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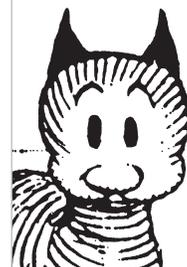
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When Hunter Rawlings turned his October State of the University address into a platform to attack the emerging "intelligent design" movement and the threat it poses to science education, the interim president not only inserted the University into a white-hot social and political issue, he also carried on the legacy of Cornell co-founder Andrew Dickson White, who pondered the conflict between faith and reason more than 100 years earlier. *Plus:* As the war of words over Darwin rages, critics and advocates of evolutionary theory square off on campus.



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Last year the Kroch Library paid \$2.5 million for 40,000 volumes of books and documents from the vaults of the Huntington Free Library in New York City. It's one of the world's largest collections of material on the indigenous peoples of the Americas—and, with a value estimated at more than \$8 million, a bargain hunter's coup. The acquisition opens up a treasure trove of material for scholarly study and forms the centerpiece of a major exhibition on display at the library until June.

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SUSAN KELLEY

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# Checkup

## SUBSCRIBER SURVEY TELLS US HOW YOU FEEL

**M**AGAZINE EDITORS TAKE THE PULSE OF THEIR readers in various ways. We get letters to the editor, of course, but there are also phone calls, not-for-publication e-mails, and in-person comments, in settings both formal and informal. In my career as an editor-in-chief, some of the most useful conversations I've had took place in hallways and parking lots.

But the best way to find out what readers think is with a subscriber survey. Most commercial publications hire a research firm to do a survey every year or two, but they're often overlooked—or can't be afforded—by alumni magazines. Fortunately, we were recently able to conduct one thanks to our participation in the Ivy League Magazine Network (ILMN).

The ILMN comprises the alumni magazines of seven Ivy schools (all but Columbia) plus Stanford and the University of Chicago. It exists primarily to sell national advertising, but the editors and publishers also share information on a variety of subjects—and recently began a program to establish online reader panels for all of the magazines. You may have been contacted by e-mail or seen one of the ads (like the one below) for our reader panel. If you haven't joined, I encourage you to do so. Your feedback is important to us.

The most recent ILMN online survey, initiated in October, focused on editorial content. In late November, we received a report on the results so far, based on the responses of 667 subscribers. It was gratifying to learn that 43 percent of you rate CAM as excellent overall and 52 percent say it's good. I'll take a 95 percent approval rating any day—although that clearly sets a goal for us to improve the magazine so even more of you will think it's excellent.

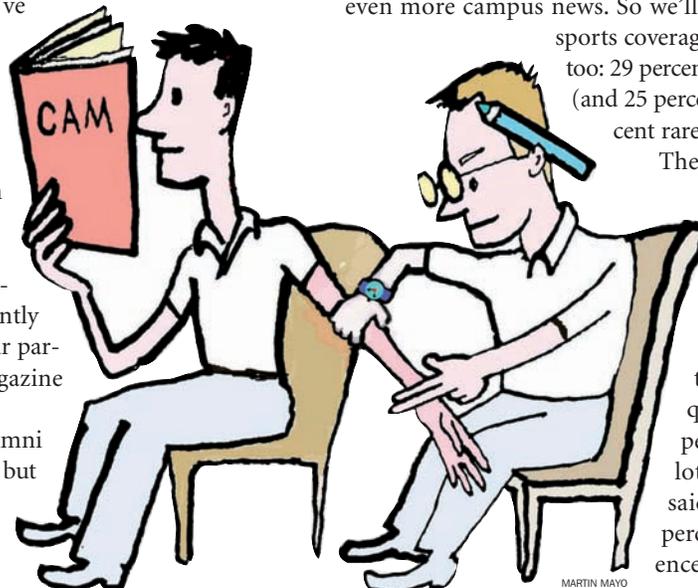
Fifty percent say the Class Notes are excellent and 39 percent rate them good. No surprise there—the last time we surveyed subscribers, in 2001, Class Notes was the most-read section by a wide margin (although no one besides our editors reads *all* of them, I'll bet). The feature articles were rated excellent by 51 percent and good by 42 percent. That's a heartening endorsement of our efforts to make the features more lively and accessible, and noteworthy, I think, in light of the fact that many of you said you also read such fine publications as the *New York Times Magazine*,

the *New Yorker*, *Smithsonian*, and *Forbes*.

Our campus news section, From the Hill, is also well received; it was rated excellent by 42 percent and good by 52 percent. Even so, when asked, "Would you like to see more, less, or the same amount of each of the following types of stories?" 68 percent of you wanted even more campus news. So we'll need to consider that. Our sports coverage is an interesting quandary, too: 29 percent always read the sports news (and 25 percent want more) while 20 percent rarely or never read it.

The most important question, I think, was one that stated "Cornell Alumni Magazine is editorially independent of the University's administration" and then asked whether you believe this makes a difference in the quality of the magazine. Forty percent indicated it makes "a lot of difference," 36 percent said "some difference," and 9 percent said "only a little difference." Ten percent chose "not sure," and 5 percent believe it makes "no difference at all." Those results speak for themselves—and I'd love to talk with any of the thirty-four subscribers who think editorial independence makes no difference. Please give me a call: (607) 272-8530 ext. 31.

— Jim Roberts '71



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## *Distinctive Destinations, Dedicated Teachers, Delightful Companions*

Like Odysseus, Cornellians are eager travelers, no matter how far from Ithaca we roam. But unlike ancient mariners struggling in far-off lands with temperamental deities, CAU travelers are cared for by kinder folk. Talented Cornell faculty members shape and guide our intellectual itineraries. Experienced CAU quartermasters keep careful watch over program details, logistics, and group needs. And we add benefits Odysseus could never have imagined, such as emergency medical-evacuation insurance, the ability to deploy Cornell's resources and contacts in a pinch, and a determination not to "nickel and dime" you. We like to think that if Odysseus were planning a trip today, he (and Penelope) would sign up with CAU.

The only tough part of CAU travel is deciding which program to attend. Full program details, prices, and registration forms are available on CAU's website: [www.cau.cornell.edu](http://www.cau.cornell.edu). If you have questions, please call CAU at 607 255-6260, fax us at 607 254-4482, or e-mail us at [cauinfo@cornell.edu](mailto:cauinfo@cornell.edu). We hope you'll join us soon!



### Seminars, Study Tours, & Cruises March–December 2006

Programs with an \* are currently waitlisted. Late openings often occur. Please contact CAU if you are interested.

**Lands & Landscapes of Antiquity:  
A Journey through Jordan & Israel**  
March 18–April 2  
David Owen

**Cosmic & Terrestrial Landscapes  
of Hawaii**  
April 22–28  
Yervant Terzian

**Springtime in the Smokies:  
A Nature & Ornithology Walkabout**  
May 3–7  
Charlie Smith & Elizabeth Domingue

**The Play's the Thing: London Theatre**  
May 6–14\*  
Glenn Altschuler & David Feldshuh

**The World of Art in London**  
May 13–21  
Nancy Green & Frank Robinson

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Worlds of Morocco & Spain**  
May 23–June 8  
Ross Brann

**Personality, Politics, & the Presidency:  
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Walter LaFeber & Joel Silbey

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August 13–18  
Art Groos

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Valerie Bunce

**Namibia: Water, Life, & Landscapes  
of Southern Africa**  
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John B. Heiser

**The Fall Migrations at Cape May,  
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October 12–15  
Charlie Smith & Bob Budliger

**Mohonk Mountain Weekend: The 2006  
Midterm Elections**  
November 3–5  
Glenn Altschuler, Rich Burkhauser, &  
Joel Silbey

**The Heart of Africa:  
A Tanzania Family Safari**  
December 21, 2006–January 1, 2007\*  
Cole Gilbert & Linda Rayer

# Sunny Days

FORMER STUDENT EDITORS SAY,  
'THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES'

THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT article on the *Cornell Daily Sun's* 125th anniversary ("Staying Up Late with the *Sun*," November/December 2005). Having worked at the *Sun* in the early 1980s, I completely agree that it was like attending the best J-school in the world—plus I got a good liberal arts education. Though some referred to the *Sun* in those years as "Ithaca's Only Morning Fish Wrapper," they lined up in the Straight every morning to buy it. Now it's available free, and the offices sound better than the gritty newsroom where many compets like me learned to tune out distraction and write a good headline, caption, and lede.

The *Sun* helped me to figure out what I wanted to be when I grew up. It gave me a chance to interview the late Harry Chapin '64, write a puff piece on the Concert Commission, and make out with the cute guy from American lit class in the wire room. It introduced me to a brilliant group of students I never would have encountered, especially not at 2 a.m. on a weeknight.

After Cornell, as publicity director at Polo Ralph Lauren and now as a freelance writer, I've often summoned skills from my *Sun* years—I used them recently to rewrite an editor's headline on an essay I wrote for the *New York Observer*. She e-mailed back and offered me a job. I wonder if it pays.

Nancy Aronson '82  
New York, New York

THANKS FOR REKINDLING MEMORIES for the thousands of *Sun* alumni who all wish we'd beaten Elaine Povich '75 to the quote, "It's only a small exaggeration to say that I went to the *Cornell Daily Sun* as a college career and attended Cornell University on the side." At no cost to Cornell, other than the grief of publicity when some Day Hall scheme goes awry and gets

into print, the *Sun* provides what is arguably the finest undergraduate training ground for journalism and publishing in New York State. As testament, look to the *Sun's* five Pulitzer Prize winners, along with hundreds of others who staff and oversee the nation's newspapers, magazines, radio stations, and TV news shows. Similarly, the business side, which writers and editors looked down upon as a necessary evil, was a springboard for many successful entrepreneurs. There's nothing like being on your own, with no university funding to fall back on, to provide real-world training.

The *Sun* has been through lean times and is on the rebound: its switch to free circulation improved the advertising rate base; a redesign made the paper more readable and less like the tabloid-size version of the *New York Times* it was in my era; the growth of the Web as a national news source lets the *Sun* focus more on local coverage, especially entertainment, the arts, and sports; and purchase of the building on State Street gave the *Sun* a base of operations with room for expansion.

Bill Howard '74  
Westfield, New Jersey

*Ed. Note: Bill Howard was executive editor of PC Magazine and is a member of the CAM Committee. He was co-chair of the Sun's 125th anniversary dinner.*

## Another Connection

I ENJOYED YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT "THE South Hill Connection" (July/August 2005). When I was a Cornell student [1938–42], there was a series of philharmonic symphony concerts at Bailey Hall. This was a subscription series with some of the best orchestras in the country performing for us. Many Ithaca College students came to these concerts. Because I was lucky enough to own a tuxedo, I was able



to get a job as an usher at the concerts. A group of Ithaca College girls used to come through my station, and I began dating one of them, Roma Steinman. Roma and I got married about a year after we both graduated and six months before I went overseas in the Army. We are now going into our sixty-second year of marriage.

The connection continues: our son graduated from Ithaca College, and we have a granddaughter who graduated from Cornell. We play no favorites.

Joseph Hoffman '42  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Correction**—November/December 2005 Some subscribers received a notice attached to the cover that their class membership/subscription might be expiring. It asked them to check by calling or going to a special Web page. Unfortunately, the URL for that Web page was not printed correctly. The correct URL is: <http://cornell-magazine.cornell.edu/substatus.html>.



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## From the Hill



LISA FRANK

**Road to ruins: Martha Van Rensselaer Hall's north wing, which has sat vacant since structural flaws were discovered in 2001, met the wrecking ball this fall as demolition of the thirty-eight-year-old building proceeded. Construction of a replacement is scheduled to begin in Spring 2007.**

## Whirlwind Tour

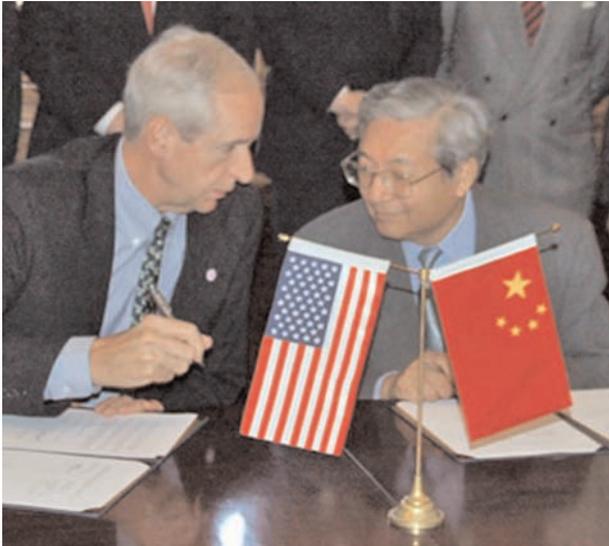
### RAWLINGS VISITS CHINA TO STRENGTHEN TIES

IN MID-NOVEMBER, INTERIM PRESIDENT Hunter Rawlings made a fast-paced, four-day tour of China, where he met with civic and academic leaders, delivered speeches, greeted alumni, and generally enhanced Cornell's presence in the nation with the world's fastest-growing econ-

omy. His stay began in Beijing, where Rawlings met with President Xu Zhihong of Peking University and signed an agreement to establish the China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) major. Completing this new undergraduate major, first outlined in a memorandum of under-

standing signed by former President Jeffrey Lehman '77 last year, requires immersion in Chinese language and culture, including off-campus study in Washington, D.C., and Beijing.

During his stay in China's capital city, Rawlings delivered an address at the 2005 Beijing Forum, where he was saluted by former U.S. President George H. W. Bush. In his speech, Rawlings recalled the pioneering work of educational reformer Hu Shih '14. "In 1910, Hu Shih was one of



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**Hands across the sea: Hunter Rawlings and Xu Zhihong, president of Peking University, signed the China and Asia-Pacific Studies program agreement during Rawlings's November trip to China.**

seventy Chinese students to come to the United States," Rawlings said. "Today, approximately 20,000 Chinese students enter American colleges and universities each year"—and education has become a key factor in what Rawlings termed the "second Chinese renaissance." After the forum, Binglin Gu, the president of Tsinghua University, joined Rawlings for the taping of an interview that was broadcast later in the week by China Television, reaching an audience of some 300 million. The next day, Rawlings visited the Tsinghua campus, where he gave a speech to the student body, helped lead information science workshops, and battled Binglin Gu in table tennis. (The Tsinghua president won both games. Next time, perhaps Rawlings should challenge him in basketball.)

Rawlings then traveled to Shanghai for a day filled with meetings with government and academic administrators, including officials from the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences and East China Normal University who proposed academic exchanges with Cornell. Although his stay in Shanghai was brief, Rawlings told the *Daily Sun* that the discussions there had been "very refreshing and very substantive." He capped off his China tour with an alumni reception in Hong Kong before returning to Ithaca.

## Double Take

### CU INCREASES APPLICATION OPTIONS

AS OF FALL 2007, PROSPECTIVE FRESHMEN WILL BE ALLOWED to apply to more than one college at Cornell. Applicants will have the option of designating a primary and secondary school or college; successful applicants will be admitted to only one college. The change aims to better align admissions policies with the realities of undergraduate academic life and to further Ezra Cornell's vision of "any person, any study," says Doris Davis, associate provost for admissions and enrollment. "Cornell applicants have diverse academic interests and are often qualified for admission to more than one undergraduate college or school," Davis says. "This admissions plan is a natural extension of the opportunities the University provides to undergraduates, because Cornell allows them to take classes in all colleges and schools, and students can transfer from one college to another."

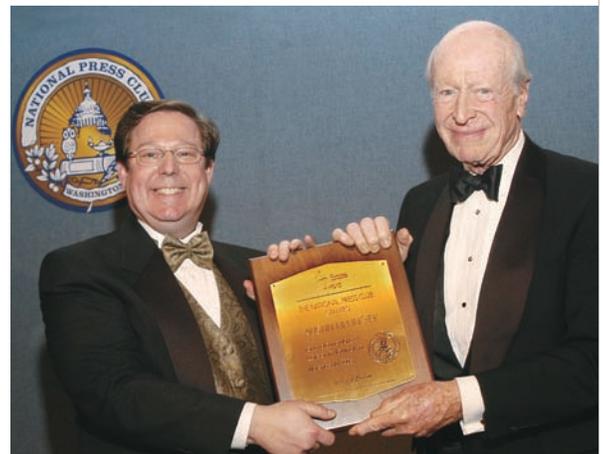
## Exemplar

### KIPLINGER HONORED BY NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

IN NOVEMBER, AUSTIN KIPLINGER'S SEVEN-DECADE CAREER IN JOURNALISM WAS honored by the National Press Club, which presented him with its Fourth Estate Award at a black-tie dinner in Washington, D.C. Kiplinger '39, former chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees, is emeritus editor of Kiplinger Washington Editors Inc., publishers of the *Kiplinger Letter*—the nation's longest continuously published newsletter—as well as several other newsletters and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine.

One highlight was a selection of clips from Kiplinger's network television work in the 1950s, when he anchored news programs from Chicago and covered the 1952 and 1956 presidential nominating conventions. Ann Compton, White House correspondent for ABC News, told the gathering, "By the end of the campaign of 1956, he left broadcast news. But by then, [he had] defined the very idea of a network television anchor."

Other speakers included retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; Hugh Sidey, former *Time* White House correspondent and columnist; and Knight Kiplinger '69, who has taken over from his father as president of Kiplinger Washington Editors. After accepting the award, Austin Kiplinger spoke briefly. "This is some kind of wonderful profession that we have," he said. "You go where you want to go, you see what you want to see, you ask what you want to ask, and then you write it up. You call it work, and you get paid for it. Once it gets in your blood, you never get over it."



MARSHALL H. COHEN

**Honoree: Austin Kiplinger '39 (right) received the 2005 Fourth Estate Award from Rick Dunham, president of the National Press Club.**

— Barton Reppert '70

## Coda

### EARLY-PIANO EXPERT MALCOLM BILSON RETIRES

THE THIRTY-SEVEN-YEAR TEACHING AND PERFORMING career of Malcolm Bilson was celebrated on campus in October with a week-long early-piano music festival, an all-day symposium, and a seventieth birthday concert that featured six of the Whiton Professor of Music's former keyboard pupils.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

Bilson, who joined the music department faculty in 1968, officially retired at the end of 2005 to assume an emeritus position. Over the course of his Cornell career, Bilson found renown as a leading advocate and interpreter of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century piano music on period-correct instruments, particularly the fortepiano, a

smaller and more delicate wood-framed instrument that predated the arrival of the more powerful modern piano in the mid-eighteenth century. Bilson all but rescued the fortepiano from obscurity when he convinced the University to purchase one of the instruments not long after his arrival in Ithaca. His subsequent teaching and recording have made him one of the leading forces in the period-instrument movement.

## Historic Honor

### CAU DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED BY SEMINAR ENDOWMENT

ON TRUSTEE-COUNCIL WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, UNIVERSITY Council chair Jay Waks '68, JD '71, announced that more than \$270,000 had been raised for an endowment to honor Ralph Janis '66, director of Cornell's Adult University (CAU) since 1983. The endowment will support the Ralph Janis Seminars in History, which will become part of the CAU program this summer. Janis majored in history at Cornell and holds a doctorate in American history from the University of Michigan. "What an honor and a privilege this is," Janis says. "It's not often that someone named Ralph has something appealing named for him."

Janis credits CAU advisory board chair Penny Haitkin '65 and board members Ron Kramer, MBA '57, and Chuck Mund '51, as well as Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, dean of continuing education and summer sessions, for coming up with the idea and then raising the funds. The first Ralph Janis Seminar, offered the week of July 16, will be "The Roman Epoch, and Ours," led by Barry Strauss '74, professor of history and classics.

## Call of the Wild

### LAB OF O'S DIGITAL SOUND PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

IT'S THE WORLD'S LARGEST COLLECTION OF ANIMAL sounds—the songs, roars, screeches, chitterings, and howls of more than 10,000 animal species, including 67 percent of the world's birds. Little wonder, then, that digitizing the 170,000 audio recordings and 28,000 video clips in the Lab of Ornithology's Macaulay Library has proven to be a time-consuming technical challenge. Early in 2000, the library began digital preservation of their massive cache, which dates back to the 1920s and includes recordings made in several different formats, from reel-to-reel tape to modern high-definition video. Lab officials say they hope to make the holdings available online in less than six months. And wildlife researchers aren't the only ones who will be logging on to the Macaulay inventory: Hollywood sound editors regularly call on the library to provide the natural sounds used in films, while birders and other hobbyists rely on its line of audio field guides to help identify local species.

## Give My Regards To . . .

### These Cornellians in the News

**Edwin Lightfoot '47, PhD '51**, recipient of the 2004 National Medal of Science, the nation's highest honor for science and technology, for his pioneering contributions to scientific research and education.

**William Vollmann '81**, winner of the National Book Award in the fiction category for his novel *Europe Central*, which deals with the moral choices of Germans and Russians during World War II.

**Yuri Orlov**, senior scientist in the Newman Laboratory for Elementary Particle Physics, the inaugural recipient of the American Physical Society's Andrei Sakharov Prize, awarded to scientists whose work promotes human rights.

Secretary of Energy **Samuel Bodman '60**, recipient of the Eisenhower Award, presented by Business Executives For National Security for his contributions to protecting the United States' energy security.

**Benjamin Widom, PhD '53**, professor of chemistry and chemical biology, honored with a special issue of the journal *Molecular Physics* that explores the impact of his work in theoretical chemistry and statistical mechanics.

**Ronald Ehrenberg**, professor of industrial and labor relations and economics; **Anthony Ingraffea**, professor of engineering; and **Paul Sherman**, professor of neurobiology and behavior; each named a 2005 Weiss Presidential Fellow for excellence in teaching and advising.

**Daniel Gardner**, professor of physiology at Weill Cornell Medical College, awarded the contract to design the National Institutes of Health's new Neuroscience Information Framework, an information resource and portal for neuroscientists.

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Reading James Joyce's *Ulysses* | Daniel R. Schwarz

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## >> forums

CyberTower features monthly video-streamed **forums** moderated by **John Siliciano**, vice provost and professor of law. You can access forums at your convenience and relay questions and comments to the faculty. Forums are aired monthly during the academic year.

### Forum topics this year include:

Update on the Mars Probe | Steven Squyres

East Asia and the World | Peter Katzenstein

A Conversation with Cornell Interim President Hunter Rawlings

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## Top Dollar

### PAY FOR SOME COLLEGE PRESIDENTS EXCEEDS \$1 MILLION

IN A SPECIAL SECTION PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER, THE *Chronicle of Higher Education* reported that in the 2003–04 academic year compensation packages for college presidents topped the \$1 million mark for the first time. “The symbolic move into the seven-figure range may spark more discussion of presidential compensation,” wrote *Chronicle* reporter Audrey Williams June, “as the federal government starts seeking the logic behind high pay for leaders of nonprofit organizations, faculty members call for salary caps, and board members move to defend the amount that they pay college executives.”

The top earner in 2003–04 was Donald Ross, the retiring president of Lynn College in Boca Raton, Florida, whose total pay was just over \$5 million. (Ross’s package included \$4.5 million in deferred compensation, to be paid during his retirement.) In the Ivy League, the most generous package went to Judith Rodin of the University of Pennsylvania, who stepped down as president in June 2004; her compensation totaled \$934,922. Former Cornell President Jeffrey Lehman ’77 earned \$675,027—a salary of \$630,747 and benefits of \$44,280.

## A Century of Brotherhood

### ALPHA PHI ALPHA TURNS 100

NEARLY 1,000 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA, the nation’s first fraternity established by black students, came to campus November 19 to celebrate the fraternity’s 100th anniversary. The centennial centered around a silent march from Barton Hall to the site of a J-shaped memorial wall in front of Barnes Hall, where the fraternity paid tribute to its founding members, known as the “Seven Jewels.” Later, Robert Harris Jr., professor of African-American history and vice provost for diversity and faculty development, spoke at an academic convocation honoring scholarship recipients. The fraternity, now open to all races, has more than 700 chapters.

## Family Tree

### ASTRONAUT JEMISON, MD ’81, FEATURED IN PBS DOCUMENTARY

MAE JEMISON, MD ’81, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN female astronaut, is featured in “African American Lives,” a documentary that will air on February 1 and 8 on PBS. Hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr., the series uses DNA analysis, genealogical research, and oral history to trace the family lineage of Jemison and seven other prominent African Americans back to Africa. The other participants include Oprah Winfrey, neurosurgeon Ben Carson, Bishop T.D. Jakes, sociologist Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, and comedian Chris Tucker.

## R&D

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Large portions cause people to overeat, regardless of whether they like the food or not. Brian Wansink, professor of marketing and economics, found that moviegoers ate 34 percent more stale popcorn when it was served in large containers. The study was published in the September/October issue of the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

Inhibiting the production of nitric oxide in mice slows the progression of Alzheimer’s disease, a discovery that may be replicated in humans. Carl Nathan, chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Weill Cornell Medical College, published his research in the November 7 issue of the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*.

Interracial relationships and marriages in the United States are increasing. The older an individual is, the less likely he or she is to choose a partner of a different race. Kara Joyner, assistant professor of policy analysis and management, published her research in *American Sociological Review*’s August 2005 issue.

Women who have children out of wedlock are less likely to marry than women without children. If they do marry, their husbands are unlikely to improve the couples’ socio-economic status. The findings contradict the Bush Administration’s “marriage promotion” policies, says Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management. He published this research in the September issue of *Social Forces*.

A new algorithm enables a computer to scan a text of any language, deduce its grammar rules, and compose meaningful sentences. The method, which also works for data such as sheet music or protein sequences, offers insights into language acquisition and psycholinguistics. Psychology professor Shimon Edelman published his work in the August 16 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Women reach for comfort food when they are feeling blue while men indulge when they are in a positive mood, according to Jordan LeBel, associate professor at the School of Hotel Administration, and colleagues at McGill University. The findings, published in *Physiology & Behavior*’s November issue, may help explain food choices associated with weight gain.

Yoga may reduce some symptoms of Parkinson’s disease, such as depression and fatigue, possibly by raising the brain’s dopamine levels, according to pilot studies conducted by Claire Henchcliffe, assistant professor of neurology and neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College.

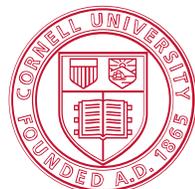
Babies can recognize unfamiliar music rhythms better than adults, according to two studies conducted by PhD candidate Erin Hannon and a colleague at the University of Toronto. The studies, published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*’s August 15 issue, found that even babies six months old are adept at detecting differences in music.



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The Big Red football team recaptured the Trustees' Cup with a solid all-around effort that produced a 16-7 victory over Penn at Franklin Field. It was Cornell's first win over the Quakers since 1999 and the 600th in the history of the football program, which played its first intercollegiate game in 1887. Senior quarterback **Ryan Kuhn** capped an outstanding year by running for 97 yards, giving him exactly 1,000 yards rushing on the season. Sophomore tailback **Luke Siwula** also had a fine year running the ball, finishing with 1,086 yards—the first time Cornell has ever had two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season. Five



Ryan Kuhn

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members of this year's Big Red team were named first-team All-Ivy: Kuhn, Siwula, offensive tackle **Kevin Boothe '06**, defensive tackle **Matt Pollock '06**, and safety **Kevin Rex '06**.

Sports Shorts

**ALONE AT THE TOP** For the first time since 1993, Cornell's volleyball team secured sole possession of first place in the Ivy League by winning 12 of 14 matches against league opponents. Last season, Yale beat Cornell in a four-team tournament to earn the Ivy League's bid to the NCAA Tournament after Cornell, Yale, Princeton, and Harvard finished tied for first. **Elizabeth Bishop '07** led the Big Red offensively with a league-best 405 kills during the regular season. This raised her career total to 1,244, breaking the previous record of 1,212 set by **Debbie Quibell '04**. Bishop was named Ivy League Player of the Year; she was joined on the All-Ivy first team by **Joanna Weiss '07** and **Kelly Kramer '06**. **Heather Young '06** paced the defense with a league-high 118 blocks and was named to the All-Ivy second team.

**STILL STRONG** Although two-time national champion **Travis Lee '05** is gone, the wrestling team returned enough talent to be ranked ninth in the country, according to the *Wrestling International Newsmagazine* pre-season rankings. Cornell is second-ranked among Eastern teams, trailing only eighth-ranked Lehigh in the poll, which is based on

individual wrestlers and tournament expectations, not dual-meet potential. Three Cornell wrestlers were ranked in the top ten of their weight class: seniors **Dustin Manotti** (fourth at 157 pounds) and **Joe Mazzurco** (fourth at 174 pounds), and junior **Jerry Rinaldi** (tenth at 197 pounds). The magazine rated Cornell's freshman class as the nation's third best; it features two national high school champions, including **Troy Nickerson** of nearby Chenango Forks High School, who was named the 2005 national high school wrestler of the year.

**QUICK STUDY** The youngest general manager in Major League Baseball history is a Cornell graduate: **Jon Daniels '99** was 28 years and 41 days old when he was named in October to replace John Hart as general manager of the Texas Rangers, about 10 months younger than

FALL TEAMS

Final Records

<b>Field Hockey</b>	10-7; 4-3 Ivy (4th)
<b>Football</b>	6-4; 4-3 Ivy (T-4th)
<b>Sprint Football</b>	3-4; 2-2 CSFL (3rd)
<b>Men's Soccer</b>	3-10-2; 2-5 Ivy (7th)
<b>Women's Soccer</b>	7-7-1; 1-5-1 Ivy (8th)
<b>Volleyball</b>	19-5; 12-2 Ivy (1st)

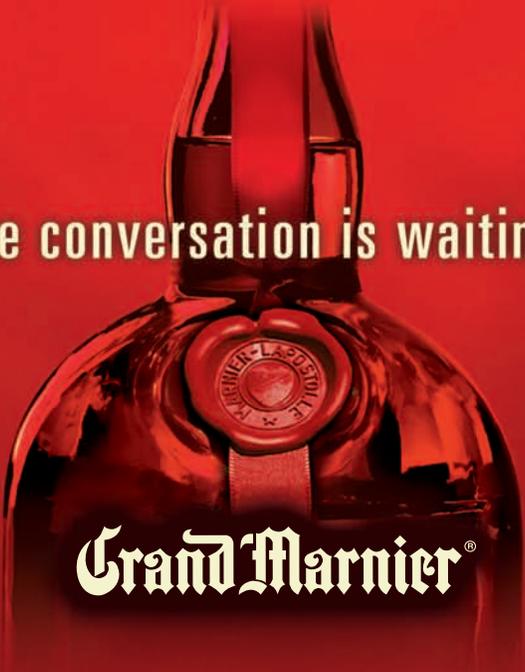
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Theo Epstein was when he was named Boston Red Sox GM in 2002. An applied economics and management major at Cornell, Daniels joined the Rangers organization in 2002 and became assistant general manager in 2004. He started his major league front office career with the Colorado Rockies in 2001.

**STICKHANDLERS** Led by first-team All-Ivy freshman **Alyssa DePaola**, the Big Red field hockey team set school records for wins (10), goals (44), and points in a season (123). DePaola notched nine goals, which placed her second among Ivy League goal scorers. She was joined on the All-Ivy squad by second-team picks **Belen Martinez '09** and **Blair Corcoran '06**.

Martinez scored six goals and anchored a Cornell defense that allowed 22 fewer goals this year than the previous season. Corcoran, a two-time captain, led the league in assists with nine.



**Alyssa DePaola**

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**STEPPING UP** **David LeNeveu '05** became the nineteenth Cornell hockey player, and ninth goaltender, to play in the National Hockey League when he was between the pipes for the Phoenix Coyotes' 3-2 loss to the Los Angeles Kings on October 6. He picked up his first NHL win on October 25 when he made 24 saves in a 5-4 overtime win over the St. Louis Blues.

**GOOD START** Freshman **Jeomi Maduka** was named to the all-tournament team after the women's basketball team split a pair of games in the season-opening St. Bonaventure Shootout. Maduka scored 22 points and added nine rebounds and five steals as the Big Red bounced back from a loss to the Bonnies in the opening game to record a 75-63 overtime win over Niagara in the consolation contest.

**NET GAIN** **Tamara John '09** was one of two winners of the \$10,000 Dwight Mosley Scholarship Award, given by the United States Tennis Association to a high school senior of ethnically diverse background who has succeeded both on and off the court. The award honors Dwight Mosley, the first African American elected to the USTA Board of Directors. While at Penfield (New York) High School, John was ranked first in the USTA Eastern Section for three years and served as president of the school's Black Student Union.

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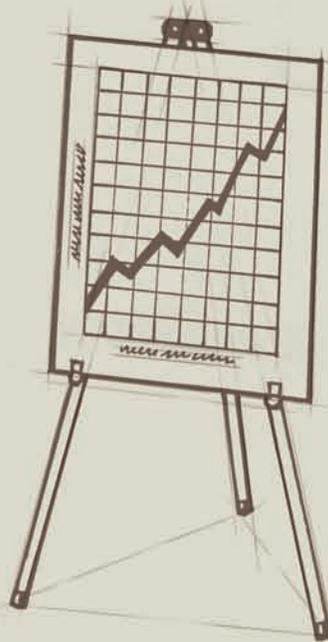
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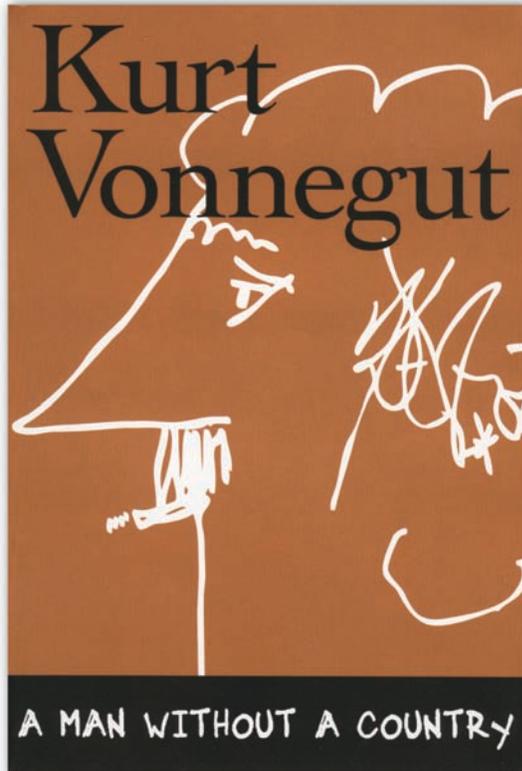
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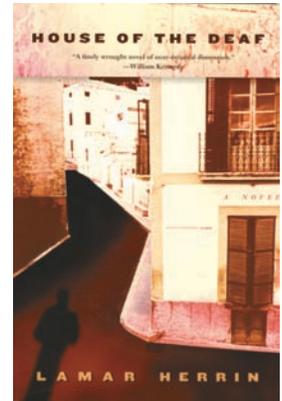
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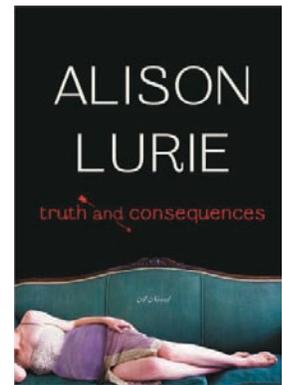
## In Brief

**A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY** by Kurt Vonnegut '44 (Seven Stories Press). Vonnegut admires the plainspoken truth, and he has been perfecting the art of truth-telling for over fifty years. “To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it.” This book of essays, many of which first appeared in the alternative magazine *In These Times*, is as pessimistic as Mark Twain’s late work and twice as funny. In it, Vonnegut reflects on the difficulty of making jokes work, the war in Iraq, the destruction of the planet, and the corrosive effects of lying and greed on America’s soul.

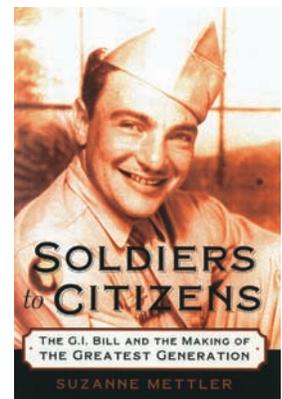
**HOUSE OF THE DEAF** by Lamar Herrin (Unbridled Books). Herrin, professor of creative writing at Cornell and the author of four previous novels, tells the story of Ben Williamson, a father aiming to avenge the death of his oldest daughter, who was killed three years earlier in a terrorist bombing while studying in Spain.



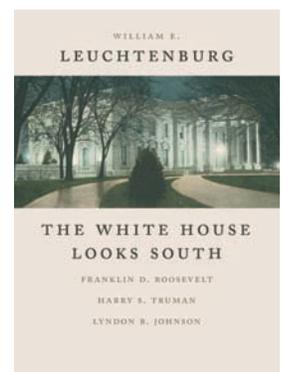
**TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES** by Alison Lurie (Viking). Pulitzer Prize winner Lurie, the Whiton Professor of American Literature Emerita at Cornell, delves into the lives of two couples at her invented Corinth University. Alan MacKenzie is an expert on Victorian architecture; his wife, Jane, directs the university’s humanities center. Alan’s back problems make him self-centered and touchy, and Jane turns into a resentful caregiver. When a beautiful visiting writer and her husband arrive on campus, they turn the MacKenzies’ marriage topsy-turvy.



**SOLDIERS TO CITIZENS** by Suzanne Mettler, PhD '94 (Oxford University Press). The G.I. Bill was one of America’s most successful government initiatives. Over half of World War II veterans used the program to attend college or gain vocational training. Mettler, an associate professor of political science at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, shows how the G.I. Bill transformed lives and enriched democracy.



**THE WHITE HOUSE LOOKS SOUTH** by William E. Leuchtenburg '43 (Louisiana State University Press). According to Leuchtenburg, professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Lyndon Johnson each “had one foot below the Mason-Dixon Line, one foot above.” Their connections with the South gave these presidents empathy toward the region that allowed Southerners to adopt a national perspective without losing their distinctive sense of place. The book is the winner of the Jules and Frances Landry Award.



## Recently Published

### Fiction

**AMAZING GRACE** by Megan Shull '91, PhD '98 (Hyperion). Teenage tennis star Grace "Ace" Kincaid seems to have everything—million-dollar endorsements and a modeling career—but the limelight leaves her dissatisfied. So she throws away the myth of perfection and sets out for a new life in Alaska.

**EVERYONE WORTH KNOWING** by Lauren Weisberger '99 (Simon & Schuster). The second novel from the author of the best-selling *The Devil Wears Prada* tells the story of a young woman who quits her banking job and joins a PR agency for the beautiful people.

**PERFECT KILLER** by Lewis Perdue '72 (Forge). Neurosurgeon Aaron Stone uncovers a conspiracy that involves a presidential candidate damaged by a drug that turns soldiers into sociopathic killers.

**AMERICAN TRASH** by Betty Dylan [Dan Dubelman '87] (Daz Unlimited). The novel and its accompanying CD tell the rock-and-roll love story of Billy and Rosanna in prose and fourteen songs.

**THE NANNY MURDERS** by Merry Bloch Jones '70 (St. Martin's Press). Zoe Hayes uncovers a grisly secret in her normally peaceful Philadelphia neighborhood. Detective Nick Stiles enlists Zoe to help find the man who is killing local nannies.

### Nonfiction

**VAN LOON** by Cornelis A. van Minnen (Palgrave MacMillan). The Dutch-American writer Hendrik Willem van Loon (1882-1944), Class of 1905, was a popular historian, journalist, and radio commentator and one of the first to warn America about the threat of Nazi Germany. This biography by a professor of American history at Ghent University shows van Loon's place in American cultural life, where he counted among his friends Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sinclair Lewis, Fiorello La Guardia, Albert Einstein, and Archibald MacLeish.

**ANATOMY OF THE WOODCHUCK** by A.J. Bezuidenhout and H.E. Evans (American Society of Mammalogists). A senior lecturer in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and an emeritus professor of veterinary and comparative anatomy at the College of Veterinary Medicine provide "a quantum advance" in the anatomical information available on the woodchuck, the world's most common marmot species.



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## AUTHORS

**NEW JERSEY IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** edited by Barbara J. Mitnick '61 (Rivergate Books/Rutgers University Press). During the Revolutionary War, more battles were fought in New Jersey than in any other state. Mitnick, an art historian and adjunct professor of American history painting at Drew University, and the book's contributors explore the events that made New Jersey the "crossroads of the Revolution."

**PERFORMANCE WITHOUT COMPROMISE** by Charles F. Knight '57, MBA '59, and Davis Dyer (Harvard Business School Press). The CEO emeritus of Emerson Corporation reveals the management techniques that made his company a leader in technology and the global market.

**WORK AND THE WORKPLACE** by Sheila H. Akabas '51 and Paul A. Kurzman (Columbia University Press). The director of the Center for Social Policy and Practice in the Workplace and a professor at the Hunter College School of Social Work point to the potential inherent in a collaboration among management, labor, social work, and government.

**SELLING & COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR LAWYERS** by Joey Asher '84 (ALM Publishing). The president of Speechworks provides advice for lawyers on how to expand their practices and communicate better with clients.

**INTRODUCING GAME THEORY AND ITS APPLICATIONS** by Elliott Mendelson, PhD '55 (Chapman & Hall). A professor emeritus of mathematics at Queens College and the CUNY Graduate School analyzes combinatorial games such as chess, Nim, and Hex, and discusses applications of game theory in economics, business, biology, and political science.

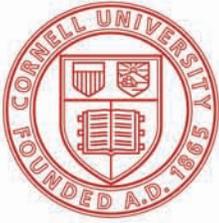
**U.S. ARMY FORCES IN THE KOREAN WAR 1950-53** by Donald W. Boose Jr. '62 (Osprey Publications). Boose examines the combat mission, organization, and evolution of the Eighth Army in Korea, the largest field army the United States ever sent into combat.

**BIG IDEAS/SMALL PACKAGES** by Josh Owen '93, BFA '94 (Woodspire Publishing). Owen, an architect/designer, produced this monograph in conjunction with his solo exhibition at 222gallery in Philadelphia.

**NICARAGUA** by Randy Wood '94 and Joshua Berman (Moon Handbooks). An updated guide to travel in Nicaragua, from bustling Managua to colonial cities to offbeat mountain hikes and visits to the Caribbean and Pacific coasts.

## Children's

**SHANGHAI MESSENGER** by Andrea Chang '79, MA '82, with drawings by Ed Young (Lee & Low Books). Eleven-year-old Xiao Mei travels alone from Ohio to visit her relatives in Shanghai, China, recording in free verse her impressions of the strange and the familiar.



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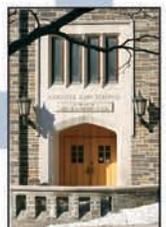
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# Who Runs Cornell?

FACULTY COMMITTEE SCRUTINIZES GOVERNANCE

**I**N HIS BOOK *THE CREATION of the Future*, President Emeritus Frank Rhodes asserted that effective governance of a university requires a cooperative and respectful relationship among the board of trustees, the president, and the faculty. “Both the board and the president delegate substantial responsibility to the faculty,” he wrote. “The ancient universities developed their autonomy around self-governing bodies of scholars, and vigorous faculty governance continues at the heart of the university.”

In the wake of the resignation of President Jeffrey Lehman '77 and the Redbud Woods controversy, Cornell's faculty is re-examining that governance relationship—and many have expressed concern about the current state of affairs. Their discontent surfaced at a meeting with the presidential search committee on August 30, when several professors objected to the secrecy surrounding the Lehman ouster and wondered if it might discourage strong presidential candidates from coming forward. The faculty's attitude was

**Open question: ILR professor Risa Lieberwitz chairs the faculty committee investigating Cornell's governance structure.**



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further expressed in two resolutions passed by the Faculty Senate in the fall.

On September 14, the Senate approved a resolution urging the trustees to “engage in a frank and open dialogue” with the faculty about their disagreements with Lehman. That resolution also stated that “the Senate is deeply concerned that the non-specific generalities of the official explanation for the resignation are broad enough to mask a major shift in the traditional locus of decision-making at Cornell from the President to the Board of Trustees.” (Board chairman Peter Meinig ’61 responded in a letter dated October 5 that declined to offer further information, noting that “former President Lehman and the University knowingly entered into a separation agreement and are bound by its terms, including the confidentiality provisions.”)

At the same meeting, a second resolution was presented by four faculty members who had protested the Redbud Woods project. It advocated the naming of a faculty committee to investigate governance. Music professor Martin Hatch, PhD ’80, one of the resolution’s authors, says: “The people who got involved with Redbud Woods discovered that the faculty was being marginalized, with regard to governing the University, by changes in the structure of the University—the relationship of the administration to the faculty and the relationship of the trustees to the administration.”

The debate on the governance resolution centered on its references to Redbud Woods, and the Senate eventually voted to send the resolution to the University Faculty Committee (UFC) for further review. At the Senate’s October 12 meeting, the UFC reported back with a new version that did not mention the ill-fated forest. It stated: “Whereas several events during the last year have raised questions about the relationship among the Faculty Senate, the central administration, and the Board of

Trustees at Cornell University, therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate, using a slate of candidates proposed by its Nominations and Elections Committee, appoint a seven-member committee.” This committee, the resolution continued, would be charged with reviewing faculty governance

**“Openness is essential if you’re going to have any kind of democratic government in a university,” says Risa Lieberwitz. “Who’s making the decisions and what information are they basing them on?”**

at Cornell over the past ten years, comparing governance at Cornell with the situation at other research universities, and making recommendations to the Senate for changes that would “broaden and strengthen the influence of the university faculty” on administrative decision-making at Cornell. The resolution passed with only one nay vote.

The Faculty Senate’s Nominations and Elections Committee reviewed nearly 150 candidates for the governance committee and presented its slate at the Senate’s November 9 meeting: N’Dri Assie-Lumumba (Africana Studies and Research Center), Barry Carpenter (Arts and Sciences), Eric Cheyfitz (Arts and Sciences), Cornelia Farnum (Veterinary Medicine), Kenneth Birman (Engineering), David R. Lee (CALs), and Risa Lieberwitz (ILR). The slate was approved,

and Lieberwitz was named chair at the committee’s first meeting on November 28. “It’s important to recognize how essential faculty governance is to the health of the University,” says Lieberwitz, who is chair of the Department of Collective Bargaining, Labor Law, and Labor History and has taught at Cornell since 1982. “Right now, there’s a lot of frustration that the administration and the trustees don’t recognize how important faculty governance is to maintaining academic freedom and therefore to maintaining the core values of the University.”

Lieberwitz says the committee will meet often and may split up into subcommittees to investigate the different aspects of its charge. She acknowledges that the task is difficult with an institution as large and complex as Cornell, but expresses confidence in the capabilities of her colleagues to make meaningful recommendations. “One of the questions we will look at is whether the University, in how it functions, has become more corporate and whether that is having an effect on the scope and depth of faculty governance,”

she says. “Another important issue is—to use the current vernacular—transparency. Openness is essential if you’re going to have any kind of democratic government in a university. Who’s making the decisions and what information are they basing them on?”

The committee has been instructed to report back to the Faculty Senate no later than its May 2006 meeting, and it would like to meet with the finalists in the presidential search. “I hope that candidates who are on the short list would find it significant that our committee has been set up,” says Lieberwitz. “We want them to understand that issues of faculty governance are of concern to the faculty, which should be important in shaping how they envision the job of being president.”

— Jim Roberts ’71  
with additional reporting by Susan Kelley

# Alternate Universe

RON MOORE '86 IS TAKING SCI FI WHERE NO PERSON  
HAS GONE BEFORE

**C**APTAIN JAMES T. KIRK IS NOT A real person.

This truth may seem self-evident, but it bears pointing out when you're talking about the life and career of writer-producer Ron Moore '86. As a child, Moore was a big fan of the original "Star Trek" television series; as an adult, he spent a decade working on three of its spin-offs. And as a screenwriter, he co-wrote the film *Star Trek: Generations*, in which Captain Kirk met his demise.

Moore got death threats. For killing off a fictional character, some of the show's more unhinged fans threatened to kill him for real. "Somebody got hold of my home number and was leaving these deeply profane messages," Moore recalls. "You S.O.B.—how dare you kill Captain Kirk? He's immortal. I'm gonna come and [expletive] kill you. It was kind of disturbing. It's not just a show to some people."

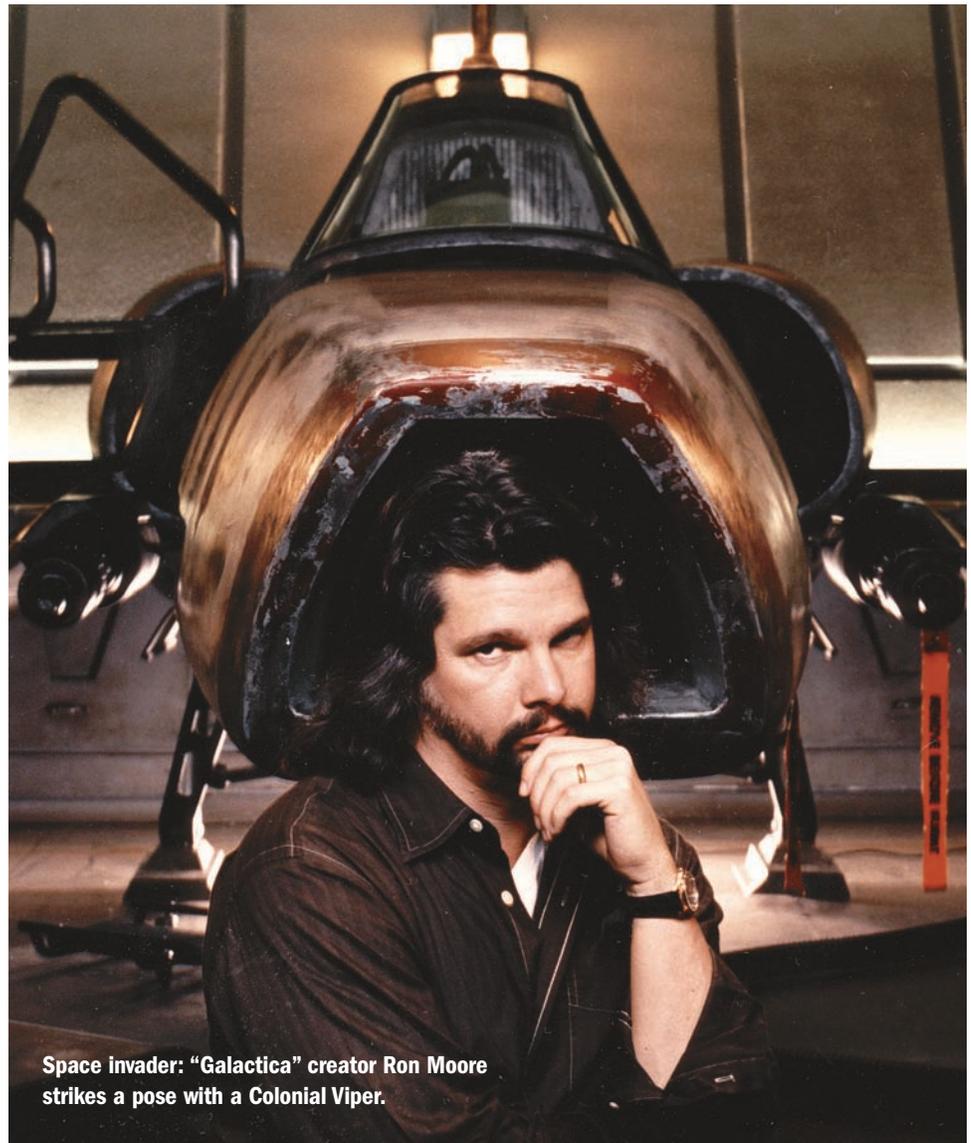
That particular fact was hardly news to Moore; after ten years as a writer-producer on "The Next Generation," "Deep Space Nine," and "Voyager," he was already well acquainted with the oddities of "Trek" fandom—like the anonymous person who, every week for a decade, sent dozens of travel brochures from around the world to the production offices in envelopes crafted from old *National Geographic* covers, with no explanation. "There was a level of insanity that was ever-present around those shows," Moore says.

His latest project—a re-imagining of the 1978 cult TV show "Battlestar Galactica" for cable's

Sci Fi Channel—has also ruffled the feathers of some diehard fans. The new incarnation, like the original, follows a hardy band of humans whose home worlds have been destroyed by the Cylons, robots created to serve them. Like Jews wandering in the desert, they're seeking a promised land: a planet called Earth. But Moore's "Galac-

tica" is no slavish homage to the original. One of its main characters, the crackerjack fighter pilot Starbuck, has been recast as a woman—a seemingly innocuous bit of artistic license, but enough to get Moore vilified on the Internet.

Even more provocatively, he's taken the man-versus-machine concept and tossed it



Space invader: "Galactica" creator Ron Moore strikes a pose with a Colonial Viper.

JUSTIN STEPHENS

on its head. Not only do some of the dreaded Cylons have human form—and human feelings—they also have religion. In Moore's universe, the Cylons believe in one true God; the humans are polytheists, worshipping a pastiche of Greek and Roman deities. "It's interesting to keep playing with the audience's expectations," Moore says. "Who are you supposed to be rooting for? I like the fact that the show's complex. It tries not to present itself as a morality tale. It's very anti-'Star Trek' in that sense. On 'Star Trek,' each week you're learning something as Captain Picard or Captain Kirk solves a tricky moral dilemma."

If this new "Galactica" has contemporary undertones, it's no accident. Although the remake has the same basic premise as the original—the near-annihilation of a democratic civilization at the hands of a monolithic enemy—Moore and his colleagues knew it would have particular resonance in the age of terrorism. "I realized

if you tried to tell that story today, the audience would bring an emotional connection to 9/11," he says. "They'd look at the show through very different eyes than in 1978. There was an opportunity to do science fiction that was relevant, that could comment on a lot of things in society today."

Moore's love of sci fi goes back to his childhood in rural California, where his mother was a teacher and his father a football coach and school superintendent. Growing up, he penned short stories and wrote and directed a high school play. But, he says, "no one becomes a writer in Chowchilla, California. It's not a real job." He came to Cornell on a Navy ROTC scholarship; he pledged Kappa Alpha, majored in government, and figured he'd be a lawyer. "On some fundamental level, I didn't really want to be a lawyer—I wanted to be Perry Mason," he says with a laugh. "I wanted to bang on tables and

interrogate witnesses. I didn't want to spend ungodly hours in the law library." By his senior year, he says, "I just started imploding." He stopped going to class and slept all day. "I basically wasn't happy," he says. "I just sort of flunked out. I stopped doing anything vaguely academic. You can't skip an entire semester of Russian classes and then show up to take the final—which I actually tried to do."

One night around 4 a.m., while eating gravy fries at Manos Diner, a friend suggested to Moore that he move to L.A. and try his luck as a screenwriter. But degree or no degree, he still owed the Navy a few years. Out in California, he dutifully went to an induction physical—only to find that an old knee injury had worsened. "The flight surgeon opened this drawer in his desk," he says, "and took out a rubber stamp marked PERMANENTLY MEDICALLY DISQUALIFIED." Moore was a free man. He spent the next few years support-

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ing himself with day jobs as a messenger and receptionist in an animal hospital while writing scripts. In 1989, he sold one to “Next Generation,” which led to a staff writing gig and a prominent position in the “Star Trek” universe.

But if “Star Trek” defined science fiction on the small screen, Moore’s new “Battlestar Galactica” flies against its conventions at warp speed. There’s no time travel, no alternate universes, no colorful

uniforms; while the good ship *Enterprise* was a bright and cheery vessel promising a future of technological innovation and racial harmony, the *Galactica* is much more gritty. “It has a different aesthetic,” Moore says. “It takes a documentary approach. We de-emphasize clichés. We’re playing it more as a straight-up drama, as realistic as we can. It’s a chance to reinvent science fiction on TV.”

— Beth Saulnier

## Less than Zero

SCOTT PEDERSEN '89  
PLAYS NAME-THAT-DECADE

**I**n 1998, with the millennium fast approaching, Scott Pedersen '89 had a vision. The world would soon enter a new decade, and that decade would need a nickname. He had the solution: “The Naughty Aughties.”

It seemed the perfect fit. “If you look at the scope of this decade, any aspect of life,” he says, “you’re going to find something naughty.”

Pedersen contacted a lawyer and successfully filed to trademark the term. Then came the hard part: injecting it into the popular lexicon. He created a website, issued press releases, planted lawn signs in front of his Ithaca home, and wrote letters to the editor in papers ranging from the *Ithaca Journal* to the *Western Courier*, the student newspaper of Western Illinois University. “I’ve gone as far as painting the side of my car.”

Pedersen studied operations research at Cornell and currently works as an electrician. “I have, quote unquote, not used my degree yet,” he says. But his Cornell education and old fraternity affiliation have provided him with invaluable contacts, including the lawyer who helped him file the copyright, the webmaster who designed his site, and the Zeta Psi brothers who helped promote Naughty Aughties paraphernalia in Miami during spring break.

Still, a difficult journey awaits Pedersen and his dream. With the decade now half over, few mainstream outlets have picked up on the catchphrase, and no major licensees have approached him. Family and friends are increasingly skeptical. Pedersen remains undaunted: he hopes to sell nighties and CDs with local music from his website, and is tentatively planning a cross-country tour to promote the brand. “I could spend a hundred hours a week on this,” he said. “I’d love Time-Life books to contact me and say, we want to license your mark. That would be the ultimate goal. I want to make that phone call to my dad and say, ‘See, I did use that degree.’”

— Michael Morisy '07



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# Specialty of the House

## GREEK EATS GO LOCAL

**S**TANDING AT THE STAINLESS steel sink in the Alpha Phi kitchen on Thurston Avenue, chef George Smith washes a strainer full of fresh spinach. Satisfied each leaf has been rinsed of dirt, he empties the strainer into a sauté pan and throws another mass of leaves into the sink. Soon, a case of dirty spinach has been transformed into a mound of steaming greens in a chafing dish. On the stove, several pounds of spuds boil their way toward mashed potatoes, and a pot roast bubbles in the oven. Dessert, a banana brown betty from Smith's own recipe, cools on a rack across the kitchen, drawing noises of appreciation from sisters and house staff who pass by. A new dish, pumpkin stir-fry, hasn't fared as well. "It's turned into pump-

kin mush," says the chef, giving it a nudge with a spatula, "but it tastes good, and that's my primary concern."

Smith, who started the sorority job in August, isn't your stereotypical institutional chef, reheating industrial-sized cans of prepared foods for dinner every night. He combines a penchant for culinary experimentation with a commitment to using fresh, local ingredients whenever possible. "These jobs are set up for one person to cook for twenty to forty people, depending on the house," says Smith, who is currently on leave from Cornell's graduate program in nutrition. "There's the expectation that you'll use a lot of convenience, packaged food. I make it harder on myself, doing things from scratch."

**Knife work:** Despite the extra prep time, Alpha Phi chef George Smith insists on using fresh, locally grown ingredients in his sorority house kitchen.

The difference hasn't gone unnoticed. "George puts in a lot more effort than our last cook," says Alpha Phi sister Doria Voiland '07. "He says he's morally opposed to buying processed foods."

The local foods movement encourages the consumption of seasonal, locally grown ingredients over food flown and trucked in from afar; advocates range from small farmers to nutritionists concerned about the links between overprocessing and obesity. This fall, a coalition of Ithaca-area chefs, farmers, food retailers, and environmentalists, led by Cornell Cooperative Extension, launched a "buy local foods" campaign to market the notion and facilitate logistics.

Critics may balk at the limits of a seasonal menu and the higher front-end costs of buying from small farms, but crop and soil science graduate student Christian Peters, who has made the topic his dissertation focus, says that eating local uses less energy, cuts greenhouse emissions, and ultimately saves money. On average, the distance from farm to fork in the U.S. is 1,500 miles. "Transporting foods long-distance is a luxury," he says. "If we're to consider all of the things we use energy for today, this is a place where we have fat to trim."

Given the American appetite for variety, Peters recommends a triage approach to increasing local food consumption. "Start with foods that have the most transportation input for nutritional value—fruit, vegetables, and liquid milk," he says. "Those are the ones to buy locally." Foods shipped by barge or train—such as coffee, beans, and grains—hold less embedded energy, he explains, than perishable lettuce shipped cross-country by refrigerated tractor-trailer. Institutional chefs like Smith, who feed large numbers, represent an added food transportation benefit—decreasing the number of individual trips consumers make to the grocery store. "New Yorkers can complain about strawberries shipped from California," says Peters, "but individual grocery trips are a big share of the energy consumed transporting food."

The higher price that local ingredients can command, says Smith, hasn't been an issue for him. He gets his produce from organic farmers in Tompkins County; this fall, he filled the freezer with beef from a cow supplied by Newark Valley Angus, about an hour from Ithaca. "I wind up in

the same place cost-wise by buying higher-quality, unprocessed local ingredients," he says. A bigger challenge than the budget is the extra prep time involved in scrubbing baby leeks or tailing whole green beans. "I can't work with high-maintenance vegetables."

For Phi Psi chef David D'Aprix '84, a former lecturer at the Hotel school with a dozen restaurant openings to his name, feeding fifty-two brothers a day with fresh local ingredients means making a few culinary compromises. Protein is king at Phi Psi: meat tends to form the centerpiece of each meal, and the brothers consume about thirty dozen eggs each week, so D'Aprix buys free-range organic from an Ithaca farm. Brown rice appears on the menu simply as "rice," and celeriac, a knobby root vegetable, makes understated appearances—usually as chunks in vegetable soup. On fish nights D'Aprix makes sure there's plenty of mac-and-cheese, and to cut waste he'll season split-pea soup with a leftover ham bone or tuck slices of roast beef into grilled-cheese sandwiches.

Both Smith and D'Aprix sometimes struggle with the logistics associated with buying locally. The majority of Cornell's fraternities and sororities, along with some campus eateries, spend some \$4 million annually on food and supplies. About \$3 million goes through the Student Management Corporation (SMC), a buying co-op launched by Lambda Chi Alpha brother Gary Hedge '72 in 1971 to enhance his fraternity's purchasing power. With SMC as a broker, says executive director Jackie O'Connell, smaller units get better prices, better service, and simpler billing. But SMC's primary vendor, Pennsylvania-based Keck's Food Service, doesn't necessarily care where its products originate, and sometimes chefs have to be creative to meet the member requirement to make 75 percent of their purchases through SMC while fulfilling their personal commitments to local suppliers. This fall, Smith helped Newark Valley Angus become an approved vendor. Over the coming years, he says, he'll spread the local-foods gospel beyond his kitchen. "Now that I know local buying is feasible, I want to push to have other houses buying locally," he says. "That would have a bigger effect than anything I can do within the house at this point."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

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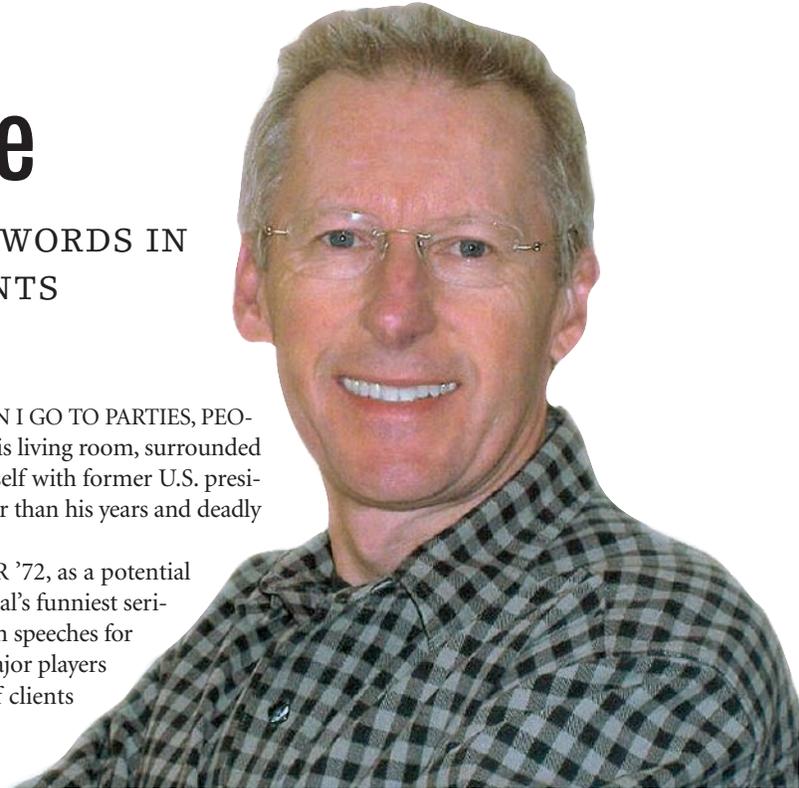
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# Speaking Role

LANDON PARVIN, M ILR '72, PUTS WORDS IN  
THE MOUTHS OF PRESIDENTS

**I**'M NOT A FUNNY GUY," SAYS LANDON PARVIN. "WHEN I GO TO PARTIES, PEOPLE expect me to be funny, but I'm really not." Sitting in his living room, surrounded by thick volumes of political history and pictures of himself with former U.S. presidents, the trim, silver-haired fiftysomething seems younger than his years and deadly earnest about his lack of humor.

But his hosts could be forgiven for thinking of Parvin, M ILR '72, as a potential dinner-table comedian. Described by the *New Yorker* as "the capital's funniest serious speechwriter or its most serious funny one," Parvin has written speeches for Ronald and Nancy Reagan, several Bushes, and a host of other major players in politics and business, helping his mostly Republican roster of clients win laughs and votes on both sides of the aisle.



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Parvin has a knack for making the powerful become the popular, at least during the springtime round of dinners that Beltway habitués call “the silly season.” It begins with banquets organized by the Gridiron Club, an invitation-only group of journalists, and the Alfalfa Club, a con-fab of Washington bigwigs, and climaxes with the White House Correspondents’ Association (WHCA) dinner in April, attended by every sitting president since Coolidge. The events give journalists and the politicians they cover an off-the-record chance to mock themselves and each other. Usually, at least one of the featured speakers is giving a Parvin-written speech. Sometimes, all of them are.

Remember when Nancy Reagan spoofed her spendthrift image by smashing plates and warbling “Secondhand Clothes” at the 1982 WHCA dinner? That was Parvin. Or when Barbara Bush showed up at the Gridiron Club dinner in a red fright wig while the first President Bush assured the press that she wasn’t upset by their comments about her hair? That was Parvin. Last spring, when First Lady Laura Bush interrupted her husband at the correspondents’ dinner and announced that she was a “Desperate Housewife”—with a husband who fell asleep by 9 p.m. and a mother-in-law she compared to Don Corleone—that was Parvin, too.

It was that speech, with its pop-culture references and a risqué joke about the president’s attempt to milk a male horse, that briefly brought Parvin from the backstage into the spotlight, a place that the mild-mannered Midwesterner prefers to avoid. He works from his home in Fredericksburg, Virginia, which he shares with his wife, Alice, and his teenage son, Maxwell, so he can be outside the Beltway, literally and figuratively. “A speechwriter should not be on cable talk shows,” he says. “Sometimes, after a speech like the one Mrs. Bush gave is a hit, I’ll get requests for interviews, but my job is to keep the focus on the people out front.”

It’s a chore that Parvin has performed since the mid-1970s, when brief stints at the Department of Labor and an employers’ association in California left him wondering whether he really wanted to pursue a career in policy. He returned to D.C. and

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saw a show by political humorist Mark Russell. Parvin went home, wrote some lines, and took them to Russell the next night. Impressed, Russell helped Parvin to land a humor column in *Roll Call*, a newspaper for Capitol Hill insiders. It wasn't long before politicians and business people started coming to him to punch up their speeches.

"Most political and corporate speeches are awful," says Parvin. "Honestly, most of them should never be given." His ability to tweak stale rhetoric led to a job with the international public relations firm Hill & Knowlton and then to a post in the Reagan White House—where he found both an able frontman and an ideal environment to hone his skills. "I learned a lot from the Reagans," says Parvin. "President Reagan had an ability to open the ears and hearts of an audience to what he had to say with his personality. Geniality, feeling, the ability to convey honesty—he taught me how important these things are."

Some of Parvin's toughest assignments came during those years. After the Iran/Contra investigation report was released, Parvin worked on the president's address to the nation. "Politically, Reagan had to accept that he traded arms for hostages," says Parvin. "In his heart of hearts, though, he didn't believe that he had." Parvin managed to craft the sentence that some consider an admission of responsibility, others an evasion: "My heart and my best intentions tell me that I did not trade arms for hostages, but the evidence tells me I did."

"That's what Reagan honestly felt," says Parvin. "And my job is to help speakers articulate what they really feel."

Parvin's methodology is part therapy, part theater. He begins by spending time with a new client, to get to know his or her personality and speech rhythms. When California gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger asked for help on an inaugural address, Parvin spent days in Schwarzenegger's office listening to the actor-turned-politician make phone calls and conduct meetings, "so I could get him in my head. You can't write for someone until you get to know them." The next stage in Parvin's process sounds simple but can be tough. "I ask the speaker to tell me

in one sentence what they want to convince the audience of," he says. "Once I have that sentence, I can write an entire speech."

Parvin isn't immune to flops. At the 2004 Radio and Television Correspondents' Association dinner, a slide showed Bush hunting under his desk in the Oval Office as he delivered the line, "Those weapons of mass destruction have got to be here somewhere." It got laughs that night but struck many as tasteless. (John Kerry called it "stunningly cavalier.")

That kind of misstep is rare, though. Former DNC chair Robert Strauss once said, "It's a damn shame that Landon isn't a Democrat." (Parvin does occasionally write for friends in the other party, as long as he isn't asked to attack his other clients or write outside his own political proclivities, which he describes as "moderate to conservative.") Another admirer is Mark Katz '86, who scripts jokes for Democrats and wrote a memoir, *Clinton & Me*, about his stint as administration gagmeister. "He's the gold standard for political humor," says Katz, who first met Parvin during his own early days in the business. "He let me bounce ideas off him, and he couldn't have been more generous, even though I was working for President Clinton," he says. "Landon understands that humor can help lower political divides."

These days, though, it can be tough to get a bipartisan laugh. "Washington is not as fun a place as it used to be," says Parvin. "It's become so bitter." Lately he's been doing other things: producing a documentary about the life of his longtime friend Samuel C. Johnson '50 before the latter's death in 2004, ghostwriting books, even going behind the microphone with a speech of his own, "When I was President," about writing for the man at the top. "I thought to myself, I'm writing speeches for all these people, I should be out there giving them so I know what I'm doing," Parvin says.

And he continues to impress some tough audiences. "I spoke to my son's classmates at school recently, and they couldn't have cared less that I had written for the Reagans or the Bushes," says Parvin, smiling. "The fact that I know Arnold, that's the big deal to them."

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MALCOLM WHYTE '55 GIVES 'TOONS  
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IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT A TRIP TO THE museum brings you face to face with Homer Simpson and Bullwinkle. Then again, there aren't any institutions quite like San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum. Founded by Malcolm Whyte '55 in 1984, it is the only museum in the nation devoted to cartoon art in all its forms—from animation and comic strips to editorial cartoons and graphic novels to cartoon merchandise and toys.

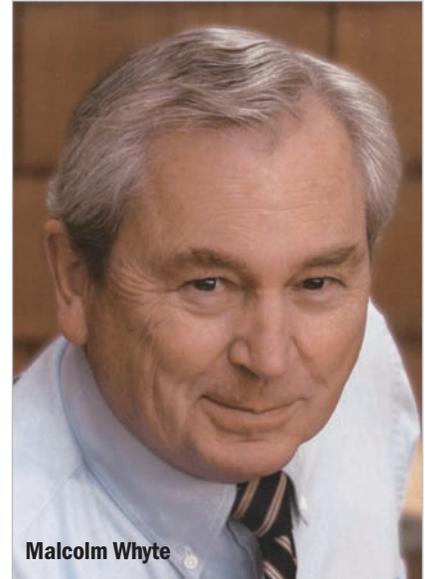
Whyte himself has been a purveyor of whimsy for decades. A Milwaukee native, he drew cartoons for the *Cornell Widow* in his days on the Hill. Following a stint in the U.S. Navy, he formed a greeting card company called Troubador Press, which eventually evolved into a publisher of children's educational activity books, many of which Whyte wrote himself and later donated to Cornell's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. So, alongside collections devoted to the likes of Wordsworth and Kipling, one can find Whyte's coloring books.

He sold Troubador in 1982 and soon formed another publishing venture, Word-Play Publications, producing limited-edition illustrated classics, primarily by contemporary cartoonists. Whyte has authored a couple of cartoon-themed books, too. *Great Comic Cats*, originally published in 1981, celebrates 200 years of cartoon felines, going well beyond the likes of Garfield and Hobbes. *The Underground Comix Family Album* focuses on the trailblazing underground comic scene and its place in America's cultural history.

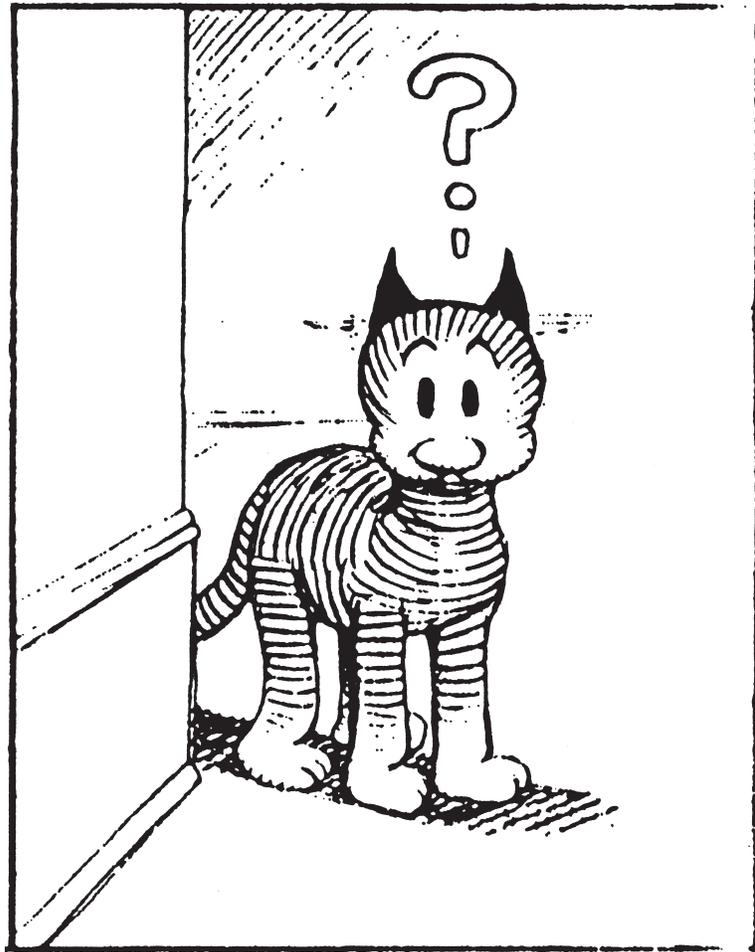
But along with writing about cartoon art, Whyte has been collecting it since the early 1960s. He started by writing letters to cartoonists, asking for original art. "In those days," he says, "artists were very generous. In fact, they were flattered to be asked for originals." His first letter went to Charles M. Schulz, who lived in Sebastopol, California, just up the road from Whyte's Marin

County home. Two days later, Whyte received an original "Peanuts" strip—and his collection was off and running.

By 1984, he had met a number of fellow cartoon collectors, and an idea that had been percolating for some time finally bubbled over while he and his wife, Karen, were vacationing in Monterey. Indeed, one imagines a cartoon thought bubble and a light bulb. "I literally had a cocktail napkin at a motel," Whyte recalls, "and I started jotting down an outline for a business plan."



Malcolm Whyte



Meow: Bud Fisher's "Cicero's Cat," a mainstay of the funny pages from 1948

He and the other collectors pooled their favorite original cartoons and began producing free exhibitions, the first being two dozen pieces placed behind glass in a corridor between terminals at the San Francisco Airport. They soon discovered that corporations were willing to pay to host such shows, and eventually Whyte and his co-collectors cobbled together enough money to rent a permanent space. San Francisco, hometown of Mutt & Jeff and cartoonist Rube Goldberg's famous inventions, was the appropriate location.

Within the city limits, the museum has moved up in the world by moving down. Its first home was on the fifth floor in the back of a building. Next came a second-floor, front-of-the-building residence. Finally, in December 2001, it moved to its current, street-level 3,200-square-foot gallery space on Mission Street in the city's Yerba Buena Gardens, sitting back-to-back with the Museum of Modern Art and across the street from the California Historical Society. The location is apt because Whyte has observed that traditional museums are showing increasing respect for a genre that has seen its practitioners receive Pulitzers and MacArthur Foundation genius grants. "There's a convergence—and it's an accelerating convergence—between so-called high art and low art," he says.

The Cartoon Art Museum shows reverence for its subject matter, but with a sense of humor. Since 1987, it has offered more than 100 exhibitions with names like "Muscles, Tights, and Good Intentions" (comic book superheroes) and "Hate Mail: Comic Strip Controversy" (provocative comics and readers' irate responses). Along with some 6,000 original pieces in its permanent collection, the museum also boasts a research library, a bookstore, and an artist-in-residence series.

Indeed, viewing the artist at work—most clearly in the form of the original pieces—is a primary reason why Whyte founded the museum. "You see the brush strokes, the margin notes, the underlying drawing sometimes—the true artistry of the work, which virtually disappears upon reproduction," he explains. So, while the museum displays items of great historical value (a graphic novel from 1842) and

great financial value (an original drawing, appraised at six figures, from the first Mickey Mouse cartoon), it also offers priceless insight into the creative process (a rare prototype animation cel, for instance, of Elmer Fudd with hair).

Whyte, who chairs the board of trustees for the museum, believes it is not only important to preserve cartoon art but

to appreciate how it preserves glimpses into humanity and history. "It's a great way to look back at our fears and our foibles, what we thought was funny, our attitude toward others and ourselves, language, historical events, even styles of architecture and furniture," he says. "All of this is easily accessed through cartoon art."

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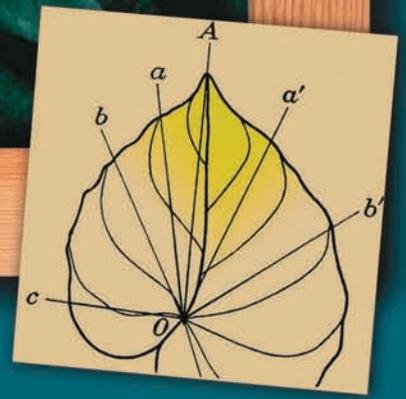
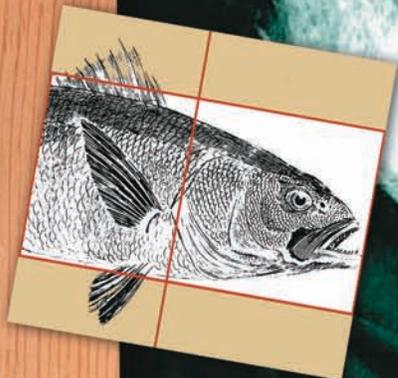
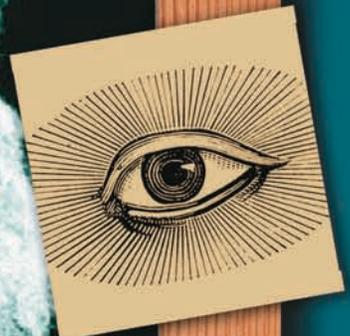
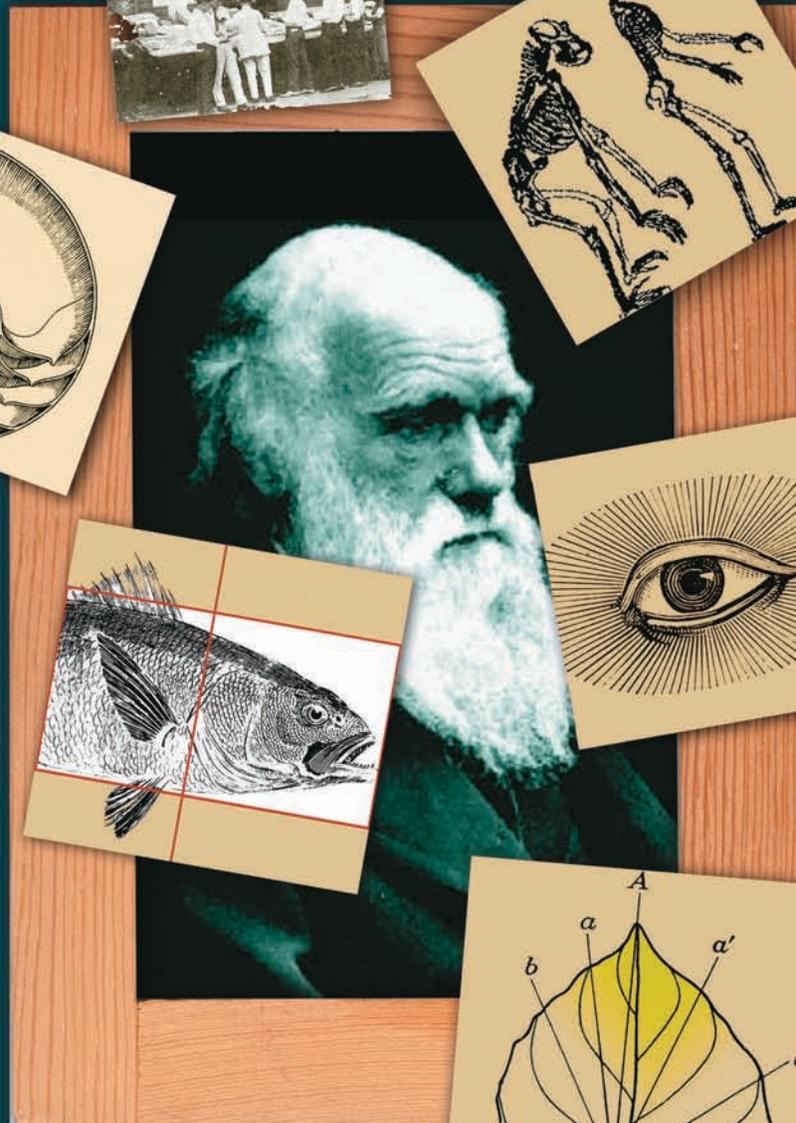
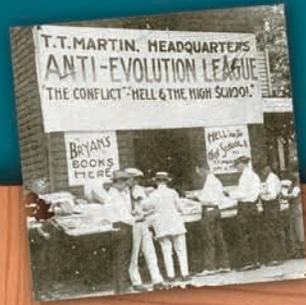
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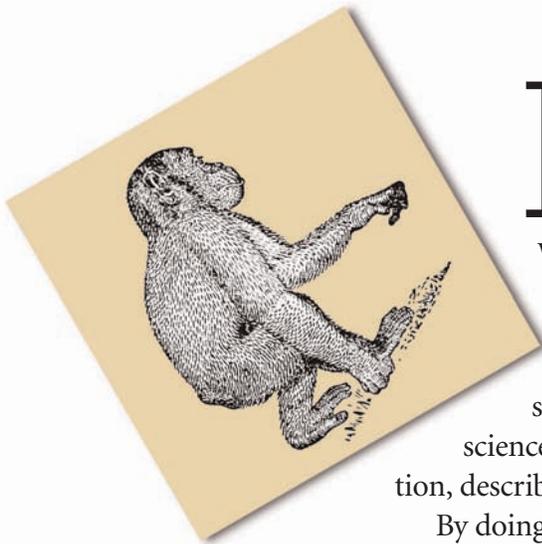
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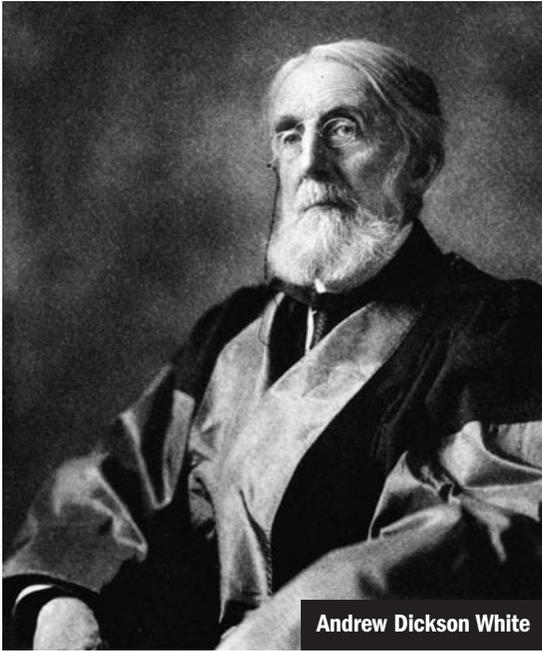


Last October, Interim President Hunter Rawlings surprised a Trustee/Council Weekend audience in Statler Auditorium with a bold State of the University address on a controversial issue. Abandoning the typical pronouncements about university initiatives and accomplishments that characterize such speeches, Rawlings took aim at “the challenge to science posed by religiously based opposition to evolution, described, in its current form, as ‘intelligent design.’”

By doing so, Rawlings drew national attention to Cornell: the speech was covered by many major media outlets, including the *New York Times*, and triggered an outburst of commentary, pro and con, on Internet blogs. He also linked himself to the great, if somewhat diminished, American tradition of college presidents acting as public intellectuals, using their positions as platforms for influencing public opinion and national policy. One of the exemplars of this tradition was Andrew Dickson White, Cornell’s co-founder and first president, and Rawlings’s attack on intelligent design (I.D.) drew him into a long-running controversy that was also of central importance to White.

In 1896, eleven years after he stepped down as president of Cornell, White published a two-volume work titled *A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom*. He wrote it, White explained in the introduction, “to aid in letting the light of historical truth into that decaying mass of outworn thought which attaches the modern world to medieval conceptions of Christianity, and which still lingers among us—a most serious barrier to religion and morals, and a menace to the whole normal evolution of society.”

White was gravely concerned by theological attacks upon science, something



Andrew Dickson White

he saw as not only detrimental to the advancement of knowledge but damaging to religion. But even as he defended science, White made it clear that he was a man of faith, noting that he had “been bred a churchman” and that “my most cherished friendships [are] among deeply religious men and women.” Nonetheless, White noted, he and Ezra Cornell had been bitterly attacked for founding a nonsectarian university. Their determination to keep Cornell free from domination by any religious sect was attacked by clergymen and academics alike as godlessness, and they were accused, White said, of “preaching Darwinism and atheism.”

White fought back, first in an 1875 lecture at the Cooper Union in New York City and then in a series of articles that evolved into his two-volume work. “My conviction is that Science,” White concluded, “though it has evidently conquered Dogmatic Theory based on biblical texts and ancient modes of thought, will go hand in hand with Religion; and that, although theological control will continue to diminish, Religion, as seen in the recognition of ‘a Power in the universe, not ourselves, which makes for righteousness,’ and in the love of God and of our neighbor, will steadily grow stronger and stronger, not only in the

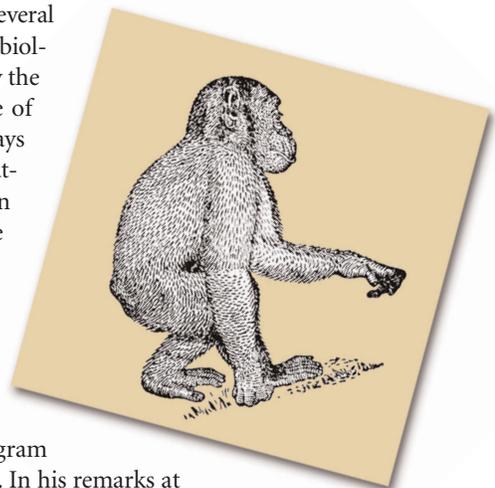
American institutions of learning but in the world at large.”

White’s belief that science had “evidently conquered Dogmatic Theory based on biblical texts” was overly optimistic. The struggle between evolution and creationism continues to this day, occasionally exploding into the headlines via such events as the Scopes “monkey trial” of 1925, the 1987 Supreme Court ruling in *Edwards v. Aguillard*, and the recent school board battles over the teaching of I.D. in Pennsylvania and Kansas.

**R**awlings chose to wade into this fight, he explained after the speech, for two reasons: “One is a growing concern I have with what I call the abuse of religion—that is, the use of religion for political, social, and educational purposes. It seems to me that’s very dangerous to religion itself. As James Madison pointed out, it’s a perversion of the means of salvation. Secondly, I have a kind of historical interest in this through my Madison work—it’s more to me than just a current topic. It’s a recurring theme in American history, and I think it’s an important one that needs addressing.”

Rawlings says the development of his ideas on the subject was driven by discussions with Cornell faculty. “Over a period of several months,” he explains, “I talked with a fair number—not only biologists, interestingly enough, but physicists. In fact, I would say the tipping point came when I talked about this with a couple of physicists—Saul Teukolsky and Kurt Gottfried.” Teukolsky says that the subject came up at the end of a meeting on another matter. “The conversation turned to the anti-science movement in the country, and what the University should do about it,” he recalls. “The talk was not just about evolution, but more generally the betrayal of the principles of the Enlightenment on which the country and the University had been founded.” Rawlings, Gottfried adds, “had a very prepared mind for this issue.”

Rawlings’s inclination to speak out on I.D. was further strengthened after he participated in a Constitution Day program with Isaac Kramnick, the Schwartz Professor of Government. In his remarks at the September event, Rawlings talked about James Madison’s belief in the importance of the separation of church and state and decried the current movement to “blur the line” between the two. He quoted Pascal, who wrote in his *Pensées* that “men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction”—a thought he repeated in his State of the University address.



## Excerpts from the State of the University Address delivered by Interim President Hunter Rawlings on October 21, 2005

I want to address a matter of great significance to Cornell and to the country as a whole, a matter with fundamental educational, intellectual, and political implications. . . . The issue in question is the challenge to science posed by religiously based opposition to evolution, described, in its current form, as “intelligent design.” This controversy raises profound questions about the nature of public discourse and what we teach in universities, and it has a profound effect on public policy. . . .

Disputes involving evolution are brewing in at least twenty states and numerous school districts. And in August President Bush weighed in by suggesting that schools should teach intelligent design along with evolution. “I think that part of education is to expose people to different schools of thought,” the president told reporters. “You’re asking me whether or not people ought to be exposed to different ideas. The answer is yes.”

Most of us have some familiarity with “creationism,” which asserts that life as we know it was created more or less in its present form about 10,000 years ago. Intelligent design is a more subtle construct. While not necessarily denying that some forms of life have evolved over time, it contends that some features of the natural world (the flagella of bacteria is one often-cited example) are so “irreducibly complex” that they require an intelligent designer. . . .

Many Americans, including some supporters of evolution, believe that intelligent design should be taught along with evolution. “Teach the controversy” has become the rallying cry of the I.D. camp, and it is the view apparently endorsed by President Bush. In fact, according to a recent report by the Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C., which analyzed twenty years of trend data on public attitudes toward evolution, a large minority of Americans—around 40 percent—says that creationism should be taught instead of evolution in public schools. . . .

I want to suggest that universities like Cornell can make a valuable contribution to the nation’s cultural and intellectual discourse. With a breadth of expertise that embraces the humanities and the social sciences as well as science and technology, we need to be engaging issues like evolution and intelligent design both internally, in the classroom, in the residential houses, and in campus-wide debates, and also externally by making our voices heard in the spheres of public policy and politics. . . .

In keeping with the convictions of A. D. White and Ezra Cornell, Cornell has remained a nonsectarian university that actively supports students in the practice of their religious faiths. Cornell United Religious Work (CURW), established in 1929, was created in order to give Cornell students an array of religious options. CURW now hosts twenty-six affiliate groups . . . [and] Anabel Taylor Hall provides a physical home to a wide range of student organizations and programs that are religiously based. . . .

So if religious beliefs of all sorts are welcomed, encouraged, and supported at Cornell and if religious studies has a secure place within the curriculum, should creationism or intelligent design be taught in science courses? A substantial fraction of the American people and of our own students accept creationism or intelligent design, so what is the harm?

The answer is that intelligent design is not valid as science—that is, it has no ability to develop new knowledge through hypothesis testing, modification of the original theory based on experimental results, and renewed testing through more refined experiments that yield still more refinements and insights. . . . We should not suspend, or rather annul, the rules of science in order to allow any idea into American education. I.D. is a subjective concept. It is, at its core, a religious belief.

What about including I.D. in public policy discourse? After all, it is an important view of the world shared by many Americans. Many religiously based views

enter the public arena and inform our policy debates, and they should. Religiously derived arguments, in my view, must bear two burdens: they must be clearly identified as such, that is, as propositions of faith; and, in acknowledging that others do not share these propositions of faith, they must be supported by other arguments. . . .

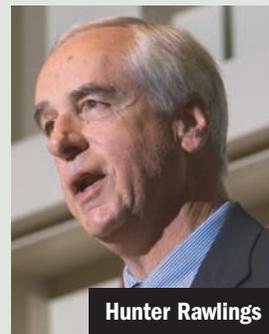
I am convinced that the political movement seeking to inject religion into state policy and our schools is serious enough to require our collective time and attention. . . . We have at Cornell great intellectual resources to deal with the current attacks on science and reason. We also have a strong tradition of faculty members using their expertise to comment on public policy, as the late Hans Bethe did as an advocate for nuclear non-proliferation, and as Kurt Gottfried is still doing as the co-founder of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

I believe that now, as we proceed with our investments in scientific inquiry, we should also be addressing the cultural issues that the invasion of science by intelligent design embodies. This is an issue that should engage not simply our science faculty . . . but, in particular, our social scientists and humanists. This is above all a cultural issue, not a scientific one. The controversy is about the tensions between science and belief, reason and faith, public policy and private religiosity.

Modern research universities have become segmented. We have scientists over here, humanists and social scientists over there. Knowledge is divided into ever-smaller categories; our specialization becomes ever more narrow. I believe it is time to put the disparate parts of the modern research university back together. . . . Social scientists should be asking questions such as: “How, if at all, might I.D. influence the public policy debate in the United States, given our strict separation of church and state?” “What would constitute evidence of a conscious or intelligent designer of the universe?” Humanists should be asking questions such as: “Are reason and faith polar opposites?” “Are they inevitably antagonistic to one another?” “How have the aesthetic roots of religious belief and the exploration of the spiritual shaped literature, music, art, and culture?” “How might we frame conversations to talk about when human life begins amidst assertions that a definition of human life may be so inherently subjective as to preclude reaching a consensus?” These are large and important questions. They go to the heart of our American democracy and to the essence of the human experience. . . .

Consistent with Cornell’s land grant mission, I ask that humanists, social scientists, and scientists venture outside the campus to help the American public sort through these complex issues. I ask them to help a wide audience understand what kinds of theories, arguments, and conclusions deserve a place in the academy—and why it isn’t always a good idea to “teach the controversies.” . . .

Cornell is . . . a place that has nurtured great intellectual leaders who have not only made landmark contributions to their disciplines, but who are willing to speak out, frequently and forcefully, about the obligation of the academy to pursue knowledge and truth unfettered by political or religious dogma. Cornellians who do will be acting in the great tradition of Cornell’s founders, Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White.



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Hunter Rawlings

For the complete text of this address, go to:  
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**B**y speaking out on an important issue, Rawlings bucked the recent tendency among college presidents to be cautious in their public statements. In a survey published in the November 4, 2005, issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the president of one large university, quoted anonymously, said: “Of deep concern should be the neutering of presidents to speak out on public and political issues because of pressure . . . from trustees, donors, public officials.” Rawlings does not entirely agree with this evaluation, citing the example of former MIT president Charles Vest, who testified before Congress on a number of policy issues. But Rawlings acknowledges that being an interim executive gave him an opportunity to take a different approach in this speech. “I didn’t feel that I had to talk about the next three initiatives, because I don’t have three new initiatives,” he says. “That gave me the freedom to talk about something I’m interested in from a scholarly point of view.”

Some observers have noted that being outspoken in this manner was somewhat out of character for Rawlings—and that perhaps his attack on I.D. was an attempt to draw attention away from Cornell’s recent internal problems, including the resignation of President Jeffrey Lehman ’77 and the subsequent controversy. Rawlings flatly denies this: “No, this came from my gut. This is something



Will Provine

## Leap of Faith

Tiny but determined, the I.D. movement arrives on campus

**L**ast spring, Hannah Maxson ’07 founded a new student group. They set up a table at the Student Activities Fair in the fall, started meeting at the Ivy Room every Monday evening, and, on October 20, sponsored one of their first events—a debate on the teaching of intelligent design (I.D.) in public schools with students from the ACLU club. The next day, Interim President Hunter Rawlings weighed in with his State of the University speech excoriating the I.D. movement, and Maxson, president of the Cornell chapter of the Intelligent Design and Evolution Awareness (IDEA) Club, found herself in the midst of a national furor. She quickly fired off a brief press release defending I.D. (“Ad hominem attacks and confusing people’s religious beliefs with their scientific research is not befitting a university president”) that was picked up in much of the subsequent media coverage of Rawlings’s speech. Several interviews with local and national newspapers, including a large piece in the *Chicago Tribune*, soon followed, and her in-box filled up with e-mail from around the world.

Maxson, a slight, soft-spoken math major, is no stranger to controversy: she’s also active in the Cornell Coalition for Life, an anti-abortion student group. But she never dreamed that her “little undergraduate science club” would draw so much attention. “I don’t like being in newspapers,” she confesses. “It certainly isn’t what I asked for. But I think people need to hear both sides of the story.”

Right now, the Cornell IDEA Club is a notably modest undertaking—despite newspaper stories that reported up to eighty stu-

dents on its rolls, Maxson says that there are “probably six or seven” regular members, including her brother Seth ’07, a physics major. But the club is a small piece of a large and well-funded machine. Founded by a UC San Diego law student named Casey Luskin in 1999, the IDEA Center now claims twenty-five such student chapters worldwide, all with a professed aim to “promote awareness of scientific evidence that supports intelligent design theory.” Like most I.D. proponents, Maxson treads carefully around the religious dimension to the cause: her group does not delve into the identity of the unnamed intelligent designer who guides the mechanisms of life. “Basically, I.D. doesn’t go into this issue, so neither do we.”

She’s equally reluctant to discuss the IDEA Center proviso that all club officers be Christians, for example, and shies away from talking about how her unusual personal background shaped her beliefs on science and religion. (Maxson, like her eight siblings, was homeschooled and spent most of her childhood living in remote parts of Central Asia, where her father, who studied physics at Caltech, teaches English.) But she admits that her faith did play a role in her unwillingness to accept the tenets of evolutionary theory. “If I was an atheist, I’d have a hard time accepting that I.D. had any validity.”

That’s one statement that evolutionary biologist Will Provine would agree with enthusiastically. “If you really believe in evolution, of course you’re an atheist,” says the Alexander Professor of Biological Sciences, a member of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology since 1969. “You give me any religion around the world, and I’ll show you how it’s incom-

that's been brewing and finally just spilled over. It was really a personal thing."

The reaction to the speech, Rawlings says, was mixed but more positive than he expected. There was some "hate mail" and he was excoriated by a Cornell student group called Intelligent Design Evolutionary Awareness (IDEA) for "blasting the emerging Intelligent Design theory as anti-scientific and religious in an unscrupulous, unknowledgeable manner." But Rawlings says he was gratified to receive congratulatory messages from fellow presidents John Hennessey of Stanford and Shirley Tilghman of Princeton, as well as from Cornell alumni and from faculty "at Cornell and all across the country." He says he has not seen the critiques posted at pro-I.D. websites and blogs, including an open letter from William Dembski, a "theistic evolutionist" who attempts to counter Rawlings's arguments by asserting that I.D. is supported by "nontrivial scientific work" ([www.uncommondescent.com/index.php/archives/419](http://www.uncommondescent.com/index.php/archives/419)).

Rawlings is pleased that many people seem to have considered his entire argument, including its emphasis on the importance of religion. "This is not an attack on faith," he says. "It's more an effort to say: 'We in academia are somewhat at fault here, for having been pretty one-sided in our presentation of this issue. We ought to take faith more seriously and take people of faith more seriously.' Ezra Cornell said, 'The University should be nonsectarian—but I'm putting a chapel right in the middle of the campus, and I want the faculty and the students to go to the chapel.' He said people of all faiths, including no faith, were welcome at his university. I think Ezra Cornell got it exactly right." ©

patible with evolution."

Provine, who invited Maxson and her club to speak to his 200-level evolution class this fall, has never been shy about confronting religious challenges to evolutionary theory. "Long before the I.D. controversy, I always invited creationists to my classes," he says. "I want my students to hear their arguments. I want them to see creationists as real people and not weird little monsters." Since the late 1980s, Provine has conducted several spirited debates with Phillip Johnson, the retired UC Berkeley law professor who is one of the I.D. movement's intellectual godfathers. He's also gained a reputation as a *bête noir* for both sides of the issue, in part because his blunt pronouncements on atheism and science—not to mention his controversial advocacy of the notion that human free will is merely a biologically encoded response—make such effective talking points for the I.D. crowd. "I've been a good provider for them, but they're a good provider for me, too," he chuckles. "Nothing helps my case better than having an I.D. person in my classroom."

As a veteran of the creation/evolution culture wars, Provine says that there's nothing new in the scientific objections that intelligent design has mustered against evolutionary theory: stripped of the carefully crafted non-religious terminology, I.D. essentially recycles English theologian William Paley's teleological "argument from design" of 1802, which posited that the intricacies of such biological systems as the human eye bore the tell-tale marks of God's handiwork. "The argument from design is as old as the hills," says Provine, who adds that I.D.'s understanding of modern evolution is similarly dated. "The evolutionary biology they criticize is right out of the 1960s—it's completely outmoded. What they can't criticize is what evolutionary biologists actually think about now." Far more worrisome is the seriousness of I.D.'s political challenge. Led by the Discovery Institute, a Seattle think tank that is heavily funded by conservative foundations and evangelical Christian donors such as Southern California millionaire philanthropist Howard Ahmanson, I.D. proponents have attempted to position intelligent design as a scientifically legitimate counter-theory that could be legally

taught in public schools. Their ultimate target, Provine believes, isn't Darwin but the constitutional firewall between church and state that was raised by the 1962 Supreme Court decisions that banned school prayer.

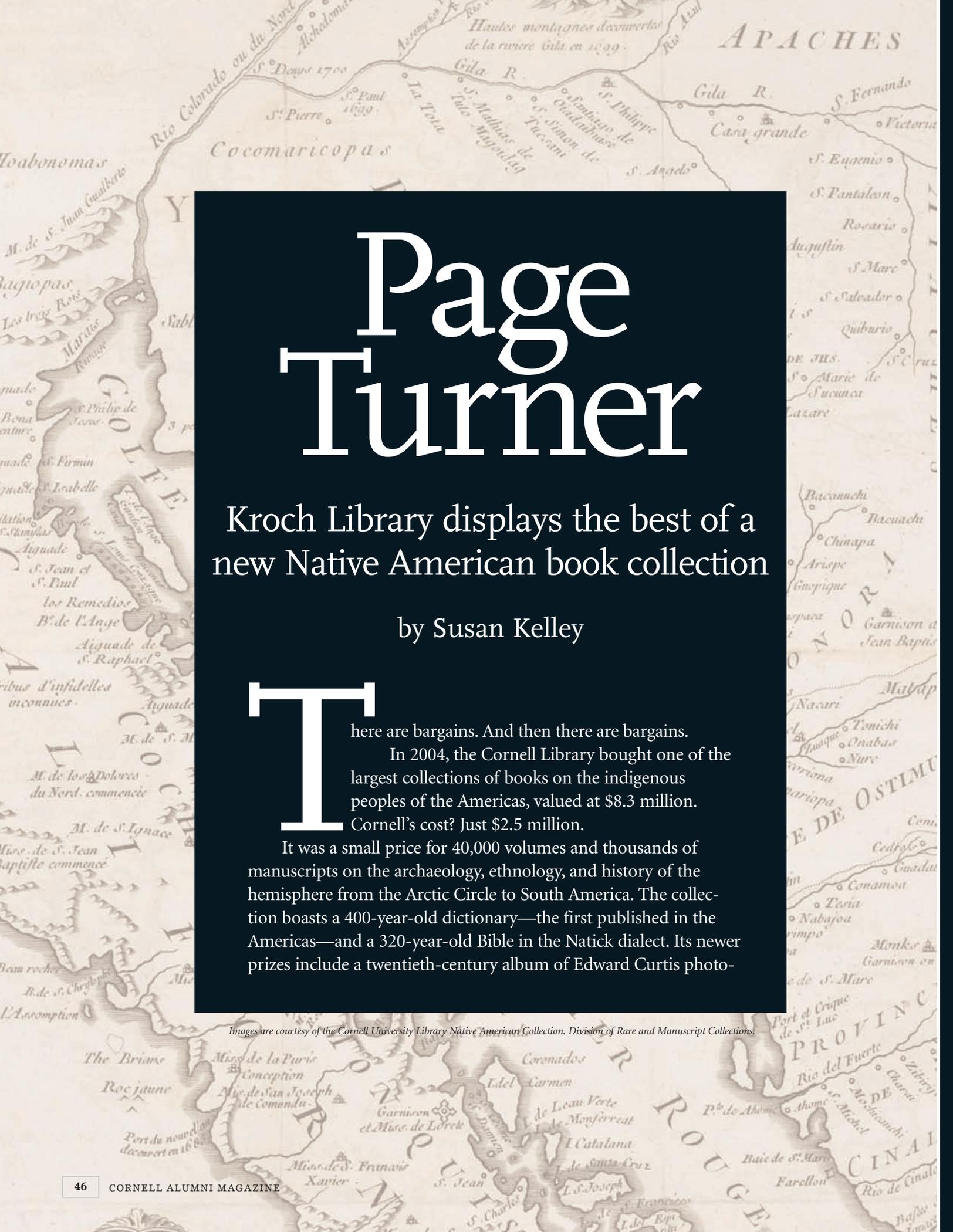
That wall has long foiled local school boards that have attempted to re-introduce creationism or its variants, but—as recent high-profile court cases in Kansas and Dover, Pennsylvania, have shown—I.D. brings a new momentum to the cause, along with a host of plausible-sounding scientific lingo and a motto ("Teach the controversy!") that effectively suggests free and open inquiry. "We're losing the battle on this," Provine warns. "And by fighting the I.D.ers we're pissing away our energy. We need to focus on the goal of the I.D. movement, which is getting fundamentalist Christianity back into the schools." The implications for federal grant funding in his field, he says, are downright apocalyptic: "The word 'evolution' will be edited out at the NSF [National Science Foundation] level," he says. "This is a real danger, and for us to not discuss this danger is wrong."

To that end, Provine plans to visit high school science classes around the state to speak about I.D. and evolution—taking up the I.D. rallying cry to "teach the controversy," as it were. "I don't refute creationism; I just promote discussion among students," he says. "Although I'm an atheist myself, it's not that I'm trying to make them into one. I tell them to hold onto their beliefs. But it's going to be a rough ride."

Maxson learned that lesson long before she stepped into Provine's classroom. "I don't have any problem with people who don't agree with me," she says. "You sort of get used to the fact that you think differently from other people." She maintains that, like all good scientists, she is just seeking the truth. At a recent IDEA meeting, a group of biology grad students showed up—"just to set us straight." Maxson sat and listened to the best evidence that 150 years of scientific investigation could provide, and then, politely, rejected it.

"They have some arguments that are pretty strong," she admits. "But they aren't quite enough."

— David Dudley



# Page Turner

Kroch Library displays the best of a new Native American book collection

by Susan Kelley

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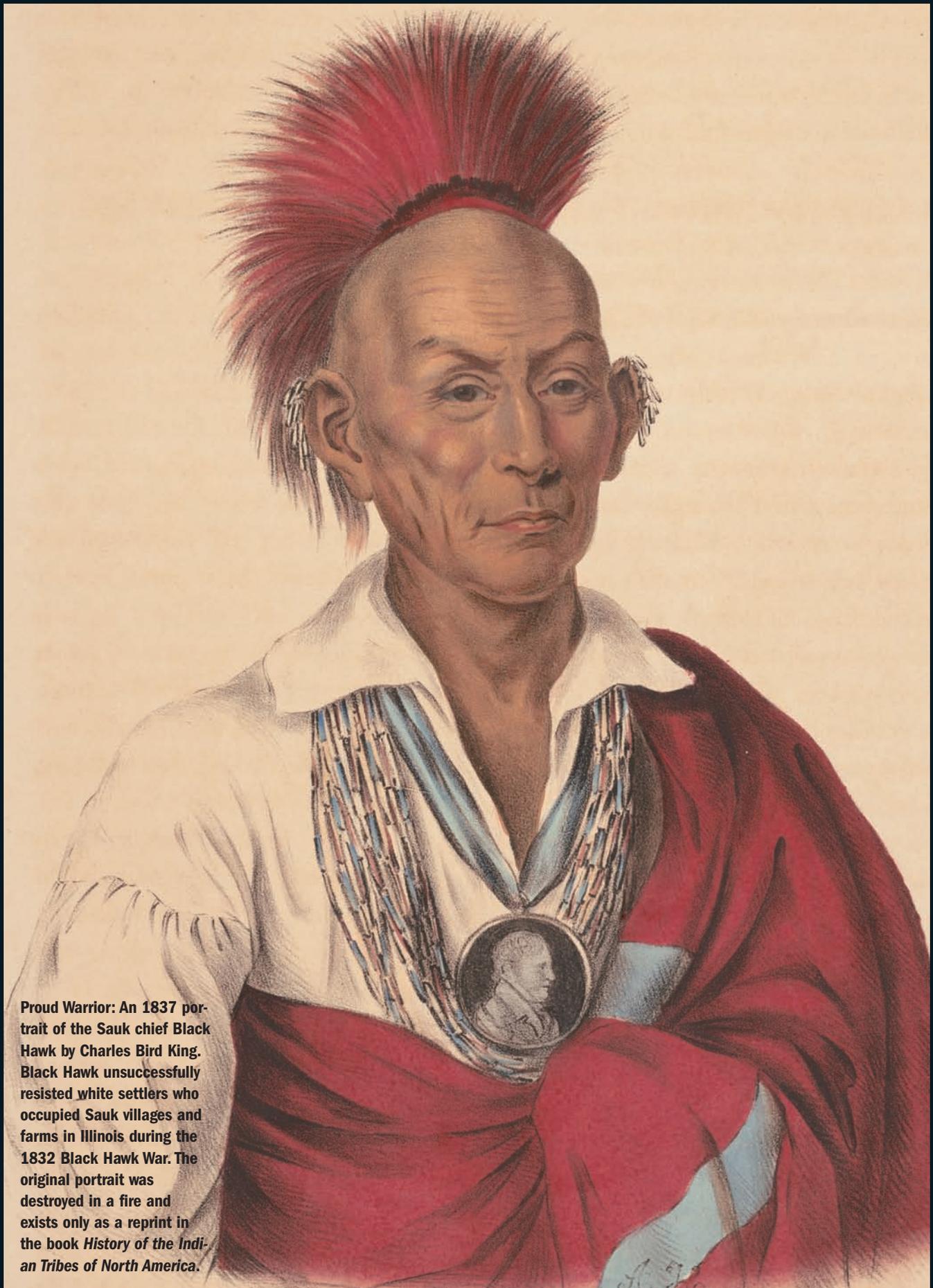
here are bargains. And then there are bargains.

In 2004, the Cornell Library bought one of the largest collections of books on the indigenous peoples of the Americas, valued at \$8.3 million.

Cornell's cost? Just \$2.5 million.

It was a small price for 40,000 volumes and thousands of manuscripts on the archaeology, ethnology, and history of the hemisphere from the Arctic Circle to South America. The collection boasts a 400-year-old dictionary—the first published in the Americas—and a 320-year-old Bible in the Natick dialect. Its newer prizes include a twentieth-century album of Edward Curtis photo-

Images are courtesy of the Cornell University Library Native American Collection. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections.



**Proud Warrior:** An 1837 portrait of the Sauk chief Black Hawk by Charles Bird King. Black Hawk unsuccessfully resisted white settlers who occupied Sauk villages and farms in Illinois during the 1832 Black Hawk War. The original portrait was destroyed in a fire and exists only as a reprint in the book *History of the Indian Tribes of North America*.

Right: A 1702 map from Miguel Venegas's *Histoire naturelle et civile de la Californie*, first published in 1757, shows that Baja California is a peninsula and not an island, as some had contended.

gravures that alone might have cost nearly \$1 million on the open market, and posters advertising some of the earliest modern intertribal ceremonies. To celebrate the acquisition, the Kroch Library is displaying these and other highlights in an exhibit, "Vanished Worlds, Enduring People," through June 2. (An online version can be viewed at <http://nac.library.cornell.edu>.)

The collection sprang from the obsession of George Gustav Heye, a New York City millionaire who bought a Navajo deer-skin shirt in Arizona in 1897 and continued to amass Native American artifacts and books for forty-five years. To house them, he founded the Museum of the American Indian in Manhattan in 1916. But the books, as they will do, outgrew the space and were moved in 1930 to the Huntington Free Library in the Bronx.

Legal wrangling over the collection began in 1990, when the Smithsonian Institution acquired the museum and contended that the books belonged with the artifacts. The Huntington eventually won, but nearly fifteen years of legal battles left it financially unable to care for the collection. Working with the New York State Attorney General's office, the Huntington agreed to transfer the collection to the state institution that could prove itself the most capable steward. In exchange, it would receive \$2.5 million—enough to replenish its endowment.

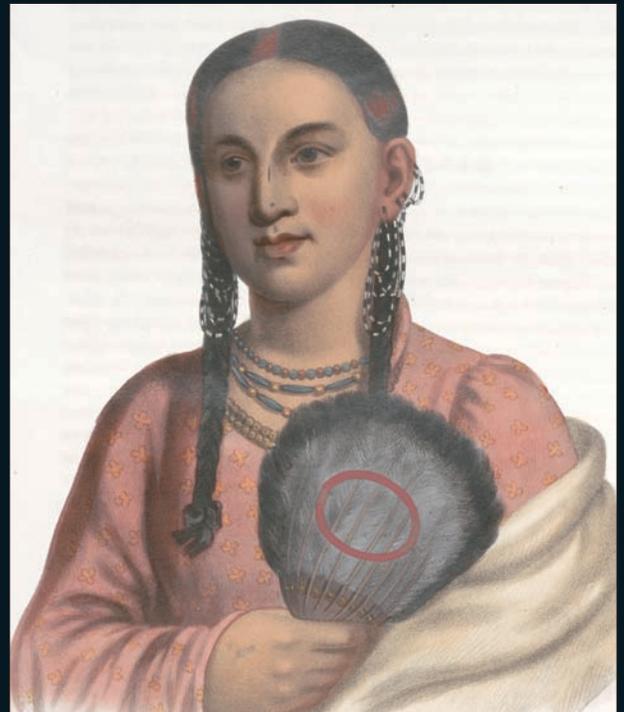
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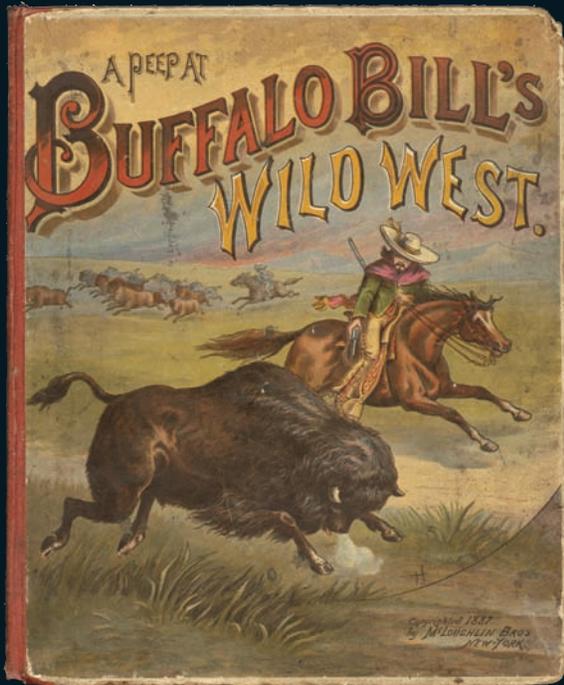


Facing page, above: "Omaha Warriors: Nom-ba-mon-ye (Double Walker), Om-pa-ton-ga (Big Elk), and Man-sha-qui-ta (Little Soldier)," by George Caitlin, 1863. Caitlin was among the first painters to travel west to record endangered American Indian cultures. But rather than using a reportorial eye, Caitlin portrayed his subjects with a European sensibility.

Facing page, below left: This 1554 drawing from Francisco López de Gómara's *La Historia General de Las Indias* is the first known depiction of an American bison. Gómara, a priest from Seville who never visited North America, probably drew this image from a description.

Facing page, below right: This 1834 portrait of Flying Pigeon, wife of an Ioway chief, was one of hundreds commissioned by Thomas McKenney, once a superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Most of the original portraits were destroyed in a fire and survive only as reprints in book form.





**Above left:** Cover of an 1887 book. Buffalo Bill's shows consisted of "historical" scenes in which Native Americans attacked white settlers and Buffalo Bill rode in to save the day.

**Above right:** A nineteenth-century catechism from Chile uses European-based pictographs as a memory aid. A sentence in Quechua introduces each page.

**Left:** A Hopi woman wears the traditional "squash blossom" hairstyle, created by a U-shaped bow, to indicate her single status. Edward Curtis photographed "Chaiwa. Twea, Profile" in 1922.

Sarah Thomas. "She wouldn't be dissuaded," says David Block, curator of Native American and Latin American collections. "And here it is, by golly."

It was the collection's scholarly value that motivated her, Thomas says. So far, the most requested items have been the field notes of archaeologist C. B. Moore, who worked in the southeastern U.S. in the early 1900s. To encourage further research, the Library plans to digitize and post online 1,300 books and 100,000 manuscript pages. "This is a collection to be used," Thomas says, "and not locked away in a vault." ●

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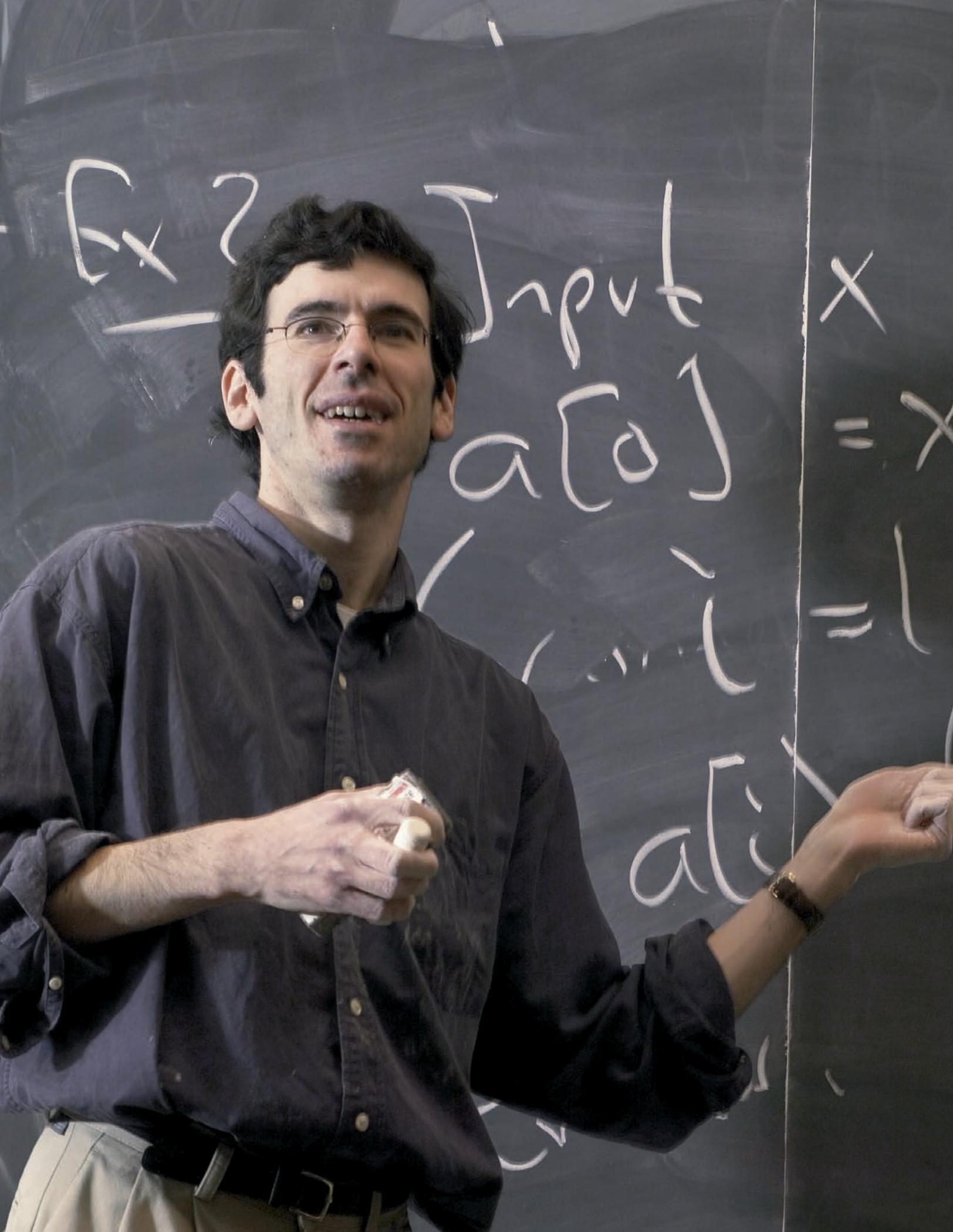
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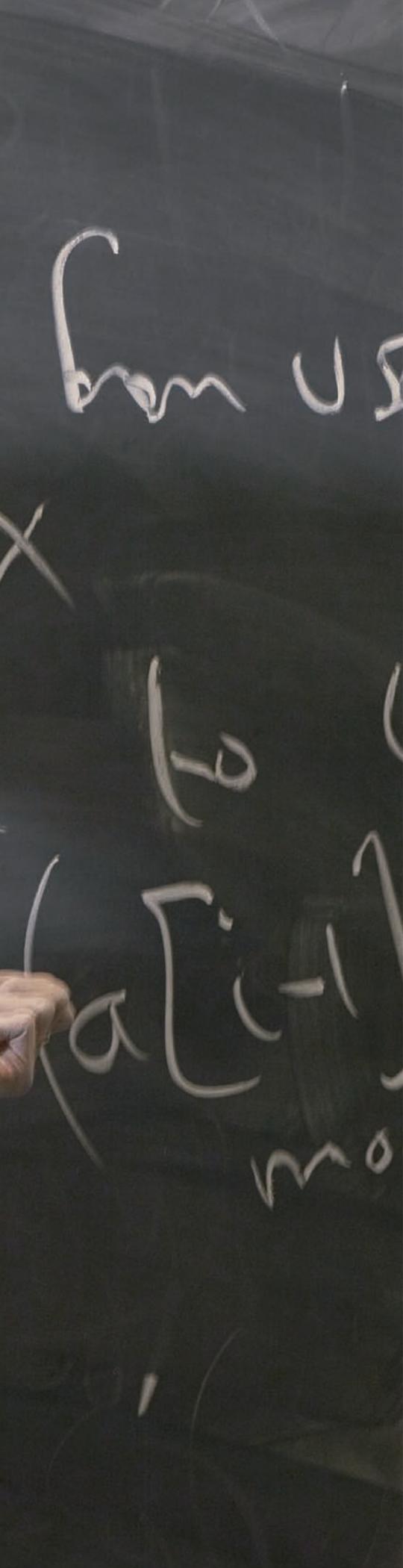
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# One Thing Leads to Another

The Networked World  
of Jon Kleinberg

by Susan Kelley

Photographs by Robert Barker

**J**on Kleinberg '93 got a call on a September morning in his Upson Hall office. The caller identified himself as the fellowship director of the MacArthur Foundation, which each year gives out about twenty-five so-called “genius awards” of \$500,000 each in no-strings-attached funding. “He started describing the fellowship,” Kleinberg recalls, “and saying that they were going to be giving me one of these. Of course I began wondering, Is this for real?”

The foundation aims to keep the list of recipients secret until its fellowship director can contact each one. But word often leaks, and it's not uncommon for a colleague to tip off a winner before the foundation does. That could have been the case for Kleinberg, whose contacts are farther flung than most.

A computer science professor at Cornell since 1996, Kleinberg has collaborated with colleagues in fields ranging from sociology to plant breeding. His specialty is network theory, creating principles about how the structure of information is embedded in social and temporal contexts, among others. He's been a force in the field since 1996, when at age twenty-five he wrote an algorithm that helped revolutionize the development of Web search engines.

The fellowship director assumed that one of Kleinberg's many contacts must have leaked the news about the award. But no one had. "The director said, 'Really? Given all the people that we consulted about this?'" Kleinberg recalls. "I said, 'No, no one told me.' He said, 'Well, so much for network theory.'"

If Kleinberg's network failed him then, it came through a week later, when the MacArthur Foundation officially announced the award and a deluge of e-mails followed, including one from his first-grade teacher. That techno-grapevine is what Kleinberg will try to untangle in what is perhaps his most ambitious project yet. Armed with a \$2 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, he will team with social scientists to study a giant 200-terabyte archive of "snapshots" of the Web in order to extract an understanding of how ideas spread (or vanish) on the Inter-

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net—an insight that could transform the mechanics and content of advertising and political campaigns, for example.

Computer scientists have just begun to grasp what it means to live online, where social and technological networks are becoming increasingly intertwined. Kleinberg, who at thirty-four is probably not even at the midpoint of his career, is likely to help lead the charge, says Daniel Huttenlocher, professor of computer science and a collaborator on the NSF grant. "I think we've only seen the beginning, frankly—of research in this area and of what Jon can do."

It's 1:25 on a Tuesday afternoon. Kleinberg is teaching graphs to computer science undergrads in an Olin Hall auditorium. The slight stutter that interrupts his conversational speech is not apparent here in the classroom. He often says "right," which seems to give his mouth a breather as it tries to keep up with his mind. Kleinberg begins by defining

**Brain trust: Michael Macy (left), Department of Sociology chair, and Daniel Huttenlocher, computer science professor, are collaborating with Jon Kleinberg to study the interaction of social and information networks on the Internet.**



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## Building a Better Search Engine

Scientific breakthroughs rarely appear in the form of an inspired “a-ha!” moment, despite what Hollywood says. But Jon Kleinberg experienced something close.

It was 1996, when only 11 percent of North Americans used the Internet, and Web pages took up just 25 percent of online real estate. If you wanted to find Cornell University’s home page, search engines such as AltaVista, Lycos, or Excite might locate [www.cornell.edu](http://www.cornell.edu). But they were just as likely to point to the home page of Chris Cornell, lead singer for the rock band Soundgarden.

IBM’s Almaden Research Center in Almaden, California, was forming a team to figure out how to make search engines find the most relevant pages for a given query. Kleinberg, a newly minted PhD in theoretical computer science, signed on for a one-year post-doctoral fellowship.

At the time, search engines looked only at each Web page’s text to figure out if that page was relevant to the query. Instead, Kleinberg proposed analyzing the relationship among pages by looking at hyperlinks. “The Web is a network,” he says, “and my dissertation was about graph theory, which is about networks. So I thought, Maybe there’s something to say here.”

Kleinberg identified two types of important Web pages: those that lots of other pages link to, which he called “authorities,” and those that have lots of links to other pages (such as directories), which he called “hubs.” After staring at hub pages for weeks, the “a-ha!” struck.

Kleinberg realized that hubs and authorities depend on each other. “It’s like when you move to a new town,” he explains, “and ask who’s a good car repairman. People give advice and you get a lot of recommendations for one person, so you go to him. But you also remember who gave you those recommendations, so you believe them more when you ask who’s a good dentist.”

The realization had a problematic circularity: to find good authorities, you need to know where the good hubs are—but to find the hubs, you need to know the authorities. Kleinberg broke the impasse by writing an algorithm that continually refined the search, referring back and forth to many potential hubs and authorities. Eventually the process stabilized on the most relevant page. “It was kind of addictive, the results were just so cool,” Kleinberg recalls. “I was living in California at the time, so I typed in ‘California’ and up came these amazing sites. I began dumping every query I could think of because I wanted to see what it would do.”

Kleinberg’s Hubs and Authorities algorithm turned out to be one of the biggest breakthroughs in the history of Web searches. “It brought together sociological insight and beautiful mathematics,” says Kleinberg’s then-boss, Prabhakar Raghavan, now head of Yahoo! research. “And from there, it spawned a ton of research at IBM and eventually around the world.”

About thirty miles away, Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin were working on a different type of link analysis, called PageRank. (While Hubs and Authorities performs the algorithm online when the user submits the query, PageRank searches an off-line index created prior to the query.) Today, both approaches have been integrated into all of the major Web search engines, revolutionizing the way people find information on the Internet. Of all his accomplishments, Kleinberg says, he is proudest of Hubs and Authorities. “It was sort of like having a powerful telescope—you could aim it and see things people hadn’t seen before.”

$$h(p) = \sum_{p \rightarrow q} a(q)$$

a graph as a set of dots connected by lines, which can also be called a network. He asks the class for examples. The students throw them out: telephone networks, transportation networks. Tall and thin, Kleinberg lopes over to the blackboard. He draws the swooping lines and dots of US Airways' flight paths and hubs. "Here's LaGuardia, and then there's this big hub out in San Francisco," he says. Then he draws a tiny dot north of LaGuardia. "If you look really, really hard—really, really, really hard—you can see this thing called 'ITH.'" The students laugh.

Colleagues describe Kleinberg as the kind of genius whose head still fits through the door. Until family obligations recently

**'The Apple II, the Commodore 64—for people my age, when those things first appeared, a light bulb went on. If you wanted to do something, you actually had to write a program.'**

took precedent, he regularly played in his department's pickup hockey games and joined its informal Friday night outings for beer and wings. "It's too easy to jump to the picture of a nerd locked up in his office," says Prabhakar Raghavan, head of Yahoo! research and a former colleague at IBM. "He's a very social animal."

Kleinberg's collaborators benefit from the range of contacts he can bring to bear, says Michael Macy, chair of the Department of Sociology and principal investigator for the NSF grant. But Kleinberg brings more to the table than his social networks. "It's also his neural networks," Macy says. "This is just a very, very smart guy." Kleinberg rarely gets stuck on hard problems, because if one approach doesn't work, he'll try another, says David Liben-Nowell '99, a former student of Kleinberg who is now an assistant professor of computer science at Carleton College. "He can solve anything he wants to," he says. "He just has to decide which thing to solve today."

Persistence, rather than genius, is the main ingredient of his research, Kleinberg says. Regardless of the area in which he's working, the goal is to reframe an amorphous problem into a crisply stated question that will produce a provocative answer. "Try a question and it's too hard, so you tweak it," Kleinberg explains. "Now it's still hard and you solved it, but the answer wasn't interesting. So you tweak it again. Or there are the times when you finally solve a problem and then realize that you're not so interested in the answer." Given those self-imposed demands, he welcomes the break that teaching and advising provides, he says. "When you're stuck with research, the next day has the opportunity to be something besides just sixteen more hours of beating your head on some really hard problems."

One of those problems is the so-called small world phenomenon. Popularly known as "six degrees of separation," it hypothesizes that everyone in the world is connected by a short chain of

social acquaintances. In 1967, social psychologist Stanley Milgram conducted the first of many small world experiments. He gave letters to 300 people—200 from Nebraska and 100 from Boston—and asked them to forward each letter to a target recipient in Boston by giving it to an acquaintance who could come closer to reaching the target, whether directly or via a friend. Some letters never made it, but those that did arrived via an average of five intermediaries—thus six degrees of separation.

While most sociologists have since focused on why the small world phenomenon works, Kleinberg was intrigued with how it works: if none of the participants could see the entire network of acquaintances, how did the letters find the target? "What was novel here—and he has done this multiple times—is he asked the right question," says Eva Tardos, a computer science professor with whom Kleinberg has written a textbook on algorithm design. Kleinberg was the first to recognize small world's algorithmic properties: when each participant passed a letter to a friend, he or she was acting like an algorithm directing a computer to find the shortest path through a network. Inspired by the work of then-grad student Duncan Watts and Steve Strogatz, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, Kleinberg approached the problem like a physical scientist and set out to mathematically define the small world phenomenon—and illuminate its mysterious features.

The resulting algorithm revealed that, for the phenomenon to occur, each participant's acquaintances had to be distributed in a particular way, with roughly the same fraction living nearby and far away. "If you just kept handing the letter to your next-door neighbors in Nebraska, it's going to take an awfully long time to get to Boston," Kleinberg says. "So, for optimum navigability, you have to know the same number of people at the local scale as at the medium and large scale."

The finding has important implications for any situation that involves navigability, such as development of more efficient peer-to-peer file-sharing networks, or demonstrating the inner workings of "off-line" social networks—how people meet, find a job, or find a date. "The model, in principle, ought to apply to these other places," says Huttenlocher. Kleinberg believes that the algorithm explains how the social structure of large online communities may be embedded in social distance, such as differences in political orientation, ethnicity, or occupation. Recent follow-up research by Liben-Nowell and Raghavan demonstrates that Kleinberg's algorithm does in fact describe the social and geographical networks of LiveJournal.com, an open-source blog collective. Industry has taken notice, Raghavan says. "There's no question it's of great import to those devising Internet services in communities of interest."

**K**leinberg was born in Boston and grew up in Wales Center, New York, twenty-five miles southeast of Buffalo. His father, Eugene Kleinberg, is a mathematics professor at SUNY Buffalo and his mother, Evelyn Kleinberg, is a research scientist specializing in comput-

ers. Grandfather Samuel Kleinberg '34 taught high school math and physics in Brooklyn. "The biggest influence on my choice of career was probably watching my parents and what they did, and seeing how much they enjoyed it," Kleinberg says. "But my grandfather's passion for math definitely made a huge impression as well." (It evidently also influenced his younger brother, Bobby Kleinberg '97, who is a post-doctoral fellow at UC Berkeley. He will join Cornell's computer science faculty in the 2006–07 academic year.)

When his parents started using personal computers in the early 1980s, Kleinberg was immediately drawn to them. "The Apple II, the Commodore 64—for people my age, when those things first appeared, a light bulb went on." PCs then were simpler beasts. "If you wanted to do something, you actually had to write a program," Kleinberg recalls. "The programming itself was almost like a game. You were inventing it for yourself, giving it its own names." At Cornell, Kleinberg discovered that computer science was a subject one could study—and that his teenage hobby had taught him how to create software.

Kleinberg double-majored in computer science and mathematics, publishing his first paper, co-authored with Huttenlocher and visiting professor Klara Kedem, as a junior. While Kleinberg had excellent technical skills, what made him stand apart was his ability to formulate and solve research questions—without faculty guidance. "That's something I've never seen," says Tardos. "Even beginning PhD students don't do it." Kleinberg went on to earn a PhD at MIT in only three years. After receiving his doctorate, he accepted an assistant professorship at Cornell. But before returning to Ithaca, he spent a year as a post-doctoral fellow with IBM's research division (see "Building a Better Search Engine," p. 55). "When he finished his PhD, we tried pretty hard to hire him," Raghavan says. "Jon was a great catch for Cornell."

Academia appealed to Kleinberg in part because of the potential for interdisciplinary research, he says. He worked with Susan McCouch, professor of plant breeding, and then-grad student Debra Goldberg, ME '00, PhD '01, to create an algorithm that can compare the genomes of any two species in hours (they applied it first to rice and maize), rather than the weeks or years it used to take. He continues to collaborate with Ron Elber, computer science professor, on the evolution of protein structures. "First you start seeing how your way of thinking about things might fit some of the problems that they have," Kleinberg says of colleagues in different disciplines. "But more gradually and even more rewarding is that you start to learn how they think about problems."

That boundary-breaking approach is crucial to Kleinberg's current work on the NSF grant, a project that Huttenlocher calls "absurdly ambitious." Kleinberg and colleagues from information science, sociology, and computer science are building cybertools that will mine one-third, or 200 terabytes, of the massive Internet Archive, a cache of 40 billion Web pages dating to 1996 that has been compiled by technology visionary Brewster Kahle. Kleinberg, working with computer science graduate students, will focus on creating network models and algorithms that can help analyze the spread of ideas on the networks.



If all goes as planned, they will learn how to design concepts that spread widely, Kleinberg says, pointing to the grass-roots campaigning prior to the 2004 presidential election. "If you really want to make a difference, should you spend 90 percent of your time blogging, or should you spend 90 percent of your time going door to door? These are things that we might for the first time actually have a way of assessing."

The project will also allow sociologists to trace the evolution of an extensive social network over time. "In non-virtual worlds, there is no record of interactions," says Macy. "But these Web interactions leave a trail. We're going to be able to go back and look at all of these interactions that have been going on for the last ten years across the Web. That's a remarkable opportunity to change the way we do social science."

Kleinberg connects the intellectual revolution spawned by the Internet to roots in the early Renaissance. "The creation of universities and libraries, writing in the vernacular, the idea that anyone could author a book—it's the continuation of that 500-year-old process," he says. "It's a revolution in what we're capable of knowing and what we're capable of creating intellectually." ●

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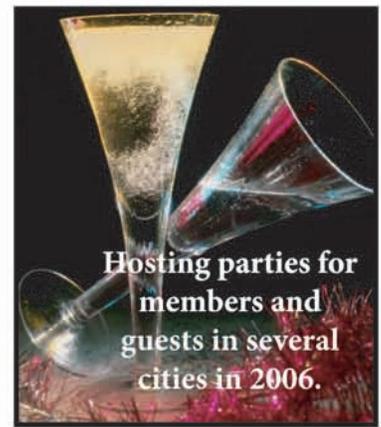
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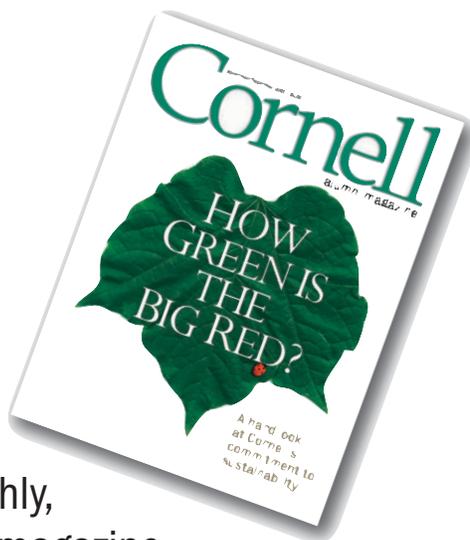
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Zinck's Night has become much more than a time to trade treasured tales about a cramped bar, a colorful barkeep, and a catchy tune ("*We'll all have drinks / At Theodore Zinck's / When I get back next fall!*"). It's an occasion dedicated to celebrating Cornell University, no matter where you may be. Zinck's celebrations take many forms: you can meet alumni in your area, listen to a speaker, enjoy a meal, test your knowledge of your alma mater, and, of course, enjoy a beverage with friends. Here are examples of how Cornellians around the world made the most of Zinck's Night 2005.

*Worcester, Massachusetts*—Cornellians from throughout central Massachusetts came together at the Worcester Art Museum to celebrate. Amid masterpieces that chronicle 5,000 years of human creativity, Cornellians of all

ages enjoyed food, drink, good company, and stories of life on the Hill. The evening started with an optional tour of the museum collection that highlighted, appropriately, party themes in art. *(continued on page 63)*



**Honoring Sam:** In October, President Emeritus Frank Rhodes traveled to Racine, Wisconsin, to present a plaque to family members of the late Samuel Johnson '50 in recognition of a scholarship fund established in Johnson's name by his classmates. Accepting the plaque are (left to right) Johnson's widow, Imogene Powers Johnson '52, and daughters Helen Johnson-Leipold '78 and Winifred Johnson Marquart '81. To date, the class has raised more than \$400,000 for the fund.

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**CAA/Central New York**, Jan. 27—The 8th Annual Far Above Cayuga's Vineyards Benefit Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. Contact Jim Miller, jgm27@cornell.edu, 315/422-4818.

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**CAA/Ithaca**, Feb. 23—Dinner and theater night, Rulloff's and the Schwartz Center. Contact Lisa Everts, 607/273-4480.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, Feb. 24—Men's hockey at RPI. Contact Bob Lynk, 518/439-3948.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, Feb. 25—Men's hockey at Union. Contact Dave Jennings, dlj8@cornell.edu, 518/393-0905.

**CWC/Cortland County**, Feb. 28—A Night of Stamp-ing Fun with Sharon Dorn, F.S. Barry Elementary, Cortland. Contact Sally Horak, 607/756-2065.

**CWC/Syracuse**, March 6—Alice Borning on her cookbook, *Reminiscences of a Baker's Daughter*,

home of Martha Lacy, Jamesville. Contact Grace Clancy, gmm4521@aol.com, 315/458-5132.

**CC/Rochester**, March 15—Muhammad Shafiq, imam and director of the Islamic Center of Rochester, on "Islam: Political and Cultural Perspectives." Contact Jack Clarcq, jrcnvd@rit.edu, 585/475-6302.

## Metro/New York

**CAA/Westchester**, Jan. 19—Freshman book discussion group: *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, Borders, White Plains. Contact Laura Fratt, LDF8@cornell.edu, 914/723-5108.

**CEN**, Jan. 24—Philip Shearer, group president of Estée Lauder Companies, on "Building a Global Brand." Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-7166.

**CC/Fairfield County**, Jan. 25—Knitting group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Donna LaVallee, dkf7@cornell.edu, 203/274-5706.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, Jan. 29—Panel discussion: "Families and Money." Contact Matthew Solá, mcs62@cornell.edu, 973/378-9527.

**CAA/Princeton**, Feb. 4—Chinese New Year celebration. Contact Mary Chan, mchan9@comcast.net, 609/716-1319.

**CAAA**, Feb. 4—Annual Pan-Asian New Year's Banquet. Contact the Metro/New York Regional Office, 212/986-7202.

**CAA/Westchester**, Feb. 10—Second Friday Lunch Club, Valhalla Crossing. Contact John Murray, 914/478-5842, or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

**CC/Fairfield County**, Feb. 22—Knitting group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Donna LaVallee, dkf7@cornell.edu, 203/274-5706.

**CAA/Westchester**, March 10—Second Friday Lunch Club, Valhalla Crossing. Contact John Murray, 914/478-5842 or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

**CAA/Westchester**, March 10—Wine and cheese mix and mingle, Cornell Medical Center. Contact Jean Voutsinas, bppts@optonline.net, 845/353-1260.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, March 12—Randy Little on "For the Birds: Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods." Contact Eileen Napolitano, EN16@cornell.edu.

## Northeast

**CC/Boston**, Jan. 16—Cornell Glee Club. Contact Richard Arena, rja37@cornell.edu.

**CC/Vermont**, Jan. 18—Cornell Glee Club, Redstone Campus. Contact Bruce Hewitt, blhewitt@verizon.net, 802/863-5732.

**CC/New Hampshire**, Jan. 22—Board meeting, home of Pete Sokolosky. Contact Jill Mayo, LJM28@cornell.edu, 978/373-5728.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, Jan. 28—Family fun, Science Center of Connecticut. Contact Amy Fairchild, amym\_fairchild@gmail.com, 860/693-1317.

**CC/Cape Cod**, Feb. 8—Doug Parker on his recent book, *Ogden Nash: The Life and Work of America's Laureate of Light Verse*, and lunch, La Scala. Contact Art and Georgia Gast, a.f.gast@adelphia.net, 508/888-1836.

**Coastal Connecticut Cornellians**, Feb. 11—Eagle watch, Essex. Contact Myron Stacks, mstacks@aol.com, 860/510-0702.

**CC/Cape Cod**, March 8—Board meeting, Thirwood Place. Contact Judith Carr, judith\_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, March 15—Board meeting. Contact John Eckel, john.eckel@pinninvest.com.

**CC/Cape Cod**, March 15—Maggie Geist of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod on the Cape's natural history and geography, Scargo Cafe, Dennis. Contact Judith Carr, judith\_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

## Mid-Atlantic

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, Feb. 8—Board meeting. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, Feb. 18—CACO annual meeting and dinner. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, March 8—Board meeting. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, March 11—177th Annual Philadelphia Flower Show. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

## Midwest

**CC/Chicago**, Jan. 15—Winter Wasabi Wonderland Dinner, Kaze Sushi. Contact Phyllis Richardson, pdr8@cornell.edu, 312/236-7850.

**CC/Chicago**, Jan. 27—Asian New Year banquet. Contact Phyllis Richardson, pdr8@cornell.edu, 312/236-7850.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Feb. 1—Cornell Dinner Club, Tasca Navarre. Contact Mady Bauer, mab79@cornell.edu, 412/831-9039.

**CC/Wisconsin**, Feb. 4—Progressive dinner. Contact Joseph Lai, 262/369-9632.

**CC/Chicago**, Feb. 6—Barrel of Monkeys Comedy Theater, NeoFuturarium. Contact Phyllis Richardson, pdr8@cornell.edu, 312/236-7850.

**CC/Michigan**, Feb. 12—Board meeting and Chinese New Year celebration, Middle Kingdom, Ann Arbor. Contact Hiroki Hirata, hhirata@ford.com, 248/891-5422.

**CC/Southwestern Ohio**, Feb. 18—Alumni lunch. Contact Justin Stone, 607/316-1584.

**CC/Minnesota**, Feb. 20—Club Ezra, a dinner/brunch club for Cornellians new to the Twin Cities. Contact Mariah Michalovic, Mariah\_mkm@hotmail.com, 612/310-5262.

**CC/Minnesota**, Feb. 22—World Issues Dialogue Forum, Ridgedale Library, Minnetonka. Contact John Cayer, JLCayer@scj.com, 612/321-5762.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, March 1—Cornell Dinner Club, Captain Nemo's Japanese Sushi and Steak, Pleasant Hills. Contact Mady Bauer, mab79@cornell.edu, 412/831-9039.

#### Southeast

**CAA/Charlotte**, Jan. 16—Blind wine tasting. Contact Debra Alzner, dalzner@carolina.rr.com, 704/446-6261.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Jan. 20—Chinese banquet, Le Chang of Boston. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, Jan. 26—Cornell happy hour, Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/687-3593.

**CC/Suncoast**, Jan. 26—Networking night, Sheraton Suites, Tampa Airport. Contact Tom Murphy, tlm33@cornell.edu.

**CC/Eastern Florida**, Feb. 1—Sarah Thomas, university librarian, on "High Stakes: The Quest for the Huntington Free Library Native American Collection," Vero Beach Art Museum. Contact Frank Spitzmiller, fspitzmiller@steds.org.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, Feb. 2—Monthly luncheon, first Thursday of each month. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/687-3593.

**CAA/Charlotte**, Feb. 4—Cornell Bowling, Park Lanes. Contact Debra Alzner, dalzner@carolina.rr.com, 704/446-6261.

**CC/Suncoast**, Feb. 11—Wine tasting, home of Clark and Anne Smith, St. Petersburg. Contact Clark Smith, 727/898-2050.

**CC/Greater Miami and Florida Keys**, Feb. 12—Family afternoon, Miami Children's Museum. Contact Paul Stoddard, northmiamiguy2@aol.com, 305/756-6070.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Feb. 14—A noted local architect on the future of Sarasota's skyline. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Feb. 26—Annual polo tailgate picnic, Sarasota Polo Grounds. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, March 2—Monthly luncheon, first Thursday of each month. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/687-3593.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, March 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Joseph Hotchkiss, chair of food science, on "Food: From the Hands of Elves or Scientists?" Contact Dave Hendrix, 239/596-9766.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, March 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Joseph Hotchkiss, chair of food science, on "Food: From the Hands of Elves or Scientists?" Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

**CC/Suncoast**, March 9—Networking night, Sheraton Suites, Tampa Airport. Contact Tom Murphy, tlm33@cornell.edu.

#### International

**CC/France**, Jan. 19—Monthly get-together, Hilton Arc de Triomphe, Paris. Contact Curtis Bartosik, cbartosik@yahoo.com.

**CC/France**, Feb. 23—Monthly get-together, Hilton Arc de Triomphe, Paris. Contact Curtis Bartosik, cbartosik@yahoo.com.

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The evening was in full swing as the tour returned to the Museum Café, where alumni were treated to a free Oktoberfest beer tasting, says Christine Del Favero '96, "testing if their post-college oenophile ways had helped, or hindered, their appreciation of fine beer."

*Morristown, New Jersey*—Although the alumni presence was small in Morristown, everyone enjoyed the Famish Frog Bar and Restaurant and the company of their fellow Cornellians. "Even alumni from 1955 stopped in to say hello!" says Wil Andersen '93.

*Tokyo, Japan*—Many alumni came to Fujimamas Restaurant, representing all schools and years. A Cayuga's Waiters CD played in the background and a slideshow of campus scenes scrolled on a screen while Big Red enthusiasts enjoyed a fusion buffet and plenty of drinks. After the initial welcome, the history of Zinck's Night was presented and trivia questions began, says Marina Amakasu '02. "Everyone was a winner, even if they got only one answer right." After feasting on

a cake inscribed in chocolate with "Zinck's Night 2005," the revelers ended the evening with a preview of upcoming events for the Cornell Club of Japan, says Amakasu. "The event instilled interest in the younger graduates and motivated them to become more active in the alumni association."

*Dallas, Texas*—Zinck's Night took place at Monica's Aca y Alla, home of

*“Everyone had that great feeling of being back on the Hill!”*

the best margaritas in Dallas, according to the *Dallas Observer*. Many attendees were newcomers to Zinck's who were intrigued enough by the name to come out and learn what it was all about; a few experienced alumni attended as well. Discussion centered on favorite watering holes in

Ithaca and which places have survived and which are distant memories, reports David Albright '76. "Everyone had that great feeling of being back on the Hill, at least for a few hours!"

This is just a small sampling of the reports from ninety-eight International Spirit of Zinck's Night events held around the world. Where will you celebrate on October 19, 2006?

**31** **Ethel Bache** Clark (Mrs. Ethel S., 1912 Marsh Rd., #235, Wilmington, DE 19810-3954), our first vice president and perennial, imaginative reunion co-chair, responds to the Class News Form with: “I have been ‘recovering’ from my 95th birthday celebration (95 used to be old). My six children and spouses came from various parts of the country and we had a really big weekend. I am involved in arts and crafts here, and my church. I keep busy. Reunion? Of course! My eldest son, **Frederick E. Schmitt III ’59**, is already planning to escort me. (This will be the first Reunion since 1971 that **Frank O’Brien** and I will not be working together.) I don’t use a wheelchair—yet, but who knows?” (Ethel, I can remember when I thought 40 was very old!)

Faithful correspondent **Rosemary Hunt** Todd (Mrs. Stanton W. Jr., 200 Alliance Way, #239C, Manchester, NH 03102) as usual came through with a nice report: “At age 96 I feel blessed. (As do all of us ’31ders who read this.) I am in good health and am beginning the third year of living in an independent living facility, where I have an attractive apartment. My three children are most supportive. Last summer they took care of getting me to Chicago to see a new grandchild, to Michigan to spend time at my son’s summer home there, and to my daughter’s on Martha’s Vineyard. I now have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren—our own population explosion!” Rosemary closes with the extra special good news, “I do hope to be at our 75th, accompanied by a daughter.”

Another faithful correspondent **Tom Kelley** (Thomas D., 11770 N.E. Yeomalt Point Dr., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110) responded with a nice letter and three full pages of single spaced typing in reply to the form’s question, “What is the best trip you ever took?” His letter contains the good news that his family gave him a fine 97th birthday party on his front porch overlooking Puget Sound, with Seattle in the distance on the other side, and the bad news that, “sadly, I won’t be able to attend the 75th Reunion, as I am now in a wheelchair.” To Tom and all the other ’31ders who get around with the help of canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and “handicapped” parking permits, if you think you can’t get to Ithaca next June, think it over again! Like the “girls” above, get a family member or a friend to come with you. It has amazed me how well the airlines and the air terminals handle us “cripples”! My knees won’t carry me very far or very fast, so whenever a trip requires a change of planes, I reserve a wheelchair to get me from gate to gate, and when necessary from taxi to gate and vice versa. It has worked perfectly every time. Try it! You’ll like it! And we’ll

all like to see you at Reunion, where our ever-helpful Alumni Office staffers will see that we don’t miss a thing. Let’s set a record at Cornelliana Night in the rebuilt Bailey Hall for the number of wheelchairs at a 75th!

Tom’s “best trip” was with his daughter down the Danube River on a Russian riverboat all the way from Slovakia to Bucharest, Romania, and on to Istanbul, Turkey. His yarn is entrancing, and anyone contemplating the trip is invited to ask me for a photocopy of his essay. Because of this column’s space limitations, the rest of you will have to get along with the three caveats he gives us. 1) When sightseeing, don’t let the bus get away without you! In Vienna, Tom was so interested in a “very old chateau or castle” at which the bus tour stopped, that all transportation was gone when he got back to the parking lot. His lament, “I was pretty miserable and wet,” sums up his plight. 2) Watch out for pickpockets—especially when standing in a crowd in a Romanian Orthodox Church. Tom lost his US passport to a light-fingered worshipper in Bucharest. However, there was a good side to this adventure—the Russian tour guide, named Marie, took pity on him and gave him an individual tour of more “sights” than the rest of the party ever saw! 3) In case you need “muscle” at a US consulate, take along the name and phone number of your US Senator. It took the threat of a call to Tom’s personal friend, the Senator from Washington State, to get the necessary quick action in replacing his passport.

More news to come in the next issue! ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; ggramp1@yahoo.com (new e-mail); tel., (508) 760-4250.

**32** **Ben Falk** has apparently suffered a severe case of nostalgia, which broke out as an e-mail entitled, “Words from the Past.” Here are a few of them, with Ben’s comments: “I haven’t thought about ‘fender skirts’ in years. When I was a kid I considered it a funny term. That started me thinking about other words or combinations of words that seem to have quietly slipped from our language.”

Following are a few more relating to automobiles: “Curb feelers”; “steering knobs”; “Continental kits” (these were rear bumper extenders that were supposed to make a less costly motor car look like a Lincoln Continental); “cutout,” a device to bypass the muffler and make the racket now so dear to motorcyclists.

Ben asks, “Didn’t you ever wait at the street for Daddy to come home so you could ride the ‘running board’ up to the house?” The answer to that question is, “No.” Our driveway was narrow



**The Beebe Faithful:** Before Lynah Rink opened in 1957, Cornell hockey fans stood up to watch the team play on frozen Beebe Lake. This shot is circa 1930.

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and short and not a handsome, miniature roadway. My father would not have risked the damage I might sustain if I got scraped off. Grand considerations carried Ben's thoughts to the loss of impact for "coast to coast," "worldwide," "divorcée," and many others. I fear that friend Ben is slipping into advanced maturity.

From time to time I've mentioned the late **John Van Buren Rice**, son of **James E. Rice 1890**, head of Poultry Husbandry in the Ag college and thereby making John a fully qualified Campus Brat. I quote from a letter John wrote me in 1999, telling of the friendship between Prof. Rice and Dean Liberty Hyde Bailey. It was Prof. Rice who raised Cornell's Poultry Husbandry to international prominence: "One night when Dean and Mrs. Bailey were over for dinner he presented me with a book of his poems called *Wind and*

'I have become an expert at:  
'The fat cat sat on the mat.'

JACK WEINTRAUB '41

*Weather*, which I still have. That was certainly a first, and I have had the privilege of meeting every dean except one who was recruited from Washington and lasted about two years. The farmers didn't like him." John once told me that he used to fly paper airplanes from the skeleton of Rice Hall while it was under construction.

Forgive me for introducing an experience that involved me. I had, for some reason or other, been asked to serve as an usher in Schoellkopf during a football game. The seating in the Crescent was, and perhaps still is, a bit crude. A continuous bench ran from aisle to aisle without interruption. Seats were marked by numbered metal tags. They had been spaced by someone who underestimated the width of our alumni. The game was in progress when a gentleman who seemed to have been delayed by a stop for a drink, arrived with a lady. He handed me his tickets which, to my dismay, were in a fully occupied row. While my drunk fretted, I managed to get everyone to move a few inches. They seemed to be annoyed by my request, but they finally compressed sufficiently to squeeze in the newcomers. He was very angry with the university authorities, the seated folks who were causing him discomfort and humiliation, and most of all, he was furious with me. He bellowed, "And as for you, I'm going to have you fired!" He probably did because I never served as an usher again. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14209-1104; tel., (716) 886-1314.

**35** Summer in the Northeast has been delightful except for a lack of rain, from which we are currently recovering with the wettest October on record. Those in the know predicted the leaves would change color early and drop. Certainly at this time they should be right, but the trees are still covered with green leaves.

I was recently informed that ten of our active classmates have been added to the list of non-dues-payers. Hopefully it was a case of forgetfulness and it is not too late to correct the record.

**Mary Rowe Ferguson** writes from 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr., De Kalb, IL 60115 that she and her husband Donald have two children, Robert and Jean, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Emily Ockenfels** Thomas of 506 Moss Creek Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401 points out that Cornell's Records department has replaced her middle name with her deceased husband's middle name, Hastings. Emily, we hope this has been corrected. She has an active life doing volunteer work with the American Red Cross and as cashier for her church resale shop. She is also a member of an aerobics class three times a week. Keep it up, Emily O.

**Virginia Lauder Sayles** of 200 Tabernacle Rd., Lodge 117, Black Mountain, NC 28711 writes that her husband **Hank** passed away on March 16, 2004. He had been failing since 1999 with Alzheimer's or a related ailment. They had four daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. We send our deepest sympathy to the whole family.

**Alvin R. Mintz**, MD '38, 9 Normandy Parkway, Morristown, NJ 07960 and his wife Beatrice were active participants in all the Reunion activities last June. Al retired as a pediatrician in 1986 and has been playing "a great deal" of golf and spending winters in Florida. They have a Cornellian son, **Marshall**, MD '77, and five grandchildren.

I hope that you are all enjoying the winter and that you know that we look forward to your News. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; e-mail, davada35@aol.com; tel., (203) 869-8387.

**36** As usual (at least recently), our news is very limited, so for the benefit of those of the Class of '37 who may read this column, as well as for the '36ers who like to check up on our younger friends, I'm going to report on a letter I recently received from **Doug King '37** of that class. Doug and I were close friends for a while after he graduated, but time and circumstances beyond our control eventually brought that to an end, so after all of these years it was very nice to hear from him.

He starts, "For as long as I have been reading your excellent reports to the Class of '36 I have been intending to write to you." What a nice compliment! "Miriam and I feel happy we are not in a nursing home—so far. We are still able to get up every day and move around, though frequently without much vigor. We still walk every day as we have been doing for over 30 years. I can still make one or two miles, Miriam somewhat less. When

our four children all finished school we eventually gave up the city streets of Maplewood, NJ, opting for the country. I wanted to be near the water, so we landed on three acres with a 100-year-old house near the Chincoteague Bay of Maryland. Upgrading the house goes on forever, but we now have excellent help. About 15 years ago one son in Colorado decided he liked this area and built a house adjacent to ours. Another son decided to buy a farm six miles from us. Our daughter lives in Silver Spring, MD, and the other son in Rocky Mount, VA, but we are fortunate to have two close at hand. They are painting the house right now.

"Several years ago, **Dan Macbeth '37** hosted a weekend for six members of Seal & Serpent '37 at his summer place on Lake Owasco. We had a great time and it was particularly unusual in that all six of us had our original wives of over 50 years. Now, Dan and I are the only ones left—we miss old friends.

"Over the past 20 years I have had three sailboats—obviously a favorite pastime. Unfortunately, practically no one else around here feels the same, so now I have little company or competition. Currently I am reduced to my original 11-ft. dink, which suits me OK when the weather is reasonable." Well, all I can say is that my hat is off to anyone our age who can still walk two miles a day and scramble around in an 11-ft. sailboat. One of the benefits of this job is that it generates news from old friends.

Sadly, **Elizabeth Fowler '65** sends news that her father **Francis R. Fowler** passed away in August 2005 after a short illness. Frank worked for General Electric designing military navigation and electronic systems from 1936 until his retirement in 1985. He was an active leader and choir member in the local churches of Burnt Hills, NY, Ballston Spa, NY, and Wayne, PA. Always finding pleasure in fixing things, one of his chief activities in retirement was helping the Wayne Methodist Church with some of their maintenance. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Julia, children Lucy, **Elizabeth '65**, and **Charles '73**, two grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Charles has established the Francis R. Fowler '36 Scholarship in the College of Engineering.

The only other comment that I would like to make is not news, since all of us have received an interesting letter from **Harry Bovay** about Cornell's and the many Cornellians' activities in support of the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Once again, Harry is working on behalf of Cornell and of our class as 70th Reunion Campaign Chair—and whether or not we are able to get to our reunion, I hope that those of us who can, will respond to Harry's request. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@sbcglobal.net.

**38** **Ann Rosenberg** Rosenberg of Sleepy Hollow, NY, sent a short note with her class dues payment that she was moving to Kendal on Hudson. **George** and **Libby Schempp** wrote from Florida: "We are well and happy. We have lived at the Crane Creek senior apartments for four years in Melbourne, FL, and enjoy living here. George was president of the residents association during

2002-03, and is now the acting chaplain. The association meets each month to solve problems and plan parties and entertainment. We have a birthday and anniversary party on the third Saturday of the month, with a dish-to-pass supper, a sing-along, and gifts for the residents."

After moving to Crane Creek, Libby asked George to plant a flower garden, which she could see from the apartment windows. "We found that hibiscus and azalea were best for our shady area. We now have six azaleas and eight hibiscus in bloom, and Libby is enjoying the flowers. We had a phone call from **Marion Howe** keeping us up to date on 1938 people in Ithaca and elsewhere. I see in the alumni magazine that **Jack Stewart** is planning on our 70th and 75th reunions. I hope you make both of them, Jack!"

**George Hobby**, who graduated from Cornell with degrees in both chemistry and chemical engineering, sent a copy of a report he wrote long ago about an important chemical plant that he and his associates designed to produce quantities of ethylamines needed for the manufacture of synthetic rubber tires. It is clear from the article that, WWII progressing in earnest, these tires were needed fast for use on Army Jeeps, military planes, and military cars. He was a second lieutenant from ROTC training and expected to go to war, but received a letter that he was officially excused from military service in order to design this needed chemical plant. George still has the 20-foot-long flowsheet that he signed off on in November 1942. The reactor equipment, including distillation columns and raw materials, was installed in Riverview, MI, and as of 2003, the plant was still in operation day and night. In the early days, he worked any and all shifts as needed to work out the bugs. "I often slept a little on a couch in the ladies' bathroom lounge. Each morning I would meet the vice president as I came from the laboratory after picking up the results of the latest sample that was analyzed to determine if we had attained the necessary purity. The morning I was able to show him the prized analysis of purity was remembered for a long time."

On a personal note, George adds that, during this whole process, he met and married a lovely woman named Eileen. "She had a cute young girl named Marlene from a previous marriage, so I also gained a family upon marriage. I have traveled a lot. Before Lindbergh flew over the Atlantic, I went by boat to France and then to Holland, England, and Germany. When Eileen became ill with emphysema, we spent a little time traveling—wherever she wished to go in the US, and across the Atlantic to visit several countries, too. After her death, I continued to make occasional visits to Marlene, and we spoke frequently on the phone. On one trip, I met her friend Grace, a widow with two children, and we married shortly after. Time marches on, and I feel good. Grace is a great cook, which helps a lot. I drive the car, so we get to the places we wish to go to."

Anyone interested in reading George's full article, "Engineering a Key Ingredient of Automobile Tires," can contact the magazine at the address below. Thank you, George, and thank you all for writing. ♦ **Class of '38**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [cornell\\_magazine@cornell.edu](mailto:cornell_magazine@cornell.edu).

**39** It's October—and a wet, windy one. We're getting lots of rain to make up for the drought last summer, and the fall colors have been delayed. All is green, no falling leaves yet.

The first two dormitories, the Alice Cook House and the Carl Becker House, are occupied and running smoothly. Located on Stewart Avenue, their inception was the brainchild of President Rawlings. They embody a whole new concept of student living for upperclassmen, including faculty residents, dining hall, library and recreation rooms, study rooms, lectures—self-contained units that hold 350 students each. Those students I have spoken to are very enthusiastic. The Redbud Woods brouhaha ended quietly with both students and faculty coming to an agreement with the university to ensure an in-depth discussion of environmental concerns before any direct action is taken. But, of course, the trees are now gone and the new parking lot has been completed as expected.

**June Thorn Cobb** still lives in her home in Ann Arbor, and visits her daughter in Utah, who has five married children, with 12 great-grandchildren so far. Her son lives in Lake Forest, IL, and has chosen to have dogs instead, she says. During our college days, her husband **Gilbert '41** had a singing quartet that was very popular on campus. Only one, **Dick Lee '41**, is still around.

On July 28, **Helen Frank Sheingorn** suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage while swimming at the Y and died without regaining consciousness. Helen was one of my good friends. We even made junior Phi Beta Kappa together. The *Washington Post* described her as a "witty puzzle-solver, poet, and writer." She won that newspaper's "Style Invitational" contest in 1994 after offering this "really bad excuse for a moral lapse": "You are not guilty of DUI if you thought someone else was driving." She "worked tirelessly at Common Cause in Washington for many years for campaign finance reform and other causes." She had so many interests that kept her young—economics, golf, Dixieland jazz—and a huge appetite for laughter that infected everyone around her. One son, Dr. William L. Sheingorn, survives her, and condolences can be sent to him at 3139 Tennyson St. NW, Washington, DC 20015.

Our garden at the Plantations is flourishing. Please remember that a gift in memory of a dear friend is always a great way to remember him or her. **Barbara Babcock Payne**, MA '70, who looks after the '39 garden contributions, can be reached at 335 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca NY 14850.

Our annual News and Dues mailing should have arrived sometime in the fall. I do hope you will inundate me with news to fill my very empty mailbox. A happy, healthy New Year to you all. ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [bg11@cornell.edu](mailto:bg11@cornell.edu).

Dr. **Eugene Gerberg**, MS '41, of Gainesville, FL, writes that he is still trying to be useful at the Dept. of Entomology and Nematology at the U. of Florida and also does some consulting work. Recently he fractured the end of his femur after tripping over a phone line. He has made rapid improvement and now walks with a cane.

As my co-correspondent mentioned, our annual News and Dues mailing was sent in the fall, and your updates should get forwarded to us soon. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment to renew your membership in the class and fill out the News Form. We look forward to hearing from you. Happy New Year! ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, [philtwitchell@comcast.net](mailto:philtwitchell@comcast.net).

**40** A short column this time. As of this writing, our News and Dues letter is still hung up in the publication process and there are only a few Reunion stragglers. Hopefully that letter will result in lots of news, as well as that volunteer for this job I've been pleading for!

**Ed Wardwell** allowed that he had "no news that's fit to print," but he too had enjoyed Reunion. Ed still lives in Lake George, NY. **Ed Leonard**, DVM '40, reported that he is living in the same house in Tully that he and **Peg (Catlin)** moved into in 1947! That's almost 60 years! Can anyone top that? Peg died in 1999 after a long period of poor health. Ed mentioned he still remembers with gratitude the support they received during that difficult time from Class of '40 friends including **Jeanne Titterton Lewis**, **Harriet Gunning**, **Martha Atwood Cheney**, **Theo Beekman Thomas**, and **Jean Raynor Mase**.

Reports of recent deaths include that of **Mary Savage Kyle**. **Toni Saxe Stewart** forwarded an obituary from the paper in Laconia, NH, where Mary had been living for the last six years, moving there after 30 years in Northfield, VT. **Earl Bissell Travis** died in late September. He and **Marge (Sauter)** attended Reunion and had celebrated his 87th birthday with lots of family, including out-of-towners. Marge will stay on at The Bridges, the retirement home in Ithaca where they had been living.

That's all the news for now. The "leaves of brown are tumbling down" as I write this, but as you read it I hope all your holidays have been merry! ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603; tel., (540) 665-5788.

**41** From Honolulu, classmate **Robert Lowe**, BA '46, gives us advice: "After many years, I retired from the real estate business and would tell all to sell now before the bubble bursts! All real estate is over-valued and interest rates will soar, resulting in no new buyers. Our current president is doing a good job and will go down as one of the great ones." **Jack Weikart** (Hockessin, DE) lost his beloved wife Peg in September '04. "As many know," he writes, "things are different. Healing comes with help, albeit slowly."

Maj. **Theodore Eiben**, MS '46, also suffered a double loss. His son Tom died in March, and wife **Rosalind (Heath)** passed away in April. "Still able to shovel my share of snow and am working on the Port Byron (NY) School Board. Church activities are helping pass the time, too." **Mort Farber** (N. Miami, FL) sent a brief but cheerful note last fall: "Just returned for Europe with three grandkids. My last hurrah!"

**Julian Smith** writes, "Still casting a shadow at 86. Still somewhat active on the Residents' Assoc. Council at Kendal at Ithaca. The seventh edition of my textbook, written with Prof. **Peter Harriott '48**, came out in October 2004. I began that book in 1952. Golf goes on, sort of—clubs and balls have been much improved, they say—but in 1935 I could hit a drive 240 yards; in 2005, about 140 yards. Must be poor clubs!" **Wellington Ramsey** is retired and living in New Sharon, ME, next door to his son and his wife and three children; a fourth is a sophomore at Cornell. "Son **Tony, MS Ag '84**, and daughter **Pamela, M Ed '83**, graduated with master's degrees, his in Soil Science, hers in Education. We are a Cornell-oriented family!"

**Jack Weintraub** of Sarasota, FL, writes, "I'm an unemployed 83-year-old man beset by volunteer responsibilities. My favorite job is being a reading tutor to two 6-year-old students, a boy and a girl. I have become an expert at: 'The fat cat sat on the mat.' The kids are in first grade and are adorable. The only downside is the instruction we got at tutor orientation: no touching. The job is very gratifying because I can see the progress that the two youngsters are making." In memory of his daughter **Sarah Betsy Cohen Fuller '68**, who taught at Cornell Law School and was a senior attorney for Prisoners Legal Services, **Stanley Cohen** (Chevy Chase, MD) and his family have created the Betsy Fuller Fund for Social Justice at the Law school to assist students who opt for a career in support of this objective.

**Werner and Helen Schroeder** (Haines City, FL) have enjoyed the last 28 years of his retirement. "Our travels have covered 47 states, nine Canadian provinces, and seven European countries. Our main interests have been sightseeing, nature, and trout fishing—and jazz and classical music. We've now settled down to our mobile home park activities and gardening. And, of course, the families of our three daughters and four grandchildren." **Walter Peterson** has been a widower for four years. "My golf has gotten worse, but I still play. Have done a lot of traveling, including Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Alaska."

Our 65th Reunion is June 8-11! Come enjoy the camaraderie of former classmates and all the Cornell doings! ♦ **Dorothy Talbert Wiggans**, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, dwiggans@verizon.net.

**42** Pres. **Liz Schlamm Eddy** called before leaving for her July trip to Connecticut. It is hard to believe that she, too, was surprised at President Jeffrey Lehman's resignation. Usually Liz knows all the inside info. Liz also sent us another book, *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, as we join 31 alumni classes in the reading project. Hope you all enjoy it.

I hope Liz attended the 125th Anniversary Dinner of the Cornell *Daily Sun*. **Frank Abbott**, MPA '49 (Boulder, CO) wrote congratulating '43 columnist **Miller Harris** on his introduction of **Kurt Vonnegut '44** at the dinner. Kurt's book *A*

*Man without a Country* resides on the *New York Times* and Amazon bestseller lists. Frank's history of the first 40 years of WICHE (the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education), from which he retired, was published last fall after six years of work. "WICHE was created by 13 Western states to collaborate in sharing resources and in developing policy guidance." As I do, Frank enjoys reading the '43 column—Miller, too, is a writer as well as a friend of Kurt's.

**Donald Goodkind** (Dana Point, CA) has been highly honored by New Jersey by having the southbound lanes of the bridge that carries Route 1 over the Raritan River from Edison to New Brunswick named for him. The northbound lanes will remain the Morris Goodkind Memorial Bridge, named for his father. Like Dad, Donald designed the bridge that carries his name. "Many of the best-known roadways in New Jersey, including the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike, as well as this bridge, are a testament to his work and skill as an engineer," said State Senator Robert Smith. Donald worked for the DOT in the '60s and '70s, is co-founder and former president of the NJ Consulting Engineers Council, and was a trustee of the NJ Inst. of Technology. Our congratulations!

Some old news: **Jim Kraker** (New Smyrna Beach, FL) says that **Dottie (Dodds)** is holding her own in assisted living in Port Orange, FL. His pilot son is a senior Delta Airlines captain, and his grandson is now at Ithaca College. **Ken Hubbard** (Ft. Myers, FL) played with his Gulf Coast Banjo Society in Punta Gorda along with about 45 other banjoists. They play regularly in Snook Haven in Venice. **Frank Burgess** (Batavia, IL; franklulu@webtv.net) has been enjoying retirement since 1982. He celebrated his 62nd wedding anniversary and, besides watching sports on TV, he enjoys his four children, ten grands, and five great-grands.

**Fred Jaqua** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) received his MBA from Harvard in 1943 and LLD from Yale in '49. He writes: "I was secretary, general counsel, and VP legal of American Standard and helped spread a web of joint ventures of our plumbing, Trane air conditioning, and Westinghouse air brakes companies worldwide." **Dorothy Dewey Goodding** (Webster, TX) and husband Robert moved to a retirement community and are happy to have "freedom from cooking, etc., an exercise room, and a swimming pool. Duplicate bridge is a great escape." Their son Charles visited to celebrate their 51st anniversary.

**Ignatius** and **Dorothy Lacombe** (Plattsburgh, NY) visited the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC (Dorothy was an Army nurse). They wrote that they "almost lost it" when they saw chiseled in marble: Normandy, Omaha Beach, St. Lo, etc. They celebrated their 61st anniversary and attended their granddaughter's wedding. They enjoy seven children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, as well as classes on the computer and conversational French. **Caryl Jennings Gustavson** (Athens, OH) carves small birds and volunteers at the Dairy Barn Art Center and the Kennedy Museum. She enjoys gardening, swimming, and walking, but has curtailed some of her activities due to recent surgery. She boasts three children, six grands (including twin boys), and one great-grandchild.

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Sadly, **Richard Ford's** wife Helen (Waversville, WI) passed away recently, as did Pat **Kiernan**, wife of **Jim**. Married for 62 years, Pat was a frequent visitor to Cornell from the 1940s house parties and to many reunions. She and Jim were members of Baltusrol Golf Club (site of the 2005 PGA) for over 25 years. Jim will spend the winter with his daughter Mia in Florida. He can be reached at jameskiernan@att.net. Also leaving us was **John "Cape" Caperton** (Louisville, KY). Cape was commissioner of Glenview, KY, Mayor Pro Tem, and president of Louisville Harrods Creek & Westport Highway Railroad Foundation. His hobby was antique autos. He is survived by his son John.

Proving we should never give up, Ithaca has been found! Researchers have identified the geographical locations of 26 specific Ithaca locations mentioned by Homer. Topographical changes hid the identity of these places from generations of historians and archaeologists tracing epic journeys of Odysseus around 1200 BC. The search has been in progress since the time of first-century Greek historian Strabo.

Here's our '42 Website: <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu>. Do write to all those submitting their e-mail addresses, as well as to me. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.

**43** Back story. The Cornell *Daily Sun* celebrated its 125th anniversary on September 17. Some four hundred former Sunpersons assembled at a banquet in New York. The featured speaker was **Kurt Vonnegut '44**, who said that his father sent him to Cornell to study chemistry, something useful, for which he was not suited. "Thank goodness the *Sun* showed me what to do with my life and I did it." A few minutes earlier I had, with some difficulty, mounted a towering platform to approach the lectern, and began: "Someone just asked me how old I am. '29-1/2,' said I. 'Bull!' said wife of 63 years. '29-1/2's his inseam.'" I continued as follows:

Determined to make the *Sun*, I arrived on the Hill in the fall of '39. I was dressed as you see me tonight: grey flannels, loafers, Harris tweed jacket, button-down oxford, black knit tie. Jeans had been around for a century—on miners, not on collitch boys. Calvin Klein was still in diapers and could hardly even spell \$150. A year later Kurt Vonnegut, also bent on making the *Sun* and also dressed as you see me tonight, bounded up the stairs to the *Sun* offices over Atwater's. With him came a remarkable young voice of wit and brevity. Those were exciting times. The Big Red beat Ohio State back-to-back, home-and-home. Now, there're a couple of headlines nobody's ever going to have to sweat again.

And we had a war. A pretty big war. We gave it Ithaca's only morning right-hand lead, Monday through Saturday, six mornings every week. The official wartime stance of the Cornell administration was that, rather than being in a battle zone, we were on campus "on borrowed time." Uncle might call us in the middle of breakfast. And so in the first issue of the *Sun* in the fall of '42, our welcome to the entering freshmen began: "Members of the Class of '44-2/3, '45-1/4, or whatever"—

Vonnegut. Every afternoon I would write a brilliant lead edit and then (no fool I) would summon, to liven and hone, the late **Pete Wait**, the late **Walter McQuade**, and the quick Kurt Vonnegut. In front page edits, breaking to page four, we urged Cornellians to remain on campus until called, and in others we were stridently critical of those to whom the Hill was an isolated enclave shielding them from having to engage, or even know about the cataclysm awaiting outside.

The university outlawed cars, cuts, house parties, Spring Day, the Junior Prom, the Navy Ball, and anything that wasn't the obstacle course or nose-to-grindstone lest some roving New York reporter judge that we were not studying 23/7, not doing push-ups in the remaining 60 minutes. We objected in print to snuffing the candle at both ends. We pointed out that the outlawed house parties partied on, and were not damaging us or the war effort. Kurt likened their solution to "tying up the dog to make sure it won't bark." "We assume," he wrote, "that we are playing our part because the War Department stationed us here. The education lobby wants us on campus to keep the college alive, not to keep us alive."

That was November 1942. Before Kurt was subjected to pneumonia, probation, the Battle of the Bulge, the firebombing of Dresden, honorable discharge, and General Electric. I had written Kurt—it was 1950—that fiction was coming hard for me. I was tough on myself, I said. It was demanding, lonely work, and anyway I was up to my butt in shirts, which is clearly not how they are meant to be worn. Furthermore, the market for short fiction was disappearing. Television and 25-cent paperbacks are the future, I wrote. In order to survive, the periodicals will need fact pieces, how-to pieces. Women's magazines will soon want only—I didn't really predict this one—20 Ways to Please a Sophomore. Kurt wrote back: "My father is a poor but honest architect; I don't have a shirt factory. I do have a wife and two kids, though. So I work for General Electric, writing publicity. Like: 'Schenectady, NY, Feb. 16, 1950: General Electric engineers have developed a stupefying new device that will make the second coming of Christ a matter of mere academic interest, it was announced here today. . . . It's a terrible job, Miller, so writing stories for a living is a very attractive notion. It's possible that I'll be able to make the grade in the next year. God, I sure hope so."

Don't give up, Kurt. Your *Man without a Country* is among Amazon's top ten. And from a recent cover of the UK's *The Statesman* here's a verse from your poem "Requiem": *When the last living thing / has died on account of us, / how poetical it would be / if Earth could say, / in a voice floating up / perhaps from the floor of the Grand Canyon, / 'It is done.' People did not like it here.*

Four years ago at lunch with Kurt, talking the state of the planet, I asked, "Where'd we get this guy Bush?" "Yale," said Kurt. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

**44** When **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten** come to D.C. for meetings of non-Cornell activities, local '44s meet for dinner. July has been the

month, but this year October 1st was the date for a small gathering at Alfio's restaurant. **Dick Evans** and Phyllis made the arrangements. Dotty's big news was **Robert S. Miller**, BA '47's recent wedding, which she and Art attended. Bob found a high school flame he hadn't seen in 35 years. Her other item of interest was from **Marie Buening Cramer**, who bowed out of the Club '44 February cruise, choosing to send the cost of the trip to Katrina victims.

**Bill Falkenstein** wrote that after his wife died he sold his Dallas house and decided to become a snow bird, buying a condo on the water in Newark, CT, and a house down south on Charles Street in New Orleans. Lucky bird—that area and the French Quarter were the only areas not flooded. In mid-September his worries were of looting and tree damage. **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl** reported about being safe from Florida hurricanes last year. She is on the inland waterway and would have to evacuate. She writes of nearby children and grands and proudly named grandson **Erik Johnson '94**, a practicing orthopedic doctor in North Carolina. She enjoys the activities at Harbor's Edge Retirement Community, especially the putting green and shuffleboard court. **Lois Serby** Rubaii also dodged last year's hurricanes. She says, "My six children and eight grands are doing well and so am I." She visited Guatemala with her daughter Safia Rabaii.

Two 60th wedding anniversaries were reported. **Hugh Doerschuk** wrote from Seattle that he and Judy (a Wells College grad) celebrated theirs in August. They met when he was in the Navy V-12 program. **Dick** and **Ruth Leonard Claassen** had two celebrations. One was a June family gathering of three children, spouses, and two granddaughters in Steamboat Springs, CO. The other was a reception in August for 60 friends at their retirement community home. "We are delighted and gratified that the senior years can contain so much fun. Duplicate bridge helps grease our brain cells and frequent golf keeps the joints moving."

More retirement community happy campers report. Dick Evans and Phyllis moved a year ago into Asbury Methodist Village, MD. They chose the top floor of an eleven-story high-rise with interesting views. **Barbara Cross** Naylor and husband now dwell in Shell Point Retirement Community, a CCRC in Fort Myers, FL. Their condo is in a high-rise building overlooking Sanibel Island and the Gulf. They are both in good health and enjoying the resort atmosphere. Barbara has fond memories of '44 friends. **Margaret Jimison** Haynes wrote that she was moving to a retirement complex in Maryville, TN.

And then there are travelers. **Kathleen Pierce** Putnam with two daughters **Elizabeth Wiggans '69**, MS '78, and **Debbie Gelczyk** spent a week exploring Buenos Aires. **Jean Abbott** Ault visited Scottsdale, AZ, and her sister in Santa Barbara, CA, then on to Florida in March and Vermont and New Hampshire in the fall. She still plays golf and stays busy otherwise. **Charles de Bare**, JD '49, spent the summer golfing and playing tennis on the Jersey shore with ten visiting grandchildren. In the fall he and his wife toured Moscow and St. Petersburg.

**Pete Bellis** and Gloria traveled in Eastern Europe in April, first to Krakow, Poland, where son Bill is Consul for Public Affairs at the US Consulate, then on to Warsaw, Prague, and Budapest. They especially enjoyed the trip because the cities were not so crowded at that time of year. **William Wheeler** took Jo to Sicily for her 80th birthday. The trip was planned by Travel Design and included a lot of walking and climbing, which his replaced hip and both knees “handled quite well.” Bill said General Patton and his Third Army were often on his mind. The **Milton Stolaroffs** moved to Hawaii September '04 and spent a year settling in. Then they took off for four weeks in Europe including visits with their many friends there.

*2nd Row.* #2-1, #2-2, #2-3, Marguerite Moore Baker, Nancy Nixdorf Rose, #2-6, Doris Klein Lelchook, #2-8, Marguerite Antell, Marjorie Marks Boas Levins, Jack Levins, #2-12, #2-13, Bill Rothfuss, Maxine Morse, Prentice Cushing, #2-17

*Bottom Row.* Gloria Marti, Fran Shloss, #1-2, Frank & Tina Berliss Rubinstein, Elayne Serucus Friedman & Howard (with sign) Friedman, Teddy Uelzmann Longenecker, Ben Longenecker, Stan & Jean Johnson, Bob & Sherry Wallace, John Babcock (with sign), Robert Harwick, Jean Hall Dinsmore, Ed Cranch

Some of those who did attend but didn't regale us with news were **George Martin** (Honeoye Falls, NY), still proud of his **Sarah Martin '03** as

Southwest Florida. Last year she journeyed to the Greek Islands with her Cincinnati daughter and granddaughter from France. From Hilton Head, SC, **Jean Herr** Gehrett used her grandson's Vermont graduation as an excuse for not being at reunion. She and husband John travel frequently, the latest trip being to a Las Vegas meeting of Int'l Road Federation Fellowship Endowment, which helps engineers in emerging countries improve their infrastructure. Jean is still active in church and other activities, such as building Habitat houses, but would really rather be playing her beloved golf.

Arnold and **Lucy Tarshes** Broido have joined those of us who enjoy living in retirement communities, having moved to Quadrangle in Haverford, PA. Lucy has transferred her vintage poster collection to a nearby gallery, which she still visits and assists with exhibitions. She started another book, but decided she'd rather go on river cruises. Dr. **Marvin Moser** (Scarsdale, NY) continues to be extremely active as an expert in hypertension, which he seems to be trying to acquire. He is a clinical professor at Yale, editor-in-chief of the professional journal in that field, and president of the Hypertension Education Foundation; he also published two books in 2005, and lectures in the US and abroad. He was recently made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

## ‘Marvin Moser is an expert in hypertension, which he seems to be trying to acquire.’

PRENTICE CUSHING JR. '45

Others are staying closer to home. **Ann Bode** Jennings, M Ed '47, takes only short trips because her husband has Alzheimer's disease. A week in Northern Virginia and a time-share in August with his daughter helped them “deal with the heat” in Sun City West, AZ. **Audrey Jones Smithers** and **Hank '42** enjoy living in Stuart, FL. They visit only children and grands, who are “scattered all over.” **Alison King** Barry, BArch '47, writes that husband Allen injured his spine in a fall so their “travel wings have been clipped for a while.” Bruce, the baby who came to the 25th Reunion in '69, is now married and living in the Berkshires, as is his sister Kristin. He is a potter and a ceramics teacher and she is co-owner of a specialty food business. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

a fourth-generation Cornelian; **Theodora Uelzmann** Longenecker, who has moved into a retirement complex in Wyomissing, PA, five minutes away from her daughter; and **Suzanne Lopez** Moody (Berne, NY), who, for 34 years, has spent three winter months living on a small sailboat in the Florida Keys (we hope she escaped hurricane Wilma).

**Bruce Weir** (Glenside, PA) still does occasional consulting, flies and sails, and enjoys cruises with wife Mary. He says that he likes the Cornell websites and takes note of how quickly reunions come around. **Doris Klein** Lelchook (Newton, MA) has a son Alex working with the Boston Red Sox, which he finds to be a nice balance to his regular work as a speech pathologist. Her granddaughter recently was graduated from George Washington U. with a major in psychology. Doris is active in volunteer work with seniors (!), finds time for traveling to our national parks and Spain, but wants to head for Alaska, Italy, and Israel (where her family lives). She notes that it takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown and saves energy by doing just that. Good advice!

We have also received news from some of our classmates who didn't get to reunion, among them **Bill Glaeser** (Columbus, OH), who still works part-time as a senior scientist at Battelle Institute and volunteers at various local activities, including the PBS station WOSU—although he'd rather be fly-fishing in Aspen, CO. His son Chris just received a master's degree from Northwestern; possibly he is the source of the trivia Bill just learned, that Madame DuBarry drank a cup of hot chocolate every morning. **Ben Klein** (Miami, FL) has also reported in with the news that “current events” often aren't current. His lawyer son and wife, a physician, have two children doing well in school, and Ben is already trying to persuade them to attend Cornell. He keeps busy with assorted civic and scholastic activities at U. of Miami.

Another Floridian, **Brigitte Watty** Miller (Naples) welcomes visiting classmates and attends monthly meetings of the Cornell Club of

**46** When I bought a copy of “The Hill” by **Albert W. Smith 1878**, MEE 1886, in the 1940s I didn't know I'd be quoting it to encourage you to attend our 60th Reunion. Here's an excerpt: *I wake at night and think I hear remembered chimes . . . / O Cornell of the kindly heart / the friendly hand, / My love burns clear for you / In distant land! / O fates that shape the lives of men / Vouchsafe that I, / Before I die, / May tread “The Hill” again!*

I'm dreaming of our 60th Reunion in June 2006 and hope to see as many of you as possible. Did you ever believe we'd stay in the Statler? (I began in lowly “Grisley” Risley in September 1942.) I'll also be celebrating my 50th year as your correspondent. I still love every minute of it. I enjoy hearing from you by mail or phone. If you can't be at reunion, how about sending me a recent photo that we can post on the bulletin board so you can say you stayed at the Statler, too.

I've been short of news, so I made a few phone calls to some who will be there: **Mavis Gillette** Sand (East Aurora), our co-chair, said she'd scouted ideas by attending '45's 60th in 2005. **Bill Farrell**, **Louise “Weezie” Greene** Richards, PhD '65, and she got together with our Alumni House contact, Deanna Quvus, and have a possible program. Tentative plans include an early bird bus tour on Thursday of the new buildings (always an eye-opener for us oldies), plus a combined reception of the 60th, 65th, and 70th classes with President Rawlings, then dinner at the Statler followed by the Savage Club show.

Following breakfast Friday, we will tour Mann Library and have lunch under the Ag Quad

**45** Those who attended reunion have received the official photograph taken in Barton Hall during the All-Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, June 11. Some of us have been trying to revive our memories by connecting names with faces. Here is the list we have compiled so far: If you can offer corrections or identify the numbered but unnamed ones, please help by sending them to me. After we have a complete list I will send it to those who attended.

*Top Row.* Bill Berley (Rhoda Schuman above), Julie & Smoke Adair, Gloria Urban, Bob Thode & Judy Leidy, Mary Wright, Wayne & Maralyn Fleming, Seaward Sand, Sam & Thelma Emile Hunter, Dorothy Scott Boyle, Bill Knauss

*4th Row.* Jerry Haddad, Tom & Marie Bufalaw, Pauline & Bob Olmsted, Marion & Tod Knowles, Lib Deprosse, Ruth & Bob Leach, Mavis Sand, #4-12, JoAnn Shaw-Smith, Bob Frankenfeld

*3rd Row.* Alma Morton Blazic, Carol Haddad, Barney & Ethel Mayrsohn, Ann & Jim Monroe, Carolyn Hendrickson Cummings, #3-8, #3-9, Lib & Bill Hoffmann, #3-12, #3-13, Phyllis & Dan Hartley, Ann & Jack Rogers, #3-18

tent. Tickets will be available for the Olin Lecture, followed by a reception, banquet, and class meeting at the Biotech Building. Saturday includes breakfasts at the Statler or your college, the State of the University address (hope it's not as traumatic as last year), lunch (plus the famous parades and photo ops) at Barton Hall, another reception and dinner at the Statler, and Cornelliana Night (my favorite). On Sunday, we depart after breakfast until our 65th Reunion.

I also contacted Weezie, and she called some other Ithacans. She enjoys living in Ithaca and partaking of the many cultural advantages. "I got a thrill when my high school in Oakfield, NY, elected me to their Hall of Fame recently." She spoke to **Carolyn Usher Franklin** and husband **Ben '50, JD '52**, who reside at Kendal. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last February. One of their wedding attendants was at the reception, plus Weezie, **Marion Moulton McPheeters**, **Nancy Stephenson Bond '45**, and **Robert Kirk**, DVM '46.

**Hazel Brill** Brampton, also contacted, is a research assistant at Ithaca's history museum and is also involved in a celebration of Caroline, NY's Town Hall being listed on the State and National Historical Register. When I called **Maj Britt Karlsson** Gabel, she said she'd be there, too. She only lives about 30 miles from the original farm in Coatesville. "I'm expecting great-grandchild number four. My daughter has a master's degree in speech communication disorders. I'm a volunteer at the school library and looking into the Bell Choir at church."

Let me know your plans as soon as possible so I can write about them. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

For the latest news on our "60th in '06" Reunion, promising the most fun in alma mater's long history, see Elinor's column in this issue. Remember: We've arrived! The Statler will be our headquarters.

Reminder #1: It's creativity time. E-mail a college adventure memoir to PBL22@cornell.edu of 300 words or less, or parody a verse from "The Song of the Classes" and take home a prize. Reminder #2: Call your buddies. Tell them the place to be from June 8-11 is the Hill for our "60th in '06."

**Stanley London** (San Diego, CA; stlondon@san.rr.com) lost his wife five years ago to lung cancer and has been actively campaigning against smoking since. Stan enjoys working at photography, computing, and the stock market. He particularly enjoys time spent with his three children and five grandchildren who, fortunately, live nearby. Stan plans to attend reunion and will call classmates to join him at our "60th in '06." Also planning to attend and contacting classmates to join them are Marilyn and **Frank Rom**, MS '48 (Venice, FL; fermar4@juno.com). In addition to their seven children (six survive; Frank Jr. died five years ago) and 21 grandchildren, they are proud to report nine great-grandchildren. The Roms travel extensively in the United States to visit friends and relatives. They winter in Florida and summer in Kelleys Island, OH. They would enjoy hearing from classmates.

**Ray Gildea Jr.** (Columbus, MS; gables12@cableone.net) retired as a geography professor ("at 75!") from a 40-year career. The last 14 years were spent at the U. of Alabama. He met his wife **Trudy (Serby) '52** in 1951 at his 5th Cornell Reunion. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Unfortunately, they won't be at our 60th because Ray has some health problems. He has macular degeneration and walks with a walker. Still, he goes to his office and to a fitness center three times each week. Ray is writing about the geography of the Middle East in a publication aimed at middle school students. He remains keenly interested in international affairs and politics and loves watching Atlanta Braves baseball.

**Harvey Simpson** (Old Westbury, NY; harvey.simpson@optonline.net) plans to attend our "60th in '06" bash and will call some classmates to join him. He continues as a trustee of both the Village of Old Westbury, NY, and Long Island U. He is retired vice chairman of NAB Construction, but occasionally does some work there. Harvey still enjoys skiing more than 50 days each year at Vail. He also follows his grandson's career. **William Simpson Jr.**, a former high school All-American, is attending George Washington U. on a baseball scholarship.

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**47** It is mid-October as I write and I have returned from a wonderful weekend on our beloved campus where Homecoming was being celebrated. My husband **Doug Anderson '50** accompanied me, and our children **Beth '80** and **Roger '78** and his family and my two Rochester grandchildren joined us. My sister **Sally Williamson Williams '51**, who wanted to surprise me and did not tell me she was coming, was a happy addition to the family gathering. Also there from our class were **Pete** and **Elaine Schwarz** and **Margi Schiavone** Berens, who was with her daughter **Mary Berens '74**, Director of Alumni Affairs, and son-in-law Paul Feeny, as well as another daughter, Julie, who teaches in the Ithaca area. I also visited with **Barlow Ware**, with whom I connect often and who always has a story that makes me laugh.

Because it was Homecoming, there were hundreds of returnees, and I saw many Rochester Cornell friends. **Gail Freeman Warner '59** and her husband **Bert '49** kindly drove us to and fro, treating us to a beautiful drive along Cayuga Lake. **Bob** and **Toby Jossem Silverman**, both '60, **Nannette Nocon '82** and her husband **Karl Wessendorf**, **Bob** and **Joanne Bayles Brandt**, both '51, and **Carol Sue Epstein** Hai '60 were also there. It was special to see a longtime friend from our high school days (Curtis High School on Staten Island) **Bob Bergren '50**. **Joan Mungeer**, another high school friend, was my Cornell roommate for two years. She then became Joan Bergren, and we all remained good friends over the years, Doug and I even becoming godparents to their daughter Carol.

It was also great to see members of the Cornell staff. They have all helped me to do different jobs over the years and have become important friends in my life. I have known **Ellen Gobel Walsh '76** for more than 25 years, meeting her first when she was our Regional Director; she is now director of all the Regional Offices, the first woman to hold that job! I was delighted to see **Holly Hertel** Heitzman '96, our current Regional Director, who has been kind, understanding, and forgiving during these last three years. I also saw **Laurie Robinson '77** and **Allison Doney Riley '84**, who were our regional directors in the past, and Allison's husband **Mike '87**, who was our class clerk for our 40th Reunion.

It was fun to reconnect with Deanna Quvus, who was the manager for our 55th Reunion—she had no jobs for us to do!—and I was so pleased to see Adele Durham Robinette, my editor for this column at the magazine. I was glad that she could meet my ghostwriter children Beth and Roger. I recently learned that she grew up only a few miles from me.

President Rawlings sent out an e-mail message shortly before the weekend, detailing the university's responses to the needs in the New Orleans area after Katrina. It seems the whole institution helped: faculty, students, administrators, individual colleges, the medical school in New York, and our Vet college. I talked to that school's dean, Donald Smith, who told me of the equipment, medicine, students, faculty, and more that was sent to help. It warms the cockles of my heart!

I also visited with Frank Robinson, Director of the Johnson Art Museum, and **Bill Berley '45**. Frank and Bill had helped display art from the collection of Bill and his wife, our classmate **Isabelle (Mayer)**, at our last reunion. At that time there were also pieces from Barlow's collection, and Frank gave us talks to help us better appreciate it all.

A special part of the time there was talking with all three recent presidents and their wives: Elizabeth and Hunter Rawlings, Kathy Okun and **Jeff Lehman '77**, and Rosa and Frank Rhodes. I had a couple of nice conversations with the Rhodeses. Frank says he has recuperated pretty well from his accident of almost four years ago, and Rosa told me how much he had wanted to be well enough to attend our 55th Reunion. They did come, and we were absolutely delighted they were there.

I received a nice note from **Margaret Newell** Mitchell, our class treasurer, who was on campus the following weekend to attend Trustee and Council events. By happenstance, she met my sister Sally, who, as president of '51, returned to gather with a committee of her classmates. To me, being a Cornellian makes us all part of a wonderful family. P.S. Did you remember to send Margaret your dues?

Thanks for letting me share my visit to campus. I live only 90 miles away, but it's been two years since I've been back, and I enjoyed it so much! Next time, back to you and our blue News Forms. Happy Winter!

*Editor's Note: Roger Anderson and Barlow Ware, witnesses to Arlie's modesty, asked us to add here that the reason Arlie got to see so many people*

during Homecoming Weekend is that she was on campus as one of seven recipients of the 2005 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Arlie, being at the beginning of the alphabet, was the first to accept her award and the first to address the 200-plus attendees at the reception and dinner. Her speech, delivered without notes and with unparalleled grace, humility, and heartfelt emotion, was by all accounts a perfect 10. Her love of Cornell and gratitude for all she has received was beautifully expressed, and the audience—alumni, friends, family, and staffers—responded with tears, cheers, and applause for this well-deserved recognition of a lifetime of service to Cornell. Congratulations, Arlie! ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

**48 David Felbeck** (Ann Arbor, MI): “Retired! But I continue my professional engineering activities in product liability litigation as an expert in metallurgical failure analysis. I went to Croatia (Dalmatian Coast) in 2004, and in 2005, a week of fly-in fishing in Northern Ontario, then a lovely week in Bermuda. Plans for the future include hunting and fishing when I can, and continuing to work for firearms rights for Michigan citizens. I’ve been reading a lot of history of late. We all should, and we would better understand this world. History repeats itself. Look at the opposition to Abraham Lincoln in 1861-65 and compare it to W-43’s problems today.”

**Gerry Haviland** (Brunswick, ME): “My day job is repairing antique pendulum clocks. I’m also saving my aging feet for tennis by bicycling between sessions. My hiking days are over.” **Don Weisinger** (Oceanside, CA): “Cutting the lawn, taking out the garbage, playing the stock market, playing golf. After hours, I play bridge, watch movies, and go to gambling casinos in and around San Diego (one day I’ll take a cruise to Mexico where I can eat and gamble at will). I took a trip to Canada, including Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, and Toronto—certainly the cleanest country in the world. Have learned that grandchildren are more fun than children. I can’t believe I’ve been out of school almost 60 years. Cornell was a wonderful experience for me after the war, and I’ll always treasure the memories.”

**Marian Young Bradley** (Boone, NC): “Keep busy with service projects, grandmothering, exercising, gardening, and having fun. After hours I read. Have learned that bats are good for your garden and bad for your newly painted house; I may try a bat house, pellet gun, or helium balloons! Will have the whole family—23 of us—for Thanksgiving weekend. The world’s most pressing problem is fighting and natural disasters. Solution: pray, and give generously to charities. The meaning of life is to serve others.”

**Albert Eisenberg** (Hypoluxo, FL): “In the summer, I attend continuing education classes at Hofstra U. In the winter I attend continuing seniors education classes at Palm Beach Community College. When up north in the summer, I go ocean fishing in my boat and catch loads of fish. Unfortunately, just about all are undersized and are returned to the ocean. In September 2005, I

attended the reunion of my WWII ship, the USS *Huntington CL107*, in Washington, DC. Arlyne, my wife of 42 years, passed away peacefully in her sleep in July 2005.” **Marion Cousins** Chambers (Greensburg, PA): “I’m a homemaker and also do weaving, spinning, quilting, and rug-hooking, etc. I’ve been in Ithaca recently and quilting a lot, but would rather be helping my son Edward and daughter Ann in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. I’m happy to see that people respond very positively to help those in need.”

**Fred Studer** (Clarks Summit, PA): “In April I placed my wife **Jane (Yetter)** ’47 in an assisted-living facility for people with Alzheimer’s. I have been living with it as it developed for 17 years that I knew of. I’m trying to get myself back together. There’s been little room for anything else. While I have become somewhat of a curmudgeon in my own right, I haven’t been able to agitate anyone enough to be sued, physically attacked, and so on. My curmudgeonly activities involve writing letters to the editor and having a rather high rate of acceptance. I get many comments, but I find more are with me than agin me. Since we have no close family, my most pressing problem today is to be sure my wife will be taken care of should I precede her to the happy hunting ground. We have a 200-acre property with a pristine, glacial lake of 20 acres. We are having difficulty finding anyone interested in keeping it wild. Of course, there is the everyday problem of fighting off predators who recognize our age and failing health.

“Recent observations include seeing President Bush in New Orleans. Some may think that seeing deer, bear, and wild turkeys in the back yard is unusual, but not here. One night a couple of years ago, my wife almost stepped on a bear snoozing on our back stoop as she went to give the dogs their bedtime walk. I still read *Science* magazine and *Chemical & Engineering News*, plus less technical stuff. Seems I learn something new every day. Here’s a favorite quote of mine from Bertrand Russell: ‘The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure, while the intelligent are full of doubt.’ The meaning of life for me is that I’ve been able to be here. I’ve enjoyed it. I’ve done my best to contribute.”

**Murray Heimberg**, MNS ’49 (Memphis, TN): “I am retired (Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine from the U. of Tennessee), but continue part-time clinical duties and am active in consulting and post-graduate teaching in the areas of endocrinology and lipid metabolism. My career has been devoted to teaching, research, and clinical care, so I am blessed that at age 80 I can continue to do these in a more modest way. I hope to continue in my work as long as health will allow. The meaning of life is to make your life mean something! Is the world any better for my existence?” ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

**49** We make no apologies for this column. This is the third shot at it. In the last issue, we rejoiced in the fact that we had suddenly received a nice packet of returned news/dues forms. We forgot the “never judge a book by its

cover” rule. The news contained therein was very sparse and, in some cases, repetitive. “Enjoying retirement” is not news. We are pleased for you, but expected that to be the case. That piece of information was the sole response from SIX classmates. Please—look at the news form as if it were a “blue book” and fill it, even with the most inane comments! Remember the greats of Prelim fame who could spin the one point they could remember in a course into a complete “blue book,” causing the weary grade-giver to yield an inflated number on the theory that “there must be something there!”

In our first attempt at this column, that is exactly what we did. Very pleased with ourselves, we headed off to our timeshare in Newport, RI. Problem: we were unaware that our five-year-old computer had crashed forever. Nothing went out. Nothing was coming in. Chaotic return. Panic. How we wrote around the lack of news contained in the news form, we do not recall. Of course, we didn’t keep a copy. Our second desperate effort was rejected by our editor. We cursed her, but agreed that she was correct.

Once more into the breach! Although we still believe there should be a waving white flag icon that fills the screen when a computer is about to die, we are just starting to warm up to our new machine. The first time we turned it on (same server) there were 258 e-mails. We answered class notes; others got a good jolt of “delete.” We are annoyed that we miss the frequent “blogs” of **Lou Durante**, **Tony Tappin**, and other ’49ers; also the Cornell *Daily Sun*, which we used to receive daily online.

In reconstructing the crime, we can report that **Martha Merrifield** Steen, San Francisco, CA, had her travel shoes on. After Kezar Lake, ME, in August, she and Bill were to take a cruise up the Hudson River and, then, the Chesapeake. Marty wrote that life is busier than ever in the retirement home and that she just did the seven-and-a-half-mile “Bay to Breakers” walk and survived. **Polly Wallworth** Riggs, Haverford, PA, says, “After a lotta years as an interior designer, I have time to paint (oils), do yoga, play bridge, and travel. Being busy is good!” We give the busy part a mixed review. **Elaine Tobkin** Pelavin, San Francisco, CA, writes: “Fortunate—oh so lucky to be healthy, and off-spring live five minutes away.” Toby was always so upbeat in school and remains so. Whether she is talking about the Napa Valley or her place in Tuscany, she bubbles happiness and brightens the day.

**Bill Feinberg**, Bayonne, NJ, reports six children and a yellow Lab named Joe. Bill is over-busy with his law firm, writing magazine articles about the outdoors, and serving on all sorts of boards. He and Joan had a wonderful evening with classmate **Ken Estabrook** ’46, BA ’49’s widow **Anne (Evans)** ’65, MBA ’66, and relived the times on the Hill. **Bert Warner**, Rochester, NY, is pleased to announce his marriage to **Gail Freeman** Kayson ’59. They met at a Big Red Alumni event and, after a European river cruise honeymoon, live at St. John’s Meadows, a retirement community in Brighton, a suburb of Rochester. **Joe Mengel**, Chapel Hill, NC: “Made my first contact with CyberTower. It appears that the lectures had shut down for the weekend, or did I miss a ‘click’? I was sort of hoping I might find a lecture on

reaction kinetics by **Peter Harriott '48** or a heat transfer essay by my cousin **Julian Smith '41**. The latter would have been useful here today. It is 95 and muggy outside. I'm not sure how I could use Harriott's lecture; he has a nice voice, though."

We would like to help a Spiked Shoe Chem E out, but we are sorting out news that just appeared in an Ithaca envelope that looks worse than a "Colby Import" on Sunday afternoon. Smear and stamped "Elmira" a number of times, it appears to contain some really old news . . . even post-Reunion! We can't handle that at the moment. Therefore, we will try to cool Joe off a bit with this history. In 1891, Ithaca was dotted with a number of drug stores where many a nickel was spent for a dish of ice cream—pre-Collegetown, for sure! One hot Sunday afternoon following the services at the Unitarian Church, the pastor and one of his parishioners, Chester Platt, decided to go to Platt's store, the Platt 8 Colt Pharmacy, and ordered two dishes of vanilla ice cream from the clerk who was working that day. The clerk, DeForest Christiance, had a sudden whim and poured cherry syrup on top and dressed it with a candied cherry. It was an instant success and time was spent casting about for a suitable name. The pastor, Rev. Scott, proposed it be named after the day it was invented: Cherry Sunday.

Other flavors followed, as did a public outcry over naming the treat after the Sabbath . . . causing the spelling to be changed to "sundae." To be fair, Two Rivers, WI, and at least six other hamlets claim they invented the ice cream sundae. We reject their claims. Any town that can claim the birth of the "Tully Burger" and the "Garbage Sandwich" from Wes AND Les is on firm ground. Hope you enjoyed the holidays, and have a Happy New Year!

To un-confuse many of you: The only way to e-mail me is to use the Cornell address below. Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

**50** Class Business. 1) The annual class dinner of the Class of the Century will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, February 18, at the Union League, 140 South Broad St., Philadelphia, PA. Why Philadelphia? Our dinner has always been held in connection with the annual meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) because a nucleus of our class officers would be in town. In the past, CACO has met in New York; this year CACO is instead meeting in Philadelphia. There was some interest in holding this annual event, as in the past, at the Cornell Club in New York, but it was decided best to coordinate with the CACO meeting this year. The cost of dinner is \$60 per person, and reservations can be made with **Marion Steinmann** (237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com). The Union League has reserved a block of rooms for our use. Call (215) 587-5570 and ask for the Cornell block.

2) President **Dick Pogue** represented the class at the CACO officer leadership training session on September 24 in Ithaca. He reports a couple of things: that as of September 1, we had

460 duespayers; and, over the years, while our class gifts in the reunion years (5th, 10th, etc.) have exceeded those of other classes, we have never set a record for reunion attendance. We came close at our 40th with 246 against a record of 264 held by the Class of '52. Let's shoot for the attendance record for our 60th.

**Ted** and Melba **Schoenberg**, Charlton, NY, are enjoying summer amenities at their summer home near Saratoga. They are proud of their three Cornell offspring: **Jon '85**, **Robin '87**, and **Ted '89**. Robin has an MBA, Jon a PhD in electrical engineering, and Ted a PhD in environmental engineering. **Barbara Britton** Sedwick, Knightdale,

attended the dedication of the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC, with 15 of the 10,500 original members of his military division.

**Donald Snyder**, JD '52, Pittsford, NY, and wife Dorothy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a two-week Mediterranean cruise. They winter in Fort Pierce, FL. Three of their four children are Cornell graduates: **Don Jr. '79**, **Anne '81**, and **Richard '86**. **Joseph Parr**, Granite Bay, CA, reports that his weekend fun job is operating a 60-acre recreational fish farm in Northern California. He was an Air Force brigadier general and in retirement was thrilled to be able to fly an F-16 at a nearby air base.

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MARIAN YOUNG BRADLEY '48

NC, still breeds, trains, and sells Hanoverian sport horses at her farm outside Raleigh and is now into antiques. With husband Lee she traveled to Ecuador, Costa Rica, and the Caribbean Islands.

**William Atkinson**, Weston, MA, has a titanium hip that now enables him to engage in what he calls moderate outdoor exercise such as white-water rafting and rock climbing! He had his usual three-week time in France visiting friends in Brittany and Paris. **Dorothy Bauer** Deering, MS '70, Buena Park, CA, now lives with her daughter, but continues to work as a dietetic consultant. "Finally made it to Ireland—gorgeous, so historic, and wonderful people." **William Reynolds**, LLB '54, Buffalo, NY, was honored as the 2004 Defense Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Western New York Defense Trial Lawyers. He had previously celebrated the 50th anniversary of his admission to the NYS Bar. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and formerly taught trial technique at the U. of Buffalo School of Law.

**Pat Haller** Harbach, Melbourne, FL, plays bass flute in the Space Coast Flute Orchestra and writes publicity releases for it and the Space Coast Ballet formed by former Kirov dancers. She toured and performed in China with the American Flute Orchestra. **William Brownlee**, Chevy Chase, MD, serves on the local municipal council and is a trustee of St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown, DE. He rows when it is warm and enjoys time at his house in England.

**Louise Passerman** Rosenfeld, Chappaqua, NY, was honored as Chappaqua Citizen of the Year. She is president of Interior Design-Arrangements Inc., and board member of the American Society of Interior Designers, New York Metro Division. Her current "work projects" include renovating the community center's Senior Club and helping restore FDR's Top Cottage at Hyde Park. **Fred Jamison** recently retired and moved from Euclid, OH, to Round Rock, TX, so that his wife, in declining health, can be near family members. **Eugene Jacobs**, Whispering Pines, NC, plays bridge, golfs, travels, and builds houses for Habitat for Humanity. He

The eyes of two Florida hurricanes passed over the home of **Dan Chabot**, Palm City, FL. He reports that his house came through with only minor damage, but the shrubbery was shredded. Sand piled to the ceilings in neighboring condos. **Jean Michelini** Farley, Sarasota, FL, is still employed on flextime with an investment firm, assisting with marketing and seminars and doing quarterly reports and customer updates. She travels and home-hosts with Friendship Force Int'l and enjoys bridge and the activities of her children and grandchildren.

**Charles Bauerlein**, Spring House, PA, is active with religious, peace, and justice organizations, especially Veterans for Peace. He works three months in the spring and three in the fall for a swimming pool design firm. The other six months, he is on the road with wife Agnes, traveling in a van/RV for purposes of visiting their 11 children scattered about the US, and "enjoying the wonderment and beauty of our natural environment." **Philip Steinman**, Staten Island, NY, is the last living officer of his WWII B-17 flight crew; only his tail gunner and radio operator survive with him. He traveled to Belgium and the Netherlands in a failed attempt to find his plane that was shot down in 1945 over the Zuider Zee. Last year he taught outdoor watercolor painting to a class of retired teachers. He bought a computer and, after climbing the steep learning curve, now has his best paintings computer imaged.

**Bob Entenman**, Hudson, OH, enjoyed an intercoastal cruise on the *Nantucket Clipper* from Jacksonville, FL, to Charleston, SC, and did a bareboat sailing cruise to Tortola, BVI. He stays active in local community activities and tutors at the Youth Development Center. **Charles Cole**, PhD '57, Worthington, OH, is retired from Ohio State U. where he was professor of natural resources. He is faculty adviser to the OSU chapter of Theta Xi and vice president of the Navy League. He is active in the Dublin Rotary Club and was named Rotarian of the Year.

And finally, how about this nice note from **Caroline Madden '93**: "I attended the Class of

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the Century's 55th Reunion last June with my father, **William X. Madden**. I just wanted to thank the Class of '50 for your hospitality. I felt welcomed by you all and enjoyed your stories of how Cornell and the world were during your tenure at our alma mater. You truly are the 'Class of the Century' and it was a privilege to meet you all. See you in five years for your 60th!" ♦ **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, [phj4@cornell.edu](mailto:phj4@cornell.edu); **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, [cjoiner@ix.netcom.com](mailto:cjoiner@ix.netcom.com).

**51** Our late classmate **Harry Petschek**, PhD '55, was born in Prague in 1930 and came to the US with his family in 1938 to escape the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia. An Engineering Physics major at Cornell, he was involved in the physics of reentry from space at Avco, devising successful reentry heat shields for NASA through the Apollo moon missions. He was also involved with magnetohydrodynamics power generation, the study of laboratory and space plasma physics and how magnetic energy could be transformed to kinetic energy as it is on the sun. While vice president and later president of Avco, Harry collaborated with four others in creating the intra-aorta balloon, a device for treating heart failure that has been used by millions of patients around the world and remains in common use today. His contributions to the civil rights movement are documented in the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Common Ground*, which describes Harry's masterminding of the first racial discrimination test case in Lexington, MA. After leaving Avco, Harry founded two companies, OmniFlow and Autogen, which were both eventually acquired. At OmniFlow he led the development of a more versatile hospital bedside infusion pump, widely used in hospitals today. At Autogen, he developed an automated device for extracting DNA from biological samples. In the mid-1990s, Harry joined Boston U.'s Center for Space Physics (CSP) as a research fellow, where he published scientific papers on the emerging field of space weather, nano-satellite mission designs, and the theory of magnetic reconnection. During his last years Harry felt lucky to be able to spend more time with his wife Mary in Lexington, MA, and he limited his academic work to helping his grandchildren with their math homework.

**Jack Howell**, Tonawanda, NY, sent a copy of an article in September's *Discover* that included an interview with **Frank Drake**. An excerpt: "Today Drake, a director at the SETI Inst. in Mountain View, CA, is disappointed that his dreams have not materialized. The disappearance of government funding in 1993, he says, slowed progress, but he still holds out hope for the future. 'The idea that there is life to be found, including intelligent life, has been greatly supported since 1983 with the detection of other planetary systems, and clear evidence that there were once bodies of liquid on Mars,' he says. 'Any idea how long it will take? No, says Drake. These days he is 'a little gun-shy about making predictions.'"

**Mary Ellen Turnbull** Longley, Paoli, PA, thrives on the frenzied activity of the annual

family get-together at her son's Truro, MA, beach house. All the children—eight grandsons and one granddaughter—show up. **Shirley** "Sherry" **Flanders**, Phoenix, AZ, is recovering her energy after surgery and radiation and offers her best wishes to all. **Sam Serata**, Bridgeton, NJ, is still practicing law, "although not as strenuously as before." He's secretary of the Cumberland County Bar Association and received an award in 2004 for professionalism in practicing law from the New York State Bar Association. He still travels and takes pictures. **Art Bingham**, West Tisbury, MA, is still enjoying the good life salt-water fly-fishing on Martha's Vineyard. He says, "We should hold a mini-class reunion/meeting in the fall here on the Vineyard."

Don and **Elizabeth Jones** Johnson, Macon, GA, are both well at 81 and 76 years. They recently traveled on a South China Sea cruise, starting in Hong Kong and flying home from Singapore. They are great-grandparents to Nicholas Florio Stagliano, born October 26, 2004. Elizabeth keeps in touch with **Dorothy** "Dot" **Glover** Grimball in Greenville, SC. **Steve Rounds**, Princeton Junction, NJ, continues to compete in indoor rowing races on ergometers (a strength and endurance machine for oarsmen and oarswomen). His world record (age 70-74 years) is still up for grabs, as is a more recent one (75-79 years).

**Richard**, PhD '53, and **Carol Burns Hayes**, Broomfield, CO, moved from Scottsdale, AZ, in December 2004. Carol has had multiple sclerosis since the 1980s. She has been using a walker to get around for several years. The past few months she has been in a hospital and now the Broomfield Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center. Their two daughters live nearby, and that's why they moved. Two sons live in Oklahoma and West Virginia. **Charles H.** and **Judith Moore** and 27 members of their family—including nine children and 12 grandchildren—celebrated his 75th birthday last August at their Washington, DC, home. He and Judith traveled to Antarctica (CAU), China/Cambodia (Smithsonian Board trip), and France in 2004. Charles is a member of the Smithsonian Institution National Board, Commissioner of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, member of the President's Council for Physical Fitness & Sports, and a member of the Board of the National Art Museum of Sport.

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

**52** The responses to our annual News and Dues mailing had not arrived as I wrote this column, so there's no new news. As I need news, I'm at the somewhat fun part of this job where I hunt for it. Phoning people you haven't seen in 50 years is iffy. The responses range anywhere from "Well, hello!" to "Who?"

Despite that cheery first paragraph, it is now September 13 and the shadow of Katrina will be with us for a long time. Therefore, the first phone call was to **Lynn Heidelberger** MacEwen, with whom **Joan Nesmith** Tillotson, MD '56, and I spent a wonderful weekend in New Orleans

some years ago. Lynn's husband Dean, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, was then at LSU and Children's Hospital. Thanks to Lynn, along with **Carol Lovejoy McNeal** (who with husband **Bill '51** was a long-term resident of New Orleans), we did, saw, and ate everything there that was famous—and fun.

As it turned out, after days of trying to reach her, Lynn had just spoken to Carol, who was in a Houston hotel, having made it out of New Orleans by train. The McNeals' newly redone house in Algiers was OK. Their son Rob, a lawyer, was in Mississippi, and his wife and family were with relatives in North Carolina. Their son Steve's family had remained in Mandeville, where they expected their daughters' school would open in a few weeks. Lynn reports that Carol, who has built a fine career with weddings and fabric restoration, was simply glad that her family was accounted for and well. The McEwens were to leave shortly on a road trip to Nova Scotia.

Lynn sent an e-mail postscript: "I forgot to tell you we are in a little travel group with **Jim '51** and **Pat Gunderson Stocker '53** and **Ken** and **Joanne Huntington Tunnell '51**. This year we did the paddlewheeler on the Columbia River to see places connected with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. We had a great time and enjoyed the scenery, food, and interesting side trips. Two years ago we did the *Mississippi Queen* from Memphis to New Orleans. It was such fun, we did the Columbia River. We hope to do a boat trip in 2007 that will do Canadian cities along the St. Lawrence and Saguenay."

As class correspondent, you get to thinking of people you knew and liked. At our last reunion, **Harriet Scannell** Morgan mentioned that she had seen **O. Frank Richter**, and he'd asked about me. I thought, call him. We had worked together on Willard Straight committees and boards. Otto, after a 36-year career with Procter and Gamble, lives in Annapolis, MD, in a retirement community where he is active on boards and committees, and with the Dining Club. Said club consists of 500 people. When it ran out of food last month, Otto learned how to keep old people young; make them mad. He works out regularly and has continued his 66-year run of attending Redskins games. His wife of 52 years, who had been his childhood sweetheart and also a Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, died last year. "It's hard," he said. Otto was able to tell me about my former Straight co-chairman **Jim Wade '53**, who now lives in North Augusta, SC, after a career with DuPont in atomic energy, and he filled me in on **Jim Diefenderfer**, Emmaus, PA. Jim has been a very successful family court judge, filling the same seat as his father. **Jim Strub**, a retired Air Force officer, lives in Colorado. Otto was about to take off on a European trip that covers much of the same territory we plan to visit in a couple of weeks.

I cannot close without mentioning again that on Friday, October 14, **Richard C. B. "Rik" Clark** and **Charles '51** and **Carol Winter Mund** were to be among the seven people awarded the 2005 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. I seem to have reported it in the spring as a 2004 award, but it is 2005. Congratulations, you three. And, I absolutely cannot close without

thanking Lynn Heidelberger MacEwen and O. Frank Richter for effectively writing my column for me.

Finally, finally, you should have this in time to arrange to get to Philadelphia for the Cornell '52 class meeting on Saturday, February 18, 2006. The meeting is part of the annual CACO (Cornell Association of Class Officers) Mid-Winter Meeting gathering, February 17 and 18. In the past we've joined adjacent classes for a Saturday night dinner. These are fun gatherings, so if you are, or can be, in the neighborhood, try to attend. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial PL., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

**53** Homecoming 2005: We met at the Statler on campus to hail **Elliott Cattarulla**, the eighth member of the class to receive the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. That keeps '53 first of all classes in that category. Someone was saying at the reception that they'd heard a light plane had hit a house and landed upside-down in Lansing the week before and hoped it wasn't too near **Bill, JD '59**, and **Nancy Fitzgerald Bellamy**. "Across the street," was the answer. It was scary all right, but there were no severe injuries. Cattarulla told the diners he had been lucky for a) being talked into going to Cornell; b) studying under another Rhodes, F. Hoffman "Dusty" Rhodes, in Chem E; and c) finding wife **Karin (Hartell) '55**. Kay's sister, **Mari Hartell Quint**, was among the '53 persons present.

The football team eased past Georgetown, 57-7, on a mostly perfect fall day (except for a two-minute mini-typhoon at halftime). We dined graciously at the Ithaca Country Club with friends from other Fifties classes. Winner of the Came the Farthest to Be Here award was **H. DeForest "Cork" Hardinge**, MBA '54 (Mercer Island, WA), on a reasonably high-tech walker. Winner of the Good Guy award is **Dick Thaler**, LLB '56, who provided wheels around Ithaca for Cork. The dinner was magnifique, and so was **Tom Foulkes '52** at the ivories. There was singing, as in the good old days on the Hill. Once again, we honor thee, **Paul Blanchard '52**, for a grand blast and repast.

**Bill Whelan**, **Dick Cliggott**, **Todd Kolb**, **Jack McCarthy**, **Vinnie Giarrusso**, and **Bob Dilatush** represented our unbeaten fall of '49 Big Red freshman gridiron guys, relishing one more time the mashing of Michigan and all those other golden days of yesteryear, at the nearly annual reunion of the 1948-52 teams. They saw the season opener, a highly satisfactory 24-7 bopping of Bucknell.

**Bill Marsh** was out of touch with son Andrew, a New Orleans emergency room MD, for ten days during the floods. Andrew worked 120 straight hours during the calamity, treating, among other victims, some who had been bitten by snakes while in the water. Someone asked '53 what's keeping you busy these days. "Following world events," replied **Erwin Geiger** (Palm Harbor, FL), formerly an international consultant in economic reforms in places like Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Yugoslavia. A visit to wife Marcia's kin in Australia led to wine-tastings. He speaks well of activities to help keep septuagenarians in shape: walking, tennis, lap swimming, and biking.

**Marcia Miller Marsh** (Rochester, NY) observes that she's "been married just five years and between us we have seven children and 22 grandchildren." Three of her nine grandlings are at Cornell. Church is "the highlight our lives," says Marcia, who enjoys concerts by New Horizons Band. Husband Dick is a member. It often performs for audiences of 200 or more "all over 55 years old," she reports.

**Robert Stafford**, MD '57 (Colorado Springs, CO) is one out of many of us who remains in medical practice. **Sam Cassell** (Wyckoff, NJ) is a volunteer teacher at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ. He gives a course on "getting a history from a patient, examining her or him and putting it together" and has been creating a free medical clinic for the uninsured of Bergen County. He's into Judaic studies, bridge, sailing, and a celestial navigation course. **Lester Simon** (Locust, NJ) "finally retired after 44 years as a small-town family practitioner. I am enjoying myself immensely, working outdoors at home and in a cellar workshop, reading, and traveling" (skiing in Utah and "a three-week long meandering and lazy 4,000-mile road trip of the Canadian Maritime Provinces accompanied by two young and enthusiastic Labradors").

**Elliott Stone** (Boston, MA) is "happy as a clam in my retirement," featuring rewarding hours at Lifetime Learning in Cambridge, MA, says "I am obsessed with the theory that Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, was the true author of the Shakespeare canon." Elliott is a trustee of the Shakespeare Oxford Society. **Ingvar Tornberg** (Longboat Key, FL) is busy "sitting, looking at the beach (not actually on the beach), reading, finally getting comfortable with retirement, and living for now," saith Swede.

**Nancy Walldorff** Harvey (Norfolk, VA) has been literacy tutor to a middle-aged inner city woman, teaching her verbal comprehension and increasing her vocabulary. **Judith Ginsberg** Harrington (Rochester, NY) put five years into cataloging historic photos by Albert B. Stone, a Rochester newspaper photog from 1903-34. There are 14,000 "Rochester Images" on the web ([www.rochester.lib.ny.us/rochimag](http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/rochimag)). **Joan Werbel** Eisenberg (NYC), a non-profit event management specialist, has devoted two decades to developing memorable occasions for groups of 200 to 2,500.

Summer in Ithaca is gorges, swimming and/or sailing those waves of blue, and, for many, summer school. Classmates drawn back to Mater for Cornell's Adult University (CAU) were offered a wide range of scholarly pursuits. **Bernie West**, JD '55, sampled the waters in a course on naval power's role in history. World girldler **Bob Ashton** came back to study investment alternatives in a week given to Wall Street-on-Cayuga. **Sue Halldorson** Fuller essayed a writing workshop. And **Diane Danziger** Singleton became more familiar with Joseph Conrad.

Here's hoping many will mush to Philadelphia for **Jane Little** Hardy's Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting and associated festivities, Feb. 17 and 18. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

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**Jason Pearl**, JD '56, stepped out of his lawyering role to write a charming children's book entitled *Charlie—The Sailboat* that beat the latest Harry Potter to the bookshelves by three days last July. Sales, however, have not surpassed that of the Boy Wizard even with the lead time. Jason's granddaughter Alyssa, for whom Jason made up the story, illustrated this little gem. It is published by Vantage Press and would make a delightful gift for small sailors and landlubbers alike.

I wonder how many of us who attended any of the past five presidential inaugural balls, dinners, and receptions knew we were looking at floral decorations designed and arranged by one of our classmates? During the last inauguration the **Cosentinos**, **Carmen** and **Anne Marie**, arranged flowers at nine balls and two dinners, including the Pension Building. **Carmen Cosentino** was featured in the CALS publication this past summer, which noted his many awards, including his 1998 election to the Floricultural Hall of Fame, of which he is proudest.

**Anne Wendt Nagy** says, "I'm quite privileged to be able to spend my time doing what I most enjoy—day-trading stock index futures, gardening, writing, and reading. Four full-time jobs, but that's part of the fun." **Bruce Boselli**, MD '57, responded immediately to my e-mail request for news with the following: "My wife **Shirlee (Zettle)** '56 and I have been retired for 13 years. Our 'passions' include travel, especially visiting children in California and Alaska. Still manage to play tennis and golf regularly. Have been found by several NPO boards, but my favorite and the one I feel most pride in association is our county Regional Arts Council. We have restored three theaters and are bringing live theater to the general public in a rural setting, as well as bringing the arts into schools throughout northeastern Pennsylvania."

**Robert Morrison** of Stamford, CT, is still running his courier business and is also developing voiceovers for radio and television. He continues to teach fly-fishing at the Rockefeller Estate at Pocantico Hill, is an active member of the board of directors of the Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and is chairman of the Fairfield County Group of the Sierra Club. Bob said **Peter B. Miller** of Nedrow, NY, is recovering nicely from a stroke that prevented his joining us at our 50th. Interesting e-mail from **Phyllis Hubbard Jore**, who is still teaching math part-time at the community college level. The math is that which should have been taught at lower levels, but such is the condition of many of our educational systems today. Phyl went into teaching years ago, as it meshed with her sons' school year. She found she enjoyed the theatre, so has continued on even if she has officially retired from the field.

**Clancy** and **Barbara Gavin Fautleroy** '55 moved north in November to Ridgefield, CT, having been in New Canaan for several years. There are some of us who just like winter and refuse to head south. **Barbara and Morty Rochman** celebrated a couple of milestones in the past year or so. First they moved from traffic-snarled Long Island to Cedar Grove, NJ. Then they celebrated their 50th anniversary with guests coming from

near and far to toast the happy couple. Along with their offspring and grands, there were several classmates in attendance. In **Morty's** own words:

"**David Narins** neglected birding for a day and flew in from Florida. **Alcibiades Musso** and **Alicia** came in from Valencia, Venezuela. **Maxine** and **Paul Nemiroff** came in from Scottsdale to cool off. Paul has taken up his oil painting and is selling to a national market. **Robert** and **Harriet Friedman** arrived from Garrett Park, MD, where Bob (as previously reported) is still doing research at NIH and in India. **Sam Goodman**, having retired from a New York career in video news, along with his wife **Jane**, now lives in Rockville, MD. Sam in his spare time is a grossly underpaid docent on Washington, DC, tour buses. **Lennie** and **Leslie Zucker** drove over from Springfield, NJ, to share in the festivities. **Lennie's** law firm benefits from his presence about 50 percent of the week. **Ruth** and **Bernie Meyers**, MNS '53, live in Niskayuna. Although retired, **Bernie** is taking assignments around the country to replace doctors on leave. **Ann** and **Stan Seeb** '55, in from Boca Raton, gave up bridge for a few days."

The nation's panda cub did indeed receive a name on his 100th day to great fanfare at the National Zoo. It is **Tai Shan**, Chinese for Peaceful Mountain. With his growth rate, we do believe the name will fit splendidly. If any of you, with or without grands, are in town and would enjoy meeting our handsome fellow, it would be my pleasure to tour you through the zoo. January and February are delightful months to be there—no crowds.

Keep the e-mails coming. It is a great manner in which to communicate. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Cornell Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

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In keeping with our designation of "Super Class," 1955 set amazing reunion records both in attendance and giving. According to **Ned Arps**, MBA '57, Cornell Fund chairman for our class, the goal for Tower Club gifts was 75, and we surpassed that. The goal for total dollars was \$35,500,000—and we went two million dollars over that goal, setting a new record for any Cornell class at any reunion! Thanks again to the hardworking members of the Major Gifts committee and participation committee. We also want to recognize our newly elected class officers and members of the class council, who have volunteered to guide our class through the next five years. Check out our class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu/>, for everyone's names.

Washington, DC, was the site for a mini-Cornell reunion last August. **Lorrie Pietryka Plamondon** and her husband **Peter** '54 were surprised with a combination 50th anniversary/wedding vow renewal party, hosted by their three children and 13 grandchildren. All eight members of their wedding party showed up! Bridesmaids from Cornell days were **Marty Bliss Safford**, **Marcia Kelley Wills**, and **Jan Kahn Marcus**; groomsmen were **Bob Malatesta**, **Al Eckhardt** '54, MBA '55, and **Frank Quinn** '54. Spouses came, too, including

our own **Jane Rippe Eckhardt**. The Plamondons continued their celebration with a trip to England.

Pre-Katrina, **Dick Lewis** wrote that he and wife **Edyth** were "enjoying the jazz and food, and wandering the bayous in and around New Orleans," since going there from their home at Lake Tahoe. Five weeks of consulting for NASA/Lockheed-Martin "stretched into a new discovery of this exciting, beautiful area," **Dick** explained. Here's hoping that recovery and rebuilding will progress swiftly and smoothly. Good news from **Don Huene**. Don was a Naval flight surgeon from 1961 to 1963, and stays active in Navy affairs. He marked his 20-year survival date (colon cancer) and continues to do orthopedic surgery. Don and **Annette (Spittal)** '56 have two sons who are also board certified orthopedic surgeons. What's that they say about the apple not falling far from the tree?

Similarly, **Deborah Golub** Leibowitz's daughter **Paula** is active professionally in early childhood education, as was her mom. **Debbie** is participating in interfaith meetings between her synagogue and the neighboring Presbyterian church, and gives thanks that she's happy, healthy, and contentedly single. **Caryl (Salomon)** and **George Bernstein** have moved the operations of the Bernstein Law Firm to their home in Bethesda, MD, with a virtual office in nearby Washington, DC. **Brian Dillon** is writing and teaching fiction, getting published in literary magazines, "though not yet in *Cornell's Epoch*." **Brian** also coaches homeless women in work skills, and has become active in the Democratic Party. Tops on his wish list? "To be able to play the piano, speak Italian, have more sense of rhythm, and tap dance"—all worthy goals. Let us know how it's going!

After 42 years at the National Institutes of Health, **Mike Mage** has become "Scientist Emeritus," and continues to do research in basic immunology. **Mike** was a chimesmaster during our undergrad years, and is proud to report that he's just learned to play the "Jennie McGraw Rag" on the banjo. **Carroll "Duke" Dubuc** moved his office to Fairfax, VA, and joined Attorneys Arbitration Services Inc., which serves the Virginia court system. **Duke** has been arbitrating 9/11 victims' cases for the Dept. of Justice, and adds the good news that his wife **Mary Jane** is selling a lot of real estate—"to keep me in the manner to which I've become accustomed." He also enjoyed talking to former fraternity brothers **Al Ehringer**, **Pete Eschweiler**, MRP '57, **Axel Hochkoepler**, **Dan Phelan**, **Dave Sheffield**, MRP '61, **Pete Bowell**, and **Charlie Wolf** about plans to celebrate the recent renovation of Greystone, their Sigma Chi home.

**Joe Silverman** shares the same sentiment: "It was such a joy to call classmates about reunion. Why did I wait 50 years to talk with **Roger Rothballer**, MBA '59, **Baron Bernard**, **Paul Romano**, MD '59, and the others?" It was good to hear from **Rishon Stember**, who's enjoying a full-time private allergy practice in Norwalk, CT. **Rishon's** two older children have followed their father into the medical profession, and his youngest son is completing a doctoral program in physical chemistry at Cornell. **Rishon** stays in touch with **Al Greisman**, **Greg Siskind**, and **Harvey Gordon**,

who were classmates both at Cornell and at NYU med school.

**Peter Hoss** didn't turn up at reunion, but he did write a nice note explaining that he has "few contacts with anyone in our class," having attended Cornell for only two years before returning to California. Still, he continued, "out of nostalgia, I thought it would be appropriate to pay class dues." Thank you for that, Peter! Although **Robert Jones** says he spends "more time on my boat than on land," he still finds time to practice architecture, "but only for clients I like, and there are few of those!" **Marlene Medjuck** Green retired in 1997 after 29 years in the interior design business. She was given "the grand tour of the North Shore" by **Flossie Schehr** Grinnell when visiting Chicago last year, and she and Gerald see **Bob '51**, MBA '53, and **Sandy Chachkes Temkin** occasionally. The Temkins also keep up with **Stan '51** and **Doris Rein Rosen**, and **Phil '52** and **Doris Gottlieb Sherman**, and enjoy their summers at Canandaigua Lake and winter months at Hilton Head, SC. Sandy volunteers at an inner city school and Reach for Recovery, and Bob is a Medicare counselor at Rochester General Hospital.

**Carol Rittershausen** Byron got together for lunch with **Pat Wells** Lunneborg and **Laura Weese** Kennedy to talk about reunion. Ritt was shocked to learn the next day that Pat's husband Cliff had died suddenly. We send our deepest condolences to Pat and the Lunneborg family. We were also saddened to receive a notice from **Rita Michaels Epstein's** husband **Herbert '52**, informing us of her death in February '05. Too many, dearly loved, and gone too soon. I sincerely hope you and yours are well and happy. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** I am writing this column after being treated to a great meal at Pietro's by my friend and our class president **Ernie Stern**. Since he paid, I am compelled to ask ALL of you to come to our reunion, June 8-11. It will be great fun and we can't wait to see your handsome and pretty faces. We are low-keying the donations to Cornell, but if you insist on giving, we and Cornell would be appreciative.

**Steven Alexander** and his wife Roselle just returned from a urologist conference in Vienna, where Steve read a paper. He has practiced in New Jersey for over 30 years and still lives in Wayne. Last June, the Alexanders went to Washington, DC, where they performed at the Capitol before members of Congress on behalf of the VA-National Medical Musical Group, of which they are members. Steve performed a mini-concert, while Roselle sang as part of the 70-person chorus. For those of us who might not remember, Steve is a talented pianist who specializes in jazz.

**Baxter Webb** leaves his home in Palm Beach, FL, when it gets hot and travels all over the place. Just this past year he went to NYC and then, via the QM2, sailed to England and flew to Paris. The rest of the time was split between Georgia, North Carolina, the Berkshires, New York State (including Cornell), Canada, and Niagara Falls. There is more, but I give up! **Susan Sylvester**

Teunis of Arlington, VA, has retired, but maintains a 450-acre farm in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, which she rents for family reunions. Susan is also involved with hospice and the Arlington Free Clinic.

**Alan Gast** is retired from Procter and Gamble but still lives in Cincinnati. Last year he had a reunion with high school and Cornell classmates **Marlene Jensen** Eldridge, **Tom Dawson**, and **Greg Hill**. They spent the winter months at Sanibel Island, where Alan loves birding. **Jacqueline Barnett** Sandler, Garden City, NY, is retired. She goes to the New York Philharmonic and the Noel Coward Society, as well as other concerts and some theater. The Cornell Club of New York is one of Jacqueline's other favorites.

Speaking of reunion, **Henry H. Hubbard III**, Tryon, NC, and his wife **Marianne (Smith) '59** will be at reunion. A very nice note from **Vivian Goodrich Schmidt**, MS '59, from Bartlesville, OK, tells us that her family is doing well with their travels, gardening, being with the grandkids, and working for the Democratic party. Vivian is a member of the Board of Elections and other organizations in her home county. She and husband **Bill '55**, MS '59, take many cruises and are visiting their son and his family in Singapore. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte has retired from the US Dept. of Agriculture to her home in Reston, VA. This past year she traveled to Antarctica, Argentina, Bermuda, and France! She is a member of many organizations, too numerous to mention.

**Martha Bentel** Lovell of Roseville, CA, is retired after 28 years of teaching. She is a volunteer at Kaiser Hospital's emergency room. She is happy because all of her children live in the area. **Bob Seraphin** has retired three times, but keeps going. He is involved with Capitol Hill, helping clients as a consultant on their congressional activities. Bob and Barbara, his wife of 45 years, took all of the family to Bermuda on a cruise. **Paula Johnson** Camp drove down from her home in Downey, CA, to visit with **Anne Buttrick** Irwin and **Virginia "Gina" Dudley** Mor-toccia '55, BS Nurs '56, and her husband. She also enjoyed seeing **Norma Leidenberg** MacLellan, BS Nurs '56, in Henderson, NC.

Best regards to **Edwin Wolf**, who has written from his home in Phoenix, AZ, that he is involved with the Phoenix Symphony as chair of their marketing committee and that he wants to come to reunion if his body permits. We wish him well—I personally miss his great company. **Henry Lavarnway**, MBA '57, of San Antonio, TX, just celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary at the family summer home in Clinton, NY. **Norman Some** has retired, but still puts in time helping companies with equity and debt financing. His wife Barbara has also retired as a college librarian. They live in Cherry Hill, NJ. **Ruth Heit** is working with students of all ages who have dyslexia and other language/organizing difficulties. She lives in NYC and travels a lot.

Please remember to come to reunion! If you want to help, contact me and I will send your

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name on. Stay well! ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

**57** Some of you may have friends or relatives who had to deal with all the hurricanes that came through the South last year. Dennis put **Burt '55** and **Adele Petrillo Smart** out of their Destin, FL, home. A huge sinkhole appeared at the front door, and decks with stairs that had been replaced after Ivan in '04 were washed away. While Katrina missed their Lafayette, LA, home, Rita hit them hard—no power for three days. Their house was spared a huge tree that fell; it hit the neighbor's house instead. But 2005 had its bright moments for the Smarts as they welcomed their sixth grandchild last June.

With one of their twin sons living in Australia and the other in Germany, Chuck and **Jeanne Waters** Townsend spend time traveling, which they always enjoy. In April they had a marvelous birding trip to Bhutan before embarking

Like many of us, **Bob Watts** enjoyed a string of family celebrations in conjunction with his 70th birthday. It started in Tucson in March, visiting with some favorite first cousins, proceeded to Antwerp, Belgium, in April for his granddaughter's First Communion, on to Martha's Vineyard in July, where Linda organized a week in a rented house with all the children, spouses, and grandchildren (the house was near what the locals call the "Kennedy car wash"), then to New Hampshire's White Mountains in August for a sentimental hike with two sons, a grandson, and an array of chums from the Cornell years' summers when Bob worked in those mountains. More hiking in September preceded a two-week trip to New Zealand in October. (Pardon me for a minute while I take a quick nap.)

Bob also enjoyed visits with **Judy Madigan** Burgess, **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue Derosay Henninger**, **Phil McIndoo**, and **Ed and Adelaide Russell Vant** (on the way to Ed's 40th Reunion at Harvard Business School). When Bob was commanding officer of the Naval Air Station in

numerous. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** Cornell's Adult University on campus last summer had some '58 attendees, including **Howard Abel** and **Ann Smith**, who took the Sailing Clinic. **Lawrence Severino** studied Naval Power and the Flow of History with Prof. Barry Strauss; **Betty Anne Steer** Merritt looked into Move over Fellini: Digital Video for Everyone with Stanley J. Bowman; **Ronni Strell** pondered the Great American Trials of the 20th Century with **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and Faust Rossi; and **David Tobin** enjoyed the sculpture studio with portraits in clay, presented by Prof. Roberto Bertoia. These all show there's quite some breadth to the studies offered by CAU; maybe more of us will enjoy them in the future as our time becomes more available.

**Russ Taft** wrote last October. "Just sent in my dues via the website and thought I'd write to you directly with some recent activities. I'm celebrating my first year of retirement and am pleased with the new lifestyle. Had a wonderful three-week trip to Tuscany, Umbria, and Cinque Terre this spring. Visited friends and family in Atlanta and Tampa in June and then back to Upstate New York for a gathering at Lake Sacandaga in July. I then took a wonderful four-day cruise around the San Juan Islands as crew on a 127-ft. two-masted schooner. Gearing up for a four-weekend performance of *Scrooge the Musical* and also a Christmas concert with the Maui Chorale Group. Aloha." Good to know that you're having such a great time, Russ.

**Al Podell** sent the following at deadline last October, sensing that we were desperate for news (which, of course, we were), but this merits coverage even if we're swamped. Al writes, "I'm still practicing law, but only about two hours a day; filling in a few holes in my library (anybody got a copy of Jack London's *Children of the Abyss* that they don't want?), which I've agreed to donate to NYU. I'm still trying to get up to 180-190 countries (visited) before I get too weak and weary to carry a backpack. I'm up to 146, planning to add six more around the Arabian Gulf in December '05, eight in southern Africa next summer, and the five 'Stans, former Soviet Republics, in September. And, of course, I'm still looking for the perfect woman." Thanks, Al, with our best wishes that you can keep up the good life in health and safety. ♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; fax, (972) 387-0160; **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Ft. Washington, PA 19034; e-mail; rhaggard@voicenet.com.

**59** In September, **Carl Leubsdorf** was among 360 alums of the Cornell *Daily Sun* at a New York dinner marking the paper's 125th anniversary. "The dinner attracted *Sun* editors and staffers from 1938 to the present and was a blast," says Carl. "**Carl Kowalski** was the only other member of the Class of 1959 there, but a lot of my *Sun* colleagues from 1956-61 were present. There were so many old *Sun* staffers who had

'I still hope to get to Antarctica, but that's probably wishful thinking.'

JEANNE MCKIBBEN '59

on a three-week trip to Europe in June. Last September friends and family celebrated Jeanne's 70th at the Townsends' home in Woodstock, with her Cornell roommate **Alice Brunner** in attendance. In October Chuck and Jeanne were off to Churchill, Manitoba, to see the polar bears.

**Ann Stevens**'s music career is keeping her busier than ever. She is the writer/musical director/pianist for a cabaret show she created featuring the best of Broadway and presented at the Northport (NY) Community Theater. In addition she is part of a trio that performs in libraries, cultural centers, and concert halls throughout Long Island, with bookings into '06. Ann's three children are working not far away—in Poquott, Stony Brook, and Manhattan. Ann took a first-time trip to Italy at the end of September with Cornell alumni.

An e-mail from **Olga Duntuch** Krell chronicles her activities as a magazine publisher in Brazil. Olga recently launched another one and has been busy selling ads and the magazine's concept. She is traveling as well, most recently to the Dominican Republic and Hong Kong. **David '54**, MBA '55, and **Carol Cobb Diver** have been enjoying warmer winters and the active community at the Landings on Skidaway Island in Georgia. Carol is becoming quite involved with the "art of the needle." In addition to doing Japanese embroidery and needlepoint, she has traveled to China to study double-sided embroidery and the techniques of the Miao Chinese people. Carol recently returned from her third trip to China, where she traveled the Silk Road in western China. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

San Diego, **Phil Monroe** was commanding officer of the adjacent Naval Aviation Depot. When Phil retired, he moved to Coronado, CA, served five years on the local planning commission, and is currently in his second term on the City Council, "having a ball."

**Paul Tregurtha** reports that his 70th birthday was marked by a Labor Day Weekend visit by all four children (all Cornellians), spouses (two Cornellians), and 14 grandchildren. Paul is currently chairman/CEO of Moran Transportation Co. and vice chairman of Interlake Steamship Co. If you are a fraternity brother of Paul, expect a call encouraging you to attend our 50th (my bet is that it won't take a lot of arm-twisting). **Brad Howes** attended the 50th wedding anniversary of his brother **Ray '55**, M Ed '58, last summer in Hamilton, NY. Ray's wife **Mary (Wheeler) '56** attended both Cornell and Colgate. Bob and Nancy Stewart Bond were also there. Brad and wife Jackie recently hosted a Phi Psi reunion in Greensboro, NC, and mentioned that **Clayt Chapman** (Hilton Head) and **Ed Burdick** (Wilmington, NC) didn't have far to travel to get there.

The CAU program seems to get stronger each year. **Paul Rockman** studied Natural History last summer, and **Tony**, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** churned up the waters of Lake Cayuga in the rowing program, skulling around in eights, fours, and singles. Your correspondent enjoyed catching up with Tony and Gail, as well as Debra and **Dominick Pasquale** and Caroline and **Tony Murray '60** at Homecoming in October. Friday evening was highlighted by swapping lies over a few adult beverages, with the stories getting more accurate as the beverages became more

gone astray into the world of law I said it almost felt like a meeting of the American Bar Association. At one point after the dinner, I found myself standing next to two former *Sun* editors-in-chief, **John Marcham '50** and **J. Kirk Sale '58**, and realized that, not only had I known both since our Cornell days, but I'd had both of their fathers—William M. Sale Jr. and Frederick Marcham—as freshman teachers a half century ago!"

"We had a Cornell-style house-party weekend," writes **Barbara Hirsch** Kaplan in her description of the June wedding of daughter **Emily '91**. Held in Santa Barbara, the occasion included a wine-tasting on Thursday, a golf tournament on Friday, a Mexican fiesta at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum on Friday evening, and the wedding on Saturday. Later in the summer Barbara and her husband traveled to the Baltic countries. "The architecture is amazing. Those czars knew how to live!" Another Cornell wedding joined **Gail Freeman** and **Bertram Warner '49**. Both widowed, they met at a Rochester Cornell Club picnic in 2003 and were married on April 9, 2005, with many Cornell friends in attendance. The couple has a house in Rochester, as well as a "cottage" in a retirement community.

**Paddy Hurley** has moved back to the Connecticut River area, in Ivoryton, CT. **Richard Franke** of Baltimore, MD, edited and co-authored a special issue in 2005 of the *International Journal of Business* titled "Taking Business Seriously." His younger son, **Erik '01**—a Chemical Engineering student like his father—married in 2003. Watch for *The Listening Leader*, a book by **Richard Harris**, PhD '66, of Teaneck, NJ, scheduled for publication by Praeger Publishing this spring.

"I finally made it to grandmotherhood and have a darling granddaughter named Olivia," writes **Naomi Johnson** Dempsey of Wilton, CT. "I also finally made it to semi-retirement as a kitchen designer for Ring's End, working only three days a week and loving it." Since retiring in 2004, physician **Jeanne McKibben** of Oberlin, OH, has more time for community activities and hobbies. Among her interests is videography: she has made eight documentaries for local groups plus lots of family and vacation footage. She has traveled to all 50 states and six of the seven continents—"I still hope to get to Antarctica, but that's probably wishful thinking." Outdoor activities include hiking, canoeing, skiing, and scuba diving, with over 100 dives in the past 18 years. Jeanne does some part-time consulting for the Cleveland Clinic's online continuing medical education programs and is a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Physicians and of the Allen Medical Center Foundation Board.

**Rick Dyer**, MD '63, who rows in masters (senior) competitions, had another great year, racing at World Masters Games in Edmonton, Canada; the National Masters Games in Worcester, MA; and the FISA World Rowing Masters Regatta at Strathclyde Country Park in Scotland. And let's not forget Cornell! Every year since 1990, Cornell has entered the Alumni Masters Race at the National Collegiate Championships, earning more medals than any other college alumni entry. Rick has stroked the Cornell eight every year—"15

years in succession, and it's usually on my birthday weekend!" notes Rick. "All masters entries must be alumni and have rowed for their college as undergraduates. During the rest of the year, we all row regularly and competitively in our own rowing clubs and enter masters races around the world."

The 2005 Alumni Masters Race was held on the Olympic-distance, 2,000-meter course at Cooper River Park in New Jersey. In addition to the Cornell team, the field of Alumni Masters Eights included Syracuse, Brown, Northeastern, Penn, MIT, Boston U., and the U. of Minnesota. The Cornell eight got off to a strong start and held on to its lead for its second gold in succession, this time winning by a length and a half of open water. "Life is good!" says Rick. "Life gets even better when supporting Cornell!" ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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Perhaps looking to set a new world record for the longest distance traveled for grandparent-babysitting, **Dan Bidwell** recently went from Grand Rapids, MI, to Vietnam to spend a week overseeing three of his grandchildren while their parents made a trip to Washington, DC. The children are the offspring of **Scott** and **Deb Bidwell Ainslie**, both '88, who live in Ho Chi Minh City (the former Saigon), where Scott works as a manager for Cargill. Meantime, showing courage of another sort, Dan's wife **Jann (Powell) '61** spent several days bear-watching, kayaking, and hiking with four other women on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The intrepid Bidwells subsequently reunited in Michigan for a brief rest before setting off on their next adventures, which for Dan took the form of a hunting trip to Wyoming. In late October, the Bidwells left for Arizona, where Jann worked on reunion planning for the class of 1961.

Another dedicated overseas traveler is **Susan Cowan** Jakubiak of Potomac, MD, who, accompanied by her husband Henry, has been spending three weeks in France each of the past two years. In early fall 2005, the Jakubiaks headed for houses they rented in central and southern France, where Susan says they "love the medieval hilltop villages with narrow, twisting cobblestone streets. We also love pâté, almond croissants, and good inexpensive red wine." On the home front, she says, "I have spent a lot of time working to outsmart the deer that want to dine on our plants," and, along with attending lectures and visiting museums in nearby Washington, is "trying to become competent in digital photography." The Jakubiaks' daughter Elena is in the process of completing a PhD in computer graphics at Tufts U., outside Boston, and their son **Jeffrey, JD '97**, is a partner at Troutman Sanders in Washington, where he focuses on electric utility matters.

September was noteworthy for an intense round-robin tennis tournament on Nantucket that involved several competitive classmates. For three successive days, the back-court and net battles raged among and between **Jim**, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan**, **Dave** and **Michaelin Reamy Watts**, **Larry** and **Margaret Osmer-McQuade**, **Gretchen Zahn** Babarovic, and Jack

and **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, while **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin** watched the competition from a safe distance. **Jeff Dando**, LLB '64, joined the group for the first day's tennis matches, but then retreated to the relative calm of his place on Martha's Vineyard. Everyone played with admirable energy, if not consistent competence, and when the figures were totaled at the end of the third day, Michaelin Watts emerged as the clear winner. The many runners-up consoled themselves with seafood and wine.

Later in September, another group that included several Cornellians gathered on outer Cape Cod for two congenial days of bicycling and beach-walking and conversation. Lynn and **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62, were in Wellfleet on a two-week vacation focused on a number of beach-centered activities, and they made chowder for the group from clams that Tom gathered in the pre-dawn low tide. The Dandridges were joined by John and **Barbara Anderson** Everett, who are normally found in Silver Spring, MD, but were spending time at their vacation house on the mid-Cape in South Yarmouth, and **Tony** and **Deborah Briggs Fraioli**, both '65, who live in Newton, MA.

I spotted a newspaper notice of the September 25 marriage of the daughter of **Michael** and **Miriam Glueck** of Newport Beach, CA. Jennifer Glueck, who has degrees from Stanford and Columbia and works at General Electric in Connecticut, married Ron Bezoza, a VP at an investment management group of Credit Suisse First Boston. The bride's parents are now both retired, Michael from the practice of radiology, and Miriam from teaching elementary school in Costa Mesa, CA.

Several classmates took advantage of the summer 2005 offerings at Cornell's Adult University. **Sandra Nasar** Gross read Joseph Conrad's *Masterworks*, **Albert Wald** studied *Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century*, and **Ruth Berberian** Hanessian learned about *Spider Biology and Behavior*. **Linda Lichterman** Osofsky studied *The Human Body*, and **Peter Leadley** increased his knowledge of Wines. Send news! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

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Three dozen classmates, spouses, and guests gathered in Carefree, AZ, at the end of October for three days of pre-reunion activities, including a Welcome Party hosted by Pat and **Dick Tatlow**, a meeting to review the status of plans for our 45th Reunion, and an assortment of outdoor recreational events. We also were entertained by nearby Cave Creek's Wild West Days, during which people dressed as if they had just stepped out of the 1870s.

This will be another terrific reunion! See our class website ([www.cornell61.org](http://www.cornell61.org)) for the details, and be sure to mark June 8-11 on your calendars. Lots of volunteers are working on the event (they pay their own expenses, including the trip to Arizona). Our Affinity Network Committee continues to enlist the help of classmates in reaching out to their sorority/fraternity friends, music, arts, or journalist associates, athletic team members, etc. Check out the website for a list of chairpersons

for the various activities. If you wish to work with Affinity Co-chairs **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, **Peter Greenberg**, and **Judy Gubman** Goldfaden, send me a message.

We received news that **Edward Robbins** has been named president-elect of the 18,000-member Society of Actuaries, an educational and professional organization. Ed is a senior actuary at Allstate Life Insurance. His future plans include spending more time on his Illinois farm. **Judy Rensin Mandell** is a freelance journalist writing about popular culture for *USA Weekend*, *Washington Post*, *AARP Journal*, and major women's magazines. She and husband **Jerry '58**, MD '62, enjoy their eight grandchildren.

Our class expert in the Medicare prescription drug benefit program is **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder. As general manager for Medicare operations with Coventry Health Care, she is in charge of implementing the new program. **Charlene Jackson** Beck runs her own meeting and special events business in New Jersey. She enjoys golfing and boating.

When he's not busy operating the Rubell Hotels in Miami Beach and Washington, DC, **Don Rubell** oversees the Rubell Family Museum of contemporary art in Miami. Don loves what he's doing, and even finds time to play competitive tennis. We assume that means tournament tennis—a great accomplishment for a former Cornell number one tennis player. Following their recent move to Boca Raton, Arnold and **Marlene Alpert** Tein are busy unpacking and renovating their new home. "Alfie" is also occupied with setting up her tax preparation business. She has seen **Dale Abrams** Adams and would like to get to know other Cornell alumni in the area.

**Marcia Kessler** Weiss is director of operations and administration for GED at the Adult Learning Center in Nashua, NH. She is also an instructor at the Inst. for Senior Education at Rivier College. Marcia and her husband Ron recently traveled to Eastern Europe. Classmates **Bill** and **Mary Ann Tower Rolland** just finished restoring an 1854 stone landmark home in Niagara Falls. Mary Ann is busy caring for her 95-year-old mother, working on her town's master plan and beautification programs, and gardening. Bill is active with the Lions, his church activities, and gardening. He also is an advisor and counselor for start-up businesses in the Buffalo/Niagara region as part of the nationwide SCORE program.

Those classmates still "lawyering" include **Dick Rogovin** with Frost Brown and Todd in Columbus, OH; **Jill Beckoff Nagy**, who is "of counsel" to Bartle, McGrane, Duffy & Jones in Troy, NY (specializing in immigration law); **James Moore**, LLB '64, who has served as a mediator in commercial disputes with Harter, Secrest & Emery; and **Charlie Hecht**, LLB '63, a principal at his own securities law boutique firm. Charlie, of course, is sculptor-in-residence at the Pickled Arts Inst. in China. When he's not practicing law or making artwork, he enjoys scuba diving in the Cayman Islands. While away from his law practice last year, James and his grandson Andrew took a trip to Normandy last year. He also traveled to Morocco with his wife Shirley. Jill's extracurricular activities include hiking, gardening,

reading, and learning how to use her digital camera. She and husband **George, PhD '62**'s recent travel destinations included Cuba, Italy, France, Maine, and China.

After 38 years on the faculty of Temple U., **Edwin "Andy" Anderson** retired to live with his wife Josie in Naples, FL. His geological research took him to many parts of the globe, including southern Spain, the French Jura, and Dorset, England. Their current activities include tennis and sailing. Also relaxing in Florida is **Joanna McCully**, who sings and presents travelogues to assisted-living residents. She also raises dachshunds and creates jewelry designs. Her plans include a scuba trip to Bali.

**Miriam Adam** Swanson and her husband Dave have traveled to Japan and Montana to visit friends. Her retirement in Hawaii features golf, kayaking, the beach, and gardening. **William Kadner** spends his retirement playing the violin, traveling, gardening, and walking. **Joanne Schapiro** Koch is the co-author of *American Klezmer*, which will have a two-month run at the Egyptian Arena Theater in Los Angeles beginning on January 28. An immigrant story of musicians coming to America in 1910, it was hailed as one of the most promising new musicals in the country after it was first performed in Chicago. Joanne would love to see Cornellians in the L.A. area come to see the performance. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu. Class website, www.cornell61.org.

**62** Happy New Year! It seems strange to be thinking of the new year on this lovely, balmy day in Seattle, but by the time you receive this magazine, winter will be well under way. As always, copies of any annual holiday letters you may send are most welcome—your classmates would like to keep up with you!

**Bob Crites '59** and I enjoyed a cruise in Tahiti in October. Pictures and prose just don't do justice to the colors of the lagoons seen in person. The plane trip gave me a chance to read the annual Freshman Reading Project book, Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*. If you've been meaning to read it, don't delay!

**Peter Lockner**, ME '67, reports that he's just moved from New Mexico to Hopkinton, MA (plockner@att.net) to begin his fourth profession, that of nanny. Also in Massachusetts are Louise and **Daniel Tarsy** (dtarsy@bidmc.harvard.edu). He's just been promoted to professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School. He directs the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. The Tarsys make their home in Wellesley, Wilmington, DE, is home to Neuza and **Donald Morgan**, MD '72 (neuzamorgan@aol.com). They're enjoying retirement and spent last winter in Neuza's hometown, Rio de Janeiro, and in southern Brazil. Since returning home, they've traveled to the Grand Canyon, Zion, and Meteor Crater and to the Everglades while visiting their daughter in Miami. The Morgans invite Cornellians to call when in Wilmington.

Wild **Bill Brozowski** has also been traveling. He took several months "traveling, visiting, building, and actually working—a very hot and dry

summer in Texas and 13 other states on the way to New York and Canada. Good wheels and fine food and spirits made for a nice time." Bill's itinerary included the car ferry from Wisconsin to Michigan, Door County, WI, the Kansas plains, Oklahoma antique shops, Niagara Falls, country living in Michigan, "scenic and clean Canada," the majestic Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence and Thousand Islands and Boldt Castle, the Adirondacks, the beautiful Finger Lakes with boats and wine, Cornell's gardens, muscle car shows, fairs, the Catskill Mountains and historic Hudson Valley, Orange County, NY, estates, old cemeteries, Amish farms, killer peaches in Pennsylvania, real home cooking, square-dancing, and more. Home for Bill is McAllen, TX (txfarmerbill@yahoo.com).

Check out the website of **Anna Boese** Dawson (annadawson@berk.com) at www.ourhometownfoods.com to learn more about research and development of healthy frozen and vacuum-packaged local farm foods. Her company, Hometown Foods, has received research grants from SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) over the past several years. Anna's son Dr. **Geoffrey Seidel '85** and daughter **Jennifer Seidel** Ellsworth '86 both live in Michigan with her eight grandchildren. Class Prez **Alex Vollmer** (abv5@cornell.edu) reports that his son **Daniel** and daughter-in-law **Carey Simon**, both '00, are happily surfing near their Rincon, PR, home. They have a vegetarian cafeteria in the FreshMart store at Plaza Victoria in Aguadilla, PR. Alex's daughter Rebecca has opened Pegasus and Proper, an upscale consignment shop on Bedford Avenue in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. "She'd love to have you New Yorkers come and browse—and identify yourself as a classmate of her dad's!"

Attorney **Peter Cobrin** (Livingston, NJ; pcobrin@gibbonslaw.com) has five grandchildren and is "fortunate to see them every weekend." Peter and his son-in-law practice intellectual property law at the Gibbons firm in New York City. Peter and wife Toby's son **Lawrence '92** and his wife Gina, a physician, live in Connecticut. ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** **Stephanie Tress** dePue is a busy and excited retiree. After traveling to Dublin, Nice, and southern Italy, she is moving to Wilmington, NC. She experienced "three languages and three climates in two weeks without a guide." She also admitted that she'll be able to pester **Vivian Grilli** DeSanto in her new community. Sad news came through class president **Ed Butler**. Many of you may have heard that classmate **Lew Platt** died in September of an aortic aneurysm. Lew had been CEO of Hewlett Packard when he retired. He came out of retirement a few years ago to work for Boeing. Our sympathies to his family.

**Dave '62** and **Ginny Hoffman Morthland** are part-time Tucson residents. Their summer home is in Lake Oswego, OR, and they have just moved to a new house that has great views of Mt. Hood. Before the move, they cruised on their own boat to the northern end of Vancouver Island for six weeks. Before they head back to Tucson in November, they will be traveling to

Palm Springs and the southeastern US to see friends. Ginny and Dave attended a Phi Gamma Delta mini-reunion at the Huntsville, AL, home of **Jack '62**, ME '64, and Libby **Loose**.

One of this column's regular contributors is **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine**. She and husband **Richard '62** are happy because their entire family is now living in New Jersey. They have five grandchildren and are thrilled that they can grow up together. Neil Ann continues to research and publish articles about Amish and Mennonite families in France, Germany, and Switzerland prior to crossing the Atlantic. She promises that a "BIG BOOK" is in the works! No news, but briefly: **Richard Mangi** lives in North Haven, CT, with wife Johanne. **Daniel Daly** and wife Mary are in Shrewsbury, MA.

**John**, MBA '65, and Mary Lou **Kennedy** and their large family live in Ann Arbor, MI. John has spent the last four years as VP for operations/COO at Internet 2, a not-for-profit university and corporate membership organization operating a proprietary nationwide research and education network and continuing to advance Internet technology. It's the best job he has had in his 40 years as wage earner. Mary Lou has overcome a serious illness and is living a high quality of life. They have nine children. Three of their daughters are stay-at-home moms with a collective seven grandchildren, three other children are college grads with jobs, one is a grad student, one is a college junior, and one is a high school senior. Another classmate with a large family is **Gary Smith**. He and his wife Patricia have 11 children. Gary is VP of the medical staff at United Memorial Hospital in Batavia, NY. He is president-elect of the local county medical society of Genesee County, and also has time to coach basketball and soccer.

**Arnie '60**, MBA '63, LLB '64, and **Ellen Kheel Jacobs** welcomed two new grandchildren this year: Isabella is the daughter of **Beryl Jacobs '87** and Willy Ramos; and Jasper Jacobs is the son of Julie and A.J. Jacobs. Paul and **Judy Branton** Wilkins are in Penn Valley, CA. Judy is giving piano lessons again after taking off a few years. She is also proud of her newest and greatest achievement—becoming a certified open-water Scuba diver and diving off the reefs near Cozumel and St. John. Daughter Cathy graduated from UCLA in 2004, and son Brian is a talent manager of actors and directors at Evolution Entertainment in Hollywood.

Another regular column contributor is **Madeleine Leston** Meehan. She had another successful solo exhibition and another Spoleto Festival and exhibit last year, as well as a trip to China in September. She had a nice visit from **Richard McKee**. **Judith Hirsch** Stoikov and husband Dick Miller also paid her a visit during Jazz Jam on St. John. **Bruce**, M Ed '65, and Theresa **Craig** live in Alexandria, VA. Bruce is president of the White Sand Harbour Property Owners Association in Edmundsville, VA. He likes reading, kayaking, and boating and has an interest in fountain pens and writing instruments. He also received the Mildred Selzer Award for lifetime contributions to the Association for Gerontology for Higher Education. Their three children live in New York, Virginia, and Idaho.

San Francisco resident **Art Resnikoff** started his own leadership consulting firm, was doing a big kitchen remodel, and was planning to run the San Francisco Half Marathon last August. He and his wife Mary Ann have a new granddaughter living close by. She was named after the first recorded feminist in the Bible, Noa (without an H). **Warren Walker**, PhD '68, is a full professor of policy analysis at the Delft U. of Technology in the Netherlands. His focus is on transport policy and how to deal with uncertainty in making policy. His son was married in August, and his daughter will be married in April. That's all for now. Don't forget to e-mail me with your news. ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@msn.com.

**64** Once again, as was the case last month, we begin with news from classmates who are making their first-ever appearance in this column. Writer **James Stevens**, MA '67, has published his 10th nonfiction book, this one on the role of the Lockheed Super Electra aircraft in WWII. Jim lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario. **Don Levenson**, an attorney with offices in Marlton, NJ, lives in nearby Cherry Hill with wife **Sandy (Chervinsky) '66**.

‘I’m enjoying watching my curbside city gardens lead to others in the neighborhood.’

MARY LUDLOW BOOKOUT '64

**Rita Kissen**, MA '65, last here six years ago, was promoted in 2004 to professor of education and human development at the U. of Southern Maine; then, on May 31, 2005, she retired after 35 years of college and high school teaching. She writes, "So far, retirement has been great! It has given me more time to spend with our grandson" who lives nearby, to cook up the produce from her garden, to sing with Women in Harmony (a 57-member chorus that performs in Southern Maine and New England), and now that the winter season has forced most activities indoors, to focus on a number of writing projects. Rita lives on Peaks Is., ME, with her husband and gardening partner Norm Rasulis. Psychiatrist **Jerry Lazar**, who lives with wife Elise in Salt Lake City, reports he's on the board of Heal Utah, which is trying to prevent nuclear waste from coming into the state. The Lazars, who have three grown children, enjoy skiing, hiking, and travel. And do they ever travel! In 2005 alone, they visited Spain and Morocco in April, Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary in August, and India in December.

**Helen Menges** Knoll, who retired in March 2002, enjoys living in the Sedona, AZ, house she and husband Robert Cleland had built back then—definitely a lot warmer and drier than life in Seattle. **Bill Sanders** is still active in real estate development from his base in El Paso, TX, near the ranch where he lives with wife Louann. **Hiroshi Kohda**, who lives with wife Mie in Yokohama, Japan, is a professor in the College of

Tourism at Rikkyo U., and also an "executive advisor" to various hotels in Japan. Son **Mamoru '98** followed his father's path and also graduated from the Hotel school. Hiroshi enjoys kendo (Japanese fencing) and travel, recently to Italy and Germany and then New York and Boston.

Attorney **Ihor Ewanick** reports what he terms "relocated employment." He now lives in Chatham Center, NY, and is prosecuting physicians for the Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct for the NY State Dept. of Health. **Alice Anderson** Rapasky, retired from IBM for many years, and husband Richard still live in Sequim, WA, but travel a lot—recently to Hawaii, California, Connecticut, Scandinavia, and Russia. She is president of the North Olympic Peninsula Chapter of her sorority, Tri-Delt. Alice enjoys boating and living near her parents and sister and being near Seattle, although she notes, "Too few visitors out here!"

College physics professor **Carl Bender** and wife **Jessica (Waldbaum)** have returned to their permanent home in St. Louis, MO, after a "marvelous" year-long sabbatical at the Imperial College in London, England, where Carl was supported by a Guggenheim Fellowship and an Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (UK) Fellowship. In addition, Carl was

named editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and General*, which he describes as the "crown jewel" in the British Inst. of Physics journal series. Carl regularly teaches at Washington U. and attends professional conferences, most recently in Paris and Istanbul. **Mary Ludlow** Bookout, who lives in Rochester, NY, has retired from teaching and now does volunteer work with her church, 4-H clubs, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which provides temporary shelter to homeless families while finding them permanent housing. She writes, "I love gardening and am enjoying watching my front yard and curbside city gardens lead to others in the neighborhood." Mary has a grown son and daughter whose young sons lead her into many adventures.

**Fred Bellinger**, who says "retirement is great," lives with wife Linda and their five teenage and pre-teen children in Indianapolis, IN. He enjoys playing clarinet and saxophone, reading, woodworking, gardening, landscaping, and working on energy conservation and computers. Fred is also on his church board of directors and is a math teaching assistant. **Sandy Kressel** Sussman, who lives in Slingerlands, NY, also likes being retired (from being a supervising administrative law judge). She keeps busy as a board member of both the Capital District (of New York) Civil Liberties Union and the Capital District Humanist Society. She also sings in a senior citizens chorale. Sandy has two grown sons. Nutritionist **Abby Stolper** Bloch recently spent

two and a half weeks in Singapore consulting on nutrition and cancer as a guest of the Minister of Health. Her job is VP of programs and research for the Dr. Robert C. Atkins Foundation. Abby and husband Stan have a grown son and daughter, live in NYC, and both teach skiing in the winter.

That's all for now. Keep the news flowing and be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont@tribune.com](mailto:blamont@tribune.com).

**65** Winter is upon us, and how pleasant it is to sip a cup of cocoa and learn about the lives and activities of friends and classmates. **Barbara Epstein Gordon** and husband **Edward**, DVM '65, are retired but busier than ever. Ed is now the president of the management company Board of United Helpers. He is also a hospice volunteer, serves on the New York State Board for the Veterinary Medical Assn., and is on the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities of the American Veterinary Medical Assn. Barbara retired from teaching adult education in 2000 and is presently the coordinator of literacy volunteers for St. Lawrence County in New York. They dote on their five grandchildren and still find time to do a lot of traveling. Barbara heard from **Judy Alpern** Intraub, who recently bought a home in Palm Beach, FL, for the winter, but summers in Vermont with husband Saul.

**Paul Mandigo** writes from Illinois. He retired from Lucent Technologies in 2005, having worked for Bell Labs (now Lucent Tech) since 1965. Just an address from **Gary Ash**, ME '73, president of Castle Brook Corp., and his wife, who are presently residing in Massachusetts. **Bobbi Kupfrian** Tarbell is the chair of the fine arts department at Rutgers in Camden, NJ. She is also associate professor of art history and director of the museum studies program. Her daughter Karen, a doctor, married Robert Greeley Jr. in Oct. 2004. Daughter **Kristin** '95 continues as a post-doctoral fellow in immunology at the Rockefeller U. in NYC. And son **Benjamin** '97 completed a master's degree in M.E. design in '99, as well as an MBA in 2005, all at Stanford U.

**Lon Benamy's** daughter started in the Arts college this past fall. **James Potter** saw his son **Travis** graduate from Cornell in '05 with a degree in Applied Physics Engineering; he plans to work for Goldman Sachs in NYC. Son **Justin**, majoring in Operations Research Engineering, is on track to graduate from Cornell this spring. James works in real estate in Avon, CO. **Bob Becker** is still delivering babies and loving it. He is working less, however, and enjoying the free time, much of which he spends with his grandchildren. **Robert E. Baker** and wife Laurie reside in North Carolina. Their 16-year-old son Kasey is very involved in baseball.

**Joel Perlman's** sons Jack and Sam attend NYC's Ethical Culture Fieldston School. When Joel is not surfing, blading, or boarding, he is producing sculpture, having had a show at the

Kouros Gallery in NYC last spring. He is in touch with classmates **Peter Rosen**, who recently completed a full-length documentary film on art critic Henry Geldzhaler, and **Peter Barton**, who is the publisher of *Hudson River Art Magazine*.

Lots of family and career news from **Tove Hasselriis** Abrams. Her career in videography has varied from taping and editing concerts with both choral and symphonic works in China, to shooting comics doing stand-up in NYC, plus many weddings and parties. Son **Seth** '99 is a musician with rock band Drowned Sorrow, and daughter Annelise is living in NYC pursuing a theatrical/musical career. She recently received a favorable review from the *New York Times*. Tove's husband Steve retired from teaching chemistry and related subjects after 37 years.

With a new title and new company, but basically the same job, **Christy Reppert** Sacks is now working for Bank of America. She and husband Stephen have a 6-month-old granddaughter Clare Charlotte Sacks. **Jill Rubinson** is a professor of English at the U. of Maine, Augusta. Her daughter **Anny** is a junior at Cornell. During a recent sabbatical in London, Jill renewed her friendship with **Natalie Teich**, who is chair of Cornell Alumni/ae UK. My husband **Stephen Rogow** '63 and I welcomed grandson number three. Mom is **Debbie Rogow** Silverstein '91. We are semi-retired and spend lots of time traveling. Our last trip included visits to parts of Thailand, China, Japan, and Singapore.

**Stanley Saltz** of New Jersey has been controller of Allison Corp. for the last 11 years. He and wife Marcia have three children, all of whom are married. Marcia has a master's in speech language pathology. When not at work, they enjoy their four grandchildren. Husband and wife architectural partners **Michael Schwarting** and Frances Campani received a Long Island A.I.A. citation for a new building on Main Street in Port Jefferson, NY. He had an exhibition, Jon Michael Schwarting Architect Projects 1970-2005, at the New York Inst. of Technology, School of Architecture this past spring, where he is the director of graduate programs in urban and regional design. His son **Sinan** '04 majored in English, and daughter **Jessica** '96 is practicing psychology in Baltimore, MD.

Keep those cards and letters (and e-mail) coming. ♦ **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Court, West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu); **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz, 36 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534; tel., (585) 383-0731.

**66** **Lee Lindquist** and wife **Joan (Buchsbaum)** '68 sent news from Coeur D'Alene, ID, that son **Kevin**, MBA '99, married **Annette Harville**, MBA '98, in Santa Barbara, CA, on Feb. 12, 2004. A reception followed in June with many Cornelliens in attendance: **Kirsten Lindquist** Wallace '92, **Rochelle Spandorf** Buschsbaum '73, and **Bob** '67 and **Nancy Kaye Litter** '68. Lee and Joan celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary cycling in Mallorca and visiting Barcelona and northern Spain, and



then Lee celebrated his 60th birthday cycling in Western Ireland. Nancy and **Joe Jaffe** sent a quick note from Weston, CT, that Adam is a senior at Yale and Amanda a freshman at BU. **Gerri Sussman Marcus** and husband **Averill, MILR '67**, have caught us up on their recent good news. Nicole and Jeff Marcus produced grandson Zachary in June 2003, the same year daughter Jennifer graduated with her Harvard MBA.

**David Lederman**, PhD '68, and wife **Natalie (Hirsch) '68** are beginning to enjoy retirement from ABIOMED, a company he founded in 1981 where he served as CEO and chairman until 2004. David holds an engineering degree from the U. of the Andes in his native Colombia, a BS degree in Engineering Physics from Cornell, and a master's and PhD in Aerospace Engineering from Cornell. David designed and began the development of the ventricles and valves that would eventually become the blood-handling components of the battery-powered implantable AbioCor replacement heart in current clinical trials. He has authored numerous publications in the cardiac assist, artificial heart, and prosthetic valve fields and is a founding director and a vice chairman of the board of directors of the New England Healthcare Inst. He and Natalie have a physicist son (Brown '92), a daughter (Emory '94) who is an attorney, and three grandchildren, all living in the Boston area.

**Judith Harvey**, West Chester, PA, writes that she has moved to Lewisburg, PA, where she is working as a mini-circuit supervisor with the Food Safety Inspection Service of the USDA. Her job is to drive among meat slaughter and processing establishments, verifying humane handling, and supervising meat/processing inspections in the Susquehanna River area. **Bonnie Lazarus** Wallace writes from Cheshire, CT, that she and husband Steve have two adorable granddaughters. Their attorney daughter and family live in Martha's Vineyard, and their son, an oral surgeon, and his family are in Santa Barbara. Bonnie is in her last year of teaching and she and Steve travel frequently, teaching and lecturing on dental implants. She writes about a rendezvous with classmate **Cindy Wagman** Sommer and would love to hear from other Cornellians at [bonnie1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bonnie1@sbcglobal.net).

Congrats to **Rich Vanderploeg**, ME '67, who recently married Jennifer Katherine Lee in Hawaii and then accepted a three-year assignment with Deloitte & Touche LLP as principal. Rich's younger daughter is completing her first year of medical school at Washington U. Congratulations to Ella and **Arthur Hamberger** on their recently celebrated 36th wedding anniversary and their daughter Leora's wedding. Arthur serves as medical director of radiation therapy for the Memorial-Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, the largest not-for-profit hospital system in Texas.

More dental updates from Oklahoma City and **Ken and Karen Kyne Dormer**. Ken, as faculty advisor, led a group of 54 dental students to Peru over Spring Break where they saw and treated 4,000 patients in one week—800 bad teeth were pulled. Ken is chairing an FDA standards committee writing a pre-clinical standard for international implantable hearing devices and has co-founded Namo Bio Magnetics Inc., researching targeted delivery of medicine to specific tissues

using magnetic nanoparticles. **Gabriele Gurski** van Lingen issues a warm welcome from the US Virgin Islands. She is currently a visiting associate professor in school psychology at the U. of the Virgin Islands and lives in Christiansted.

Jennifer Prentiss Morrill sends the sad news that her father **John Prentiss** passed away February 13, 2005. Over the course of John's life, he worked as a real estate developer, hotel manager, professional potter, stained glass artisan, auto mechanic, furniture maker, Dixieland jazz musician, carpenter, business owner, and inventor, among other jobs. Upon graduation, he joined the leasing department of Helmsley-Spear & Co. He then went to the Rouse Company, where he worked on the innovative planned community of Columbia, MD, and led the development of many specialty shopping malls, including Harborplace in Baltimore, South Street Seaport in New York City, and Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston. In Piseco, NY, he was manager of the Irondequoit Inn, a community housing representative, and an active volunteer for the Piseco Fire Dept. ambulance squad. Most recently, he was the CEO of Adiri Inc., a company he founded to sell his patented invention, the Breastbottle nurser, a unique baby bottle designed to replicate a mother's breast. A devoted outdoorsman, John loved to hike, canoe, and explore. We send our condolences to John's family. ♦ **Bill Blockton**, [bill@rbsfabrics.com](mailto:bill@rbsfabrics.com); **Susan Rockford** Bittker, [ladyscienc@aol.com](mailto:ladyscienc@aol.com); **John Miers**, [Johngmiers@comcast.net](mailto:Johngmiers@comcast.net).

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"We moved to the Tucson, AZ, area from Cincinnati in January '04 and we love it," report **John** and **Brenda McManus** ([jwm27@cornell.edu](mailto:jwm27@cornell.edu)).

"After retiring from P&G we decided a change of scene was called for. I qualified as an open water Scuba diver in Mexico; golf is also great here. I am working part-time designing and selling in-ground swimming pools." In June 2004, **Hillel Fradkin** ([hillel@hillelfradkin.com](mailto:hillel@hillelfradkin.com)) became Senior Fellow and Director, Center on Islam, Democracy and the Future of the Muslim World, at Hudson Inst., Washington, DC. **Kenneth Burres** (Alta Loma, CA; [kburres@fitcentric.com](mailto:kburres@fitcentric.com)) received a patent for MicroLaser Dissectomy, "a high-tech procedure for spinal disc surgery." He's CEO of FitCentric Technologies Inc., "with a 1-year-old permanent display at Disneyland, Anaheim, CA."

From **John Lyncheski** (Clinton, PA; [jlyncheski@cohenlaw.com](mailto:jlyncheski@cohenlaw.com)): "I practice management labor law in a firm I co-founded that now numbers 110 lawyers in Pittsburgh and Naples, FL. I was also recently named Educator of the Year by the American College of Healthcare Administrators." John advises that children John, Marc, and Kristin all reside in Western Pennsylvania, along with four grandchildren. "We enjoy our 'gentleman's' farm, complete with two quarter horses and 12 bird dogs, which I train. I stay in touch with **Frank Wagner**, who's Reporter of Decisions for the US Supreme Court, and had dinner with **Kent and Sue Stone Thompson** in San Antonio."

**Sharon Argus Paschos** (Dortmund, Germany; [paschosfam@gmx.net](mailto:paschosfam@gmx.net)) was spending husband **Manny, PhD '67's** sabbatical at Fermilab

near Chicago, then at Jefferson lab in Virginia. His emeritus shift has now occurred and they expect to be traveling—in the US and elsewhere. From Pensacola, FL, **Jim Brady** ([jbrady@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbrady@bellsouth.net)) reported suffering minimal damage to his home last year—no word yet on the more recent storms. "Still active in the local chapter of the Audubon Society; we recently hired a Cornell alumna as naturalist at the environmental education center." Jim was selected as Supervisor of the Year at Pensacola Junior College, where he's headed the Dept. of Biological Sciences since 1995.

**Jane Price** Brof (Brooklyn, NY; [randjbrof@hotmail.com](mailto:randjbrof@hotmail.com)) reports that her daughter **Julie Brof '92** and husband Michael Mayer reside in Seattle, where she's a lawyer for the FTC and he's with EarthJustice. **Miles and Jeani Walton Haven '68** (Potomac, MD; [mhaven@scseng.com](mailto:mhaven@scseng.com)) now have two married children and two grandsons and look forward to seeing them more often in two to three years when they are able to travel between homes in Maryland and Naples, FL. Jeani was appointed principal of Takoma Park Middle School two years ago. The Havens joined **Joy Kaufman** Karol '68 and **Victor '68** and **Janice Milkman Berlin '68** to attend the wedding of **Susan Rosenfeld Franz Ledley '68** in Chappaqua, NY. **Jeffrey Chesky** ([chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu](mailto:chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu)) writes, "I took retirement, but was 'promoted' to emeritus professor at U. of Illinois."

Some e-mail addresses: **William Swift** (Camino, CA; [marciaswift@earthlink.net](mailto:marciaswift@earthlink.net)); **John Nogami** (Cincinnati, OH; [siranose@aol.com](mailto:siranose@aol.com)); **Gwynne Fowler Briggs** (Lynnwood, WA; [gwynnesedgar@yahoo.com](mailto:gwynnesedgar@yahoo.com)); and **Catherine Blaffer Taylor** (Dallas, TX; [catherine@trinkie.com](mailto:catherine@trinkie.com)). I'm back in the US for possibly a couple of years after spending much of this year in Indonesia and then Pakistan. More on everyone next time. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, [rhoffman@erols.com](mailto:rhoffman@erols.com).

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I hope you are having a good winter. I write this column on October 31 in Boston, a sunny and warm day in the 70s. Two days ago, there was heavy snow.

**Eleanor Zenn** Zweibel lives in New York City. Her son **Robert '05** was sorry to leave the Hill. **Betsy Cadbury** and her husband Arthur Borror live in Quebec, Canada. Their daughter Cate graduated recently from Concordia U. and was class valedictorian for Arts and Sciences. Betsy has retired from her teaching position and looks forward to spending time at their home in New Hampshire and doing other things she enjoys. **Gloria Pessirilo Jurisic** and her husband **Nikola, PhD '70**, live in L.A. Gloria is director of marketing and contracting at the Jules Stein Eye Inst. at UCLA.

**Jon Vinograd** is a realtor in Saranac Lake, NY. **Victoria Nelson** lives in Newark, NJ, and is busy as a tenants' rights/civil rights activist; she also tutors English and plays piano concerts. On the personal side, she has a wonderful fiancé/life partner, Bruce Jones. **Jeff Gorwit** is a cardiologist in Escondido, CA. His wife Linda is a critical care nurse, and they have three children. **Gary Mols** was inducted into the sports hall of fame at Park

School of Buffalo. Gary and his wife Rebecca have a son and daughter. Daughter Sarah graduated from U. of British Columbia and taught English in Seoul, Korea. Their son Joseph served in the US Army and now attends Royal Roads U. **Sara Straw** Winship and her husband Dale live in Atlanta. Sara had dinner with classmate **Joyce Van Degna Snell** and her husband **Chris '69** when visiting San Francisco. Sara is retired and enjoys tennis and visiting her daughter, who lives in Sweden.

**Helen Karel** Dorman and husband Neal divide their time between their homes in northern Westchester County, just north of NYC, and their apartment in the City. Their daughter **Karen '98** is an attorney with Legal Aid of New York and is married to **Todd Kipnes '96**. Their daughter **Debbie '01** attends business school at Columbia. **Virginia Zamora** lives in Makita City, Philippines. Her five children are all busy with occupations that include investment banker, lawyer, student, and homemaker. **Roger Stetter** and his wife Barbara live in New Orleans, where Roger is an attorney. Hopefully the hurricane was not hard on his family. Roger recently had an article published about the story of Pascal Calogero, the son of a New Orleans police officer who became the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

**David McAleavy**, PhD '75, lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife Kathy Perry. David recently published a book of poems entitled *Huge Haiku*. After many years in government and industry, **Tom Manuccia** returned to academia as a professor of engineering and applied science at George Washington U. in Washington, DC. Photography is one of Tom's hobbies. He also enjoys skiing and is a certified ski instructor at Ski Whitetail.

I recently attended my first meeting of the Cornell University Council in Ithaca. The Council chair is our classmate **Jay Waks**, JD '71, who did a great job. Other classmates recently involved in the Council include **Richard Ahlfeld**, MBA '70, **Randy Lee Allen**, **David Maisel**, **Paula Mueller**, JD '73, **Steve Siegel**, and **Joan Gottesman** Wexler. It was a great experience being back on campus, seeing some of the amazing new facilities, great new faculty members, and terrific students.

A letter from Cornell provides information to our class regarding an undergraduate who currently receives the Class of 1968 Cornell Tradition Fellowship, which gifts from our class have supported. This student, **Tanneasha Gordon '06**, is a senior in the College of Architecture, Art and Planning and has had a great record of community service while at Cornell. I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon\_silver@comcast.net.

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Several classmates have been named to the Cornell Council Administrative Board. **Jansen Noyes** is a vice chair, **Kenneth Kahn** is the human resources advisor, and **Charles Alexander**, MArch '74, is a member-at-large. Elected to the Board of Directors of Cornell Radio Guild Inc., owner of WVBR, **Steve Marx** is looking forward to making a contribution to revitalizing the station. He and his wife Merrill have a daughter **Emily '04** who is working for the "Late

Show with David Letterman" in audience development, and son Jeff who is pursuing a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at Georgia Tech. Previously, he had a position in flight testing at Northrop-Grumman. **Gail Papermaster** Bender sends word about her four sons. The oldest, Brian, is married and working in the field of computer science, Seth is at Fordham Law School, David is a medical student at Georgetown U., and Herschel just got his driver's license.

Recently promoted to senior VP of the American Red Cross Biomedical Services Division, **Greg Vasse**, MBA '77, and his wife Mary will be moving to the Washington, DC, area. From the newspaper, we also learn that their daughter Aimee, a professional cyclist, biked up Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, winning the women's division for the second consecutive year. **Donald Tofias**, BArch '70, is still racing his W-class yachts and won the Antigua Classic Regatta, the Open House Cup in Nantucket, and Newport's Classic Yacht Regatta. His daughter **Alissa '03** is living in the D.C. area, working for a consulting firm, and **Michael '00** is getting a PhD in political science at Duke.

After a long hiatus, **Steven Kussin** writes that he retired from public education after 35 years, 21 of them as a high school principal. He began his career at Ithaca High School as a student teacher and later a substitute. Steven worked briefly at CBS News right after graduation, and writes, "As wonderful and rewarding as my career proved to be, I couldn't help but wonder what would have happened if I had stayed at CBS." Steven decided to find out and sought a job in the industry. He is now a substitute newswriter at 1010 WINS, an all-news radio station in NYC. If you have a chance to listen when Steven is working, you may hear, "And our writer is Steven Kussin." He is also an adjunct professor in the communications department at Hofstra U., running education workshops, and doing school consulting. In addition, Steven has finished his first novel, with plans to convert it into a screenplay. His wife Sharyn is also a teacher; her field is Spanish. Their son **Todd '97** is an attorney in NYC, is married, and has a young daughter. Second son **Eric '01** is working for the NBA, and **Lonnie '07** is "on the Hill." Steven says, "I can always find an excuse to visit our magnificent campus, particularly in the fall."

A Sussex County civil servant, **Eric Snyder** is director of engineering and planning. He and wife Donna have two sons. David is in the Coast Guard, and Chris is at Moravian College. Nearby in NYC, **Roger Moak** has struck out on his own after more than 30 years as a lawyer, including 20 as an insurance industry general counsel. Roger has started his own practice as an insurance arbitrator, mediator, and consultant. **Nancy Mohr** tells us that she is still a staff nurse at Franklin Hospital Medical Center—ten years with the adult daycare program that is a model for geriatric patients. She is also proud of her two grown children: Johanna is an administrative assistant with an employee benefits program, and Adam teaches fifth grade. **Carol Clericuzio** lives in Albuquerque, NM, and is a member of the U. of New Mexico medical school faculty in the pediatrics department. **Steve** and **Joan Wolfers Belkin**

were in the news when they sold their stake in the Atlanta Hawks and the Atlanta Thrashers. Steve also resigned as the Hawks' NBA governor.

We have lost touch with a number of our classmates and would like to hear from: **Thomas Kostandoff**, **Jeanne Abriel**, **Josiah Laders**, **Constance Adler**, **Robert Crockett**, **Dale Linder**, **Anthony Bartman**, **Paul Dickler**, **Bruce Lipson**, **Janice Martin** Linville, **Doris Dishman**, **John E. Hudson**, **Milton Jay**, **David Borg**, **Susan London**, **Robert L. Erickson**, **David E. Johnson**, **Stephen Goodale**, **Janet Goetz** Marks, **Brian Dobbs**, **Reginald Bradford**, **Mary Jouppi** Marquis, and **Susan Smith** Munks. If you are in contact with any of these people, would you please forward information? It would be wonderful to learn what they have been doing. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

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**Bob Keller** (bkeller@norwood.com) and wife Liz (Mt. Holyoke/Duke '73) spent a lovely weekend back on the Hill in April 2005, as their older daughter was finalizing her college decision. He reports that unfortunately she chose city life and Penn over Cornell, so a big family rivalry is likely to develop. He is hopeful that their younger daughter will see the advantages of her father's school. She is a competitive figure skater coached by Serguei Zaitsev and is now in high school at the Park Tudor School. In May 2005, Peter (Dartmouth '72) and **Becky Kvam** Paquette visited Norway. This was a dream come true for her. Although they did not find any of her distant relatives, they did pass the tiny town of Kvam while on the train from Trondheim to Oslo. After 20 years, Becky is finally using her M Ed degree and working for non-profits. She is in special ed at an elementary school in Hanover, NH, and loves it. Becky's older daughter Erika is with TD/Banknorth in Portland, ME, and Devon is a senior at Vanderbilt. They write that it was great to see everyone at reunion.

I received a sad letter from Fred Kowolowski about the death of his wife: "It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you of the death on June 24, 2005 of my wife and your classmate **Portia Parratt** Kowolowski, following a five-year battle with cancer." Fred can be contacted at 1710 SW Canyon Dr., Redmond, OR 97756-3218. Portia was born in Ithaca and got her BS in Physics from Cornell, followed by a master's in biochemistry from the U. of Oregon. She also earned degrees in medical technology and accounting. Portia and Fred were married in 1973 and had two sons, Louis and Brian. She was a member of the American Assoc. of University Women, the High Desert Celtic Society and High Desert Celtic Dancers exhibition dance team, the Central Oregon Women's Circle, and Gaia Circle. Portia enjoyed gardening, sewing, hiking, classical and Scottish music, and especially Scottish folk dancing. She also played several instruments including piano, guitar, and violin.

**Randy Kamen** (Randy.Kamen@am.sony.com), who is our new class secretary, works for Sony as VP in the law department. She and her husband Shaul Arazi live in Hillsdale, NJ, with

their son Adam. Last November, Randy was co-chair for an MS charity luncheon run by professional women in her area. After Adam attended reunion with Randy last June, he decided he wants to be a member of Cornell's Class of 2011! They are visiting other college campuses as well. Adam went to England last summer for two weeks at the Manchester United Soccer Camp. Then he and his dad went to Israel for family visits and Scuba diving in Eilat. The family spent this past holiday season in Curaçao, with diving for the boys and sun and relaxation for Randy.

**Edward Eggers** of Willseyville, NY, has written to say he has retired. **Jack Bilson** continues to live in Salisbury, NC, and can be reached at jmb299@cornell.edu. He is glad to have left human resources because he feels that the "imitation robber barons" are turning it into in-human resources. Jack says that the last 40 years have turned him from the moderate he was in the '60s into a much more radical person today. In 2003 **Diana Christopulos** moved from Texas to the Roanoke Valley of southwestern Virginia. She continues to gradually hike the Appalachian Trail and has now completed over 700 miles. ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** On a beautiful, sunny September afternoon, the Class of '71 hosted a mini-reunion in New Haven, CT, at the Cornell/Yale football game. Although our team was defeated, it was a terrific day and there was much good cheer during our pre-game luncheon and festivities. Classmates in attendance included this correspondent and husband **Joe Miller '69**, as well as Leslie Jennis Obus, Martha Coultrap, Caryn Furst, Gilda Klein Linden, Andrew Tisch, Dale Cohen, Leslie Kirpich Brill and husband Les Selbovitz, Gary Sesser '72, Roger Lazoff, James Pfeiffer, Jan and Debra Greene Rothman '73, Laurie Berke-Weiss, Steve Altman, Mike Kubin, Greg '72 and Patricia Yuan Zuroski, Marcia Flicker, Richard Warshauer, Kathy Menton Flaxman, James Wanderstock, and class president Jerry Day.

**Steve Altman** (steve@altmanco.com) and I ate lunch together, so I have lots of news to share about him and his family. Steve and wife Pam are the parents of three children. Ben, 28, is a commercial real estate broker and was married last year to Rebecca, who works for Quest Labs. Abby, 25, lives in New York, where she reps a designer clothing line. Laura, 22, is an undergraduate at Penn and ran the NYC Marathon in November. Steve works in multi-family real estate development and is the past president of the Pennsylvania Apartment Association. He recently completed the conversion of an historic building to affordable housing for the elderly. One of Steve's hobbies is flying; he flew to New Haven in his Piper Lance. Steve keeps up with old friend **Jerry Eichner** on a regular basis.

Many of you may have read **Mike Kubin's** piece in the *New Yorker* magazine on August 29, 2005 entitled "The Nuclear Club" (www.newyorker.com/shouts; if you are unable to access it, contact me and I will send you a hard copy). Mike has a "day job" as a partner in a media

buying company—the same industry in which he has worked since 1978. This past spring he graduated from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism with a master's degree and submitted the piece to the *New Yorker*. He has also been published in the *New York Observer*. Two of Mike's children are Cornellians: **Gregory '09** and **Daniel '08**. Mike's oldest son, Zach, graduated from Hamilton College and works in media in New York. Mike is active in Cornell alumni affairs, serving on the Cornell University Council and working as co-chair of our class's 35th Reunion Major Gifts Committee along with **Marty Hanaka** and **Debbi Adelman**, MS '74. Contact him at mekubin@earthlink.net.

enjoys watching baseball (he is an avid Giants fan) and playing softball and tennis, and has recently traveled to Italy, France, the Virgin Islands, and Costa Rica. Another Californian is **Jeff Punim**, who resides in Long Beach. Jeff is in private practice as an endocrinologist, and in his spare time plays a lot of tennis and golf. You may contact Jeff at jap49@cornell.edu.

Save June 8-11, 2006 for our 35th Reunion! And if you haven't responded to our class history project by filling out your questionnaire, we urge you to do so. Contact **Marsha Ackermann** (mackerma1@charter.net) if you wish to receive another copy of the questionnaire or to return a completed copy. If you enjoy reading our class

## 'Steven Kussin began his career at Ithaca High School as a student teacher.'

ARDA COYLE BOUCHER '69

In Tolleson, AZ, **Stella Ardire** (sardire@myexcel.com) works as a travel nurse, but her favorite job is being chief babysitter for her grandson Alden, born in July '04. She also enjoys country dancing and recently went ice skating again for the first time in over 25 years! **Joanne Trifilo** (jstark20@cox.net) lives in Scottsdale and enjoys singing, writing, travel, and cooking Italian food. She is the director of the Immigration Group at Sacks Tierney. Her son Nick was married to his lifelong girlfriend in an elopement to which moms and grandparents were invited. Her daughter Marya is a junior on a vocal scholarship at Chapman U. in Orange, CA. At this stage of life, Joanne feels nostalgic to see old friends. She keeps in touch with **Kristin Vandenberg** Whitefield and **Ann Prezyna** and would like to locate **Vic Lena**. **Jim Farmer** (farmer@taftlaw.com) writes from Dublin, OH, that his sons have graduated from college, Brian in '02 and Derrick in '04. Jim moved to Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister as partner, mergers and acquisitions in April '04. Last summer he took a wonderful trip out to Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper in the Canadian Rockies. In his spare time Jim enjoys renovating and remodeling houses, doing volunteer work with Rotary, skiing, and playing golf.

We received news from our West Coast classmates this month. **Bill Grauer**, JD '74 (grauerwe@cooley.com) is chairman of the litigation department in San Diego for Cooley Godward LLP, a national law firm of 500 attorneys. He was included in the 2005 publication "The Best Lawyers in America" and similarly honored by *San Diego Magazine* in an article on the city's best litigators. For the tenth consecutive year, Bill was appointed chair of the Federal Court Discipline Committee for the Southern District of California. His oldest daughter Kristen is pre-law at Dartmouth and editor of the undergraduate *Law Journal*. Bill remains in touch with good friend **Doug Schwartz**. Doug (doug@schwartz-cera.com) lives in Lafayette, CA, and would like to locate **Danny Fruchter**. Doug is the father of Andrew, 14, and Jennifer, 12. He

column and haven't yet sent in the News Form from the class's annual mailing, sit right down at your laptop and send us an update. ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

**72** Congratulations to Primetime Emmy Award winner **Bucky Gunts**, who won the Emmy for Best Directing for a Variety, Music, or Comedy Program for his outstanding directing of "The Games of the XXVIII Olympiad—Opening Ceremony" on NBC. I hope most of you saw Bucky's acceptance speech during the televised awards ceremony in September.

"Here's a story / About a man named Mitchell." **Cheryl Kallet** writes that she and **John Mitchell** were married in July 2002. The couple had been friends since meeting at Cornell in 1969. This is the second marriage for both Cheryl and John, and each brings three adult children to the new family unit, making a total of six kids—a real-life "Brady Bunch." Cheryl did not mention if one of the six children is named "Marcia." The Mitchell family now lives in Hamilton, where Cheryl teaches at Morrisville State College and John is president of I.L. Richer Co. **Irwin Rosenfeld**, class treasurer for the past 13 years, has practiced psychiatry for 25 years in Laguna Hills, CA. He was recertified in both geriatric psychiatry and addiction psychiatry in 2004. Daughter Elayna was married in 2002.

**Bob Joy**, BArch '73, reports by e-mail that he had an incredible experience this July! He joined a group from Trek Travel to follow the final week of the Tour de France on a bicycle. They started in the Pyrenees and worked their way up to Paris, riding 275 miles and climbing over 17,000 feet. Bob reports, "We were right there with Lance Armstrong and the Discovery team on the final day." Bob also enclosed a photo taken during the 17th stage on the road to Revel. He was wearing a Cornell cycling jersey, purchased from the Bike Rack in Colletown. **Steve Weisz**, president of

Marriott Vacation Club Int'l, has been named Hotelier of the Year by the Southeast Region of the Cornell Hotel Society, the school's alumni body. Steve received the honor at a banquet on September 10 at the J. W. Marriott Grande Lakes Resort in Orlando, FL. Every summer, classmates participate in Cornell's Adult University. This year, Field Ornithology was the choice of **Chris Ryan**.

**William "Wes" Schulz** of Sugar Land, TX, reports that his son Douglas is an EMT in Clear Lake, TX. During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Doug was called to assist the New Orleans evacuees who had been sheltered in the Houston Astrodome. The following is an excerpt from his journal.

"Friday, 9/02/05. The Astrodome, the 8th wonder of the world, a Houston landmark. I saw my first Major League Baseball game there. I marched on the Astro turf there in High School Band. I watched it get dwarfed by the Reliant Stadium. I sat through many discussions of what

stops me, and they wave me through. Things have changed. The medical area is now set up with VERY defined regions for triage, treatment (even split into medical, trauma, psych, and pedi), and transport. There are nurses and doctors everywhere. People have spread themselves throughout the dome and are now up in the seats as well as on the main floor. The Red Cross volunteers are working double-time to keep some sense of order in all regions. I run into an ambulance crew that I know and we continue to run calls for the next 18 hours. We have a command center, a staging center, and transport officers at the Dome and at the Arena (still being used as a clinic). Ambulances are lined up. There are so many different services working, it is great that we can all work together, public and private. Calls range from unconscious, chest pains, violent psychs, diabetics, and active labor to simple fractures and extremity pains. Sometimes we transport just to the Arena to be evaluated, but mostly to the hospitals all around

daughter into Cornell last fall. **Peter Barker**, PhD, does cancer research at the National Inst. of Standards and Technology in Colorado. Big changes for **Chuck Cohn**, MBA '77, and family, who moved from Basking Ridge, NJ, to Frisco, TX, where he's a marketing VP for Intuit. Their oldest daughter is a freshman at U. of Rochester. **Lee Grossbard** reports from San Diego that he snuck off to Hawaii with wife Randee last summer. He continues to enjoy the work at Sunstone, which recently went public. **Leah Bissonette**, MS '76, also continues to soak up the California sun in Leucadia (just north of San Diego), where she runs an energy consulting business. Recent travel has taken her to Morocco, Mexico, Hawaii, and skiing in the south of Spain. Her only complaint is not enough beach time. "I still find Cornell people to be some of the most fun folks out there," she writes.

**Gail Fiteni Giordano** reports from Scarsdale that son Christian's career has taken off and he now manages conventions for the Westin Times Square. Gail herself completed the Ennis William Cosby graduate certificate program for young readers at risk at Fordham, and spent the last year instructing teachers for the federal "Reading First" program. Husband **Tom '72** is busy keeping up with tax code changes for American Express. **Paula Smith** Avioli reports that twin sons David and Matthew graduated on the same day—David with an electrical engineering degree from Bucknell, Matthew with degrees in biology and anthropology from Brandeis. **Gwenn Graves** Hamilton lives in Orlando, where the family travel company specializes in golf vacations to the US, Great Britain, Spain, and Portugal. Take a look at [www.golfpacttravel.com](http://www.golfpacttravel.com). Their son studies Japanese and economics at the U. of Florida, and their daughter is finishing high school.

**Stephen Goldbas** was recently re-appointed as assistant professor of clinical medicine at the U. of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME. His specialty is osteopathic manipulative medicine, but his second career is chauffeur to son Marcus, 15, who made first string on the Cape Elizabeth High varsity soccer team as a freshman, and daughter Emma, 13, who is a starter on the 1992 girls Maine Olympic Development Program soccer team, as well as a talented dancer. **Chris Agoliati** is living in Spring Lake, NJ, with wife Gail and three daughters, aged 15, 13, and 7, and spent a pleasant summer vacationing in Wellfleet on Cape Cod. **Randy Barbarash** lives in Orange County, NY, with his wife, two cats, and a dog and was recently named principal of Warwick Valley High School. Their son is working on a master's in landscape architecture at SUNY.

**Abraham Chian** wrote from Toyokawa, a small town in central Japan, where he is currently on a three-month visit doing research at the Solar-Terrestrial Environment Laboratory of Nagoya U. After leaving the Hill at the peak of the Vietnam War, he went to the peaceful medieval town of Cambridge, England, where he married Kwai Lin, a beautiful Malaysian girl from Kuala Lumpur, and got a PhD in applied math and theoretical physics. Abe and Kwai Lin have three daughters, Clarice (a lawyer), Elisa (a computer engineer), and Janice (an accountant), all graduates of the

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should become of it. Now, I saw it become a home for thousands of people. Earlier yesterday, I finished my shift in the morning and was at home sleeping. A few hours later, my work pager goes off with the news that the Houston Fire Department is looking for volunteers to help work in their triage center at the Dome. I throw on my uniform and head off. As soon as I arrive at the complex, I can tell that this is just organized chaos. So many people! One of the higher-ups of Enterprise Ambulance Service, my former employer, recognizes and immediately kidnaps me. He directs me to the floor of the Dome where they have a medical area set up. People are triaged, and then either sent by shuttle bus to the Astro Arena (now a clinic), or onto an ambulance to any of the local facilities.

"The floor of the Dome is covered in people and cots. Personal belongings are strewn about, and hundreds of people are milling around, hundreds more are just lying in their new beds, with nothing to do. Lines are formed everywhere: to get a cot, to get some water, to go to the bathroom, to go to the hospital. Several times I am sent into the crowd with a wheelchair to pick up a chest pain, or a seizure, or an overdose. Ambulances are pulling out of the Dome left and right. More buses keep coming. People are walking around with signs, asking about certain individuals who are probably lost in the storm. I spend four hours at the Astrodome, and then it is time for home. I am exhausted and totally blown away. The one-time 'House of Pain' is now a refugee center.

"After working the Dome during the day and all night on Friday, I return Saturday at about 2:00. Cars are backed up for miles filled with donations. I do some sneaky driving and find a back entrance to Reliant Park. I flash my EMS ID to anyone that

Houston. At some time, they open up the Reliant Center and fill it with more cots. At about 3 a.m., my partner and I are ordered to get some sleep. Command directs us to some cots set up in a private room. I can only really half sleep. At 5 a.m. my partner and I scour up some coffee and place ourselves back into rotation. I am so proud of all the different services working together, so proud of Houston coming together, and I am thankful that I have the skills and will power to help these people. My roommate and friends are amazing me by setting up donation drives. I am so glad that the human spirit really wins out in the end. I am going to get some sleep now."

We want to thank Doug for giving his permission to publish these journal entries and giving us a first-person account of the post-Katrina experience at the Astrodome in Houston. We also want to thank Doug, his fellow EMTs, the medical personnel, and all the volunteers in Houston and the other evacuation centers for their dedication and hard work in assisting the Gulf Coast evacuees. Send news to ♦ **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov; or **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com.

**73** We're glad that our correspondent **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorf was able to safely evacuate from New Orleans. Normally, you'd be hearing from her this month, but we're giving her some time to settle, and we hope that she's back in the Big Easy before this column actually hits the newsstands. Fortunately, we have plenty of news from our e-mail request, so here's the latest from your classmates.

**Chris Cassidy** reports from Rochester that he and wife **Sharon (Odrobina) '77** moved their

U. of Adelaide. For the past 11 years, Abe has been commuting between his job as a space science professor at the National Inst. for Space Research (INPE) in Brazil and his home in Adelaide, Australia.

**Laurence Bernstein** visited Beijing and Shanghai, where he was invited to conduct some brand strategy development seminars, which was really interesting (for him at least; he's not sure about the attendees, although everybody seemed very happy!). "Not much else has changed since the last time we did this. Was in Ithaca for Hotel Ezra Cornell in the spring, which seems like ancient history. Spent much of June doing focus groups throughout the US and learning what makes Americans tick (well, in relation to property insurance!)."

**Joel Greenman's** wife **Rose (Jachter)** e-mailed him with our request for news. "It has gotten to the point these days where husbands and wives e-mail each other!" Joel writes, "The old story of married couples not being able to communicate is no longer true. Through e-mail we communicate just fine!" Joel is currently pursuing many interests in Los Angeles. He is a magician and member of the Academy of Magical Arts, aka "Magic Castle," in Los Angeles. "Alumni who live in L.A., or who come here to visit, can contact me, and I e-mail them a pass to spend an evening at the Magic Castle in Hollywood for dinner and shows. It's a unique and magical experience." Joel's e-mail is statman7@earthlink.net.

**Arthur Cheng** let us know that he and his wife dropped off their daughter **Courtney** last fall to start her freshman year at Cornell. She is in the College of Engineering and plans to major in Engineering Physics, like her dad did 36 years ago. Arthur reports it does not feel like that long ago! The campus has changed a lot, but he still found familiar places. Courtney is living in Balch, still an all-women's residence. Arthur also visited with professor Arthur Kuckes, who retired from the A&EP faculty a few years back but still runs his own company, Vector Magnetics, down by the inlet in Ithaca. Arthur is a consultant in the petroleum industry, specializing in downhole acoustic measurements.

We hope all of you are safe and we're thankful that Danielle is. Please send your news, written or electronic, to: ♠ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, 1531 Woodside Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail, phyllis.grummon@scup.org or phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** CFA (Cornell Football Association) had a big turnout at the Yale football game Sept. 24 in New Haven on a picture-perfect day at the soon-to-be (badly needs-to-be) refurbished Yale Bowl. CFA attendees included our classmates **Mark Allen**, **Jon** and **Beth Johnston Tracosas**, and **Dan Lombardo**. Dan is an anesthesiologist at Yale-New Haven Hospital and busy following his sons' various athletic endeavors. Also seen by **Mary Berens** were **Bill Howard**, **Kathy Platis** (New Haven), and **Ray Benzinger** and **Phyllis Schatz** (West Hartford, CT). Other classmates on the registered list included **Andrea Paretts** Ascher, **George Golenwsky**, and **Alfred Hamilton**.

The Cornell *Daily Sun* celebrated its 125th anniversary September 17 at the Marriott Marquis in New York City, attracting 356 Cornellians from '38 to '06, including three Pulitzer Prize winners and featured speaker **Kurt Vonnegut '44**. Classmates attending included **Maia Aron**, Bill and Gwen Howard, **Harold Levy**, JD '79, **Joel Rudin**, and **John Schroeder**. John, the *Sun's* longtime production manager, also was a featured speaker, presenting a "Top-Ten List of the Most Surreal Moments in *Sun* History." The banquet was organized by Bill, **Mike Cimini '92**, and **Lindsay Jacobson '04**—truly a Cornell cross-generational effort.

**Cathy Lisa Glick-Halman** is a cardiologist in a large private practice in Jackson, MI, specializing in echocardiography and heart disease in women. She's chair of the medical ethics committee at the local hospital and just finished two years as synagogue president. She and husband Lawrence have three children, Loren, 19, a sophomore at UMass, Erin, a senior in high school, and Shelley, a sophomore in high school. **Michelle Toppin Thompson** was promoted in April to acting chief operating officer of Cook County Hospital in Chicago. She and husband **Michael '77** live in Burr Ridge, IL.

**Dana Beyer** presented a paper entitled "Prenatal Exposure to Diethylstilbestrol (DES) and Gender Variance: Results from a Five-Year Study" at the Int'l Behavioral Development Symposium, which convenes every five years in Minot, ND, and is the premier global event in the field of human sexual development. "Not bad for a retired ophthalmic surgeon," Dana adds. **David**, MS '77, and **Kathy Moutner** of Whitehouse Station, NJ, celebrated their 25th anniversary in October. Daughters Sarah and Amanda are finishing up at Rider College and starting out at Delaware, respectively. Dave is a consultant in IT project management and process improvement.

**Sandra Whitney Curry**, MD '82, checked in to say she's still married to **Don '73**, "whom I married in the summer of '73. Believe it or not, it was 32 years this past summer. We started a family late, so our son Peter is 12 and thinking only about baseball and video games. He's determined to go to Cornell. I'm thrilled, but I've had to explain to him that Cornell isn't the place to go if he truly wants to be a Major League ballplayer." Sandra is a senior member of Columbia's Department of Anesthesia in New York, adding, "Knocking people out (and bringing them back) is truly a gas, as we say," and has taken on an advisory dean's position. She's kept up with **Kathy Tonnessen**; they made the 25th, skipped the 30th, and hope to make the 35th ("Yikes, I remember those attendees looking so old when I was a student"). Lastly, "I ran into Harold Levy at a hospital emergency room back in 2003. Don had been skiing and broke his leg. We were in a small hospital up north and Harold comes waltzing in with a sick friend. We had a nice chat while waiting for our loved ones to get treatment."

Condolences to **Norma Meacham**, JD '77, whose husband **Melvin Osterman '55**, LLB '57, passed away Aug. 14. They were married 23 years and lived in Delmar, NY; Melvin was a noted figure in Capital District legal circles and a founder of the area's largest firm.

**Joan Bensing** Boehnen of Northbrook, IL, has a son, 24, pursuing a PhD in computer science at Notre Dame, and a daughter, 16, who was diagnosed 18 months ago at Mayo Clinic with a rare genetic disorder called POTS, a form of dysautonomia, "kind of a cross between fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue, with nerve pain, migraines . . . She is not able to attend school." Joan is part of a support group, POTS ([www.potsplace.com](http://www.potsplace.com)), and looking for other families affected or ideas from professional fundraisers for generating research money. Contact her at [jbaynen@aol.com](mailto:jbaynen@aol.com).

Three classmates took part in the summer 2005 Cornell Adult University programs: **Lynn Santeler** (Sailing), **Christine Burke** Breslin (Wines), and **Nathan Mann** (Gorgeous Gorges). If you've never taken part, CAU courses are fun. More than a little care goes into insuring that professors and instructors are both informative and interesting, and there are companion programs for children and teens. Check it out: [www.sce.cornell.edu/cau](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau).

**Ellen Franklin** has been living in the Los Angeles area for 25 years, having moved out with ABC-TV. She's executive director of Temple Judea, a large Reform synagogue, and married with three kids, now 12, 15, and 17. Within a short span she saw these other Cornellians: niece **Alison Santopolo '05**; Merrill Naughton, formerly **Merri Weitzner**, who continues her banking career, lives in Larchmont, NY, and has daughters 14 and 16; and **Eric Roth**.

"I may have the dubious distinction of being the only Hum Ec graduate to pursue a career as a freelance craft designer," writes **Susan Niner** Janes from the greater London area, where she's lived for 24 years. Married with two children, Susan has written eight craft books, including *Bright Ideas* in Papercrafts (North Light Books, 2004). **Marlene Barmish**, MA '76, of Madison, WI, reports that daughter **Lara '04** "has been gainfully employed and living in NYC" after graduating from the Arts college. Marlene is manager of administration for Wisconsin's largest homebuilder and says, "The construction business and industry have become quite the passion for me." Marlene continues as chair of alumni admissions in the Madison area.

Writer/comedienne/performer **Randee Mia Berman** of New York City has been back on campus twice recently, "once in December amidst a frigid but crystalline, mesmerizing Ithaca winter snow to visit my old friend and English professor M.H. Abrams, and once in March to see singer/songwriter/storyteller Gordon Bok perform at Anabel Taylor as part of the Cornell Folk Song Club. She's had articles published on Gordon Bok in the premier issue of *Maine Times*; on falconry in *Cigar Aficionado*; and on our 30th Reunion in the *Ithaca Journal*. She has been on NPR twice, once doing a weekend commentary on swift boats, and once interviewed on "All Things Considered" for her unique skill of talking backwards. She's performing comedy and storytelling at the Moth (The Bitter End) in New York and working on a book on women and the Sisterhood.

**Ken Brown** married Florida native Elizabeth Sanjuan and they're now living in Hollywood, FL. "I'm having a great time with longtime rowing friends at One Equity Partners LLC, now the

wholly owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase, traveling the world on a regular basis from our New York home base, home every weekend to Florida, and building up that nest egg to buy the ranch in Colorado." Ken transitioned from the Architecture, Art & Planning Advisory Council last year to the Engineering College Council. Son Bryson, 25, is in the New York Teaching Fellows program; Charles, 20, is a junior at UCLA and spending a semester at Meiji Gakuin U. in Japan; Ted, 17, is a senior at Thacher School in Ojai, CA, and thinking about East Coast colleges ("not Cornell, sorry to say"); and Cashin, 10, "is my last, best hope for a Cornell legacy." Please send your news to: ♦ **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; or **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu.

**75** As I write this, it's fall and I've attended the Cornell-Yale football game (more about that in a later column), but I still have great memories of our reunion this past June. Check out our class website, <http://classof75.alumni.cornell.edu>, and find out who showed and what you missed. We had 308 register, including 206 classmates. We spent time with dear old friends, while finding time to meet new ones. We also got to experience Ithaca in all its beauty (despite the overwhelming heat; when are we old enough to stay in the A/C dorms?!). I have spoken with classmates since then who had a great time, and one of the first topics was a rebuttal to **Mitch Frank's** opening sentence to our reunion column. Sorry, Mitch, but none of us marks this as the last third of our lives! I am constantly amazed at how much younger we look than our parents and their friends were at our chronological age.

Mitch mentioned a panel of '75 architects who spoke at reunion. Here's more: The AAP Dean of Students moderated a panel of **Jon Ross**, **Ann Marion**, **Mark Strauss**, **John Lahey**, **Tom Fisher**, **Marc Levoy '76**, MArch '78, **Eileen Weingarten**, and **Jill Lerner**. Jon (jromyo@comcast.net) lives in Arlington, MA, with wife **Mary Young '74** and son Will. He is principal at SBRA Architects, specializing in the design of education, science, and healthcare facilities. Ann lives in Sudbury, MA, with husband Moe Shore and daughters Sarah and Amanda. She is president of MarionWorks and producer/designer of Mediated Learning Environments, creating new concepts for multi-media and user interface. Mark (markes@aol.com) lives in NYC with wife **Jaye Medalia '72** and children Jesse and Lily. He is a principal at Fox & Fowle, where his work has won numerous urban planning awards. John (john.lahey@scbdesign.com) lives in Chicago with wife Debbie and children Mary, Jack, and Frank. He is president and design principal at Solomon Cordwell Buenz. Tom (fishe033@tc.umn.edu) lives in St. Paul, MN, with wife Claudia and daughters Ann and Ellen. He is dean of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the U. of Minnesota. Marc lives in Palo Alto, CA, with wife Laurie Winslow and children Adrienne, Julia, and Benjamin. He is an associate professor of computer science and (jointly) electrical engineering at Stanford U. Eileen (eweingarten@fcr.com) lives in Larchmont, NY, with children Andrew and

Sam. She is a project executive for Forest City Ratner Companies, with major projects including a mixed use project for Brooklyn's Atlantic Yards to include Frank Gehry's proposed basketball arena for the Nets. Jill lives in Mamaroneck with husband **William Bintzer '73** and children Laura and Will. She is a principal at Kohn Pedersen Fox, leading large academic and medical projects, and was elected in April 2005 to serve as a Cornell trustee.

Reunion gave me the chance to catch up with some of you who have sent news for the column. It was an opportunity to personally apologize to **Steve Berman** (stephen\_berman@hotmail.com) for misplacing his October 2003 e-mail in my inbox for over a year. Steve wrote of spending a wonderful weekend at Cornell visiting with his younger daughter **Cheryl '07**, who had just started her freshman year in the Ag college, and her sister Julie, who subsequently graduated from Ithaca College in 2004. Steve's father **Herb Berman '47** and wife were able to join in for the weekend visit. Steve is VP of shopping services at Bloomingdale's, overseeing stores nationwide. His office is in New York, but he travels to stores across the country. He works with a number of Cornell alumni and enjoys their Big Red visits. I went on a bird walk at the Ornithology Lab with Claire and **Bob Brennan** (rtbsb@yahoo.com) and **Lynn Arrison Harrison** (lah2127@aol.com). We met up with **Jim Thul**, who when not being VP of Thul Machine Works in Plainfield, NJ, is a bird-watcher extraordinaire. He became our personal guide for a tour of the grounds. Bob runs Brennan & Priest, a residential construction company in Stony Brook, NY. His son Michael graduated from U. of Delaware in 2005, son Shane is now a junior at Marist College, daughter Kaitlyn is a freshman at FIT in NYC, and daughter Meghan is a junior in high school. Lynn is a paralegal in New Jersey, where she lives with husband **Chip '74**. Son Ridgely lives in Boston, daughter Katie is a senior at Middlebury College, and son Willie is a sophomore at St. Lawrence.

The North Campus Union was our headquarters and a good place to catch up with people. **Rick Hayes** (rhlawyer@mindpring.com) came from Haverhill, MA, where he is an attorney. **Wayne Henderson** traveled from Stamford, CT, where he is a project manager for Arch Chemicals. **Brad Jordan** lives in Glen Rock, NJ, and was running around so much having fun, that's about all I could get out of him! **Dale Porter** is a chiropractor in Watertown, NY. I played tennis Sunday morning at the new Reis Tennis Complex with **Michael Cunningham**, who is a cardiologist in Cleveland. I spent time with **Leslie Hudson** (leshudson@prexar.com) and **John Halloran** (jhalloran@prexar.com), who came from Orono, ME. Leslie, a conservation consultant, spent much of Reunion with 16 returning Pi Phi; and John, a research economist for the USDA, connected with a number of DU brothers.

**Sue Fulton** and husband **Alan Burrows '76** and **Jeanne Fattori Smith** and husband **Nick '74** were around the headquarters constantly, making sure that everyone had a great time. Sue (sfulton@teamwash.com) runs marketing for 40 Domino's franchises in Washington, DC, and Jeanne (jmf37@cornell.edu) works at the Saddle Acres School in Houston, TX. **Steffi Feit Gould** (gouldpjaks@

aol.com) came to her first reunion and made it a double-duty trip, helping to pack up son **Andrew '05** after his graduation from Cornell. Steffi and husband **Perry '74** live in Woodmere, NY, where she is on the local school board. Son Jason is a sophomore at U. of Michigan, and Keith is a junior in high school. Maybe Jason can meet up with **Pep Perry** Stephan's son Andy, who is a freshman at U. of M. Pep lives in Sharonville, OH, with husband Jens. She works at P&G testing products. Pep's older son Rob is at U. of Cincinnati working on a PhD.

**Karen Lauterbach** and **Mark Powers** came from Chapel Hill, NC. Karen (kel@rti.org) is director of communications, information, and marketing for RTI Int'l. Mark (powersma@aol.com) is an associate clinical professor at Duke U.'s School of Medicine in the division of pulmonary, allergy, and critical care. He is helping to start an intensivist program at Durham Regional Hospital and will be teaching residents and fellows. Their son Luke is studying for his master's at Keck Graduate Inst. in Claremont, CA, and Kyle is a sophomore at UNC. **Louise Belevich** (louise@lmbelevichconsulting.com) was busy connecting with her many friends from DG, but I have seen her at Cornell events in NYC so we have caught up over the years. She is working as a management consultant with small businesses and nonprofit organizations. She has worked extensively with the UN and its agencies for the past eight years. She also loves to travel to off-the-beaten-path locations such as backpacking in Eastern Europe, India, Nepal, Southeast Asia, and China. She has also gone trekking to Indonesia, Bhutan, and Patagonia.

That is my news from Reunion. I do have plenty more to write about in my next column, so please tune in and keep sending news. We will be sure to get it into a column as soon as we can. ♦ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** With our 30th Reunion less than six months away, there's been a lot of activity so far and lots of preparation under way. Reunion chairs **Mary Pykosz** Creekmore, **Maureen McCormick**, **Martha Plass** Sheeche, and **Ellen Gobel** Walsh are hard at work putting together a first-rate weekend, June 8-11. In keeping with class tradition, we hope to have a large turnout and we're looking to break another reunion record with more than 311 attendees. The more the merrier!

Reunion season got off to a great start when several classmates made it to New Haven for the Cornell-Yale football game in September. Kudos go to **Steve Garcia** for getting classmates an invite to tailgate with the Cornell Football Association. Class president **Rob Hellman** reports running into classmates **Steve Karr**, BArch '79, and **Carl Neuss**, who were with him at the Cornell Real Estate Council conference in Ithaca. They talked up gathering again in June at Reunion. Along with our Reunion Chairs, special thanks go to **Gary Davis**, **Karen Rupert** Keating, and **Eileen McManus** Walker for leading the class Major Gifts effort this

year, while **Diane Baker** is taking the lead on campaign participation. They're also working hard to maintain our record-breaking traditions.

Thanks to those of you who sent in your News Forms. In the personal news category, my husband **Morris Diamant '74** and I are now empty nesters. Our kids Sam and Julia are attending schools in Florida and Connecticut, respectively, and I can say that I am enjoying this time together. **Gregory Bohan** moved to Pompano Beach, FL, from Vermont. He is enjoying the warm weather. After 13 years as an innkeeper, he had enough of the "Bob Newhart" dream that all Hotelies have. He has opened an office for Pinnacle Advisory Group, a well-respected hospitality consulting firm founded by **Rachel Roginsky '79** in 1991. Gregory is enjoying being a full-time consultant.

In the landscape field since graduation, **James Sollecito** has the "dubious" honor of being the first Lifetime Senior New York State Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional in history. It does pay to stay on the top side of the turf, he says. James is pleased to see his old advisor, Dr. George Good, at various State Association functions. Instead of throwing a party when he turned 50, he spent it in the jungles and on the open water of Central America. Fly-fishing with his wife and two daughters is his new passion. **Roni Pelzman** Brissette is a yoga instructor and has gone up for Junior Intermediate II level of certification in the Iyengar method. Her son Jackson made the varsity hockey team at Brookline (MA) High School.

**Amy Downs** is a customer service rep at Software Publishing Co. in NYC. Her husband Dan is a professional wedding photographer and a middle school art teacher. They have two sons, ages 15 and 11. When the Cornell hockey team played in the NCAA West Regional in Minneapolis, **Scott Smith** was there. He said there were great fans and a pep band that was terrific. He hauled out an old, rather ill-fitting Cornell sweatshirt for the games, which surprised his fellow U. of Minnesota season ticket holders. Scott rooted hard for the Red, but the Gophers won. Hopefully he will still get his season tickets next year.

**Alan Suna** is chairman of the Queens Museum of Art and is also developing a 2.7-million-square-foot mixed-use project of housing, offices, retail, and film studios on the East River in NYC with architect Richard Rogers. On the other coast, **Beverly Chiang** Moris formed a new firm in San Francisco with a partner, specializing in library planning and library interior designer. After 14 years as the director of education and public relations with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of CNY, **Eileen Donahoe** Muhlig resigned in March 2005 to join the department management team of USA Funds Services, a student loan guarantor.

**Rob Hellman** and **Laurey Mogil** wrote that their son **Evan** is a sophomore in CALS and this year was named chairman of the CALS Ambassadors program. Their daughter Allison turned 13 and they celebrated her bat mitzvah with classmates **Peter Susser**, **Jeff and Roni Cohen Sandler '77**, **Betty Saks**, **Sheryl Goldstein**, **Cindi Freedman** Steinmetz, and fellow Cornellians **Ivan Lustig '80**, **MBA '82**, and **Richard and Rose**

**Gerof Kalikow '74**. Returning to Ithaca at the end of May for the graduation of daughter **Cara '05** from the College of Human Ecology, **Richard and Debra Sabin Nemchek** also had to move all of Cara's stuff from her Collegetown apartment. **Susan Feldman** Pollet is executive director of

and happiness during the difficult period. Ilene would like to thank him for his many kindnesses and emotional support. She has returned to a full schedule, and is at work on a book about knitting, her seventh book. Although life will never be the same, she realizes that she will survive and thrive.

## 'Fly-fishing with his wife and two daughters is James Sollecito's new passion.'

LISA DIAMANT '76

Pace Women's Justice Center, frequent contributor to the *New York Law Journal* and other professional journals, moderator and lecturer for Continuing Legal Education classes, and co-chair of Children's Rights Committee. She also serves on several task forces and boards.

The poem "Dear Daughter" by **Thaddeus Rutkowski** was nominated for a 2004 Pushcart Prize by the editors of *Failbetter*. His novel *Tetched* was a finalist for the 2004 Starcherone Fiction Prize. **Steven Weingarten** is a senior partner in the Albany lobbying firm of Weingarten, Reid, and McNally LLC. His daughter **Sarah** graduated from the Hotel school. Steven and wife Susan have nine children, including Kathleen Margaret, who was born March 4, 2005. The other children are Allison, 18, Maura, 13, Dan, 12, Patrick, 10, Connor, 9 and the twins, Brendan and Jack, 6.

**Phyllis Shuster** joined Holland and Knight LLP, in their West Palm Beach office as senior counsel. It's a great work environment with supportive, professional colleagues. She said that it was a great move for her. Daughter Rachel is at USC studying art and cinema and has already begun her filmmaking career. Phyllis watched USC win the national championship at the Orange Bowl, which was great fun. **Lori Mayer** wrote that she had the sad task of mailing son Daniel's notice that he will not be joining the entering class at the Engineering college, but decided to go to Caltech instead. Son **Matthew** finished up his freshman year at the Arts college, and daughter Sara is attending Boston U. Needless to say, the tuition bills are staggering.

**Jeanne Mullenhoff** is Assistant US Attorney, Appellate Division, Southern District of Florida. **Paula Griffin** Davis has been promoted to director of corporate and foundation relations at Ithaca College. She has been enjoying painting landscapes with soft pastels and attended an art workshop for a week in New Mexico. Her landscapes have been shown locally in the central Finger Lakes Region. The 2004 Clinical Nutrition Manager of the Year, North Central Division, Sodexo was **Anita Bailey**, MNS '84. She also volunteers at the US Tennis Association and plays tennis. **Ilene Rosenthal** Hochberg sadly reports that on August 21, 2004, she lost her husband Irwin. They had been together for 23 years, and the sense of grief and loss was almost overwhelming for her. It took a while to regain her equilibrium. Friends and family helped her through the dark times. One special friend is fellow Cornellian **Bob Wood '67**. He is a neighbor and has been a source of strength

I'm sure our classmates will join me in sending our condolences, and we send our best wishes for the future. ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, [Ljdiamant@rcn.com](mailto:Ljdiamant@rcn.com); **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [Krinsk54@aol.com](mailto:Krinsk54@aol.com); and **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [Relf@tds.net](mailto:Relf@tds.net).

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Here are the latest updates from our classmates. **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan's older daughter Michelle became engaged to **Joel Sandler '99** this past summer. Joel has just received his PhD from Scripps Inst. in La Jolla, CA. He and Michelle will move back to New York and be married in September '06. Cara's younger daughter **Erica '05** graduated from Cornell this past May and is now at Brooklyn Law School. Cara and Erica had a great time at Homecoming, which was Erica's first as an alumna. This brought back memories as Cara watched her daughter catch up with friends.

**M. Jane Klein** Epstein and husband Howard still live in Lexington, MA, with daughter Wendy, a high school senior, and son Michael, a high school junior. Wendy is looking at colleges, but unfortunately found Cornell to be too big (Jane had been hoping to spend more time on the Hill over the next four years). Howard works for CISCO Systems, spending a quarter of his time in San Jose, CA. Jane, meanwhile, continues to run her own "cottage industry," Thimble Pleasures, making gifts and quilts, including personalized ones, for all ages. She can also do machine embroidery, allowing her to make her own Cornell shirts. Jane notes that **Karen Zekind Buglass** and husband **Ralph '75** have moved to Bethesda, MD, where Karen is working at the Green Acres School as a fourth grade teacher. Her daughter Amy is a senior at Ithaca College on the other hill.

**Bob Kyle** is back at the practice of law at the firm of Hogan and Hartson in Washington, DC. He is married to Kate Fulton and has two great 5-year-old twin girls Grace and Ryan. Bob would love to hear from classmates who visit Washington and can be reached at (202) 637-5494. **Mike Nolan** provided a treasure trove of information. In September, Mike and his wife Alex attended Catherine Weiss's bat mitzvah in Washington, DC. "Cat" is the daughter of **Jeff '79** and Christie-Anne Weiss. Mike also caught up with our other class correspondent **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, reminiscing about living in the D.C. area. Mike provides an example of the "Cornell Connection" in action:

Rick Zimmerman called and inquired about opportunities at Bear Stearns for his son Will,

and Will is now employed in Bear's FAST group. To celebrate the new hire, **Brian Dunn**, MBA '81, former class president, came to Bear's Executive Dining Room for lunch with Will and Mike. Brian related the hiring story at Rick's 25th wedding anniversary party. Brian's son excels in soccer, which Mike notes is the only sport that all three of the Nolan boys play. Youngest son Stephen and Mike flew back from a sojourn in Ireland in August to help oldest son **Brian '09** move into his dorm at Cornell, where he is in the College of Arts and Sciences. Brian called his par-

interesting title, Move Over, Fellini: Digital Video for Everyone. **David Levine** took Meritocracy in America, **Debra Hyman** Rathausser participated in a sculpture course, and **Jane C. Schmieder** honed her bird-watching skills in Field Ornithology. **Joan Passiatore Popolo** (jepopolo@earthlink.net) enjoyed local natural wonders in the Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes course taught by Dr. Verne Rockcastle, a natural wonder in his own right. Joan and her husband **Carl** live in Carlisle, MA. Their oldest daughter, **Elizabeth '08**, attends the School of Human Ecology.

**Karen Kuhn** lives in Ohio, where she enjoys participating in agility with her Border collie, Piper. She also does obedience work with her kelpie dog, Lark. Her other dogs Casey and Torey are doing well, even at the geriatric age of 15. **Jay Carol Wilson** (jmkus@yahoo.com) and her husband **John Kuschner '77** live in Taipei, Taiwan. They have one child attending Boston College; the other two are still at home and attend the Taipei American School.

**Eve Murphy** Reid found her true love in Warren P. Weitman Jr., the chairman of Sotheby's North and South American operations. They first met 25 years ago in Staten Island, and both had other spouses and family over the intervening years. They became reacquainted within the last six years. Their romance reads like a fairytale, as reported in the *New York Times* this past summer. They got married in July and are living happily ever after! **Karl Loh** and his wife Gigi live in New Jersey. They have two young children, a daughter in kindergarten and a son in pre-school. They are envious of their classmates whose children have already gone off to college! Former roommate **Ann Connor** Ottobre received an Ohio State U. 2005 Distinguished Staff Award. The recipients were honored at the Homecoming football game (vs. Michigan State). She and husband Joe have two children. Erin, 22, attends Ohio State and is studying education, and Steven, 17, is in high school. Steven intends to enter OSU to study engineering once he graduates. Joe is a professor in the Dept. of Animal Science at OSU, and Ann is a research and instructional associate. They both recently received their "20 years of service" recognition plaques from OSU. Joe and Ann are looking forward to their 25th anniversary celebration in July 2006.

Another former roommate, **Diane Elliot** and her husband **Don Strenk** live near Los Angeles. Two of their children attend Cornell. **Michael '07** is a junior in Chemical Engineering, and daughter **Nikki '09** is in the Hotel school. Their son Stephen is a sophomore in high school. Don is the West Coast VP of retail sales for British Petroleum. Diane is the director of social work services at Irvine Regional Hospital. They are both active in alumni activities and serve as chairs of the Central Orange County CAAAN. I had the pleasure of enjoying dinner with Diane, Don, and their family when they came to Ithaca last August to travel with Nikki and Michael at the start of the school year. We all enjoyed the "mini-reunion" and traded stories from the last 20 years!

Since news is running short (if you haven't yet sent in your News Form from our annual mailing, please do so), I can brag a bit. I have a Border collie with which I compete in agility. We earned our Master Agility Champion title this past summer. It was very exciting and I have another dog in training now. Please let us know what's happening in your life. ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com.

**79** As I write this column in mid-October under Carolina blue skies and temperatures in the mid 80s, it is hard to believe that winter and the New Year are right around the corner. Cornellians everywhere grieve for the losses suffered by our friends on the Gulf Coast in the

## 'We can't fit any more Cornell stickers on our minivan!'

MARK MENDELSON '79

ents to tell them that he had to change his schedule to accommodate his position on the Cornell Premier Soccer (Club) Team. Coincidentally, he was paired up with class treasurer **Chuck Ortenberg's** son **David** as a roommate in the new Mews Hall. Mike commented on how kids are spoiled these days with beautiful, brand new dorms, refrigerators, laptops, computers, and air conditioning (just a little different from the U-Halls in the 1970s). Mike and Chuck and their families had lunch with **Dick Priester '75** and his wife Iryna in Andrew Dickson White's house (Mr. White was not home at the time). Dick is Mike's wife's cousin and has two daughters who are Cornellians, **Anya '07** and **Taisa '09**. While dropping Brian off, Mike visited the Alumni/Legacy tent and ran into **Ken Paddock**, whose son **Seth** is also a member of the Class of '09. Mike was also informed by **Ben Zaitz** that his daughter **Hillary** is a member of the Class of '09, too. Mike, thanks for all the news.

Finally, **Ruth Raisfeld** reports that she is in the fourth year of practice as a neutral mediator/arbitrator in employment and commercial disputes. Ruth recently attended a board of directors meeting of the ILR Alumni Association along with **Bruce Gitlin**, who was recently elected to the ILR Alumni Board. The Board is chaired by **Lisa Hunter**.

That's it for the months of January and February. Please forward news and views (and feel free to be wordy and to encourage friends to contribute) either to Lorrie or to me. ♦ **Howie Eisen**, Heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, rudin@starpower.net.

**78** Class of '78 participants in Cornell's Adult University (CAU) trips this past year included **Mike Rach '77**, DVM '82, and me traveling to Hawaii, and **George** and **Betty Jean Staniulus Thacker** enjoying a trip to Provence. Several of our classmates attended the CAU on-campus programs this past summer. **David Bilmes** took a course entitled All Hands on Deck: Navies, Naval Power, and the Flow of History. **Evan Fram** immersed himself in the course with the most

**Katherine Schnare** Foulke (BioKate@aol.com) lives in Portland, OR, with her husband Casey Shaar and son Carson, currently a third grader. Casey is part owner of a company that "actually manufactures a product in the United States, employing US citizens (fiber optic test equipment)." Katherine, Casey, and Carson have a dog, Lucy, who is an enormous, yet lovable, labradoodle. Katherine teaches biology at Jesuit High School after taking seven years off to raise her son. She is also the chairperson of the religious education committee at the First Unitarian Church and on the board of the Hollywood School Foundation. In her spare time, Katherine likes to read and keep in shape.

**Christopher Lloyd Ward** (wardc2002@aol.com) and his wife Julia Myer live in Philadelphia with their children Dylan, 13, and Laurensen, 12. Dylan excels in squash, and Laurensen plays both the piano and violin. Christopher continues to create bronze portrait busts and sculpture and won the Philadelphia Woodmere Museum Prize for sculpture. He is also represented at the Findlay Gallery in NYC on Madison Avenue and had a show at the JMS Gallery in Philadelphia in the fall. Christopher is working as a corporate sales consultant and is helping to launch the new Henry Jacobson men's line at Lord and Taylor.

**Stephen Pope** lives in Santa Barbara and married Barbara Fields last summer. He is currently a senior research specialist, graduate lecturer, and composer in residence at UCSB. **Peter Chatel** (pchatel@na.ko.com) lives in Marietta, GA. He is a VP of operational quality at Coca-Cola North America. Peter has three daughters: Alison attends the U. of Georgia, Lindsay is a senior in high school, and Sarah is in middle school. Peter was one of four finalists for the IQPC Six Sigma Innovation Award in 2005. **James Megna** (megna@telephonics.com) commutes between two residences, one in Massachusetts and one on Long Island. He has daughters **Kathryn '09**, who is studying Engineering at Cornell, and Michelle, who goes to Boston College. James is a principal engineer for Telephonics Inc. He reports that he plays golf with **Jay Prizant**. Jay's eldest daughter Jennifer attends Case Western.

wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and we thank all members of the Class of '79 for their help on relief efforts.

**Ryan Bliss** (rhino\_reb@hotmail.com) and his wife Elaine have been living in Bangkok, Thailand, for the past five years. Last year, they welcomed a new addition, Hector—a Pomeranian! “Elaine and I have been married for seven years. Five years ago, an opportunity arose for Elaine to take a position helping to set up and run a voluntary cleaner production program in Thailand. After that program ended, she took a job with another company, managing a technical services and support contract for USAID’s Asia Environmental Partnership Program. I have kept myself busy doing some editing/data analysis consulting for local academies, as well as teaching some English, writing proceedings for World Bank workshops, and writing incisive letters to the editor of the two major English-language newspapers. While living in Thailand, we both got advanced diving certification. We spend some time at the beach and we explore the national parks. We do get to travel and have been fortunate enough to visit Angkor Wat (Cambodia), Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, and Singapore. I can highly recommend Vietnam, especially Hanoi and Sapa in the northern highlands. If Cornellians are traveling in Asia, please let me know.”

**Emily Fish** Haynes (emily.haynes@bvsd.k12.co.us) sends news from Lafayette, CO. Emily teaches science and is the space science coordinator at Boulder Valley Schools. She is a MESSENGER Educator Fellow and participated in the Athena Student Interns Program with the Mars Rover Mission. Emily and her husband Mark enjoy hiking and biking and keeping up with their daughters Tamara, 10, and Katherine, 8. **Sharon Rowe** Freeman (sfreeman2@nc.rr.com) and her husband of 12 years live in Clayton, NC, just outside of Raleigh. “We are both employees of North Carolina State U. and work in the same department. Terry does building construction and maintenance, and I manage a research facility where we conduct nutritional trials with cattle, sheep, and meat goats. We are both at the 25-year mark with NCSU. I am also a part-time PhD candidate and hope to graduate in May 2006! We are busy with our veggie garden: canning, cooking, and weeding. We are active with our church, and I enjoy working with Habitat for Humanity and with ARC of Wake County, where I serve as a ‘big sister’ to a mentally handicapped friend. This past summer, we traveled to New York and Michigan to celebrate high school graduations with nieces. We spent some time at the Outer Banks in September and did some surf fishing.”

**Elisabeth Nadler** (lnadler@nc.rr.com) is a physician at Triangle Family Practice of the Duke U. Medical System. In her spare time, she enjoys bicycling, hiking, yard work, and volunteering. Elisabeth and her partner, Deborah Pilkington, live in Durham, NC. **Tim** and **Laura Hitt McCann** (themccanns@comcast.net) live in Elkton, MD. They enjoy water sports and riding their Icelandic horses. Their daughter **Amanda '09** is a freshman at Cornell in Arts and Sciences. Tim works for DuPont while Laura manages the house, horses, and kids, and volunteers in the community.

**Cynthia Wolberger** Adams (cwolberg@jhmi.edu) is a professor of biophysics at Johns Hopkins. Cynthia and her husband Jeff are the parents of Rachel, 12, and Joshua, 7. From Wilmington, DE, **Mark Mendelson** writes, “My wife Elaine and I have been going strong for 22 years. We have three boys, Aaron, 19, Justin, 17 and Kurt, 16. **Aaron '08** is a Cornell Arts and Sciences sophomore ‘premed.’ Justin is currently in the college search mode, but we can’t fit any more Cornell stickers on our minivan! I head the global e-business development effort at Bassell Polyolefins and have been with them for 26 years. We have resided in Wilmington for the last 17 years. Time flies when you’re having fun!”

**Tony Mazzullo** (tmazzullo@yahoo.com) and his wife Kim live in Rochester, NY. “I am currently senior VP of operations for ePlus Systems, a \$570M public company headquartered in Herndon, VA. I am in Rochester, where the Software Operations Center is located. We have a very successful company that has grown 80 percent in the past year. I have three daughters and a step-daughter. Andrea is a junior at Penn State, Katie is a freshman at the U. of Buffalo, Rachel is in seventh grade, and Christine is in second grade. I still have two chances to start a legacy at Cornell. Overall, my life is good and my Cornell education has worked well for me.” **Lisa Barsanti** Hoyt has joined the Metro New York Regional Office for Alumni Affairs and Development as a senior associate director. Lisa will be focusing on campaign initiatives throughout New Jersey.

**Wendy Schaenen**, MD '83 (wschaenen@aol.com) is an internist in Lemoyne, PA. Wendy and her husband **Anand Jagannath**, MD '83, have children Andrew, 13, and Julia, 10. “Between our work and the kids, there isn’t a lot of time left over, but we do enjoy the symphony and the opera and outdoor sports.” **Greg Strub** and his family are now living in Harrisburg, PA, where Greg works for Pepsi Bottling Group. Greg and Joan have children Carly, 21, and Stephen and Chelsea, both 14.

Please keep in touch with your classmates by taking a moment to send us your news. You can submit news electronically to me, Kathy, or Cynthia, or at classof79@cornell.edu. ♦ **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net. Class website, <http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**80** Nobody cared about other people’s self-esteem issues on that blustery day in 1978 when I shared my sudden epiphany that Libe Slope was thus named because—remember, admission standards were lower then—there was a library at the top. The careful reader will note that we had been at Cornell for more than a year at that point. So if you’re looking for Pulitzer caliber stuff, go to the Class of '99.

**Kerry Gardner** Gryczynski has the honor of being the first classmate I ever reported on, and she dang near became the last. She reports that she and her husband Ed “are enjoying retirement.” If I had a nickel for every penny I’ve saved for retirement, I still wouldn’t have enough to cover the cost of the beer I spit across the room when

I read her note. They live in Virginia, where they are involved in community and church activities. Kerry is a volunteer preparing for the celebration of Virginia’s 400th anniversary, which will be the major party of 2007, so haul yourself down there when the time comes. Still in the working world is **Clifford Strat**, who writes that he recently qualified as a 757/767 captain for Delta Air Lines and Song Airlines; his wife **Amy (Warner) '81** is still practicing internal medicine. They live in Georgia with their three sons.

**Nanette Cooper**-McGuinness is a lyric soprano. She wins this month’s “coolest job title” award, although “airline pilot” is pretty keen. Check out her website at [www.nanette.biz](http://www.nanette.biz). She was a semifinalist singer in an opera competition in 2003 and performs regularly at venues around the world. Her husband **Dave McGuinness '79** is an executive with Citibank. Sorry, Dave, “lyric soprano” gets my vote, unless you can do something about my heinous credit card bill.

**Jodi Diehl** Nestle, our sainted reunion co-chair (with **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead) is trying to unload the fleece vests left over from Reunion. They have the bear and “Cornell '80” embroidered on the breast. Proceeds go into the class coffers. Twenty bucks covers a vest and shipping. Contact her by e-mail at [navycows@optonline.net](mailto:navycows@optonline.net). She really wants them out of her attic, so dust off your checkbooks. “Practice Limited to Horses.” This is on the business card **William Patterson** sent us. He’s a sawbones for polo ponies in Palm Beach. He also has a practice in Ohio and plays in polo tournaments.

I recently attended a class officer training conference on campus and toured the new dorms on both North and West Campus. They’re pretty groovy, and if you haven’t been there in a few years, you need to take a look. The U-Halls on West Campus are being torn down, and if you hurry you can steal a brick from the pile. They’re heavy, though, and you’ll draw attention walking through Collegetown unless you put it in a bag; trust me on this one. The bricks were made in Horseheads and have a big “H” on them. At the conference lunch, the caterer served those lemon bars that have the same balance of tartness and sweetness you used to find in key lime pie before the recipe got bastardized by people who were afraid to use key lime juice like it was intended to be used. I had some key lime pie in Key West in 1974 that I still dream about, but it’s all gone now, like chrome bumpers and waiters who don’t tell you their names.

What’s your passion? Kids, baseball, small town America, music? **David Sprague** is a practicing psychologist in Batavia, where he lives with his wife Diane, their two kids, and their two pets. He also has an office in Williamsville. **Guy Hunneymen** and his wife Nan spend most of their free time shuttling their two boys around northern New York and Canada—the kids are on traveling baseball teams. **Susan Winsor** Griffith and husband Philip recently adopted two boys from Guatemala and are raising them in Arlington, MA. Susan performs with the Lexington Sinfonietta, an orchestra dedicated to spreading appreciation of classical music; she also serves as treasurer on the board of directors of this nonprofit organization. Gather ye rosebuds while ye may.

Sometimes what people don't write on the news forms they send us can be as compelling as what they do write, but we are not mind readers, and we call 'em like we sees 'em. To wit: **Stacy West** Clark writes that she "had a wonderful time visiting **Kathy Dixon-Leone** at her home at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach." I've been to the Breakers. It's just like Motel 6—in the sense that Istanbul is just like Horseheads.

**Joey Green**, BArch '81, writes that he and **Jay Balk** attended a benefit concert given by septuagenarian rocker Chuck Berry in St. Louis. Joey's next book is *Marx and Lennon: The Parallel Sayings*. It is, of course, a juxtaposition of sayings by Groucho and John, respectively, and contains a foreword and introduction by Yoko Ono and Arthur Marx, respectively. Roll over, Beethoven: **Frederic Zonsius** has an architecture and interior design firm in Manhattan. He has done interiors for Giorgio Armani stores, among others. His website ([www.fzad.com](http://www.fzad.com)) plays Beethoven, which is very soothing, if you don't have your computer speakers inadvertently cranked too loud. Learned that the hard way, but it did lead to one heck of a segue. **Sam Wennberg**, "engineer at heart, with the enthusiasm of a child, where anything is possible," is the president of Ocean Power Technologies, a company that is attempting to harness the energy from ocean waves.

We live in a glorious age, and I love this job—energy from ocean waves! Lyric sopranos! Beethoven! Horseheads! I swear, if I ever see a news form from a Jerry Garcia impersonator, I'm quitting my day job and joining the circus. We received an interesting reminiscence from **Steve Benjamin**, who recalls his seven-week trip through Europe with **Josh Rosenblatt** after graduation. The trip cost them \$1,500 a pop—airfare, rail pass, the whole schmear—and they had the time of their lives. Steve is a colon cancer survivor, and you can read about his gathering of rosebuds when we rejuvenate the class website. But remember: we're volunteers. It should be current by the time you read this, we hope.

**Mike Pliss** is Director of Information and Instructional Technology for the Ithaca City School District after spending 20 years in the private sector saving up money to send his four kids to college, three of whom have already taken him up on his largess.

We're chipping away at the news forms we've received, so if you haven't seen your news yet, be patient. Also, for those who haven't sent in news, let us know what you're up to. Remember: you can't relive the past, but if you did it right, you don't need to. We'll always have Horseheads. ♦ **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu); **Tim O'Connor**, [tvoc0744@optonline.net](mailto:tvoc0744@optonline.net); **Cynthia Addonizio-Biano**, [caa28@cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:leonabarsky@aol.com).

**81** Happy New Year to you and your family! It's hard to believe that our 25th Reunion is just six months away.

Don't forget, it's the weekend of June 8-11. We really hope you will be able to attend.

Your Class of '81 friends are doing well everywhere. In the Boston area, we have lots to report. **Marc Laredo** and his wife **Roberta**

(**Karon**) '82 welcomed daughter Emma on November 26, 2004. Marc writes, "She is a gift!" Emma joins brothers Joshua, 15, and Matthew, 13. Marc is a partner in the law firm of Laredo & Smith LLP, and also serves on the Newton School Committee. Roberta has her own nutrition counseling practice. You can reach the Laredos at [laredofamily@rcn.com](mailto:laredofamily@rcn.com). Also in Newton, **Jeffrey R. Kaplan** sold his feline veterinarian practice, Metro Cats, three years ago. He continues to work there as an employee/manager. Jeff and his wife Sally Brickell are busy raising four children, Russell, 15, Alyssa, 12, Bennett, 9, and Forrest, 5. Their e-mail address is [brickland6@rcn.com](mailto:brickland6@rcn.com).

**Bonnie Berg** and her husband Andrew Keelin share a chiropractic practice in Weston, MA. They have kids Perri, 11, and Alec, 8. Send them a note at [restlessdoggies@comcast.net](mailto:restlessdoggies@comcast.net). In Lenox, MA, **Renee Miller** Mizia recently graduated from Western New England College School of Law. Classmate **Debi Wheaton** Hemdal graduated with her. Renee and husband John (UMass '82) have a daughter **Alyse**, 18, who is a freshman in the Ag college's animal science program.

Also in law school is **Richard Dinardo** of Guilford, CT. Rich attends the U. of Connecticut Law School in Hartford. Last summer, Rich served as an intern in the chambers of the Hon. Peter Dorsey, Federal Court Judge, in New Haven. Rich and wife Susan can be reached at [RichRSD14@aol.com](mailto:RichRSD14@aol.com). In Millburn, NJ, **Jennifer Rosenberg Markovitz** and husband **Michael**, BArch '82, are raising children Lauren, 13, and Max, 10. **Marci Shapiro** Silbert ([marci@silberts.com](mailto:marci@silberts.com)) and her family reside in Short Hills, NJ. Marci recently completed a fundraising event for the Child Life department at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. She and her team raised \$50,000 at a Newark Bears baseball game, complete with children's activities, concerts, and special performers.

**Timothy Lewis** ([lewis.family@comcast.net](mailto:lewis.family@comcast.net)) and his wife Margaret live in Clarksville, MD, and have two children. Their daughter Kristen recently graduated from NYU and is pursuing an acting career; daughter **Kara '08** is a sophomore at Cornell, where she plays varsity soccer. Tim writes that his father, **Fred T. Lewis, DVM '53**, received "The Good Doctor Award" for his work containing an outbreak of equine herpes virus. In Bethesda, **Jim** and **Naomi Gelzer Kettler**, BArch '82, have lots of news. They and their children Charlotte, 14, Philip, 12, and Nicholas, 9, recently traveled to Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, and Italy. The children are all interested in artistic pursuits, including ballet, cello, piano, and voice. Naomi is taking graduate classes at George Washington U. and the Corcoran School of Art and Design in interior design, as well as doing consulting work and volunteering in church and school arenas. Jim is serving as president of the Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association, as well as serving on the executive board of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Last May, Naomi had a reunion with **Alyssa Alia Malanga**, **Jill Flack**, **Martha Garcia**, and **Sarina Monast Bronfin '82** in NYC, where they saw the production of *Wicked*. You can catch up with the Kettlers at [jket58@aol.com](mailto:jket58@aol.com).

**Linda Kosobucki** Mullen and her husband Donald are living in Round Hill, VA, with their

children Maxwell, 9, and Shelby, 6. In Great Falls, VA, **Renee Malcolm** Weir ([renee\\_weir@yahoo.com](mailto:renee_weir@yahoo.com)) is a single mom keeping busy with three active boys Kevin, 14, Charlie, 11, and Ian, 6. She would love to hear from any classmates in the D.C. area. In Greensboro, NC, **Lorraine DeBona** Marshall and her husband Steve are raising two daughters, Catherine, a freshman in high school, and Elizabeth, in sixth grade. The Marshalls also have an antiques and jewelry design business. Check out their website, [www.BonBonsJewelry.com](http://www.BonBonsJewelry.com). Congratulations to **Mark Amos**, who was recently granted tenure in the Dept. of English at Southern Illinois U.

**Douglas Nelson**, MS '84, and his family have lived in Watertown, WI, since the summer of 2001. Doug's younger children Emily, 14, and Chris, 11, are very active in school and sports activities; his older children Amber, 26, and Patrick, 22, are enjoying careers in Hamilton, NY. Doug was recently promoted to VP of science and technology at Knight Treatment Systems, where he works on new product development and field applications. Also in Wisconsin is **Claire McVeigh** Mirande, a conservation biologist. She is currently leading a United Nations Environment Program to protect rare birds and wetlands in Asia.

**Wendy Hendrick** Hiester and husband Andy recently moved to Bellingham, WA, with children Liz, 18, a lacrosse player, and James, 14, a baseball player. In Santa Monica, CA, **Adam Petriella** ([adam@petriella.com](mailto:adam@petriella.com)) and his wife Alicia Proctor welcomed Aidan, born on July 5, 2004. Adam and family relocated from New York, and he is heading up the Capital Corporation Division of Marcus & Millichap, a firm specializing in real estate mortgage financing. **Susan Wisner** has been living in New Zealand for the past 12 years. She is an ecologist at Landcare Research, where she focuses on the environmental impacts of forestry, ecology of rare ecosystems, and ecoinformatics. Susan saw **Rhonda Dorfman** Greenapple, who was touring the South Island on a bike tour. They caught up with each other after 20 years. See you at Reunion 25! ♦ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, [lashoto@rcn.com](mailto:lashoto@rcn.com); **Jennifer Read** Campbell, [ronjencam@aol.com](mailto:ronjencam@aol.com); and **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@adelphia.net](mailto:bsilverfine@adelphia.net).

**82** Congrats to **Jeffrey Segall**, who wrote from Mountain View, CA, that he was "married for the first and last time on October 2, 2004 to the former Meredith Brown, now Segall, in Big Sur, CA." You can send your best wishes to Jeffrey at [jsegall@hotmail.com](mailto:jsegall@hotmail.com). **John Mennell** wrote that he was in Ithaca and started reminiscing, which started him "Googling" friends, which led him to our class column. He e-mailed that he moved back to the East Coast after stints in Columbus, OH, and Madison, WI. He now lives in the Princeton area and works for a software company. He has raised a couple of kids and now dogs ("just hairy kids") and on the side runs Magazine Literacy, an organization he founded. To learn more about "feeding kids hungry to learn," visit John's website, <http://MagazineLiteracy.org/>. (And don't forget, you can also find all alumni through the Cornell Alumni directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/directory>.)

Speaking of dogs, **Liz Dibs** Dole, DVM '86 (blklabvet@aol.com) is "still enjoying work as a veterinarian (dogs and cats only)" in Syracuse and can't believe she is entering her 20th year in practice. Liz visited with **Tim Plunkett** '81, DVM '86, and **Renee Bayha** Gossett '81 at a conference in Baltimore. She also had dinner with **Carolyn Koplinka** Peterson '81 and husband David in Charlottesville, VA, and reports that she is doing well. **Paul Wright** (paulwright@yahoo.com) lives in Hoboken, NJ, and is a VP at Goldman Sachs. **David Ehrlich** is of counsel to the entertainment law firm of Roberts and Ritholz in NYC. **Kathie Oates** is a quality assurance analyst at Home Funding Funders in their Latham, NY, branch, a mortgage bank she has been with for 12 years. She reports that daughter Leslie is a junior at the U. of Buffalo, where she's studying both architecture and political science. Kathie asks if anyone keeps in touch with Aya Abinovsky, who transferred to Columbia U. before our graduation.

**Michael Panosian** wrote that he is serving as the 88th Surgical Operations Squadron Commander, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, and was preparing to deploy to Southwest Asia for six months as an Expeditionary Medical Group Commander. He reports that Col. **Alan Tucker** was selected to command a group at Hanscom AFB in Bedford, MA. **John Tacca** (tacca@ptd.net) and family returned to the US after living the last four years in Germany. The whole family, John, wife Becky, and four boys, enjoyed living in Europe and are doing well back in the States.

Lots of sons are keeping classmates busy! **Patti Rodgers** Bishop has three sons: Austin, who is attending Case Western Reserve, Evan 15, and Eric, 12. Patti is "so happy to have found a meaningful/challenging profession": teaching 7th and 8th graders math and science at the Lawrence School, a private school for bright students with learning challenges, primarily ADD, OCD, dyslexia, and dysgraphia. She would love to hear from **Nader Golestaneh**, **Bob** '83 and **Kate Daly Stelletello** '83, and **Ken DiPietro** '81.

**Teddi Hanslowe** Sapolsky is a soloist with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City and keeps busy with sons William and Nicholas. She reports that **Donald Button** and his wife Malena Fuentes adopted a son, Nikolas, from Russia. They live in Palo Alto, CA, where they both work for Roche. **Steven Waisbren** practices general surgery, gastrointestinal surgery, advanced laparoscopic surgery, surgical oncology, and vascular surgery in Minneapolis. He and wife Bernadette Groh have sons Ari, 12, and Willie, 13.

**Sheryl Leventhal** writes that her first son, Dan, is an accomplished jazz guitar and trumpet player and all-around good student. Second son Jeff is a developing tennis player and drummer. Husband Peter Schwartz's business, Aremco Products, is going well, "and they are all enjoying skiing, hiking, and traveling." Sheryl is taking a leave of absence from her hematology/oncology practice to pursue interests in nutrition and prevention. And last, **John Pisacane** has two boys in high school, so John "is worrying about college applications." He adds, "Besides being seen as a leading dentist in the field of CAD/CAM dentistry, I have now become a trainer for other dentists who

## Rising Ambitions

DAVID WORSLEY '83, ME '84

David Worsley is about to embark on the biggest project of his life, and the world is watching. The former structural engineering major is now senior vice president of World Trade Center Properties LLC, a subsidiary of Silverstein Properties, the real estate and investment firm that owned and operated the World Trade Center and is now leading the rebuilding effort. As structural engineer and chief of construction, Worsley will oversee the building of the Freedom Tower, the 1,776-foot-tall centerpiece of a proposed lower Manhattan redevelopment project rising on the site where the twin towers once stood.

Worsley, who lives with his wife and two sons in Westchester, New York, went into construction management after graduation. Before landing his position at Silverstein, he was the project executive for the Time Warner Center, a mixed-use facility at New York City's Columbus Circle that blends a corporate headquarters with restaurants, performing arts space, retail stores, and apartments. It was a complicated endeavor, but the Freedom Tower is shaping up to be far more difficult. "The unique challenge of designing and building the Freedom Tower is the incredible amount of public scrutiny of every step in the process," Worsley says. "This is due to the history



of what happened at this site. You don't have that in a typical private project."

When the tower's foundation is laid this spring, Worsley will have come, in a sense, full circle. As a graduate student, he worked with the World Trade Center's original structural engineer, Leslie Robertson, who served as adviser for his 1984 master's thesis. Now, almost twenty-two years later, Worsley has hired Robertson's firm to review the Freedom Tower plans. It's a collaboration that shows just how high Worsley's career has climbed since Cornell. "If you have chosen building buildings as a career," he says, "building skyscrapers in the skyscraper capital of the world is the ultimate."

— Jill Weiskopf '06

obtain the advanced CEREC one-visit crown system for themselves." You can find John at Willow Glen Dentistry in San Jose, CA, or drjohn@wgdentistry.com.

Now that winter has arrived, you may want to start thinking about summer in Ithaca at one of Cornell's Adult University programs. Last year, several of our classmates participated in study tours, including **Mary Caporal** Benton, who took *The Eclectic Ethnic: A Culinary Workshop*; **Sharon Lieberman**, who participated in *The Rowing Clinic*; and **Donna Tobin**, who enjoyed *Outdoor Skills and Thrills for Parents and Teens*. ❖ **Nina M. Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; and **Mark E. Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

**83** Though it will be 2006 by the time you read this, we're still catching up on the e-mail news we received last spring as a result of my co-correspondent **David Pattison's** news-gathering. We would like to make a special plea for news from our Gulf Coast classmates displaced due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Please let us know how you fared during the storms and give us your updated contact information.

New baby reports are continuing to trickle in. **Stewart Glickman** and wife Sarah announced the birth of son Ben in June 2005, joining siblings Daniel and Rachel. The Glickmans live in Maplewood, NJ, where Stewart works for

PricewaterhouseCoopers. **Carl and Alicia Berthoud Torrey** recently celebrated their 20th anniversary and are the proud parents of Kensey, 18, Benjamin, 16, and Casey, 8. It's double-trouble for **Scott Shaw** and wife Lily, parents of 11-year-old twins Christine and Rebecca. Scott is an engineering manager for Texas Instruments and lives in the Dallas suburb of Plano. Twins Julia and Olivia, 7, also keep **Steven Duca** busy, along with his insurance business in Boca Raton, FL. Steven would love to hear from other Cornellians in the South Florida area.

Soaking up the sun in San Diego is **Sarah Gutz**, who works for Hewlett Packard but takes time out for an annual ski trip to Salt Lake City, where she meets up with **Leanne Brandt**, DVM '87, a resident Salt Laker and confessed "ski

Twenty-two years later, he is still with Four Seasons, most recently as general manager/regional VP for Aviara Four Seasons in San Diego.

In the past year, the best thing that happened to interior designer **Thresa Gibian** was being asked to teach six weeks of the Senior Interior Design Studio course in D&EA at Cornell. With only two weeks notice, Thresa ran the course like a professional interior design studio and sought suggestions from campus facility managers regarding interior spaces on campus in need of renovation. Since last spring, two of the spaces have been renovated per the class recommendations. Writes Thresa, "It was fun to be in the classroom sharing what I have learned over the past 20-plus years of working on interiors space planning issues with major corporations."

## 'Globalization is alive and well, even at the family level!'

JEHAN ARULPRAGASAM '83

maniac." **Carol Janney** recently accomplished a goal begun during her junior year at Cornell—she rode her bike all the way across North America. Her longest trek included a solo ride from Washington State to her home state of Minnesota, where she is a statistician for the Mayo Clinic.

**Dave and Cindy Rosenberg Cohen** are transplanted New Yorkers "surviving in the rough Midwest" in Cincinnati, OH. Dave works at Procter & Gamble in information and decision solutions and Cindy works at Children's Hospital in emergency medicine. Children Jill, 14, and Evan, 11, are both showing signs of being Ivy League material. For Dave, "a recent highlight was enjoying Cornell hockey's win over Ohio State and for a brief moment having local sports bragging rights." Dave stays in close touch with **Eric Geismar**, a legal counsel for Medtronics in Los Angeles, and **Carlo Frappolli**, working in human resources for Bank One in Chicago.

Last year's e-mail blast generated many long, thoughtful responses, and we appreciate everyone who shared their reflections on the more than 23 years since we graduated and how our time at Cornell influenced our life choices. Many of you wrote to us for the first time. A few highlights:

A stay-at-home mom since the birth of her first child in 1993, **Randi Miloro** Warshall now channels her energies into her four children (ages 4 to 12) and into community activities such as being president of the PTA. Her 11-year-old son is number two in his weight class in New York State wrestling, and he hopes to wrestle for the Big Red someday. Before her kids came along, Randi worked in the field of labor relations, first in New York for a hospital workers union and then for the National Treasury Employees Union in Chicago. **Robert Cima** recalls that 22 years ago he was working the 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. shift for Hyatt Regency Chicago as an assistant bar manager. He had so much fun in that environment that he joined Four Seasons after six months.

Twenty-two years ago, **Mary Jane Curry** was writing her honors essay and wondering where to get a job in publishing. After working in publishing in Boston for eight years, she obtained her PhD in education from the U. of Wisconsin and is now in her second year of teaching at the U. of Rochester. She notes that Rochester has a huge Cornell Alumni Club, which is a lot of fun. **David Weil** resides in the Boston area with his wife Miriam and his daughters Rachel, 16, and Alanna, 13. He has been a professor of economics at Boston U.'s School of Management for more than a decade, as well as a research fellow at the Kennedy School at Harvard. He continues to be grateful to ILR faculty like Nick Salvatore for being academic role models and mentors.

**Jane Mosey-Nicoletta** has found a creative use for her Animal Science major—she's now "wrangling attorneys" in Springfield, IL, where she works as "business manager/den mother" for a general practice law firm. Jane and husband Mike have two kids, Jesse, 6, who is already on skates playing Mini-Mite Hockey (will we see him in Lynah Rink someday?), and Camilla, an active 4-year-old who attends a preschool program for children with Down Syndrome and other special needs. Jane serves as the CAAAN chairperson for downstate Illinois and recruited classmate **Corey Webman** Miller, who recently moved to Springfield to assist her with CAAAN activities. Jane also keeps in touch with **Alyssa Bickler** Guelzow, who, along with husband John and daughter Alex, 8, lives in Wake Forest, NC, where John is a sales director for a major athletic equipment manufacturer.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, **Jehan Arulpragasam** leads the World Bank's work on poverty issues in Indonesia, including the damage and loss assessment for the tsunami and earthquake disaster. "Globalization is alive and well, even at the family level!" writes Sri Lankan native Jehan, whose children Lucas, 3, and Sofia, 1, were born in the US and Singapore, respectively, and whose wife Silvia

was born in Hamburg, Germany. Jehan adds that he runs into many Cornellians in Jakarta, including several at the local World Bank office.

**Lynn Broide** Mueller visited Cornell for the first time since graduation last summer and was shocked by the changes to our university, though reassured that some favorite haunts hadn't changed. Lynn and family (husband Tom and kids Erich, 15, Geoffrey, 13, and Leanne, 10) live in Groton, MA. After eight years as a consultant in the high-tech industry and ten years as a stay-at-home mom, Lynn returned to work as a teaching assistant in the local elementary school, where she works with children in the special education program. Writes Lynn, "Life can be very different from what we arrogant Ivy Leaguers plan, but different can be good, even better than we ever imagined. I may not be able to afford to send my kids to Cornell, and my husband and I might be working until we die, but we are rich beyond our wildest dreams." Please send news to ❖ **Dinah Godwin**, Dinah.godwin@earthlink.net; and **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net.

**84** OK, we have celebrated everyone's 40th birthday and we have printed stories of children arriving and of interesting travels.

Now it's time to tell us about good deeds. If you and yours are involved in emergency relief, Habitat for Humanity, scouting, coaching, or outreach of any kind, either as a full-time job or a volunteer activity, let us know! This news will not only fill our column, but it will serve as an inspiration to other classmates as well.

**Richard Parker** recently moved into a circa 1850 home in the Glen Park neighborhood of San Francisco with Molly and Scout, two Jack Russell terriers, after his divorce. Richard and **David Bushnell '80** founded 450 Architects, a nationally recognized sustainable design firm. Richard coordinated several tours, panel discussions, and award ceremonies during UN World Environment Day events in San Francisco in June. Two other architecture classmates **Moses Vaughan '85** and **Bob Glazier '83** are also in the Bay Area and own their own businesses. **Michael Kanellos** and wife Monika have a daughter Emily and also live in San Francisco. Michael works as editor-at-large for News.com, a technology news site. Recently he spent time in India writing on the growth of the tech industry in the country. Soon he will be off to Qatar for the same.

Further south in California, **Han Chiu** is in La Jolla and is the founder of Novel Bioventures Advisors, a single LP life science venture fund. Han has decided to move on to create a fully syndicated venture fund. The new fund will have a target size of \$150M and will add at least one additional partner. Any Cornellians with an interest or suggestions for investors, contact Han at han@novelbioventures.com. Han and his family enjoyed a three-week vacation to China this past summer.

**Mark Cogen** is in New Zealand for a year as an anesthesiologist in an underserved hospital. Mark's wife Josie and daughters Alyssa and Rebecca are with him in Whakatane on the North Island about three hours from Auckland. They are taking this opportunity to see a new part of

the world and learn to scuba dive and surf. If you are in New Zealand, look up the Cogens at [mjcohen301@mac.com](mailto:mjcohen301@mac.com). **Gary Daniel** writes from Toronto, ON, that he and wife Robin have two children under 10, Reese and Oliver. Robin is competing in the US National Scrabble championships in Reno, NV. Gary still practices intellectual property law as a partner of the law firm Blake, Cassels and Gradon LLP in Toronto.

Cornell's Adult University continues to attract classmates. This past summer **Caryl Cardenas** completed a workshop at the Cornell Plantations called Perfect Plants for the Perfect Garden. Outdoor Skills and Thrills included **Emily Liu** Filloramo, and The Wine Class captured the attention of **Robert Hole**. **William Ryan** enjoyed Digital Video.

Fellow freshman Donlonies **Greg and Jenny Hubbard Garner** write that "after 12 years of relative stability (same home, same job, etc.)," they have moved from downtown Denver to a western suburb. The starter home had finally gotten too small for the growing family (including Geoff and Selby), so the Garners now live in Wheat Ridge, CO, just downstream from the Coors Beer plant in Golden. After 12 years as counsel to Office Technology Systems, Greg has begun working for the Hamilton Family Trust, managing legal matters for various real estate investments. The whole family is looking forward to making the trek back to Ithaca in summer '06, where Geoffrey Cornell Garner can see his namesake!

**Karen Ansbro** Leone is on the move. Her family left Rochester, NY, for State College, PA, where Karen's husband took a tenured position at the Smeal School of Business at Penn State. Karen remarks that these household moves "get more difficult as we approach middle age, especially for daughter Grace and son George." Karen will continue to do her all-women trips through her firm, Go 'n Groove. At the time she wrote, she was planning a trip to Beaver Creek, CO, called HOTEL COLORADO 25, a reunion for Hotelies and non-Hotelies who remember the Hotel Colorado parties of the late '70s and early '80s. Look for information on that trip or any other at [www.goandgroove.com](http://www.goandgroove.com).

**Karl and Janice Ziegler Groskaufmanis** live in Oak Hill, VA, with their children Lauren, Christopher, and Jacqueline. Janice became a partner in the health law department of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP in January 2003. She practices in the D.C. office of the 700-plus attorney firm. Janice and **Liz Alvarez** Del Castillo '85 got together in Scottsdale, AZ, in April. **Cynthia Kannus** Batterman started with Nelson-Bach USA in North Wilmington, MA, as president. Cynthia and her husband Christopher now reside in Andover, MA.

**Terri Port McClellan** has received a number of notes from classmates since they received their copies of Chinua Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*. As we approach our 25th Reunion, the class officers thought that including our class in the annual 2005 New Student Reading Project, which has actually become a University Reading Project, would be a good way to re-connect classmates to Cornell. **Mariann Roese Fessenden** finally got a chance to open the packet with her

copy of the book. Mariann had been a little busy because she and her husband **John '85** were getting their daughter **Marissa** ready to head to Cornell as a member of the freshman class. Marissa greatly enjoyed the book and the study groups. John and Mariann are getting to enjoy Cornell all over again, making them wish they were there again. Mariann and John have three more children to send to the Hill, so they have a lot of Cornell experiences to come.

**Joanne Chen** checked in after finishing her copy to say that she enjoyed the book. Terri bumps into Joanne occasionally at Hampshire Hills Sports Facility in Milford, NJ, and Joanne usually has a tennis racket in hand. Joanne's traveling women's tennis team did quite well this past summer, winning the New Jersey tournament for their level. **Kim Venegas** enjoyed reading the book very much and learning of the Ibos' community values and traditions. Kim notes that as a graduate of the College of AAP, architects share college and alumni life with the students that graduate a year earlier since AAP is a five-year program. From Kim's e-mail address it looks as though her architecture firm is called Venegas Vilaro Arquitectura. Terri confesses that she's just started her copy of *Things Fall Apart*, but she's interested in hearing from more classmates whether they completed the book and if it's a project they would like to continue. I will add here that I am waiting to read the book at the same time as my daughter, who has it as a seventh grade assignment in history. If people are interested, we can try to work with CyberTower to set up a Class of 1984 online discussion group.

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**85** As I write this, the wind and rain are pounding at the window. Luckily, though, it is not a "named storm." Living in south Florida for the past 13 years has definitely become harder as the weather has become worse. In looking over the News Forms I received, I realized that I only really knew two of the people while in school. It was an odd feeling. I'd thought that while at school I could walk around and always find someone I knew, but when faced with the large number of alumni from our class, we are really not the small family I thought. Here's to meeting new faces from our year!

**Charlie and Karen Weiner Goss** send their regrets at not making reunion, though they did attend Cornell's Adult University (CAU) last summer with their two children, 14 and 5. Karen says high schoolers are more of a challenge than a 5-year-old, so we all have THAT to look forward to. **Jaime David Silverman** writes from Los Angeles, CA. He is now a screenwriter and looking for classmates to come visit! **James Lin**, doctor of hand and plastic surgery, also signs in from California. James and his wife welcomed twin girls in March; with big sister Sarina, 3, life is getting hectic.

**Margie Banet** Hanley and husband Paul are living outside Boulder, CO, enjoying winter skiing and summer golfing when 2-year-old son Cooper lets them! **Stacy Kaiser** Gilmour has spent 18 years with Quabbin Wire and Cable,

taking time to raise Briana, 14, and Brandon, 10, and keeping busy with family and academic and extracurricular activities. From good ol' Ithaca, **Risa Mish**, JD '88, writes that she is working at Cornell as an individual giving officer on the Special Gifts Team with Cornell Law alumni, and being mom to Daniel 10, and Julia, 7.

**Rachel Sheffet** of Tuckahoe, NY, has a 5-year-old beginning kindergarten and is a licensed clinical psychologist, expanding her private practice while working for Montefiore Medical Center. From Warwick, NY, **Kate Beekman** Fiduccia hit Reunion with her 16-year-old son, who is looking to enter Cornell in 2007. She and husband Peter keep busy with their company Woods N' Water Press ([www.fiduccia.com](http://www.fiduccia.com)) and their TV series on the Outdoor Channel. No wonder they were canoeing, hiking, and touring Cornell during Reunion! **Majini Sehwan** Oberoi didn't make it to Reunion, much to Kate's chagrin, but she did see **Benoit Deshaies** and his wife.

**Robin Goldstein** Baker wrote from Brooklyn. A quick glance at her form had "Criminal" circled and I panicked. Upon closer reading, it seems Robin is the Chief of Criminal Appeals for the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Robin was awarded the Henry Stimson Medal for outstanding service as an assistant US attorney by the NYC Bar Association. Congratulations, Robin! **Ron Handelman**, living near my old stomping grounds of Montclair, NJ, is the school psychologist for North Rockland High School and spends some evenings in private practice. He and wife Teren have three girls and are looking to meet up with **Mark Richmond** and wife **Mary DeSanctis '86** and **Patrick and Kitty Plummer**, who all live with their children in Georgia for a "Phillip's house coop reunion."

Mayor **W. Ted Alexander** of Shelby, NC, serves as SW Regional Director for Preservation North Carolina, a statewide nonprofit organization promoting historic preservation. According to his wife Patti, he was welcomed in Kagurazaka, Japan, to introduce the downtown revitalization program to Japanese planners, architects, and government leaders. Bringing American Main Street to Japan. **Warren "Waddy" Francis** and wife Gilly live in Venice, FL, with girls Piper, 9, and Palmer, 8. He recently became general manager of the PSV Resort in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

After six and a half years, **Lisa Reznick** married beau Michael Mayer in May. They honeymooned in the Napa Valley, taking in the wineries and a hot-air balloon ride. Wedding invitees included **Sheri Wilensky** and **Sheila Winik** Silberglied, though both were in New York for Sheila's daughter's bat mitzvah. **David and Nancy Schmidt Mears** have moved cross-country from Washington State to Montpelier, VT (ugh, the snow belt!). The Mearses have three children, all active in sports and music. They spent time with **Bill and Amy Phelps Davis** in Grand Junction, CO, on their way east. David is now the assistant director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic and assistant professor of environmental law at Vermont Law School.

**Tom Kwiat** has been living in Korea with wife Haechong and daughters Audrey, 5, and Joanna, 3, for the past six years. He is with the US

Army Corps of Engineers in Seoul, working on a major realignment of US forces stationed there. **Curt Hampstead** is a team leader in the publishing department at the United Nations. He and wife Tracy have four children: Mercedes, 17, Dominique, 15, Chastity, 13, and, as Curt writes, "my baby boy" Jordan Louis, who just turned 1 year old. If that is not enough, Curt also acts "as a hobby" at the Billie Holiday Theater in *A Freeman's Hope*. Quite a resume, Curt!

I have some "business card" information: **Chris Dorr** is with Microsoft in Washington; **Marie Michel**-Tucker moved to Ohio; **Sara Poor** is at Princeton U. and published her first book; veterinarian **Claudia Casavecchia**, DVM '89, is in Philadelphia as president of the People Pet Partnership and recipient of the PVMA's Public Service Award of Merit; and **Sarah Lambert** is in Port Jervis, NY.

Though my circle of friends has not responded with new news, I'll give you what I know. **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez is a director with Southern Living at Home, enjoying successful self-employment while watching her children Jesse, Sydney, and Isabelle grow. You can find her at [www.southernlivingathome.com/taragonzalez](http://www.southernlivingathome.com/taragonzalez). **Eleanor Stevens** Dixon has survived the hurricane season in Vero Beach, FL. She is a stay-at-home mom to Chris, Genny, and Eddie, while being active in her kids' schools, church, and community theater. **Sharon Tolpin** and **Leslie Nydick** are living the high life in NYC. I occasionally chat with them online. They are enjoying being close to family while working hard. **Maryellen Fisher** Magee and **Cindy Cowan** Bowman are next door neighbors in Charlotte, NC. In Cary, NC, **Virginia Scarola** Sidman is raising Melanie, a varsity soccer player in high school, and Julia, a fourth grader, while juggling her career at Macy's. I recently reconnected with **Manda Aiken**, who is at the Coral Reef Club down in Key Largo, FL. I am looking to meet up with her one of these weekends for Happy Hour.

As for me, I am raising my 4-year-old son Daniel, who keeps me running, with the help of family and love interest Michael Cornett. (I figured the name was close to Cornell so he can't be all bad.) Working with Florida seniors in a retirement community and assisted living and skilled nursing facility takes up much of the day, but it is very rewarding. I would love to know what **Doug Birnie**, **Warren Fields**, **Bethany Cronk** '86, and **Cheryl Nolan** are up to. Chef Bob White asked about all the Hoteliers. Now that I am one of the correspondents, I'd LOVE to hear from you. Send help and prayers to victims of Katrina and Rita. It's a crazy world these days. We all need one another. ❖ **Joyce Zerkowitz**, [chefjoice0503@aol.com](mailto:chefjoice0503@aol.com); **Leslie Nydick**, [Lnydick@aol.com](mailto:Lnydick@aol.com).

**86** With our 20th Reunion mere months away, check out our website for the latest updates and registration information: <http://classof86.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion2006.html>. Remember, this marks the opportunity for you to become a new officer for our class. Contact current president **Lisa Hellingner** Manaster at [lisahman@aol.com](mailto:lisahman@aol.com) with any questions.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to send updates on your work, your families, and your lives with the last News and Dues form. As I was filing through them preparing this column, I had a bit of a "This Is Your Life" experience.

Representing my high school days, **Janice Costa**, who I grew up with in Plainview, NY, sent news of her new book, *Everything and the Kitchen Sink: Remodel Your Kitchen Without Losing Your Mind*. Editor of *Kitchen & Bath Design News*, Janice lives in Bethpage, NY. She is currently at work on her next book, "Everything and the Bathroom Sink"—"using it as an excuse to remodel my own bathroom"—as well as a book about working dogs.

I perked up when I saw the name of my freshman-year roommate, **Amy Kates**, MRP '87, at the top of a News Form, but after reading her words, felt sorrow and inspiration. "After the unexpected passing of my longtime business partner, Diane Downey, in Dec '04, I find myself the owner of our organization design firm, Downey Kates Associates ([www.downeykates.com](http://www.downeykates.com)). I am enjoying the challenge of running my own business and traveling widely for work, including South Africa this summer." Amy has been living in Manhattan for 17 years with husband Muhamed Saric and sons Malik, 10, and Elias, 7. "We spent a wonderful weekend at our country house in Pennsylvania last October with **Alissa Stern** and husband Louis and three sons," she wrote.

Sophomore year of Cornell, I met **Brian Lindsey** while ringing up fudge and popcorn at the Campus Store. Brian has lived in several states since graduation, including a short stint recently as my neighbor less than a mile up the road in Glastonbury, CT. A couple of years ago Brian moved to Las Vegas and is now "making up for all those days in Ithaca when we futilely prayed for sun. I'm trying to stay out of the casinos, and am enjoying life with my girlfriend and two dogs (Tango, the chocolate Lab, and Stripe, the Dalmatian)." Junior year, I lived a few houses down Delaware Avenue from **Eric Steinberg**, who reported that he is a gastroenterologist in Atlanta, where he lives with wife Hyun and daughters Rebecca, 12, and Victoria, 9. Finally, my pal all four Cornell years, and still one of my best friends, **Lorraine Miano** Fike wrote with an update on her life with husband Dave, children Deandra, 9, and Graham, 4, and beagle Sadie. Dave works for Ciena, a telecommunications manufacturer, and Lorraine is an independent consultant. They live in Woodstock, MD, near Baltimore.

In other news, **Fredrik Hedengren** of Brookside, NJ, says wife **Marissa (Rago)** '87 and family are doing great. "Twins Christian and Niklas are 9 and have become hockey fanatics. They play almost all year and love to watch Cornell!" Fredrik teaches 9th and 10th grade math at the Pingry School, a private school in New Jersey. He also coaches ice hockey and lacrosse. **Emily Sowers Berlinghof** and husband **Todd** '85 of Northfield, IL, keep busy shuttling David, 12, Chase, 10, and Madeline, 7, around town. "We all went to Cornell's Adult University Family Camp last summer and had a blast. The children saw Ithaca at its finest weather, experienced dorm life, and learned why both Mom and Dad are always bragging about Cornell. It's a hard sell here in the land of Big Ten

schools, but I think we've at least convinced them that attending Cornell is worth considering!"

**Andrew Epstein** enjoys practicing law in fast-growing southwest Florida. "In August '03 I married Allison Gayle Spiegel. Allison and I welcomed daughter Danielle in December '04. I have a thriving commercial and civil litigation practice based in Fort Myers, dealing also with construction and personal injury matters." Allison is a representative for Sanofi-Aventis. **Jeffrey Dunlap** lives in Hudson, OH, with wife Amy and girls Erin, 10, and Casey, 8. "I am a partner at the law firm of Ulmer & Berne LLP, headquartered in Cleveland where my office is located, but with offices in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Chicago." He is the hiring partner for the firm, and a member of the board of trustees for the Country Club of Hudson and the Cleveland Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

**Debora Elysa Bloom**, MS '92, has a new home in Danby, NY, next to Buttermilk Creek. Daughter Maria, 15, attends Ithaca High School, and son Brian is a microelectronic engineer employed by Intel in Arizona. Debora has two grandchildren, Roman, 4, and Aleksandra, 1. "Since graduation from LLR, I worked in industrial relations for Alcoa, then attended grad school at Cornell, graduating in '92 with an MS in Education." Debora taught at the Montessori School of Ithaca as an elementary school teacher for eight years, but now runs a home-based sewing and tailoring business. **Annemarie Laufs** Morse also works in Ithaca. She and husband William have children Victoria, 9, and Hannah, 6. "We enjoy our home in the hilly countryside and our numerous pets. I enjoy cooking and baking and spending time with my family, and am interested in enology." Annemarie works in information technology as a support/trainer in the Ag college.

**Christine Carr**, Isle of Palms, SC, is associate director of emergency services at Medical U. of South Carolina. With husband Laurin Graham, a pediatrician in Charleston, she has two daughters ages 7 and 9. **Wendy Happek** lives in New Milford, CT, with husband Greg Stauf. **Sharon Rice** Michaelson recently moved to Northampton, MA. **Heidi Norden** Burnett of Oshkosh, WI, was elected to a four-year term on the American Animal Hospital Association Board of Directors, and served on the National Council for Pet Population Study and Policy. **Yoram Silagy**, New York City, is a partner at the law firm Vernon & Ginsburg LLP. **Phil McCarthy** is a financial advisor with UBS Financial Services in New York City.

**Jonathan Flaks** of Dobbs Ferry, NY, and wife Ellen have sons Nathan, 9 and Ray, 5. Jonathan, who is certified by International Coach Federation and is founder of ICF Westchester Chapter, runs Jonathan Flaks Coaching Associates, <http://jf-executive-coaching.com>. He is also adjunct professor for the NYU Management Institute. I look forward to seeing you in June! ❖ **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, [haf5@cornell.edu](mailto:haf5@cornell.edu).

**87** Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you all had a festive holiday season. As we enter 2006, it means that we are only 18 months away from our 20th Reunion, which will take place in June 7-10, 2007. It is not too early to mark that

on your calendar and start thinking about making the pilgrimage to Ithaca.

My wife Rebecca and I did exactly that this past July. We spent a relaxing week at a lakeside cottage in Lansing, about ten miles north of campus and across the lake from Taughannock State Park. We were able to invite old Ithaca friends and Cornell colleagues over for barbecue. Football coach **Jim Knowles** brought his kids Halle, Luke, and Jack over for a swim in the lake one afternoon. My buddy **Albert Chu**, whose wife and children were visiting relatives in Taiwan that month, drove up from New Jersey to spend the weekend with us. We were also joined by a former student of mine, **Margo Harris** Cohen '96, who brought her husband of four years, Brad, to introduce him to the Finger Lakes region. We all had a great time wandering through the Ithaca Farmer's Market, marveling at some of the new and unfamiliar buildings on campus (for instance, Duffield Hall), or just reminiscing about our student days.

Originally we had planned our trip to coincide with the "39 Again" party, which the Class Council had to cancel due to anemic pre-registration. However, I wish to acknowledge the hard work that several class officers put in to plan and organize the event, especially **Stacey Neuhoef**er Silberzweig. Therefore, it was all the more pleasant and unexpected a surprise when Albert and I were sitting in front of The Nines in C-town, having ordered a pizza for lunch, and I spotted Stacey and husband Jeff walking by on the other side of College Ave. They and their son Ian were visiting **Carina Laguna** and her husband Patrick Craner in the Syracuse area, and the five of them decided to take advantage of a gloriously sunny and warm Saturday to come down to Ithaca, even though the party had been called off. The four of us '87 classmates held an impromptu "39 Again" party, complete with pizza and finger food from The Nines. We could not have planned it better. Carina's firefighter husband Patrick even took Ian next door to check out Ithaca's Fire Company No. 9 and their ladder equipment. After our leisurely lunch, we strolled down College Ave. and picked up some souvenirs in one of the stores before bidding one another good-bye.

Reunions with classmates continued after summer. **Laura Szeliga** flew in from New York and spent a week in Sonoma with a friend of hers. On Sunday, September 4, Rebecca and I went to San Francisco to watch the annual international bicycle grand prix, and Laura met us at the Ferry Building shortly before the cyclists crossed the finish line. We ended up in North Beach and had a fabulous steak and seafood meal at Rose Pistola, one of my favorite eateries. Laura is still with Kraft Foods, and worked on a new Jell-O TV commercial (shot in Buenos Aires back in June 2005) that is scheduled to air this month. The postcard she sent from Argentina now adorns my office wall.

While I was traveling in Asia in mid-September, I got an e-mail from **Richard Friedman**, with whom I had lost touch for well over six years. Rich was coming to give a workshop in SF at the end of the month. We went out to dinner at Il Fornaio in Burlingame, and Rich spent the night at our home. The next day, I toured Rich around Stanford's campus and we even took in a football game. After

he was laid off at his last job, Rich decided to enter the consulting world and founded Friedman & Partners, a marketing and management consulting firm for the architecture, engineering, environmental consulting, and construction industries. Much to his and his wife **Leslie (Kaufman)**'s surprise, he has managed to earn more as a consultant than when he was working for a company.

One of the reasons that Rich looked me up was because he had paid a visit to **Gail Stoller Baer** earlier. Gail wrote, "We had a visit from Rich Friedman and **Dave Kalman** '88. Rich, Dave, and our entire family ran the Race for Hope to benefit the Brain Tumor Society (in memory of **Paul Bogart**). Husband **Michael** '88, MBA '89, and I stay busy traveling and running around with our children David, 12, Rachel, 10, and Amy, 8. We recently took trips to Costa Rica, London, and San Francisco." The completed merger of America West Airlines and US Airways means that the Baers may be relocating. In early October, Gail said that she and Michael were headed to Arizona to look at houses, schools, etc. "We'll make a definite decision after we see what is realistic for us in terms of selling our house in Bethesda and buying one in Scottsdale." It sounds like an exciting time for the Baers.

Hope to see many of you in Philadelphia for CACO's Mid-Winter Meeting and the televised Cornell-Harvard hockey game on February 18!  
 ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, [tseng@stanford.edu](mailto:tseng@stanford.edu); and **Debra Howard** Stern, [dstern39@yahoo.com](mailto:dstern39@yahoo.com).

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Hello, classmates, and Happy New Year! Once again another year has slipped by us faster than seems possible. I hope that the holiday season just past was an enjoyable and peaceful one for all '88ers. It is always a little challenging to write this column nearly three months in advance of its publication. At the time I'm writing, we have entered a mild and still mostly warm fall in Northern California, while back East, eight solid days of rain have just come to an end.

I find it especially challenging to consider the new year ahead—for two reasons. First, 2006 is the year in which many of us will hit 40 years of age. 40! It's hard to imagine that so much time has passed since we left Cornell. Second, I find my thoughts wandering back to a wonderful Cornell experience my wife Ann and I had back in July at Cornell's Adult University. As first-time CAU attendees, we marveled at how many people (alumni or not) return to CAU year after year. Ann thoroughly enjoyed the writing class she took titled *The Examined Life*, and I and classmate **Alison Minton** (a CAU regular) participated in some interesting, and sometimes quite exuberant, discussions in our class *Meritocracy in America*, led by economics professor Robert H. Frank.

I really cannot say enough positive things about CAU. Ithaca was at its summer finest with some rain and humidity, but lots of clear, beautiful skies as well. It is such a pleasure to enjoy the vivacity of the people one meets and have a top-notch educational experience free from the stress of exams and grades as when we were undergraduates. I highly recommend CAU and encourage anyone interested to check out the website [www.sce.cornell.edu/cau](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau). Shortly after

CAU, Ann and I visited **Steven** and **Anna Barnsley Werblow** '90 in Ashland, OR, when **Rob Rosenberg** and his wife **Patricia Cook** '89 and their kids were touring southern Oregon. It was like our own mini-reunion!

We have some new baby announcements from several classmates. **Barbara Walker** Byrne wrote from New Albany, OH, that her second daughter, Haley Archer, was born just about one year ago in January 2005 and that "big sister Bridget was elated." **Jacques Boubli** sent word that he and wife Elyse welcomed their second child, son Jeremy Alexander, to the world on February 9, 2005. Jacques said that "upon learning we had a boy, my father **Elie J. Boubli**, MS '54, exclaimed, "The dynasty continues!" since Jeremy is the only male to carry the Boubli name forward at least one more generation." Hopefully, that means there will be at least one more Cornellian in the family as well. After six years producing concerts for Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Jacques is now the managing director of Young Concert Artists in Manhattan, where he helps run a small arts organization that allows him to spend more time with his family.

**Sandra Young** Klindt, DVM '93, sends belated (her word, not mine) news of the birth of her second son, Alex, in August 2003. Alex and big brother Evan love to be outdoors, which suits Sandy and her husband Roger very well. Sandy coauthored a manual on animal care for nursing homes embracing the Eden Alternative, a philosophy that involves, among other changes, having live-in animals in nursing homes. The book is titled *The Eden Alternative Animal Welfare Guidelines*, and those who are curious can learn more online at [www.edenalt.com](http://www.edenalt.com). Sandy also informed us that classmate (and my sophomore year roommate) **John Gustavsson** made partner at his radiology practice in Portland, OR.

Shortly before writing this column, my fellow correspondent Suzanne and I received a note from **Ilissa Herskowitz**, sister of our classmate **Jennifer Herskowitz**, who passed away in May 2003. With contributions from friends and family, the Herskowitz family has established the Jennifer Loren Herskowitz Memorial Funds at both Cornell and Columbia universities. Ilissa asked if we could provide an update about the fund in the class column, which I am very pleased to do. The



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memorial funds will continue in perpetuity and are maintained as 501(c)(3) eligible funds at both universities. At Cornell, the Cornell Tradition Program is honoring Jenn with the Jennifer Loren Herskowitz '88 Cornell Tradition Point of Light Award. The first presentation of this award was made during the 2005 Commencement Weekend to **Itai Dinour '01**. Ilissa and her parents attended the ceremony and were deeply touched by the tributes to Jenn and many kind words told to them by Jenn's former professors and university officials who she had known for many years.

The following is an excerpt from the program of the ceremony describing the award: "In honor of those who share Jenn's quiet and uncommon generosity, reflecting the goodness, compassion, strength of character, devotion, and regard for humanity that is the Light of the Cornell Tradition, this award is conferred in loving remembrance of Jennifer Loren Herskowitz, an irreplaceable life taken too soon. Appropriately, the award is conferred to either a graduating fellow who has gone above and beyond ordinary expectations in service to the Cornell Tradition or to a Tradition alumnus who has forwarded Tradition's message through extraordinary community service." Any classmates who would like to help support this fund can do so via their yearly Cornell Fund donations and can contact the Cornell Tradition office for more detailed information about the fund. I would like to extend my thanks to Ilissa for sending us this information and I am sure all classmates who knew Jenn send her family their very best wishes.

That's all the space we have for now. Until next time, I wish you peace. ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu.

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Happy New Year! Wow, another year has passed by so quickly. Our classmates have been up to some great things. Many have traveled to exciting places. Others have wonderful careers, and still others have new additions to their families. Everyone has something to report. So if you haven't sent us news about yourself or your friends, please do so. It can be one of your New Year's resolutions. Our contact information is at the end of the column.

Onto the good stuff—the news you gave us. **Phuong Minh** "Judy" Nguyen sent an e-mail telling about her exciting travels. In May 2005 she participated in an Operation Smile mission to Quang Nam, where she volunteered as one of six anesthesiologists. It was the first time she has returned to Vietnam since she fled as a refugee in 1975. **Laura Seaver** spent two months on a motorcycle trip, tracing the Silk Road from Istanbul to Xian, China. She lives in Seattle.

**Brandon Roth** is a general assignment reporter at WSTM-TV in Syracuse. His job has taken him to Afghanistan, where he did a special report on the 10th Mountain Division and their search for Osama Bin Laden. He also traveled to Normandy, France, where he reported on the 60th anniversary of D-Day. **Catherine Blodgett** Gaffney is the category merchant for specialty cheese at Wegmans Food Markets. Travel is a must for her

job, and her international travels include France and Switzerland. **Alex Martin** lives on Lake Como in Italy. He works in Milan as CFO of a biotech company. He has children Alex, 8, Thomas, 7, Christian, 4, and Katherine, 2. **Deborah Goldman** also lives abroad. In August 2004 she moved to Tel Aviv, Israel, and met her husband Eytan Ktuvim. They were married in Israel in April 2005.

**Deborah Silverman Shames** wrote to tell us she is now the director of college counseling for the Hoboken (NJ) Charter School. She also maintains a thriving private college search consulting business. Husband and classmate **Martin** is an internal consultant for PSEG in Newark. They say they are "perpetually busy" as they enjoy the energy of their three kids, Jonathan, 8, Matthew, 6, and Rachel, 2. Deborah also sent us news that **Jennifer Gise** Zeligson and husband Andrew had their third son, Lance Aaron, who joins big brothers Kevin, 6, and Brett, 2.

**Julie Salles** Schaffer owns Salles Schaffer Architecture. She teaches at Parsons School of Design and is the mother of girls Madeleine, 6, and Olivia, 4. **Anne West** writes, "At long last I have a real job." She is an assistant professor of neurobiology at Duke U. Medical Center. She has a son Timmy, 3. **Peter Donati** is a partner and head of the employment law practice at Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC in Chicago. **Chris Weeks** is the director of academic support for KIPP ("Knowledge is Power Program") to College, a charter school in the South Bronx. Living on the shores of Lake Washington in Seattle, **Alison Norton** Nelson reports she has daughters Maile and Juniper. She sees **John Dunn** a lot, since their kids go to the same daycare. Also out West, **Ron** and **Laura Landauer Fritz** and their children Jacob, 10, Colin, 8, and Gillian, 4, moved to Bend, OR.

We got an e-mail from **Erika Ange** telling of her marriage to **Bernie Sheehan '88** at the Fairmount Hotel in Washington, DC, on July 16, 2005. Classmates who attended the celebration were **Shari Fagen**, **Shannon Gallivan**, **Rachel Hollander**, **Debbie Schneider** Toy, and **Jean Winkler** Onufrak. **Carol Borack** Copenhaver was supposed to make the wedding, but had a baby, Ryan, days before the ceremony.

In April 2005, **Zack Kollias** started a new job as VP of strategic planning and analysis for Church's Chicken. He has kids Tommy, 8, and Kris, 5. He continues to play and coach volleyball. His 16-year-old girls team finished second in the Florida Regional AAU Tournament. **Katie McShane** Kelly lives in Penn Grove, CA, and works from home as a consultant. This way she is able to spend time with her two boys, Joseph and Jack.

**Amy McGarry-Jackson** is a pediatrician in Clifton Park, NY. **Douglas Scherr** is an assistant professor of urology and clinical director of urological oncology at Cornell New York-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. He has kids Andrew, 6, and Sophie, 3. After nine years of breeding squash for Syngenta Seeds Inc., **Kevin Cook** started a new career as the company's pepper breeder. He lives in Naples, FL. **Amy Oliver** Mascolo went to her Ithaca High School 20th Reunion with her best pal (then and now) **Lauren MacIntyre**. Amy is a full-time mom with three kids, Monica, 7, Christina, 4, and Jack, 1.

That's all the room we have for this issue. Please keep sending us news! We try our best to include everything we receive in a timely manner. ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, stephanieavidon@optonline.net; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; and **Mike McGarry**, mmcgary@dma-us.com.

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Hello from fabulous San Francisco. I'm the third of your new class correspondent team who is nervously clutching the baton because my fellow correspondents Tamiko and Amy are professional journalists. Yikes! Off and running . . .

During Reunion, Tamiko and I braved the heat and spoke to the following alumni—whether they wanted to chat or not. **Deborah Klein** married Gary Glasser on April 30, 2005, attended by **Julie Mazur**, **Nancy Solomon** Weiss, and **Christy Conslor**—practically a mini-reunion with better AC. **Marla Porter** Gross, attorney, currently works for an international adoption agency that specializes in Eastern European and Central American children's adoptions. She and her husband have three children. **Ken Mroczec** has worked at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases for five years as an orthopedic surgeon. **Bill Callis** asks Marla to return his sweatshirt. Bill and his wife have a 2-year-old son who greets dad after a long day as a Bank of America stockbroker.

**William Davidson**, ME '92, actually uses his MatSci degree at the office for his work with carbon fibers. **Edward Lewis** recently moved to New Jersey with his son and wife. **Jeffrey Goldstein**, whose exhaustive knowledge of alumni never fails to amaze, has daughters Hanna, 4, and Shira, 1. I'll be calling him soon, I'm sure. Karen and **Jeff Cohen** drove the kidlets Shoshana, 5, and Jonah, 2, to Reunion in a sleek new hybrid car. The Cohens' recent move to Boston makes visiting the Children's Museum a whole lot easier. The ever-charming **Michael Karangelen** reports that he still dances the Rock Lobster at bar mitzvahs.

Sprinting into the parenting news, **Linda Kow** and **David Lee '89** celebrated the birth of their first child, Serena Jade. John and **Stephanie Swan** Barbaggiovanni have twins Samuel and Alden, 3. **Jennifer Dilworth** hikes with daughter Elena, 6, and whitewater rafts in Tacoma, WA. Undoubtedly, Elena sleeps well at night. Howard and **Laura Talesnick** Fogel and son Adam welcomed daughter Amanda on March 1. She arrived with fully functional lungs, which she often uses to maximum effect. Laura has her quiet time while working part-time at a local accounting firm. DeLaune and **Daniel Lawrence Fried** share their lives with son Walter, 2. Daniel produced the feature film *O* with Julia Stiles and Josh Hartnett. He is currently producing a new Kirk Douglas film, *Illusion*.

**Eric '88** and **Elizabeth Wayner Boham** have children Anna, 4, and Tismark, 2. Elizabeth practices integrative medicine at Canyon Ranch in Lenox, MA. **Bradley '91** and **Karen Prymak Oldick**'s son Brock arrived March 18, 2005. The delightful boy inspired the words, "Why didn't we start sooner?" Karen attends to small animals as part of her veterinary relief work, which is

almost as enjoyable as spending time with her son. Enthusiastic parents Jennifer and **Jim Love** never stop parenting with five children sharing their lives: Michalíe 7, Sydney 6, Jamie 4, Eric, 3, and Jason, 1. Jim works as Executive Director, Counsel of USAA's Executive Management Group in San Antonio, TX. **Robert '89** and **Lisa Baylor David** celebrated their 13th anniversary this summer. Children Robert, 7, and Katherine, 4, breathe easily because mom is an otolaryngologist. Robert is a labor attorney in Lafayette, LA. Lisa saw **Margaret King** Coleman, MS '96, in New York City during March. In Granby, MA, **Matthew Richardson** and Chrystal Wittcopp have daughter Anna, 3.

What is more challenging than parenting? Moving and parenting at the same time! **Eva Satell** recently moved to Lake Charles, LA, with her husband and 10-month-old son Aydin. The Satells would very much like to meet other alumni in the Lake Charles area. You can send an e-mail to one of your class correspondents and we will forward. Baby Aydin has excellent on-site healthcare because mom is a rheumatologist and dad is a cardiologist. Deborah and **Peter Christakos** happily moved to Northampton, MA, in July. Son Nicolas, 3, helped to pack his toys.

News from alumni who run their own businesses. In Hong Kong **Caroline Ma** and Jason Yung have a 1-year-old son. Caroline and Jason work together at their 4-year-old interior architecture firm, which has recently expanded to another office tower floor. **Scott Rodwin** from Boulder, CO, became president of Northern Colorado's American Inst. of Architects. He also sculpts stone and teaches contact improvisational dance, which in my opinion abstractly relates to architecture, because walking through a building is similar to dancing through sculpted stone. His work appears at [www.stonedancestudio.com](http://www.stonedancestudio.com). **Risa Arin** married Paul Heitlinger in 2002 and recently started her own business with her mom. Her company, [www.sspdirect.com](http://www.sspdirect.com), specializes in computer products for seniors and limited-vision individuals.

Now that I have reached the column's finish line, I will remind everyone to keep completing those Class of 1990 News Forms and sending us e-mails. The class correspondent team appreciates them greatly. ♦ **Kelly Roberson**, [kroberson@lightswitch.net](mailto:kroberson@lightswitch.net); **Tamiko Toland**, [stmoluag@yahoo.com](mailto:stmoluag@yahoo.com); and **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu).

**91** Happy New Year . . . though before we launch into 2006, let's take a moment to review news from our busy classmates! **Andrew Nolan** updates us by reporting that in 2002, he started LLC Corporation R.E. Nolan Assoc. in Auburn, NY, for which he is currently president. His company provides agricultural and environmental consulting to energy companies such as El Paso Corp. and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company with responsibilities such as environmental permitting and construction, post-construction oversight, and restoration management. When not managing the business, Andrew also serves as a consultant to sons Ryan, 10, and Eric, 9.

**Stacey Neren** Lender lives in New York City with husband David and their daughters Avery, 4, and Carson, 1. **Charles Taylor** also lives in New York City, where he is the product marketing director for Yahoo! [hotjobs.com](http://hotjobs.com). Off the clock he fills his time by caring for 3-year-old son Alexander, running marathons, traveling, hiking, mountain biking, and playing squash and soccer. **Todd Schlifstein** writes that he is deeply entrenched in the medical community in New York City. Among his credentials are clinical assistant professor at NYU School of Medicine; attending physician at NYU Medical Center, Rusk Institute; attending physician at the Hospital for Joint Disease, Orthopedic Inst.; and medical expert at the House Reform Committee, US Congress Steroid Hearings. Todd has also provided interviews for CNN-Live, ABC News, CBS News, the Discovery Channel, the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, and *Maxim* magazine.

**Liza Jones** Hards reports that she and husband Steve are living in Dumont, NJ, and run an educational day camp in Englewood for children ages 7-12. She frequently visits with fellow Tri-Delt sisters in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, including **Ariane Horn**, JD '96, **Suzanne Skalski**, **Denise Law**, **Crissy Moeder** Shaul, and **Laurie Fronhofer**. **Becky Levine** Leibowitz lives in Scotch Plains, NJ, and recently welcomed her second child, Sam. She reports that Sam's big brother Jonah will be the Yankees' biggest 3-year-old fan this season.

**Sean '90** and **Kathryn Kraus Bolks** celebrated the quintessential Cornell wedding on August 6 by marrying in Sage Chapel and possibly setting the world record for Cornellian guests. The wedding party included **Karen Kraus '88**, **Carl Boehlert**, **John Crosby '90**, and **Brett Wilson**. Classmates **Kim Clark** Borden, MBA '95, **Jim Crozier**, **Christine Reidl** Fladda, **Mike Koopman**, **Craig Miles**, **Nicole Halpern** Murphy, **Dave O'Leary**, **Eric Rosario**, **Chris Schallmo**, **Doug Tabish**, BEE '92, and **Tim Vanini** were in attendance along with nearly 20 other Cornell alumni. After a reception at Statler, the bride and groom ended the evening in true Cornell style, visiting Dunbar's and the Hot Truck!

**Neva Flaherty** writes that after five years in Moscow, a Berkeley MBA, and four years working in the San Francisco Bay Area, she has recently settled in Arlington, VA, working both in consumer goods sales and on her golf game. She hopes to reconnect with any classmates living on the East Coast, especially those living near Washington, DC, with an addiction to skiing out west. Perhaps Neva can look up **Scott Deutchman**, who works as managing director at the LawMedia Group in Washington, DC. Or **Rachelle Seeger** Jayner, who lives in Gaithersburg, MD, with sons Nicholas, 1, and Ryan, 3, and husband Michael. Further south, **Katharine Knowlton** lives in Blacksburg, VA, where she was just promoted to associate professor of dairy science and awarded tenure at Virginia Tech.

**Laura Panko** announces that she was married to Mark Guarraci last August. She lives in Grayslake, IL, and recently began working as a college adviser and lecturer in biological sciences at Northwestern U. **Michael Fisher** lives in nearby

Evanston, IL, and works at Maritz as an account manager in the Hospitality Research Group. He and his wife Anne-Marie, 2-year-old Jennifer, and new baby Marisa enjoy cookouts, visiting the beach, and traveling. **Ellen Goode** and husband David recently adopted Midwestern small-town life in Rochester, MN, and are experiencing a bit of culture and weather shock after living in Seattle for nine years. She is working at the Mayo Clinic as an assistant professor of epidemiology and is hoping to connect with Cornellians living in the Midwest.

**Barbara Wilinsky** Selznick lives in Tucson, AZ, with husband Sanford, son Ellis, 2, and daughter Lily, 4. She works at the U. of Arizona, where she has received tenure and was promoted to associate professor in media arts. **Sabine Vinck**, ME '93, recently left her ten-year banking job to work for the London Business School as director of finance programmes, and she invites any Cornellian who is considering studying finance in London to give her a call. In her spare time, Sabine enjoys music, with a particular passion for playing piano; she reports that she was thrilled to participate in a recital after an eight-year hiatus.

**Kimberly Jordon** Stone recently left her post in Southern Italy and was transferred to Virginia, where she works at the Portsmouth Naval Medical Center as a family physician. She reminisces about her honeymoon tour in Italy, from which she has many photos and memories, not to mention unique driving skills. She also recently attended the spectacular wedding of **Loretta Dougherty** and **Fred Gallo '90** just outside of New York City. Loretta and Fred's wedding was attended by **Kathy George**, **Shawn Frank**, **Perry Ground** and his wife Jenny, **Sue Ulman** Kravitz '89 and husband Marc, **Dave Luzadis**, **Pam Eaton**, and **Vicky Wasserstrom** Carson and husband Steven.

**Jennifer Leeds** and husband **Rob Hess** live in Arlington, MA, where Jennifer leads the infectious diseases laboratory at Novartis Pharmaceuticals in nearby Cambridge and reports that she has two new Cornell grads in her group. Rob recently passed the patent law Bar exam and began his new career as a technology specialist with Boston firm Bromberg and Sunstein. Jennifer and Rob are also raising two boys, Tjaden, 7, and Max, 4, who often visit Ithaca, since their grandma is married to Prof. Terry Fine. Living in Massachusetts, Jennifer frequently sees her former housemate **Julie Voveris** Furtado (and her twins), in addition to **Karl Yoder '87** and **Marina Memmo '89**. Jennifer also reports that good friend **Mark Blucher '90** and his family moved to St. Louis last year. She does not get to see them as much, but hopes to see them at reunion in June!

That's right—reunion! It only happens once every five years! Speak to your friends and mark your calendars for June 8-11, 2006. Our 15th Reunion is right around the corner, and as usual, our co-chairs **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, and **Dorine Colabella** Scher have a fabulous weekend in store for you. The fun-filled weekend promises a generous mix of planned events and free time. Be sure to seize this opportunity to explore campus and visit with old friends. Considering bringing the kids? There will also be plenty of activities planned for the younger set during the

weekend. Make sure to visit our impressive class website, <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>, developed and maintained by **Bob Baca** to keep you informed about weekend specifics and help you plan your return to the Hill this June. Look for registration materials in your mailbox in March. ♦ **Corinne Kuchling**, [kuccori@hotmail.com](mailto:kuccori@hotmail.com); **Nina Rosen** Peek, [nrs5@cornell.edu](mailto:nrs5@cornell.edu); and **Dave Smith**, [docds30@yahoo.com](mailto:docds30@yahoo.com).

**92** I hope this news finds you in the best of spirits! One of my New Year's resolutions is to get my personal and business finances in order. Look for my money makeover in the Jan/Feb issue of *Budget Living* magazine! The holiday season always reminds us to be open to giving good (and well). I've learned that receiving good soon follows. Here's my chance to give some good news.

**Stacey Erth Symonds** reports that she and husband **Keith '85** had a beautiful baby daughter, Sadie Ilene, on October 31, 2004, a true Halloween pumpkin! Keith is a high school math teacher and Stacey is in her third year at Capital One Financial in McLean, VA, as a group manager of marketing research. **Julie Remick** Bettencourt tells us she has a son, Tyler, 5 years old. He wears his Cornell sweatshirt at least once a week! **Amy Richter** shares that it's been a busy year for her. She moved, changed jobs, and got married all within the same month. Cornellians at the wedding included **Lynne Strasfeld**, **Mark Strauss '87**, and her brother **Josh Richter '94**.

**Patricia Santiago-Munoz** announces she just had her first baby with husband Omar Gonzalez. Victoria Cristina was born January 13, 2005. Patricia finished her fellowship in maternal fetal medicine in June 2005, and started a new job in Dallas as assistant professor at U. of Texas Southwestern. She often sees **Seth Kaplan** at alumni activities and at doctor visits—he's the family pediatrician. **Minhaj Arastu** says, "Romana and I have moved to Hyderabad, India. We have rented a flat very near ancestral properties belonging to her family and mine. It has been wonderful reestablishing contacts with relatives and friends. I have taken a teaching job at the Oakridge Int'l School in Hyderabad after teaching at Irmo High School for nine years."

**Patricia A. Wagner**, MS '95, tells us that she owns her own relief veterinary business focusing on emergency and critical care. On a similarly exciting note, she got married to Bradley Corsello on September 4! **Lorena Stabins McDonald** and spouse **Jack '93** report that their 2-1/2-year-old son Scott is very into dramatic play—he loves to compose his own songs and perform. Lorena resigned her teaching position to stay at home with Scott, but she's started her own card-making business. She makes custom handmade greeting cards, invitations, etc. She also teaches card-making classes at her home.

**Dohee Lee** joined Gensler in 2000 and has recently been appointed to the position of associate. Per a press release, Dohee "possesses a proficiency in CAD that, combined with her knowledge of both exterior and interior architecture, makes her a great asset to Gensler." She recently worked as a project architect on Castle Harlan Inc. and

Proskauer Rose LLP, with involvement in all phases of design through construction administration. **Neil Zwiebel** is proud to announce the opening of his new podiatry practice, Park East Podiatry in Manhattan. Neil is married to Alissa Fox and they have a 1-year-old baby girl, Alexandra. **Camille Semple-Daly** writes in to tell us that in September 2004 she opened her own practice—Access Women's Health Ob/Gyn LLP—in Willingboro, NJ. She specializes in natural/bio-identical hormone replacement therapy and offers full ob/gyn services. She is married to Vernon Daly, a doctor and president of the Heureka Center for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. They have children Leila, 3, and Vernon Jr., 1.

**David Lin** and his wife Cheri have a son Noah Brandon, 3-1/2, and a daughter Sophia Danielle, 1-1/2. **Alexandra MacDowell** reports that in 2004, she became director, production management at A&E Television Networks. She was also invited into the Producers Guild of America and became a member of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. She is excited to share that her husband Anthony DeCurtis recently published a book entitled *In Other Words: Artists Talk about Life and Work*. He has also been an editor at *Rolling Stone* magazine for over 25 years.

**Brian Cantor** finished a two-year fellowship in laparoscopic surgery and is practicing in the Washington, DC, area. **Adrien Kant** completed a year of robotic surgery research and another as a surgical critical care fellow at Children's Hospital of Michigan. She says, "I'm currently in my next-to-last year of general surgery residency at Wayne State U./Detroit Medical Center. In the last year and a half, I've presented some of the research in Hawaii, New Orleans, and Venice, Italy." **Renee Ryan** is a single mother with a 2-year-old daughter. She's also begun residency in family practice at Wilson Medical Center in Johnson City, NY.

**Heather Garbacik** Savickas tells us that son Corey John was born February 22, 2005 at Providence Medical Center, Kansas City, KS. She also shares that classmate **Caitlin Haas** Garbacik gave birth to Arleigh June on March 3, 2005. **Martha Rice** Epstein and husband Wayne have a 2-1/2-year-old daughter named Juliana. Martha began a new position as a kindergarten teacher with the Lakeland Central School District in Yorktown, NY, in January 2005. **Suzannah Johnson Creedon** and husband **John**, MBA '99, welcomed Diana Gabrielle on March 29, 2005. She joins big sister Eleanor Claire, born June 30, 2002. Suzannah says, "We miss Boston and the great Cornellians up there, but love being back in Washington, DC."

It is great to be in a warm, cozy place called home. I am home right now, cuddled up with a cup of hot chocolate and sharing all this good news with you. Now it's your turn! Write to us. ♦ **Wilma Ann Anderson**, [info@WilPowerEnterprises.com](mailto:info@WilPowerEnterprises.com); **Debbie Feinstein**, [Debbie\\_Feinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com); or **Renee Hunter** Toth, [rah24@cornell.edu](mailto:rah24@cornell.edu). Until next time. Be a light, and be well.

**93** Happy New Year! I cannot believe that it is now 2006. 2005 seems to have just flown by! I apologize that some of this news did not make it into an earlier addition, but I did want

to make sure to pass it along. **Kim Martucci** wrote that she is working as the a.m. meteorologist at WWSA-TV9 in Washington, DC, a CNS station owned by Gannett. **Eliseo Rios** is director of corporate administration at the Cartel Group in San Antonio, and he writes that advertising is keeping him busy. He has visited with **Stephanie Haase**, who now lives in Austin.

**David Rosen** sent a synopsis of the past few years. He is now married to Jen Lubin, a Princeton grad, and they have three little girls. They live in Maplewood, NJ, and he works as an orthopedic surgeon in Union County, NJ. From the *New York Times* wedding section, **Mauricio Garrido** married Louisa Terry on April 9, 2005 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Miami. Mauricio is a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at Columbia U. Medical Center in New York. **Jeff Drayer** e-mailed to let us know that he married Natalie Wolkoff, a UCLA med student, on September 3, 2005 in Beverly Hills. His best man was **Brian Quaranta**, and groomsmen were **Andres du Bouchet '94**, **Pete Fasold**, and **Bryon Colby**. Also present were **Matt Estabrook**, **Rick** and **Jessica Silber Jentis '94**, **George Whang '92**, **Geoff Manikin '92**, and **Ken Bagchi '91**.

My former co-correspondent **Greg Paradise** sent in some news about himself and some others. He writes, "**Jay Drezner** married Pamela Devon on May 12, 2005 in Kapalua, Maui, HI. The ceremony was outside, overlooking the ocean. Pam is from Sydney, Australia, where Jay met her while working there for a few years. They have now moved back to NYC. I was in the wedding party. Also there from Cornell were **Ian Wright '94** and **Jennifer Sowman Knapp '95**. Most of the guests spent the whole week in Maui. Jay and Pam planned several great group outings including a luau and a sunset catamaran cruise. We all had a great time."

Greg continues: "Noah Seth Paradise was born on January 15, 2005. He's been strong from the start, pushing up on his arms and holding his head up from 2 minutes after birth. Jen and I have had such a fun time watching him grow and learn. Noah is looking forward to joining the Cornell Class of 2027! I have accepted an offer from an intellectual property law firm in New Jersey, very close to my home (Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik LLP). I will primarily be doing trademark work (litigation, prosecution, counseling, etc.), but the firm handles patents, copyrights, trade secrets, etc."

E-mail brought a few other pieces of mail. **Pankaj Talwar** wrote, "I got married last year to Jyoti Jinwala. Among the many Cornellians at the wedding, we had the following classmates: **Vijay Chandrasekaran** and his wife **Nivedita (Das) '94**, **Anil** and **Waikuen Yee Thomas**, **Sunita Desai**, and **Bill Healy**. We followed many of the traditional Hindu customs, and one of the highlights of the wedding was arriving at the ceremony on a horse for the "Baraat." Currently, I am working as a VP of marketing for George Weston Bakeries for the Thomas's brand. Jyoti and I are living in Manhattan."

In case one new piece of information wasn't enough, **Holly Davies** wrote to say, "I have moved across the country, had a baby, gotten a new job,

and bought a house. I am a visiting assistant professor in the biology department of the U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. I finished my post-doc at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, and moved to Olympia, WA, in Sept. 2004. We had our second child, a baby girl named Margaret Jean Spidle, on December 24, 2004. We are closing on our new house in Olympia at the end of August, so we haven't actually bought the house yet. It was built around 1900 and is on the city's historic register. My husband **Adrian Spidle '90**, MS '94, and I celebrated our 9th wedding anniversary in June. We recently took two weeks to go back East and visit with lots of family and friends and to celebrate my parents' 40th wedding anniversary." Finally, **Tara Blitzer Benson** e-mailed that she and husband **Tom** welcomed their first child, baby girl Cassandra Reese, on October 24, 2004.

Congratulations on all the new babies, new spouses, and new jobs! Have a happy and healthy New Year! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com.

**94** Greetings, classmates! One of the ongoing challenges for every class is that many classmates move and change contact information from year to year. As a result, each class begins to accumulate a list of "bad addresses." That is, the university either has no address for an individual, or the system lists a historical address (also known as "last known address") that is no longer valid.

An important aspect of keeping our class connected is trying to keep the number of "bad address" classmates to a minimum. Please update your contact information with the university by sending it to: [alumni-updates@cornell.edu](mailto:alumni-updates@cornell.edu). Let's stay in touch!

Send news to: ♦ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jennifer.marchant@kraft.com](mailto:jennifer.marchant@kraft.com).

**95** Just when we thought wedding season had ended, my husband **Matt French** and I found ourselves back on the road to attend several weddings of classmates this fall (apparently, September is the "new June"). Indeed, in just one weekend, we made the trek from our home in the Washington, DC, area to Truro, MA—at the tip of Cape Cod, about two hours from Boston—to attend the wedding of **Scott Lajoie** and Wendy Petty, then drove from there down to New York for the wedding of Drs. **David Podwall** and Barbara Loewenthal.

Scott and Wendy married on the beach September 17, joined by a number of classmates. **Stephen Paul**, who has two children with his wife Rebecca, played the trumpet at the ceremony, and **David Grubman**, a lawyer in Pittsburgh, served as master of ceremonies. Also in attendance were **Marci Binsack** Yemola, who works for Aetna and lives with her husband Joe outside of Philadelphia; **Dean Bowles**, who married wife Erin on July 9 of this year and works in Detroit for a Japanese auto parts company; **Lisa Brodbeck**, who works for a company manufacturing

surgical equipment in New Haven, CT, and provided the Cornell representation at another recent wedding, that of **Patrice Winter** and James Rousell on July 23 in Seattle; and **Todd Edebohls**, who works for Amazon.com, also in Seattle, where he lives with wife Julie. Not in attendance was **Stephen Miller**, who works for BMW in Germany and was not able to make it back to the US. Scott is the managing editor for *Cape Cod* magazine while Wendy works in sales for PepsiCo Foodservice. The two honeymooned in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

The next day, September 18, David and Barbara were married at Temple Israel in Lawrence, NY. Cornellians in attendance included groomsmen **David Jakubowicz**, who, with wife Pam, has three children, and **Russ Levitan**, as well as **Stephanie Gendell**, **Stephanie Lessans** Geller, **Scott Klein**, **Sumit Mittle**, **Doug Cohen '92**, **Jeremy Sperling '94** and his wife **Erika Ozer '94**, and **Jeanine Schoen '96**. David is a neurologist at a private practice in Great Neck, NY, and also works out of North Shore and St. Francis hospitals. Barbara just finished her radiology residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan and is now a radiology fellow at Cornell Hospital in New York City. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Tahiti.

Driving to Dave and Barbara's wedding by way of Connecticut brought to mind an e-mail I'd received from **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, recounting her wedding and honeymoon, which began July 15 when she married Jeffrey M. Sigler at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, CT. **Patrick Omilian** officiated the wedding, and **Janice Siegford**, **Thomas Hughes**, **Christopher Morris**, and **Kelly Gonzalez '96** all attended. Writes Veronica, "I am told they did a nice rendition of 'The Rainbow Connection' while gazing out onto the Long Island Sound!" And the fun didn't end there. According to Veronica, the honeymoon was "a real adventure." "We originally planned to go to the Canary Islands. Well, the part of the Canary Islands where we ended up was not the vision of luxury we had for the honeymoon. Jeffrey and I stayed there for about 5 hours, hopped a plane to London and remained there for a few days. Among the many misadventures that occurred while we were there (I sprained my ankle, etc.), none was more of a reality check than being in downtown London during the second round of bombings. We definitely have stories for posterity!" Veronica and Jeffrey have purchased a condo in Wallingford, CT, where he is finishing up a PhD at Yale and she is teaching at the Alternative Center for Excellence in Danbury.

Also having bought a new home in Connecticut and recently married is **Wendy O'Neill**, who works in architecture in Stamford. She and her husband, a graduate of the Naval Academy, celebrated their June nuptials in Rhode Island and honeymooned in Hawaii. While they "haven't seen each other's college campuses, (we) are both convinced that our own is the most beautiful." But, Wendy writes, "once he sees Cornell, I'm sure he'll agree that it is better than Annapolis!" And in baby news, **Hanna Stevens** Buchanan, a resident physician at Yale U., and husband Gordon welcomed Gwendolyn Ada on August 16, 2005;

in May, Hannah Alessandra joined proud parents **David** and **Angela Whitehead Quigley '96**. Ronan James Gallagher was born to **Christian '94** and **Libby Smith Gallagher** in Terre Haute, IN, on September 17, 2005; and **Alison Ford** Balan, MPA '97, and husband Todd-Michael welcomed their daughter Carter Rosalie on September 5. Alison writes that 2-year-old Davis is loving his new role as big brother.

To close this column, I will reiterate Abra's plea for more news—I mean, do you really want an entire column devoted to her pugs?! (Just kidding, Abra. You know I'm a dog lover too!) Your annual News and Dues form should have arrived in the fall, so fill out that News Form and send it in, if you haven't done so yet. And here's a question for you to mull over for 2006: Now that we're more than ten years out and can reflect on our college years a little more soberly (literally and figuratively!), what was the one defining moment during your Cornell career that helped you get where you are now? (And please let us know where you are now and how it helped you.) Or if you don't feel you had one defining moment, is there one thing you would have done differently that you think would change where you are now? E-mail your responses to Abra or me. We'll publish as many as fit and are suitable. Thanks—and Happy New Year! ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu); **Abra Benson**, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**96** One of the biggest differences between living in Washington, DC, where I used to live, and London (my current home) is that in D.C. I'd see people on the street and think I knew them and it would turn out that I would. In London, I see people I think I know, squint at them through the rain, get splashed by a bus because I'm looking in the wrong direction, only to realize I'm staring at a stranger. Except sometimes I'm not. The other day I was crossing Waterloo Bridge and bumped into **Dominique Lazanski**, who I have not seen since graduation. (We only spoke when she squinted and read the name on my employee ID.) Dominique has recently moved to London, where she's working on a master's degree at the London School of Economics. Unlike me, she has seen Monica Lewinsky twice. "She is a very short woman," Dominique reports. "I had no idea!"

Speaking of Monica, if you're wondering why the news you sent in has vanished faster than her handbag business and her Weight Watchers deal, I invite you to cast a vote on whether to blame the US Postal Service or the Royal Mail—but more importantly, to send it in again. Pretty please. We really don't like having the column be an all-you-can-blather night at the word salad bar in an attempt to fill space any more than you do.

From our Boston bureau, **Carin Lustig** Silverman reports that she traveled to Las Vegas in May for a few days with **Jeanine Schoen**, a marketing innovation manager for Unilever Foods. Jeanine is currently living in NYC, and often can be seen running or rollerblading along the West Side Highway. After finishing a one-year mid-career master's program at Harvard focused on

the intersection of the public and private sectors, **Eric Sinoway** recently accepted a strategy job at the university. Carin writes, "Eric's wife Jennifer is an elementary school teacher and we get to see Eric and Jen and their dog Lady on a regular basis." She adds, "As for us, Josh just began the second year of his otolaryngology residency at Harvard and I am spending some time at home with our 17-month-old daughter Abigail and 4-year-old dog Maddie before re-entering the job market."

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MELANIE R. ARZT '99

Wedding Watch. Wedding One: **Amy Heusinkveld**, MAT '00, and **David Baer '00** were married in July 2004 in the chapel at Anabel Taylor Hall. Cornellians included in the wedding party were **Miriam Solomon**, DVM '00, who is working as a vet in New York City, **Jennifer King Fadla**, a lawyer in NYC, and **Peter Wang '99**. Other classmates in attendance: **Julie Wu**, MS '00, who is living in Maryland, **Vivek Puri**, who works as a consultant in Boston, Carin Lustig Silverman, **Matt Hill**, who's still working outside of NYC, and **Scott McDonough**, who's finishing up his PhD from UCLA and has moved to NYC. Amy and David are living in Arlington, MA, where Amy is working as a seventh grade science teacher. David just completed his Master of Divinity at Yale.

Wedding Two: **Albert Pizzica** married Meghan Walsh on April 16, 2005 in Malvern, PA. Cornellians in attendance included a number of freshman friends from the Class of '18 Hall such as Eric Sinoway and his wife Jennifer, **Josh Silverman**, Carin Lustig Silverman, Jeanine Schoen, **Eddie Marshall**, and **Gina DiMartini**, as well as **Bill Hander**, **Fred Mischler '94**, and **Joe Adiletta**. Al and Meg honeymooned in Switzerland, where they spent several days skiing in the Alps. Al is currently the COO for Pizzica Health Systems in Philadelphia, and Meg is a sales representative for Pfizer.

Wedding Three: It was a dark and stormy night in August 2003 when **James Edwards** met Elise Wuhl. Actually, it was seriously hot and humid—and Jamey brought two girlfriends with him for backup, and Elise brought her ex-boyfriend. An auspicious beginning indeed. Fast forward to 2005, when the couple—who'd met through **Karen Schnelwar**—married on Sept. 25 at Shadowbrook on the Jersey Shore (owned by a Hotelie, no less). Cornellian witnesses included **Ari Nagler** (co-best man), Karen Schnelwar (of course), **Gail Rosenberg**, **Tanya Boone**, **Andres Gonzalez**, **Eric Gershenbaum**, **Alejandro Luna**, and **Mook Cho**. Also the groom's sister **Jessica Edwards-Reich '94** and **Dan Shur '94**, MBA '03, plus a bunch of Jamey's Cornell business school friends. "It was definitely a Big Red event," he writes. The couple honeymooned in Australia before returning to NYC, where the bride is a reality TV producer and the groom is at Lehman Brothers.

Wedding Four: **Meredith Resnick** married Ed Rerisi on Aug. 21 at the Garden City Hotel on Long Island. Meredith's matron of honor was **Andrea Fuhr Saporito** (who came to the wedding with husband **Alex '97**). Other Cornellians in attendance included **Matt and Kerry Klein Atlas**, MPA '97, **Jason '95** and **Lori Schwartz Frischer**, **Toby Reiter**, **Emily Luskin** Schonbraun, and **Vinny and Lisa Scaccia Salerno**, as well as her and Ed's fellow Duke Business School

classmates who are also '96ers: **Eric Hession**, **Alexandra Jaritz**, and **Mike Intravaia**. "Ed is looking forward to his first trip to Ithaca for our 10th Reunion in June," Meri writes.

And on the subject of reunion, we bring you the following public service announcement: **Erin Sullivan** Caimano, **Rob Cunjak**, **Karen Fadden Fabbri**, and **Marilyn Mawn** are leading a committee of more than 20 classmates for our 10th Reunion Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$130,000 from 625 donors, including 100 Giving Society members and six Tower Club members. Thanks so much to those who have already supported our efforts by making a gift to Cornell. If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, please join us! Gifts can be made online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving.htm> or by calling (800) 279-3099. See you on the Hill—save me some corn nuggets and a turn at the Dunbar's jukebox! ♦ **Courtney Rubin**, [cbr1@cornell.edu](mailto:cbr1@cornell.edu); **Sheryl Magzamen**, [slm1@cornell.edu](mailto:slm1@cornell.edu). For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** If this fall's seemingly unending hurricane season is any indicator, this winter may be a long haul. Bitterly cold days remind me of Ithaca, and while those thoughts may not warm the toes, at least they warm the soul. If a jaunt to a sunny Caribbean destination isn't on your agenda this winter, try grabbing a Cornell buddy, hitting a local watering hole, raising a glass, and sharing some warm memories.

Classmates **Samara Friedman** and **Daniel Turinsky** are keeping very busy. Dan is an attorney at Kasowitz, Benson in New York City; Samara is chief resident of orthopaedic surgery at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and plans on completing a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia next year. On May 11, 2005, the couple welcomed son Zachary Ryan. Samara notes that Zachary is already preparing for his application to Cornell. She says, "It is difficult to say whether motherhood or residency is more tiring. Everything right now is sort of a wonderful blur." On August 8, Wynn Alexander Alsko made his grand entrance into the world. Wynn

joins big sister Ella and proud parents **Mike** and **Gillian Alsko**.

Wedding bells continue to ring for members of the Class of '97. After meeting in March 1995 in the elevator at Sheldon Court and starting to date the following year, **Rob Unckless**, MS '99, and **Heather Fiore** got married on July 16 on the Terrace at Willard Straight Hall. The reception was in the Memorial Room. Cornellians in the wedding party were **Amy Unckless '94** (serving as Rob's best man), **Marc Gallagher '94** (groomsman and Amy's husband), **Chris Littlejohn '98**, MAT '99 (groomsman), and the groom's father, **Jim Unckless '66**. Also returning to Ithaca for the festivities were classmates **Colin and Elizabeth Soto-Seelig Cushing**, **Jennifer Thom**, MS '04, **Brad Marshall**, **Rob Glesmann**, **Russ Giasomo**, **Ruth Potes**, and **Tamarra Strawn**, JD '01. The couple lives in Rochester, NY, where Rob is a biology and environmental science teacher in Penfield and Heather is a dietitian for Strong Memorial Hospital and the city school district.

**Kyle MacLea** married Holly Portland on Orr's Island, ME, on June 18, 2005; classmate **Zachary Hubert** and wife Julie attended, as did **Joel D. Green '00**, **Edwin**, PhD '98, and **Katherine Plante Anderson '98**, and **Clayton Sparks '94**, a fellow Cornellian Kyle didn't know on the Hill but who joined the festivities as the guest of Kyle's graduate school friend Kathryn Chatfield. Kyle collected his PhD in pharmacology/toxicology from Dartmouth in 2003 and then spent a year as a post-doctoral student in the pharmacology department at Penn studying cardiovascular pharmacology and proteomics. Kyle took another post-doctoral position with the US Dept. of Agriculture in East Lansing, MI, in their Avian Disease and Oncology Laboratory, studying oncogenic viruses in poultry. Kyle and Holly met at Dartmouth; she is currently enrolled at Michigan State U.'s College of Veterinary Medicine. **Keith Berger** sent in word of his marriage to Ellen Higgins in Cape Elizabeth, ME, on August 6, 2005. Keith noted the following classmates in attendance at the wedding: **Brad Hopper**, **Aaron Daru**, **Dan Resnick**, **Oliver Chang**, **Trent Collins**, **Ythan Goldberg**, **James** and **Maria Zavala Trujillo**, **Mike Demetriou**, **Dania Braunstein**, **Doug Cullen**, **Jennifer Mattucci Santoro**, and **Jess and Jennifer Brown Melanson**. Keith works at the law firm of Davis Polk and Wardwell in New York City, and Ellen is starting a master's program in organizational psychology at Columbia U.'s Teacher's College.

**Meghan Work** Boedges sent in a big dose of news. She married Jeff in September 2002. More recently, Megan was a bridesmaid when **Rachel Chansky** wed Scott O'Reilly on August 13, 2005 in Bretton Woods, NH. **Jessica Denham** and **Sharon Flicker** also served as bridesmaids. **Nikki Arvanites**, **Kim Kilpatrick**, **Ryan '94**, JD '97, and **Marci Klein Poliakov**, **Stu and Rikki Lober Bagatell**, **Katie Fallon**, and **Rachel Laveman Manne** also attended the nuptials. **Jason** and **Amy Blye Cohen** were unable to be there; the couple was busy welcoming daughter Sara Josephine that morning.

In May, Meghan collected her master's in public health from Columbia and marked graduation and her 30th birthday with a party in New

York City. In addition to many of the classmates at Rachel's wedding, partygoers included Meghan's freshman-year suite-mates **James Blanco** and **Mike Bedell**, and friend **Amanda Claremon '96**. Meghan reports that James graduated with his MBA from Columbia's business school in May. Meghan is working as a healthcare consultant in Manhattan and living in Jersey City, NJ. Thanks, Meghan, for sending in so much news!

Congratulations to all of our newlyweds, new parents, new graduates, and new hires. If you enjoy reading the column, please take a couple of minutes to send in an update on where you are and what you're up to. (A convenient form came in the mail last fall—did you fill it out yet?) Help us make this column good reading material! You may not necessarily feel like your news is that interesting, but you've got a captive audience that looks forward to seeing our newsy tidbits, so chime in! ❖ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**98** Happy New Year, Class of 1998! As you are recovering from the parties and vacations and trying to recall all that fun and drama over the holiday season, we bring to you stories of '98 classmates from 2005. Let's start with March. **Annie Helle** married Robert Gutwillig on March 27, 2005 at Calamigos Ranch in Malibu, CA. Annie works in Los Angeles as an associate manager for singer Bonnie Raitt. On April 9, 2005, **Allison Weissman** married Brian Citron at the Park Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan. Allison is an associate in financial restructuring and bankruptcy at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, a law firm in Manhattan. She received her law degree from Fordham U.

**Rita Doyle** Pederson and her husband Jay became parents. Jack Doyle Pederson was born on April 18, 2005 in Raleigh, NC. Mom reports that he is a healthy and happy little boy. He was a bit smaller than they anticipated, so his Cornell sweatshirt was not going to fit for a few more weeks. They moved back to NYC at the end of the summer. Not long after that, **Oliver '97**, MPA '98, and **Gail Magpantay Althoff** welcomed baby daughter Grace Malaya on May 8, 2005. Gregg has a suspicion that baby Grace will be taller than Gail. Congratulations!

July marked the happy ending to a love story that began back in 1999. **Julie Ann Belkin** married Michael Gerard Rand on July 16 at a farm in South Natick, MA. After graduating from Cornell, Julie received her master's degree in early childhood education from the Bank Street College of Education. She is now a second grade teacher at the Dalton School in Manhattan. As confirmed in the *New York Times* wedding section, Julie and Michael met in September 1999 on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend of their families. Here's the full scoop:

"I was coerced into it," Ms. Belkin said, half jokingly. Her friend "was talking Mike up so much that I finally said, 'O.K., O.K., you can give him my number.'" Mr. Rand said: "Typically, I was pretty skeptical of blind dates. That said, I was open to it. It is just an hour out of your life." Ms. Belkin recalled that their first phone conversation

followed a direct path: "I can tell from your number," he said, "that you live on the Upper West Side—where?" "Right outside Lincoln Center," she said. "Where?" "Between Amsterdam and Broadway." "What building?" "Dorchester Towers." "Oh my God, we live in the same building. Why don't we meet in the lobby right now?" But she demurred so that they could have a proper date three days later. When they finally met for a drink—in their neighborhood, of course—they discovered they had yet more in common. They had attended brother-sister camps in Maine, both families had summer homes in the same small community on Cape Cod, and the two shared the same birthday, Jan. 28. "After all that, it felt like fate," Ms. Belkin said. "I thought, how could I have not met this guy before?"

In August, **Jen Hogan** moved to Boston and was hoping to hear from local alums. At the time we heard from her, she was looking for a job in the environmental consulting field. If anyone in the Boston area has any leads, please e-mail Jen at [jenhogan@hotmail.com](mailto:jenhogan@hotmail.com). Oktoberfest marked the end of **Aaron Tax's** two-month stint with the V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany. Aaron is currently an attorney at the US Army's Office of Equal Opportunity. Before heading home to D.C., Aaron managed to tour around Europe, including a quick pint in London with Erica!

"These are so last year's news," you say? In the spirit of the New Year, you are probably (we hope) feeling perky and motivated. While you are at it, add this to your list of New Year's resolutions: keep in good touch with your classmates! The good news is, this doesn't even have to involve painful diets or trips to the gym! All you have to do is e-mail your latest stories, encounters, deep thoughts, tidbits, etc. to me or to Gregg. We look forward to hearing from you! ❖ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; and **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

**99** Happy 2006, folks! As always, you Cornellians are up to a million and one things, so without further ado, your news! **Dianne Miller**, a meteorologist and project manager for Sonoma Technology, reportedly bought her "very own tiny piece of California," a townhouse in the wine country! A self-professed wine snob, she balances a busy lifestyle, playing for the community band, ice skating, playing volleyball, and volunteering at Guide Dogs for the Blind. **Laura Knights** also just purchased her first house, making Seattle her home sweet home. Laura moved to the West Coast two years ago, and is now VP for Intellisponse, a market research and consulting company. **Suzanne Saidi** recently made the switch from engineering to acting, moving to L.A. to pursue her childhood dream. She reports recently being on "General Hospital," "a really cool and fun experience." **Philipp Meyer** made a big move to Texas after receiving the Michener Fellowship in Writing at UT, Austin!

While on the subject of writers, **Thomas M. Campbell II** has spent the past several years working with his father, Cornell professor emeritus Dr. T. Colin Campbell, on *The China Study*, a book about nutrition and health. Released in

January 2005, the book, according to Tom, is the most comprehensive study in the history of nutrition, and has startling implications for diet, weight loss, and long-term health. (Move over Atkins!) Keeping up the world wide word, **Julie Karasik** runs [VocabVitamins.com](http://VocabVitamins.com) and is in the midst of creating a vocabulary-building service for classrooms and a book for McGraw-Hill. She lives in San Francisco and completed her first Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in June 2005! **Jennifer Collins** recently picked up triathlons, completing two last season in NYC and Westchester, and has four on her schedule this year! When not running, biking, and swimming, she's working on hotel and residential development as the director at Tishman Hotel & Realty.

World traveler **Sarah Phelps** spent seven months last year in the Bahamas at Club Med Paradise Island! She then took off with **Lee Griffiths** to travel the world for three months, stopping along the way in Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand, Helsinki, Finland, and Paris. While mixing with Parisians, they met **Curtis Bartosik '89**, the president of the Cornell Club in France. Now they live in Montana and hang out with friends and alumni in ski town! **Caroline Bower** has "one of those wow jobs worth a mention," spending the last six years as a Weather Officer in the US Air Force while also earning her master's in the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Last year, the Air Force sent her to sunny Hawaii, where she serves as Typhoon Duty Officer at the Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Pearl Harbor and writes forecasts for 90 percent of the world's tropical cyclones.

And we've got our very own Smoky the Bear! **Crystal Kolden** is living the life of "*Twister* the movie but with flames." Crystal chases forest fires to keep herself occupied in the interim between completing her master's at the U. of Nevada, Reno and pursuing her PhD. On the opposite side of the spectrum, **Leigh Ann Johnson** lives soggily in Seattle after traveling around the world with the Semester-at-Sea program.

Talk about cool jobs! **Daniel Gardner** just started a custom metal work business a few months ago called 5A Forge, creating everything from traditional wrought iron to corporate logo signs. Daniel has a line of wrought iron cuff links he's made as groomsmen's gifts. And while on the subject, several Cornellians have taken the marital plunge! On July 23, 2005 **Alexandra Smith** and Mark Ozerkis were married in the Berkshires. Mr. and Mrs. Ozerkis now live happily ever after in Manhattan, where **Gladys Mathew** and **Vinod Mathew '97** were married back in September 2004. After their beautiful wedding downtown, the Mathews headed down under to Australia for their honeymoon. (P.S. they had 34 Cornellians in attendance! Wowzas!) Wendy Moros and **Matt Poland** tied the knot in Wilton, CT, on May 28, 2005. And on March 6, 2005, **Eli Mogil** married Robyn Kaiser in Toronto and honeymooned in Thailand. Eli now works as a lawyer for McCarthy Tetrault LLP.

**Brady Russell** reports to be the Legislative Director for Pennsylvania ACORN as of May 2005. He looked forward to the role, even though, he writes, "I'll be making no money at

all, basically. It's a good job that will pay nada." Hey, Brady, I can relate! Licensed architect **Eric Booth** was made partner at his firm, AES ArchiTech, a 20-person architecture and engineering firm in Salisbury, MD. Eric and his wife, an Ithaca College grad, visit their alma maters each spring, walking the gorges, visiting wineries, and hanging out downtown. Folks, I'm sad to say the Booths reported that our dear old Ithaca has "finally succumbed to Wal-Mart." Hey, remember when we were freshmen and the biggest attraction was Pyramid Mall, Friendly's, and a rundown movie theater? How I miss those days, folks!

Keep writing in your news, big and small, and enjoy the new year! ♦ **Melanie R. Arzt**, snoopy mel@gmail.com; **Jennifer Sheldon**, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com; or **Jess Smith**, jessica@fenton.com.

**OO** Let's see what our classmates are up to for the New Year! **Julie Todisco Mitchell** has been very busy lately. She received an MS in manufacturing engineering in 2001 at Boston U. and is now working at Sun Microsystems as a mechanical and manufacturing engineer. Julie then married Paul Mitchell Jr. and ran the Philadelphia Marathon all in the same year! Cornell couple **David Garlough** and **Donna Ress '02** got married at Sage Chapel on June 25, 2005. Donna is the editor at *Body and Soul* magazine, and Dave works in enterprise sales for Hewlett Packard. **Ernesto Jimenez Jr.** and Melissa Rosas were fortunate enough to have two weddings—one in Miami through the Florida court system on March 28, 2005, and one in New York through the Catholic Church on June 4, 2005. The couple then headed to Hawaii for their honeymoon. As Ernesto says, "The rest is history waiting to be made." Ernesto has postponed pursuing his MBA and is currently the international regional manager for Emerson Electric. Melissa has one more year to complete her master's in elementary education and is the director of a private elementary school located in Doral, FL. Her ambition is to open up her own daycare/elementary ed institution some time in the future.

Wedding bells were also ringing for **Kim Harris** and **Mike Greiner**. The adorable couple, who have been together since our college days, were wed on August 7, 2004 at Sage Chapel as well. **Nicole Cain** and **Melissa Paul** were bridesmaids. **Keith Moss '99**, **Jon Wilkenfeld '99**, **Steve Chin '99**, and **Chris Comarato '99** were groomsmen. Kim and Mike had a lovely honeymoon in France. Kim is in her third year of veterinary school at the U. of Pennsylvania, and Mike works as a project manager for Toll Brothers Inc. Best wishes to you all!

There have also been many changes in our friends' lives. **Heather Foulks** decided to transfer from the Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC, to the Four Seasons Resort in Jackson Hole, WY. She is the assistant F&B manager and is looking forward to fly-fishing and learning how to ski. She also had the honor of being in the wedding party for **Julie-Ann Dittmer**, who recently married Sean Armstrong. **Stephanie Wilmot** started a new job as a "Team-in-Training" manager for the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The program trains volunteers for endurance events such as marathons and century rides. In return, the participants raise funds to cure blood cancer and improve the lives of patients and their families.

**Maryam Khan** quit corporate law practice due to interest in development projects. She is now working in the dual capacity of a legal advisor and operations associate at KASHF Foundation, an organization that works with women from low-income households to empower them financially and socially. Maryam is also learning to play the tabla, a South Asian percussion instrument belonging to the drum family! After four years at Sherwin-Williams, **Michelle Fischman** is still enjoying her job as a recruiter and has taken on some human resources generalist duties. She is also attending Rutgers U. in pursuit of an MBA.

**Shirley Puiwa Li** is working at Credit Suisse First Boston, and **Anthony Mingione** is practicing labor and employment law at Lum, Danzis, Drasco & Positan LLC in Roseland, NJ. **Jesse Veverka** entered an MS/PhD program in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Cornell. He was also a US Fulbright grantee to South Korea in 2002-03. **Benjamin Ufer** works at Lehman Brothers on 7th Avenue in NYC, while **Liliana Vidal-Quadras** works for GlobalPack, a leading producer of packaging products for the consumer goods industry in the Americas. Liliana is based out of the corporate headquarters in Miami, FL, and directs all of the company's marketing and sales efforts. She says this is a wonderful business to be in.

**Cate Beirne** is an account manager for GE Silicones in Chicago, and **Jennifer Dickman**, MAT '01, is a middle school science teacher for the NYC Dept. of Education in Queens. **Minna Kwon** finished her stint as director of finance at the New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott, then became the director of revenue analysis for the NYC midtown Marriott Hotels. She is excited to be back in the city! **Benjamin Kuhn** and **Matthew Bruntel** both earned their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Connie Chen** has been traveling around the world with other Cornellians. Her most recent excursions included Spain, Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini. She also spent the holidays in Mexico, Hawaii, and Taiwan. Connie hopes to make it to Morocco one day. She received her JD from Boston College Law School and interned with UNICEF. Connie would like to pursue a legal career in either real estate or family law. She keeps in touch with **Catherine Chow**, who is a successful spa/high-end luxury clothing boutique owner in the hippest area in San Francisco. It's called Azalea and it's on Hayes St., so if you're in the area, drop on by! Their theme is to "shop around the world" for you.

If you, too, have a new business to tell us about or a new story to share with us, make sure you fill out your class News Form and send it our way! Or write us directly. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you! ♦ **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

**01** In just six months we will be returning to campus for our first reunion on June 8-11, 2006. The Class of 2001 Reunion Headquarters will be in Clara Dickson, and if you would like to help with reunion preparations, please send an e-mail to classof2001\_reunion@cornell.edu. In addition to our June reunion festivities, **Nathan Connell**, **Trina Lee**, **Seema Prasannakumar**, and **Diana Tyler** are leading a committee of more than 30 classmates for our 5th Reunion Campaign. Our class goal is to raise \$75,000 from 600 donors, including 65 Giving Society members and seven Tower Club members. Thanks to those of you who have already supported our efforts by making a gift to Cornell. If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, please join us! Gifts can be made online at [www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving.htm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving.htm) or by calling 1-800-279-3099.

**Julie Bassett** and her husband Patrick Kelly celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary on January 1, 2006. Julie graduated from Wake Forest School of Law and the couple recently bought a house in southern Maine. Congratulations also to **Jonathan Benaknin** on his graduation from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine last June. **Greg Giusto** received his master's in public health from the U. of Michigan last April and is living and working in Washington, DC, as an analyst with the healthcare team for the US Government Accountability Office. Last year was a busy one for **Mona Arif**. In May she graduated from medical school at the U. of Rochester and then in August married Adil Haque in Michigan. Classmates in attendance included **Kristin D'Aco** and **Seema Saifee**. Now living in the San Francisco Bay Area, Mona would love to reconnect with Cornell friends and can be reached at [monakarif@yahoo.com](mailto:monakarif@yahoo.com).

In a beautiful Mexican-themed wedding, **Brooke Sinnes** married Enrique Trinidad Martinez at Cain Vineyard on July 3, 2005 in St. Helena, CA. Cornellians in attendance included matron of honor **Jenni Washburn Higgs**, **Caroline Williams**, **Kristal Yee**, **Katrina Dryer**, and **Trina Lee**. In addition to working as an associate landscape architect for Chandler Landscape Architects, which specializes in residential, hotel, winery, and environment work in the Napa area, Brooke also teaches classes on knitting, weaving, spinning, and natural dyeing.

Following Brooke's wedding, Jenni flew to Africa in September to see her husband, Lt. **Dan Higgs '00**, who was there working for the United Nations. In Africa they spent time in Ethiopia and Egypt, leisurely making their way down the Nile via cruise, train, plane, and camel. This past fall, Jenni began her doctoral studies in English at Northwestern U., while Dan began the MBA program at U. of Chicago in January. Kristal Yee has worked for TIAA-CREF, a pension fund in NYC, since graduation. In the past year she traveled to Madrid for work and Buenos Aires, Hong Kong, Singapore, Ireland, and Scotland for pleasure. Katrina graduated from Boston U. School of Law in May 2005, where she concentrated in litigation and dispute resolution. This past summer she sat for both the Massachusetts and New York Bar exams, spent some time hiking and kayaking

on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, and cruised the inside passage of Alaska.

Last summer, Trina Lee was able to reconnect with **Jamie** and **Amira Abuzeid Aycock** and their sons Noah, 3, and Benjamin, 2, in Dallas, TX. Jamie graduated from Harvard Law School in June 2005. After taking the Texas Bar exam in August, he and his family bid farewell to Boston and several Cornell friends, including **Morgan** and **Emily Gangemi Campbell**. Emily spent the summer on an archaeological dig in Turkey and then set out for a year in Greece as part of her PhD in classical archaeology. Morgan, who will continue working on his MDiv from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary from Greece, is working on developing a ministry to international students and refugees while in Athens. After leaving, Jamie and Amira made a long, leisurely road trip to Austin, TX, where Jamie is working for a year as a briefing attorney to Justice Nathan Hecht of the Texas Supreme Court. Along the way, they stopped in Manhattan and saw **Reyko Huang**, who is a researcher with the Int'l Peace Academy, and her husband of one year, Melvin Ooi. In central New Jersey they met up with **Kristen Benedetto**, who was just finishing her judicial clerkship with a federal magistrate before heading to work at a law firm.

**Joan Leahy** and **Brendan Quigley** were married on August 5, 2005 at the Riviera in Massapequa Park, NY. Among the Cornellians in attendance were classmates **Kimm Maugeri**, **Luke Barefoot**, **Jocelyn Heyman**, **Joanne Schleifman**, **Sydney Chastain-Chapman**, **Louise Pullin**, **Melissa Levine**, **Kristina Klimovich**, **Laura Burak**, **Jess Sayles**, and **Dave Saunders**. Joan and Brendan have since relocated to Washington, DC, where Brendan is attending Georgetown Law School and Joan continues to work for Deloitte as a senior consultant. Earlier in the year, Kimm was promoted to human resources representative at Amerada Hess Corp., where she has successfully initiated a Cornell externship program. In December, Luke completed his clerkship with the Hon. Rosemary Barkett on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and returned to the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb in NYC. Also practicing law, Jocelyn is an associate at Foley Hoag in Boston, MA, while Joanne is at Jones Day in Washington, DC. Now a "Brooklynite," Sydney is completing her master's in fine arts at Hunter College and has shown pieces at galleries in both New York and Los Angeles. Sydney is frequently in cahoots with fellow Brooklyn local Louise, who works at Macy's in midtown Manhattan.

Congratulations also to classmates **Viki Lovei** and **Kevin Cuttica** on their September wedding in Chicago, IL. Send news to ♦ **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

**02** It is becoming colder by the day in Manhattan. Soon I will have to break out my fuzzy knee boots. The rain in New York has been atrocious. As it is, I have already slipped down the subway stairs. I had to sacrifice three umbrellas to that infamous inside-turned-out-because-of-the-wind scene. I need a strong,

won't-go-inside-out umbrella. Any recommendations? Send them my way; I am tired of eating my mascara. As another graduation draws closer, I am again faced with the trauma and drama inherent in any job search. I have found that I could really use a secretary. Ahem, a personal assistant. Ahem, a cheerleader. Ahem, a Tom Welling look-alike. Wait, wrong dilemma . . . Moving on.

**Shara Freeman**, associate director of Cornell's Northeast Regional Office in Boston, wrote to tell me that **Brook Dannemiller** and **Nicole Mariani** got hitched on August 13, 2005 in Newport, RI. I ran into **Joey Karcinel** (who now goes by "Joe") and **Brad Unger** at an alumni networking event in October at the Cornell Club. Both are working in Manhattan and looking quite dapper in their professional attire. Other alums within range of '02 included **Kimm Maugeri '01**, **Keith Mambretti**, and **Jocelyn Schwartz '00**.

Working in organizational development at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, I have had the pleasure of joining forces with fellow alum **Jonathan Stearn '96**, who has made an impressive career switch from engineering at PricewaterhouseCoopers to non-profit at-home healthcare. He was married October 2004 and lives in New York City with his wife Beth.

**Rob Paderofsky** returned in the spring of 2005 from two years in the Peace Corps, an hour north of Johannesburg. "A wonderful experience, and it's been easier than I expected to readjust to being back in the States," he said. Now living in Arlington, VA, he is looking to reconnect with old friends, so send him an e-mail at rmp20@cornell.edu. **Rich Hedge** graduated from law school and is now working in New York City at a law firm downtown.

I hope you received your annual News and Dues mailing last fall. If you haven't sent it back yet, it's not too late. Join the class and send your news! You can also e-mail me directly. Happy New Year! ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@comcast.net; **Elizabeth Richards**, ELR10@cornell.edu.

**03** Greetings from the Evergreen State! These past few months have been full of fun, surprise e-mails from fellow Cornellians with whom I had seemingly lost touch after graduation. I continue to have near-daily run-ins with **Molly Hoyme**, who is a co-worker at the hotel and who has moved out of being a restaurant manager and into banquet management. I was thrilled to hear from **Stacie Chalfin**, who has been all over the place since I last saw her. She wrote, "I worked at Bear Stearns in L.A. for a little over a year, spent some time in South America learning Spanish, then helped open a dessert restaurant in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico." Her latest adventure landed her in London, where she is working on her master's in tourism. "It has been a lot of randomness, but a lot of fun. I have been in London for two months now and it is really great." **Zach Conine** is continuing to work hard in Las Vegas and is forever dreaming up ways to propel himself and his accomplices into greatness.

Naval officer **Tom Struble** is still attached to his submarine, the USS *Virginia* out of Groton,

CT, and enjoys living in Middletown with his fiancée Caitlin, an architect. **Matt Haistings**, our Army friend, was home from Iraq for two weeks in October; however, he has since returned abroad to finish up his year deployment. **Yujin Chung**, MEE '04, has finished a little over a year at Bain & Co. as an associate consultant, having worked in a variety of industries. He was honored as godfather to the recently born daughter of the Decker family. Such a title implies great responsibility—and age. Yujin also spent five days playing soccer for the annual Bain World Cup soccer tournament. While his team did not win the cup, he did manage to outdrink his international colleagues in a riveting game of Budweiser Boatrace. He writes, "I am still in Boston, though I travel to Philly for my case pretty often."

**Annie Wickstrom** lives in Miami, FL, and works for Ernst & Young in the hospitality advisory services department. After hearing that I was at the Fairmont Olympic in Seattle, she wrote to share a few memories of working at the Fairmont in Chicago. "That is where I worked after school for 18 months. I was at the strike in San Fran and made some amazing friends, who I miss very much. I've left operations for a more analytical career at EY. It's amazing—I'm covering Latin America and the Caribbean for our Transaction Real Estate Division. I do almost exclusively hotels. I'm perfecting my Spanish and getting tan."

No tans for me out here in Seattle! I hug my Starbucks coffee cup and run in and out of the rain while commuting into the city to the Fairmont, where I have quite happily settled in as the fine-dining manager of the Georgian Room. I continue to keep my doors open and am studying for the LSAT, which is rapidly approaching. All the best to the Class of 2003. Send me a shout if you get the chance! ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, Sam\_buckingham@hotmail.com; **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

**04** **Marc Zavel** has completed his first book! He writes, "After nearly two years of research, writing, and editing, *Untangling the Ivy League 2006* is here. It's the first comprehensive guidebook of its kind—a hefty 550 pages, covering every imaginable aspect—from athletics and admissions to secret societies and famous pranks—at the nation's eight oldest, most respected and competitive schools. College Prowler, the book's publisher, has been praised by the critics, including the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *New York Times*. Cornell played a tremendous role in how the book came together, in large part because it began as an independent study during my undergraduate years there. It features interviews with former president **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and alumna **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**. The guidebook also never would've been possible without the help of about ten other Cornell students who provided research assistance. *Untangling the Ivy League 2006* would make an interesting read for prospective, current, and former students. It's available at retail booksellers now and also on my website, [www.marczavel.com](http://www.marczavel.com)."

On October 9, 2005, **Christine Eckstaedt**, former Cornell Varsity cross-country captain and

# Model Citizen

SUMMER RAYNE OAKES '04

In her sophomore year, Summer Rayne Oakes—a natural resources major who was moonlighting as a New York fashion model—was researching the health effects of living near sewage sludge when the inspiration to combine her two disparate worlds struck. A 2004 recipient of the prestigious Udall Scholarship, Oakes has always been passionate about the environment, even when she was commuting to Manhattan on weekends to build her modeling career. “I thought, How can I get all these issues out to the people I want to reach?” she says. The answer, she believed, lay in fashion—the textile industry is not only one of the world’s largest polluters, but also a powerful cultural influence.

After graduation, Oakes moved to New York to pursue modeling, which she has managed to combine with environmental activism. She collaborated on *Organic Portraits*, a photography book project that donates its profits to rainforest preservation, and helped create Eco-Fashion 101, a sustainability curriculum for high school students. This year, she founded SRO, a company whose name represents both her initials and “social responsibility outreach.” She describes it as “a think tank, consultation,



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and product development firm designed to build infrastructure and communication channels in the nexus of fashion, media, education, and sustainability.” One mission: promote fashion that is both economically and ethically sound, such as garments made with organic fibers and dyes. For Oakes, who calls herself a “social entrepreneur,” saving the planet can start on the runway. “I would love to be one of the voices in bringing sustainability to the fashion world.”

— Jill Weiskopf '06

track athlete, competed among 37,000 participants in the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon. In her marathon debut, Christine finished 92nd among the women with a finishing time of 3:07:19, qualifying her for the Boston Marathon not only by the female time standard, but under the men’s time standard as well. For a collegiate distance runner, intensive training was nothing new to her. “I started running with the DC Road Runners (DCRRC) last fall as a way to meet fellow runners, and began flirting with the idea of running a marathon. Chicago is recommended for a first marathon because it’s flat and fast, and the crowd support is amazing. I signed up on a whim only days before the marathon hit capacity and registration closed. I began training seriously in July, running one long run and track workout a week

with the DCRRC. The longest distance I ran before the marathon was 20 miles, and I was nervous about how the final 6.2 miles would feel. My strategy was to cruise through 18 miles and then to make a conscious effort to race the final 8, if I had anything left. That’s just what I did, and I honestly enjoyed every step of it!” Christine plans on running the Boston Marathon in April. She aspires to someday run under three hours, placing herself among elite marathoners. Currently Christine resides in Washington, DC, and is a paralegal for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Here’s some news from **Liore Milgrom-Elcott '03**, MPS '05, who started with us, then graduated early. She writes, “There is no other time like right after graduation to just get up

and go—and that’s just what I did. After I received my MPS, I got on a plane and headed to Kanchipuram, India. Kanchipuram is a city near Chennai (Madras), in the state of Tamil Nadu, just 50 km inland from the coast that the tsunami devastated. I went there as a volunteer through American Jewish World Service to work with an organization called Rural Inst. for Development Education (RIDE). Through this organization, approximately 20,000 women have formed self-help groups that support and encourage economic independence and savings. I went there with intentions of developing their ecotourism services, but ended up involved in programming and marketing and even a documentary. I broached such issues as women’s health, pollution, and advertising. After the tsunami hit we altered our focus toward the affected communities to understand what they needed and how we, with American-donated supplies, could provide for their needs. I am now back in New York. Though I still have my eye on international development, I am currently working for NYS Assemblywoman Amy Paulin.”

Thanks to Liore, Christine, and Marc for sharing their stories with us. I hope to hear from you, too. Send your updates, and don’t forget to join the Cornell 2004 Friendster and Facebook groups. Have a happy and healthy New Year! ❖  
**Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

**05** Many of us were able to attend our first Homecoming as alumni this year, and a huge win against Georgetown seemed like a great welcome back to campus. I hope everyone in attendance was able to meet up with friends and remember fondly how things were not too long ago. Unfortunately, I was not able to get back to campus, but from what I hear, some big things have changed in the short time since we left the Hill. Among the buzz, Dino’s has completely changed its look under new ownership, and the area formerly known as Redbud Woods has left a void in the landscape bordering West Campus.

Like many classmates, I have been extremely busy with my new job. As a project intern at the Asian Arts Initiative in Philadelphia, I recently helped coordinate a public art exhibition called Chinatown In/flux ([www.chinatowninflux.org](http://www.chinatowninflux.org)), which runs from October 21, 2005 to January 29, 2006. In one of the first community-based arts projects of its kind, seven Asian-American artists from across the country engaged the Philadelphia Chinatown community through workshops, and created public works of art based on these interactions. In the end, eight different art projects were installed in and around Chinatown for the community and visitors to appreciate. The purpose of Chinatown In/flux is to dispel stereotypes about Chinatown and highlight the complex layers that make up the community.

I have also received some updates from classmates who are continuing their studies. **Elisa Cruz** is an MA student in Columbia U.’s Dept. of Organization and Leadership in the program of higher and post-secondary education. She will be graduating in May '06. Elisa reports that she is not the only classmate at

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Teacher's College: **Kuan-hui Leu '04** and **Cara Daniels** are pursuing higher degrees there as well. **Danielle Terrazas** Williams is a PhD student at Duke U. in the history department. She will be presenting a paper on the African Diaspora in Colonial Mexico at the Latin American Studies Association Conference this year, which will be held in Puerto Rico. **Mark Eskenazi** attends St. John's U. School of Law in Queens, NY, and was elected representative to the Student Bar Association in August 2005. Says Mark, "I miss Cornell so much and cannot wait to visit in the coming months!"

In other news, **Nathan Shinagawa** beat former Ithaca City Council member **Joan Spielholz '73**, BS Ag '81, and current graduate student **Matthew Bishop** to win the Democratic primary for Tompkins County Legislature in District 4, which represents West Campus and areas of Collegetown. Says Nathan, "I will never forget the effort and energy put into this election. Dozens of supporters were working the phones, knocking on doors, and encouraging people to vote all over the district. We contacted nearly a thousand voters and had a massive get-out-the-vote effort that increased voter turnout by more than 55 percent from years past. We showed the skeptics that when students, working people, and concerned citizens come together, we can beat even the most difficult odds." If elected on November 8, Nathan will be the youngest person in the Legislature by 17 years and the youngest elected official in the history of the Legislature. He will also be the first Asian American elected official in Tompkins County.

Other classmates have traveled far from Ithaca for their jobs. **Alexandra Schwartz** did brand consulting at Enterprise IG in London over the summer and has recently relocated to Los Angeles to work at L.E.K. Consulting, where she does consulting involving business strategy, mergers and acquisitions, and shareholder valuations. I guess four years of Ithaca winters caused her to crave warmer weather. **Mike LePage** is busy as usual, interning for Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert in Washington, DC, through December. Mike hopes to eventually get a job in Speaker Hastert's office, or in the office of another prominent Republican. He reports, "So far it's been really crazy with the Katrina aftermath, the DeLay indictment, the budget controversy, and a lot of other stuff—but the craziness is more than offset by the fascination of working in the Capitol Building and seeing history occur in person."

It's no surprise that our classmates are up to such amazing things so soon after graduation. I'm glad that I have been able to remain close to many of my friends from Cornell, but for those of you who I have not spoken with in a while, don't be strangers! Regardless of how long it has been since you last talked to a friend from Cornell, all of those long walks in cold winters, late night coffee runs to CTB, and long talks in Uris when we should have been studying have forever connected us. Stay in touch, and keep the updates coming, however big or small. ♦ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; and **Matthew Janiga**, mwj3@cornell.edu.

- '26 BA—**Ruth Purdy** Hewitt of Galveston, TX, January 14, 2004.
- '32—**Jessie Lidell** Devoir of Tujunga, CA, January 2, 2003.
- '32 BA—**Herbert H. S. Hinman** of Medford, NJ, April 6, 2004.
- '33 BS Ag—**Frances Rocker** Miotok of Austin, TX, December 4, 2004.
- '35 PhD—**Joseph H. Brant** of Columbus, NC, December 24, 2003.
- '35—**George A. Devlin** of Grosse Ile, MI, October 19, 2004.
- '35 BA—**Wilson Wallace** of Scandia, MN, October 5, 2003.
- '35 M Ed—**Graydon W. Yapple** of Arlington, GA, January 8, 2001.
- '36 BS HE—**Lois Grier** Myerly of La Jolla, CA, November 26, 2003.
- '37 MA—**Ruth E. Nickerson** of Freeport, NY, September 14, 2001.
- '38—**Robert G. Bellamy** of Lancaster, PA, December 15, 2004.
- '38 BS Ag—**C. Howard Harrison** of Mount Laurel, NJ, April 10, 1994.
- '38—**Gertrude R. Lerner** of New York City, January 26, 2005.
- '38 BA—**Marion Henderson** Prescott (Mrs. Herbert L. '35) of Cambridge, VT, July 5, 2004.
- '38 BS Ag—**Edward C. Schaeher** of Mount Dora, FL, September 27, 2004.
- '40 M Ed—**Joseph A. Kemp** of Naples, FL, July 17, 1999.
- '41—**Warren B. Ryther** of Morris, NY, January 12, 2004.
- '41 BS Ag—**Robert H. Stevely** of Warren, OH, July 6, 2002.
- '41 BS Ag—**Angelo Val de Tara** of Grand Marais, MN, October 29, 2003.
- '42-43 GR—**Bernice Crawford** Myren of Bellevue, WA, August 4, 2001.
- '42 BA—**Roy C. Olney** of Polk City, FL, June 11, 2004.
- '42 PhD—**John E. Snow** of Robbinsdale, MN, January 24, 2005.
- '44—**Douglas F. Bellinger** of Fort Myers, FL, May 29, 2002.
- '45 BA—**Meta Flamberg** Cooper of Willow Grove, PA, January 7, 2005.
- '45 BS Ag—**Smith G. Pearsall** of Drums, PA, December 25, 2004.
- '47 B Chem E—**John B. McMaster** of Vancleave, MS, February 4, 2004.
- '49—**Richard L. Catlin** of Spokane, WA, January 12, 2005.
- '49-50 GR—**John H. Norskog** of Carmichael, CA, November 24, 2000.
- '50 BA—**Ruth Merrill** Hallstead (Mrs. Richard '50) of Farmington, NY, October 12, 2004.
- '50 BA—**Morris J. Miller** of Buffalo, NY, March 23, 2001.
- '50 BS ILR—**William Zitowsky** of Brick, NJ, January 24, 2005.
- '51 BS ILR—**Raymond G. Pierce Jr.** of Pooler, GA, January 17, 2005.
- '51-52 GR—**James L. Stephens** of Marietta, GA, May 21, 2003.
- '52 LLB—**Wesley E. Whitney** of Westminster, CO, January 25, 2005.
- '53—**Barbara Shanly** Morgan of Charlotte, NC, August 31, 2003.
- '54-56 GR—**Carlton A. Bricknell** of Fort Fairfield, ME, January 15, 2005.
- '54 M Ed—**Vivian Hamilton** Peterson of Palo Alto, CA, July 19, 2004.
- '55 BS Ag—**Richard H. Larson** of Aiken, SC, August 30, 1996.
- '61 M Ed—**Ruth Redman** Stephens of Elmira, NY, June 9, 2000.
- '63-64 GR—**Esau S. McCaskill** of Candor, NC, January 1, 2004.
- '63-64 GR—**Ural Wilson** of Prairie View, TX, May 15, 1999.
- '65 MS Ag—**Ezelle McClellan** Hawkins of Houston, TX, June 19, 2004.
- '66 BA—**Peter J. Dorman** of Havertown, PA, November 13, 1999.
- '77 BS Ag—**Mernie D. Beckwith** of Bow, NH, December 4, 2003.
- '80 BS Ag—**Donald P. Ophardt** of Harford, NY, November 22, 2001.
- '81—**Thomas R. Clinton** of Boca Raton, FL, November 23, 2003.
- '87—**George A. Parese Jr.** of North Haven, CT, November 15, 1997.
- '89 BS Ag—**Philip A. Zach** of Spencer, NY, December 20, 2004.
- '94 BA—**Angela Chan** of Brooklyn, NY, January 31, 2001.

'26 BS HE—**Joyce Holmes** Todt of Cornwall, VT, October 28, 2004. Delta Gamma.

January 4, 2005; retired president, Techny Plastics; consultant, Jorgensen Associates. Sigma Chi.

'28 BME—**Walter H. Bunke** of Alfred Station, NY, December 4, 1997. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'29 BArch, MArch '30—**Takayoshi Yoda** of Fujisawa-shi, Japan, October 27, 1991; architect.

'29 BME—**Bruce L. Bailey** of Ithaca, NY, January 14, 2005; retired technical director, Great Lakes Carbon; veteran. Theta Chi.

'30 BME, MS '37—**John B. Atwood** of Brewster, MA, June 4, 2003; engineer; worked for Tracor Inc., RCA, and Bell Labs; active in professional affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'29 BA—**Charlotte Gristede** Corish of Sandwich, MA, January 3, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'30 BA—**Osea Calciolari** Noss of New Haven, CT, November 7, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'29 BME—**Robert W. Jorgensen** of Brimley, MI,

'31—**Winifred Vann** Baker of Groton, NY,

December 13, 2004; worked for Wright Real Estate and Avon; active in community and religious affairs.

'31—**Helene Levenson** Goldman of Elmwood Park, NJ, January 17, 2005; executive secretary, Popular Club Plan; legal secretary; active in community affairs.

'32 BCE—**Harry T. Welty Jr.** of Maineville, OH, January 15, 2002; retired from Turner Construction. Phi Kappa Psi.

'33 BEE—**Louis F. Mayle** of Indianapolis, IN, January 16, 2005; electrical engineer; active in professional and religious affairs.

'34 BA—**Murry Kalik** of Miami Beach, FL, January 8, 2005; attorney.

'34 BA—**Peter C. Meister** of Dunkirk, NY, December 22, 2004; retired obstetrician; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'35, BME '36—**Harold E. Barta** of East Bloomfield, NY, September 26, 2001; engineer. Alpha Tau Omega.

'35 PhD—**Amelia Heyweiller** Baumgartner (Mrs. Frederick M., PhD '37) of Oklahoma City, OK, December 22, 2004; ornithologist; co-wrote *Oklahoma Bird Life* with her husband; started Little Lewis Whirlwind Nature School and Sanctuary; active in professional affairs.

'35 BS HE—**Helen Osborne** Cockeram of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Las Vegas, NV, May 21, 2003.

'35 BA—**Margaret Bernhard** Compter of Lakewood, OH, February 17, 2004; housewife. Pi Beta Phi.

'35—Lt. Col. **Francis C. Heath** of Locust Grove, VA, July 1, 2002; veteran. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'35 BLA—**George W. Sawdon** of Fallbrook, CA, December 10, 2001; landscape architect.

'35 MA—**Barbara Edes** Wentworth of Pensacola, FL, December 16, 2004; social worker; elementary school teacher; active in professional affairs.

'36 BS HE—**Ruth Hill** Lane of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Trumansburg, NY, December 6, 2004; retired elementary school teacher; operated a honeybee business; active in community and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'36 BME—**Frederick Peirce Jr.** of Boca Raton, FL, January 10, 2005; mechanical engineer; veteran. Chi Phi.

'36 MCE—**Arthur V. Peterson** of Seattle, WA, May 18, 1988; civil engineer. Chi Epsilon.

'36 BA—**Yvonne Breguet** Ruffner (Mrs. Clifford

H. Jr. '39) of St. Petersburg, FL, January 27, 2005; homemaker; copywriter; active in community and alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'36 BA—**Olive Nissle** Shaw of Santa Cruz, CA, January 1, 2005; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'36 M Ed—**David C. Ulmer** of Mechanicsburg, PA, December 4, 2003; retired head of science dept., Lock Haven U.; taught at Edinboro U.; public school teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'37 BA, JD '40—**Clayton M. Axtell Jr.** of Binghamton, NY, December 24, 2004; attorney; partner, Hinman, Howard & Katell; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'37 BS Ag—**Ruth Lindquist** Dales of Jamesville, NY, December 3, 2004; bacteriologist, Buffalo Children's Hospital; biology teacher; active in religious and alumni affairs. Alpha Omicron Phi.

'37 BS HE—**June Smingler** Kelly of Valrico, FL, January 4, 2005; substitute teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Xi Delta.

'37 BS Ag—**John R. Manning** of Howey-in-Hills, FL, formerly of Millsburg, NY, October 22, 2004; real estate appraiser; homebuilder; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'37 BME—**James R. Ware** of Hinsdale, IL, January 19, 2005; chief of engine design, Electro-Motive Division, General Motors; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Phi.

'38 BS HE, MS HE '44—**Ella Gleim** Andreassen (Mrs. Alexander T., MCE '46) of Stockton, NJ, January 5, 2005; quality control manager, Lipton Tea; active in community and religious affairs.

'38 BA—**Coleman D. Asinof** of Quechee, VT, December 18, 2004; retired vice president, Advertising Corp. of America; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Pi Lambda Phi.

'38 BA—**Alexander R. Early III** of Glendale, CA, December 15, 2004; retired Superior Court judge; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'38 BA—**Marjorie Hardenburg** Edwards of Ithaca, NY, December 3, 2004. Delta Delta Delta.

'38, BS Ag '48—**Alton R. Groust** of State College, PA, August 28, 2004. Alpha Zeta.

'38 BA—**John S. Kittle Jr.** of Tucson, AZ, January 15, 2005; owner, Kittle's Lock and Safe; Soap Box Derby enthusiast; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'38 BCE—**Roy V. Lockwood** of Larchmont,

NY, February 22, 2004; civil engineer. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'38 BME—**Herbert Sobel** of El Cajon, CA, August 17, 2004; mechanical engineer.

'38 BS HE—**Mary Warren** Swan of Ithaca, NY, January 7, 2005; kindergarten and nursery school teacher; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, John C. Swan '43.

'39 MS Ag, PhD '40—**Karl E. Gardner** of Tolono, IL, September 3, 2004; professor emeritus, U. of Illinois.

'39 BS Ag—**Robert D. Spence** of East Lansing, MI, January 5, 2005; physics professor, Michigan State U.; active in professional affairs.

'39 BCE—**Joseph M. Steele II** of Haverford, PA, December 17, 2004. Lambda Chi Alpha. Wife, Martha (Pound) '41.

'40—**Gordon C. Greene** of Phoenix, AZ, December 9, 1989. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'40 BA—**James P. Lockard Jr.** of Falls Church, VA, December 30, 2004; retired USAID officer; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'40 BA—**Marie Milks** Sowers of Ocean City, MD, December 30, 2004. Delta Gamma.

'41—**Eugene H. Ball** of Bayonet Point, FL, January 20, 2005; veteran.

'41, BME '42—**John N. Boyle Jr.** of Tryon, NC, January 29, 1988. Sigma Chi.

'41, BS Ag '62—**Daniel A. Carrara** of Ormond Beach, FL, January 10, 2005; former administrator, A. Holly Patterson Home for the Aged; retired chief warrant officer, Medical Service Corps; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'41 BS HE—**Dorothy Jacobson** Classon of Ft. Myers, FL, December 3, 2004; director for home economics, Lee County Extension; founding member, Child Care of Southwest Florida; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'41 BA—**Donald F. Flemer** of Cincinnati, OH, August 2, 2004. Theta Xi.

'41—**Jane Ahr** Greene of Scituate, MA, August 10, 2002; nurse.

'41—Lt. Col. **William G. Illston** of Santa Rosa, CA, April 2, 2003; veteran.

'41 BS Ag—**Margaret T. Irish** of Colorado Springs, CO, November 28, 2004; worked for the US Air Force Academy; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.

'41 BS Ag—Col. **David C. Jolly** of Sumter, SC,

July 20, 2004; retired US Air Force officer; active in professional and religious affairs.

'41 BME—**Ralph M. Reahard Jr.** of Indianapolis, IN, August 14, 2004; director of raw materials purchasing, Eli Lilly & Co.; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'41 BA—**G. Nelson Watts** of Salisbury, MD, December 12, 2004; hospital administrator; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'42—**George L. Babson Jr.** of St. Simon's Island, GA, January 5, 2005; president, Babson Brothers; vice president, Metropolitan Bank of New York; investor; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Chi.

'42 BCE—**Alfred M. Entenman Jr.** of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, January 10, 2005; former president and CEO, Blount Engineers; executive consultant; BEI Assocs.; former president, Giffels Assocs. and Hoad Engineers; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi. Wife, Mae (Hamilton) '42.

'42—**Joseph P. Fodor** of Sarasota, FL, November 19, 2003; retired lieutenant colonel, US Air Force. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'42 MD—**John B. Graham** of Carrboro, NC, September 25, 2004; professor emeritus, Dept. of Pathology, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; pathologist; discovered blood coagulation factor X; author; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'42 BA—**Constance Caffrey McMurray** of Montclair, NJ, January 15, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'42 BS Ag—**Leif G. Suhrland** of Williamston, MI, December 14, 2004; hematologist-oncologist; professor, Michigan State U. School of Medicine; also taught at Case Western Reserve U.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'42 BCE—**Ernest S. Walker Jr.** of Elmira, NY, December 8, 2004; owner, Walker Motor Sales; real estate agent; active in community and religious affairs.

'43, B Chem E '44—**Charles A. Baker III** of Ithaca, NY, December 17, 2004. Theta Xi.

'43—**John E. Bishop** of Waverly, TN, December 7, 2001; veteran.

'43 BA, MS '48—**Wayne R. Evans** of Pittsford, NY, January 8, 2005; retired manager, business and professional products, Eastman Kodak Co.; active in alumni affairs. Theta Xi.

'43 BCE—**Ellsworth F. Filby** of Oakland, CA, July 18, 2004; civil engineer; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'43 BA—**Warren H. Fisher** of Angels Camp, CA, December 3, 1994. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'43 BS Ag—**F. Philip Hunt** of Keuka Park, NY, March 11, 2004. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'43 M Ed—**Nerissa Brown Johnson** of Oak Brook, IL, January 30, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'43 BME—**J. Parker Ketcham** of Old Greenwich, CT, January 17, 2005; engineering and sales executive, Marley Co.; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'43—**George G. Raymond Jr.** of Naples, FL, formerly of Greene, NY, January 5, 2005; retired president and chairman, Raymond Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'43 BA, PhD '50—**Winfield W. Tyler** of Queensbury, NY, December 13, 2004; former head, Xerox research lab; solid state physicist, GE Research Laboratory; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'44, BME '47—**Robert C. Brooker** of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, December 17, 2004; senior passenger tire engineer, Firestone; veteran; active in community affairs.

'44 BA—**James B. Dineen** of Winter Park, FL, December 27, 2004; president, Eastern Diversified; president, Sunstand; medical director, Pfizer; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'44, BEE '43—**Richard C. Eaton** of Fayetteville, NY, December 21, 2004; engineer, General Electric; ham radio operator; active in community affairs.

'44—**Estrada L. Fanjul** of Oroville, CA, December 30, 2004. Chi Phi.

'44 PhD—**Fredric W. Hill** of Davis, CA, November 29, 2003; emeritus prof. of nutrition, UC Davis; assoc. dean, research and int'l programs, UC Davis; editor, *Journal of Nutrition*; advisor, USDA and FDA; active in community and professional affairs.

'44—**Alan R. Hopkins** of Phoenix, MD, November 7, 2002. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'44MD—**John F. Hubbard** of Chicago, IL, February 1, 2002; physician.

'44, BFA '46, MA '47—**Louis G. Metcalf** of Charlottesville, VA, July 27, 2004; architect, U. of Virginia Facilities Mgmt.; active in professional and religious affairs.

'44 BS Ag—**Marion Fear Moon** of Tavernier, FL, January 12, 2005; writer; active in community and alumni affairs.

'44—**Herbert B. Post** of Seminole, FL, October 16, 2004; landscape nurseryman; dairy farmer; active in religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'44 M Ch E—**Theodore S. Williams** of Flemington,

NJ, January 12, 2005; chemical engineer.

'45 PhD—**K. Roald Bergethon** of Bethlehem, PA, December 17, 2004; retired president, Lafayette College; former dean and professor of German, Brown U.; interim president, Wells, Bloomfield, and New England colleges; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'45 PhD—**Fred W. Billmeyer Jr.** of Rexford, NY, December 12, 2004; professor emeritus of analytical chemistry, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.; director, Rensselaer Color Measurement Lab; worked for DuPont; also taught at U. of Delaware; author; active in professional affairs.

'45, BS Ag '47, MNS '48—**Myron Brin** of Delray Beach, FL, December 18, 2004; professor of biochemistry and nutrition, Drew U.; director of nutrition, Hoffman-La Roche.

'45 BME—**John K. Stotz Jr.** of South Setauket, NY, April 5, 2003; mechanical engineer.

'46 MS—**Harold F. Currier** of New London, NH, January 5, 2005; professor of biology and zoology, Colby Junior College; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'46 PhD—**Margaret Ward Orsini** of Madison, WI, December 13, 2004; professor emerita, U. of Wisconsin Medical School; expert on reproductive cycle; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'46—**Burton J. Schultz** of Oceanside, CA, December 21, 2004; worked for the New York Titans, Goodyear, and the American Basketball Assn; active in community affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'47 BA—**Leroy J. Derr** of New Orleans, LA, November 7, 2004; mathematics professor, U. of New Orleans.

'47 BA—**Arthur E. Eschenbach** of Bluffton, SC, December 16, 2004; head, psychology dept., Jacksonville U.; worked for NASA; veteran; active in community affairs.

'47 BCE—**Robert J. McCarren** of Las Vegas, NV, August 9, 1993. Phi Delta Theta.

'48 BME—**Perry C. Euchner Jr.** of Huntington Station, NY, January 4, 2005; engineer, Consolidated Edison, Bechtel Corp., and Combustion Engineering; veteran; active in civic, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'48 M Ch E—**William S. Humphrey Jr.** of Arlington, VA, January 10, 2005; retired Navy captain; nuclear energy specialist, Dept. of Energy; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'48 BA—**George L. Landon** of Cape May, NJ, December 25, 2004; regional sales mgr., Recorded Publications Laboratories; radio and TV broadcaster; veteran; active in professional affairs. Beta Theta Pi. Wife, Mary (Barger) '47.

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'48 PhD—**Eilif V. Miller** of Crisfield, MD, January 12, 2005; pioneer in international agricultural development; worked for the Agency for Int'l Development, World Bank, a Green Revolution team in India, USDA, Cooperative State Research Svc., United Nations Special Fund, and Olin Mathison Chemical; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BS HE—**Frances Wright** Sailor (Mrs. Samuel III '48, MCE '52) of Laramie, WY, January 15, 2005; elementary school teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'48 MA—**H. Dennis Sherk** of State College, PA, January 8, 2005; director of theater arts, Kansas State College; director of technological media, U. of Toledo; helped to start WPSX-TV; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BS HE—**Phyllis Ault** Smith of Omaha, NE, December 13, 2003. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'48 PhD—**Robert L. Walker** of Tesuque, NM, January 5, 2005; retired Caltech physics professor; worked on the Manhattan Project.

'49—**Russell L. Dustman Jr.** of Burlington, VT, March 14, 1999. Sigma Chi.

'49 BS HE—**Ann Harris** Long of Ithaca, NY, December 27, 2004; worked for the Town of Irondequoit. Kappa Delta.

'49 BS HE—**Jean Schlafer** Penn of Memphis, TN, formerly of Delhi, NY, January 6, 2005; retired clerk, Delaware County Surrogate Court. Delta Gamma.

'49 BS ORIE—**Theodore M. Sprague** of Corning, NY, September 29, 2004; president, Sprague Insurance; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'49—**Douglas S. Thropp Jr.** of Jetersville, VA, March 15, 2004; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'49 BA, MPA '50—**Muriel Lechter** Wiesen of Reston, VA, formerly of Newark, NJ, December 5, 2004; manager for travel and education programs, Institute for Int'l Education; worked for the Indonesian delegation to the UN; editor, Yale Human Relations Area Files; editor, US Navy; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'50 BME—**William W. Behr** of New Bern, NC, September 4, 2003; senior executive, Ingersoll Rand Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'50 JD—**Harold H. Benjamin** of Marina del Rey, CA, December 23, 2004; founder, Wellness Community, support centers for cancer patients; attorney; worked with Synanon; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.

'50 BS Ag—**Carsten B. Borglum** of Zellwood, FL, December 21, 2004. Wife, Margaret (Hoss) '49.

'50 BA—**Warren G. Harms** of Pittsford, NY, December 25, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'50 PhD—**Glenn R. Hawkes** of Fairfield, CA, March 9, 2004; professor, dept. of applied behavioral sciences, UC Davis; college administrator; early developer of Project Head Start; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

'50 BA—**Martin F. Holleran Jr.** of Binghamton, NY, December 3, 2004; attorney; partner in Hinman, Howard & Kattell; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'50 BS HE—**Anne Schnee** Johnson of Orono, ME, December 14, 2004; manager of dining hall programs, U. of Maine; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'50 BA—**Paul S. Rosenzweig** of Atlanta, GA, October 2, 1996. Tau Delta Phi.

'51 BA—**Chester V. E. Calbick** of Houston, TX, November 8, 1992. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'51 BS Nurs—**Julianne Dye** Cristy of Rochester, NY, December 19, 2004; nurse; active in community and religious affairs.

'51 BS Ag—**Guy B. de Chadenedes** of Colorado Springs, CO, January 5, 2005; Lt. Colonel, US Army; served at NORAD and in Korea and Vietnam; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Janice (Briwa) '50.

'51—**Kenneth M. Riley** of Spencerport, NY, September 27, 2003; worked for Eastman Kodak; veteran.

'51 LLB—**Halsey T. Tichenor III** of Augusta, MO, January 31, 2004; owner, Bold Monarch Kennels; attorney.

'52—**Thomas P. Householder** of Goleta, CA, March 27, 2004. Kappa Sigma.

'52 PhD—**Ray R. Kriner** of Beaverton, OR, January 15, 2005; plant pathologist, Dow Chemical; professor of entomology, Rutgers U. and Cornell U.; veteran.

'52 BA—**Curtis Messinger** of Pleasanton, CA, December 2, 2004; engineering geologist; veteran; active in community affairs. Wife, Ardis (Smith) '52.

'52 MD—**Willis Sanderson** of Tempe, AZ, December 3, 2001; physician.

'52 PhD—**George B. Walker Jr.** of Barrington, NH, September 18, 2004; worked for Waytek Corp.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'53—**Raymond D. Deyo** of Stuart, FL, November 11, 2003; vice president, Chemical Bank; veteran.

'53 BS Ag—**Bernard M. Lasher** of Bearsville, NY, January 12, 2005; retired florist; veteran; active in community affairs.

'53 B Chem E—**Kenneth B. Lord** of Wilson, WY, January 4, 2005. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'54 BS Ag—**Dale R. Jackson** of Savannah, NY, October 25, 2004; owner, Jackson Farms; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'54 MS Ag, PhD '59—**William S. Young** of Guelph, Ontario, December 30, 2004; extension specialist, Ontario Agricultural College; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'55—**W. Dudley Child** of Kamuela, HI, December 19, 2004. Phi Delta Theta.

'55 BS Ag—**William A. Gleason** of Penfield, NY, December 6, 2003. Pi Kappa Phi.

'55 BME—**Gregory Harrison** of Cupertino, CA, November 19, 2004; corporate officer, National Semiconductor Corp.; consultant; veteran; actor in "Nash Bridges" and other television shows and films; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Tau Delta Phi. Wife, Suzanne (Epstein) '55.

'55 BS Ag—**Herbert B. Hubbell Jr.** of Woodbridge, CT, March 1, 2002; import broker. Phi Kappa Psi.

'55-58 GR—**Calvin W. Tooles** of Orange City, FL, April 12, 2004; civil engineer.

'56 PhD—**Kirk W. McVoy Jr.** of Madison, WI, October 21, 2003; physics professor, U. of Wisconsin, Madison; author; translator; active in community and professional affairs.

'57 PhD—**Milton B. Wise** of Seneca, SC, January 3, 2005; vice president of agricultural and life sciences/vice provost, Clemson U.; chair, animal science, Virginia Tech; professor of nutrition and animal science, North Carolina State U.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'58-59 GR—**Hazel J. Baker** of Edmond, OK, January 17, 2005; retired professor of nutrition, Oklahoma State U.; active in professional and religious affairs.

'58 BS Ag—**Walter G. Davis** of Auburn, NY, January 7, 2005; engineer, Boeing and Ferronics; taught science at Monroe Community College; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Pi.

'58 BFA—**Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin of Winston-Salem, NC, January 8, 2005; artist; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'58 BA—**Margot Eckhouse** Weiss of White Plains, NY, January 14, 2005; high school English teacher; active in community affairs. Husband, Richard S. Weiss '57, MD '61.

'59 BS Ag, MPA '60—**F. Peter Jung** of Seminole, FL, July 14, 2004; president, Aladdin Holdings; former Exxon executive; active in community and professional affairs.

'59, BCE '64—**J. Kevin Rooney** of Miami, FL, March 17, 2004; civil engineer. Sigma Nu.

'60 BS Ag, MBA '62—**D. Jacque Grinnell** of Burlington, VT, July 26, 2003; accounting prof., U. of Vermont; also taught at U. of Connecticut. Sigma Pi. Wife, Mary (Murphy) '61.

'60 PhD—**John B. Simeone** of Jamesville, NY, January 10, 2005; entomologist; chair of entomology and of environmental and forest biology, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

'60—**Fredericka Hirsch** Wyckoff of Houston, TX, January 17, 2005; librarian; teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'61—**Richard C. Baxter** of Rock Tavern, NY, December 14, 2004; retired social worker; veteran; author; active in community affairs.

'61 JD—**Richard M. Hill** of Binghamton, NY, January 16, 2005; attorney; adjunct professor of law, school of mgmt., Binghamton U.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'61 JD—**N. Theodore Sommer** of Binghamton, NY, January 1, 2005; attorney; partner, Hinman, Howard and Kattell; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'63 BA—**Stuart M. Fidler** of Potomac, MD, January 19, 2005; internist and endocrinologist; associate clinical professor, Georgetown U. Hospital and George Washington U. Hospital; former medical advisor, World Bank, IMF, Pan American Health Organization, and Intelsat; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'63 BS Ag—**Stephen F. Kijanka** of St. Catharines, Ontario, January 17, 2005; asst. business studies head, Lakeport Secondary School. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'63, DVM '65—**James R. Morse** of Camden, NY, November 27, 2004; veterinarian. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'63—**Alfred B. Tinker** of Toms River, NJ, March 25, 2004; businessman; sailor.

'64 BA—**Richard B. Goldberg** of Highland Park, NJ, July 30, 2004; director, Merck & Co. Wife, Judith (Lazarus) '64.

'64—**Douglas B. MacRae** of Delmar, NY, September 7, 2001; veteran. Kappa Alpha.

'64 BS Hotel—**Hollis A. Marean Jr.** of Okatie, SC, January 4, 2005; retired CPA and real estate

broker; veteran; active in community affairs.

'65 BEE, MEE '66—**John J. Flynn** of Los Angeles, CA, formerly of Newton, MA, November 1, 2004; electrical engineer. Theta Xi.

'65 BCE—**Charles B. Hotchkiss** of Altadena, CA, September 3, 2002; civil engineer; worked for Bryant Rubber. Sigma Phi.

'67 BS ILR—**John S. Nogami** of Cincinnati, OH, September 15, 2004; retired from Monsanto.

'67 BS ILR—**Mark A. Posner** of New City, NY, February 15, 1991; attorney.

'67 JD—**Joseph M. Rob** of Montpelier, VT, October 28, 2003; attorney; CEO, Sentinal Companies.

'70 JD—**Robert D. Slewett** of North Miami Beach, FL, September 13, 2004; attorney.

'71 PhD—**Eve E. Adler** of Middlebury, VT, September 4, 2004; professor of classics, Middlebury College; author; translator; active in professional affairs.

'71—**Samuel C. Kayman** of New York City, January 9, 2005. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

'75 BS Ag—**David R. Levenstein** of Whitestone, NY, January 1, 1987; pediatrician. Theta Chi.

'80 MPS—**James Forman** of Washington, DC, January 10, 2005; civil rights pioneer; president, Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee; former executive secretary, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; former minister of foreign affairs, Black Panther Party; veteran; author; active in civic and community affairs.

'80 BA, PhD '87—**Damon P. Simonelli** of Arcadia, CA, and Ithaca, NY, December 2, 2004; planetary scientist; senior research associate, Cornell U. Space Sciences and Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

'85 BA—**Desmond P. Dewsnap** of Los Angeles, CA, November 5, 2004; professor, USC writing program.

'85 MRP—**Marc K. Williams** of Hartford, CT, December 28, 2004; worked for the City of Hartford; worked for HUD in Boston.

'99 BA—**Thyagaraju Chelluri** of New Brunswick, NJ, formerly of Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 21, 2004; mathematician, Rutgers U.; author; active in alumni affairs.

'00 BS Ag—**Bradden H. Rowse** of Reston, VA, December 26, 2004; wildlife and natural resources policy specialist, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. Delta Upsilon.

'03 PhD—**Loren B.W. Frankel** of Shepards-town, WV, December 13, 2004; psychology professor, Shepherd U.; taught at Cornell U.; author; active in professional affairs.



# Cow College

## DAIRY STUDENTS ASSIST AUCTION

IT'S A PLEASANT FRIDAY NIGHT IN early November, and throngs of grad students have already converged for happy hour at the Big Red Barn. Across campus, a group of undergraduates has gathered in the Livestock Pavilion for a more sober task—bathing and grooming 110 dairy cows slated for auction the next morning. “People are selling bloodlines, pretty much,” says Callan Space '09 as she stretches to scrub a heifer's shoulder. “They're being bought for their genetics.”

Launched in 1982, the annual New York Holstein Harvest Sale attracts buyers from across New York State and as far away as the West Coast. For four nights, members of CUDS—the student-run Cornell University Dairy Scientists—have assisted the effort by cleaning stalls, hauling hay, and carrying water. They've filled four dump trucks with manure. Each class takes responsibility for one overnight in the pavilion, and other duties are also assigned by class: freshmen give baths while seniors do the final clipping and most of the showing on auction day.

The CUDS students trade their labor for 1 percent of the gross sales plus all of the profits from donated sale items. The income defrays the costs of a dairy-related field trip. This year, it's a two-week tour of Italy's cheese industry. “We believe in experiential learning,” says club advisor Mike Van Amburgh, PhD '96, a professor of animal science. The students will tour cheese production facilities and farms as well as cultural landmarks. “The stuff in the green can has no relevance to real parmesan,” says Van Amburgh. “I want the students to know what Parmigiano Reggiano tastes like.”

By Saturday morning, the cows have

been clipped, their black-and-white coats enhanced with tinted hairspray, and their tails teased with hairbrushes and blow-dryers. Festive bunting hangs from every rafter and a three-foot-wide pumpkin decorates the show pen. At 11 a.m., the auctioneer takes the stand and students in red Cornell shirts lead the day's wares into the ring. Some of the calves are only a few weeks old; many of the heifers have been recently inseminated and each had a pregnancy test Friday morning. Once the bidding starts, the auctioneer keeps things moving—unless he wants a higher price than the crowd seems likely to bid, and then he breaks into monologue, extolling a cow's heritage or the easy money breeding her might bring. “It's like a giant beauty pageant,” says freshman Katy Johnson,

whose four-month-old heifer, Joleanna Talent Maranda, sells for \$3,400. A set of five embryos goes for \$350 each while an especially coveted cow fetches \$20,000, the top price of the event. When it's over, the auction has grossed \$400,900; the CUDS share is \$9,000—including \$800 paid by CALS Dean Susan Henry for a cheesecake.

Most CUDS members grew up on farms and about three-quarters of them will take their first post-graduation jobs in agriculture. But this auction, says Van Amburgh, isn't about professional development: “It's a way for the club to do something together that involves the industry. It's kind of a bonding experience where classes get to know one another, work together, and raise money.”

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

Milk run: Dylan Fry '06 (red shirt) shows off a heifer to prospective buyers.



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