th anniversary.

**Frederick Knight** (Marietta, OH) operates Buckshot Lake Camp in Plevna, ON, and writes, "I spend my time on yard work, gardening, and maintenance, as well as fly-fishing whenever I can. Every summer (since I retired in 1988) my wife and I head up to our fishing resort camp on Buckshot Lake. We have five cottages, a huge lodge we live in, boats, and motors. We operate the camp, and return to Ohio after September 10 each year." Frederick says he'd love to be fly-fishing for trout and salmon in Alaska or Kamchatka, Russia. He'd like to hear from **Al Geddes** (retired CEO of William and Mary Graduate School of Business). Golf clubs, fishing gear, and a 1929 Model A Ford accompanied him to Cornell in 1947. **Reg Rice**, MBA '52 (Menlo Park, CA) writes, "My oldest grandchild is building a climbing rock wall in Costa Rica. Others are going to college, but not Cornell. I am happily retired and growing tomatoes." Fondest Cornell memory: "Playing football against Army and Michigan—mainly warming the bench—and listening to the Libe Tower chimes at dusk."

**Frederick "Fritz" Thornton** (Media, PA) writes, "I moved to a retirement village in spring 2013. I recently discovered a heart problem needing four 'procedures,' but I came through OK; I need my cane, but I still exercise. I became a great-grandfather after the move. I have restricted (had to) my volunteer activities down to three from five, and no hiking or canoeing. I'm studying the Bible and philosophical tomes collected over the years and teaching what I've learned while running the



various businesses in the environmental and transportation fields." Fritz would like to hear from **Ed Proctor**, **Donn Terhune '52**, **Walt Dockerill**, and **Rip Haley**. He adds, "I see **Dave Maroney** sometimes. He is well and active." Fondest memories of his time at Cornell: "Evening bells outside Willard Straight, football practice/games, and track workouts on the track set up outside Schoellkopf Field in winter (dressed in long undies and sweat suits). We ran in 5 degree weather and never caught colds."

Rev. **Florence Jessup Beaujon** (Monroe, OH) writes, "My husband, **Rudy '52**, and I have six children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson, now 1 year old. I am active in the Heritage Presbyterian Church in Mason." She says she counts on Christmas cards for classmate news. Her fondest memory at Cornell: "The time Rudy and I spent together and our decision to be married June 5, 1951!" **Bob Ackerly** (La Mesa, CA) writes, "All are aging but healthy. I play lots of tennis—tournaments and social. We traveled in 2013 to Maui and Sweden, and took a river trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow and on to Kiev. Looks like we did it just in time. Last summer (2014) we visited Helsinki, then coastal Norway and Denmark. Later it was back to Maui to entertain my wife's family relations." **Charles Ahrend** (Harrisonburg, VA) has three great-grandchildren and is living in a retirement community. He plays golf three times a week and stays active in community clubs.

**Raymond Firestone** (NYC), after listing Feuerstein as his maiden name, writes, "I retired from Big Pharma in 1999, but continued doing research on my own in reaction mechanisms and cancer therapy. I started a cancer project in 2011, ongoing in China. Initially I paid all the bills, but now the Chinese government is chipping in. I've seen some favorable results, but don't hold your breath." The 2004 Alumni Directory lists Raymond as Highly Distinguished Scientific Fellow at Boehringer Ingelheim. He came to Cornell with, he says, "almost nothing: very few clothes and my bassoon." **Samuel Serata** (Bridgeton, NJ) went to Santa Fe, NM, with two grown daughters (one is a six-time grandmother) for the opera week in August. Fond memories of Cornell: "Taking pictures for the *Cornell Daily Sun*—one made the cover of the *Alumni News*—and the Cartoonists Parade."

**Janet Armstrong** Hamber (Santa Barbara, CA) writes, "I was the recipient of Los Padres Forest Watcher's 2014 Wilderness Legacy Award for my commitment to protecting the California condor. I was honored at their big annual outdoor event, Ojai Wild. It was a great, fun party with lots of friends. LPFW is a nonprofit dedicated to protecting wildlife and wild places along California's central coast." **George**, MBA '52, and **Diane Hano** (W. Lebanon, NH) spend six months in Aiken, SC, and six months in New Hampshire. They just returned from a wonderful trip to Africa and are enjoying good health and wonderful friendships. "We will celebrate our 75th and 85th birthdays on September 6, 2014."

**Margaret "Pepper" Dutcher** Fluke (Durham, NC) writes, "We are still living in the house we designed and built 50 years ago—one mile from the Duke campus. We go to basketball games and now wonderful football. I'm still making pottery and have agreed to donate my collection of pots to East Carolina U., joining the teaching collection started by longtime friend Dwight Holland, who started the annual North Carolina Pottery Conference in Asheboro." She adds, "I meet on the phone with seven other Delta Gammas through

conference calls." **Harold "Mike" Gould** (Pavilion, NY) says, "Organic is the way to go," and offers these fond memories: "Farm and Home Week, the Home Ec cafeteria, and the gang in the FFA." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** Some former class correspondents were kind enough to respond to my plea for material. **Phil Fleming** (Washington, DC) wrote, "Sorry to be slow, but I did chat with **Mike Scott**, who is recovering nicely after his major surgery. Mike and I were part of a tennis foursome for many years before we both got sidelined as a byproduct of reaching maturity. Our style of play was inelegant but enthusiastic, and I miss it."

Our classmate **Monte Morgan** passed away in December, but Phil and his wife, Grace, visited Monte and his wife, **Harriette (Scannell)**, in Frederick, MD, earlier in the year. Phil reported that, although Monte was using an oxygen tank to help with his breathing, he and Het were in good spirits, and that it was a joy to see them both. "Monte and I roomed together at the Psi U house during our last year, and in that room we and several others hatched the Orson Welles/WVBR escapade, which led to our suspension after Tom Silk's Faculty-Student Conduct Committee held a hearing and decided on the broadside punishment, since we declined to offer up the ringleaders, which is what the Committee really wanted. As you may recall, Prof. Robert E. Cushman thought the punishment a tad severe and wrote a request for reconsideration, which he had signed by the deans of all the colleges and sent to the Committee."

"The Committee did reconsider, and vacated our suspensions in June, just before graduation. We were not permitted to attend the class picnic, the prom, or the senior banquet, as I remember. But we did graduate and receive our commissions in the Army, Air Force, and Navy, which kept us immune to the draft. We have all, I think, realized what a stupid stunt the WVBR takeover was, and chalked it up to youthful exuberance and the Ithaca spring air, without realizing how frightening the WVBR bogus air raid reports probably were for the considerable number of foreign students at Cornell during the Korean War years. Mike Scott and I both attended Michigan Law School after the service, so the admissions folks there got to read our apology in our applications for admission in response to the question, 'Have you ever been expelled or suspended from any school or college?' As I recall, we did not compare notes, but the admissions committee took pity on us and let us both in—along with **Murray Shelton**, another member of the 25."

"I continue to work with and support an NGO called Global Zero, whose goal is only to rid the planet of nuclear weapons. Probably not in my lifetime, but worth working toward for our grandchildren, I think. We have five, all girls—and the last two are twins—who bring us much joy. We divide our time between our apartment in Cleveland Park (in NW Washington, DC), a place in southern Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay that my parents bought in the 1950s, and our dairy farm in Mercersburg, PA, which is a place far enough outside the Beltway to give our family a chance to spend some time in a rural setting. We return every Thanksgiving for the holiday weekend. I won't burden you with our health report

other than to say that we are still on our feet, and I happily use my late father's cane for added balance assistance. Grace has become a sculptor, and is doing busts of our grandgirls, when she can get them to sit still. We regret that the world is in a mess, and that there are so many homeless and hungry folks in our country, but are helping on those fronts as we are able."

I (Joan) missed the WVBR broadcast, but I do remember the chaos it caused for those involved. The tape is in the 1952 class archives at Olin Library. I intend to hear it sometime. A prank I remember vividly: driving home one night hoping to beat the curfew only to find a large group of white uniformed men sweeping—and blocking—the Triphammer Bridge. I wonder who organized that.

**Dave Buckley**, MBA '53 (Little Silver, NJ) responded with notes that he says read "more like an obit." Dave married in 1958 and has five children (three of whom matriculated at Cornell), 16 grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. He was employed by Unilever UK for 20 years and resigned as division head. "40 years since then in AA." In 1992 he retired as VP from Nielsen Media Research. Since then, he has been enjoying his children's high school and their sports. He helps many of the high school's graduates get into good colleges. Most recently: one girl (lacrosse) into Ohio State; two girls (basketball) into Villanova; and several boys (football) into Princeton. "My 'help' is, almost completely, cheering them on."

I (again Joan) just finished an Isaac Bashevis Singer short story in the January 26, 2015 *New Yorker*. The end note says it was translated by **Aliza Goldberger** Shevrin—another one of us is still working. If you're reading this column and haven't sent in one of the new News Forms yet, please do. Or write me directly at: **Joan Boffa** Gaul, [joangaul@mac.com](mailto:joangaul@mac.com).

**53** Alma Mater's first 150 years now belong to the ages, after a year when far rang the story of the glory of Cornell, from blue Cayuga to the other side of the planet, punctuated by roaring ONE FIVE OHs. It's not too late to catch up with the warmly received *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015* by Profs. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Isaac Kramnick, which includes the days of Edmund Ezra Day through Deane W. Malott, when we trod those hills. Five '53 classmates are mentioned: **Dave Allee**, PhD '61, **Bob Engel**, **Bill Gurowitz**, **Bob Gutwillig**, and **Dick Thaler**, LLB '56. No ratio there. But if any have been overlooked, please note that the index is not slim.

After the installation of a new president—Cornell's 13th, Elizabeth Garrett—be prepared for the first Homecoming Weekend of the new age, September 18-19, with football vs. old foe Bucknell. And gracious dining with our friends from the Class of '52 and others of the Fifties. Stay tuned for more information.

You might say **Eugenie "Genie" Gilbert** Taub, MEd '54 (Westfield, NJ) has a full plate. Aerobics, she writes, keeps her busy, along with Zumba (a Latin-inspired dance/fitness program to international music, the computer informs your correspondent), Tai Chi, reading, grandkids, and book clubs. She adds, "Being with husband Ted still a joy; love to cook (and eat)." **Leah Loonsk Mendelsohn** (White Plains, NY) travels the world on Road Scholars trips (mainly on Crystal Cruise ships), teaching bridge at the local senior center, and playing three or four times a week. There's time

for trips to NYC for plays, concerts, and art events. **Helen Teschner** Greene (Great Neck, NY, and Palm Springs, CA) also does bridge and canasta besides Pilates and working out. Her Hotelier granddaughter is **Dana Greene '17**, whose other granny is **Anita Zicht Fial '54**. **Felice Bernstein** Burns (NYC) proudly notes that her granddaughter **Leah Colmenares '14** is a Cornell Engineering grad. **Barbara Querze** Weinreich, MEd '54 (Orlando, FL), chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, is on the board of the Orlando Holocaust Center. She's proud of granddaughter **Dara Canchester's** entering Cornell with the Class of '18.

**Virginia Falk** Stout (Seattle, WA) maintains that nothing much has changed in her life as of the time she put pen to paper, but does speak highly of a "wonderful" two weeks in Alaska last summer. A four-city and Denali National Park and preserve excursion, sponsored by four Unitarian-Universalist fellowships, featured home stays and home cooking and drew her five-star review.

**Dave** and **Sandy Rossin** (University Park, FL) ventured forth to Stratford-on-Avon and, in London, checked out the unique Garden of Heroes and Villains, a vast collection of statuary—like Winston Churchill, Galileo, Yuri Gagarin and Sputnik muttnik Laika, Bob Dylan, Superman, and Wonder Woman. A Mediterranean cruise along the French and Spanish coasts followed. Dave writes, "There was a long bus ride to Pamplona, where Hemingway wrote about the running of the bulls. I took a selfie of me next to Hemingway's statue in his favorite tavern, but I can't find it in my iPhone or computer anymore!" Here's hoping it turns up by the time this reaches you.

**Bob Spillman**, BArch '54, came to us from Bethlehem, PA, pledged Sigma Chi, and became Interfraternity Council prez besides his leadership roles with Cornell United Religious Work, Freshman Camp and Orientation, and assorted committees. He lettered in wrestling while building a degree in Architecture. Back home in Bethlehem, he became a partner in Spillman Farmer Architects, which his father had co-founded in the late 1920s. The firm's work dots the Lehigh Valley with notable structures like the Bethlehem Civic Center and Public Library, the historic Sun Inn, the Sigal Museum of local lore, including pre-European history, the Artsquest Center of local art and culture, and a number of buildings on the Lehigh, Lafayette, Moravian, Muhlenberg, Cedar Crest, and Northampton Community College campuses. Bob's a recipient of one of architecture's highest recognitions, the College of Fellows of the American Inst. of Architecture (AIA). Last December 22 was Robert A. Spillman Day in the little town of Bethlehem, when colleagues, family, and friends gathered to celebrate Bob's enduring impact on Bethlehem and the Greater Lehigh Valley as a builder and community leader. It was a pleasure to see him again at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston.

Retired about a quarter of a century from the SUNY Stony Brook Dept. of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Prof. **William Ash**, PhD '60 (Trent Woods, NC), at last look, was still sailing. "Also," says he, "trying to stay well." There's a lot of that going around these days. He's happy to note that his progeny, "two ladies and two gentlemen," are employed. He adds that he'd like to take a look south of the Equator. "Never been there." **Bob Milici** (Charlottesville, VA) writes, "I officially retired about two years ago, passed the word that I am still working for the US Geological Survey as a scientist

emeritus, and am taking classes in Italian in the Fairfax County, VA, adult education program."

Retired from teaching at Mount Holyoke, **Bob Robertson** (South Hadley, MA) has moved from research and consulting abroad to election to the local town meeting and other community affairs. He ran cross-country and track for the Big Red and still swims, cross-country skis, and rides bikes and trikes. "A satisfying new hobby has been cooking." Onetime Big Red Bandsman **Larry Smith** (Piffard, NY) farms on land adjoining his twin sister's farm. Between them, Larry and his sister have, at last count, eight great-grandchildren. **Ken Treiber** (Fort Myers, FL) is generous with time and talent, building wooden toys for kids all over the world and volunteering for Meals On Wheels. ■ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave. #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** It is February as I write this, and I am being held slave by a thin red line that seems to circumscribe my life and movements. How so small an item has such a hold over us, I am not sure. My brother, **Scott Papenfus '57**, and I were raised checking the weather every day as we grew up in New Jersey. Dad was a physics teacher and we read the thermometer, hygrometer, and barometer every day, especially during the summer months, when a barometer reading of 29 inches said to watch out. Our thermometer was a lovely, sturdy, well-behaved silver column that generally ventured no lower than 30 degrees. But this thin red line dares to go where no local instrument has dared to go. It has had the nerve to stay below 20 degrees for weeks on end. Such are the things upstarts do. I can hear all manner of phrases blowing in the wind, whispering that spring must follow as the natural progression of the seasons. Spring will set aside the slipping, the slush, the broken pipes, and the frozen birdbath. By the time you read this, it probably already has, but it will be a winter to remember for many.

**Betty Ann Brundage Huntress** (Midland, MI) was honored at a recent exhibit as one of Midland County's extraordinary women for her depth and range of volunteering over many years. The Huntresses have at least a six grands still in college somewhere. They were involved in three graduations during Reunion Weekend, and thus missed our 60th. Betty Ann and **Arnold '52** still commute with the seasons to the west coast of Florida.

A lovely note floated in from **Rachel Homet Swarts**, saying she would miss our reunion as her husband's at Hamilton was the same weekend (and usually is). Reunion competes with ever so many June events, and Ithaca is not necessarily en route to everywhere. Rachel was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club at Cornell and that gave her an insight to other cultures and a lifetime of travel exploring the world. Their exploring of undeveloped areas is limited now, but there still is a great deal to experience. I love Rachel's statement that they moved to a retirement community "when the responsibilities of home ownership encroached upon the pleasures of retirement." Hmmm. A very good piece of wisdom. Free of home repairs, she can now insure that every member of the family will have their own unique Rachel-made quilt.

**Betty Wagler** Striso has been a loyal participant in this column for years. She builds stone walls in Vermont, skis, reads, gardens, etc., but I did not know until her recent note that she has designed costumes for years and years. She perfectly

demonstrates the roles many of us play in our communities. We carry a lifetime of knowledge and the ability to apply it in ever so many areas. We went to a university whose founder sought to provide "an institution where any person can find instruction in any study." Through his wisdom, Cornell students have done just that. We were given the opportunity to follow our curiosity all over campus, and our present-day environments benefit from his wisdom 150 years later.

**Robert Evans** retired after 36 years in the food industry in California and moved back to his hometown of Branchport, NY, where he participates in many community activities. Now retired from the field of medicine, **Beverly Billinger** Shaver, MD '58, and her husband have moved to a retirement community in downtown Evanston, IL, on the shores of Lake Michigan. Bev now has time to paint, draw, and read all those books that had been set aside while caring for others.

**Allen Smith** further exemplifies the energy the class exudes. Al ran cross-country and track while at Cornell and is still moving full tilt. He and Martha live in Watertown, NY, have a cabin in the Adirondacks (where the hunting and fishing are superb), and work a one-acre garden and a sizeable tree farm, all the while dealing with an average snowfall per year of over 110 inches. Hardy seems to adequately describe their lives. Along with her volunteering activities, which include travel, theatre, church, and library, **Toni Mullen** Walsh . . . walks. Toni mentioned that this vital exercise is a carryover from the constant hill climbing and walking involved as we negotiated the campus in all kinds of weather. Remember how the backs of our socks were always mud-splattered and our leg muscles were admired?

**Tom Blaine** regrets that a hip replacement prevented his attending our 60th. Long since retired from the Navy, he has now left the field of industrial real estate. **Martin Cole**, LLB '56, still practices law on Wall Street and is in his 12th year of pet therapy at Mr. Sinai Hospital, with his companion Doodle Pierre. Congrats to both of you as you offer a great gift to patients. **Gale Brooks**, BArch '55, moved to Andover, NY, from Alfred to simplify his life, but has certainly been an active member of his new community. **Claire Schubert** Weston moved to a retirement community in Orange City, FL, and loves the fact that she is well-placed for the future while still enjoying her motor home. Ahead of many of us, she crossed off the largest item on her bucket list by spending three weeks in Antarctica. Well done, Claire. ■ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesiejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** **Sue Spooner** Olsen is enjoying a happy life, due in no small part to the companionship of the widower who lives across the street! They took their mutual love for gardening and photography on a delightful tour of Germany last summer, ending up in the Netherlands for the silver anniversary celebration of their fern society. Sue expects her beau will accompany her to Reunion (his first trip to Ithaca). Her latest book manuscript is complete and in the hands of the publisher. Titled *Plant Lover's Guide to Ferns*, it should be in bookstores this spring.

**Andy Phaneuf** reports that he's retired, but back working as a real estate salesman for Sweetwater Homes of Citrus County, builders of custom homes. He notes, "Not bad for 81 years young!"



**Steve Clingan** learned from **Fred Keith** that **Dave Cook**, MPS '86, who lived in Cazenovia, NY, has died. "Dave's family farm was a welcome escape from the campus, and he will be missed," said Steve. Steve's last time on campus for Reunion was for our 10th, but he's determined to make our 60th. He adds, "I'm still hard at it with our steel company, but three of my boys help with the heavy lifting."

**Rishon Stember** says, "I'm still practicing allergy/immunology and enjoying it, but also contemplating retirement." He's been in touch with Cornell and NYU med school classmates **Al Greisman**, **Greg Siskind**, and **Harvey Gordon**. **E. Howland Swift** has a new home in Green Valley, AZ—"a great town for older folks, with lots to do," he says. Swift is keeping sharp with crossword puzzles, plus being the Hotelie class scribe, and stays physically active with golf, tennis, sailing, and pickleball.

From the pages of the Harvard Business School *Alumni Bulletin* we found this write-up about **Wright "Lefty" Lewis**, who died April 2014. A memorial gathering was held in Stowe, VT, his favorite gathering place. "Lefty lived a life of service and friendship, was named Massachusetts Man of the Year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and was remembered for his boyish enthusiasm, his exuberance, and his kindness," according to Scott Brooks, one of his oldest pals and Wall Street colleagues. "Lefty, with a copilot and old friend, flew himself to Florida in a private plane and went out to dinner just days before he turned out his landing lights for the last time," said Brooks. During the memorial gathering, white lapel tags inscribed "Live Like Lefty" were given to old friends in memory of his approach to life.

**Joan Fellerman** Hartz recalled studying the romantic poets under the guidance of Meyer Abrams, now professor emeritus. "His brilliant final exam clarified the course. He was great and continues to thrive. Must be the Ithaca climate!" In July, Prof. Abrams received the National Humanities Medal from President Obama. Joan is still working as a travel agent. She says, "I'm grateful to have the stimulation and challenges that derive therefrom." **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza wrote from Leesburg, FL. "I am still traveling with the widow and widowers group. Last December we went to Myrtle Beach, and in March we went to Macon, GA, to see the cherry blossoms. Looking forward to a June trip to Pigeon Forge, TN." Nowadays, Ruth keeps busy doing 3D paper tole pictures, specializing in pictures of families, homes, and pets. "It keeps me off the streets and out of the bars!" Although she was a Horticulture major at Cornell, she writes, "I found myself teaching biology after getting a master's degree in science from Montclair State College." And that was after having four children!

**Jim Liedell** and **Sy Musiker** are grandfathers of current Cornellians. You guys can exchange your news at Reunion, since you're both planning to join us. Sy and **Marcus Reidenberg** shared the same opinion about where they most enjoyed living: "At the Sammy house." **Neal Jordan**'s bachelor's in Engineering Physics led to a PhD in engineering science from Purdue, and a 34-year career with Exxon in exploration geophysics. **John Riley** says his favorite professor was Hugh Baxter, who, he says, taught descriptive geometry in the basement of White Hall, with the clanking steam radiators and the flush toilets with overhead tank and pull chain. John recalls living at Sigma Pi with fellow architects. After graduation, he practiced

in the Hartford area with three Cornell architecture grads and one Princetonian. John added, "I would absolutely recommend a Cornell education. Just being on campus and meeting a diversity of students from all over is an education in itself."

**Marggy Doorty** Richenbourg's stepson, Ron, alerted her to a recent article in the Sept/Oct 2014 issue of the *Yale Alumni Magazine*. The article was entitled "A Hundred Years in the Round," a reference to the 100th anniversary of the Yale Bowl. Among the accompanying photos was one of **Anne Morrissey** Merick, who, as sports editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, was the first woman allowed to enter the Bowl's press box in 1954. Anne subsequently wrote a chapter in the book *War Torn: Stories of War from the Women Reporters Who Covered Vietnam*. She explained, "I was used to being a woman pioneer. During college at Cornell, when the Ivy League was still predominantly male, I had been elected to the position of sports editor of the college newspaper. As such, I broke a lot of professional barriers, from interviews in the locker rooms to sitting in the previously sacrosanct press box at Yale." Famous sportswriter Red Smith chronicled the event in his column, saying, "This sportswriting doll breached the last bastion of masculinity left standing this side of the shower room." Anne got a lot of publicity, and was hired as sports editor of the *Paris Herald* two years later.

OK, listen up, everyone. By now you've received info from the 60th Reunion planning team with all the details about what the weekend (June 4-7) promises. As you know, it's also the celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial, and that makes it a truly once-in-a-lifetime event. Don't miss it! We'll be housed in Mews Hall, with elevators, comfortable rooms, and a gracious lounge. Class dinners on Friday and Saturday; music by Cayuga's Waiters and the Hangovers; bus tours of the campus; and Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, our guest speaker, signing copies of his book *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015* for us. **Phil Harvey** has arranged for the amazing jazz singer Joanna Pascale to be with us on Friday night after dinner, performing classics from the Great American Songbook (check her out on Google!). If you have concerns about mobility issues, be assured that every effort is being made to guarantee your comfort. Log on to our class website (<http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>) for current Reunion information—after registration begins in March, you can find out who's coming back. ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, [nancypetrie@optonline.net](mailto:nancypetrie@optonline.net).

**56** Instead of watching the Super Bowl, more than a hundred of us gathered in Ithaca at the Kitchen Theatre to celebrate **Percy Edwards** Browning's 80th birthday. Classmates there included **Jim Quest** and his wife, Leslie, and **Carole Rapp** Thompson and her husband, Paul. Percy entertained us, and the Kitchen Theatre Co. and the Cayuga Chamber Society entertained her and us.

Here's some news that was gathered at Percy's birthday celebration. Carole Thompson attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston this past January. Other classmates in attendance were **Joe**, MBA '58, and **Suzanne DeRosay Henninger** '57, **Meg Jones Halberstadt** and husband **Tom** '53, and **Cid Brandon Spillman** and husband **Bob** '53. Carole had dinner with Bostonians **Bob** and **Roberta Karpel Silman** after the big Cornell 150 show at the Wang Theatre. Carole and Cid, our reunion co-chairs, are

at the start of the planning stage for our next reunion, but, importantly, save the date: June 9-12, 2016. They plan to be at the 2015 Reunion to check things out. Jim and Leslie Quest recently co-founded a nonprofit startup in Ithaca named Love Living at Home in Ithaca, dedicated to helping senior residents live healthier and more independent lives while staying in their own homes. Jim added that Percy Browning has joined the group of core members on the board of directors. It's a "one call does it all" service, says Jim, part of a nationwide loose confederation of services called the Village to Village Network. If you want to check out this service, Jim suggests you e-mail: [LLHithaca@gmail.com](mailto:LLHithaca@gmail.com).

**Naomi Spatz** reports that her theatre company, the Golden Squirrel, is a co-producer with the Worcester Shakespeare Co. of *Melissa's Choice*, a drama about a lawyer who is passionate about women's rights, the environment, population control, and two men. An unintended pregnancy produces increasingly bizarre fantasies that compel her to choose between them. The play, written by her husband, Steve Somkin, will run for three weeks in May at The Lion, a Theatre Row theater in NYC. For more information go to: [www.melissaschoicetheplay.com/about](http://www.melissaschoicetheplay.com/about). Let's all support this wonderful project.

**Ernie** and **Barbara Lang Stern** are in Florida for the winter months and have seen classmates **Dan Silverberg** and **John Shumway**. Send news to: ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, [phylboz@aol.com](mailto:phylboz@aol.com).

**57** Next time you are in front of a computer, go to [www.billschmidt.net](http://www.billschmidt.net) and take in some more of **Bill Schmidt**'s wonderful Impressionist paintings, many of which are displayed nationwide and beyond in renowned galleries. As usual, you are in for a treat.

**Eph McLean** served on the faculty of the Sloan School of Management at MIT while studying for his PhD, spent 18 years on the faculty and as department head at the Anderson School of Management at UCLA, and, 27 years ago, took up residence in Atlanta at the Robinson School of Business at Georgia State, where he is currently going at it full-time as a professor and holder of the G.E. Smith Scholar's Chair in the computer information systems department. Another distinguished educator is **Rick Freeman**, having retired some 15 years ago and living on Georgetown Island off the Mid Coast of Maine. A year ago he published the 3rd edition of his award-winning book, *The Measurement of Environmental and Resource Values: Theory and Methods*. The plot wanders a bit, but hang in there; the ending is worth the wait. **John Penoyer** still lives in Greenville, SC, with a son in Georgia and a daughter in Virginia. He enjoys life in general and his church activities in particular. **Dick**, BEE '59, and **Dale Reis Johnson** '58 are looking forward to both Homecoming in the fall and our 60th Reunion in two short years.

Get back in front of your computer and go to [AlPodell@yahoo.com](mailto:AlPodell@yahoo.com) to view a myriad of fantastic pictures he has taken all over the world. He has been featured in *National Geographic* as well as many other publications. You'll see why when you look at the pictures. **Dick Kossoff**, MBA '59, continues as chairman of the 300-member Inst. of Retired Professionals in Greenwich Village. As is the case with many of us, **Sam Leadley**, PhD '67, recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He is keeping busy providing in-home assistance for

older adults and participating in a nature center as an interpreter (does he talk to the birds?), and he stays active in his church. He also works with a large animal clinic in Attica, NY, and consults with dairy farms, authoring a blog entitled "Calves with Sam," the plot of which is almost as quick as with Rick's book.

Finally, **Carl Schwarz** reports that he recently shot his age on the golf course—79. Front or back nine we know not. **John Seiler**, suit case2@aol.com.

I suppose the snows of Boston are just a memory by now (unless it's still melting), but last January a number of class officers braved snow and cold to attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). You can read the minutes of the class meeting at our '57 website.

**Paul Noble** came the furthest, from his home in Florida, and **Dori Goudsmit** Albert came from the ski slopes of New Hampshire. Among the items discussed at the meeting was the class funding to support the Glee Club's recording of a new CD of Cornell songs. A wonderful surprise was to learn that an anonymous classmate has contributed \$20,000 to our class treasury, which will help with this project. In other business, **Chris Zeller** Lippman has accepted the job as class historian. **Marty Ballard** Lacy has been doing a masterful job for a number of years, keeping scrapbooks about our class with news articles, photos, etc. These scrapbooks were always available for viewing at our reunions and we thank Marty for her contribution. If you have any materials to add to the collection you can contact Chris at czlippman@yahoo.com.

I missed the class meeting as I was on a Cornell Alumni holidays cruise in the Caribbean. Not a very large contingent of us (at least not enough to sing any Cornell songs!), but we enjoyed the company of some other alumni groups. **Eva Stern Steadman** and her husband, **Kenneth '59**, were aboard, taking a welcome break from the cold of Geneva, NY. Our group filled up two tables in the dining room and, needless to say, there were many tales of our campus days. Does the phrase "quonset hut" ring a bell? One alum, **Harriet Morel Oxman '48**, recalled her days in those buildings as she was one of the early ILR students. She went on to have a distinguished career as principal of Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn and has since retired to the sunshine of Sarasota, FL.

**Dee Heasley** Van Dyke, BFA '57, who lives in Hawaii, traveled all the way to the Ithaca area last fall, where she stayed in a B&B at Sheldrake on Cayuga Lake. She spent three weeks working on a collage project and writes that the weather was wonderful, her time was productive, and she plans on doing it again this year. Two of her art pieces were featured in Fiber Hawaii 2014, and Dee continues a class or two or three at the local art museum school. She says, "It's more surrealistic collage stuff, a paper making class, and a felting one . . . Never a dull moment." **Judy Reusswig**, JCreuss@aol.com.

**58** Four classmates—president **Chuck Hunt**, reunion co-chairs **Dick**, PhD '65, and **Connie Case Haggard**, and secretary/treasurer **Audrey Wildner Sears** (with husband **Ray '57**)—attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in mid-January along with hundreds of other leaders from classes since the '40s. Not only did they get the latest updates from campus and

have a useful reunion pre-planning session with our fine staff rep, Katie Freyer (who said we're nicely "on track"), but they also attended the super Sesquicentennial celebration with 850 other Cornellians from CALC and the Boston area at the downtown Wang Theatre. What a show—featuring great vaudeville acts from times on the Hill, old pix, new pix, and Andy and Ezra in "live" discussion about the past and future Cornell. Also on stage came the fantastic Cornell Bhangra Dancers (see CAM, Nov/Dec '14 issue, p. 26, for more about this exuberant, colorful, energetic campus Indian dancing troupe—alone worth the ticket price!). Further featured were the Glee Club and the Prez himself (as so introduced), our own David Skorton in his most relaxed form enjoying dialogues with others, and more. Rah, rah, all the way and greatly enjoyed by all.

We have an addendum to **Jerry Mandell**, MD '62 (gm@virginia.edu) and his family of Cornellians from the January issue of CAM. Not only are son **Jim '84**, MD '92, his wife, **Elizabeth (Berg-er)**, MD '98, and grandson **Zach '18** Cornellians, but also daughter **Pam '87** and son **Scott '92**, as well as Jerry's wife **Judy (Rensin)** '61. Another classmate who's proud of his Cornell lineage is **Phil Gellert**, MS '60 (philgellert@verizon.net). Now up to the 16th to attend, grandson **Matt '16** is fourth generation. Phil goes on to say that he's still living in New York State near the Berkshires, where he grew up, and continues working in real estate and hobby farming. He writes, "I have no plans to retire, but try to travel somewhere once a month. In the fall, I trekked in Uganda with two grandsons to see the mountain gorillas. My wife and I were in Kenya shortly before the Nairobi mall bombing. I also traveled recently in Asia and Europe, am an avid hunter and skier, and managed to ski in four countries last year."

We are saddened to report the loss of Rev. **Barry Grevatt**, who succumbed to a second stroke last November, following his recently reported marvelous five-year recovery from his first. We've also just learned of the passing of **Stephen Bender** at his Florida home. We extend the class's sympathies to both the Grevatt and Bender families.

**Lynn Clark** Gioiella, BS Nurs '59, still travels these years in spite of a troublesome and often painful knee replacement a few years back. With her cane and suitcase in hand, last spring she was unable to "mind the gap" twist platform and train and suffered for it. Happily, she was back on the Paris/London trail within two weeks, traveling with her helpful, wheelchair-pushing travel-mate, Madonna. Lynn continues to enjoy her place on Fire Island in the summer and all her activities in NYC for the rest of the year, when not traveling. She keeps in touch with her former nursing community and helps out with fundraising for the new College of Nursing building at NYU, which she started a few years ago. In North Carolina, **Steve Bank** retired from dentistry 15 years ago and is very happy as a library assistant in Wake County's large library. ("They even pay into a continued 401k and give health benefits if needed; what a deal," he says.) Steve also has gotten to know many student candidates for Cornell over recent decades through CAAAN, some years more than 15 of them, and he continues to enjoy that. He probably deserves some sort of medal for having seen ("contacted" is the word these days) so many candidates over 40-plus years.

"It's nice to know you aren't washed up when you hit 75," exclaims **Al Podell**, whose book, just published (St. Martin's Press), is getting fine reviews

from many sources. Check out *Around the World in 50 Years* at your local bookstore; it's bound to be an entertaining and informative read.

After writing my last column, I had a wonderful e-mail from **Helen West Pynn**, BFA '58, who read in my column about the classmates we had from Manhasset, NY. She grew up in the neighboring town of Great Neck, but went to the Catholic school in Manhasset. Who knew? She is living in Santa Fe and has been VP of the Cornell Alumni Association in New Mexico for at least the last 12-15 years. It is a very active group and she says we'd be surprised at how many Cornellians are in New Mexico. "We have three great national labs here, among them Los Alamos, and a huge presence from Intel. I think every Cornellian who majored in Physics for the last 50 years got a job in New Mexico!" Helen is also busy as president of the Santa Fe Garden Club and has been in the foreground of finally making Valles Caldera (a very large dormant volcano in the northern part of the state) a national park. She is on the foundation board of the Folk Art Museum, which she just loves. Bridge and lectures fill her days as well (sounds like college). She also sent me a quote by Malcolm Pynn that I just love: "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole!" **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

**59** "I've been to Cuba five times, beginning with the onset of the revolution on December 21, 1958. Upon my return from that first trip, I gave talks to my ROTC classmates about the nature of the violence in Havana," recalls **Stan Lomax**, JD '62. "Since my course on ethics here at the U. of South Carolina has a segment on comparing capitalism with socialism, about seven years ago I obtained an academic license to travel to Cuba on my own. My most recent visit was two years ago, when I traveled through Oriente Province in the east. I've made many friends during my visits, including a barber to whom I introduced western-style competitive practices over the course of three visits. Cuba is a fascinating place—both happy and sad. The greatest asset it has is the character of the people, who refuse to be beaten down and continue to vote with their feet in terms of escaping. The greatest liability remains the overwhelming nature of the internal spy system, which makes life miserable for those brave enough to talk about human rights. I don't believe that system will collapse after the recent US decision to 'open' relations; the socialist government officers would have too much to lose."

This month's graduation exercises on the Hill are expected to draw some proud grandparents from the Class of '59, including **Chuck** and **Nancy Sterling Brown** and **Lee Anderson Tregurtha** and husband **Paul '57**. Their grandson **Jim Tregurtha '15**—son of **Ted '85**, MBA '91, and **Marci Brown Tregurtha '85**—is graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences and heading to a financial job in NYC. Thereafter, back in Dallas, PA, Chuck and Nancy will be readying their home for their annual family reunion. The long weekend is for "only" the immediate family of 23. "Our house is maxed out with that number of guests," says Nancy, "but we love getting everyone together. Cooking, cleaning, etc., are a real family affair and everyone seems to have a good time in spite of the chaotic conditions." Recent travels for Chuck and Nancy included a riverboat trip through the Netherlands;



highlights included the famous Keukenhof Gardens, the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, and the historic battlegrounds in Arnhem. The couple also attended the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in January, where they enjoyed time together with **Bill and Sue Phelps Day '60**, **MEd '62**, and **Alan and Dee Rosenthal**. "And," says Nancy, "what a great experience it was for us to enjoy 'The Big Idea! Cornell Celebrates 150' at the beautiful Wang Theatre with 800 other Cornellians!"

**Sidney Boorstein's** career in the food business shows few signs of tapering off. After running concessions at Boston's Logan Airport and selling off the ten McDonald's he owned, he opened an upscale burger restaurant, Wild Willy's, now run by a young partner. He has also been consulting with various national and local restaurants, and helped his nephew **Marc Hernandez '95** open Brent's Deli in Northridge, CA ("Best pastrami on rye anywhere," enthused one happy diner). "Since I entered the industry, the restaurant business has changed enormously," says Sidney. "It has become the entertainment vehicle of choice for most people—where they get together and visit." Sidney's older daughter, Robin, is deputy director of operations for the Children's Trust, Massachusetts's leading family support organization. Younger daughter Michelle is the award-winning religion editor at the *Washington Post*.

**Tom Martin**, BEE '61, traveled in January from his home in Germany to NYC to perform with 300-plus other singers in Carnegie Hall. Eleven choruses from six countries, a mezzo-soprano, and an orchestra with a bandoneón (accordion) trio presented Martin Palmeri's *Misa a Buenos Aires* (Misatango). Accompanying Tom to the US was his daughter, Anna. In the audience, which gave the performance a standing ovation, were **Dan and Ann Hall**, **Terry '60** and **Carol Scott Ireland '61**, **Sherry Walther Kaplan**, and **Gordy Anderson '58**. The three-part program was presented by Distinguished Concerts Int'l New York. ■ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** Several intrepid class officers braved the record-breaking winter weather in Boston in January to gather at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) and put the finishing touches on plans for our 55th Reunion, to be held from Thursday through Sunday, June 4-7. Those courageous enough to face Boston in person were **Sue Phelps Day**, MEd '62, **Don Milsten**, **Bill Flanagan**, **Carrie Warnow** Makover, **Alan and Ellie Ross Garfinkel**, **Linda Jarshauer** Johnson, MS '63, and **Ginny Seipt**; several other timorous classmates participated in the meeting via conference call. You should have already received, by various means, complete information about registration and reunion programming, including a number of events just for our class. One such event is the panel discussion of "The Way We Were" as undergraduates, featuring **David Simpson**, who was associate editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. If you haven't gotten the materials, or if you have specific questions, contact class president Sue Day at: sueday6@comcast.net.

The meeting of class officers included a discussion of such reunion details as the menus and wine selections being overseen by the competent and committed group of '60 Hotelies in charge, as well as plans for entertainment during the weekend. We also received welcome news about the

healthy state of our class treasury and the Annual Fund. We have an unusually high number of duespayers compared to other classes at this stage—499 last year!—meaning that our treasury will be able to partially subsidize some of the reunion costs. Also heartening is the fact that fundraising is going very well under the leadership of **Carl Johnson** and his team, composed of **Jim Carter**, MST '65, **P.J. and Elaine Rush Mode**, **Dick Schwartz**, and **Dave Wechsler**. They announced that we are on track to meet or perhaps even exceed the ambitious goal of \$53 million in gifts and pledges by the time reunion rolls around.

**"I think every Cornellian who majored in Physics for the last 50 years got a job in New Mexico!"**

**Helen West Pynn '58**

Ginny Seipt has generously agreed to lead the process of nominating candidates for various offices on the class council. She will have a slate to present for review and a vote during Reunion Weekend. When not hard at work on class business, Ginny, who spent most of her career in television on the production side (frequently working on sports broadcasts), was quite involved in putting together a reunion of NBC sports people that was held on Florida's Amelia Island last September. At a similar gathering ten years ago, she reports, "we managed to dig up many of the announcers, engineers, and production types who worked together before 1980 and the invasion of the ABC people." For the September reunion, she says they again had a good mix of production and technical people from the early days of NBC sports. At home in New York City, Ginny worked on the production of Barbara Walters's "Fascinating People" TV special that aired in December, reportedly her final such effort. She toils, too, as a gardener's assistant in Central Park, which, she says, "is looking great these days. We're all working hard to keep it that way for all the tourists who are wandering around. There are lots and lots of them." Ginny also is a regular theatre-goer at Lincoln Center, Second Stage, Roundabout, and Encores. She adds that, as a result of regular visits to the gym in her building, "my joints and hinges seem to be holding up."

**Arnold Henderson's** Web-publishing project, which he has been working on for some time from his home in Hayward, CA, now includes *The Monkey and the Moon: Poems Lunar and Simian*. He says, "Cornell is where I first started writing poems, and this monkey set is serio-comic stuff that I hope people find amusing." The volume can be found at [www.blurb.com/bookstore](http://www.blurb.com/bookstore), under his full name, Arnold Clayton Henderson.

**Bob Lockard** (Glen Allen, VA) reported that he and his wife, Ellen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a Mediterranean cruise. He added, "We continue to be active Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers, about to complete our 15th year of service." And **Nora Heller** Freund of Toronto, who had in previous years sent news of her volunteer activities and ten grandchildren, recently submitted this very succinct report: "Still traveling." Please send your news to: ■ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** Here's a news item from last winter from classmate **Ernest Feleppa** (feleppa@optonline.net). He writes, "I am director of the biomedical engineering laboratory at Riverside Research in NYC, doing research in advanced ultrasound for diagnosis and treatment of disease. Our emphasis is on prostate cancer and cancers metastatic to lymph nodes. We collaborate with researchers throughout the country and in London and Paris. Recently, my wife, MJ, and I took 24 folks on a scuba diving trip to Bonaire, where we had a wonderful week at the Harbour Village Resort."

Our class's annual News and Dues mailings went out in March and April (via e-mail or USPS), and the latest round of news from our classmates should reach us soon. If you returned a news form or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—or ever!—now's the time. Write to either of us at the addresses below, respond to the class mailing in the envelope provided, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Ordinary or out of the ordinary, at work or at home, indoors or outdoors, domestic or foreign, solitary or social, your classmates want to hear about it. ■ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

**62** Members of our class council were in Boston for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) meeting in January (pre-snow). The highlight of the weekend was the 150th celebration at the Wang Theatre. Class president **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler noted, "**Myra Maloney** Hart had a huge role to play and did our class proud. She had much to memorize and was very impressive as an interviewer and commentator. It was a huge celebration and Cornell never looked better."

We are looking for a webmaster. Now that our website ([cornellclassof62.org](http://cornellclassof62.org)) is up and running, we want to keep it current. The design is complete and the work involves adding new information as it becomes available, especially reunion updates. Please contact Ruth to volunteer at [rbz3@cornell.edu](mailto:rbz3@cornell.edu), or call her at (603) 790-8338. Planning for our 55th Reunion is well under way. An artists' exhibit will be featured. Suggestions and expressions of potential interest are encouraged and welcome. Forward them to **Nancy Williams** Clark at [nwc8@cornell.edu](mailto:nwc8@cornell.edu).

**Dick** (Richard.Levine@dowjones.com) and **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine '63** continue to lead busy professional lives in Princeton, NJ. Dick is completing his tenth year as president of the Dow Jones News Fund, a foundation dedicated to promoting careers in journalism. Neil Ann, an independent scholar, is working on the page proofs of

her multi-volume study of Amish Mennonite emigration from Europe to North America to be published this year by Masthof Press. **Pete '61** and **Carthy Van Buren Bomberger** (cathybomb@gmail.com) cruised the Great Lakes on the new *Pearl Mist* small ship in September, from Navy Pier in Chicago to Montreal. "It was a terrific trip, where we met other Cornellians also wearing the red Reunion jackets." In January they headed to Marco Island, FL, where they spent February and March, their fifth year as snowbirds.

“My donkeys are like my children,  
except when they boss me around.”

Carolyn Handler Miller '63

Also cruising were **Neil**, MS '64, and **Ro Schilke** (neroschilke@aol.com), whose big trip this past year was to Brazil, including a trip up the Amazon. "We started in Buenos Aires, then cruised along the coast of Brazil, visiting many cities including Rio de Janeiro (which had been on our bucket list). After crossing the equator, we entered and cruised up the powerful and absolutely awesome Amazon River for 1,000 miles (25 percent of its length). Its width varies from about one and a half miles to six miles over most of its length, except during the rainy season when it expands to about 30 miles at some points. The Amazon cruise ended in the booming metropolis of Manaus, a very strategic city because it is the launching point for much of the effort to deforest the rainforest and initiate commercial efforts, most notably soybean plantations. It was a long way from Manaus to Detroit via São Paulo."

**Randy Little** (rsl@att.net) reports that their older granddaughter, Victoria Sassano, has been admitted early decision to the Cornell Class of 2019 in Chemical Engineering. Tori joins her mother, **Diane Little Sassano '88**, and Randy to make a three-generation "Little" run of Cornell Engineers. She also joins her aunt **Karen Little '89** and three great-aunts as a Cornellian. Randy noted that, in the continuing series of Sesquicentennial celebrations by the various colleges, the College of Engineering will be featured September 25-27, 2015, which is the weekend following Homecoming. "It will include an impressive array of academic, epicurean, and recreational activities, which should be of interest not only to engineers but to Cornellians and friends across the board."

**Mike Eisgrau** and his lady love, Paula, and her son did something different for New Year's Eve: just before midnight they joined between 10 and 20 thousand "close friends" in New York's Central Park, listened to rock bands, saw some wild costumes, and, at the stroke of midnight, were treated to a great fireworks show. Then they decided they were frozen and raced home—"but it was great fun." Mike also noted that, in one stretch along Florida's Gulf Coast, we have five class members: **Willis Ritter** in Tampa, Mike in Sarasota, **John and Phyllis Blair Lowrie '64** in Bonita Springs, and **Warren '61** and **Beth Newell Spicka** and **Marc Gerber** in Naples. '62 has the Gulf Coast covered! **Stanley Scharf**, PhD '79 (stanley.scharf@gmail.com) sent word that **Lawrence Menahan** of Kent, WA, passed away in September 2013. Stanley and Larry were classmates in high school and in the Ag college.

The major event of 2014 for **Don** and **Carol Juran** was the arrival of their second grandchild. Classmates **Terry Koken** and **Nona Okun** Rowat stopped by to visit the Jurons. Nona visited to do the quinquennial C&O Canal Thru Hike with Don, a trek shortened to two days due to Park Service budget issues. Don's first commissioned piece was performed twice in May by the mezzo who bespoke it. "I completed two-thirds of my Lewis Carroll triptych and am now working on Father William. I composed and sang a solo setting of Psalm 23 for

a softball teammate's memorial service. I continue to sing in three groups. The highlight performance was, for the third time, *Defiant Requiem*. Softball activities increased. I umpired over 80 games during 2014 and serve as commissioner of two county senior leagues. Our co-ed team struggled to a 5-15 record, but my other two teams both won their spring/summer league titles, and my Maryland Senior Olympic team (age 70-plus) took the gold medal. However, softball and other sports came to an abrupt hiatus in late September, when a reckless base runner plowed into me at second base. Two of four rotator cuff tendons were torn. Surgery makes playing ball this spring unlikely, but I'm determined to be back in action by the solstice."

Out of 1,474 classmates for whom Cornell has mailable addresses, there are 403 duespayers. Have you sent in yours yet? Please add some news and send it along. ■ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, class president, called to report on the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) that was held in Boston in mid-January, where several Class of 1963 officers met during the weekend. A survey will be sent out this spring asking classmates to weigh in on activities they may want to participate in with other classmates before our 55th Reunion in 2018. Be watching for that.

**George Reeves**, BS Ag '65, MBA '66 (innkeeper@waysideinn197.com) and wife Becky live in Toms Brook, VA. They bought the Wayside Inn in Middletown, VA, in the fall of 2013. According to George, "The Inn, built in 1797, is the oldest continuously operating inn in the US, and is nestled in the Shenandoah Valley at the foot of the Massanutten Mountains. We host weddings, banquets, and other events year-round." Along with operating the Wayside Inn, George and Becky are still farming as well. Their son-in-law is very active with a 501(c)(3) called Hope for Lives in Sierra Leone, Africa.

**William Birkhead** writes from Hamilton, GA. He and his wife, Faith, like to travel and go birding. "I am writing up long-term (20- to 30-year) research projects with the hope of publishing them. I was a department chair and now professor emeritus for 35 years at Columbus State U. in Columbus, GA, whose primary mission is teaching. I am learning to use the electronic media better." **Whinfield**

**Melville** and his wife, Joan, live in Pittsford, NY, where Whin is still working as design center manager for the Rochester office of Intrinsix Corp. "I am still active in the alumni corporation that oversees Alpha Sigma Phi (Rockledge) and seeking God's direction for the next chapter in my life."

An update from **Madeleine Leston** Meehan. In a recent column I mentioned Madeleine's solo exhibit at the German Consulate in Miami that opened in November 2014. It ended its run at the end of February. She will return to Havana at the end of January to draw and paint on her home island, Cuba. Last fall she planned to visit Paris to paint—"It's been so long and I really miss Paris and I'm tired of saying how I miss Paris." **Carolyn Handler** Miller is in Santa Fe, NM, and still working as a writer. "The third edition of my book on digital media, *Digital Storytelling: A Creator's Guide to Interactive Entertainment*, just came out in May. I am also working for a company that develops video games for kids. On top of that, I have two donkeys and one of them is in training to pull a cart! My husband and I don't have kids, but my donkeys are like my children, except when they boss me around. Then they are more like my parents."

**Michael Rochester** received his master's in ILR from Cornell in 1963. He wrote from Philadelphia, "I am currently winding down my human resources consulting practice, retaining a single client. I have recently been elected vice chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Delaware River Port Authority, a bi-state (PA and NJ) agency operating four bridges between New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as PATCO, a high-speed rail service between the two states." Michael started his career as an industrial engineer at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. followed by human resources manager at several Goodyear sites."

Looking forward to news from all of you. Just send me an e-mail with an update or, if you haven't done so yet, mail in the news form from our recent class mailing. ■ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, icke63@gmail.com.

**64** At a time in our lives when we're supposed to be leaning back in retirement, a number of us have actually become more active in our career fields. This month's column leads with some examples.

Some time ago, attorney **Peter Marx**, MBA/JD '68, founded a career guidance program for lawyers, Alumni Helping Alumni (AHA), for the Cornell Law School. Last January, Peter celebrated the first anniversary of Legal Insight, a tripartite lawyer careers program he expanded from AHA. The three legs of Peter's latest endeavor feature: pro bono work for the Boston Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project and Suffolk Law School; support for individual lawyers seeking job and career guidance; and an offering for law firms trying to help partners and other senior attorneys in transition. Peter and wife Barbara live in Wellesley, MA, have two daughters, just welcomed a first grandchild, and recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. **John Fatherley** might be enduring yet another blizzard as I write this in February (he and wife Danielle live in Chicopee, MA), but he keeps busy writing history books in English and Spanish. He then travels to Paraguay and Bolivia, hopefully during their good weather, to present his books.

**Harold Evensky**, MS '67, in his words, keeps busy wearing two hats. Harold is chairman of his



wealth management firm, Evensky & Katz, and also is a professor of practice in the Texas Tech U. personal financial planning department. Harold and wife Deena still live in Coral Gables, FL. **Charles Oliver** writes that he's semi-retired, as he still works part-time (from April to mid-October) with his two sons in the family's Massey Ferguson dealership in Canaseraga, NY, and is also on the board of directors of Steuben Trust Co. He divides his time there with a home he bought in 2012 in Lehigh Acres, FL, where he says he spends most of his time exercising following major back problems plus surgery for two new hips in 2011. Charles adds, "I love the warm weather, and feel so much better being out of New York winters." **Cynthia Fulton** Edmondson is still working, fundraising for the National MS Society. Cynthia lives in Houston, TX, and writes that she'd like to do more traveling. **Gretchen Noelke**, MBA '65 (San Angelo, TX) still manages her ranch, supervising her office and employees, and is active in her church. Although she retired from being a stockbroker about 20 years ago, Gretchen writes that she'd rather be back in NYC, working on Wall Street.

**Sylvia Bowes**, MS '79, recently retired after nearly 50 years in education as a teacher and counselor, most recently as the associate director of an Upward Bound project at the U. of New Orleans. Sylvia lives in Metairie, LA, with seven papillon dogs plus a chocolate lab, and is thinking of moving to where her brother lives in Palm Coast, FL. **Barbara Conway Scheaffer** writes, "I am fully retired . . . and loving it!" Husband **Norm**, ME '67, on the other hand, is semi-retired, working with another engineer on an as-needed basis a couple of days a week. The Scheaffers live in Bellingham, WA, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by spending two weeks on three of Hawaii's islands. Their daughter, who lives in Australia, recently gave birth to their second grandchild.

**Charles "Dick" D'Amato**, who lives with wife Dee in Annapolis, MD, spends his time sailing, traveling, and participating in community events as a board member of the symphony and as a commissioner on the city's Dock Future Commission. Dick's also thinking of again running to represent Annapolis in the Maryland General Assembly, where he served from 1998 to 2003. He and Dee are also sponsoring the education of, and helping to raise during the school year, an 11-year-old refugee who fled his native Tibet when he was just 4. **Janet Warren** Fatherley writes, "I take it easy in my 1849 Vermont farmhouse on two acres on the Waits River. I listen to birds; I read history." And back in September 2013, she toured Tuscany with Cornell friend **Bonnie Hammershaimb** Cesana and her husband, Urs, to, she says, "see if it's better than Vermont." (It's certainly different!) Janet added that she still keeps in close touch with all the friends she bonded with at Cornell.

**Robert Brown Butler**, BArch '64, who lives in Mahopac, NY, with wife Janis, recently authored his eighth book, *The Disaster Handbook*, a guide on disaster preparation for homeowners and workers. **Josef Powell**, DVM '67, a semi-retired veterinarian who enjoys country life in Conewango Valley, NY, with wife Linda, writes that their four children and an even dozen grandchildren keep them very busy. When he finds the time, Josef participates in stock tractor pulling. He adds, "I'm enjoying the fruits of my labor." I assume he means garden produce.

Finally, **Jason Gettinger** had a correction for me. I had written that he was in a chamber music

group. Wrong! Jason writes that he hopes someday to be good enough for such an ensemble. He also wants me to note that while he is retired, he's also "absolutely delighted" to still be living in NYC. Jason otherwise likes to visit with his daughter in Hollywood, CA, where he recently spent time with **Dave** and **Carla Taylor Garnham** '65, swam in an outdoor pool, and attended a "terrific cross-cultural wedding. Upon returning home, I was so glad to see brick and granite buildings with water tanks on the roof, I smiled."

That's it for now. Please keep the news coming, either via e-mail, regular mail, or our class website ([www.cornell1964.org](http://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](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** THE BEST . . . THE BEST! Surely I could repeat that 50 times in describing what will be our 50th Reunion! We are the Centennial Class celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Cornell. Thanks to all who sent in your bios and photos for the yearbook that will be published, and thank you to **Bob Kessler**, who has headed up the project with able help from **Liz Gordon**, **Barry Cutler**, **George Arangio**, MD '69, and **Lou Ferraro**. Circle calendar dates of June 4-7 in Technicolor. We encourage you to BE THERE! You've received the description of activities in your registration materials, and be aware that our headquarters dorm is air-conditioned!

As we contemplate returning to campus, here's a review of what some classmates brought with them freshman year: clothes and a Heathkit amplifier and tuner (all tube technology), a manual typewriter, \$.04 stamps, a transistor radio, a wind-up alarm clock, books and blankets, a steam iron, a deck of cards, and a teddy bear. **Lynn Kor-da Kroll** (Rye, NY; [lynn@jemkroll.com](mailto:lynn@jemkroll.com)) adds, "I expected cold weather so I bought a vintage possum coat from a thrift shop for \$25.00. My bedspread was a fabric remnant that was a dreadful looking fake leopardskin." Lynn expresses gratitude that she and husband **Jules** '63 have been happily married for 46 years. She adds, "Days are filled with enjoyable activities that provide me with a sense of fulfillment. Between philanthropic involvements and seeing friends, spending time with our four children, their three spouses, and our 12 grandchildren is best of all."

The list of "who do you want to see at Reunion" includes everyone from Clara Dickson 5! **Bill Vanneman** ([williamvanneman@yahoo.edu](mailto:williamvanneman@yahoo.edu)) asks that Phi Psi brothers from '63, '64, '65, and '66 meet for dinner on Thursday before Reunion. He and wife Irene live in Winchester, MA, where Bill still practices gastroenterology. **Lucy Howard** Merryman (Staten Island, NY) hopes to see fellow Sage Chapel Choir member **Susan Blair** Jenny. **Sharon Plahy** Blase (Vineland, NJ; [soblase@aol.com](mailto:soblase@aol.com)) is enjoying retirement and its freedoms, and hopes **Frances Pearsall** Craig will be at Reunion. "Where are **Steve Page**, **Arnold Cary**, DVM '67, and **Phil Grosse**?" asks **George "Terry" Parker**, JD '68 ([georgefp3@gmail.com](mailto:georgefp3@gmail.com)).

Applause to **Dave Tetor** ([dtetor@gmail.com](mailto:dtetor@gmail.com)). He received the distinguished service award from the New York Farm Bureau along with classmate **John Dyson**. Dave and wife Louise live in Clinton Corners, NY. High fives to **Dave Bridgeman** (Fort Myers, FL; [dmb56@cornell.edu](mailto:dmb56@cornell.edu)), who made a hole-in-one after 52 years of golfing. Dave and his

wife, Hazel, enjoy reading and following sports. **Natasha Soroka** Green (Sewickley, PA; [natasha.soroka@aol.com](mailto:natasha.soroka@aol.com)) has founded a four-acre park, the Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park, and spends time volunteering and gardening.

**Joan Myers** Bondareff (Alexandria, VA; [jbondareff@erols.com](mailto:jbondareff@erols.com)) has retired from the federal government, where she served as a Clinton appointee in the Dept. of Transportation. Now she practices law and consults on energy issues. She loves traveling with her companion of 14 years, Herb Zucker. Joan would like to hear from **Lois Mergentime** and **Jane Meisel**. Joan's daughter, Diane, a professional photographer, took photos at the 150th celebration in NYC, which were published in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. **Chris** and **Jan Langenmayr Mabley** (Austin, TX; [cmabley@sas.austin.org](mailto:cmabley@sas.austin.org)) both still work outside the home about three-fourths of the time. He is teaching adolescents, and Jan has a psychotherapy practice. They love spending time with their two children and five grandchildren.

"I go to my law office every day and spend the remaining time with my three children and six grandchildren," writes **Glenn Billington** (Cleveland Heights, OH; [geb@billingtonlaw.com](mailto:geb@billingtonlaw.com)). "My wife, Anne, and I enjoy traveling, attending many cultural events, and participating in political and civic activities in Cleveland." **Daniel** and **Katherine Melick** (Palo Alto, CA; [drm475@yahoo.com](mailto:drm475@yahoo.com)) comment that travel, reading, and jogging keep them busy. David is a Community Emergency Response Team trainer for the city of Palo Alto. CERTs activate when there is a major disaster and professional responders are overwhelmed.

Wishing he was working three days per week instead of four is **Dennis Black** as general counsel of Mesirow Financial, a diversified financial services company based in Chicago. Dennis ([dblack@mesirrowfinancial.com](mailto:dblack@mesirrowfinancial.com)) and wife **Joyce (Ostroff)** '66 live in Deerfield, IL. **Cedric Barnes Jr.** ([gatehouse@odyssey.net](mailto:gatehouse@odyssey.net)) and his wife, Barbara, make their home in DeRuyter, NY, where, Cedric says, "I'm still farming." He also sings in community choir and is a councilman on the town board. Spending quality time with ten grandchildren is a joy for **Dianne Rosborne Meranus** (Bronx, NY; [diannemeranus@msn.com](mailto:diannemeranus@msn.com)) and her husband, **Philip**, JD '66. Dianne is in her sixth year of teaching textiles as an adjunct at LIM College (the fashion business college) in midtown Manhattan.

**Helen Facer Goodrich** (New Brighton, MN; [goodrich@umn.edu](mailto:goodrich@umn.edu)) traveled to Norway with husband **Philip** '62 to visit her AFS family. Helen does custom alterations for family and clients. Sadly, **Judi Fowler** Quagliaroli, MBA '66 (Needham, MA; [judiq@comcast.net](mailto:judiq@comcast.net)) lost her husband, John, after a short battle with cancer. John was a huge fan of the Big Red and we will all miss him. We are also saddened by the death of **Shelley Yedvab** Sundack, whose energetic spirit delighted all of us who were her corridor-mates.

As we move toward Reunion, we remember all those classmates and spouses of classmates who have died. Our 1965 class gift, the beautiful gateway arch at the entrance to the A. D. White Gardens, honors all our classmates and is a lovely memorial to those who are no longer with us. Thanks to **Sharon Hegarty** Williams and her committee, who worked with the university and the architect throughout the design and implementation. We will dedicate the arch on Saturday at Reunion.

Thank you, **Ron Harris**, for your 15 years of writing the column with past correspondents, most recently sharing the responsibility with me.

It's been a pleasure to work with you. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion! ☑ **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanhjp@comcast.net.

**66** We are working. We are retired. And we are turning another decade. One year until our 50th Reunion!

**Bruce Bergman** (b.bergman@bhpp.com) is still working. His treatise *Bergman On New York Mortgage Foreclosures* has been in print for 24 years and has expanded to four volumes. Last year, at the invitation of the Tompkins County Bar Association, he returned to Ithaca to present a CLE seminar on recent developments in foreclosure law. He travels between Lawrence, NY, and his house in Boca Raton, FL, during the winter to maintain the work. Bruce's Cornell band, the Bravados ("A Sixties Collegiate Rock Band"), has a website (TheBravados.webs.com) loaded with photos and artifacts about our class and the music of our time at Cornell. Appended to the website is the 30th Reunion booklet, "Memories of the Ivy Room: The Music of Our Time."

**Bill '65** and **Dorothy Hoffman Fine**, BS Nurs '69 (dottychbill@yahoo.com) ventured back to the States from their home in Ireland to attend the wedding of **Abby Krich '04**, ME '06, daughter of **Steve**, PhD '72, and **Laura Purnell Krich '69**, MAT '71. Bill and Dottie also visited **Bill '68**, DVM '68, and **Naomi Kaplan Pomper '68** and **Al Macauley '65**. Dottie would love to reconnect with freshman roommate **Karin Teksal Deeks**.

**Richard**, MNS '68, and **Rosa Lockwood** celebrated their 70th birthdays by going on a "classical musical tour." They visited the Zurich Opera House to see *Don Giovanni*; Prague for chamber music concerts; Leipzig, the birthplace of Bach, for fugues and cantatas; Berlin for symphonic music; and, for a weekend in the summer, Tanglewood in the Berkshires to listen to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. **Judith Harvey** (jharveyvmd@gmail.com), who shares a birthday with Shakespeare, approached her 70th with trepidation. She spent the day with her son and daughter-in-law, helping with yard work around their new home, rather than any other activities they may have planned. At the end of the day they gave her gifts, including a large lumpy package that turned out to be a garden rock proclaiming "Grandma's Garden." First thinking that it was a comment on age, she then realized they were announcing a new title for her! Her first grandchild, Callie, was born on Election Day 2014, auspicious for a girl whose "grandma" was president of a NOW chapter and once gave Betty Friedan a dogsled ride. What a great celebration!

**Ronni Lacroute** (rlacroute@willakenzie.com) celebrated her day by attending a talk by environmental author Barry Lopez with a friend who is a published author and professional death penalty investigator. Lopez is a National Book Award winner for *Arctic Dreams*. He spoke on reconciliation and forgiveness, problem solving through conversation and mediation, and paying attention to the big problems like climate change. Ronni has posted more on her experience of meeting Barry Lopez on her Facebook page, as it related to the experience of her birthday. **Mary Loosbrock Miers** (marylmiers@comcast.net) spent a quiet day having lunch with her daughters and ten or so friends. She said she was more reflective the previous year, when she did her pilgrimage on Spain's Camino de Santiago, reflecting on the direction of her life after **John**, MBA '68's death. She was amused by the

questions she got from natives regarding her age and why she was there. She said she wished her Spanish was better so she could have better communicated with them. Please send your celebration stories to your correspondents so we can continue this thread as the year progresses.

Sadly we report the death of **Tom Graboys** this past January after a more than 12-year battle with Parkinson's disease, complicated by Lewy body dementia. A well-respected cardiologist, he was forced to give up his practice due to illness. He wrote of his disease in his autobiography, *Life in the Balance: A Physician's Memoir of Life, Love and Loss with Parkinson's Disease and Dementia*. Tom was a clinical professor at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School, and was president emeritus of the Lown Cardiovascular Research Foundation. He was also a drummer in a band, the Dysrhythmics, with fellow cardiologists.

We hope many of you will be involved with reunion planning, even if only to submit ideas for class activities. We throw a well-balanced weekend and hope you will be involved, even if you have not been to reunion before. Remember, June 9-12, 2016! ☑ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

**67** "An apology to my fellow Cornellians," begins **Frederick Sake** (Miami, FL; lawmiami@aol.com). "I humbly apologize to each and every friend and fellow alum of Cornell University for not having stayed in touch over these decades. I offer no excuse. Perhaps, as our 50th approaches (more rapidly than I would ever have expected), nostalgia seeps in. I do remember each of you fondly and regret not having stayed in touch. Unfortunately, several of us are gone. I was shocked to learn that **John Durrence** passed away in 1982 and **Fred Zappert**, PhD '74, in 2012, and that I have forgotten so many of the friends who made my years at Cornell the best years of my life."

Frederick adds, "After Cornell, I went to work at Columbia U. with the Nevis Cyclotron Lab, getting deeply involved in computers, hardware, and software at the most basic bit by bit level. Then on to IBM, and then leaving New York—on the day the Mets won the World Series (September 1969)—to assume the position of director of systems and computer facilities at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach, FL.

"After a couple of years, I somehow drifted into private consulting while attending law school at the U. of Miami (JD '76), as well as afterwards when I was assistant public defender (11th Judicial Circuit, Miami-Dade County, FL) until 1980, and then to the present as principal in my own law offices in Miami." Frederick looks forward to reconnecting at Reunion and says classmates should feel free to contact him.

**Jonathan Cohen** (Prior Lake, MN; cohen004@umn.edu) retired from research in the Center for Drug Design at the U. of Minnesota, but expects to be volunteering on research projects. He writes, "We have a promising anti-cyanide drug 'in the works.'" He's playing bridge and Skype-ing to see his 2-year-old grandson in Seattle, whose parents are daughter **Ivana Cohen '06** and **Craig Bierle '06**. He'd like to hear from **Phil White**.

A few answers to the question, "Considering what today's freshmen cart in, what did you bring to Cornell when you first came?" **Senetta Hill** Koch (Manhasset, NY; senetta.koch@yahoo.com):

"Typewriter and clock radio. However, by senior year, my parents were pulling a trailer of stuff even though I was living in the dorm." **Sharon Argus** Paschos (Dortmund, Germany; paschosfam@gmx.net): "Besides clothes and toiletries, only a portable transistor radio and a portable manual typewriter!" **Nancy Payne** Kronenberg (Carlisle, MA; nkronenberg@rosepath.com): "Clothes, towels, money!"

Your class officers duly assembled at the third annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in January. By now, skeptics like me have been blown away by Cornell's ability to thread the needle: they managed to pick the one weekend this winter without snow in Boston! We're getting to where our 50th is now only two years away, and the class has decided that there will be a 50th yearbook, about which you will be hearing soon. Next year's CALC will be in Philadelphia, PA. E-mail me, please. ☑ **Richard Hoffmann**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** I knew the date for the Sesquicentennial road show in nearby West Palm Beach, FL, was approaching, but what I didn't realize was how popular it would be to Cornellians in Southeast Florida. I was so busy hosting **Mark** and **Suzie Taylor** one week and **Jerry** and **Pam Levitz** a couple of weeks later, and seeing **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zippin** and **Paul Goldberg**, ME '69, that registering for the show slipped my mind. So when I awoke the day of the event, Saturday, February 14, and logged on, I was stunned to see "SOLD OUT" on Cornell's website. It couldn't be sold out, I thought, the venue is gigantic. Needless to say, I couldn't reach anyone in Alumni Affairs in Ithaca on a Saturday, and the closest person to any Cornell staff I could contact at the event site was a part-time security guard. So I took a chance, donned my all-purpose blue blazer, and, with Ellen, drove to West Palm Beach, believing that standing at the event was the worst-case scenario. The Cornellians who staffed the event were immediately reassuring and we are very grateful to have attended along with a sea of alumni gents in blue blazers and coeds who seemed to be showing, for some reason, a preference for red in their outfits. It was also great seeing classmates **Joel Kurtzberg** and class historian **Gordon Silver** along with their dates.

By the time this article is published, most of the Sesquicentennial festivities will likely be over, including Charter Day, April 27, on campus. The road show included an hour-long walk down memory lane exploring the "Big Idea," initiated in 1865 by Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White. A multimedia show hosted mainly by **Ed Marinaro '72** and Miami weatherman and Cornell alum **John Morales** explored the goals of the past and the aspirations for the future of our alma mater. Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76 (co-author with Prof. Isaac Kramnick of *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*) presented a laugh-out-loud review of the history of Cornell fundraising, which essentially began after WWII with the need to raise funds to meet the demands of world-famous Cornell physicist Prof. Hans Bethe, who was being lured away from Cornell. Altschuler brought the house to thunderous laughter with his football analogy, "Be sure when you kick off, Cornell receives."

Prof. Kramnick then gave an equally humorous presentation about three of the most famous Cornell pranks. The longest lasting: the saga of Narby Krimsnatch '56, to whom great accomplishments



were attributed, both on campus and off over a period of many years, until it was revealed that Narby was a fictitious character created by his “classmate” **Curt Reis ’56**. The most distant prank occurred on the day of the Cornell football game at Yale in 1989, when the *Cornell Daily Sun* staff was able to publish and substitute thousands of copies of Yale’s daily newspaper that were then distributed to Yale students and staff. The spoofed paper included articles such as the one headlined “Yale Purchases New Haven.” Of course the most famous prank was the Great Pumpkin Mystery that began October 7, 1997. Though we now know the answer to the question, “How was the pumpkin lodged atop the 73-foot-high spire of McGraw Hall,” the answer to the question, “Who done it?” is still a mystery.

We do know that our class officers were hard at work representing us at the mid-winter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), not held in sunny Florida, but for the past three years in icy Boston, MA. Attending last January was our class president **Jane Frommer Gertler**, VP **Nancy Nystrom Frantz**, Cornell Annual Fund representative and president of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) **Jay Waks**, JD ’71, and, owning hardly any appropriate winter clothing, our 50th Reunion chairs **Bette** and **Bob Zippin** from sunny Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Zippins have many great ideas for our 50th and they will be asking for your input while planning for our reunion, June 7-10, 2018. Additionally, **Helen Karel Dorman**, BS HE ’67, our affinity chairperson, will need all of our help to reach out to classmates to make the milestone as well-attended as possible. Sometimes all it takes to see one of our long-lost friends is the right personal contact. In the months ahead you’ll be receiving more information from Bette about our new class website and Facebook page.

Meanwhile, there’s work that needs to be done for groups other than Cornell alums, and **Diane Charske Hanson** is certainly doing her part. Diane was just elected to her fifth term as mayor of Dewey Beach, DE, and her eighth year as town commissioner. Diane says, “It has been my greatest professional challenge, but I feel I am really making a difference in making the town a better place physically and from a quality-of-life standard. It takes a lot of time and pays nothing, so I’m still basically retired, but have a lot of responsibilities just the same.” Diane and her husband, Bill, did find time last year for a river cruise through Hungary, Romania, Serbia, and Croatia. Diane, you and our many classmates we have highlighted in past columns, who have volunteered their time and skills, represent part of the “Big Idea” Cornell’s founders envisioned for its graduates.

We’re eager to hear about your accomplishments, activities, and family, so e-mail me so I can share your experiences with our friends and classmates. ■ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Whew, what a winter! Some people are probably still digging out—and looking forward to the warm weather.

**Alan Cody**, **Rich Nalevanko**, and **John Wilkens**, ME ’71, attended the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston last January. They were joined by **Charlotte Bruska Gardner** and **Greg Baum** for the first class officers meeting for our next reunion cycle. The meeting focused on goals and priorities for

class activities and making our next reunion a big success. If you would like to volunteer to help our class use social media to keep in touch with our classmates, please contact Alan or any of our class officers. Visit our website, [www.cornell69.org](http://www.cornell69.org), and don’t forget to save the date for our 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019!

**Steve Marx** loves living in Tampa, FL, and welcomed a third grandchild—and first granddaughter—**Hannah Sloane Marx** in October 2014. He is thankful for the business skills, organizational politics, and organizational productivity he learned at WVBR. He is still pleased to be involved as a board member and is immensely proud to have helped WVBR return to Collegetown in their brand new facility at the corner of Stewart and Buffalo. **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler retired as president of the Ithaca Teachers Association and currently co-teaches a collective bargaining simulation course in the ILR school. Daughter **Jessica ’94** was awarded tenure at Penn State. Son **Craig ’98** welcomed his second child, a little girl, in April.

**Michael Ahn**, ME ’71, MRP ’73, is in Carpinteria, CA, and just published a book: *Comeuppance: Stories from the 1960s*, a collection of short stories with Cornell as the setting. “Many of the stories have been previously published in literary reviews. President Skorton purchased a copy with his smartphone at the L.A. Sesqui event! It is available on Amazon.” **Richard Lysle** is proud of daughter Lily Rae, who has been accepted by the Cornell Law School to join the Class of 2017. Lily graduated from San Francisco State U. with a BS in biology/zoology.

**Barry Nocks**, professor emeritus of city and regional planning at Clemson U., has been named to the College of Fellows by the American Inst. for Certified Planners in recognition of his achievements in urban planning, community service, and leadership. He has 40 years of experience as a practicing planner, educator, administrator, consultant, and citizen planner. He directed the master planning process for the Reedy River Corridor in Greenville that provided the framework for the area’s redevelopment and the creation of the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Barry retired from Clemson in 2013, having served as professor, director of the city and regional planning program, associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities, and director of the Center for Community Growth and Change. He currently serves on the national Planning Accreditation Board as well as the Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. In Greenville, he has served on the City Planning Commission and is currently chair of the city’s Design Review Board. He also has been engaged as a consultant and volunteer for a variety of public and private organizations in the Carolinas and throughout the country. Barry’s wife, Elaine, retired from the faculty at Furman U. Their son and two granddaughters live close by in Greenville. Enjoy the spring! ■ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** Our 45th Reunion will begin in just under a month! And if you have not yet registered for Reunion Weekend, you are in luck. The early bird deadline is Sunday, May 10. Find the big 45th Reunion packet you received in mid-March and read all about it. Then go online to our Class of 1970 website ([cornell70.org](http://cornell70.org)) and click on the blue HERE near the top of our homepage, or go to the Reunion

tab, where you will find our 45th registration form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or our super reunion chairs, **Bill**, ME ’71, and **Gail Post Wallis** ([wdw6@cornell.edu](mailto:wdw6@cornell.edu); [gpw7@cornell.edu](mailto:gpw7@cornell.edu)), and they will get in touch with you. Bill is also our reunion registrar and will be very able to help you through the online registration process. Also be sure to check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Cornell70](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell70)) and Twitter page ([www.twitter.com/CornellClass70](http://www.twitter.com/CornellClass70)) in addition to the ’70 website!

Our 45th Reunion will be celebrating the extensive “legacy” of the Legendary Class of 1970. We will share the spotlight with Cornell’s 150th anniversary spectacular Sesquicentennial celebration. The Class of ’70 has provided significant and ongoing support for the “Three A’s” at Cornell: Reunion will feature a unique ’70 forum (Academics), a special ’70 tour at the Johnson Museum (Arts), and a dinner celebration at Lynah Rink (Athletics)—ice not included! Come and meet the Big Red Bear!

We have established and are sustaining three major funds as Class of ’70 gifts to the university: the ’70 Scholarship Fund Endowment (Academics); the ’70 Art Fund for the benefit of the Johnson Museum’s collections (Arts); and the Spirit of 1970 Fund Endowment for perpetual support of the Big Red Bear, the cheerleading squad, and the Annual Senior Athlete Banquet (Athletics). Please consider making a gift to Cornell as part of our 45th Reunion Campaign. Gifts may be made to the general Cornell Annual Fund, specifically to one of the Class of ’70’s special funds, or to your choice of any aspect of Cornell.

Our Reunion Forum (Friday, June 5, 10-11:30 a.m.) will take the form of RED Talks. The overriding theme will be “Legacy: First, I consider how my life and work has created a legacy. Then I ask myself: What’s left that I should do?” Our panel will be composed of three of our classmates: **Bob Langer**, inventor and professor as well as Cornell Entrepreneur of 2015; **Phyllis Corcoran Woods**, renowned Hollywood costumer; and **Ed Zucker-man**, Emmy-winning TV producer and writer. After the talks, the Q&A session will be enlivened by your questions. As a special addition to our reunion, classmate **Fred Piscop** (Bellmore, NY) will be doing a Cornell Class of 1970 era-specific crossword puzzle for us. In 1995, Fred started puzzling full-time. He does crosswords for the *New York Times*, among other publications, and has published books on the subject as well.

In other news, **Steve Rockey** ([swr1@cornell.edu](mailto:swr1@cornell.edu)) is very proud to announce the marriage of his daughter, **Kate Rockey-Harris ’06**, to **Greg Wolski ’06** in the Anabel Taylor Chapel on June 22, 2013. Many Cornellians were in attendance including classmates **Will Nist**, **Dave Ruppert**, and **Dave Barbano**, PhD ’78, and Steve’s son, **Ben Rockey-Harris ’04**. Steve started working in the University Library soon after graduation and has been the director of the Engineering, Math, and Physical Sciences libraries in Carpenter and Malott halls at Cornell. He is now in phased retirement for the next three years and, as such, is working half-time as the Mathematics librarian. He says, “Most of my career I have been the Mathematics librarian, and I am happy to be back to doing that.”

On November 12, 2014, the Cornell community of Philadelphia lost a cherished member with the passing of **Karen Moss Glaser**. Sadly, Karen was struck by an SUV as she walked from the commuter train to her car on her way home that evening. Karen was senior associate dean for academic

affairs at Thomas Jefferson U.'s Sidney Kimmel Medical College. She held dual appointments as associate professor in the departments of psychiatry and human behavior, and family and community medicine. Karen had been at Jefferson for 30 years, and during her tenure she studied how doctors behaved toward their patients and whether patient perception of doctors' empathy influenced clinical outcomes. She also served as the university's affirmative action officer from 1994 to 2013. She was highly regarded by the faculty, staff, and students at Jefferson.

Karen and Richard, her husband of nearly 40 years, lived in Mount Airy, outside Philadelphia. Karen loved sports, playing the guitar, and taking active vacations. She was also an active Cornell alum and worked to recruit and interview prospective students as the longtime CAAAN chair in Center City. We send our condolences to Richard and all of Karen's family, including daughter **Lena Glaser '04** and stepson Simon. ■ **Connie Ferris Meyer**; cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** **Sally Clark Shumaker** (scshumaker@aol.com) writes to us from Port Townsend, WA, where she is enjoying life on the Olympic Peninsula. Sally reports that it is never too hot or too cold and she never has to worry about shoveling snow. If we have any classmates interested in learning more about her adopted hometown, she welcomes visitors and would love to show you around.

**Art Spitzer** (artspitzer@gmail.com) and **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas** (ekb7@cornell.edu) live in Chevy Chase, MD, where Art is the legal director at the D.C. affiliate chapter of the ACLU. In his spare time he enjoys hiking and remains involved with the university by attending the Trustee Council Annual Meeting on campus each fall. Elisabeth is also an active Cornell volunteer. She is beginning a second term at the Paleontological Research Inst. (PRI), which is the parent organization for Ithaca's Museum of the Earth. PRI has a long and illustrious history as a publisher, dating back more than 100 years, and includes the oldest continuously published paleontological periodical in North America. An affiliate of Cornell, and the only natural history museum between NYC and Buffalo, the Museum of the Earth attracts audiences from young children to college students as well as scholars. Elisabeth reports that classmates **Phil Proujansky** and **Phil Bartels** have helped contribute toward its excellence through their long-standing involvement on the board.

Each summer Elisabeth enjoys attending Cornell's Adult University on campus and is so pleased with the quality of courses, she declines to identify her favorite one. However, this summer she is considering taking a course that she says would be "an academic stretch"—Great Mathematical Ideas: Their Context and Impact. Last year, she loved traveling to Cuba with CAU and Maria Cristina Garcia, herself a Cuban refugee and now an expert on immigration in the US. Prof. Garcia is married to Sherm Cochran, a Cornell historian, and Elisabeth says both are gracious and gifted teachers. Elisabeth has been trying to locate **Mary Margaret Linberger**, a former roommate at Cornell.

**Marsha Ackerman** (mea33@cornell.edu) has a new publication entitled *How Do You Spell Ruzevelt?: A History of Spelling in America Today and Yesterday*. In this book, Marsha explores the rich history of language in our country. Another author is **Irene Smalls** (ismalls107@aol.com) of

Boston, who ran a booth at the Frankfurt Int'l Book Fair for her company, 2GoGlobal Marketing, which promotes American authors from diverse backgrounds. This is the first time that a woman- and African American-owned business was asked to exhibit at the fair. Irene is teaching a course on writing children's books and has also contributed an article to the Black Caucus of the American Library Association entitled, "We Need Diverse Books because Black Lives Matter." From the West Coast, we received news that **Tom Ragonetti**, MRP '73, has been named Lawyer of the Year for land use and zoning law in the Denver area. In addition, he was also listed in the 2015 Best Lawyers in America for real estate law.

I heard from classmates who attended two Cornell Sesquicentennial celebrations this winter. In January, Bostonians welcomed alumni for a spirited reception to mark the Sesquicentennial. **Jan Rothman**, **Dale Cohen**, BFA '71, **Mitch Weisberg**, **Linda Cushman**, **Kathy Menton** Flaxman, **Elisabeth Boas**, **Craig Ewing**, MBA '72, **David Beale**, **Irene Smalls**, and **Naomi Katz** Mintz were in attendance. On Valentine's Day, classmates from Florida attended an elegant luncheon and enjoyed a wonderful performance by the Cornell Glee Club. Classmates in attendance included **Diane Brenner**, **Andrew Tisch**, **David Beale**, **Ezra Cornell '70**, **Debbie Gerard**, **Arthur Mintz**, and **Ken Kuschner**. There were about 375 people in attendance and **Ed Marinaro '72** was the master of ceremonies. Professors Isaac Kramnick and **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, spoke and presented some excerpts from their book. Everyone had a great time!

**David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu) keeps in touch with **Norm Rafelson**, who runs a cruise ship for Silverseas on their world cruises. He was in Bali this winter, and his upcoming trip is to the Baltic and the Mediterranean. David and wife Tina visit with Norm in Florida between cruises. David also keeps in touch with **Pete Gilman**, who does real estate development consulting. Pete recently became a grandfather. In February, David and Tina had dinner with **Jack Salberg '70**, MBA '71, and his wife, Susan, who have a place in Delray but live in Nashville. David would love to visit with classmates who are traveling to South Florida—please contact him.

Remember to put Reunion, June 9-12, 2016, on your calendar and "Like" our Facebook page, where we will be posting information about events leading up to Reunion. Send us your news and we will be happy to write about you. ■ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

**72** I have the sad duty to report the untimely passing of our good friend and Alpha Chi Rho fraternity brother **Bruce McGeoch**, ME '73, of Burlington, VT. Bruce died on February 9 after a short but hard-fought battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Cambridge, NY, to George and Bernice McGeoch and spent some of the best years of his life at Cornell, where he made great memories, formed lifelong friendships, and married Cynthia (Stetson) in 1971. Cyndy and Bruce lived in Boston and then Harvard, MA, where their daughter, Lauren, was born in 1982. The family followed the computer industry to Cupertino, CA, in 1984. They enjoyed almost 20 years in sunny Silicon Valley, but eventually decided to move back "home" to Vermont, where they could be closer to family.

Bruce touched many people through his different interests and hobbies, which included golf, wine, computers, traveling, UVM hockey, home renovation, the Jaguar Association of New England, renewable energy, single malt scotch, hiking, boating, cooking, and much more. His family and friends have always been impressed by his positive attitude, unflagging determination, keen intellect, courage, and generosity. He was a humble person who spent his life thinking about and caring for others. Bruce was very active in our Class of '72 affairs, serving on the class council, and he never missed a class reunion. He could also be found at many alumni activities in Boston and Silicon Valley, including phonathons and alumni group outings to sporting events.

During the time Bruce, Cyndy, and Lauren lived in California, my wife, daughter, and I spent many enjoyable days at their home, enjoying their hospitality and friendship. Bruce and I spent several afternoons together on the golf course, and I always looked forward to our golf outings with **Tony Provenzano**, MD '76, at the class reunions. Unfortunately, Bruce was recovering from a broken ankle and could not golf with us at the 40th Reunion in 2012, the last time I saw him.

Bruce was grateful for the scholarship that allowed him to attend Cornell, and he and Cyndy set up a Cornell scholarship fund to help other students like him. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family asks that donations be made to this fund. Checks should be made payable to Cornell University and sent to: P.O. Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692. The memo line should include "Bruce and Cynthia McGeoch Perpetual Scholarship Fund, #0011654." Bruce's generosity also lives on through the miracle of organ donation.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Bruce is survived by his brother Peter. He was much loved and will be sorely missed by his large circle of family and friends. A celebration of Bruce's life will occur at the Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington in summer 2015.

Our class's annual News and Dues mailings went out in March and April (via e-mail or USPS), and the latest round of news from our classmates should reach us soon. If you returned a news form or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—or ever!—now's the time. Write to either of us at the addresses below, respond to the class mailing in the envelope provided, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Ordinary or out-of-the-ordinary, at work or at home, indoors or outdoors, domestic or foreign, solitary or social, your classmates want to hear about it! ■ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

**73** More than a dozen '73 classmates and spouses came together for a reception hosted by **Rich and Jacqui Presziose Bower**, MS '75, in their California home. **Sharon Brook**, **David Felderstein**, **Michael '72** and **Davia Weinberg Love**, **Alex**, PhD '80, and **Deb Rassol Friedman '74**, MA '79, **Susan McCormick**, PhD '82, and **Steven Beckwith**, **Alexandra Martynetz**, and **Doug and Kyoto Herz** engaged in a moderated discussion, "What Do I Want To Do With the Next Stage of My Life?"

Many had participated in a similar reception and facilitated discussion four years ago. At that



time, only one of the classmates present had retired. This time, five of the 11 were retired—and giving a lot of perspective about what it was like. None were disappointed. In fact, one said it was “re-Firement,” not “re-Tirement.” The biggest challenge for some was to get over the feeling that their job was their persona. All were involved in some aspect of community service/volunteering—often fulfilling a long-held but unmet interest. Some found new interests by poking around on the Internet, where one discovered a way to connect with others with similar interests on Meetup. One went back to take courses similar to what she studied at Cornell, and this time around really enjoyed it! The themes that evolved were: 1) you can get by on less than what you thought; 2) it's great to be in control of doing what you want to do; and 3) it's more stimulating to be talking with people who share your interests and passions than it is to work with people who simply share the mission of your employer.

The still-working people got to ask a lot of questions during the two-hour discussion, and the people who had retired enjoyed it, too. As one put it, “That was fun and an interesting calibration of my thoughts and feelings regarding retirement many years ago. I had forgotten some of the issues I had gone through. One of them was practicing letting go of my ‘innate’ drive to constantly strive—to do better and attain more. It was nice to hear how others had made peace with ‘getting by on less’ and such.”

Via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>), we learned what **M.J. Daspit** (formerly M.J. Wilson) has been doing lately, namely writing an excellent historical novel called *Lucy Lied*. Her first job after graduation was working in the Dean of Students office at the Graduate School at Princeton U. “I moved on to work with the Writings of Henry D. Thoreau, an NEH-sponsored editorial project at Princeton.” After that, she had a career as a naval officer. M.J. now lives in Ashland, OR, home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She remarks that life in southern Oregon is rather similar to Upstate New York in some ways. When responding to a question about what was the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell, M.J. replied, “I loved my academic experience and getting to know a site of such natural beauty.”

I'm writing this in February as the sun glitters on sub-zero snow. For many of you in the Northeast, this winter was one you're glad is behind you. For thirsty Westerners, not enough moisture made it their way. Many of your class officers made it to Boston in January for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (affectionately referred to as CALC, a course with which I had some difficulty at Cornell). We want to thank the 17 percent of you who answered our four-question survey in December. Perhaps the most important information we had reinforced was how much the personal friendships you made at Cornell keep you connected. More than anything, you want to know about, and keep up with, each other. We're working to post past News & Notes for you to search on our website ([cornell73.com](http://cornell73.com)), and 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/87659675088/?ref=br_tf)). Contact your correspondents whenever you have news: **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu); **Dave Ross**, [dave@daveross.com](mailto:dave@daveross.com); and **Pam Meyers**, [psm23@cornell.edu](mailto:psm23@cornell.edu).

**74** Following **Lucy Babcox** Morris's first column last issue, this column is also the first for me. I'm **Jim Schoonmaker**, and if you listened to WVBR your junior or senior year, you probably heard me on Saturday mornings as the DJ du jour. My fellow brothers at Sig Ep gave me plenty of playlist suggestions. I also did newscasts at other times. I am the middle of three generations of Cornellians: my late mother, **Ethel Potteiger** Myers '35 (HumEc—back when the college was still “Home Ec” and she actually knew Martha Van); and my older daughter,

**Annalise '14**, currently a TA at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar. I am still in broadcasting, in Washington, DC, at Alhurra TV, which is the US-financed TV network that broadcasts in Arabic to the Middle East. My wife, Martha, is executive director of the Hercules Pinkney Life Sciences Park at Montgomery College in Maryland. We live in Fairfax County in Northern Virginia with our younger daughter, Camille, who graduated a year early from high school last year and has been enjoying a gap year before she heads to college this fall.

Thanks to all who wrote to share their news. **Beverly Evans** let us know that she is professor of French at SUNY Geneseo and executive director of the Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society. In August 2014, she made a presentation, “Ah! C'est la guerre”: Life and Afterlife of French WWI Music, at the British Library's conference on the Music of War: 1914-18. This event was co-sponsored by the Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities, the Royal Musical Association, and the Music and Letters Trust.

**David Russell** ([davewrussell@gmail.com](mailto:davewrussell@gmail.com)) just moved across the country from the Washington, DC, area to Phoenix, AZ. “With my wife, oldest daughter, and son-in-law, as well as their three children and between us seven dogs, what a trip we had. We didn't do much sightseeing with all the dogs, but we did get to see a lot of American expressway, desert, and great Arizona mountain scenery coming out of Flagstaff. So far we are loving the dry heat, despite arriving during the hottest time of year. We managed to bring some rain with us, though—two record rainstorms.”

**Rodger Engebretson**, ME '75 ([rkengebretson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rkengebretson@sbcglobal.net)) retired in September 2013 after working for Shell Oil in many roles over 32 years. He says he was enjoying this new stage of life with travel, skiing, backpacking, and working around the house in Benicia, CA (a little north of the San Francisco Bay Area), when he received an offer to commission the largest molten salt solar plant in the country. He worked in Tonopah, NV, for four months ending last September and says it was interesting work, “even if the location is in the middle of the high desert halfway between Reno and Las Vegas.” Rodger's son now works for Google and his daughter is in Portland, OR.

**Michael Delikat** ([mdelikat@orick.com](mailto:mdelikat@orick.com)) let us know that his two Cornell children, **Jonathan '10** and **Stacey '04**, reached important milestones last year. Stacey, an on-air TV reporter with FOX5 in

NYC and CNN, was married in NYC at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel last October with many Cornell classmates in attendance, including **Andy Bernstein** and wife **Evan Zuckerman**, **Peter Braverman**, **Ike Kier**, **Andy Rosenberg**, and **Bruce Nagel**. Jon, a China and Asia Pacific Studies major who has lived and worked in China since graduation, was admitted to the Wharton/Lauder joint MBA/MA in international business management program, which he will be starting in May. Michael says both are professionally committed to their courses of study at Cornell!

“My fellow brothers at Sig Ep gave me plenty of playlist suggestions.”

Jim Schoonmaker '74

We received word that classmate **Jeff Gold**, MD '78, became the eighth chancellor of the U. of Nebraska Medical Center in February 2014. Prior to joining UNMC, Jeff was chancellor of the U. of Toledo's health science campus, where he had full leadership responsibility for the clinical, education, and research programs, the faculty practice plan, and the clinical delivery system. The celebration of Jeff's installation, September 4-5, 2014, was themed “From Excellence to Eminence,” with activities including a formal public ceremony and campus reception that highlighted UNMC's momentum, as well as opportunities to serve Nebraskans and people around the world. “Jeff Gold is deeply knowledgeable, highly regarded, and, most importantly, he is passionate about the important role UNMC plays in ensuring Nebraskans' health and well-being,” said interim U. of Nebraska president James Linder, who chaired the search process that led to Jeff's selection. “Nebraska is fortunate to have him. I'm excited to see where he, the faculty, and the staff take the institution in the years ahead.”

Lastly, we all remember our freshman year, and I recall mine vividly, particularly the eccentric cast of characters who inhabited the fourth floor of U-Hall 4. One of the most outspoken was **Jim Irish**, and one of the most introspective was **Jamie Shiffrer**. They became great friends and were with us at Reunion last year. Jim sent the sad news that Jamie, of Buffalo, NY, died in early January. He writes:

“Jamie's death reminds us of the lifelong friendships and affection we have shared, in some cases from our very first days in Ithaca, and the importance of staying close to good people, doing good works, making time for travel/fun, and taking care of ourselves. Jamie was a College Scholar, a PhD, and an extraordinary clinical psychologist specializing in family therapy. Unfortunately, Jamie was afflicted with atrial fibrillation. Despite his health problems, Jamie walked numerous marathons over the past ten years to raise money for several charities. Starting in 2007, I joined Jamie in running these marathons. Corrective surgery was scheduled for late January, but Jamie had a massive stroke and died over New Year's weekend. Jamie was a great Cornellian—warm, scholarly, humorous, generous, and multi-talented. He was an inspiration to us all.”

Please keep sending your news. (If you have written and not seen your report, look for it in

an upcoming issue.) Forms are included in the News and Dues mailings, but you can also submit news online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ■ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

**75** We have two news stories from Cornell. **Eliot Schuman** (ems@ddw-law.com) reports that he had the honor of serving as a presiding judge at the Big Red Invitational Classic Mock Trial Competition held at the Law School January 24-25 earlier this year. Undergraduates from all over the Northeast competed over two days. He notes, "The level of trial skills displayed was amazing, and the newly constructed facilities of the Law School make us all very proud." In July 2014, **Fred Schneider** became chair of Cornell's Computer Science department. Congratulations! He writes, "The department now occupies the top two floors of a striking new building—Gates Hall. The building's namesake is Bill Gates and he honored all of us with his presence at the celebratory events for the department's 50th anniversary last fall."

**Ruth Zafren Ruskin** (ruthruskin@aol.com) shared plenty of news with us. "I marked 31 years as a psychotherapist in private practice this year and have no plans to retire. My husband, **Jon '71**, JD '74, and I are crazy about our first grandchild, my son's daughter, Lily, who is now 17 months old and tremendous fun to be with. Fortunately, my son and his wife live close enough that we can see them at least once a week. Our daughter isn't too far away either. She and her husband bought a house in Staunton, VA, where she works as a children's programmer at the public library. This past June, we attended the beautiful wedding of the son of my college housemate, **Lynne Moskowitz Glasser '74**, MAT '75, at a Buddhist retreat in California, and enjoyed an August weekend with the Glassers and another college housemate, **Lil Konowitz Calish**, and her husband, Jeff, at Lynne's historic Cape May home. We've had a tradition of spending one weekend every summer at Cape May since our graduation in 1975, and Lynne and Steve have spent New Year's Eve with us every year since 1976."

**Dave Roth** (droth@borgwarner.com) and the Phi Sigs (Phi Sigma Kappa) from '75 are going to try to set a record by getting the whole pledge class back for Reunion. Ten years ago, about half the class returned. Dave and his family moved to the Ithaca area (Dryden) about 11 years ago from

Michigan, a move associated with his employer, BorgWarner. He is a technical specialist in engine R&D. Being so close to Cornell has allowed him to host regular mini-reunions and a few winery tours. Speaking of getting your friends back for Reunion, if you want to help do that, please contact **Deb Gellman**, MBA '82, or **Rich Marin**, MBA '76 (ram38@cornell.edu) for a list of e-mails for any affinity group you are interested in coordinating. In addition, we finally have a Facebook page! Please check out the "CornellClassof1975" page for news about Reunion and other class updates!

**Joe Sacco** (zippojoe@hotmail.com) has retired from a career in education and has started on a new career. He owns Miracle Ear stores in Montgomery County, MD. He writes, "I enjoy helping people find hearing solutions that meet their needs." He looks forward to going to this year's reunion (his first ever), seeing familiar faces, and making some new friends. **Julie Ann Racino** (julieannracino@gmail.com), president and principal of Community and Policy Studies, extends kudos to our class president, Deb Gellman, for organizing a Big Red hockey evening in NYC and meeting up with classmates. Julie is now with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). She informs us that the disability organizations in NYC are also part of the disability NGOs. Julie has written a book on the topic, *Public Administration and Disability: Community Services Administration in the US* (Racino, in press, 2014) and we can learn more about this at: <http://www.crcpress.com>.

**Steve Swirsky** (smswirsky@gmail.com), a member of Epstein Becker & Green's labor and employment practice in the firm's New York office, has been named one of only six Employment MVPs for 2014 by Law360. Steve's work with the Volkswagen Corp. of America and the parent company, Volkswagen AG, was especially highlighted in his award portfolio. **Gerald Neenan**, a partner in Neal and Harwell PLC in Nashville, TN, has been elected as a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, an association of 801 attorneys across the state. He was recognized for this position of honor at the Fellows' annual dinner. Gerald's practice focuses on business and personal injury litigation, real estate leases, and the general representation of closely held businesses. He has volunteered his time by serving on the advisory board of the Salvation Army Nashville-area command and as president of the Tennessee Kidney Foundation. He is currently the president-elect of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce.

And speaking of Nashville, my husband, Joel, and I have been in and out of that airport more than a few times now. Our daughter, Austen, is now stationed with the US Army at Fort Campbell, KY, and lives in Clarksville, TN (yes, the "Clarksville" of the Monkees song!), about 40 miles north of Nashville. Keep in touch! ■ **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, Karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** Our class's annual News and Dues mailings went out in March and April (via e-mail or USPS), and the latest round of news from our classmates should reach us soon. If you returned a news form or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—or ever!—now's the time. Write to any of us at the addresses below, respond to the class mailing in

the envelope provided, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Ordinary or out of the ordinary, at work or at home, indoors or outdoors, domestic or foreign, solitary or social, your classmates want to hear about it. ■ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsky54@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net.

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**78** It's mid-February in the Northwest and even the dandelions are in full bloom. Hope there is some bare grass to be seen in the Northeast by the time this column hits paper (or the Web).

First, I have news from two of my esteemed predecessors in this job. **Sharon Palatnik** Simoncini, BFA '78 (Ridgewood, NJ) says, "I wrote this column for so long, I forgot that I could actually add news now!" Her firm, ZigZag Design, produces marketing materials, brand identity, and websites for a variety of large and small companies. Her oldest child graduates from Susquehanna U. in May; her middle child is a sophomore at Ursinus College; and her daughter was recruited to play lacrosse at Ithaca College. "Although it will feel a little strange driving up to the 'other' hill, I'm excited about the opportunity to spend more time in Ithaca." Down the road from me in Issaquah, WA, **Henry Farber** was inducted into the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers, an organization that promotes professionalism and civility. Henry's daughter is a localization manager at Google in Manhattan, and his son is a senior business analyst at Fidelity Business Consulting in Boston.

After six years as dean of the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, **Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld** returned to research and teaching. His focus is on stakeholder alignment in complex systems—a key foundation for agile 21st-century institutions. Susan, his wife of 31 years, heads Illinois Promise, which provides full financial support and other services to more than 900 students whose families are at or below the poverty level. Both of Joel's sons are active in baseball. His older son is director of business analytics for the Cleveland Indians and an ILR alum as well. His younger son is a volunteer assistant baseball coach with the Citadel, after playing for the U. of Louisville. **Lynne Schulte** DuVivier's daughter is headed to Emory as a pre-med student. "I couldn't convince her to go further north," says Lynne (Westport, CT), "as she





wants a warmer climate—maybe Cornell med school? A parent can only hope/wish.”

**Brian Kushner**, PhD '84 (Austin, TX) gave the commencement address for the fall 2014 graduation of the U. of Texas College of Natural Sciences. His wife, **Wendi (Blum) '82**, serves as chairman of the board of the Austin Opera. Their older daughter, **Amanda '12**, works for an enterprise software company in Dallas. Their younger daughter is a junior in the School of Communications at the U. of Texas, Austin studying journalism and sports broadcasting. **Chip** and **Linda Joy Baines** (Naperville, IL) are the proud grandparents of four, ranging in age from 6 months to 4 years. Daughters **Emily Baines Heidt '07** and **Katie Baines Drossos, MBA '10**, have two children each. Chip reports, “Being a grandparent is wonderful—lots of fun with limited responsibility!”

Class treasurer **Marie Louise Hagen**, JD '81, ran away from home last August. With her kids off at college, she took a trip she should have taken while studying the History of Art at Cornell. She spent a week in Rome, six weeks in Florence, and a week in Venice, and took shorter trips to Torino, Milan, Bologna, and other cities. By coincidence, her one day in Milan was Spirit of Zinck's night. She is hoping to spend fall semester in Ithaca, working on an article about Jane Austen's *Emma*. The working title is “Fifty Shades of Jane: An Analysis of the Reprehensible Feelings Cherished by Jane Fairfax.”

Job changing is also in the air among our classmates. **Gerald Badorrek** writes, “After spending all of my career in the private sector with companies like MCI and Xerox and private equity companies, I have made the switch to the federal government—to the General Services Administration (GSA) as chief financial officer.” **Jim Cohen** recently joined the applied science and investigations group at Weidlinger Assocs. and is responsible for expanding the firm's forensics and investigations practice in the eastern US. Prior to joining Weidlinger, Jim was an associate principal in the New York regional office of Arup, where he coordinated the company's North American activities in engineering investigations and solutions to problems in the built environment. After nearly 20 years, **Derrick Mancini** retired from Argonne National Laboratory. He's spending more time involved in other professional activities, including teaching and research as an adjunct professor of physics at the Illinois Inst. of Technology, scientific consulting as the principal at newly founded XRAYNANO, and managing the growth of a business he founded three years ago in Riverside, IL, Quincy Street Distillery (<http://quincystreetdistillery.com>).

Two of our show biz classmates also provided news. **Mark Rust** appears in the new Terrence Malick film, *The Better Angels*—the story of Abraham Lincoln's boyhood years. “I play music in two scenes: playing hammered dulcimer for a dance, and in another scene playing fiddle while young Abe dances with his mother by their cabin.” **Walter Milani** was in Shanghai, China, managing an international tour of *The Sound of Music*. After time off in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and New York, the tour will continue in China, Hong Kong, Jakarta, and Australia. While not quite in the show business realm, **Dan Miller** gave a TEDx talk about how to fix climate change “for free” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k2-SzLDGko>; or search YouTube for Dan Miller TEDx).

Finally, several of our classmates participated in last summer's Cornell's Adult University offerings.

**Eric** and **Barbara Cook Jacobs** took a wines class, no doubt updating their knowledge from back in the day. **Vic Janas**, MS '79, took a bike tour. **Jim Megna** and **Jesus Castro** went sailing, **Joan Pasiatore** Popolo took a 3D printing class, and **David Levine** took a financial decisions course. Thanks to everyone who corresponded! ☒ **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyjfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyjfuller.com); **Ilene Shub Lefland**, [ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net).

**79** Writing a column in February that will not appear until May gives one hope that warmer weather is around the corner. What better time to think about rowing on Cayuga Lake on a warm October day? That is exactly what **Mark Hallock** ([mark@m2ollc.com](mailto:mark@m2ollc.com)) was thinking about when he asked me to share a summary of the recent '70s Rowing Revival Weekend. Mark and **Dave Boor** ('79 lightweight commodore) thought it would be fun to get the entire '79 lightweight crew together in Ithaca for a row on the inlet and lunch at the Boatyard Grill. The results greatly exceeded their expectations!

Dave's wife, **Ellen McHugh** ('79 women's commodore) thought it would be great to also get the women together. Dave then suggested that the heavyweights be included. Dave and **Craig Buckhout**, MBA '80 ('79 heavyweight commodore) thought they should also include all the classes they rowed with. The Class of '79 started at Cornell in 1975, so their fellow oars-people spanned the decade. By word of mouth, the event became a '70s Rowing Revival. The weekend began on Friday night, October 3, with a career panel hosted by the Cornell Rowing Association Mentoring Program (CRAMP) committee and organized by **Chris Bassler '88**, MBA '99. Several alumni panelists and another 20 alumni participated in an exchange with the current athletes to discuss career options and planning, interview strategies, and networking. The 27th annual Schwartz Cup class day races and talent show were held on Saturday morning. This event is one of the oldest rowing traditions at Cornell.

Afterwards, five alumni boats, including two boats of women, two lightweight boats, and one heavyweight boat (with many members of the 1977 IRA winning crew) hit the water. Later in the day, over 100 alumni and coaches participated in the Rowing Revival dinner at the boathouse. There was an exceptional collection of vintage memorabilia from the era including programs, photos, and apparel. Posters of the Barton Hall Grateful Dead concert (widely considered one of the best shows in the Grateful Dead's 30-year career) were also on display. **Bruce Rogoff** put together a great photo montage with '70s background music.

During the dinner, Craig, Ellen, and Dave spoke and introduced the current coaches of the heavyweight, women's, and lightweight programs. Everyone at the dinner was inspired by the pioneering efforts of the '70s women's crews, who fought through many challenges to row and race during the earliest days of women's rowing in the US. Mark notes that the impact of the weekend is not over. **Dave Strong '79** is working to put together a boat of alumni to row in some of the masters races that are held at the various regattas around the Northeast. Mark would like to encourage members of other alumni classes to network with their teammates to fire up the spirit in their own era. He feels that it's great fun to get back on the water and also rekindle the spirit of Cornell rowing on dry land!

**Pam Rappleyea** Vredenburg (Chenango Forks, NY; [PRappVred@aol.com](mailto:PRappVred@aol.com)) writes that she started her career as a Child Protective Services caseworker in Chenango County and is now the treatment team leader for outpatient children's mental health services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center. She is looking forward to many happy events this year including becoming a grandmother and being the mother of the groom for a second time. Pam's older son, **Jake, JD '11**, and his wife, Amanda, will be expanding their family soon. Jake is an assistant public defender in Rensselaer County, NY (near Albany). Her younger son, **Zach '09**, completed medical school in 2013 and is in his second year of a five-year orthopedic surgery residency at Robert Wood Johnson U. Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.

**Ginger So** was recently recognized by Cornell as a recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. She was honored in Ithaca in October and again in NYC in January at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA). Ginger is a senior VP at US Bank, a founding member of the CAAA, a proud mother of a current Cornellian, and a dedicated Cornell volunteer. As a stalwart champion of diversity, she was the first minority chair of the Cornell University Council, of which she is a life member, and was the vice chair of the Cornell Mosaic Executive Committee. Ginger currently serves as a board advisor to the CAAA, Class of 1979 Council, Regional Campaign Committee, and SAS Advisory Council.

**Janet Goldin** Rubin and **Nancy Sverdluk** participated in CAU last July, taking Cornell's America and America's Cornell. This summer course discussed Big Red and American history from WWII to the present day. **Mark Wilson**, MBA '80, bicycled the Finger Lakes as part of a July summer program at Cornell, while **Jesus Castro** participated in a sailing clinic. If you are looking for something fun to do this summer, check out all the great opportunities offered by CAU, both on campus and off, through classes, clinics, and study tours. I, Kathy, am happy to report that I have been promoted to clinical associate professor in the Dept. of Health Science at Towson U. in Towson, MD. I continue to teach nutrition to future health care professionals there in addition to coordinating placements and supervising students in community health internships.

Our class officers met in January at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, fortunately before it started snowing there. Although I was unable to attend this year, CALC is a great opportunity for alumni from all classes to meet and share ideas about events and alumni leadership. Our class is fortunate to have a strong leadership team that makes for great fundraising, alumni events, reunions, and communication. Plans for the celebration of Cornell's 150th year and welcoming the new president, Beth Garrett, were discussed. Look for news about these events in future columns and on social media. To keep abreast of these and other events, join the class Facebook page if you haven't already done so. Where else can you learn that Ruloff's has reopened, or that Louie's Lunch has its first new truck in 20 years?

Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook

page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or directly at: **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [kathy.gould57@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gould57@gmail.com); **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com); and **Linda Moses**, [moses.gurevitch@aol.com](mailto:moses.gurevitch@aol.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**80** REUNION 35! If you have not made plans to be there, then do not hesitate—register now. And if nostalgia has not hit you yet, I refer you to the Mar/Apr '15 *Cornell Alumni Magazine* article entitled “We’ve Got a Little List” and challenge you to see how many of the “161 things every Cornell student should do” you have done. It will turn out to be a nostalgic walk into your undergrad experience, and Reunion could provide a good opportunity for you to make up for lost time.

I was lucky to have my own mini-reunion this New Year’s Eve, as **Chuck D’Angelo** and his family visited on their way back from a holiday road trip up north. After comparing lives, careers, and family stories, it is always inevitable that we relive the life and times of being a Cornell Engineering student with an incredible group of classmates and friends. Glad to report that Chuck is surviving having a teenage daughter who is applying to college and that life continues to be good.

We have received correspondence from some accomplished pre- and post-retirees. **Roberta Walter Goodman** writes, “After retiring from Merrill Lynch, I have been dabbling in residential real estate development. My business partner and I focus on high-end custom homes in a historic neighborhood in Nashville. We’ve had fun with the creative aspects of building a new home with desirable floor plans that still fit aesthetically in a historic neighborhood. My husband and I traveled to Tanzania in May 2014 for a photo safari in the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater, a spectacular journey in every respect. We also celebrated our oldest grandson’s graduation from the U. of Chicago and our only granddaughter’s bat mitzvah in Cambridge, MA. I remain active in my synagogue and continue to work on my horsemanship three to four days a week.”

**Diane Lurensky Alpern** is a registered dietitian and works as a nutritionist at the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. “We are the umbrella organization for the emergency food network for the four counties of western Massachusetts, bringing nutritious food to hundreds of local front-line food pantries, meal sites, and community agencies that serve people in need. Check out [www.foodbankwma.org](http://www.foodbankwma.org) to learn more.” Diane adds, “I have been married to David for 26 years. Our daughters are 18 and 21. Julia is a junior at Ithaca College, and Laura plans to start her education at the Culinary Inst. of America in Hyde Park, NY, in September 2015. I was a dietitian in a long-term care facility for my first position after my dietetic internship. After many years in hospitals and clinics, I am really enjoying providing nutrition education in a community setting. Northampton, MA, is a fabulous small city in the Pioneer Valley. It is an artistic, musical, and gastronomic hub, with many alternative health organizations and a politically liberal community. There are five colleges in the area and many theatre, concert, and lecture opportunities. My involvement with the Field Study Office at the School of Human

Ecology, during which I spent a semester doing an internship and taking classes in NYC, proved to be the most valuable learning experience of my undergraduate years. I learned so many skills related to effective communication and organization in the community and business worlds.”

**Cheryl Rose** enjoys living upstate, and certainly helps us remember what drew us to campus. “There are advantages to living inside the Adirondack Park. I get to snowmobile on hundreds of miles of groomed trails right from my driveway! A trip through the scenic mountain trails this week reminded me that I decided to live in Ithaca and attend Cornell after seeing that beautiful campus as well.”

In other Cornell news, our inimitable chief correspondent **Dik Saalfeld** reports that he attended the Sesquicentennial event in Boston in January. “It was a lavishly produced show in the ornate Wang Theatre, a notable 1925 movie and vaudeville palace that would be the centerpiece of many cities, but in historic Boston is just another place to see a show.” Also in Boston that weekend was the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), attended by several classmates. CALC is invaluable to those involved in Cornell activities—plus, it’s good, clean fun. Class of ’80 officers planned for the 35th Reunion and discussed the transition of several roles in the organization, a topic that will be revisited during Reunion Weekend. Dik reports that it barely snowed in Boston that weekend—“only a few inches, and Bostonians were blissfully unaware of the merciless drubbing they were about to receive.” CALC was held at the Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center, whose general manager is **James Carmody ’81**.

Hope to see you all at Reunion! Our reunion chairs, Nancy and Jodi, have outdone themselves once again and have actually procured us AIR-CONDITIONED accommodations! Yes, we all remember the heat wave of our 25th! And in case we are sweltering again, rest assured you can taste a scoop of our exclusive Cornell Class of ’80 Frozen 4 Ezra ice cream. Best regards from your correspondents: **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, [caa28@cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:leonabarsky@aol.com); **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Dana Jarrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu).

**81** Greetings from the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships at Ithaca College! It wasn’t cold enough in New Jersey this winter, so I decided to go further north, where the temperatures were below 0 (–8, to be precise). My son Charlie (Providence College ’18) sprinted his three favorite events (50 free, 100 free, and 100 butterfly) for the Friars and did well, advancing to the finals in the 100 fly. He truly is a “Butter Friar.”

The IC indoor athletic complex that houses the pool is not as historically significant or charming as Teagle Hall, but it is HUGE and functional. Coincidentally, classmate **Dave Pramer’s** youngest daughter, Meredith (Providence College ’15), is on the swim team with Charlie. Meredith also swam well in her final meet for the Friars. Dave and I had fun reminiscing about mutual Sigma Phi friends such as **Peter Cramton ’80**, and, of course, the **Cooper-Rodee** clan. All of us swimmers dined at the Ithaca Ale House, an upscale version of the Chapter House, across from the Commons. While at dinner at Mahogany Grill the next night, **Kevin Bruns ’79** was at the next table

with some other DU brothers from 1975 and 1971. Kevin, or “Funsy” as we used to call him, is on the DU alumni board and they were meeting in Ithaca.

Speaking of DU, I had a long conversation with **John Walsh** (still “JW”) on the way home from Ithaca. He continues to work in the computer world in Portland, OR, and lives downtown with wife Shelley Bronwyn Cartier. Their son Jack graduated from U. of Oregon in December 2014 with an accounting degree. Charlie and I had lunch at the newly re-opened Rulofts in Collegetown. I didn’t notice much of a difference from the ’80s except the menu is much healthier than I recall, and it certainly is cleaner. It was too early in the day to see if the cocktails were still potent.

**Karen Levine** Whitman and her son, Griffin (Syracuse ’19), scored tickets to the Super Bowl in Phoenix. Go, Patriots! I also saw on Facebook that **Jon Pettee** and his son were in Phoenix for the event. In a nice card I received from **Paul Gleichauf**, he wrote that he is now president and CEO of Baltimore Medical Systems. Congratulations, Paul! Paul, his wife, Sue, and their family still live in the Baltimore suburb of Ellicott City, MD. The last e-mail received from **Mark Jordy**, MBA ’93, indicated that he was retiring from Wellington Financial in London last December. Mark, his wife, Lauren, and their two children live in London and spend summers at China Lake in Maine. Sadly, we received word that **Cathy Barto** Meyer’s husband, Jack, passed away in late January.

**Karen Prescott Dalby**, **Cathy Cosentini Bonczek**, and I met in New York for a lovely lunch at the Bryant Park Grille and saw a matinee performance of the hilarious new musical *Honeymoon in Vegas*. We had a group of people sitting in front of us (one of whom was a Cornellian, Class of 1951) convinced that Karen was a celebrity. Karen and husband Bert divide their time between Wayne, PA, and the island of Aruba. Cathy and husband John live in Stamford, CT, with their sons Peter and Jamie, still in grammar school. Cathy is a corporate presentation coach and has her own business.

Cornell graduates are everywhere. We ran into **Scott Berman ’84** and his family while we were on a Windstar cruise last December. Scott lives in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, with his wife, Sandy, and two sons, **Brandon ’17** and Ryan, who is a high school sophomore. Scott keeps in touch with **Kenny Blatt**, who just relocated to Florida with his family to keep a closer eye on his Caribbean investments. **Susan Kurz Snyder** is co-founder and principal of Greene Levin Snyder Legal Search Group and co-chair of the Human Ecology Dean’s Advisory Council. She began her career as a corporate lawyer, but, she says, she decided to do something more meaningful to her. Susan wrote, “I wanted to help people make positive changes in their lives. I use my Human Ecology background daily to make connections between people, their environments, and available resources.” Read more about Susan in the Fall 2014 *Human Ecology* magazine.

**Lisa Kremer** Ullmann reported that the Class of 1981 was well represented at the 2015 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in January. Our class had a fabulous dinner with 13 classmates: **Celia Rodee**, **Heidi Gold-Dworkin** (and her husband), **Polly Chu**, ME ’82, **Laura Fratt**, **Laura Dake Roche**, **Mike** and **Tanis Mackay Bell**, **Susan Glenn Joseph**, **Pam Bulcroft Moore**, **Fred Cohen**, **Rhonda Eisner Batt**, **Renee Miller-Mizia**, and **Lisa Kremer Ullmann**. Also spotted at CALC were **Bob Mandelbaum** and Seaport Hotel (CALC Hotel) general manager **James Carmody**.



Please hold the date, October 8, 2015, for a reunion kickoff wine-tasting at the Cornell Club in New York City, hosted by Renee Miller-Mizia and her daughter, sommelier **Alyse Mizia '09**. Also mark your calendars for Reunion 2016, which is scheduled for June 9-12. It is not to be missed! Please keep sending us your news! We love hearing from you. ■ **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net.

**82** Congratulations to **Henry Herz**, who writes, "My picture book, *Monster Goose Nursery Rhymes*, came out from Pelican Publishing on February 7. It was co-written by my young sons!" The book is available on Amazon. We are also happy to report that **Nina Kondo** has returned as a co-class correspondent and will write the upcoming column for the Jul/Aug Class Notes. Welcome back, Nina!

Our class's annual News and Dues mailings went out in March and April (via e-mail or USPS), and the latest round of news from our classmates should reach us soon. If you returned a news form or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—or ever—now's the time. Write to any of us at the addresses below, respond to the class mailing in the envelope provided, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Ordinary or out of the ordinary, at work or at home, indoors or outdoors, domestic or foreign, solitary or social, your classmates want to hear about it. ■ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplmaw.com.

**83** **Lisa Esposito** Kok (lisakok2@gmail.com) has recently been named national marketing director for a Web startup called Reading Portfolio ([www.readingportfolio.com](http://www.readingportfolio.com)). "The English major in me loved the product, so I had to join!" she writes. "Reading Portfolio is a way for avid teen readers to get credit for reading, especially in the college application process—like athletes, musicians, and school newspaper editors do." Lisa adds, "Our son, **Nicholas '16**, is in his junior year at Cornell. He is the former president of Pi Kappa Phi and a team manager on the CUAir project. We love visiting him, and Cornell, at Homecoming and the great events Cornell has for parents. Our daughter is just a freshman in high school, but already has set her sights on Cornell!"

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“Bostonians were blissfully unaware of the merciless drubbing they were about to receive.”

Dik Saalfeld '80

**85** **James Ritchey** (james\_ritchey@instron.com) married Susan Brady last summer in Cambridge, MA. James is the director of tissue engineering business at Instron, a manufacturer of test equipment designed to evaluate the mechanical properties of materials and components, such as universal testing machines. He writes, "Work allows me to see the world—Asia and Europe three or four times a year. I enjoy watching my boys grow into men and waiting to see how college plays out for them!"

**David Lustick** is an associate professor of science education at UMass, Lowell's Graduate School of Education, where he conducts research on adult learning and climate-change communication. David has been closely involved in two informal science-learning projects: Cool Science, which displays K-12 student artwork about climate change throughout the local transit authority in Lowell; and ScienceToGo.org, a multi-faceted learning campaign on the Boston Subway featuring "Ozzie the Ostrich," who engaged Bostonians with the reality, relevance, and hope associated with climate change. Both projects utilize out-of-home media and social networks to engage the riding public with science-learning opportunities during their daily routines. Because of his work, the White House honored David as a Champion of Change in early February. This prestigious award celebrates Americans who are doing extraordinary work to enhance climate education and literacy in classrooms and communities across the country. To learn more about the White House Champions of Change program, visit: [www.whitehouse.gov/champions](http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions).

We are only a month away from our 30th Reunion! Thirty years and it's gone by in the blink of an eye. People always say that life goes by too quickly, but you never realize how quickly it's moving until you stop—and look back. Usually at Reunion we are busy catching up with all that we have missed in the past years. We can't believe that our babies are graduating from high school or college, or that our college roommate is a grandparent. Our hair may be speckled with gray, our laugh lines may be a bit deeper, our bodies

may not be as trim or as agile as they once were, but inside we are still those young-at-heart, brilliant, visionary men and women who wanted to change the world. And we have.

Cornell is a place of higher learning, where young minds are stretched to think outside the realms of possibility to bring dreams and ideas into reality. And now, whether we're a CEO, surgeon, hotel executive, actor, business owner, screenwriter, inventor, loving parent, or caregiving child, we have made an impact on this world and in the lives of those we love. We each have our own story, our own miracles we have made, our own paths that have made a difference. What binds us together is our time shared at Cornell and how those four years made us into the people we are today. Not just the career we have, but the person we are.

So in June 2015, we will make the trip to

Ithaca, where our adult lives really began, where we learned to manage our own money, get up on our own to make it to class (or not), complete our projects, research papers, and essays, share space with another person we had never met before, forge friendships, and make everlasting memories. We will go back to Libe Slope and Uris Library, walk the suspension bridge, tour the gardens, and revisit Schoellkopf Field. We will wander through Collegetown and hit the bars (those that are left) in which we spent weekends laughing with friends. We will go to Statler Hall, the Arts Quad, the Ag Quad, the Engineering buildings, the Straight, and the Campus Store. We are all a part of Cornell and Cornell will forever be a part of us.

Have a great time at Reunion! And send info, updates, and news to any of us at: ■ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; and **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfahiesq@aol.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**86** We had a very empty mailbox this month, but have tried to fill in with news from our various coconut telegraphs.

**Jenifer Ong-Meyers** celebrated her 50th birthday recently in Hawaii (the 50th state!). Jenifer is living in Iselin, NJ, and working for Millward Brown after her company, Insight Express, was acquired last year. **Susan Garretson** Friedman has been enjoying skiing with her husband, Charlie, over the record snowfalls on the East Coast this winter. Susan works at the New Jersey Audubon's Sherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary and has some stellar photos of work and birds on her Facebook page. She keeps in touch with **Laurie Feinswog**, who is now living in Houston, TX, and is a business process manager at Sunnova Energy Corp. Laurie has let her creative talents flow and has produced some amazing jewelry and DIY work in the last few years.

**Aruna Inalsingh** and **Adrienne Silverstein** Iglehart recently spent a great weekend together

in San Francisco. Adrienne was recognized as a top financial advisor by several national publications and is a member of several prestigious networking and advisory groups for family offices and family-held businesses. "We have connected at a few conferences and it's always great fun when people ask us how we met, since we really don't remember at this point!" **Julie Bick** Weed has been getting her byline across a number of fabulous magazines lately, most recently adding *Forbes* to the mix, and will be covering cannabis business for them.

**Neil '83** and **Margie Binhak Shapiro** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last November and currently reside in Lower Gwynedd, PA (suburban Philadelphia). Both of their sons will graduate in 2015. Craig graduates from Washington and Lee U. in Lexington, VA, and plans to join the Peace Corps before attending grad school for archeology; and Evan graduates from Wissahickon High School and was accepted early decision to Cornell A&S, Class of 2019. He will join Rebecca Goldgof, daughter of fellow AXO sister **Regina Franco Goldgof** and her husband, **Mike**, ME '88. Margie continues her work as the key account manager for Asher's Chocolates and acts as a broker for other confectionery companies such as Jelly Belly. She says it is a dream job, spreading sweetness throughout the Mid-Atlantic region! Both Margie and **Amy Underberg** Applebaum wrote to tell us they had a lovely brunch and then attended the Philadelphia Flower Show in March with **Lisa Teitelbaum-Wexler**, MRP '88, **Susan Buckley** Scott, and **Stephanie Maxwell** Pierson. Some of them finished off the day with their husbands and kids at the Cornell/Penn basketball game that night.

Amy Underberg Applebaum was back on campus in March to speak with students in the Baker program in real estate as part of a panel of women members of WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate. Amy brought her older daughter, Carolyn, to see Cornell. Expect a fourth book about organization design in 2016 by **Amy Kates**, MRP '87, titled *Activating the Global Operating Model*. Amy's older son is a happy sophomore at Cornell so she has lots of opportunity to go up to Ithaca and visit. He's also the social chair of Chi Phi, so after 30 years she finally gets to hang out with the cool kids!

We were thrilled to read that **Karen Garcia** Kovacs was promoted to group publisher of *People* and *Entertainment Weekly*. Karen is a 22-year Time Inc. veteran, and had been the publisher of *People* since 2010. Time Inc. boasts that she has been "a driving force behind the success of the *People* brand. During her tenure, *People* has continued to maintain its No. 1 position in advertising pages and revenue since 2008." Industry media reports that Karen has played a heavy role in digital expansion for the brands, working on integrated packages, *People's* digital launch, and multimedia spinoffs such as *People Now* and the *People Magazine Awards*. Last year, FOLIO: inducted Karen as an industry leader, naming her one of the Top Women in Media. Karen and her husband, Bator, have two sons, 16 and 14. From afar, we also get to live vicariously through Karen's posts of her attending the Academy Awards, Grammys, Emmys, and a host of other awards shows. Karen is also a member of PCCW, the President's Council of Cornell Women.

Our 30th Reunion is June 9-12, 2016—just one year away! We'd love to have you involved in the planning, and we're also looking for someone to manage our social media (Facebook, website)

for about one hour a month. Please e-mail **Margot Tohn** (mtohn@verizon.net) if you'd like to get involved with our class. Send more information and post about what you are up to on our Facebook and other pages! Send news to: **Holly Isdale**, isdale@mac.com; **Michael Wagner**, michael.wagner@wowway.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**87** By now, this snowy winter is a distant memory, the dragon has met its final fiery fate, the campus is bathed in glorious sunshine, and the students are getting ready to enjoy Slope Day. So as you sit at home reading this column (with merely two years to go until our 30th Reunion and most of us turning 50), I'd like you to write us with the following: What do you miss most about spring at Cornell? How did you celebrate/plan to celebrate your 50th? Who will you personally invite to our reunion? We need news, folks—so write!

We did hear from **Chris Pazienza** (Westford, MA; [chripazienza@gmail.com](mailto:chripazienza@gmail.com)), who recently had the opportunity to visit his daughter in Florence, Italy, where she is studying. When he isn't working, Chris spends his time hiking, biking, and playing soccer, but he says he'd rather be reading a book in a café back in Italy. He would like to hear from classmate **Pete Mapstone**. Chris adds that he wishes he could have done more exploring of other parts of the university while he was on campus—"Like the Dairy Bar, the Plantations, and the Lab of O!" Hopefully you'll get to at our 30th, Chris!

I'm happy to report that after a personal hiatus last year, I was able to return to Boston this January for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Joining me were fellow class officers **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, **Stacey Neuhofer** Silberzweig, **Brenda Wilkinson** Melvin, **Claudia Regen-Johnston**, **Katherine Stifel**, **Mary Bowman**, **Melissa Hodes** Friedenberg, **Scott Pesner**, and **Liz Brown**, JD '90. Also attending from our class in leadership roles were **Cheryl Boyer**, **Bob Forness**, and **Dan Meyer**.

Among the highlights of the weekend were: a lively presentation by professors **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Isaac Kramnick, entitled "Presidential Challenges, 1940 to the Present"; a "Shark Tank"-like competition called "The Big Idea!"; and President David Skorton's final CALC presentation, where he presented his thoughts on the future of Cornell. Saturday evening was the Boston edition of the traveling Sesquicentennial celebration—a wonderful celebration of all things Cornell! Hopefully you managed to catch this amazing event in New York City, D.C., Hong Kong, or at Charter Day in Ithaca.

And that brings this column to where it started. Tell us about your memories and celebrations. Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing any of us at: **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu); **Liz Brown**, [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu); and **Heidi Heasley** Ford, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**88** It was great to see several classmates and friends, including **Jill Fields**, **Nick Daniels**, and **Rob Rosenberg**, in Boston in January at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Among the

highlights were an address by outgoing President David Skorton, a performance by the Cornell Glee Club, and a variety of lively workshops showcasing the many volunteer opportunities for alumni. To cap off the weekend, CALC attendees joined local Cornell Bostonians at a Sesquicentennial Gala held at the Wang Theatre in the Citi Performing Arts Center. Next year, CALC will take place January 22-24 in Philadelphia. The event is open to all and features many ways to become involved, so mark your calendar!

As we thaw out from winter, it's a good time to think about Cornell Summer College for your potential next-gen Cornellians. Several children of our classmates attended Cornell Summer College in 2014, including Lyanda, daughter of **Andrew Dudley** and Linda Chee, and Kayleigh, daughter of **Joshua, MD '93**, and **Tobe Mellman Rubin**, MD '92. Summer College brings together more than 1,000 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from around the world for three- and six-week programs. Students experience college life, take Cornell courses (earning three to six college credits), explore careers and academic majors, and attend admissions workshops. Classes are offered from June 20 through August 4 in a wide variety of subjects, including: architecture, art, design, and fashion; business, hotel management, and leadership; college success and English for speakers of other languages; computer science; law and government; literature; medicine, psychology, research, and science; social change and sustainability; and veterinary medicine and animal science. Check out: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>.

But wait—summer at Cornell is for adults, too! Through Cornell's Adult University you can spend a rejuvenating week (or two) on Cornell's beautiful campus this summer, and learn about an exciting subject with one of the university's most distinguished faculty members. Programs are offered between July 5 and August 1. For information and registration visit: <http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/>.

In news from our classmates, **Bonnie Glick** reports, "I switched jobs in May 2014. After a dozen years with IBM (preceded by a dozen years in the State Dept. as a Foreign Service officer), I embarked on my next journey as the senior VP of the Meridian Int'l Center, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit focusing on the promotion of US public and cultural diplomacy through the exchange of leaders. Foreign leaders of all ages visit the US and tour the country, getting to know who/what drives America, and American leaders travel abroad to learn similarly." Bonnie would love to catch up with classmates in and around D.C. **Lisa Pasquale** Semmes reports that her son Andrew will be entering Cornell's College of Engineering, Class of 2019. Congratulations! Andrew is the oldest of six, so Lisa will still have plenty to keep her busy as he heads off to Ithaca next fall.

Please send us your news and we will publish it in an upcoming column. Our class Facebook page is another good way to connect (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>). **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, [alm46@cornell.edu](mailto:alm46@cornell.edu); **Brad Mehl**, [bradmehl@gmail.com](mailto:bradmehl@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**89** Hello, classmates! I am excited and nervous as this is my "rookie column." I'm **Lauren Kidder McGarry**. I am a homemaker in this season of life,



having left the workforce and graduate school dreams behind two decades ago after serious health challenges had nudged me out. Nowadays, I enjoy living with my family in the village of Hamburg, south of Buffalo, NY. With my youngest child, Kerith Brooke, 11, I've become involved in Cornell Cooperative Extension and their 4H Livestock Program. I help her show breeding and market sheep. We are also learning how to take the fleece and spin it into wool yarn, which is a thrill because we both knit. If you knew me in college, I was not an "Aggie" and you might have voted me "Least likely to clean a stall or shear a sheep," but now I do both. I file it under "things we do for love" in our lives. Are any other classmates involved in 4H?

Although being a correspondent is new to me, my husband, **Michael**, served for years in this capacity. Unfortunately, I'm unable to reach him right now for some coaching. For the next week he is with our older two kids, Thane, 17, and Jilian, 15, and a gaggle of other teens in rural El Salvador on a service trip sponsored by the youth organization Young Life. Meanwhile, I'm home looking at a fresh, deep blanket of white outside my window on February 14; the differential in temperature between me and my Valentine this year pushes 90 degrees! We live near Lake Erie and our village of Hamburg was featured on the Weather Channel a few months back during the lake-effect "Snowvember storm." Seven feet of snow fell in that historic handful of days. Our kind neighbors, who include several Cornell alumni, worked tirelessly to dig one another out. Have you had a memorable winter in your area? Did you also shovel your roof and your driveway? Please share your stories (and we will read them poolside in a few months when it feels more bearable!).

Have you enjoyed New York City's Central Park? If so, join me in congratulating our classmate **Christopher Nolan**, VP for planning, design, and construction at the Central Park Conservancy, as he has been made a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects. The Conservancy sent the announcement and detailed some of his accomplishments. "Chris was awarded this high honor for overseeing the complete restoration of Central Park during his long career with Central Park Conservancy, the nonprofit responsible for the care and maintenance of the park. His work is truly groundbreaking." He led the redesign and integration of playgrounds and fortified and updated vulnerable areas of the park—shorelines, islands, aging artistic structures—using modern materials without being visually or functionally disturbing. Thank you, Chris! I looked through photos of just a few of his projects on the Conservancy website and hope to check them out in person this summer during our visit to NYC.

Did you work in Residence Life while at Cornell? Do you keep in touch with folks from that season of your life? **Donna Teebagay Anderson** and I worked as resident advisors together in a couple of the beautiful Baker halls on West Campus. She married husband **Tim** and they have just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. As Donna describes, "The sparks flew in Unit 2 of Low Rise 9 back in freshman year and just never stopped." I asked her for an update and received the following:

"Tim got his MBA from Wharton in 1994 and we have lived in the Philadelphia area with our three children ever since. While a grad student at Penn, Tim enjoyed wearing all of his Big Red gear to class just to confuse people. (His blood runs Big Red!) Tim is a self-employed financial consultant

who loves to create sculptures of wood and steel in his free time. He also works on set design and construction for a local filming company. Donna, a Communication major at Cornell, feels blessed to have landed her dream job: teaching sign language to preschoolers for the past eight years. She enjoys reading, swimming, and Bible study with friends in her free time. Both Tim and Donna are closet crossword junkies who also spend way too much time procrastinating in life by rolling on the floor with their two English Springer spaniels, Cub and Scout. Tim and Donna have three children: Nick, 21, whom they love even though he chose the smaller student population of Brown U.; Jake, 18, who will be wrestling for Cornell in September 2015 while attending the Dyson School of Business; and Olivia, a high school sophomore who rows. Donna and Tim hope to see her rowing on Cayuga's waters ('with its waves of blue') in two years, if all goes well."

Though this rookie column proved light on news, I am excited to glean and share more news with you and for you in the future. I hope you will share your hobbies, special life events, professional achievements, and charitable activity, as well as how you gathered to celebrate the Cornell Sesquicentennial! We are planning to attend a family event held by the Cornell Club of Greater Buffalo. You can easily reach all your correspondents via e-mail. Or send back one of those news forms you get in the mail, or submit your news online at: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm). And check out our class website (also on [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu)) and our class Facebook page, "Cornell University Class of 1989." ■ **Lauren Kidder McGarry**, [laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com); **Anne Czaplinski Treadwell**, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Kristina Borovicka Gerig**, [kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kgerig@columbus.rr.com); **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com).

**90** Our 25th Reunion, June 4-7, is just weeks away! Early bird registration ends May 10. Perhaps more than any other reunion to date, the 25th represents a special opportunity to celebrate all that we love about Cornell. Reunion Weekend provides plenty of chances to meet up with friends at our favorite hangouts, savor our gorgeous campus get-aways, and share the wonders of our alma mater with our families. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime reunion opportunity as the entire campus community comes alive during the Sesquicentennial (Cornell 150) celebrations that will electrify the weekend. We are expecting hundreds of classmates back to campus. Call your friends and add your spirit to the reunion party weekend. A good time is guaranteed and we want you to be part of it! Let's set a new 25th Reunion attendance record—and while we're at it, let's blast past our goal of 90 for '90 Tower Club members! Please watch your e-mail, or visit our class Facebook page or our class website ([classof90.alumni.cornell.edu](http://classof90.alumni.cornell.edu)) for Reunion registration and information on becoming a Tower Club member. It's our year to lead! We hope to see you in June.

**Mark Eskenazi** writes that his daughter was admitted early decision to the Cornell Class of 2019. Congratulations! He adds that several months ago, he spoke with some Biology research students while on campus. "They're way more sophisticated/intelligent than I was," he says. Mark, a spine surgeon, has fulfilled his dream of becoming a licensed pilot, and says that several physicians at

his hospital are alums, including cardiologist **Rob Carida**." **Christine Fleming-Taylor** (Shrewsbury, MA) is an at-large director on the Cornell Club of Boston board. She writes, "In the fall I planned an apple-picking event and worked on an ice skating event scheduled for the end of February. Also, the CAAAN chair for our committee e-mailed to ask for volunteers to take on some more informational meetings with applicants. Volunteers stepped up, but, like many of the other CAAAN committees, we would love some more active members."

Please note: A memorial fund has been established for **Kathy Lee Druckman** Berggren, MAT '93, to support Cornell Dyson School activities about which Kathy was passionate and celebrated. You can make a gift to honor Kathy online at [giving.cornell.edu](http://giving.cornell.edu). Designate your gift using Kathy Lee Druckman Berggren Memorial Fund #0011199.

The Ithaca Voice reported on a decision by classmate and Ithaca judge **Scott Miller** in its December 31, 2014 edition. "The City Court Judge cited Peter Pan, Mary Poppins, William Wordsworth, and Edgar Allen Poe in his decision to throw out a graffiti charge against a local artist who spray-painted a fairy in front of a local elementary school. His ruling found that the small pink fairy was painted to 'provide fleeting joy to schoolchildren, not to damage or deface public property.'" The artist and his friend were later able to wash the fairy away, so, according to the decision, "very little actual harm was caused by this offense." "The foundation of a legitimate legal system," said Judge Miller in the ruling, "mandates that the rule of law must always apply. Yet, in order for a legal system to be humane, there must still exist at least the tiniest crack that allows a sliver of discretion to shine through when justice cries out for

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mercy in spite of the strict application of the law. Should the defendant suffer a lifelong criminal record for this offense, surely the winged seraphs would cry out from Heaven above."

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**91** I hope spring is greening up for all of you. Here in Maine, with the record snow, we'll be lucky to see the grass in June!

**William Wechsler** wrote from Bethesda, MD, where he lives with his wife and two sons. He recently left the Obama Administration to return to the private sector, where he will be vice chairman at Capitol Peak Asset Management. William spent six years at the Dept. of Defense, most recently as deputy assistant secretary for special operations and combatting terrorism. **Lisa Ploucha** Christensen has returned to Central New York after a stint in Texas. She rejoined Bond, Schoenck & King as senior counsel in the employee benefits and executive compensation practice, working out of Syracuse. According to the news release about her hire, Lisa concentrates her practice in health and welfare benefit plan administration and compliance. Good luck in your new position, Lisa!

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**92** As I write this in sub-zero wind chill temperatures, it's hard to believe that it will be SPRING as you read it! This past January, some of our class officers (including me and my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**) attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston—before the massive snows hit there. As always, it is a great weekend to learn more about current initiatives and activities on campus, improve our practical skills as class leaders, and make future plans for the Class of 1992. Highlights were presentations from professors on Cornell's history and President Skorton's last CALC address as he prepares to leave his post. Yours truly even served on a panel for a discussion on class columns!

This year's conference was part of the official multi-event, international Sesquicentennial celebration of Cornell's 150th birthday. On Saturday night, the CALC participants were bused to the Wang Theatre to celebrate with local Cornell alumni

for a festive multi-media production and party. Local classmates who attended were our past class president **Karen McCalley**, **David and Renee Hunter Toth**, **Matt Cuddy** and **Alyssa Cohen**, **Amy Levine**, and **Suzannah Johnson** Creedon.

The CALC weekend also provided an opportunity for me to fill this column with news from other class officers! Of course, class president **Alison Bergstrom** was there. Her love of travel continues as she went to Machu Picchu in September and was planning a trip to Antarctica in February. **Jonathan Simon** enjoyed kayaking (and dodging ferries) on the Hudson River last fall with the Cornell Outdoor Education Advisory Board. He continues to enjoy finding Cornellians in unexpected places—be it clients in Alaska or National Park Service staff in Denver. **Laurel Beverley** is our class affinity chair and took over as medical director of the operating room at Healthspan in Cleveland. She also oversees four departments including her own orthopedic department. She continues to try to make downtown Cleveland a family-friendly place. Laurel said that she went to Africa during the Ebola scare, and the closest she got to exposure was an infected nurse at the airport—in Cleveland! Laurel shared that **Rod Rezaee** works in the same hospital with her.

**Terry Horner**, PhD '98, is part of a new advisory council for the Hangovers as they plan their 50th anniversary. In his work life, Terry led a delegation to China to evaluate what the FDA is doing to ensure the safety of food and drugs imported from China to the US. One of Terry's many Cornell roles is VP of membership for the Cornell Club of Washington, DC.

It was nice to see Boston-local **Kathy Liu**, MAT '93, again. She is a science teacher and is raising a first grade daughter. Kathy said they have traveled to Disney, Taiwan, and Miami this year, and that Disney was their favorite! I met **Stephen Mong**, ME '93, MBA '02, and **Petula Brown** for the first time. Stephen is our Annual Fund representative and lives in NYC. Post-separation/divorce, he took time to travel to Spain, Portugal, Romania, and Hungary and spent lots of quality time with his two children. Stephen has appreciated reconnecting with classmates. While at CALC, we got to see to one of our 20th Reunion clerks, **Josh Grider** '14. Josh is living in Georgia and is in management at Waffle House restaurants.

**Jennifer Lynham** Cunningham attended CALC as a staffer with the university. She has worked in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development at Cornell since the day after our 15th Reunion! Her job is to study alumni engagement: how are our 250K alumni (aka us!) connecting with Cornell, and what effect does that have on the university? She lives a half-mile from campus and commutes to work by bike—except when it's crazy icy. Last summer, she and husband Sean got chosen to host one of the Cornell Alumni Association trips: they did a nine-day Baltic cruise with 40 other Cornellians. Big Red goes EVERYWHERE! Plans for this summer include racing in her first half-Ironman triathlon. Best of luck, Jennifer!

While in Boston, we had drinks with **Meredith Rosenberg** and husband **Matt Rubins** '90 and **Mike Cimini** and **Angela Cheng-Cimini**. We are so excited that Mike and Angela's son will attend Cornell in the fall! Later that night, we met **Brian Nowicki** and his family at the Boston Celtics/Chicago Bulls game.

For the past year or so, I've been part of a team to start a new Cornell women's network

group in Philadelphia. I've met great women who are so happy to be re-engaged with Cornell. I also met **Kimberly Lightcap Freeman**, who was the hostess for a Cornell women's leadership brunch in Philadelphia to bring alumni and current students together. Kimberly and her husband, **Bill** '95, live in Chestnut Hill with their three children. Kimberly works in the oncology division of a pharmaceutical company.

Finally, Todd and I still enjoy volunteering for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) to meet local high school students who are applying to Cornell. We really like helping in this way and invite you again to check it out for yourself: <http://caan.admissions.cornell.edu>.

Please keep in touch so we have more to share with you! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ☐ **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Megan Fee** Torrance, [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu).

**93** Hey, fellow '93ers. Hope your 2015 has been going well so far! Several of our class officers—

**Earl Pinto**, **Christine Watters** Stuhlmiller, **Loren Rosensweig**-Feingold, **Theresa Flores**, and **Jessica Graus Woo**—launched the year with a Big Red bang at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). They joined alumni leaders from around the world to hear about new Cornell initiatives, share best practices for engagement and communication, and connect with fellow Cornellians. The conference also featured sessions to help alumni better understand how the Board of Trustees functions, and how the University Council helps support Cornell. Current students also participated, by showcasing some of the tremendous volunteer efforts on campus. President Skorton gave his final CALC address, and the Glee Club sang him a farewell song called "Give My Regards to David, Remember Him to T-Rex Too." The CALC grand finale was a huge celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial. Yes, Cornell is still rocking its Big Red 150th birthday!

Many of our classmates have joined with thousands of other alumni to celebrate the Sesquicentennial at several events over the last several months, including one in D.C., the Sy Katz '31 Parade in NYC, and the Frozen Apple hockey extravaganza at Madison Square Garden. To join the party, go to: [www.150.Cornell.edu](http://www.150.Cornell.edu). Inspired by CALC and Cornell's 150th, our class council is starting to plan for a "class project" to rally '93 classmates to collectively do some good, either for Cornell students or for the greater Ithaca community. Classmates, please let us know your opinion. What inspires you about Cornell or Ithaca? How can we, as a class, make a difference in the lives of others? Also, if you're interested in getting more involved with this project or our class in general, we're always looking for people who may want to join the '93 class council. Drop a line to one of the class correspondents listed below, and let us know your ideas and thoughts. Please also send us an e-mail highlighting what you are up to in any part of the world.

In this regard, thank you to **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg for sending us this news: "After being at the same firm since graduating from Cornell, I decided to pursue a new opportunity! In May, I started at Lockton Companies in their New York office as a VP and senior benefit consultant. I am



consulting to mid- and large-size companies on their health and welfare benefits. My husband and I live in Westchester, NY, with our three kids, Jonathan, 8, Ari, 6, and Maya, 3." We also appreciate the update from **Andrew Ognall**. He is currently the executive VP and general counsel of Umpqua Holdings Corp. in Portland, OR. Happy spring, everyone! Happy everything. Take care and please share. ☐ **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu.

**94** **Robert Frucht** became "of counsel" for Dilworth Paxson LLP this past January. Based in the firm's NYC office, Bob focuses on transaction-based corporate and securities law including debt and equity financings. "Bob is a great addition to the firm," said Gregory Blue, the managing partner of Dilworth's NYC office. "His work will help round out our already strong capabilities by adding corporate experience to our well-established New York litigation and bankruptcy practices."

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**95** Looks like I will not be able to make it to Reunion this year, so I expect y'all to have some Dairy Bar and Finger Lakes wine for me. Aside from the distance for us, we have a child who will tear any and all airplanes right out of the sky. We would end up on the news—I don't think my mother would be so proud.

It's a lean news cycle, but we have some big news from **Brenda Janowitz** Luxenberg. Her fourth novel, *The Lonely Hearts Club*, from Polis Books, will be released in paperback on March 17, 2015 (get your spring break reading material, people!). Next year, St. Martin's Press will publish her fifth novel, *The Last Supper*. Her work has also recently appeared in *Salon* ([http://www.salon.com/2015/01/19/he\\_never\\_hit\\_me\\_but\\_i\\_could\\_no\\_longer\\_take\\_his\\_abuse/](http://www.salon.com/2015/01/19/he_never_hit_me_but_i_could_no_longer_take_his_abuse/)) and *Writer's Digest* (<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/novel-writing-10-questions-you-need-to-ask-your-characters>). Say hi to her at [www.brendajanowitz.com](http://www.brendajanowitz.com) or [www.twitter.com/BrendaJanowitz](http://www.twitter.com/BrendaJanowitz).

For the first time ever, I rolled in a New Orleans Mardi Gras parade with my "krewe," Nyx. Our theme in the fourth year of existence was "Hail to the King," and every one of the 36 floats was a tribute to an Elvis song. Masked, wigged, costumed, and beaded, I traveled on Float 28, "Suspicious Minds." Our signature throws (what we toss to the crowds) were decorative purses (we worked for months to get everything together). I had 25

decorated purses on the float, along with krewe beads, random strings of other colored beads, fuzzy dice, glow sticks, blow-up guitars, and flashing bits. Although I tried not to wing anyone with the throws, I had a hard time getting things to the people in the "cheap seats" without some force. One takes some chances attending parades here in New Orleans. The crowds were so loud I missed my own family yelling up to me, but other Nyx sisters took care of them, and they scored the coveted Nyx throw, a purse. While everyone celebrates Mardi Gras on the day before Ash Wednesday, New Orleanians celebrate Mardi Gras as a full season, and Nyx is one of many krewes that rolls during that season. We do have the distinction of being the largest all-female krewe.

This marks my last column as one of your correspondents. It has been a pleasure! If you have any interest in being a class correspondent (or part of the council), please contact **Alison Torillo** French at [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu). Do continue to send Abra and me news: ☐ **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, [vkbrooksigler@gmail.com](mailto:vkbrooksigler@gmail.com); **Abra Benson** Perrie, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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**98** Cornell's motto, "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study," certainly inspired many of us to seek out our passions and pursuits on campus and beyond. Here are some updates from our classmates; Ezra would be so proud!

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The Society of Chemical Industry (SCI), America Section, has awarded the 11th annual SCI Gordon E. Moore Medal to **Andrew Taggi**, a senior research scientist at DuPont. For the past five years, he has been the principal chemist and project leader on a program focused on advances in new and novel fungicides to support increased worldwide food production. "Andrew Taggi is an exceptional young scientist whose new fungicides will help feed the world, while respecting the environment," said Erik Fyrwald, president and CEO of Univar Corp. and SCI America chairperson. "Dr. Taggi demonstrates a scientific tenacity and creativity in problem solving to discover new molecules that address farmers' needs to manage resistant pathogens."

**David Levinthal** has been selected as a member of the inaugural American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Future Leaders Program. Selection is highly competitive as there are only 18 coveted spots in this program, thus making David's selection and participation an impressive achievement. Prior to his career in finance, **Joshua Malkin** was a successful attorney at Davis Polk & Wardwell, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, but his decision to change careers has proved fruitful. Currently an executive director at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Joshua has been

named one of the top 40 financial advisors under age 40 in the US by *On Wall Street* magazine in 2015. He manages the Malkin Group of Morgan Stanley in NYC and is a member of the Chairman's Club, awarded to the firm's top financial advisors. Congratulations to all!

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**OO** Are you ready for the BIG 1-5? Hard to believe, I know, but it really is here—our 15th Reunion! And in true Class of 2000 spirit, we are going to celebrate how even more amazing we are 15 years out. Our dedicated and remarkably organized reunion chairs, **David "Chip" Chipurnoi** and **Erin Flinn**, have planned a fun-filled weekend for us, including a special event from fellow classmate **Cheryl Stanley**. As the present Introduction to Wines instructor, Cheryl will be hosting a wine tasting program featuring Finger Lakes wines that will bring us back to the good ol' days when we walked around campus toting our little black wine kits. You definitely don't want to miss it!

Another Hotelie back on her old stomping grounds, **Heather Foulks** Kolakowski is teaching on the Hill now as well. Heather is a food and beverage lecturer at the Hotel school, and her office overlooks Barton Hall! After teaching at the Culinary Inst. of America for seven years, Heather relocated to Ithaca with her husband, Jeremy, and the happy couple welcomed their first child, Nathaniel, on September 29, 2014. She loves being back on campus and can't wait to see everyone at Reunion!

At the U. of Calgary, **Aylin Atilla** recently joined the faculty of veterinary medicine, where she is an assistant professor teaching small animal surgery. 2013 was a big year for Aylin, as she had her beautiful son in March and then started teaching full-time that October. She reports that life is great and the town of Calgary is treating her and her family well. **Mike and Kim Harris Greiner** also brought a new baby boy into the world on July 29, 2014. They had quite a celebration as they welcomed Bradley Keith into their family one week before Kim and Mike's 10th wedding anniversary! The Greiners have been living in the Queen Village section of Philadelphia for the past six years and are truly loving it.

The law firm of Bean, Kinney & Korman PC announced recently that **Lynn Hawkins**, previously an associate, has been named a shareholder of the firm. Lynn focuses her practice on family law, representing parents and children in matters such as divorce, equitable distribution of property, alimony, child support, and custody. According to the firm, "Lynn has done a stellar job ever since she joined in 2013." She is also a volunteer for the Family Court Self-Help Center of the D.C. Superior Court.

We are also excited to announce that **Daniel Vreeman** was recently featured in the *Indianapolis Business Journal*, 40 Under 40. A Regenstrief Inst. investigator and Indiana U.

## Striking a Chord

Mike Kennedy '01

**A**fter hundreds of hours spent working on one of his handcrafted guitars, Mike Kennedy knows it's complete when it passes his benchmark test: he tries it out by playing "Ojo," a Sixties folk song.

The former mechanical engineering major has been building custom instruments since 2006, when he founded his one-man company, Indian Hill Guitars. "It's just me, start to finish," says Kennedy. "I do everything from scratch. There are no parts; it's all just from hunks of wood."

Based in Québec, Kennedy makes flat top, steel string, acoustic instruments best suited for folk and bluegrass finger-style playing. Clients can choose from four models (ranging from a four-string Tenor to a full-bodied Grand Concert) and follow their instrument's progress, from rough lumber to finished product, on Kennedy's website. Prices start at \$5,000. "In the custom guitar world, there are a lot of unique things that you wouldn't find in a typical factory instrument—small technical things in how the guitar is put together," says Kennedy. His guitars can be tailored to a client's style and sound preferences with options like an elevated fingerboard, an adjustable neck, and alternative locations for the sound holes, which he says help the instrument project music more efficiently. The body is customizable through a choice of domestic and exotic woods such as Sitka Spruce and Indian Rosewood, plus details like colors and borders.

Even Kennedy's most basic model requires up to two months to complete, meaning that he produces only about six guitars a year. He says that the labor-intensive nature of his craft is the most gratifying part—and the most difficult. "It's a big challenge," says Kennedy, "finding that balance between striving for perfection and being willing to let go."

— Gabriela Keane '16





associate research professor of medicine, Daniel was selected for the list, which honors high achieving professionals. Daniel directs the development of Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC), the standardization of medical vocabulary essential for the exchange of health information. After studying Biology at Cornell and earning a doctorate in physical therapy at Duke U., Daniel completed a post-doctoral informatics research fellowship at the Regenstrief Inst. He was the first physical therapist in the US to receive post-doctoral informatics training. When LOINC was first released in 1995, it contained only about 6,000 terms. Under Daniel's stewardship, however, LOINC has grown to over 74,000 terms, and the number of users has climbed to over 36,000 in more than 164 countries. Congratulations, Daniel, and to all our classmates on their accomplishments!

Unfortunately, before I leave you, I must also convey some very sad news, and that is the passing of our own **Erwin Chan** last January in Seattle, WA. Many of his friends remember him fondly from their freshman year in Low Rise 7, and those who stayed in touch were able to see Erwin become a deeply respected professor, ending his career as a visiting assistant professor in the Dept. of Linguistics at the U. of Arizona, Tucson. On behalf of Cornell and the Class of 2000, we send our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Erwin's family and friends. Take care, classmates. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you. ☐ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

**01** Happy spring, Class of 2001! Lots of exciting news from our classmates—and wonderful to see how much the news has changed over the years!

**Beth Bornstein** (Kappa Delta) and Michael Kehoe were married on September 20, 2014 in Lake Ronkonkoma, NY. In attendance were **Allison Wood** Esposito and **Kevin Manz '03**. The happy couple resides in Garden City, NY. **Steve**, ME '02, and **Heather Bernstein Kopleff** welcomed their new son, Gregory Arthur, into the world on December 31 at NYP/Weill Cornell Medical Center in NYC. He is already looking forward to matriculating with the Class of 2037! Big sister Jennifer is very excited and wants to introduce him to Touchdown and the Dairy Bar. **Meredith Messing** Winokur and husband Ross welcomed son Seth David, born January 6, 2015. Big brother Avi is very excited to have a little brother and future sibling on the Hill with him.

**Alexander Hakopian** joined the real estate group at Cassin & Cassin LLP in New York. Alexander represents institutional lenders in closing commercial real estate loans intended for securitization or other sale on the secondary market. **Adam Dunst** recently joined the New York office of the international law firm Dentons as a managing associate in the corporate group.

In Great Falls, MT, the C.M. Russell Museum announced that a one-of-a-kind presentation guitar by **Mike Kennedy** of Indian Hill Guitars will be a featured work in "The Russell: An Exhibition and Sale to Benefit the C.M. Russell Museum." The Russell is the premier fundraising event for the museum, and was the signature event during Western Art Week in Great Falls this past March. The guitar was featured at all of the Russell events and was auctioned in a silent auction on March 21. To see the progress of building the guitar and hear comments from Mike and others, please visit

[www.indianhillguitars.com](http://www.indianhillguitars.com) or [www.facebook.com/indianhillguitars](http://www.facebook.com/indianhillguitars).

Mike has been building custom guitars full-time for the past nine years after graduating with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Following a few years surfing off the coast of California, his career began with a three-year apprenticeship under master luthier Sergei de Jonge before launching his own company, Indian Hill Guitars. Mike has also taken part in several of the best luthier showcases: Healdsburg Guitar Festival, Montreal Guitar Show, Woodstock Guitar Festival, and the Handmade Luthier's Showcase (Toronto), as well as the upcoming Memphis Guitar Festival in 2015.

As for myself, **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, I changed jobs and left the place I had worked since we graduated. I have become the assistant general manager for the Time Warner Center (the Shops at Columbus Circle) for the Related Companies in NYC. This was a great opportunity to grow my career.

The class officers hope that everyone can participate and contribute to class dues. Please encourage your friends to be a part of it, too. Donate online at: <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues/>. Please continue to share the exciting news in your lives, and in between columns stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Cornell2001](http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2001)). ☐ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

**02** Classmate **Leah Dozier** was featured in a short article in the Fall 2014 issue of *Human Ecology* magazine. Leah traveled to Zambia in 2005 to volunteer with Grassroot Soccer, a nonprofit that uses soccer to educate, inspire, and empower young people to stop the spread of HIV. Leah says, "At first, they just wanted to play soccer, with little interest in the health component. By the end they were bringing in questions from their families about HIV. You could see the transformation." Leah spent the next nine years working for GRS. Thanks in part to her leadership, it has grown from a fledgling nonprofit to a multinational NGO. GRS offers HIV testing for participants, with treatments for those who test positive, and visits from soccer celebrities who talk about the importance of making healthy choices. She adds, "Joining Grassroot Soccer was one of the best decisions I've ever made. It ignited my passion for international development and allowed me to use my love for soccer to bring about real change." Earlier in 2014, Leah became a founding partner in Groundswell Education, a consulting firm that helps organizations design and implement health education programs.

Congratulations to **Jake Levy** (jlevy@fwrv.com), who was recently named a partner at the entertainment law firm Franklin, Weinrib, Rudell & Vassallo. "My practice focuses on representing creative talent and companies in the television, motion picture, book publishing, and music industries."

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**03** **Susan Richardson** Ryba, an attorney in Baker & McKenzie's Chicago office, has recently been elected to partner in the tax practice group. Susan advises domestic and international corporations on US federal income taxation issues and represents clients in all stages of federal tax controversies. She regularly lectures on federal tax controversy issues, transfer pricing, and other international taxation issues.

We also learned from a press release that **Cecelia Sander** Cannon, JD '08, was elected a member of the law firm Bousquet Holstein PLLC. The release stated, "Cecelia is an attorney in our Litigation Practice Group. She works with her clients to explore economical and efficient strategies and is a strong advocate in helping them reach their goals. In addition to negotiating out-of-court settlements, Cecelia practices regularly in state and federal courts."

In another press release, we learned that **Stephen Melnick** was elevated to shareholder status at Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management. Congratulations, Susan, Cecelia, and Stephen! **Laura Swerdloff** Moreno wrote, "We had a great year with our daughter, Juliet, who turned 1 on January 28."

We've heard positive feedback around the classmate mini-features, so 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. If you returned a news form earlier this spring, or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. Until then, all the best. ☐ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**04** We hope you are all looking forward to the summer! We would like to share some highlights on two classmates who have recently been on and in the news.

**Justin Finch** has joined CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and the CW Philly (WPSG-TV) Eyewitness News team as a reporter. Justin joined the Philadelphia team from WTVJ in Miami, FL, where he had been a reporter since 2011. Previously, he was an anchor/reporter for Channel One News, a nationally broadcast, daily educational news program seen by millions of students in their classrooms every day. He began his journalism career as a reporter and anchor for New York City's News 12 The Bronx & Brooklyn in 2005. A native of Atlanta, Justin earned a BA in English and Africana studies, has a master's in journalism from Columbia U., and completed the CNN Master's Fellow program in Atlanta in 2005. He is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

**Jeffrey Lizotte** worked under chefs David Bouley and Eric Ripert after graduation, and completed stages in France at the acclaimed La Tupina in Bordeaux and La Bastide St. Antoine in Grasse. In 2009, he returned to his native Connecticut as chef de cuisine at ON20, becoming executive chef

in 2012. The same year, he earned a silver medal at the Bocuse D'Or USA and was awarded Valrhona Best Pastry while representing the US in the international culinary competition Trophée Passion. In 2013, *Connecticut* magazine named Jeffrey the state's Best New Chef, while *Food & Wine* magazine chose him as one of 100 of the country's elite in their annual People's Best New Chef competition. For more information visit [www.ontwenty.com](http://www.ontwenty.com).

Class of 2004 members painted the town red, along with the many Cornellians who came to Boston for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). This year was a momentous one as it marked the Sesquicentennial year, and the celebration on Saturday night at the Wang Theatre certainly proved it! Council members **Jennifer Warner**, **Juanita McGonagle**, **Rachel Krug**, and **Shaun and Vanessa Matsis McCready** were spotted gathering to plan for our class. **Jermaine Gause**, MPS '12, and **Sarah Pettengill** also said hello over the weekend. Thanks to **Anne Jones** for that report! Next year's conference will be moving to Philadelphia. Calling all classmates in the City of Brotherly Love—we hope to catch up with you to paint Philly Red in 2016!

We love to read your updates. Send us your news through the online form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) or to me directly. We look forward to hearing from you. If you returned a news form earlier this spring, or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, [jessipetrosino@gmail.com](mailto:jessipetrosino@gmail.com).

**05** Hey, fellow classmates! Can you believe that ten years ago we were all enjoying that last college final in Bartels Hall, having a great time during Senior Week, and walking into Schoellkopf Field to our friends and family cheering for us at graduation? Let's all relive our college memories this year at our 10th Reunion, June 4-7! Enjoy great food, a special HADM 430 Intro to Wines course, beer tasting, and a panel about September 11 and Pearl Harbor. Plus, we will have a photo scavenger hunt to explore the campus. Registration is still open, and questions can be directed to our reunion chair, **Sarah Perkins** Latimer, at [sbp29@cornell.edu](mailto:sbp29@cornell.edu). Hope to see you there!

In other news, fellow class correspondent **Michelle Wong** attended Cornell's evening Sesquicentennial celebration at the Regency Center in San Francisco on March 6. She writes, "What a wonderful event to reminisce about our time on the Hill! It was great seeing President Skorton one last time before he heads off to the Smithsonian, and it was also nice to see professors Isaac Kramnick and **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, speak together before Prof. Kramnick retires later this year." The program included updates on current campus activities, an overview of Cornell history, brief presentations about cutting-edge Cornell research, and an exciting performance by Cornell Bhangra, which last year made it to the quarter-finals of "America's Got Talent."

Throughout the night, Michelle also had a great time catching up with **Michael Lepage**, **Betsy Cooper** '04, **Graham Anderson**, **Helen Yoon**, **Alyson Greenlee**, and **Ben Seligman** '07. She wants to give a special hats off to **Noah Gaspar**, ME '06, and the rest of the planning committee for throwing an amazing party.

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and the latest round of news from our classmates should reach us soon. If you returned a news form or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—or ever!—now's the time. Write to any of us at the addresses below, respond to the class mailing in the envelope provided, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Ordinary or out of the ordinary, at work or at home, indoors or outdoors, domestic or foreign, solitary or social, we look forward to reading about it! See everyone on the Hill at our 10th Reunion! **Johnny Chen**, [jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu); **Hilary Johnson-King**, [haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu); **Michelle Wong**, [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu).

**06** As we enter our 30s, we turn the page to a new decade of possibilities. As we say goodbye to our dizzy 20s, we welcome the opportunities and responsibilities of our futures, continuing to build on our college years at Cornell. Please remember that we would love to hear from all of you in the months ahead—even if it's only as thrilling as planting your own herb garden in your backyard and cooking up some delicious new recipes (yum, definitely share if that's the case).

**Bryan Hall**, JD '09, former associate at Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP, has been named partner as of January 1, 2015. Bryan dedicates the majority of his practice to mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, and general corporate matters for a variety of public and private corporations, including structuring and maintaining joint ventures and closely held businesses. He also assists clients with private placements and commercial contracts, including supply and distribution agreements and licenses.

**Marcelo Garza**, ME '07, reports that 2014 was a year of Cornell connections at an international level. While on business across Latin America, he connected with **Guillermo del Angel**, PhD '01, **Jamie Watanasookchai** '05, and **Eliana Nossa-Gonzalez**, ME '07, MS '10. He also hosted **Can Erdogan** and wife **Selin Un**, ME '08, at his former home in São Paulo. In his new job as product manager at McKinsey & Co., he found himself working with **Bhavna Devani** '05, MA '09, and **Diego Jimenez** '04. Finally, Marcelo reports that he is very excited to have moved back to Chicago, where he has reconnected with old-time friends **Jennifer Fabbrini** and **Kim McAndrews**.

In fall 2014, **Jonathan Hart** married Nola Anderson. He has been working full-time as a staff veterinarian for a small emergency service in Minnesota. In Ann Arbor, MI, **Shoshannah Lenski** and her husband, **Sam Firke**, welcomed son Ari in October. Big sister Ilana, 4, sings the Cornell Alma Mater beautifully. Shoshannah says, "We'll see if she can teach it to Ari in time for Reunion 2016!" Always drawn to NYC for everything the Big Apple has to offer, **Nathan Windsor** (formerly Nathaniel Smith) has found his place in the entertainment industry. He works on "The Fabulous," a musical comedy TV show about an alien drag queen who joins a disco band to save the universe. You can watch it on [thefabuloustvshow.com](http://thefabuloustvshow.com). Quite different than his days working for Perry Ellis when Nathan first graduated from Cornell. Can't wait to check out the show!

As for myself, I've been living the bicoastal lifestyle, going from NYC to Los Angeles. It's been exciting for sure, and it's always great escaping

NYC when it gets too cold. I also go to Miami a few times a year for music-related projects, as well as for Art Basil in December, which I look forward to all year. I was in Australia in April, exploring Sydney, Melbourne, the Gold Coast, and the North Island of New Zealand. Aside from the travels, I recently signed to the BIG Management music and entertainment company as a singer and songwriter, and a few months ago I worked on an indie/pop band project called 99 Lola. We created a six-song EP titled "Consumed" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnUe087Ips>).

Thank you to everyone who submitted these wonderful updates—can't wait to hear more! We '06ers are a strong group. Let's keep it going through 2015 and beyond. Send us your news! **Kate DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu); **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu); **Tory Lauterbach**, [VML8@cornell.edu](mailto:VML8@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**07** Pam Morris ([prm26@cornell.edu](mailto:prm26@cornell.edu)) sends the great news that she and George Shapovalov were married in September 2014 in a beautiful ceremony in Newport, RI. She started studying for her MBA at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business around the same time and has been busy ever since! Best wishes to the newlyweds!

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**08** Happy spring! 2015 is off to a fantastic start in the Big Red Universe, as our fair Cornell turned 150 on April 27. We hope many of you were able to celebrate Cornell's 150th birthday at one of the Sesquicentennial events in New York City, Washington, DC, Hong Kong, Boston, West Palm Beach, San Francisco, Los Angeles, or London, or during Charter Day Weekend in Ithaca!

Your dedicated class officers gathered in Boston to fête Cornell's 150th at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) on January 16-18 in Boston, during the calm before that city experienced its snowiest winter on record (at the time of this column's drafting, Boston's winter tally was 108.6 inches and counting!).

As usual, the Class of 2008 had a fantastic representation at CALC. Twelve class officers showed up in Boston for two days of skill-building, planning, and reconnection with friends, old and new. Officers present at our class meeting on Saturday included **Jason Beekman**, JD '11, **Margaret Shee-he**, **Caroline Krassen**, **Ali Waks**, **Elana Beale**, **Josh Pertin**, **Mike Wilbert**, **Anitha Vemury** '10, BS ILR '09, **Nikki Mangiere**, **Lance Polivy**, **Steven Attanasio**, and **Sara Patterson**. The agenda included a recap of 2014, which was a busy and successful year for us: the Class of 2008 participated in the



New Student Reading Project (Amara Lakhous's novel *Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio*); participated in Non-Reunion Reunions; hosted a class tent at Homecoming; and had a large block of seats at the Red Hot Hockey match at Madison Square Garden over Thanksgiving weekend. Programming on the horizon for 2015 includes Non-Reunion Reunions, Homecoming 2015, and looking ahead to celebrating our classmates' 30th birthdays (gulp!) in 2016. Stay tuned and let us know if you'd like to get involved! Don't forget to find and follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bigred2008>), and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/bigred2008/>).

CALC also provided us the opportunity to toast class officer Steven Attanasio's biggest accomplishment of 2014. Steve recently published a book titled *Untouched Heroics*, the true-life story of a 95-year-old WWII veteran named Tony Varone. Surviving eight campaigns from 1942-45, Mr. Varone escaped death and injury innumerable times, and saved a significant number of lives in the process. His inspirational story is a personal tribute to soldiers whose stories have gone untold. *Untouched Heroics* is available in paperback and e-book on Amazon.com. Information can also be found at [www.untouchedheroics.com](http://www.untouchedheroics.com).

Do you have photos from Freshmen on the Field 2004? How about the Great Snow Day of Valentine's Day 2007? Class historian **Daniela White** ([dw98@cornell.edu](mailto:dw98@cornell.edu)) is cultivating a class archive of photos and relics from our time on the Hill and in the years since, including e-mails and marketing materials. Send Daniela your mementos to be recorded for time immemorial!

We hope you all have fabulous summers full of joy and sunshine. Please send us updates of both the major life change and arcane day-to-day life variety (running three miles a day? A marathon? Globetrotting, or just moved across town?)! We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame! ■ **Elana Beale**, [erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:erb26@cornell.edu); **Libby Boymel**, [lkb24@cornell.edu](mailto:lkb24@cornell.edu).

**09** Our class's annual News and Dues mailings went out in March and April (via e-mail or USPS), and the latest round of news from our classmates should reach me soon. If you returned a news form or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. If you haven't sent news yet this year—ever!—now's the time. Write to me at the address below, respond to the class mailing in the envelope provided, or check out the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Ordinary or out of the ordinary, at work or at home, indoors or outdoors, domestic or foreign, solitary or social, your classmates want to hear about it. ■ **Rebecca Robbins**, [rsr38@cornell.edu](mailto:rsr38@cornell.edu).

**10** Do you remember prelims, problem sets, and the stress of final exams? How about trudging to 8:00 a.m. classes in the snow, studying in library basements, or feeling like you might never catch up on your class readings?

We're returning to Ithaca this June for our 5th Reunion to do NONE of those things. Reunion is all about the parts of Cornell that you loved—the friends, the campus, the camaraderie, and the partying. Forget the stress. Forget the snow and the prelims and the hills. Join us for Reunion 2015 and relive the good times!

Registration is now open. Be sure to sign up soon for early bird rates and priority housing. If you have any questions, please reach out to our reunion chairs at [classof2010@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2010@cornell.edu). ■ **Michael Beyman**, [mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb262@cornell.edu); **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu).

**11** Great news from **Jeffrey Weiss**, BS Hotel '10, who informed us that his book, *Charcuteria: The Soul of Spain*, has been awarded Best Cookbook in the US, international category, for 2014-15, from the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards! This means that, in June, the book will go against all other cookbooks in the world for the prize of Best Cookbook in the World for that category. Jeff writes, "This is such a huge honor and I'm just blown away by the

support the book has been getting—especially from my Cornell community." See page 30 of the July/August '14 issue of CAM for more about Jeff and his book.

Classmate **Lauren Braun** was featured in a short article in the Fall 2014 *Human Ecology* magazine—she earned the Recent Alumni Achievement Award, which honors alumni who demonstrate a commitment to professional, community, college, or university activities. Lauren founded the nonprofit Alma Sana ("healthy soul" in Spanish) in 2012, to test her patent-pending concept for bracelets to remind mothers in resource-poor regions about immunization appointments.

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## Oh! The Sculptures You'll Sow

Amy Lewis '08

**P**assing through New York's historic Hudson Valley as a child, Amy Lewis would often see antique farm equipment rusting in the woods. Two decades later, those memories inspired the former architecture major to seek out the abandoned machines and use them to create art, furniture, and other objects.



Lewis transforms decaying farm implements into fountains, mirrors, candlesticks, chairs, and tables in a medium she calls Agrisculpture. "It's farm equipment lovingly rethought," she says. "I look at Agrisculpture as a way to give something a second life. I feel like I'm saving these old machines." Lewis works exclusively with equipment that can no longer serve its original purpose and whose only value is as scrap. One of her favorite raw materials is the disc harrow, which consists of steel plates that are hooked up behind a tractor to cultivate the land. Lewis uses the plates for mirrors and fountains and the metal between them for candlesticks. Says Lewis: "I can take something that is completely useless and turn it into something that has a new and different function."

Agrisculpture owes its start to the economic crisis of 2008. After graduation, Lewis worked in architecture and zoning in Dubai and Los Angeles. But with many firms closing or cutting back, she returned to her native Upstate New York and focused on her art. Her first creation was a trio of metal fountains commissioned by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, where it's now on display. These days, Lewis juggles about five projects at a time. Her creations can be found in restaurants, farms, private collections, and public spaces throughout Upstate New York. "I get so excited about the surprise on the client's face when they see the finished Agrisculpture," she says. "It's not a pile of rust anymore—it's actually something beautiful."

—Melissa Sarmiento '16

**12** Even though we haven't been in the "real world" for even five years yet, our beloved Alma Mater has been around for almost a century and a half! Cornell's 150th birthday has been celebrated around the world, with a few more events still to go. Keep an eye on the official Sesquicentennial website at <http://150.cornell.edu/>.

**David Shippee** (dbs96@cornell.edu) is currently living in Paris for a four-month assignment with GE on their corporate audit staff. Right after graduating Cornell, David worked in GE's Financial Management Program for two years, rotating jobs and locations every six months—from Cincinnati to Boston to England and back to Cincinnati. He is now an internal auditor/consultant working in Paris on integration planning, and plans to return to the States soon for a four-month stint in Connecticut. David writes, "I love the opportunity to travel and constantly see and do new things, and will miss the wine, cheese, and crepes from France!"

Please keep your classmates up-to-date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents. If you returned a news form earlier this spring, or responded to an e-mail solicitation, thank you! Look for your news in an upcoming issue. **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

**13** Once again, your 2013 class council met in Boston for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) over Martin Luther King weekend. Among the attendees was **Dani Gredoña**, whose favorite parts of the weekend were the Saturday luncheon and President David Skorton's final CALC address. She attended the Mosaic Open Bar and Young Alumni Bar Night on Friday, and then went to the Boston Sesquicentennial event—"A nice tribute to Cornell," she said. Back in NYC, Dani is working for McCann, supporting her main client, L'Oréal, and credits Slope Media for preparing her.

**Jerome Tse** recently moved to Boston and currently works in the Seaport district. This year, he is launching Berri Pro in California. Berri Pro is the first certified organic, vegan, gluten free, non-GMO, and paleo-friendly sports drink. Jerome, CEO and president, founded Berri Pro when he was a sophomore in the Hotel school and has been developing the brand ever since. In his free time, he explores his interests in architecture and design, the outdoors, and farm-to-table restaurants. For more information on Berri Pro opportunities, you can contact Jerome at [founders@berripro.com](mailto:founders@berripro.com).

Another alum venturing out on her own is **Saba Vahdat**, MILR '14, who remained at Cornell after graduation to earn her master's in conflict and dispute resolution. Now she works in NYC with her family-owned real estate development company, ELMO Realty Co. Inc. She recently launched her own project, Empire Advisory Group LLC. Within just two months, this full-service real estate financial accounting firm has become New York's largest mortgage-recording tax refund consultant, with features in Yahoo Finance and other business journals. In her spare time, Saba enjoys exploring the city's cafes and culture while taking real estate classes at NYU.

**Jessi Pachak** is teaching third grade in Detroit through Teach For America. "I love it! I have 29 third graders who are awesome, and who just made a year of growth on their texts in just four months!" When she is not busy prepping lesson plans, she loves exploring Detroit and has taken to the Tigers and Red Wings. She is currently applying to graduate school and hopes to pursue a PhD in education policy. She regularly reunites with her Kappa Delta sisters **Diane Hund**, **Laura Gilmour**, **Marlena Klein**, and **Maggie McDonald**, who all went to visit **Nicole Collins** in Washington, DC, in June 2014. The crew recently met up again in San Diego.

Many of our classmates are pursuing graduate degrees, including **Allison Fleck**, who is in school at RPI in Troy, NY, in their biomedical engineering PhD program. She is researching cartilage through the use of MRI in an attempt to quantify the structure and function of cartilage through non-invasive procedures. When she was a student at Cornell, she acted in *The Vagina Monologues* and decided to direct the production this year at RPI, since it doesn't have the same tradition. Her production premiered in March. She recently reunited with some Cornell Marching Band alums, and spent three weeks in Kenya during Christmas break in Masai Mara.

**Aditi Naik** is also pursuing a PhD after joining the Dept. of Polymer Science and Engineering at UMass, Amherst and receiving her master's. Aditi stays connected to Cornell through Homecoming visits and involvement in the CAAAN prospective student contact meetings. She recently earned a scuba diving certification and went diving off the coast of Gloucester. She also traveled to Germany over the Christmas break, seeing several cities and enjoying a variety of beers with friends. If there is one regret Aditi has, it is not having climbed the Cornell clock tower yet!

**Ryan Yeh** is in his second year as an analyst for Cornerstone Research, consulting witnesses testifying in large-scale commercial litigation cases. He has found the work incredibly interesting because he has the opportunity to apply the skills he developed at Cornell to his work. It doesn't hurt that Cornerstone is full of Cornell alumni, including **Laura Ardila** '14, **Kirat Singh** '14, **Srinath Kethireddy** '14, and **Rebecca Sisselman** '12. In

addition to work, Ryan (and many other alumni) volunteers for Minds Matter, which works with low-income high school students in NYC. Ryan lives with **Roneal Desai**, **Joseph Lim** '14, BS Ag '13, and **Zeheng Wang** '12 in Murray Hill. He has been most happy to find a Cornell community in New York.

In the land down under is **Joshua Lakelin**, who has been working as a venture capitalist and growth strategy consultant. He met up with **Whitney Cherkow** '09 at the Ivy League Thanksgiving event in 2014, as well as **Karin Zhu** '12 after she recently moved to Australia. As the international representative for the Class of 2013, he hopes to organize an event in Australia through the Ivy League and Oxbridge networks for the Fourth of July or Thanksgiving.

As always, we want to hear what you've been up to since graduating! E-mail your news to either of us at the addresses below, and be sure to check out 2013's new Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2013>. **Rachael Schuman**, [RASchuman@gmail.com](mailto:RASchuman@gmail.com); **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**14** Hello, Class of 2014! It's hard to believe that a year has passed already since our graduation last May. We hope that you've all had a great year starting your post-Cornell journey.

This January, a large group of Cornell alumni gathered in Boston for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Class of 2014 co-president **Ihsan Kabir**, co-correspondent **Tejal Thakkar**, and many other class council members were in attendance. Ihsan summarized their time at the event by saying, "What made CALC so special this year was that the energy of the regional Sesquicentennial celebrations manifested itself at the conference, too. Our class saw a record number of attendees for an alumni class its first year out, and we learned an incredible amount from those who've volunteered before us. There were also two young alumni events on Friday and Saturday night, and it was a great chance for us to reconnect with old friends as well."

In other news, **Justine Lee**, a Fiber Science and Apparel Design graduate, was invited to the White House's first Maker Fair Event, which celebrated students and entrepreneurs of America's maker movement. Justine gained recognition after creating a collection of transformable and sustainable apparel that she calls American Design & Detail. **Ivy Mumo**, a Nutritional Sciences graduate and aspiring dietitian, worked on part of the USDA's project "Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth" as part of the Cornell Cooperative Extension internship program with the Wells Lab in Human Ecology. The project aims to study how school gardens impact the diet, nutritional knowledge, fresh food preferences, and physical activity level of children. Ivy specifically looked at the link between physical activity and vegetable consumption for her part of the research project.

We hope that all the 2014 classmates that made it to Ithaca for Charter Day and the Sesquicentennial events had a great time celebrating! As always, if you or any of your friends have news to share, big or small, let us know. We'd love to hear from you! **Sam Lapehn**, [SRL76@cornell.edu](mailto:SRL76@cornell.edu); and **Tejal Thakkar**, [ttd42@cornell.edu](mailto:ttd42@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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'29 BA, MD '32—**Mary Ridgway Tinker**, Brooktondale, NY,  
November 5, 2014

## 1930s

'34 BA—**Barbara Wight Biddison**, Kennebunk, ME, February 7, 2015

'35-37 SP Ag—**H. Edson Elphick**, Pulaski, NY, November 26, 2014

'35 BS HE—**Elizabeth Myers Martin Slutz**, Ithaca, NY, January 13, 2015

'35 BS Ag—**Elizabeth Williams Stavely**, Mendocino, CA,  
December 18, 2014

'35, BA '34—**Ruth C. Tachna**, Sarasota, FL, November 14, 2014

'36—**Charles H. Angell Jr.**, Glencoe, IL, April 23, 2014

'38 MS, DVM '46—**Henry M. Doremus**, Vero Beach, FL,  
November 9, 2014

'38 MD—**William I. Glass**, Fairfield, CT, November 28, 2014

'38, BS HE '39—**Lillian Cook Hunt**, King Ferry, NY, February 1, 2015

'38-40 SP Ag—**Sidney Levine**, Weston, FL, March 27, 2012

'38 BA—**Elizabeth Shanaman Meier**, St. Petersburg, FL,  
November 6, 2014

'38 BS Ag—**Caroline Thro Richardson**, Stony Brook, NY,  
January 13, 2015

'39 BA—**Milton J. Esman**, Ithaca, NY, February 7, 2015

'39 BS Ag—**George R. Johnson**, Columbus, OH, December 17, 2014

'39 BA—**Jerome M. Schneck**, New York City, December 19, 2011

## 1940s

'40 BS HE—**M. Elizabeth Holdredge Paul**, Jamesville, NY,  
December 14, 2014

'40-42 GR—**William H. Scheide**, Princeton, NJ, November 14, 2014

'41, BA '42—**Josiah H. Compton**, Bridgewater, NJ, November 9, 2014

'41 BS Ag—**Jack Weintraub**, Sarasota, FL, May 28, 2013

'42 BS HE—**June Woolever Bigalow**, Pittsburgh, PA, December 11, 2014

'42 BS Ag—**George R. Manning**, Guilford, CT, January 22, 2015

'42 BS Ag—**Phillips E. Nichols**, Cutler Bay, FL, November 9, 2014

'42, BCE '44—**Gustavo J. Vollmer**, Miami, FL, November 2, 2014

'43 BME—**Morris Bradt Jr.**, Vero Beach, FL, December 6, 2014

'43 BA—**Elizabeth Keller Cullen**, East Orleans, MA, November 5, 2014

'43 BA—**John H. Detmold**, Leeds, MA, November 9, 2014

'43, BS Ag '46—**Richard C. Earl**, Venice, FL, November 29, 2014

'43 BS, B Chem E '47—**Richard W. Eustis**, Lynchburg, VA,  
January 15, 2015

'43 BS Ag—**David A. Frucht**, Topsham, ME, January 7, 2015

'43, B Chem E '45—**David J. Morrison**, Los Angeles, CA, April 2, 2010

'43 BA—**Mary Crowley Rivin**, Santa Fe, NM, December 29, 2014

'43 BS Ag—**Leon Schwarzbaum**, North Woodmere, NY, December 3, 2014

'43 PhD—**Atwell R. Turquette**, Champaign, IL, December 14, 2014

'44 BME—**Herbert W. Cantor**, Swampscott, MA, October 31, 2014

'44 BS Ag—**Helen Couch Darling**, Odessa, NY, February 14, 2015

'44 BA—**Florence Parsons Elkenburg**, Buffalo, NY, December 19, 2014

'44 BA, MD '47—**Gilbert I. Smith**, Kentfield, CA, November 5, 2014

'45—**Martha Snow Bottomley**, Midland, MI, November 2, 2014

'45, B Chem E '49—**H. F. Corning Jr.**, Cranford, NJ, November 18, 2014

'45, BS Ag '49—**William G. Doe**, Concord, MA, April 26, 2012

'45 BS HE—**Jean Herr Gehrett**, Hilton Head Island, SC,  
November 24, 2014

'45, BS HE '44—**Marilla Oaks Jenks**, Santa Fe, NM, December 14, 2014

'45 DVM—**Gilbert Lewis**, West Bend, WI, December 30, 2014

'45, BA '44—**Virginia Mikkelsen MacGuire**, Charlotte, NC,  
November 16, 2014

'45 BCE—**James L. Rodgers Jr.**, Hingham, MA, December 5, 2014

'45, BME '44—**Sanford M. Whitwell**, Williamsburg, VA, November 7, 2014

'46, LLB '50—**Arthur H. Bernstein**, Los Angeles, CA, January 18, 2015

'46, BS Ag '45, MS Ag '48—**Jeanette Snyder Brown**, Palo Alto, CA,  
August 16, 2014

'46—**Jeanne Jackson Fitzpatrick**, Ridgefield, WA, December 22, 2014

'46 BS HE—**Ruth Knapp Gieschen**, Lee's Summit, MO, November 4, 2014

'46, BEE '45—**Donald S. Ironside**, Haverford, PA, August 23, 2014

'46 BA—**Mary Shaheen Maroun**, Naples, FL, December 14, 2014

'46, BME '45—**Richard E. Turner Sr.**, Lakewood, NY, December 19, 2014

'47, BS Ag '48—**Ralph R. Adams**, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 21, 2014

'47 BA—**John Bourne**, Brooklyn, NY, January 9, 2015

'47, BS Nurs '48—**Elaine Felsenfeld Budoff**, Harrisburg, PA,  
December 6, 2014

'47 BS HE—**Amelia Streif Harding**, State College, PA, November 21, 2014

'47, BA '48—**June Story Holman**, Lake City, FL, December 13, 2014

'47-49 SP Ag—**Edward M. Kolek**, Lockport, NY, December 31, 2014

'47 MA, PhD '49—**Helen Ross Russell**, Jersey City, NJ, November 7, 2014

'48 BS ORIE—**Henry E. Bartels**, North Branford, CT, January 16, 2015

'48 MD—**Albert B. Craig Jr.**, Rochester, NY, May 4, 2008

'48 B Chem E—**John K. Davidson**, Durango, CO, December 26, 2013

'48 BS Ag, MBA '49—**Erwin W. Dimon**, Jamesville, NY, December 4, 2014

'48 BS ILR, MA '55—**Helvi Selkee Edmondson**, Tustin, CA,  
October 15, 2014

'48 BA—**Pauline Badger Galletly**, Tequesta, FL, January 20, 2015

'48 BEE—**Isadore D. Goldman**, Silver Spring, MD, February 28, 2014

'48 BS ILR—**Harvey W. Halberstadt**, Bloomfield Hills, MI,  
October 28, 2014

'48—**Esther Cuplin Mallos**, Silver Spring, MD, September 11, 2014

'48 BS ILR—**Richard A. Morris**, Holyoke, MA, November 28, 2014

'48 BCE—**M. Dudley Smith**, Harrisburg, PA, January 4, 2015

'48 BA—**Claude U. Stone Jr.**, Havana, IL, December 29, 2014

'48, BA '49, PhD '52—**L. Pearce Williams**, Ithaca, NY, February 8, 2015

'49, BS ORIE '50—**Alvan R. Alley**, Lititz, PA, June 16, 2014

'49—**Albert E. Battaglini**, Endicott, NY, January 25, 2015

'49—Lt. Gen. **Lincoln D. Faurer**, McLean, VA, November 7, 2014

'49 BS Ag—**Gladys Hendrickson Johnson**, Stamford, CT,  
December 7, 2014

'49 BA—**Paul M. Klempner**, London, UK, November 19, 2014

'49—**Curtis J. Nickerson**, Binghamton, NY, December 16, 2014

'49 BS Ag, MS Ag '51—David J. Nolan, Naples, FL, December 9, 2014  
 '49—Jan Rus, Laguna Hills, CA, November 24, 2014  
 '49, BCE '50—Frank S. Senior Jr., Needham, MA, February 15, 2015  
 '49, BA '50—Anthony G. Tappin, Tucson, AZ, November 29, 2014  
 '49 BS Ag, DVM '49—Donald E. Webster, Pine Plains, NY, November 11, 2014  
 '49 BS Ag, MBA '50—Harlan R. Wengert, Lancaster, PA, January 10, 2015  
 '49 BS Ag—Jean Strobel Young, Riverhead, NY, July 13, 2014

## 1950s

'50 BA—Esther M. Aho, Chelmsford, MA, November 5, 2014  
 '50 BA—Morton Berger, Briarcliff Manor, NY, April 18, 2014  
 '50 BS Ag—Winfield C. Boehler, Auburn, NY, January 9, 2015  
 '50 BArch—Richard C. Brigham Jr., Brookline, MA, September 19, 2014  
 '50 MD—Richard H. Cardozo, Sarasota, FL, April 29, 2014  
 '50 BCE—John G. Gosnell, Bethesda, MD, December 12, 2014  
 '50 BCE—George A. King, Ocala, FL, November 1, 2014  
 '50 MD—Arthur S. McLellan, Lebanon, NH, December 4, 2014  
 '50—Henry D. Mertz, Taylors, SC, July 18, 2014  
 '50 BA—Sarah Wallace Murray, Keene, NH, December 22, 2014  
 '50 MS—Robert L. Newton, Pompton Plains, NJ, December 25, 2014  
 '50 BA—Harriet Washburn Pellar, Carlsbad, CA, August 27, 2010  
 '50 PhD—Robert M. Pratt, American Canyon, CA, August 16, 2009  
 '50 BA—Carl W. Snyder, Camp Hill, PA, January 5, 2015  
 '50 BS ORIE—N. Austin Weston, Medford, OR, October 30, 2013  
 '51 MD—Robert C. Ackles, Naples, FL, December 9, 2014  
 '51, BArch '52—Irwin I. Axelrod, Silver Spring, MD, November 14, 2014  
 '51 BEE—Richard G. Clark, Manlius, NY, November 11, 2014  
 '51 BS Hotel—Richard P. Degnan, Mesa, AZ, December 3, 2014  
 '51—John F. Johnston, Rye, NY, November 15, 2014  
 '51 BS Ag—William L. Kilian, Cockeysville, MD, January 20, 2015  
 '51 PhD—Richard W. Mooney, North Andover, MA, December 24, 2014  
 '51 BA—Daniel A. Nesbitt, Ivoryton, CT, December 1, 2014  
 '51, BCE '52—Thomas O. Nuttle, Essex, MD, January 8, 2015  
 '51 B Chem E—Alvin W. Ries, Highland, IN, December 17, 2014  
 '51 BS Hotel—David Teiger, Bernardsville, NJ, November 30, 2014  
 '51 BS HE—Karen Lamb Twichell, East Syracuse, NY, December 9, 2014  
 '51 JD—George N. Wakelee Jr., Newtown, CT, October 14, 2014  
 '51 BArch—Jan V. White, Westport, CT, December 30, 2014  
 '52 BA, MD '56—Richard A. Antell, Flint, MI, November 19, 2014  
 '52 BS Ag—Harold K. Chadwick, Stockton, CA, December 2, 2014  
 '52—Paul R. English, Greene, NY, November 22, 2014  
 '52 MS, PhD '57—Ronald Gatty, New York City, December 28, 2014  
 '52 BA—Marshall A. Greene, San Mateo, CA, January 12, 2015  
 '52 BA, MD '56—Robert J. Hubsmith, Kinnelon, NJ, December 18, 2014  
 '52 BME—Carl F. John, West Bend, WI, October 31, 2014  
 '52, BCE '53—Monte H. Morgan, Adamstown, MD, December 23, 2014  
 '52 PhD—John H. Trueman, Hamilton, ON, Canada, June 15, 2013  
 '52 BS HE—Elizabeth Lightfoot Wilde, Seneca Falls, NY, January 17, 2015  
 '53-54 GR—Shirley K. Alger, Lutherville-Timonium, MD, January 4, 2015  
 '53, BCE '57—Sam V. Codella, North Fort Myers, FL, November 14, 2014  
 '53 BA—Thomas S. Croskey, Cincinnati, OH, January 28, 2015  
 '53 MD—William A. Grattan, Waterford, NY, February 15, 2014  
 '53, B Chem E '54—Robert L. Johnson, Jupiter, FL, November 10, 2014  
 '53 BA—Nancy Van Cott Jones, Ithaca, NY, November 15, 2014  
 '53 BA—Ann Baskett Kaiser, Wheat Ridge, CO, December 3, 2014  
 '53 BS HE—Joanne Ernst Phillips, Farmington, NY, November 9, 2014  
 '53 BA—Leonard J. Pincus, New York City, November 12, 2014

'53, BS Chem E '54—Harvey W. Schadler, Schenectady, NY, November 30, 2014

'54 BS Ag—A. Dale Button, King Ferry, NY, November 2, 2014  
 '54 LLB—Bruce Carswell, Greenwich, CT, October 13, 2014  
 '54 BS ILR—Joel Cogen, Hamden, CT, November 8, 2014  
 '54 BA, LLB '56—Martin S. Cole, New York City, November 23, 2014  
 '54, BME '55—M. Gerald Friedman, Bedford, MA, October 9, 2014  
 '54 BA, LLB '56—Richard E. Gordon, Dewitt, NY, December 18, 2014  
 '54 MS, PhD '55—Kenneth V. Jubb, Werribee, Victoria, Australia, February 1, 2013  
 '54 DVM—Richard E. Miller, Frederick, MD, December 3, 2014  
 '54 BS Ag—Jack H. Perry, Clifton Park, NY, November 23, 2014  
 '54, BEP '55—Howard M. Rathbun, Loveland, CO, October 23, 2014  
 '54—George A. Schindler, Troy, NY, January 1, 2015  
 '54 BS Ag—Paul E. Steiger, Ithaca, NY, December 18, 2014  
 '55, BS Ag '85, MPS '86—David B. Cook, Cazenovia, NY, January 9, 2015  
 '55, BEE '57—William R. Dockwiler, Syracuse, NY, December 3, 2014  
 '55, BCE '56—John B. Frey, Mahwah, NJ, September 13, 2014  
 '55 PhD—Robert G. Laughlin, Cincinnati, OH, February 15, 2015  
 '55 BA—Judith Cohen Lichtig, Cleveland, OH, June 30, 2014  
 '55 BS Ag—Charles S. Shipman, Columbia, MO, December 7, 2014  
 '55 BS Hotel, MPS '80—Edythe Smith Turgeon, East Aurora, NY, November 3, 2014  
 '55-56 SP Ag—Stanton A. Warren, Lewiston, NY, December 11, 2014  
 '56 BA—Michael J. Berger, Montevideo, Uruguay, December 20, 2014  
 '56—Ben V. Boynton, Ithaca, NY, January 5, 2015  
 '56 MD—Charles E. Davis, Phoenix, AZ, July 26, 2014  
 '56 BA, JD '59—Morton P. Hyman, New York City, November 17, 2014  
 '56 BA, MD '60—James H. Marshall, Alpine, NY, December 29, 2014  
 '56 BA—James W. M. Owens, Seattle, WA, November 1, 2014  
 '57—Charles C. Almy Jr., Greensboro, NC, November 9, 2014  
 '57 BS Hotel—Michael J. Comisar, Cincinnati, OH, December 6, 2014  
 '57 BA—Donald W. Kahn, Minneapolis, MN, January 16, 2015  
 '57 BS ILR, MBA '58—Paul F. Kallfelz Jr., Potomac, MD, Dec. 9, 2014  
 '57 BS HE, MS HE '59—Barbara Pincus Klein, Champaign, IL, February 17, 2015  
 '57 BA—Beverly Robertson Murrell, Columbia, MO, December 11, 2014  
 '57—Ellin Salit Rind, New Rochelle, NY, January 7, 2015  
 '57 JD—Mortimer Ryon, Chestertown, MD, November 22, 2014  
 '57 BS ILR, LLB '62—Andrew J. Schroder III, Sanibel, FL, December 1, 2014  
 '57, BCE '58—Robert G. Spicher, Saddlebrooke, AZ, December 6, 2014  
 '57 DVM—Robert W. Thomas, Cobleskill, NY, December 22, 2014  
 '57 BA—Donald I. Woolfolk, Williamsburg, VA, November 13, 2014  
 '58 BA—Stephen Bender, Boynton Beach, FL, December 16, 2014  
 '58 BS Hotel—Malcolm J. Graham, Delray Beach, FL, October 1, 2014  
 '58 BS HE—Elizabeth Steer Merritt, Boonton, NJ, May 21, 2014  
 '58 BA—Gerald R. Moress, Ketchum, ID, January 2, 2015  
 '58—John T. Ryan Jr., Cortland, NY, November 10, 2014  
 '58 MED—Douglas VanBenschoten, Interlaken, NY, November 18, 2014  
 '58 PhD—Herbert A. Weakliem Jr., Pennington, NJ, January 1, 2015  
 '59 DVM—Ara A. Ayanian, Hilton Head Island, SC, January 1, 2015  
 '59 BS Hotel—David A. Berry, Honolulu, HI, November 18, 2014  
 '59 DVM—Donald R. Davidsen, Canisteo, NY, January 10, 2015  
 '59 BS Nurs—Virginia F. Davis, Saratoga Springs, UT, November 29, 2014  
 '59—Paul C. Efthimiou, Spencer, NY, January 30, 2015  
 '59, BEE '61—Richard N. Hosterman, Buskirk, NY, December 1, 2014  
 '59 BFA—Carol Wheeler Perine, Victor, NY, October 20, 2012  
 '59, BA '60—John B. Rison, Laytonsville, MD, December 26, 2014  
 '59 BA—Thomas H. Wirth, Elizabeth, NJ, October 10, 2014



## 1960s

'60, BArch '61, MRP '68—**Philip H. Clark**, Reston, VA, January 22, 2015  
 '60—**Joseph C. Faraci**, North Brunswick, NJ, January 8, 2015  
 '60 BS HE—**Patricia Hicks Kleis**, Gilroy, CA, December 1, 2014  
 '60-62 SP Ag—**Bruce B. Nichols**, Ogdensburg, NY, December 4, 2014  
 '60 BA—**Jaclyn Shafran Padawer**, Fort Collins, CO, May 27, 2014  
 '60 BA—**Daniel A. Panshin**, St. Paul, MN, November 17, 2014  
 '60 BS Hotel—**Nan Jackson Richart**, Ann Arbor, MI, November 29, 2014  
 '60 BS Ag, PhD '90—**Van C. Travis Jr.**, Pittsford, NY, January 21, 2015

'61 MD—**Richard L. Doyle**, La Jolla, CA, January 12, 2015  
 '61, B Chem E '62—**Edward J. Kramer**, Santa Barbara, CA, December 27, 2014  
 '61 MILR, PhD '68—**Andrew W. J. Thomson**, Paihia, New Zealand, December 26, 2014

'62—**John D. Cooper**, Turin, NY, January 10, 2015  
 '62 MA, PhD '68—**John G. Dings**, Boulder, CO, October 28, 2014  
 '62 BA—**William J. Mead**, Indianapolis, IN, November 22, 2014  
 '62 BS HE—**Charlotte Loewy Rubin**, Brooklyn, NY, October 9, 2014

'63 BS Ag—**Donald F. Betzler**, Interlaken, NY, January 26, 2015  
 '63 MD—**William F. Brereton Jr.**, Erie, PA, November 11, 2014  
 '63—**Dale F. Carrier Jr.**, Hurlock, MD, December 22, 2014  
 '63—**Janet Babbitt Kinnie**, Sackets Harbor, NY, December 25, 2014  
 '63 MST—**Ronald E. Rowe**, Glenside, PA, November 10, 2014  
 '63 BA, MEd '65—**Ellen Sullivan Strader**, Raleigh, NC, December 30, 2014  
 '63 JD—**Louis B. York**, New York City, November 16, 2014

'64, BME '65, MME '66—**Mark H. Amsterdam**, Bellaire, TX, December 17, 2014  
 '64, BS Ag '65—**Harry M. Elliott**, Coppell, TX, November 18, 2014  
 '64 BS Ag—**Virginia Klune Light**, Orleans, MA, November 6, 2014  
 '64 BS HE—**Lynda J. Marshall**, Ithaca, NY, November 24, 2014

'65 BA, MBA '67, JD '68—**Edward I. Cohen**, Boynton Beach, FL, July 11, 2014  
 '65 BS Ag—**W. Duke Grkovic**, Midlothian, VA, October 31, 2014  
 '65 MEE—**Raymond J. Miller**, Penfield, NY, March 5, 2014  
 '65 MEd—**Majel Rich Pentz**, Trumansburg, NY, January 12, 2015  
 '65 MS, PhD '67—**Zane Smilowitz**, Centre Hall, PA, January 5, 2015  
 '65 BS Ag—**Rochelle Yedwab Sundack**, Asbury Park, NJ, Janu 19, 2015

'66 PhD—**Edward Gelerinter**, Chicago, IL, August 18, 2013  
 '66 BA—**John P. Glasgow Jr.**, Manassas, VA, October 18, 2013  
 '66 BS AEP—**Joel L. Goodman**, Falls Church, VA, July 5, 2014  
 '66 BA—**Thomas B. Graboys**, Chestnut Hill, MA, January 5, 2015  
 '66 BEE—**Philip A. O'Dowd**, Barrington, RI, February 16, 2013  
 '66, BA '69—**Theodore B. Steever**, Groton, CT, November 14, 2014

'67—**Roberta Sabatini Ronan**, Larchmont, NY, December 18, 2014  
 '67 MA, PhD '70—**Victoria Lindemann Stiles**, Freeville, NY, November 11, 2014

'68 BS Hotel—**Anthony J. Forlano**, Mount Pleasant, SC, December 13, 2014  
 '68 PhD—**Jonathan W. Harrington**, Groton, NY, November 16, 2014  
 '68 BA—**Lawrence B. Stevenson**, West Hartford, CT, December 1, 2014

'69, BArch '81—**John Murnieks**, Gaithersburg, MD, May 7, 2013

## 1970s

'70 BS HE, PhD '76—**Carole Ayres Bisogni**, Ithaca, NY, November 15, 2014  
 '70 BS HE—**Karen Moss Glaser**, Philadelphia, PA, November 12, 2014

'71 BS Ag—**Robert F. Buhmann**, Walnut Creek, CA, December 14, 2014  
 '71 BEE—**Michael W. Salter**, Waukesha, WI, November 27, 2014

'72 BA—**Avery K. Ellis**, Buffalo, NY, November 7, 2014  
 '72 BS, MEE '73—**Bruce M. McGeoch**, South Burlington, VT, February 9, 2015

'73, BS Hotel '74—**P. Scott Anderson**, Ithaca, NY, December 19, 2014  
 '73 BS Ag—**Lawrence F. Croucher**, Oswego, NY, July 4, 2014  
 '73 BS Ag—**Darrell L. Hullinger**, Tavares, FL, August 20, 2014  
 '73 MD—**Jeffrey M. Piehler**, Prairie Village, KS, November 14, 2014  
 '73 BA—**Granville Walker Jr.**, New York City, November 6, 2014

'74 PhD—**David L. Bartlett**, Stone Ridge, NY, November 3, 2014  
 '74 BS Ag—**Joseph J. LaClair**, Natrona Heights, PA, November 16, 2014

'75 BS Ag—**Carolyn Lynn Dorge**, Lake Bluff, IL, November 14, 2014

'76 PhD—**Roy A. Ellerbrock**, Ithaca, NY, December 12, 2014  
 '76 BS HE—**Margaret A. Tyler**, Fairport, NY, December 8, 2014

'78 BS Ag—**Peter J. A. Chuchmach Jr.**, Windsor, ON, Canada  
 '78—**Scott E. Robinson**, Umatilla, FL, December 4, 2014

## 1980s

'81 BS Ag, PhD '90—**Edward W. Carney**, Midland, MI, January 12, 2015

'82 BA—**Steven R. Rosenthal**, Cabin John, MD, August 24, 2014

'83 MS, PhD '85—**Ven-Woei Wang**, Ithaca, NY, December 10, 2014

'86 MBA—**Andrew F. Sexton**, Marlborough, MA, January 3, 2015

'87 BS Ag, DVM '92—**Michael A. Ball**, Fabius, NY, December 20, 2014  
 '87 BS HE—**Barbara C. Jensen**, Cohoes, NY, January 6, 2015

'88—**Lisa A. Battle**, Columbia, MD, December 14, 2014

'89 BFA—**Jessica B. Wurtzel**, Denver, CO, November 2, 2014

## 1990s

'90 MD—**Neil H. Merkatz**, Palm City, FL, January 3, 2015

'97 MBA—**LaVerne Walton Thomas**, State College, PA, January 6, 2015

## 2000s

'02—**Angela F. Stedwell**, Spencer, NY, January 26, 2015

'04 BS, ME '05—**Matthew E. Fritsch**, Playa del Rey, CA, January 6, 2015

## 2010s

'11, BS '10—**George J. Wilder**, The Woodlands, TX, September 4, 2014

'15—**Shannon S. Jones**, Potomac, MD, November 27, 2014  
 '15—**Oluchukwu C. Onuora**, West Harrison, NY, January 24, 2015

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# The Fantastic Dr. Fox

## Remembering a veterinary legend

When John “Pierre” Perdrizet, DVM ’81, PhD ’02, graduated from vet school, his mentor and friend, Professor Francis Fox, DVM ’45, gave him four gifts: two books, a stethoscope, and a leather medical bag. But upon closer inspection, Perdrizet realized that embedded in that fond gesture was a wry joke. “On each one, either written or engraved, was ‘Property of F. H. Fox,’” Perdrizet says with a laugh. “So for the rest of my career, I’d have to say, ‘No, really, these were gifts. I didn’t steal them.’”

It was classic Fox: affectionate and sly, thoughtful and naughty, a sweet gesture cut with a squirt of lemon. “He had a very prankish nature, and his reputation as a practical joker preceded him,” recalls Jon Bertoldo, DVM ’94. “But he was a gifted person and a kind human being. He had that tough veneer on the outside, but he cared for his students, and he was a consummate professional.”

For more than half a century, Fox—who passed away in March, two days after his ninety-second birthday—was a Cornell veterinary legend. He taught large animal medicine from 1947 to 1992 and remained an active presence on campus—and in local fields and barns—long after he formally retired. “He was one of the greats, a true giant of veterinary medicine, but he was so approachable and down to earth,” says Leslie Appel ’90, DVM ’94. “He was the most genuine, loyal person and friend. He was an educator not just about veterinary medicine, but about life.” Adds Perdrizet, whose nickname Fox bestowed after declaring his last name unpronounceable: “His diagnostic acumen was incredible, and not just in treating animals. He could read you like a book. You couldn’t keep many secrets from Francis Fox.”

Fox’s penchant for pranks was infamous. He’d bring students to examine cows in far-flung fields and leave them there. He’d offer “chocolate” that turned out to be chewing tobacco. And speaking of chew: students who accompanied him on farm calls could have a plug of his Copenhagen . . . but there was a catch. “The law of the land was that you couldn’t spit until the car stopped,” Bertoldo says, “and of course he’d take main thoroughfares that didn’t have any stop signs, and students would be holding their spittle and turning green, and the car would be spinning.” Neither were his nearest and dearest safe from his cheeky sense of humor. “He’d put horseradish in the mashed potatoes,” says daughter Laurinda “Rindy” Fox Garcia ’77. “We had to be very careful if we were sitting next to Dad. When our friends came over, we’d tell them not to eat anything we didn’t try first.”

Thanks to generations of third-year vet students, Fox gained an odd sort of fame in the wider community: every year, on the night before his birthday, an intrepid crew would risk life and limb—not to mention arrest—to paint his age on a disused railway



The cow whisperer: Francis Fox, DVM ’45, with a bovine patient (top). Above: Each year, vet students emblazoned his age on an old railway bridge over Route 366.

bridge on Route 366 outside campus. It was, in fine Fox fashion, both a show of affection and a gentle way to stick it to a jokester who was a bit touchy about his birthday. “He thought it was retaliation for all the pranks he’d done. But what was he going to do about it? He wasn’t going to go up there and take it off,” Garcia recalls fondly. “But I think he did get a kick out of it, because everybody talked about it. It made him more famous.”

The overpass, while the most enduring and visible jape, was hardly the only prank students pulled on Fox over the years. Many of them centered on his office: they’d fill it with packing peanuts. Or sheep. Some years they moved everything out of it; one year, they moved the dean’s furniture in. “He could dish it out, but he could definitely take it,” Appel says. “He appreciated all the effort people went to. He knew how much he was respected and loved.”





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# Tasting Notes

Uncorked: Cheryl  
Stanley '00 lectures  
on the merits of  
Bordeaux.



By Beth Saulnier

**M**other Nature gives the region of Bordeaux a different year every year,” says Hotel school lecturer Cheryl Stanley '00. “We don’t talk much about vintage variation when we get into the new world, like Napa Valley, but we see this a lot in the regions of both Bordeaux and Burgundy.”

Stanley is speaking to an audience—a big audience. It’s a Wednesday afternoon in March, and she’s onstage in front of the 700 or so students packing Statler Auditorium for one of the University’s most popular courses: Introduction to Wines. As teaching assistants clad in white lab coats circulate among the rows distributing bottles—each capped with a dispenser that portions out a one-ounce pour—Stanley and her guest speaker, Bordeaux vintner Basile Tesseron, discuss his home region. Their topics range from decoding wine labels to the influence of the region’s gravelly soil to the distinctions between the Left Bank (bastion of Cabernet Sauvignon) and the Right (dominated by Merlot). “So often





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*In vino veritas:* More than 700 students pack Statler Auditorium for Intro to Wines. Below right: Stanley with guest speaker Basile Tesseron, a French vintner. On the screen behind them is a chart that helps tasters assess color.

consumers associate the region of Bordeaux with expensive wines,” Stanley observes. “Let me tell you, there are amazing bargains—everyday drinking, value wines—that come from Bordeaux.” In addition to imparting veritable casks of information, their tag-team presentation often has the audience in stitches. “To make a good wine, you need to be a good drinker,” the nattily clad, suavely accented Tesseron offers at one point. “A good bottle of wine is an empty one. If you don’t like to drink, don’t make wine.”

For many Cornell seniors—at least, those lucky enough to get into the class—this is a spring semester rite of passage. Every Wednesday afternoon, students toting the regulation tasting kit of three glasses in a small black case are a familiar sight around Central Campus. “When you start learning about wine, you start seeing how unique it can be,” says current student Quinn Cox ’15. “You could taste two wines from the same grape varietal that were grown on vines fifteen feet from each other and they can taste completely different. That blows my mind.”

This is Stanley’s second year teaching the Wines class, and her first doing it solo. In 2013–14, she co-taught it with the man whose name was synonymous with the course for three decades: Professor Stephen Mutkoski ’67, PhD ’76. It was a passing of the torch similar to when Mutkoski took over from his predecessor, Vance Christian ’61, MS ’65. “Steve was Vance’s TA, and I was Steve’s TA,” Stanley says, chatting in her Statler Hall







Perfect pour: Wine distribution is overseen by about two dozen TAs.

office a couple of days after the Bordeaux class. “We keep it in the family.”

Speaking of being a Wines TA: it’s nothing like serving as a typical teaching assistant, called upon to grade homework and run section meetings. “It’s mostly just being a waitress,” current TA Alex Faulkner ’15 says with a laugh. “I’ve gotten pretty quick at opening wine bottles.” Numbering about two dozen per semester, the TAs are responsible for distributing the six wines—sometimes seven—tasted in each class. “When you’re dealing with hundreds of bottles of wine, being organized is the most important thing,” says Faulkner. “Since the students have three glasses, as soon as they finish with the first wine, we bring out the fourth, so there’s essentially always a wine in all three glasses. The timing has gotten super good, in terms of doing that effectively with the least interruption.”

**A**t the Bordeaux class, the first wine tasted is a 2013 white from Château Bonnet, a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon (plus some Muscadelle) that retails for about \$12 a bottle. “Sauvignon Blancs in cool climates tend to be very grassy and herbaceous,” Stanley says, “so let’s smell this wine and see what we’re getting in the glass.” She asks the students to call out the aromas they encounter: bell pepper, honey, grapefruit, turkey. Then it’s time to taste. “They’re a perfect complement to each other,” Stanley says. “The Sauvignon Blanc has that lean, crisp acidity, and then the Sémillon rounds it out.” She asks the class to ponder the wine’s body and its finish, noting, “The Sémillon is kind of hanging around in my mouth.” Stanley’s tasting style is accessible and unpretentious, as when she declares the white, “what my friend calls a ‘porch pounder’—you can sit on your porch and enjoy it.”

Stanley didn’t grow up in a household of wine aficionados. Her dad favored beer—“He had many dogs, and each dog had a different beer name”—and her mom never much cared about wine until somewhat later in life, when she had what Stanley calls a life-changing glass of Sauternes while traveling on Air France. “It was my grandmother who introduced me to wine,” Stanley says. “She always drank Louis Jadot

## Stanley’s Tips

### Handy advice from the wine professor

**Drink what you like:** “That’s the biggest thing. I might be a sommelier and recommend you have a Bordeaux with your steak, and I can talk about why you should pick it, but if you’re not going to enjoy that wine, don’t order it. If you like white zinfandel, more power to you—drink it.”

**Ask for advice:** “Don’t be intimidated by the amount of selection, both in retail and in wine lists. It’s okay to go with what you’re familiar with, but don’t be afraid to ask questions.”

**Try something new:** “If you’re feeling adventurous, try something you’ve never had before, like a Grüner Veltliner from Austria, a Greco di Tufo from Italy, or a Pinot Meunier from California. There are some really fun varietals out there.”

**Make friends with your wine seller:** When I worked at the Wine Cask [a restaurant and retail store in Santa Barbara], I had clients whose palates



I got to know, and I’d say, ‘You need to try this.’ It’s not necessarily going to be big names—it can be those hidden gems.”

**Be an active taster:** “Move the wine around your mouth, because you want to hit all of your taste buds. Chewing also can be quite helpful, because those esters, those flavor molecules, can go up your retronasal passage to your olfactory nerve.”

**Gamble on a half bottle:** “As consumers are drinking less but spending more, a lot of producers are bottling in half bottles. If you want to try something new, but you don’t want to commit to a whole bottle, have it in a half. It’s a perfect way to go to a restaurant and enjoy the whole procedure of opening the bottle, but only have two glasses.”



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Mouth feel: Quinn Cox '15 (left) and classmates taste one of seven Bordeaux wines. Each tray has three regulation glasses, along with a paper "spit cup."

Pouilly-Fuissé—until she turned ninety, when she switched to Crown Royal on the rocks." After graduating from the Hotel school, Stanley worked at the Four Seasons in Newport Beach, California, and soon found herself in charge of the entire beverage operation, including a wine list the length of a novella. She went on to gain sommelier certifications from three different governing bodies, earn a master's in hospitality management from Texas Tech, and teach as an adjunct at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) before returning to the Hill in the fall of 2013.

**T**hese days, wines and spirits are a family affair: Stanley commutes to Ithaca from the Poughkeepsie area, where her husband teaches courses on beers, spirits, and mixology at the CIA. (Their honeymoon, appropriately enough, included stops in Oporto and Champagne.) In addition to the Wines class, she also teaches courses in beverage management and catering, and helps oversee acquisitions for the Hotel school's cellar. "When Steve taught the course—and this is something I want to do as well—he didn't just think about the semester or even the next five semesters. He thought long-term," Stanley says. "We have wines aging in our cellars that are from the birth years of students who are coming down the pipeline."

While the Wines course is famously

popular among graduating seniors in their final semester, Stanley aims to spread the word about a little-known fact: it's also offered in the fall, when there are empty seats. And she wants to debunk the popular misconception that non-Hotelsies need to be twenty-one to take the class; the only requirements, she says, are that students be juniors or seniors and at least eighteen. "We're trying to have a marketing campaign on social media to encourage students to take the class in the fall semester," she says. "There are so many rumors around campus about the Wines class, and so much misinformation."

Back in Statler Auditorium, the Bordeaux lecture is winding up. After six tastings—the white is followed by five reds, including one from Tesseron's own Château Lafon-Rochet—Stanley ends with a seventh, a 2008 Sauternes from Château Laribotte. As the students taste, she describes the *Botrytis cinerea* fungus—also known as "noble rot"—that's key to the winemaking process. "Look at the berries in the upper right-hand corner," Stanley says, indicating the moldy fruit in a Power-Point image. "That's what you're drinking. And let me tell you, it is liquid gold."

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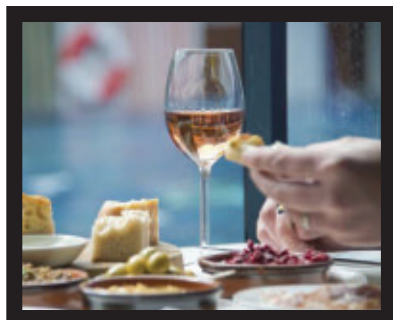
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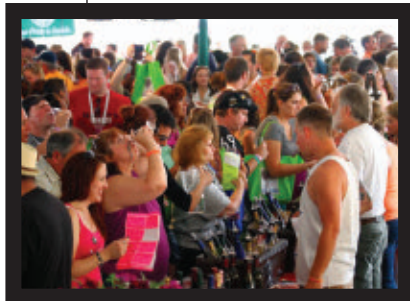
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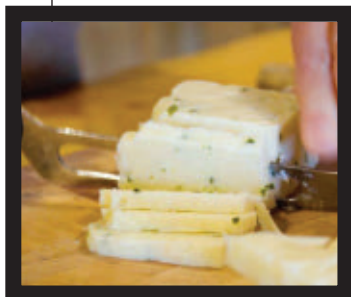
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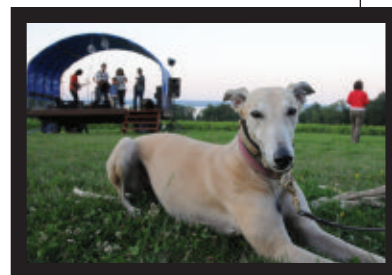


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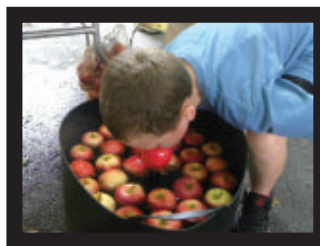
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# Bigger & Better

As the Finger Lakes wine industry continues to expand, the wider world is taking notice

By Dave Pohl

To the delight of many, *Wine Enthusiast* magazine has named the Finger Lakes region one of this year's ten best wine travel destinations. "Known particularly for world-class Riesling, it's also home to an increasingly diverse array of wines, from Grüner Veltliner to Teroldego," the magazine notes in its February 2015 issue. The *Enthusiast* also cites scenic beauty and an evolving food scene as two more reasons for visiting the area. The article lists a dozen wineries of particular interest, including stalwarts Hermann J. Wiemer and Dr. Konstantin Frank as well as newcomers like Kemmeter, Keuka Lake Vineyards, and Bellwether. It praises the improving quality of Finger Lakes reds and deems them increasingly distinctive in style and worthy of attention.

Back in 1976—the year of the New York Farm Winery Act—it would have been tough to imagine this degree of enthusiasm for Finger Lakes wine expressed in a national publication. At that time, Dr. Konstantin Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars and Gold Seal Winery were virtually the region's only producers of wine made from vinifera grape varieties such as Riesling and Chardonnay. They were soon to be joined by the likes of Heron Hill Winery, Glenora Wine Cellars, and Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, slightly increasing the size of a tiny playing field.

Today, there are well over 100 wineries located in the Finger Lakes. Positive reviews in publications such as *Wine Enthusiast*, *Wine & Spirits*, *Wine Advocate*, and *Wine Spectator* have raised their reputation. The latter, the highest circulating wine publication in the U.S., issued its first full tasting report on the Finger Lakes in a winter 2013 issue. In recent years the *Spectator* has reviewed increasing numbers of Finger Lakes wines, and its website now contains more than 2,500 searchable reviews of the region's offerings. In March, Robert Parker's influential *Wine Advocate*—whose coverage of the region



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Good grapes (from top): The tasting room at Red Newt; Standing Stone bottles; and barrels at Ravines

has been spotty at best—announced that a critic would be assigned to cover the Finger Lakes. Additionally, tasting notes posted on wine-related forums such as Mark Squires' Bulletin Board and Wine Berserkers have piqued the interest of wine aficionados across the nation.

But perhaps the best way to keep up on what's happening in the Finger Lakes is by perusing the excellent New York Cork Report blog. Its main contributors are Lenn Thompson, former editor of the *Long Island Wine Gazette*, and Evan Dawson, author of *Summer in a Glass*, an excellent book about Finger Lakes wine. Founded in 2004, the blog follows all of the state's wine regions, and its coverage of the Finger Lakes is particularly timely and incisive. The reviewers are refreshingly miserly with their ratings: if a wine is well reviewed by these guys, it's definitely worth investigating.

## RIESLING RULES

Much of the attention to Finger Lakes wines is showered on Riesling, generally considered the region's forte. In his 2014





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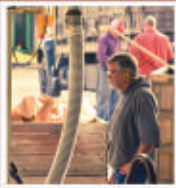


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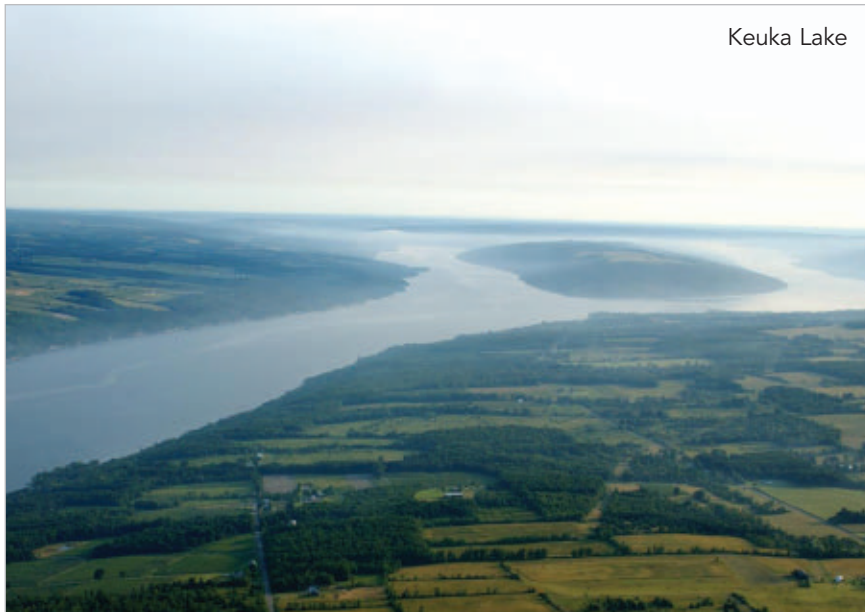
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book *The Best White Wine on Earth*, British wine journalist Stuart Pigott begins a survey of Riesling around the world with a largely laudatory discussion of the Finger Lakes. The wineries that Pigott features include Dr. Konstantin Frank, Lamoreaux Landing, Red Newt, Hermann J. Wiemer, Standing Stone, Bloomer Creek, Bellwether, Silver Thread, Ravines Wine Cellars, Sheldrake Point, Anthony Road, Kemmeter Wines, and Fox Run.

A sampling of the Rieslings from any of these producers would certainly make for an exemplary introduction to the wines of the Finger Lakes. One could add to Pigott's list many other notable Riesling producers including relative newcomers such as Forge, Heart & Hands, Keuka Lake Vineyards, Red Tail Ridge, and Boundary Breaks as well as seasoned veterans like Hazlitt, Glenora, Heron Hill, and Lakewood. "There is fine potential here for the aromatic varieties of Alsace and Germany," says Dave Breeden, winemaker for Cayuga Lake's Sheldrake Point Winery, "not just Riesling, but Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer as well."

Konstantin Frank's grandson Fred Frank, while producing excellent Gewürztraminer, is particularly excited over the prospects for the Austrian Grüner Veltliner grape. Frank, now President of Dr. Konstantin Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars, feels strongly that the variety is capable of producing some of the finest wines in the Finger Lakes. He puts his money where his mouth is, as he now has more than ten acres of it planted on his Seneca Lake property. And in a 2014 blind tasting of Austrian and Finger Lakes Grüner Veltliners at Ithaca's Northside Wine & Spirits, the Dr. Frank Grüner acquitted itself nicely, its style indistinguishable from the Austrian

examples. Other wineries producing this variety include Ryan William, Hazlitt, Fulkerson, and Hermann J. Wiemer.

## REDS ON THE RISE

While the quality of the best Finger Lakes white wines is not disputed, the region's reds are perhaps more of a work in progress. In general, it is safe to say that they are improving, though opinion is still divided on which varieties show the most promise. There are, broadly speaking, two camps: the Cabernet Franc advocates and the pro-Pinot Noir contingent. Those favoring the juicy, red-fruited Cabernet Franc would say that the area's cool climate is just the thing for producing wines in the style of those made from that variety in the cool Loire Valley of France, where it is the single grape used to produce wines such as Chinon and Saumur-Champigny.

Cabernet Franc has certainly seen some great success in warmer vintages such as 2007, 2010, and 2012. Particularly good examples have emanated from Ravines, Hermann J. Wiemer, Shalestone, Red Newt, Damiani, Bloomer Creek, and Atwater, among others. In a blind tasting of French and Finger Lakes Cabernet Franc wines at Northside, the deeply fruited Wiemer 2012 tied with a very good Chinon for top honors.

Results with Pinot Noir have been a bit spottier, which may have as much to do with soil as climate. Pinot Noir likes limestone, and it is notable that one of the most successful Pinot producers, Heart & Hands, has its estate vineyards planted on limestone-rich soil. Based on owner-winemaker Tom Higgins's successful efforts, the key to future successes with the grape will depend on finding sites that combine a warm enough microclimate





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A third variety favored by some producers is Syrah. This smoky, dark-fruited variety seems to do particularly well in Jim Hazlitt's Seneca Lake Sawmill Creek Vineyard. Other wineries that have had success using Sawmill-grown Syrah grapes include Atwater, Billsboro, Red Newt, and Hector Wine Company.

### GROUP EFFORTS

These are exciting times for Finger Lakes wine, with newcomers and old-timers coaxing better and better results from their vines. It is heartening that the region's increasing success has been driven not so much by competition but by a spirit of cooperation. That spirit is nowhere more apparent than in the annual production of a wine called Tierce.

Tierce is the brainchild of three Finger Lakes winemakers: Dave Whiting of Red Newt Cellars, Peter Bell of Fox Run Vineyards, and Johannes Reinhardt of Kemmeter Wines (formerly of Anthony Road Wine Company). Each year since 2004, the three have combined forces to create a wine, usually a Riesling, that is blended from the production of their three operations. "I thought this would be a great idea, not only for the reason of making good wine, but also to serve as a metaphor for what goes on in the Finger Lakes, which is all about collaboration among winemakers," Bell told Wine Review Online in 2012, adding, "We don't consider each other competitors; we're collaborators and co-conspirators." The trio spends hours tasting and blending tank samples until they achieve a characterful, well-balanced wine worthy of the Tierce label. In 2013, their efforts were rewarded by the selection of the Tierce 2010 Riesling for service at the Inaugural Luncheon for President Barack Obama.

That success is indicative of a region where it is not uncommon for wineries to share expertise, equipment, and facilities. A significant role in this regard is played by Cornell Cooperative Extension, which shares a great deal of data and expertise as well as serving as a focal point for discussion and experimentation. In the end, one of the advantages of the Finger Lakes wine community is a feeling that success for one is a success for all. Tierce collaborator Reinhardt summed it up nicely in a 2009 interview with *Wine Spectator*: "In my career, I have yet to explore a region where people have been more humble, down to earth, and willing to work together."

—Dave Pohl, MA '79, is a wine buyer at Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca

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