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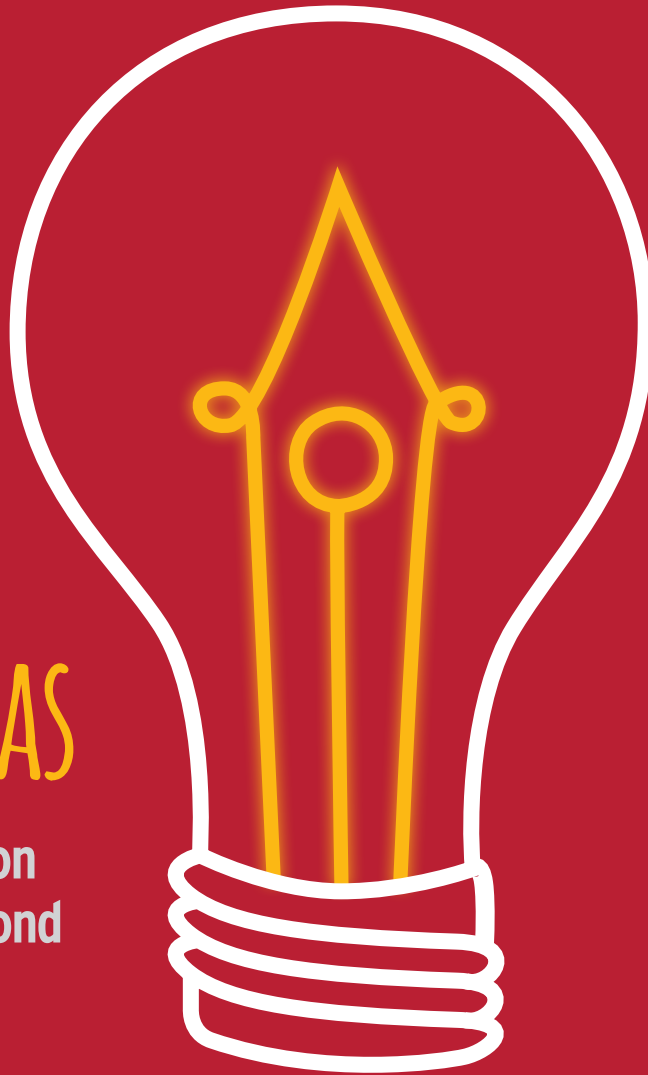
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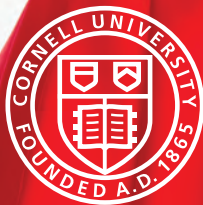
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What's the Big Idea? 40

Cornell owes its existence to an innovator: founder Ezra was a farmer, mechanic, engineer, and inventor who made his fortune in the telegraph industry. Today, that same creative, can-do spirit is very much alive on the Hill and among Cornellians far and wide. CAM offers a look at eleven alumni projects that epitomize Ezra's tradition of innovation—from whimsical ideas like a “smart” umbrella stand to potentially life-saving efforts to improve vaccination rates, sanitize water, and make surgery safer.

A Place in the Sun 48

Miami-based architect Chad Oppenheim '93, BArch '94, is known for the simple beauty and elegance of his high-end projects, which often use local materials and are intended to meld with the landscape—be it an urban skyscraper, a multi-family development, or a vacation home neighboring a sand dune in the Bahamas.

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Hard cider is having an “it” moment. New York's artisanal producers—some of them alumni—are thriving, and the University is playing a major role in the rise of the state's hard cider fortunes. Says professor emeritus Ian Merwin, PhD '90: “If you look objectively at the big picture—where apples are grown, where the customer base is, where the interest in food is—the Finger Lakes should be the Napa Valley of cider.”

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What Makes American Research Universities So Good?



When people tell me that the American “system” of higher education is the best in the world, I respectfully disagree. There is no American system of higher education. In contrast to the situation in many other countries, American colleges and universities developed willy-nilly, by happy accident—from colonial seminaries such as Harvard, Columbia, and Yale—into the wide array of institutions in existence today. And that is a principal reason why we are so good.

America’s big tent of postsecondary education includes some 5,300 schools—two-year and four-year, public and private, church-affiliated and secular, land grant universities and liberal arts colleges—with varying missions and serving students of different interests and needs. Within this group are about one hundred research universities, including Cornell, that have secured American higher education’s reputation for quality around the world.

During the five years I served as head of the Association of American Universities (AAU) we identified, with the help of AAU policy intern Lillian Aoki ’12, three core principles that are fundamental to the excellence of America’s research universities. These principles have helped research universities develop in a uniquely American way.

The first principle is academic freedom, which AAU defines as “the freedom of the university faculty to produce and disseminate knowledge through research, teaching, and service, without undue constraint.” Academic freedom does not give faculty members the right to indoctrinate students, but rather requires that they provide them with the freedom to acquire accurate knowledge and form independent judgments. Faculty members are held accountable by their peers and by society for the quality and rigor of their research and scholarship—and, as free as they may be to pursue their scholarly interests, they are nonetheless bound in all academic activities to comply with ethical standards.

The second principle at the heart of the academic enterprise is shared governance. While universities have adopted many structures for shared governance, there is a consistent pattern across American institutions. In general, the administration, led by the president, oversees the operation of the university, making day-to-day decisions and implementing institutional policies. The trustees have fiduciary responsibility for, and legal authority over, the university. The faculty has primary responsibility for all matters related to education and research, including the admission of students, the formation of the curriculum and of requirements for graduation, and the selection of research topics. At Cornell, we go further by having a designated number of trustees elected by specific constituencies—faculty, undergraduates, graduate and professional students, employees, and alumni—as well as by having a Faculty Senate and other constituent assemblies that provide guidance to the administration.

The third core principle, which makes possible the diversity of institutional types I mentioned at the outset, is a large measure of autonomy from government control. While all universities, public and private, are tied to government through

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federal financial aid policies, research grants, state funding of public universities, and other means, institutional autonomy remains, as the AAU noted, “a cornerstone of American higher education and a necessary condition to secure academic freedom.”

The public often does not fully appreciate how important these core principles are to the strength of American higher education. The exception that proves the rule is that in states with public higher education systems, flagship research universities sometimes suffer from being part of those systems because of the tendency of politicians to use inappropriate standards and criteria to set budgets, hire and fire university presidents, and determine policies that affect teaching and research.

In the run-up to the November election, all of us will be considering candidates’ platforms on critical issues—from immigration policy to climate change and international trade. Their positions on higher education should figure prominently on that list. These core principles are essential to American higher education’s continuing strength and to the great regard with which the world holds this system-averse “system.” ■

— Hunter R. Rawlings III, *Interim President*
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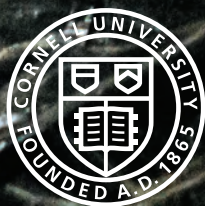
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Welcome Home

I was already enjoying "If Rooms Could Talk" (July/August 2016), but when I saw 108 Linden, my jaw dropped—of all the residences that could be featured, CAM included the one where my four girlfriends and I lived our senior year! From hosting themed dinner parties to TV marathons to a Slope Day champagne breakfast, we made a lot of wonderful memories in that house.

Now two of us are doctors, one is a culinary scientist and pastry chef, one is a manager of culture change at a large global corporation, and another a former Fulbright scholar currently writing a book. And we all still keep in touch.

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The room with the balcony in Risley was my room in 1980–82. There was no railing then, and my roommate Jim Allan '81, who has since passed away, would sit out there, put his typewriter on the ledge, and write papers. Yes. We used typewriters. I had one of the first Apple II computers in the dorm, along with maybe half a dozen other people.

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Thank you for including 635 Risley, my home freshman year, and also my lodging for our 40th Reunion in 2004, where I enjoyed entertaining classmates on the (tiny) balcony.

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Reading the article brought back the dorm experiences my children and I shared. Although we did not live in the same room, we all spent freshman year in Clara Dickson Hall. I lived in room 3587 during 1971–72, when women lived on one side of the building and men on

the other. By the time my children were at Cornell, the dorm was truly co-ed, alternating men and women corridor by corridor.

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I believe the cover photo is a room in Balch? I can't believe the furniture is still the same!

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Battling Online Harassment

When this story first broke I could barely watch the male (actors) who could not bring themselves to read aloud the base, vulgar, and violent comments that professionals like Sarah Spain '02 receive daily. I had no idea she is a Cornellian—brava!—and the article ("Fighting Words," July/August 2016) allowed me to begin exploring this topic with my nine-year-old daughter. Tears welled up in her eyes spontaneously when I read the comment about wishing Sarah's "dog to get hit by a car, you b****". . . all and only because Sarah is a woman writing/commenting about sports. My daughter was outraged and incredulous, signaling to me that my life as a career feminist will continue in its hard work and dedication, but also that we will inspire "new recruits," young women and men alike, for as long as they are required.

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CORRECTION:

Our story on history professor Mary Beth Norton ("Witching Hour," July/August 2016) misstated her retirement plans. She did not retire over the summer, but rather is on phased retirement through 2017 or 2018.

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Jim Roberts '71, former CAM editor & publisher, is writing a book due to be released in fall 2017 by Cornell University Press on the greatest Big Red hockey games. Editor Michael McGandy (mjm475@cornell.edu) is looking for photos and materials associated with the top games, players, and coaches of the 1960s through 2010s.

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From the Hill



ARID ARTS QUAD: This summer, many of the Hill's usually verdant lawns were more brown than green. In late July, the University announced water-use restrictions in response to the worst drought in Tompkins County since climate records have been kept. Potable water was not to be used for recreational purposes or for tasks like irrigating lawns, cleaning sidewalks, or washing vehicles.



OLYMPIAN EFFORTS: Athletes at the Games included Cornellians (clockwise from top left) Mozia, Karwoski, Halim, Hortelano-Roig, Winkler, and Eisser.

Big Red in Rio

The more than 10,000 athletes at the Summer Olympics in Rio included six Cornellians competing for four countries. Representing Team USA were hammer thrower Rudy Winkler '17 and two rowers, Tracy Eisser '12 (women's quadruple sculls) and Alex Karwoski '12 (men's eight). The other three were in track and field: triple jumper Muhammad Halim '08 (U.S. Virgin Islands), sprinter Bruno Hortelano-Roig '13, BS '14 (Spain), and shot putter Stephen Mozia '15 (Nigeria).

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at www.news.cornell.edu



Mixed-income neighborhoods

are becoming more uncommon, sociology professor Kendra Bischoff (left) reports, with the percentage of Americans living in either very affluent or very poor neighborhoods having more than doubled since 1970.

Using dendrochronology (the study of tree rings) and radiocarbon dating, a team led by archaeologist Sturt Manning has established a timeline for the archaeological, historical, and environmental record in Mesopotamia from the early second millennium B.C.

The NIH has awarded University researchers a four-year, \$2.3 million grant to develop FeverPhone, a device to diagnose such diseases as dengue, malaria, and typhoid in the field using only a drop of blood.

Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news

American history professor **Mary Beth Norton**, elected president of the American Historical Association for a one-year term starting in January 2018.

Klarman Hall, which received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, making it the fourth building on campus to achieve that sustainability rating.

Agricultural economist **Jan Low, PhD 94** (below, in orange), named a co-laureate of the World Food Prize for her work with varieties of sweet potato that have helped reduce vitamin A deficiencies in sub-Saharan Africa



CU Leases Space in Midtown Manhattan

The University has signed a multi-year lease on three floors of a commercial building in Midtown Manhattan. Located near Central Park at 45 West 57th Street, the space will be used for a variety of purposes, including academics and alumni events.



Twelve-Year-Old Is a Cornell Freshman

The newly matriculated Class of 2020 includes a student who could become the youngest graduate in Cornell history. Twelve-year-old Jeremy Shuler of Grand Prairie, Texas, has enrolled in the Engineering college—following in the footsteps of his dad, Andrew Shuler '97. Both of Jeremy's parents are engineers; his mom stopped working so she could homeschool him and nurture his extraordinary academic abilities, which included tackling high school-level work around age eight. Jeremy earned his high school diploma last spring from an online program affiliated with Texas Tech University. "He is a very advanced student for his age who already has demonstrated an incredible ability to learn at the collegiate level," Engineering Dean Lance Collins told a Texas Tech publication in August. The whole family is relocating to Ithaca, and Jeremy will live at home.

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— From a statement by the Presidential Search Committee outlining the qualities it's looking for. The full text can be found at www.cornell.edu/president-search.



Did You Know . . .

That the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering has a facility for simulating earthquakes?

In July, a Los Angeles city engineer came to campus to observe tests of a new Japanese-made water pipeline that might better survive natural disasters.



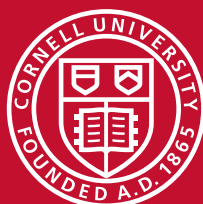
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A record-setting 7,005 people—including 5,076 alumni—attended Reunion 2016, hailing from forty-seven states and thirty-three countries. The thousands of celebrants included one very famous name: Henry Heimlich '41, MD '43, inventor of the Heimlich maneuver, who marked his 75th Reunion. The Big

Red Band's drum major in 1939, Heimlich capped his return to campus by conducting the Big Red Alumni Band (bottom left).

Two classes broke attendance records. With ten alumni, the Class of 1941 set a new 75th Reunion record. And with 544, the Class of 1991 broke the record for a 25th, held for thirty-two years by the Class of 1959. The annual Reunion campaign raised more than \$137.2 million from 6,230 donors.

The oldest alum in attendance—at 100 years, three months, and two days—was Samuel Bender, DVM '41. Honors for traveling the farthest went to Marshall Allen, MBA '91, who came from Peppermint Grove, Australia—a distance of some 11,500 miles.

More information about Reunion 2016, including links to videos and social media posts, is at alumni.cornell.edu/reunion. »







SMALL WORLDS

After chronicling the New York subway's microbial makeup, researchers take their project worldwide



LIFE UNDERGROUND: Medical college professor Christopher Mason swabs a New York subway train on Global City Sampling Day.

When Liz Pereira '14 and Bharathi Sundaresh '15 interned at the medical college in summer 2013, they got some curious stares from random New Yorkers. As part of their work in the lab of Christopher Mason, an associate professor of physiology and biophysics and of computational genomics, they spent hours in the city's subway system—collecting samples from turnstiles, benches, ticket machines, and other surfaces. “We’d be swabbing the same handrail or pole for three minutes, since that’s what the protocol required,” recalls Sundaresh, a former biology major who now works at Unilever, “so we definitely got some weird looks.” One common question they fielded was whether they were part of a janitorial crew. “As if,” Mason observes with a laugh, “it would be your first day on the job at the transit system and you’d be told, ‘You will clean an entire subway car with this one Q-tip.’”

But in fact, the team was working on the first phase of an ambitious scientific project: taking samples from each of New York’s more than 450 subway stations, and from trains on every

‘The subway is probably the most dense and highly populated microbial transfer point that exists for humans in the world.’

line, as a window into the city’s microbial makeup. “The subway is probably the most dense and highly populated microbial transfer point that exists for humans in the world,” says Mason, noting that 5.5 million people ride the New York system daily, with some 10 billion people worldwide using some sort of mass transit each day. “It’s this amazing space that we all share, and it serves as a hub, not only of bacterial and genetic diversity, but also of transmission and interchange between people.”

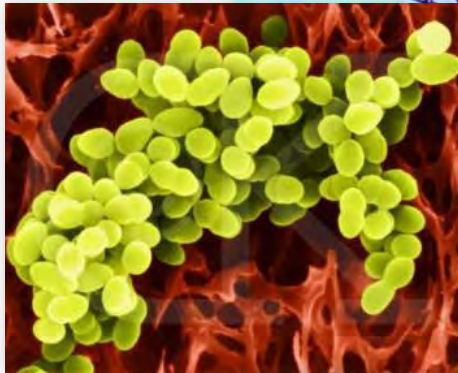
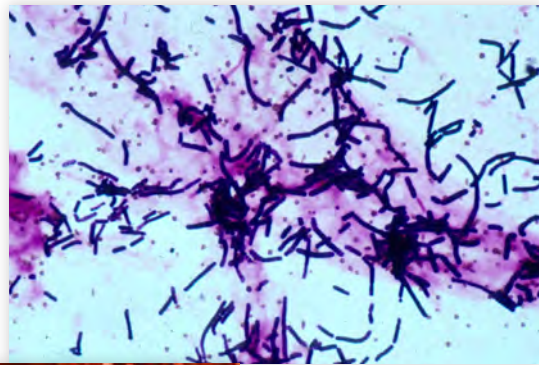
The project’s overarching aim was to get a snapshot of the city’s microbiome—the bacteria, fungi, and viruses that coexist with humans, for the most part harmlessly. Such information is beneficial not only for the purposes of maintaining public health, Mason says, but for fields like urban planning, pollution remediation, and bioterror defense. “This is an essential baseline in terms of what a normal, healthy microbiome looks like,” says Mason, whose collaborators on the project include Linda Nozick, a Cornell professor of civil and environmental engineering. “It gives you an understanding of the basic status of a city, a way to determine if something problematic has occurred.

The only way you can know if something has changed is if you have a sense of what was there before."

After Mason's team collected thousands of samples, the researchers extracted the DNA and sequenced it to create a "pathogen map"—PathoMap for short—showing hundreds of bacterial, viral, fungal, and animal species that dwell in the Big Apple. They range from the amusing—bacteria associated with foodstuffs like mozzarella cheese and sauerkraut—to the sobering, including those related to staph infections and gastrointestinal illness. Notably, about half of the DNA fragments collected couldn't be matched to any known organism—not necessarily because they're especially rare or dangerous, but because the vast majority of species haven't yet had their genes sequenced. "Nothing very horrible was found; it was mostly regular bacteria," says Pereira, a former biological engineering major who's working on a PhD at the University of Virginia. "Everyone rides the subway and is pretty much fine, so it's not something that people have to worry about." Mason compares touching a subway pole to shaking a hand—and points out that humans already carry much more threatening bacteria inside their own bodies. "If you were standing in a station and looking for a place to be concerned about, it would not be the subway," he says. "In terms of the likelihood of finding any bacteria of potential concern, there are far greater numbers—an order of magnitude—in your own gut."

Building on PathoMap, Mason is now pursuing the research on a worldwide scale. On June 21—the summer solstice—he and hundreds of colleagues and volunteers fanned out to fifty-four cities (in thirty-two countries and on every continent except Antarctica) for Global City Sampling Day, in which they collected more than 12,000 swabs from mass transit and other public spaces. It included such international locations as New Delhi, Moscow, Tehran, Doha, Johannesburg, Rome, Paris, Oslo, Buenos Aires, and Bogota, and U.S. cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. Each location took a slightly different angle. In Fairbanks, Alaska, sample sites included buses and bus stops; in Boston, the sewer system; in Montevideo, Uruguay, beaches and shallow seawater.

Funded in part by \$100,000 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the global sampling effort continues through 2020—allowing it to straddle two Summer Olympic Games. Researchers took samples at a variety of sites in Rio de Janeiro before, during, and after the city hosted more than a million international visitors in August; they'll do the same in Tokyo four years from now. (To study transmission of the Zika virus, they also sampled mosquitos in and around Rio.) "The Olympics give us the chance to monitor a city during a large-scale human migration event, the likes of which you'd only see with a war or natural disaster," Mason says. "But in those situations you'd have people moving from one country; as far as I can think of, this is the only instance when so many people from so many countries around the world converge on one city."



THE GOOD WITH THE BAD: Among the bacteria found in subway stations during the PathoMap project were (from top, seen in enhanced images) *Bacillus cereus*, which causes food poisoning; *Lactococcus lactis*, found in mozzarella cheese; and *Staphylococcus aureus*, which causes staph infections.

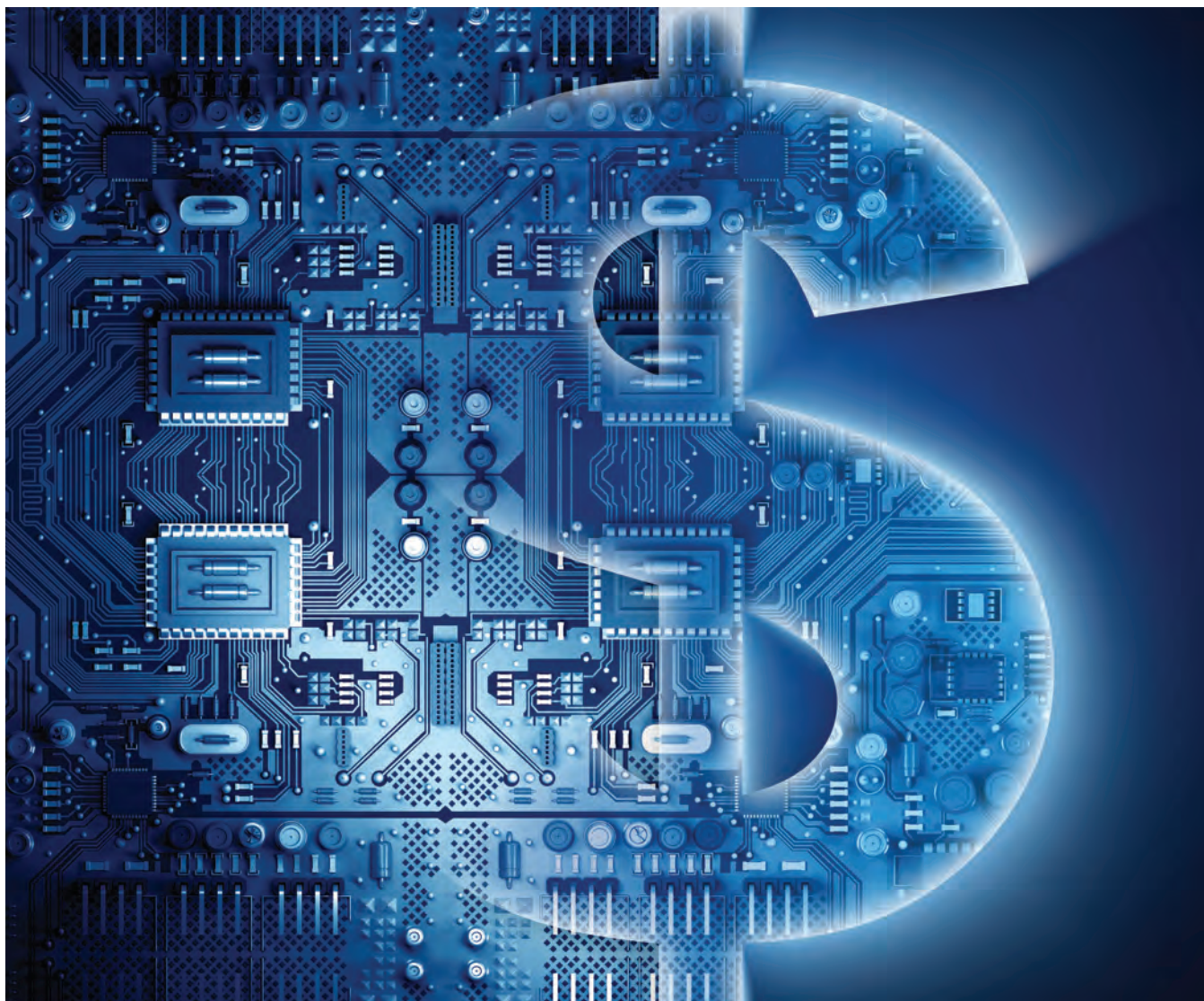


Mason got the idea for the initial PathoMap project after his daughter was born in 2011 and he observed how kids "explore the world with their mouths"—from toys at daycare to poles on the subway. It sparked a desire to chronicle what's on the public surfaces we touch every day, and see how that information could inform understanding of a city's microbiome. "When people ask how germey or dirty the subway is, I think it's the wrong way to frame it," Mason muses. "You should view the subway the same way you do the rainforest—as this extraordinarily diverse ecosystem that's teeming with life and full of mystery." He points out that during the PathoMap collections, so many people stopped to ask what the students were doing, his lab made up informational cards for them to distribute. (The cards also came in handy for explaining their actions to concerned transit cops.) While some New Yorkers seemed eager to follow the project's outcome, others told them that when it came to the microbes lurking on a typical turnstile or Metro Card machine, ignorance was bliss. Most strap-hangers, though, fell into an unflappable middle. "They'd just shrug their shoulders and keep moving," Mason says. "That's what's amazing about New Yorkers. They've seen much stranger things." ■

—Kitty Kemp

BEYOND BITCOIN

The CU-based Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts ponders the future of financial tech



In April, an experimental crowdfunding project started accepting online investments. This system, called the DAO (for Decentralized Autonomous Organization), was like a cross between Kickstarter and a venture capital fund, but with a twist: interested parties had to convert their money into a new type of digital currency before they could invest. Participants could then vote “yes” or “no” on submitted proposals, deciding as a group what to invest in. When a project got enough “yes” votes, computer code would automatically disperse the funds.

By the end of May, the DAO had amassed the equivalent of \$150 million. But a few weeks later, an anonymous hacker

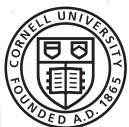
identified a flaw in the voting system and siphoned off more than a third of the funds. “You can think of this as a bank robbery of sorts,” says Emin Gün Sirer, an associate professor of computer science at Cornell, “except one much bigger than any before it.”

Bigger—but not entirely unexpected. Sirer had foreseen the potential for such a breach, and before the fundraising period ended he used his blog to sound the alarm that the code controlling the DAO’s money flow had serious issues. But the DAO’s leaders didn’t heed Sirer’s warning, and the subsequent hack sent shockwaves through the industry. Weeks after the breach, when they unveiled a plan to freeze the diverted >

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DIGITAL 'DREAM TEAM'
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funds by making changes to the code, Sirer warned that it could open them up to much bigger attacks. This time, they listened. "Everyone stopped in their tracks and decided not to employ the fix," Sirer says. Instead, they followed his recommendation and employed a different way to neutralize the hacker, and managed to retrieve all of the money—the equivalent of \$53 million—in late July.

Sirer's work on the DAO—studying a new type of financial technology and advising the industry on how it can be implemented and improved—epitomizes the work that he and his colleagues do at the Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3). Founded in January, it's led by Sirer and two other co-directors—Elaine Shi, an associate professor of computer science on the Hill, and Ari Juels, a professor at Cornell Tech—and includes collaborators at the University of California, Berkeley, and two other institutions. They comprise what Sirer calls a "dream team" of about fifty people who are looking for ways to make next-generation financial technology systems more secure, scalable, confidential, and safe, while also developing new technology-based financial products with industry partners.

Among the most high-profile of these technologies are peer-to-peer digital currencies (or "cryptocurrencies") like bitcoin, which was released to the public in 2009 and is still in use today. Unlike the government-issued currency that most people use every day—either in paper or electronic form—bitcoin and a newer cryptocurrency, known as "ether," aren't controlled by any nation or centralized entity. They still fluctuate in value when compared against other currencies and can be transferred very easily online. Although many people are excited about the promise of cryptocurrencies, there are still a number of challenges related to their security and scale, which Shi is trying to address. (In August, the need for improved security was underscored in dramatic fashion when almost 120,000 bitcoins, worth the equivalent of \$65 million, was hacked from one of the world's largest bitcoin-specific money exchanges.) In terms of speed, bitcoin can currently only handle seven transactions per second, a performance that Shi calls "really, really terrible." But if it could handle IC3's goal of 100,000 transactions per second, it would be able to support global commerce, Shi says. Her team's efforts are being funded by a three-year, \$3 million National Science Foundation grant, awarded in summer 2015.

So-called "smart contracts," another area of IC3's focus, are also expected to have a huge impact on how financial agreements

are executed, the co-directors say. To understand how they work, Juels offers an example. Let's say someone pays extra for flight insurance when he books an international trip. If the flight gets cancelled, he should receive a payout—but that process isn't anywhere near instantaneous. In fact, that traveler probably has to make numerous calls and deal with various people at the insurance company before he's reimbursed. If in the course of this process the insurer goes bankrupt, the claim is never paid and the customer loses out. But if the transaction were handled by a smart contract, computers would control the decision making and payouts. The system would be linked to a trustworthy data source that would note when a flight was cancelled and automatically compensate travelers who'd purchased insurance. Sirer, for one, believes that smart contracts are a transformative technology on par with e-mail. "On occasion as a technologist," he says, "you see something and think that it will be a game changer."

But as promising as smart contracts may be, systems that function the way computer scientists and companies want them to are still very much a work in progress, Juels says, citing the DAO hack as an example of what can go wrong. "That case illustrates the hazards of these things," Juels says. "It's still early days." IC3 researchers are working to ensure that the code that drives smart contracts can deliver the appropriate out-

come, and that data is trustworthy and secure. They rigorously test these systems by modeling real-world scenarios, working with industry partners at firms like IBM and Intel.

IC3 also closely follows developments at the intersection of computer science and financial technology. They review the code behind cryptocurrencies like bitcoin and ether and smart contracts like the one used in the DAO; look for areas where there are flaws or discrepancies; write papers on what they see; and advise industry leaders on how they can improve the performance, safety, and security of their products.

For Juels, who left a chief scientist position at a computer and network security company in 2014 to join Cornell Tech, working on this diverse roster of research projects and collaborations has been a win-win proposition. He notes that it was always difficult to share an advance made in an industry lab with the wider public, because his goal was to improve his employer's technology, not that of the industry at large. At IC3, by contrast, he can collaborate with as many companies as he likes. "Paradoxically," he says, "I can have a more meaningful impact on the financial technology industry from academia." ■

— Anne Machalinski

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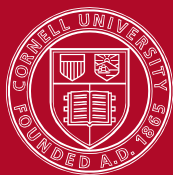
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MURDER, SHE WRITES

Erika Green Swafford '94 crafts outrageous plots on one of TV's hottest shows



DEADLY DRAMA: A scene from ABC's legal thriller "How to Get Away With Murder," whose staff writers include Erika Green Swafford '94

There's never a dull moment at the law firm of Annalise Keating. First, Keating's husband—an adulterous college professor whose (pregnant) undergrad mistress was found strangled in a water tower—was bludgeoned to death in their vestibule, his body whisked away without a trace. Then her law interns—an exceedingly comely bunch, each battling personal demons—conspired to cover up the crime. Since then, those students have been involved in all manner of mayhem: one ran over a district attorney with his car; another fell in love with a serial killer; a third suspected that, as a child, he'd stabbed his own mother to death and blocked out the memory. If only Keating could rely on her two assistants, a junior lawyer and a shady investigator . . . but they're each guilty of murder in their own right.

If you followed all that—and it's really just the tip of the iceberg, plot-wise—then you must be a fan of "How to Get Away With Murder." ABC's over-the-top legal thriller, which begins

its third season in late September, is executive-produced by TV powerhouse Shonda Rhimes, the showrunner behind "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal." "HTGAWM" (as it's known in fan shorthand) melds outrageous plotting with serious acting chops: its star, Viola Davis, has been nominated twice for an

Oscar (for "Doubt" and "The Help") and four times for a Golden Globe. In 2015, her work on the show—whose first two seasons have each tallied more than 10 million viewers—made her the only African American ever to

win a Primetime Emmy for best lead actress in a drama series.

From the show's inception, its screenwriting and production team has included a veteran of the crime-drama genre: Erika Green Swafford '94. Swafford came to "HTGAWM" after six seasons on "The Mentalist"—nearly the show's entire run, and an eternity by TV writing standards. "All the things you need to know to run a show, I learned on 'The Mentalist,'" Swafford says of the series, a CBS hit that followed a suave

One of the few African American women on a network TV writing staff, Swafford is acutely aware of the lack of diversity in her industry.

former carnival psychic who solved murders. “I learned what the director does, how to fix lines for actors, postproduction, plus the skill of writing procedural television.”

Swofford came to her current gig by an unlikely route. With longtime dreams of being a chef or spa owner, she studied at the School of Hotel Administration and worked in hospitality in Washington, D.C., after graduation—but she found the career unfulfilling, and spent her evenings taking classes in writing and improv comedy. “It was kind of like I was cheating on my day job,” Swofford says with a laugh. “I started looking for things that made me happy, and I was more focused on those than on my actual job.”

She decided she wanted to get into TV and film production, but balked at moving to Los Angeles and taking her chances. “I think because I’m a firstborn and a type-A, I couldn’t have just gone out and looked for a job,” she says. “That seemed too tenuous.” So, realizing that she also craved a grounding in the business side of the industry, she applied to MBA programs and wound up matriculating at UCLA. Connections there led to her first industry position, at the woman-oriented TV network Oxygen. By day, she was a mid-level production executive; by night she was taking improv classes, producing spec scripts, and mounting one-woman shows.

Eventually, Swofford landed a coveted spot in a writers’ development program at Warner Brothers, which led to her job on “The Mentalist” just as the show was going into production. All in all, she notes, she’d spent eight years working in Hollywood before she got that first official job as a screenwriter. “Out here, everybody’s journey is a little nebulous,” she says. “I’ve met people who started out waiting tables, or were hired as some flaky star’s assistant, or got into a mailroom and worked their way up. The industry feels theoretical until you step into it. Then, once you’re in the middle of it, you can start making decisions.”

One of the few African American women on a network TV writing staff, Swofford is acutely aware of the lack of diversity in her industry—an issue that came to national attention after this year’s Oscar nominations were overwhelmingly white. “HTGAWM,” however, stands out for the diversity of both its production staff and its characters, which include those who are black, Latina, Asian, gay, lesbian, and bisexual. Swofford won an NAACP Image Award for penning a much-discussed first-season episode in which Keating removes her omnipresent wig to reveal her natural hair; she was nominated for co-writing another in which the character’s forceful mom (played by the eminent Cicely Tyson) comforted her by combing her hair and massaging her scalp. “I’ll take credit for the head-scratching scene, which came from my own experience,” says Swofford. “It’s a ritual between mother and daughter—her doing my hair or scratching up my scalp, and us having conversations while she did it.”

Although that scene reflected Swofford’s personal history,

ON THE HILL . . . Erika Green Swofford '94



MAJOR: Hotel administration

SPORTS: Threw shot-put and discus on the track team (won indoor Heps her freshman year)

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she stresses that TV writing is a highly collaborative process. In addition to the constant back-and-forth inside the writers’ room, there’s input from actors, producers, network executives, and others—not to mention the realities of budget and time constraints. “You go through a lot of gristmilling; you have to kill your darlings on a daily basis,” she says. “You might want to have a helicopter and explosions and dead bodies everywhere—and then your line producer says, ‘You can have *one* body, and we’re not going to have an explosion; we’re going to have the aftermath.’” When Swofford’s dialogue does come verbatim into millions of American living rooms, she says, it’s particularly gratifying—especially when it’s delivered by an Oscar nominee. “Viola Davis is a singular talent,” she says. “When you have that kind of person actually saying things that you wrote on the couch in your pajamas, it’s kind of awesome.” ■

— Kitty Kemp



BOTH SIDES OF THE CAMERA: Swofford on the red carpet at the NAACP Image Awards in February 2015 and on the set of “The Mentalist” (above).

UP BY HIS BOOTSTRAPS

Meet erstwhile presidential candidate Parley Christensen, LLB 1897



As Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump vie for votes in a bitterly contested presidential election, it's an apt moment to remember a colorful Cornellian who made his own bid for the White House nearly a century ago. It was back in 1920, that eventful year in American history that saw the advent of Prohibition and the passage of women's suffrage. Amid that societal tumult, one Parley Parker Christensen, LLB 1897, sought the highest post in the land on a minor-party ticket—and came closer to the Oval Office than any Cornellian before or since.

Christensen's up-from-the-bootstraps background makes for a dramatic origin story. His Mormon parents, both from Denmark, pioneered their way across the Plains, walking most of the way alongside teams of oxen. Parley, born in the Idaho Territory, was the fifth of thirteen children, five of whom died in infancy. Not long after the family settled in the Utah Territory, his parents

After winning his party's nomination, Christensen vowed to run a 'nation-wide, twenty-four-hour-day, seven-day-week, town-hall, street-corner, and front-porch campaign.'

divorced and his father was excommunicated from the church. After earning an undergrad degree from the University of Deseret (now the University of Utah) in 1890, Christensen worked as a teacher, school superintendent, and secretary of the constitutional convention that created the State of Utah; he then earned a bachelor of laws on the Hill, where he was chairman of the Republican Club. After returning to Utah to serve as Salt Lake County attorney, he made three unsuccessful bids for the Republican nomination for U.S. Congress. Eventually, he served in the state legislature as a member of the fledgling "Bull Moose" Progressive Party.

Christensen's politics moved increasingly leftward, and by 1920 he arrived in Chicago as a delegate to the new national Labor Party and convention chairman of the Committee of Forty-Eight, a remnant of the Bull Moose Party. The parties met separately at first, but soon united, aiming for a merger



TALL ORDER: Parley Christensen, LLB 1897 (opposite page, in white suit), with members of the National Woman's Party in 1920, the year he ran for president. Above: Christensen (right) with Vladimir Lenin in the USSR.

of supporters and priorities. It was a contentious convention, and tempers often flared. "I'm not going to be rough, but I'm going to ride this convention," warned Christensen, who was impossible to ignore at 6-foot-4, 260 pounds, and clad in his trademark white linen suit. At the same time, he did his best to assuage each faction—acting, according to *Current Opinion* magazine, like a "parliamentary orchestra leader" in which "his gavel becomes a baton."

After four days of political wrangling—haggling even over the new organization's name—the Farmer-Labor Party was born, and on the second ballot Christensen was chosen to lead it. A self-described "independent bachelor," he was quoted as saying, "The first thing I'm going to do is go home to my mother." But he also declared, "My work has just begun." He vowed a "nation-wide, twenty-four-hour-day, seven-day-week, town-hall, street-corner, and front-porch campaign," and the *New York Times* noted his "especial delight in whacking Republicans over the head." The Farmer-Labor Party's platform called for large-scale nationalization of the economy, expanded civil rights, amnesty for political prisoners (particularly Socialist Party leader Eugene Debs), the right of all workers to strike, recognition of the Soviet Union, and an end to American imperialism. Critics claimed it smacked of communism—and, in fact, Christensen would later travel to the USSR and meet with Vladimir Lenin—but he described it as a "100 percent American effort to restore to the people the right to govern themselves."

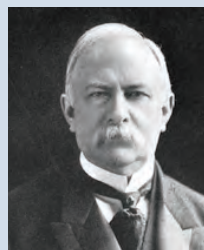
Although Christensen was never formally baptized into the Mormon Church, he did grow up in a Mormon family; as such, he was the first person of that faith to run for president since Joseph Smith himself in 1844. Smith had been killed by an angry mob before Election Day, but Christensen was undone by a numbers game. The party had little money, and Christensen managed to get on the ballot in only eighteen states. In November he finished a distant fourth, behind Republican Warren Harding, Democrat James Cox, and the incarcerated Debs. Still, his 265,398 votes represented nearly 1 percent of the voting population—about what the Libertarian Party received in 2012.

The Farmer-Labor Party soon faded, but Christensen's ongoing political career included a stint as chairman of the Illinois

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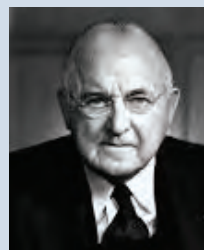
Three alums who sought their party's nod

One of the first eight people ever to graduate from Cornell went on to have a notable career in politics. Joseph Foraker 1869 served as a Republican U.S. senator from Ohio, and in 1908 he



Joseph Foraker 1869

made a run for the White House. But his ambitions were foiled by a public disagreement with Theodore Roosevelt over the so-called "Brownsville Case," in which the president ordered the dishonorable discharge of a battalion of African American soldiers over a violent incident in Texas, despite little evidence of their involvement. Once an ally, Roosevelt subsequently campaigned against Foraker, who was defeated by fellow Cincinnati William Howard Taft in the GOP primary and then lost his senate seat.



Frank Gannett 1898

In 1940, media mogul Frank Gannett 1898—founder of the news empire that now includes *USA Today*—took on another Roosevelt. He railed against FDR's attempt to pack the Supreme Court with allies, and briefly aimed for the GOP nomination. Lawyer and businessman Wendell Willkie got it

instead—and ultimately lost to FDR, who won an unprecedented third term.

After serving as Hubert Humphrey's running mate in 1968, Maine Senator Edmund Muskie, LLB '39, was a front-runner for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination. He won the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary, but his campaign began to implode following publication of the so-called "Canuck Letter," which claimed that Muskie had made disparaging remarks about French-Canadians; George McGovern won the nomination. Later, Muskie became secretary of state under Jimmy Carter, and the Canuck Letter was revealed to be a document forged by Richard Nixon's "dirty tricks" unit.



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Progressive Party, an unsuccessful run for U.S. Senate, a dalliance with Upton Sinclair's End Poverty in California (EPIC) crusade, and six terms on the Los Angeles city council. He died in 1954, thirty-four years after being chosen to lead a short-lived but proudly progressive political party—an honor for which he claimed to be “plumb tickled.” ■

— Brad Herzog '90

ART IMITATES LIFE On TV, a Big Red President

This fall, a Cornellian is set to enter the White House—but he's a fictional character. In the new TV series “Designated Survivor,” Kiefer Sutherland plays a low-level Cabinet member who suddenly ascends to the presidency after a terrorist attack wipes out much of the government. The teaser for the show, on ABC, depicts the moment when the protagonist learns the shocking news—and he's costumed in a Cornell hoodie.



On the flip side, at least two alumni have portrayed the commander in chief on screens both small and wide. In 2004, Jimmy Smits, MFA '82, played Matt Santos, a Democratic representative from Texas who was elected president on the final season of the political drama “The West Wing.” And William Sadler, MFA '74, portrayed the president in the second-highest grossing film of 2013: *Iron Man 3*.

COMMANDERS IN CHIEF: (From top) Kiefer Sutherland in “Designated Survivor”; Jimmy Smits, MFA '82, being sworn in on “The West Wing”; and William Sadler, MFA '74, in *Iron Man 3*.



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A MATTER OF OPINION

Polling class aims to 'take America's pulse' on the election and more

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Those questions, and dozens of others, have been asked by students in one of the University's more unorthodox courses. Cross-listed in government and communication but open to students of all class years and majors, "Taking America's Pulse" teaches undergrads how to design, execute, and analyze a national public opinion poll. Not only do students concoct the questions—with each person contributing one query to the overall poll, which also collects demographic data—they serve on the front lines of administering it, working alongside professional academic pollsters at Cornell's Survey Research Institute (SRI). "There's enormous educational value in actually picking

up the phone and cold-calling the American public for their opinions," says co-teacher Jonathon Schuldt '04, an assistant professor of communication. "They learn that the data are only as valuable as how rigorous the survey script was and how well the callers adhered to the exact wording of the questions. Just slight changes can have a meaningful effect on the results."

While "Taking America's Pulse" was previously held in spring '14 and '15, this academic year it's being offered in the fall—giving students the rare opportunity to conduct a poll in the thick of a contentious presidential race (though the questions won't be limited to the election). The timing is key to getting an accurate understanding of how respondents view the candidates and related issues, observes Peter Enns, an associate professor of government and Schuldt's co-teacher. The two are chatting with CAM in Enns's White Hall office in mid-July—on a day when the national media is reporting the results >

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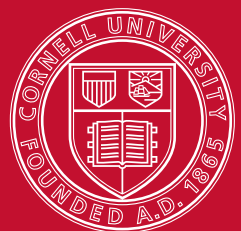
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of a poll finding that Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are neck and neck. But Enns, who's executive director of Cornell's Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, points out that such "horse race" polls held so far in advance are notoriously unreliable. "If you want to understand voting and the choices the public makes, having the survey conducted close to the election really matters," says Enns. "When a decision is far from now, the criteria used to make it is different."

By way of analogy, Enns says, imagine planning where to go out to dinner a year from now. "Where should we go?" he muses. "Maybe New York City? The fanciest restaurant? That would be cool." But what if you're deciding where to eat tonight? Then, he says, you'll consider practicalities like distance, scheduling, and cost. That faraway Manhattan eatery, with its long waits and \$40 entrees, is starting to look a lot less attractive. "We're going to pick based on a certain set of fundamentals, and voting works a lot like that," he says. "There's your partisanship; your opinion of the current president; how you think the economy's doing. That's what tends to drive it." He notes that in reporting that day's poll, the *New York Times* attributed Clinton's drop in popularity to the latest news about her use of a private e-mail server as Secretary of State. "That's exactly what you'd expect," he says. "If somebody asks me today how I'm going to vote I might say, 'That e-mail thing doesn't sound responsible.' But let's say I'm in the voting booth and I'm a Democrat; she's my party's candidate, she's got all that political experience, and I'm relatively happy with what Obama did, so I'm going to vote for her. The idea of the e-mail scandal affecting an actual vote is slim—but in a survey today when the choice is months away, it makes complete sense that it's influencing the responses."

"Taking America's Pulse," which has two weekly lectures plus a discussion section, makes for an intense semester. The requirements include writing (and submitting for publication) an op-ed based on the survey results; students also have to create

a research poster and defend their findings at a formal question-and-answer session with faculty and grad students. Plus, fully 20 percent of the grade is predicated on completing at least five telephone interviews, an undertaking that may sound straightforward but can require hours of dogged effort over the course of weeks. National polls, Enns notes, sometimes have response rates as low as 10 percent. As Kailin Koch '15, a former government major who took the course in the spring of 2014, recalls: "Some days, it felt like all you were doing was talking to people's voicemail."

Danyoung Kim '16, who's currently studying for the LSAT after earning a government degree and interning at the White House, developed a variety of strategies for upping the odds of finding a willing interviewee. "My favorite time to call was Sundays after people come back from church," she says with a laugh, "because I figured they'd be a little nicer." Her own survey question was open-ended and a tad unconventional. She asked: "When you hear the phrase 'Americans are stupid,' which group of Americans comes to mind?" The responses didn't turn out quite as she'd expected. "One thing we learned in class is that there's no such thing as a perfect survey question—and

'There's enormous educational value in actually picking up the phone and cold-calling the American public for their opinions,' says communication professor Jonathon Schuldt '04.



a lot of people misinterpreted mine," she says. "They thought I was asking which foreigners say that Americans are stupid. So I got a lot of answers like, 'the French.'"

While Koch—whose own question involved whether meat consumption affects climate change—confesses to having been "terrified" on her first day of polling, she proved to have a knack for it. She went on to spend a summer working at SRI and now crunches polling data at a strategic consulting firm in New York, a job she credits the course with helping her land. Like Kim, she notes that having conducted a poll has made her more wary of how their results are bandied about. "Knowing what I know about sample size, methodology differences, and how giant the margin of error can be, I'm definitely more skeptical," she says. And she and Kim have something else in common: having languished on the other end of the line, they both pledge that if pollsters ever call them, they won't hang up. ■

— L. P. Drew



TEACHING TEAM: Professors Peter Enns (above) and Jonathon Schuldt '04 (above right)

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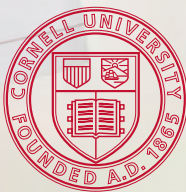


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MEET THE PRESS

AAP alum is Vice President Biden's media rep



BREAKING NEWS: Dubyak (center right) with Vice President Joe Biden outside the White House office complex

Meghan Dubyak '04 can always tell when her boss has arrived. All she needs to do is glance over her right shoulder—and count the black SUVs outside the West Wing of the White House.

Since December, the former urban and regional studies major has been the press secretary to Vice President Joe Biden. She works out of the VP's staff offices in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the palatial, Second Empire edifice—complete with stately columns, broad staircases, and marquetry-floored hallways—that's part of the vast White House office complex. "I don't think a single day goes by that I don't walk in the complex and feel grateful and honored to serve," she says. "It's an incredibly humbling and inspiring place to work, to be surrounded by smart people who are also dedicated public servants."

The White House is just outside Dubyak's window; one afternoon last spring, fresh from a daylong stint on jury duty, she points out where Biden generally works, in a small West Wing space across the way. "Those windows at the end are where the VP's office is," she says, "so all day, we literally shuttle back and forth between these two spots."

A veteran Capitol Hill staffer, Dubyak came to the Obama Administration after several years as press secretary and communications director to Sherrod Brown, a Democratic senator from her native Ohio; before that, she worked for New York Congressman Steve Israel, who hired her out of undergrad. She started out doing such straightforward tasks as scheduling, giving tours, and filling requests for ceremonial flags; before long, she was a legislative aide advising Israel on health and education issues, and later became his communications director. "The joke on the Hill, particularly on the House side, is that you start in a job that you're totally overqualified for," she says with a laugh, "and within a year, you're in a job that you're totally underqualified for."

When the opportunity to work for the vice president presented itself, Dubyak jumped at it—even though she'd be joining the

administration in its final year and would inevitably be looking for another job before long. Part of the attraction, she says, was working with Biden on the "cancer moon shot" he's spearheading—an effort that's particularly close to his heart in the wake of his older son's death from a brain tumor. Dubyak has been accompanying Biden on visits to research centers nationwide (and occasionally tweeting about it, under the handle @Dubyak44). While she doesn't generally go on his overseas trips—she spoke to CAM during a relative lull when the VP was in the Middle East—she travels with him on Air Force Two during North American jaunts; in one three-day span, she was in Mexico City, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco. "No two days are the same," she says of her job. "It's a lot of responding to the news, shaping stories that we know are coming about, responding to reporter inquiries. I consider myself an advocate for reporters, making sure they have the information they need."

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White House staff jobs are notoriously all-consuming. And while Dubyak notes that Biden advocates work-family balance—"Every time one of his grandchildren calls, it doesn't matter who he's in the room with; he will always pick up"—she admits that the 24/7 news cycle means that she's constantly tethered to her phone and e-mail, fielding media requests and monitoring the headlines. Just in the twenty or so minutes she's been chatting with CAM, she says, she has received some forty e-mailed clips from the White House's news aggregators. "If I don't get back to a journalist, that can affect when he or she files their story," she notes. "The demands of the job require you to be responsive—particularly when you're working on other people's deadlines." ■

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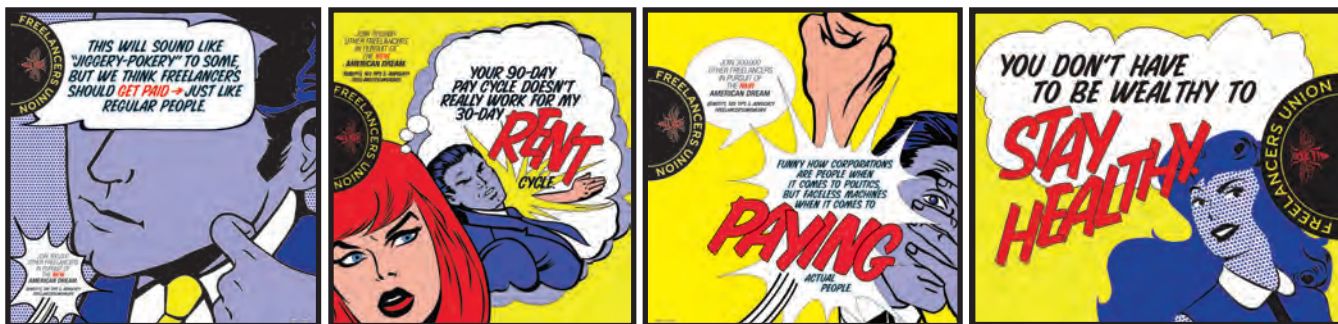
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Labor activist and ILR alum Sara Horowitz '84 heads the Freelancers Union



'FREELANCE ISN'T FREE': Images from a New York City PR campaign launched by the Freelancers Union, founded by Sara Horowitz '84 (below left).

Sara Horowitz '84 has unions in her blood. Her grandfather was vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, specializing in organizing at companies who'd moved out of New York to escape labor regulation. Her dad was a union lawyer, her mom a unionized teacher. In a bit of happenstance that makes Horowitz smile, her daughter shares a birthday with Samuel Gompers, legendary founder of the American Federation of Labor.

When it came time to make her own mark on the labor movement, the ILR grad tackled an issue that's both contemporary and perennial: protecting the interests of independent workers. In 1995, Horowitz founded what's now known as the Freelancers Union, an association that has grown to comprise more than 250,000 members in the U.S. and abroad. An avid student of labor history, Horowitz sees parallels between the days before widespread unionization—when piecework dominated the garment industry—and the modern "gig economy." "It's not that different," says Horowitz, who holds a JD from SUNY Buffalo and a master's from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. "You could get all the material and work at home and have that flexibility—but you also had no unemployment insurance and none of the supports."

Based in Brooklyn, Horowitz's group doesn't function as a traditional union; it doesn't bargain collectively, for example, and members don't pay dues. Rather, it serves as a way for disparate, often isolated independent contractors to connect with each other and be part of a greater whole. While the group once offered its own health insurance, it was required under Obamacare to switch to serving as what Horowitz calls a

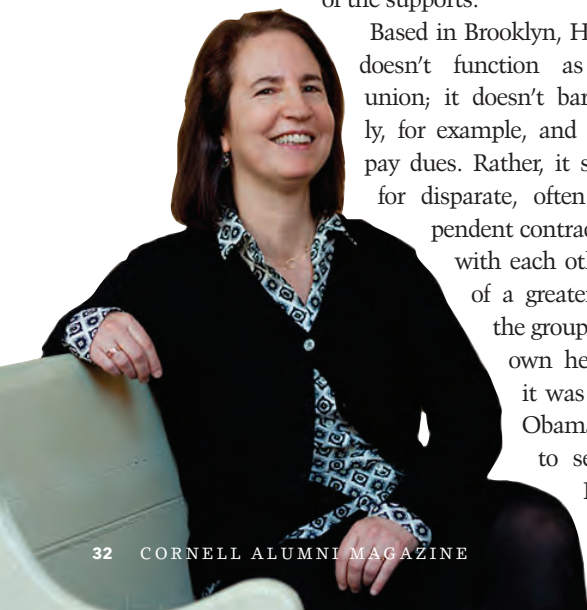
"portable benefits platform," streamlining access to other plans.

The Freelancers Union hosts monthly networking events, publishes a blog whose circulation Horowitz puts at two million readers, and offers guidance on topics from filing taxes to crafting contracts. Among its recent accomplishments is working with Uber to establish an association for its New York City drivers that's affiliated with a branch of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union. The group has also rallied support for a workers' protection bill now under consideration by the City Council—the "Freelance Isn't Free Act"—that aims to address the chronic problem of unpaid fees. "More than 70 percent of freelancers have been stiffed at one point in their career," Horowitz points out, "and the average amount is more than \$5,000."

In fall 2015, a study that the group commissioned from an independent research firm estimated that just over a third of the U.S. workforce—some 53.7 million people—are freelancers. The majority of them—60 percent—reported they were freelancing by choice, a trend that Horowitz ascribes to the declining numbers of traditional full-time jobs with generous benefits. "People gave up a lot for that forty-hour workweek," observes Horowitz, who co-authored a how-to guide entitled *The Freelancer's Bible* in 2012. "Now, people are saying, 'Show me those mythical jobs with a great pension and retirement, and I might be happy to give up this flexibility, but that choice isn't available to me anymore.' So people are putting their lives together in a different way."

Horowitz's work has landed her on a slew of best-of lists, with kudos from the likes of *Forbes*, *BusinessWeek*, and the World Economic Forum. But the ultimate honor came in 1999, when—at thirty-six—she received a fellowship from the MacArthur Foundation, its vaunted "genius" grant. "Sara has always been a creative and committed person in everything she does," says ILR professor Risa Lieberwitz, one of her Cornell mentors. "She's an optimist—and you need to be to look at today's world with all its problems and try to improve the situation for as many people as you can." ■

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JUSTICE DENIED

Valerie Percy '66, whose long-ago murder remains unsolved, lives on in the memories of her fellow Cornellians

Even after five decades, emeritus professor of psychology James Maas, PhD '66, vividly recalls the early morning phone call from his housemate, a staffer at WVBR. "He said, 'Jim, I'm reading what's coming over the AP wire right now, and your friend Valerie has been murdered,'" he says. "It was like a horrific dream." In shock, Maas went outside and—scarcely knowing what to do with himself—started mowing the lawn. "I think I mowed for three hours," says Maas, then in the early years of teaching the now-legendary Psych 101 course that would continue until his retirement in 2012. "And it was a very small lawn."

For Maas, who counted Valerie Percy '66 among his closest Cornellian friends, it was a devastating personal tragedy. For the nation, it was a shocking crime—one that remains unsolved to this day.

'Val was cheerful, optimistic, unpretentious, humble, gracious—beautiful inside and out,' says sorority sister Mary Wellington Daly '66. 'Rarely was she not wearing a most radiant smile.'

The daughter of a successful Chicago-area manufacturing executive, Percy was just twenty-one and newly graduated from Cornell when she was killed in the pre-dawn hours of September 18, 1966, in the family's elegant home on the Lake Michigan shore. The crime made national headlines: the Ivy League-educated child of a U.S. senatorial candidate had been bludgeoned and stabbed to death in her own bed by an unknown intruder, in an affluent suburban village where violent crime was all but unheard of.

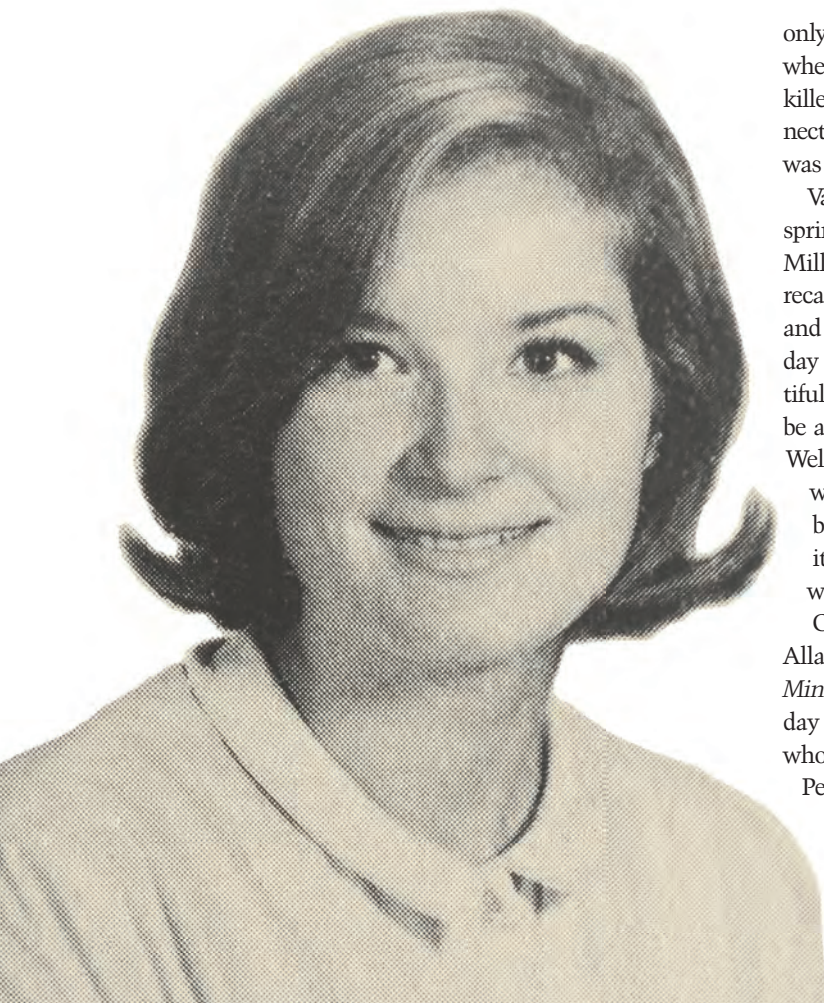
Modern forensic science was in its infancy; DNA testing was decades off, and small-town police departments were often ill-equipped to cope with major crimes. Although some potentially promising evidence was gathered at the scene—including a glove and a moccasin—it was never matched to a perpetrator. A bayonet recovered from the lake wasn't definitively identified as the murder weapon. The

only eyewitness—Percy's stepmother, who entered her bedroom when she heard sounds of distress—didn't get a clear look at the killer as he rushed past. Although the crime may have been connected to a cluster of burglaries in the area, the fact that nothing was taken from the Percy home cast doubt on that theory.

Valerie Percy had graduated from Cornell only the previous spring, having majored in French literature. Linda Bernstein Miller '66, one of her Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority sisters, recalls that Percy was thrilled to spend her junior year in Paris and adored French music. "She listened to Edith Piaf day in and day out," Miller remembers, calling Percy "a happy, loving, beautiful person. She was gorgeous to look at and wonderful fun to be around. She laughed all the time." Fellow Kappa sister Mary Wellington Daly '66 remembers her with equal fondness. "Val was cheerful, optimistic, unpretentious, humble, gracious—beautiful inside and out," she says. "When she entered a room it was as if she were floating in on a breeze. Rarely was she not wearing a most radiant smile."

On campus, Percy's mentors included famed philosopher Allan Bloom—future author of *The Closing of the American Mind*—then a professor of government. In the *Daily Sun* the day after her death, he eulogized her as "a gracious young lady who always wanted to do the right thing." In news stories,

Percy was lauded as friendly, open, and down-to-earth despite her family's wealth and status. "Considering the fact her family is very prominent and she had every right to be a snob," the late Sandra Stone Bugge '67, Percy's Kappa



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Former Coed Slain In Illinois Mansion

Kenilworth, Ill. (AP) — Valerie Percy, 26, one of the comely blonde twin daughters of Republican leader Charles H. Percy, was bludgeoned and stabbed to death early yesterday in the family's spacious North Shore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy, and two other children, including Valerie's 21-year-old twin, Sharon, were asleep in other bedrooms of the 12-room stone mansion.

Percy, 47, Illinois Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate in the November election, telephoned police after his wife, Lorraine, surprised the killer in Valerie's second-floor bedroom.

Mrs. Percy said she was unable to identify him as he beat a flashlight into her face and then fled from the darkened house.

Valerie graduated in June from Cornell and had been working as a coordinator of her father's campaign since then. Sharon, also a campaign coordinator, graduated from Stanford University in June.

Authorities said the slaying was intentional.

"The attacker obviously came into the house to murder someone," said Dr. Andrew Toman, coroner of Cook County.

Toman said the young woman had been struck twice on the left side of her head with a blunt instrument, possibly the flashlight, and stabbed with a five-inch knife blade a dozen times or more in the breasts, throat and abdomen.

The coroner said that cuts on



MISS VALERIE PERCY
A Violent Death

Miss Percy Is Recalled

Valerie Percy was described by Prof. Allan Bloom of the government department yesterday as "a gracious young lady who always wanted to do the right thing."

Miss Percy, a June graduate of Cornell and daughter of Illinois Republican leader Charles Percy, was found bludgeoned and stabbed to death at her Kenilworth, Ill., home early yesterday.

A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she had majored in French literature. Miss Percy spent her junior year in

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Valerie Popular at Cornell

BY SARA JANE GOODYEAR

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BY EDWARD KATZ

SEN. DOUGLAS (D., Ill.) said he will not go to the Illinois State House, and

Republicans state and county

leaders called a nationwide

campaign activities yesterday

after hearing of the

murder of Percy's daughter,

Valerie.

Senator Douglas, Republican

leader in the House, said he

was going to stay away from

the campaign trail for at least the

next few days.

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Daughter Slain in Candidate's N. Shore Estate

FRIENDS KNEW
VALERIE AS
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BY KEEB KATZ

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At the time of Percy's death, she was planning to pursue a master's in international studies at Johns Hopkins; she'd spent the summer doing campaign work for her father, Charles Percy, a Republican senatorial hopeful considered to have presidential potential. "Val was very, very close to her father," Daly recalls. "Although her personality would not lead you to believe that she would throw herself into a political campaign, she willing-

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ly, eagerly, and tirelessly campaigned for her father during his Senate run." When news of Valerie's death broke, his opponent—Democratic incumbent Paul Douglas—immediately sent condolences and pledged to temporarily halt campaigning. The race resumed after the funeral; Charles Percy went on to win, serving three terms until he was unseated in 1984 by Senator Paul Simon.

In 2013, Chicago journalist Glenn Wall self-published a book about the case, *Sympathy Vote: A Reinvestigation of the Valerie Percy Murder*. (The title refers in part to the notion that Charles Percy's grief may have prompted some Illinoisans to cast ballots in his favor.) In it, Wall identifies a man whom he calls an

overwhelmingly likely suspect: William Thoresen III, the emotionally disturbed scion of a wealthy family that lived near the Percys. Thoresen, who'd been in regular trouble with the police since his youth, was suspected of numerous crimes including the murder of his own brother; four years after the Percy killing, Thoresen was shot to death by his wife, who successfully claimed self-defense.

Valerie's murder, Wall notes, "is one of the better known cold cases," still discussed and debated in online forums. Just last spring, it resurfaced in the courts. New York attorney John Kelly—who has represented the families of well-known homicide victims including Nicole Brown Simpson and Natalie Holloway—filed suit to compel several law enforcement agencies to release records about the Percy investigation. Kelly says that his motives are personal rather than professional: he grew up in the Chicago area, was thirteen at the time of the murder, and has an abiding curiosity about the case. A hearing in the suit was held in mid-August, with a ruling likely several months off.

Even though fifty years have passed since Percy graduated from Cornell, her memory remains alive on the Hill in a small but meaningful way: a scholarship in her name that her friends, sorority sisters, and others endowed decades ago is still being awarded annually. With the aim of enabling current students to share one of her most treasured experiences, the Valerie J. Percy Junior Year Abroad Scholarship provides funds for female undergrads to study in France. "Every year, I get beautiful letters from the recipients," Miller says. "It's a very loving, wonderful memorial to Valerie." ■

—Beth Saulnier

Big Red Highlights



MEN'S ROWING Cornell earned gold at the 114th annual Intercollegiate Rowing Association championships, courtesy of the men's lightweight four without coxswain. **Conor Jones '16**, **Ian Sigal '16**, **James McManus '18**, and **Paul Clauss '16** (above) won their grand final race with a time of 6:24.580, nearly two seconds ahead of runner-up Princeton. The men's heavyweight varsity eight, meanwhile, earned the Eastern Association of Rowing Coaches' Rusty Callow Award for "spirit, courage, and unity."

MEN'S HOCKEY Two more former Big Red players will pursue professional careers this fall. **Reece Willcox '16** signed an entry-level contract with the Philadelphia Flyers shortly after the end of Cornell's season in March. He played six games for the Lehigh Valley Phantoms in the American Hockey League, which also included former Cornell teammate **Cole Bardreau '15**. **Christian Hilbrich '16** signed a deal to play for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE After leading Cornell to one of its best seasons in school history, head coach **Jenny Graap '86** was chosen to coach the North team in the annual Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Senior All-Star Game. Graap collected her 200th career win in 2016, a season that also saw the Big Red post 14 wins, its second most ever, and make its first NCAA tournament appearance since 2006. **Catie Smith '17** (right) was named a third-team All-American by the IWLCA after backstopping a defense that held opponents to single digits in 15 of its 19 games and six or fewer goals eight times.

MEN'S GOLF

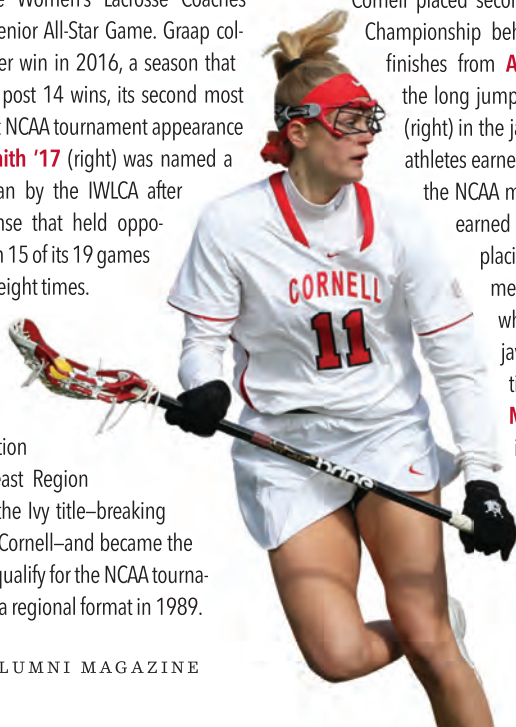
Luke Graboyes '17 was named to the Golf Coaches Association of America All-Northeast Region team. Graboyes won the Ivy title—breaking a 30-year drought for Cornell—and became the first Big Red golfer to qualify for the NCAA tournament since it adopted a regional format in 1989.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD Cornell became the first Ivy League team to win the Women's ECAC Outdoor Championships, edging James Madison by 3.5 points in May. **Adrian Jones '17** (below) provided the decisive points with a fourth-place finish in the 200 meters, putting Cornell ahead to stay with only a couple of events left. **Eve Glasergreen '19** was the Big Red's only individual champion, winning the 5,000 meters in 16:51.01. A month later, **Caroline Kellner '16** earned honorable mention All-America for placing 24th in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Championships.



MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD The 2016 season was full of team and individual successes. After a dominating win at the Heps, Cornell placed second at the IC4A Championship behind first-place

finishes from **Alex Rodriguez '18** in the long jump and **Rob Robbins '16** (right) in the javelin. Then, six Big Red athletes earned All-American laurels at the NCAA meet. **Rudy Winkler '17** earned first-team honors after placing second in the hammer throw, as did Robbins, who was eighth in the javelin. Honorable mention All-Americans were **Max Hairston '16** (19th in the 100 meter hurdles), **James Gowans '17** (20th in the 1,500 meters), and **Bobby Plummer '17** (21st in the triple jump).



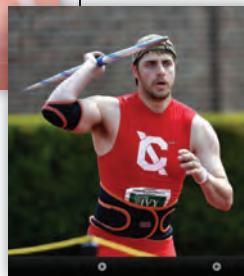
Alumni News

BASEBALL Former Cornell pitcher **Brian McAfee '15** was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 38th round of the 2016 first year player draft in June. He was signed to the Princeton (West Virginia) Rays in the rookie level Appalachian League.

MEN'S BASKETBALL After playing for the University of Connecticut as a grad student, **Shonn Miller '15** spent part of his summer with the Utah Jazz in a pair of NBA summer leagues, averaging 3.5 points in five games. His best outing came in an 86-71 Las Vegas League win over the Portland Trail Blazers when he scored eight points in 16 minutes of playing time. Miller averaged 12.3 points per game at UConn, helping the Huskies to the American Athletic Conference title.

MEN'S LACROSSE At the Major League Lacrosse All-Star Game in Fullerton, California, in June, **Rob Pannell '12**, **BS '13**, was the second-leading scorer for Team Rolling Thunder, marking three goals and two assists. Rolling Thunder ultimately lost to Team Riptide—which included **Connor Buczczek '15**, who scored a goal.

MEN'S HOCKEY After scoring two goals in less than two minutes to get the Wheeling Nailers into the ECHL playoffs, **John McCarron '15** made the most of his post-season opportunity. He was fourth overall in playoff scoring, and tops among rookies, with 23 points on 11 goals and 12 assists as the Nailers reached the final of the Kelly Cup playoffs.



MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD In the run-up to the Summer Olympics, **Bruno Hortelano-Roig '13**, **BS '14**, established himself as one of the world's best sprinters, winning a European title in the 200 meters. His time of 20.39 in the semifinals of the European meet set a national record for Spain. He also finished fourth in the 100 meters.

Coaching Changes

FENCING Daria Schneider, a fencer ranked as high as second in the nation and 13th in the world, was named Cornell's new coach in June. A five-time member of the U.S. national team, she has won more than 50 medals, including one national title and two third-place finishes in the World Championships. She previously served as assistant coach and interim head coach at Columbia.

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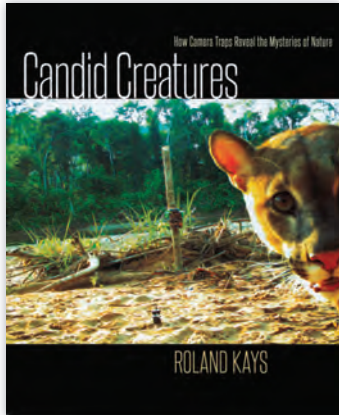
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Candid Creatures

ROLAND KAYS '93

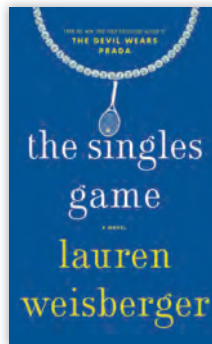
The fact that wild animals can generally hear or smell humans from far away has historically made it nearly impossible to photograph them behaving naturally in their habitats. But the invention of camera traps—remotely activated cameras triggered by motion or infrared sensors—changed

all that. These devices are “like microscopes for microbiologists or telescopes for astronomers,” Kays writes, enabling zoologists to see wildlife from a new and intimate perspective.

In this coffee table book, Kays, director of the Biodiversity Laboratory at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, has selected and assembled more than 600 camera trap photographs taken by more than 150 groups of scientists in myriad habitats. The images represent more than a decade

of research and numerous breakthroughs, including the discovery of new species and the sighting of others previously thought to be extinct. Kays touches on such topics as the interaction between predators and prey, the reactionary patterns of wildlife to human activity, and the importance of trap photos to biodiversity conservation. “Truth be told, most of the millions of camera trap images collected each year are rather boring,” Kays writes. “But the mindless persistence of automated cameras and the considerable quantity of images being amassed in the name of science eventually result in some pretty amazing photographs.”

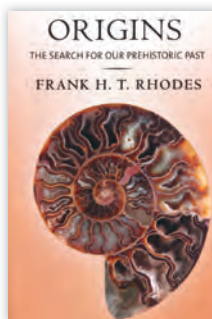
SNAP JUDGMENTS: Critters photographed by camera traps include (from top) golden jackals in Pakistan; a gorilla gazing into a mirror in Gabon; egrets accompanying cattle in Kenya; and a caracal—a medium-sized cat—in Yemen.



The Singles Game

LAUREN WEISBERGER '99

From the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *The Devil Wears Prada* comes this novel about Charlotte “Charlie” Silver, a beautiful and talented young tennis player. After a demoralizing injury and loss at Wimbledon, the sheltered athlete decides to shake things up by hiring a new trainer with a reputation for harsh tactics, a rude attitude—and big wins. Through his efforts to remake both her tennis game and her public image, Charlie is launched into a world of fame, drama, fashion, and romance in this story that *Kirkus* calls a “fun, fast-paced read filled with well-crafted and memorable characters.”

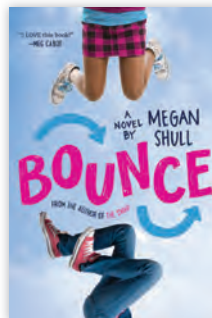


Origins

FRANK H.T. RHODES

In chapters that range from “Defrosting the Mammoth” to “The Reign of the Reptiles” to “The Rise of the Mammals,” the Cornell geology professor and president emeritus delves into the evolution of life on Earth. Understanding our origins, he argues, is essential to ensuring the future of the human population on an increasingly crowded and polluted planet. As he observes: “A study of the extinction

events of the past may well be an important guide to preventing a looming mass extinction event in our own future.”



Bounce

MEGAN SHULL '91, PHD '98

In this young adult novel, a seventh grade girl gets stuck in a *Groundhog Day*-style cycle, but with a twist. She relives the same day over and over, each time as someone else—from a pop star to a farm hand to a homeless girl. At first she relishes the new experiences, but soon begins to worry that she’ll never make it home. Shull’s previous book, *The Swap*, is being adapted as a TV movie on the Disney Channel this fall.



Prairie Dog Song

CINDY KANE TRUMBORE '78

This richly illustrated hardcover for young readers depicts one of the most ecologically significant species of the American Plains—the prairie dog. Each double-page spread features a colorful collage—made by illustrator Susan Roth from hundreds of tiny pieces of paper—depicting the animals and their habitat, paired with verses and text

that detail the resurgence of the species. “The clever layout makes this a book that can grow with its readers,” says *Kirkus*, which calls it “a worthy work of science-and-arts integration.”

To purchase these books and others by Cornellians, or to submit your book for possible mention in Cornell Alumni Magazine, go to the “Cornell Authors” tab at cornellalumnimagazine.com.

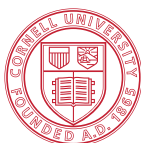
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WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Creative Cornellians are coming up with inventive solutions to challenges large and small

By Heat Her Salerno

Cornell has a deep legacy of innovation. It goes all the way back to founder Ezra, a farmer, mechanic, engineer, and inventor who in 1843 designed a device to bury telegraph wires (and then, when they proved to have defective insulation, built another machine to dig them up). Ezra's imagination and determination led him to become a key player in the American telegraph industry—which, in turn, provided him with the vast fortune he used to found his namesake institution.

That same creative, can-do spirit is still very much alive at Cornell—both on the Hill itself and among the many alumni pursuing ingenious solutions to problems large and small, weighty and whimsical. About 3,500 students are enrolled in some seventy entrepreneurship courses, with new classes and initiatives popping up year after year. From contests like the Big

Idea Competition—in which any undergraduate can win \$3,000 for one great notion—to the events that the Cornell Entrepreneur Network hosts for alumni around the globe, there are a multitude of opportunities to brainstorm, create, and connect. "It's not that we've got one stand-alone thing that makes us unique," says Tom Schryver '93, MBA '02, director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute at the Johnson School. "The whole environment supports people, helping to make their ideas real."

These days, more Cornellians than ever are thinking outside the box—whether it's a device dedicated to make surgery safer around the globe or a unique plan to create more urban green space. The alumni featured on these pages are pursuing a variety of fields—but like Ezra did more than a century and a half ago, they're all striving to turn their visions into reality.



Illuminating Concept

The Lowline

Dan Barasch '99

Most people would look at an abandoned trolley station and see a cavernous wasteland. But Barasch, a former government major, sees a unique opportunity to “reclaim unused space for public good” by building the world’s first subterranean park on New York’s Lower East Side. He envisions a verdant acre of greenery, fueled by “remote skylight” technology that collects natural sunlight and directs it underground through fiber optic cables. A solar dome then distributes enough rays for grass, plants, and trees to grow. Last year, Barasch and his team raised more than \$223,000 from 2,500 supporters on Kickstarter to launch a model of

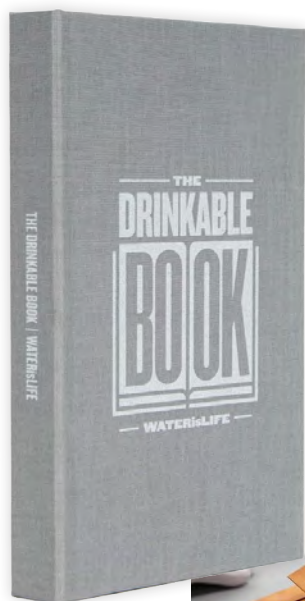
the proposed park—called Lowline Lab, in a nod to the popular High Line park on a former elevated rail line on Manhattan’s West Side—inside an old warehouse. Named one of *Time*’s “25 Best Inventions of 2015,” the flourishing lab now houses more than 3,000 plants and has

drawn about 60,000 visitors so far. Having received initial approval from the city in July, the project needs to raise an estimated \$70 million to build the actual park, with the hope of opening by 2021.



THE PROJECT’S MISSIONS INCLUDE ‘TESTING THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUE OF A YEAR-ROUND UNDERGROUND PARK.’





A (Very) Portable Water Filter

The Drinkable Book

Theresa Dankovich '03

The “book” originated as part of Dankovich’s doctoral thesis in chemistry at McGill University, and it has turned into a potentially life-saving tool for the 663 million people around the world without access to clean water. Included among *Time*’s “25 Best Inventions of 2015,” the book contains silver-coated pages that can kill deadly bacteria like cholera, typhoid, and *E. coli*. Each page—which acts like a filter and has been successfully tested in Bangladesh, Ghana, Tanzania, and five other countries—is capable of purifying 100 liters of water, enough for one person for a month. Some of the filters are printed (using food grade ink) with information that educates about proper sanitation, such as keeping trash and feces away from water sources. “Our aim is to help the several million



people who would otherwise die each year from preventable water borne diseases,” says Dankovich, a former fiber science major in the College of Human Ecology. To improve and market this technology, she co-founded the nonprofit Folia Water; a recently launched fundraising campaign hopes to collect enough to produce and distribute thousands of books in Honduras, South Africa, and China. Dankovich, who was named one of *Fast Company*’s “Most Creative People in Business” earlier this year, also wants to design a slimmer version for short-term usage during natural disasters.

Weather Proof

raincloud Umbrella Minder

Jere My Blum '12, Meng '13

The former electrical and computer engineering major came up with this smart umbrella stand—which lights up when the forecast calls for rain—as an easy-to-build DIY project over a single weekend. It cost about \$130 in parts, such as miniature circuit boards and Internet-connected modules to link to online weather services. The stand can be customized to send an alert to your phone if you leave your house without an umbrella on a day when it’s supposed to pour. Blum has no plans to manufacture or market his creation; it’s a free, open-source design available online for anyone to download. (The instructions were even published in *Popular Mechanics*.) A one-man ideas lab, he has shared his designs for many other projects, including a glove that can steer a remote-controlled car using hand gestures. Last year, the *Wall Street Journal* wrote about a home-automation system that Blum constructed; it controls lights, curtains, and music in his San Francisco home. His YouTube tutorials, aimed at teaching people about science, have been viewed more than 12 million times.

“I get the most satisfaction out of designing something, documenting it, and then releasing the source code, instructions, and materials list so that others can build it,” he says. Currently, Blum is head of electrical engineering at Shaper, a handheld robotics startup.



‘THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT I OFTEN WISHED I HAD IN ITHACA.’





Would You Care for a . . . Cricket?

C-fu Foods

LEE CADESKY, MS '15

This food science alum was inspired to create C-fu—a tofu-like product made of various kinds of crushed insects—after writing a paper about mock crab meat for a food chemistry class. With C-fu's mild taste and a texture similar to ground beef, he says it's a healthy, eco-friendly meat replacement, since insects are packed with nutrients and use fewer farming resources than livestock. It also could help feed the world's growing population, which is expected to surpass 9 billion by 2050. The idea landed him in the finals of last year's Thought for Food competition, in which thousands of university students submitted projects addressing global hunger; he also took third place in 2015's Global Business Challenge. Since then, Cadesky has partnered with his brother Eli to bring C-fu to market. Even though bugs are regularly eaten in Asia and other parts of the world, the concept can be a hard sell. So they've teamed up with chefs to make tasty dishes with the product—including burgers, ice cream, and falafel—that have gotten positive reactions at trade shows and farmers markets. So far, the Toronto-based company has sold C-fu to several restaurants and retailers in the U.S. and Canada, and a \$9 Bolognese-style sauce (available in either cricket or mealworm varieties) is now available online at www.onehopkitchen.com.



'PERHAPS SURPRISINGLY, WE'VE FOUND A LOT OF TRACTION WITH VEGETARIANS WHO SEE EATING INSECTS AS AN ETHICAL SOURCE OF NUTRIENTS.'

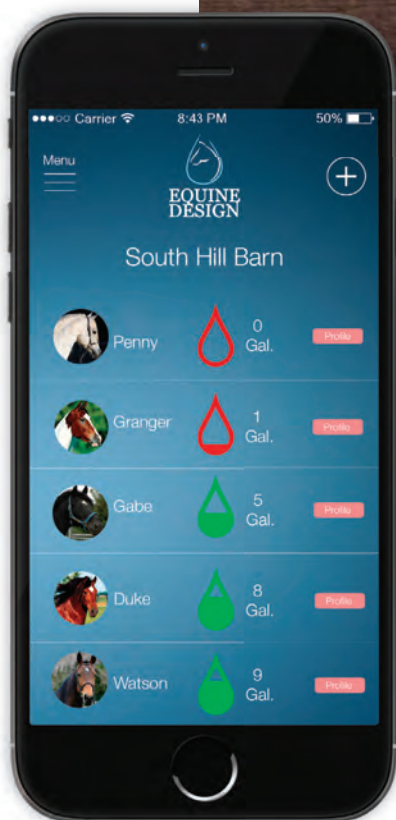
Jewelry with a Mission

Alma Sana

LAUREN BRAUN '11

In 2009, Braun was a summer intern at a public health clinic in Peru when she noticed young mothers were forgetting to bring their children for immunizations on time. "The reason moms came late was because they were handed a small paper reminder, which quickly got lost and the date forgotten," says Braun, a Human Ecology alum. So she designed a simple silicone bracelet to act as a kind of calendar. After a baby receives a shot, a nurse punches a hole through a symbol or number printed on the wristband that's related to the vaccine; this way, parents who are illiterate can still track the dates. With faculty encouragement, Braun became the first human development major in school history to earn a provisional patent as an undergrad. In 2012, she received a \$100,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to study her idea in Peru and Ecuador; since then her work has been recognized by the *New York Times* and *Forbes* (as a "30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneurs" nominee). Now, boosted by that initial study's positive results and interest from governments, NGOs, and pharma companies, her nonprofit—whose name means "healthy soul" in Spanish—hopes to introduce the bracelets soon in Nigeria, Afghanistan, and other countries.





Horse Health

Equine Design

CAITLIN PARRUCCI '15, MENG '16

Hydration is crucial for equine health, since low water consumption can lead to colic—the number-one cause of death in horses—and may indicate kidney failure or other problems. A product design class inspired Parrucci, a mechanical engineering major and member of the Big Red equestrian team, to create a device that attaches to a water bucket and measures how much a horse drinks throughout the day. That data is sent to a mobile app, allowing owners, barn managers, and trainers to monitor and analyze the information in real time. To further her concept, Parrucci took several business and entrepreneurship courses and joined Rev: Ithaca Startup Works to develop the first prototype. As a master's student last fall, she joined eLab, Cornell's business incubator, working with mentors that she describes as "invaluable." In April, Parrucci won Cornell's Student Business of the Year award, which came with a \$5,000 prize, and placed third in the New York Business Plan Competition, an annual contest hosted by SUNY Polytechnic Institute and Syracuse University that draws student teams from around the state. She's currently testing the device, with plans to send a beta product to various barns for feedback.



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Independence through Technology

Pallette

SHAWN BRAMSON, MS '16
OLIVER HOFFMAN, MS '16
ROHIT JAIN, MS '16
DANIEL LEVINE '13, MS '16
JOANNA ZHANG, MS '16

This group of recent graduates from Cornell Tech's Connective Media program is developing a wireless tool to help quadriplegics and other mobility impaired people live more independently. Pallette is a tongue-controlled device that fits inside the mouth like a retainer, allowing the user to operate motorized wheelchairs and other equipment by sending Bluetooth signals to a mobile app the team designed. Right now, Hoffman says, similar machines are bulky, obtrusive, and expensive, while Pallette is discreet and affordable—costing less than \$100 to make. Hoffman, Levine, and Bramson came up with the idea in a course on human-computer interaction, and by the end of the semester, they realized the project had potential. Jain and Zhang joined the team, and a Startup Studio class at the school helped them look at ways of turning Pallette into a viable business (and provided funds to advance the prototype). Since graduating, the five have been working to improve Pallette while pursuing or working at technology jobs in the New York City area.



Timepiece After Timepiece

Eleven James

RANDY BRANDOFF '98

This NYC-based subscription service has been called a "Netflix for high-end watches," offering consumers the chance to sport a different extravagant timepiece every few months. Eleven James offers four membership tiers, ranging from \$149 to \$799 a month, with brands that include Rolex, Cartier, IWC, Patek Philippe, and A. Lange & Sohne. (The most expensive models retail for \$40,000 and up.) Brandoff—a former applied economics and management major in CALS who cut his teeth in the luxury market at NetJets and Marquis Jet, which give members access to private planes—says the concept appeals to those who might not be able to afford to purchase such items outright, as well as collectors who want to wear a variety of watches for a fraction of the cost. Other enthusiasts, he says, like the ability "to try before you buy." Since its 2014 launch, the company has seen triple-digit annual growth and scored notable members like Mets pitcher Matt Harvey and NBA star Wes Matthews.



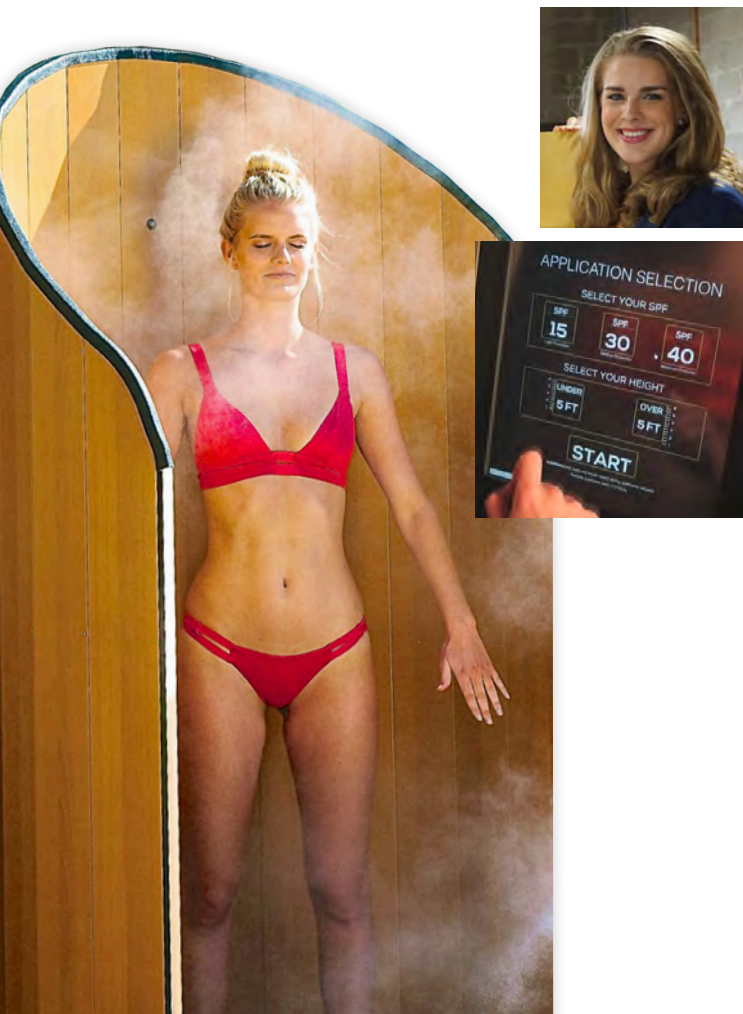
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snappyscreen

Kris t En m c c l Ellan '12

The ILR alum believes her invention can revolutionize the way we think about sunscreen—and perhaps reduce skin cancer—by making the application process easy, quick, and fun. SnappyScreen works much like a spray tan booth: step inside, select an SPF level (15, 30, or 40), and you'll be coated from head to toe in just ten seconds. So far, the machines have been installed at upscale hotels in Aruba, Florida, California, and Hawaii; the latest launched last winter at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills. McClellan has always been entrepreneurial: at twelve, she was earning \$1,000 a week running a day camp in her backyard. As a Cornell freshman, she won second place at an elevator-pitch event with SnappyScreen, earning her a spot at the University's eLab business incubator program. Before graduation, she'd built three prototypes and given the system a test run at a Marriott resort and casino in Aruba. Her sister, Katelyn McClellan '08, has since joined as COO; Alex Woloshin '14 is chief technology officer. Says Kristen: "Every day we receive inquiries from cruise lines, luxury condos, summer camps, and public pools and beaches all over the world."

'MY SISTER WAS NEVER THE BEST AT APPLYING SUNSCREEN AND ALWAYS ENDED UP WITH A SPLOTCHY SUNBURN. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY.'

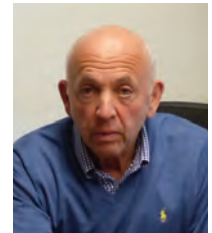


Safer Surgery, 'Anywhere'

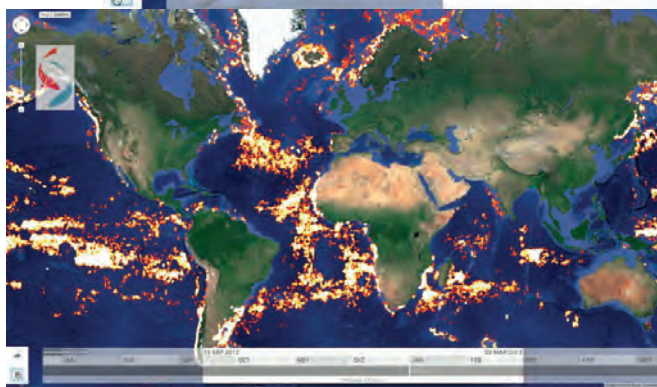
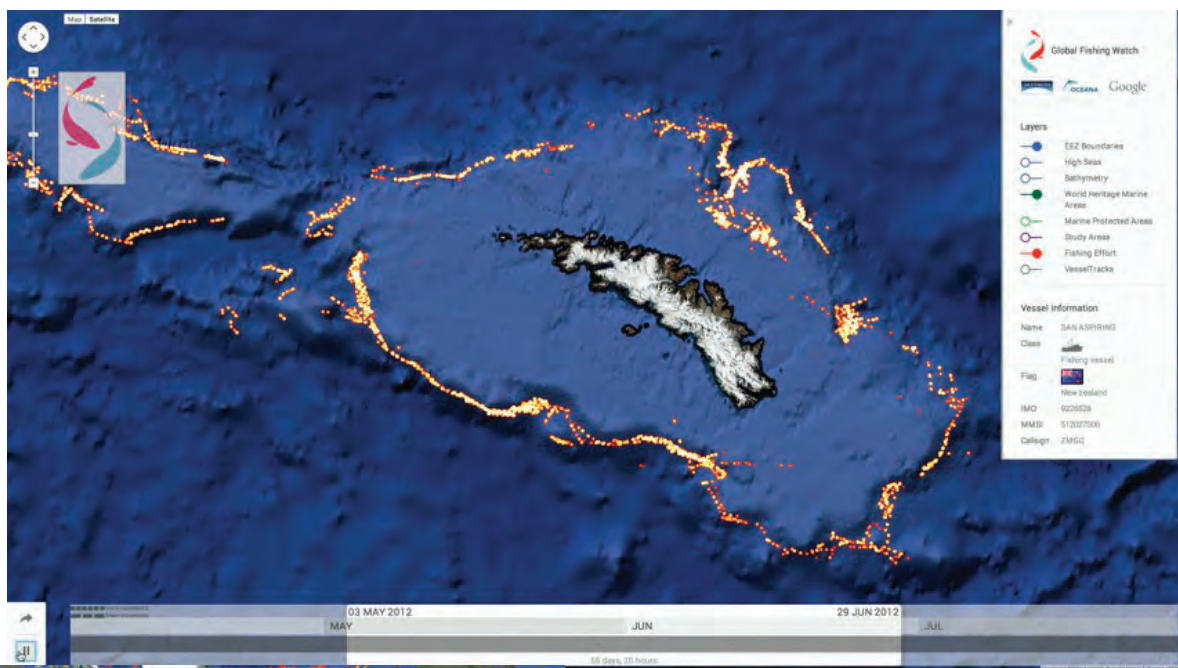
Eniware

Jam Es B Erns t Ein, mD '64

An estimated 5 billion people worldwide lack access to basic surgery, in part because doctors don't always have a way to properly sterilize medical instruments. But later this year, Bernstein's company—founded in 2011 and headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland—expects to launch the Eniware Portable Sterilizer. It uses no electricity, heat, or water, a key factor in places like disaster areas, refugee camps, field clinics, or even hospitals in impoverished nations, where these resources can be scarce or non-existent. The current standard at such facilities is disinfection, but Bernstein—a surgeon, internist, and medical entrepreneur—says scrubbing instruments with chemicals or boiling water isn't enough to eliminate all bacteria and viruses that can lead to post-operative infections. With Eniware, a rugged case contains cartridges of nitrogen dioxide that clean contaminated equipment, along with an internal scrubber that removes the gas before the unit can be opened. Costing less than \$2,000, it can sterilize one instrument set for \$2. The device, Bernstein says, "has the potential to change the way life-saving, health-preserving, and health-restoring essential surgery is performed globally."



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The View from Above

SkyTruth

John Amos '85

In the Nineties, Amos worked as a geologist for private companies, using satellite imagery to explore for oil, gas, and minerals. Those images also revealed something disturbing: evidence of environmental destruction. So in 2001, the engineering alum left the industry to found SkyTruth, a West Virginia nonprofit that uses remote sensing and digital mapping to expose the impact of mining, drilling, and other activities. After 2010's *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, SkyTruth used this technology to publicly challenge BP's inaccurate reports of the rate of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico. More recently, its Global Fishing Watch project has gained international attention. Currently in beta testing, this interactive Web tool—developed with Google and the conservation group Oceana—will allow the public to monitor commercial fishing around the world. The goal is to help put an end to overfishing, which harms ocean ecosystems. (Earlier this year, Leonardo DiCaprio donated \$6 million to support the project.) Amos hopes providing such visual information will motivate more people to protect the planet. “Seeing is believing,” he says.



VILLA ALLEGRA: Oppenheim (left) renovated a nondescript Sixties-era ranch house into his showplace Miami home (far left and top). Opposite page, top: His oceanside "House on the Dunes" in the Bahamas.

When architect Chad Oppenheim '93, BArch '94, was a kid growing up in New Jersey, he'd watch "Miami Vice" on Friday nights and be enraptured by the sun-kissed charisma of the seaside city where that Eighties cop show was set. Fast forward a couple of decades, and Oppenheim—who moved to Miami shortly after graduating from Cornell—got the ultimate compliment from the program's creator, Michael Mann. "When he came here to shoot the *Miami Vice* movie, he reached out to me and said, 'I believe your work represents the new architecture of Miami,' " Oppenheim recalls. "I was like, 'Oh my God, are you serious?' It was amazing."

And there's more: not only did the two become friends, but Mann shot part of that 2006 film at the house Oppenheim designed for himself and his family. Dubbed Villa Allegra, the 6,000-square-foot property boasts such unusual features as an oculus, a reflecting pool, and a wide column containing an outdoor shower that's open to the sky. "An informer was murdered in our house," Oppenheim recalls with a chuckle. "We were here when they were shooting it; they had some guy 'fake dead' on the floor, and Michael Mann was pouring on more and more blood."

The mood is rarely that dark at a Oppenheim creation. The architect is known for the simple beauty and elegance of his high-end projects, which often use local materials and are



A PLACE IN THE SUN

intended to meld with the landscape—be it an urban skyscraper, a multi-family residential development, or a vacation home neighboring a sand dune in the Bahamas. As Oppenheim told the *Wall Street Journal* in a 2015 feature on his family's ski house in Aspen—which he renovated using reclaimed barn wood and Colorado granite—he aims for his buildings "to blend and disappear like an animal camouflages itself in its environment."

Oppenheim, who opened his Miami-based firm in 1999, caught the architecture bug early: he was in elementary school when his parents decided to leave their subdivision and have a custom home built. He vividly recalls sitting around the dinner table as the architect they'd hired "conceived these incredible domestic architectural dreams." Hooked, he read everything on the subject that he could get his hands on. He was especially wowed by Douglas House, a mountainside home on the Lake Michigan shore designed by Pritzker Prize winner Richard Meier '56, BArch '57, with his signature white walls and vast windows. It made Oppenheim determined to >



EARLY INSPIRATION:
Douglas House by Richard Meier '56, BArch '57

From private homes to skyscrapers, Miami architect Chad Oppenheim '93, BArch '94, designs high-end buildings in his home city and around the globe

BY BETH SAULNIER



'I finally begin to understand what Frank Lloyd Wright spoke about regarding "organic architecture"—the idea that it's of the land, and becomes one with the land.'



"go to Cornell and follow in that guy's footsteps," first with an architecture course at Summer College (the University's academic program for high schoolers) and then for undergrad. He made an impression. "Chad was one of the most hard-working, enthusiastic, curious, and talented students I've ever taught," says Andrea Simitch, BArch '79, an associate professor of architecture. "He was fantastic—just unstoppable. He lived, ate, and breathed his education."

Oppenheim worked and studied abroad extensively, with stints in Rome, Spain, Israel, Portugal, and Japan. His practice still has a global focus: in addition to New York and Miami, he has an office in Basel, Switzerland—his wife is Swiss—and he has pursued projects around the globe. They include resorts in Nicaragua and Bali; a dramatically curving pair of mixed-use towers in Dubai; and the new *Toy Story*-themed hotel at Shanghai Disneyland. Among his more striking and unusual designs is a luxury eco lodge in Wadi Rum, Jordan—as yet unrealized, due in part to the unstable political situation—to be hewn into the desert stone, offering a modern take on the ancient structures of Petra. "I finally begin to understand what Frank Lloyd Wright spoke about regarding 'organic architecture'—the idea that it's of the land, and becomes one with the land," he says. "So we're always trying to use materials that are indigenous to the place, or construction typologies that have been there for hundreds of years."

Oppenheim's many other high-profile projects include a 30,000-square-foot house in the Los Angeles hills for film director

Michael Bay, of *Armageddon* and *Transformers* fame—a structure that’s more on the scale of a resort than a private home. (And indeed, the design was based on work that the architect had done for a collection of villas in the Caribbean.) As *Architectural Digest* described it: “For all its palatial grandeur and whiz-bang gadgetry, the house still has a comfortable, gracious ambience, a mood one might describe as virile Zen.” In New York, Oppenheim won a design competition for a boutique hotel in Brooklyn—as yet unbuilt—whose three slender, slab-shaped towers are meant to echo the pillars of the Williamsburg Bridge.

At home in Miami—where the *New York Times* once called him “a minimalist landing on the beaches of excess”—Oppenheim designed what has become one of the city’s signature buildings: Ten Museum Park, a fifty-story Biscayne Bay luxury residential tower completed in 2007. In 2012, he and musician Pharrell Williams unveiled an ambitious master plan for Ice Cream City, a mixed-use vision for revitalizing Miami’s depressed Overtown



NATURAL HABITATS (clockwise from above): Oppenheim’s Aspen ski house; Michael Bay’s L.A. villa; a condo building in Miami’s Design District; a proposed boutique hotel in Brooklyn; a pair of mixed-use towers in Dubai; and the winning design for a resort in Wadi Rum, Jordan



district that Oppenheim’s firm describes on its website as “a wild amalgamation of a million bold ideas.”

Whole Foods tapped Oppenheim to design a new 40,000-square-foot store in Miami Beach, currently in the works; as part of the creative process, he researched the ancient markets of Greece and Rome. His numerous residential projects in the city include luxury loft-style buildings like the Ilona—named for his wife—which features outdoor “living rooms” and a rooftop pool. In real estate listings for that and other properties, Oppenheim’s name is a prominent selling point. “My work has a hypersensitivity toward context; how do you connect to a place and make the building part of that experience?” he muses. “Florida has always been selling this dream of paradise, if you will. Ponce de León searched for the fountain of youth and ended up here. That fascinates me—this idea of crafting paradise around the world, capturing the spirit of each place, and doing so in a way that evokes pleasure.” ■





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Liquid Gold

Cornellians are at the forefront of New York's hard cider renaissance

BY BETH SAULNIER

When Cornell Cooperative Extension associate Chris Gerling '99, MS '06, opened up online enrollment for a May 2016 course on making hard cider, its twenty-five spots were filled within eight minutes. The class, offered at the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station several times a year for the past decade, is hardly for dilettantes: geared toward people aiming to get into the business, it costs about \$1,300 and runs for five days. Nonetheless, he says, "we could've scheduled two more, just from all the people on the waiting list."

Craft cider is having an "it" moment. Between 2011 and 2016, according to the market research firm IBISWorld, annual sales of hard cider nationwide increased an average of 27.3 percent annually—transforming it from a relatively obscure libation to a \$300 million-a-year business. And although the industry overall is seeing a slowdown after that massive bump in popularity, the Empire State's small, local producers are thriving. "The big thing that's happening in cider right now is . . . everything. *Everything* is happening in cider," says Ithaca-area cidery co-owner Melissa Madden '04, who attended the first-ever meeting of the newly formed New York State Cider Association late last February. "It's such a new, exploding industry, and everyone is looking to find their place." Says horticulture professor Greg Peck, PhD '08: "New York has more individual operations producing cider than any other state.



There are about seventy right now—but the number increases almost daily."

A number of those craft cideries are run by Cornellians, and the University is playing a major role in the rise of the state's hard cider fortunes—from educating growers and cider makers via Cooperative Extension to doing research on apple cultivation and cider production. "If you look objectively at the big picture—where apples are grown, where the customer base is, where the interest in food is—the Finger Lakes should be the Napa Valley of cider," observes Ian Merwin, PhD '90, professor emeritus of horticulture. "We've got 70 to 80 million consumers within a few hundred miles. New York is *the* city in North America for food and alcoholic beverages. Cornell has the best apple program in the country and has for 100 years. Really, this should be the place. All the ingredients are here."

Merwin should know. Not only is he an expert in fruit production who taught on the Hill for twenty-three years before his retirement in 2013, he has been studying and growing cider apples since the mid-Nineties—back when, he says, "everyone thought they were a ridiculous thing to be interested in." He and his wife run Black Diamond Farm, a sixty-four-acre orchard in nearby Trumansburg—their heirloom apple booth is a mainstay at the Ithaca Farmers Market—and he produces his own line of hard ciders, primarily available at local stores and restaurants. "I'm not interested in making more than 3,000 to 5,000 gallons a year," he notes. "I only want to make what we can do with our own fruit in our own style. We're making high-quality ciders in limited amounts." >

FILL 'ER UP: A growler from Cellar D'Or, a shop on the Ithaca Commons (owned by Olivia Shea, MLA '06) that sells numerous area ciders and ships nationally.



TASTE TEST: Black Diamond Cider owner Ian Merwin, PhD '90, pours samples. Opposite page: Bottles of Cornellian-made libations from the Ithaca area, including (second from right) Porter's Pommeau, Merwin's blend of cider and oak-aged apple *eau de vie* that has 20 percent alcohol.

That type of sentiment is common among small cider makers, who see their craft as akin to that of winemakers—and distinct from most large producers. One basic but key point of differentiation, Merwin says, is that mass market ciders are generally sold in six-packs, while craft ciders come in wine bottles. “If you’re selling your cider in twelve-ounce bottles, you’re competing with beer,” he says. “It’ll be on the shelf with beer, and people expect that they’re going to pay a beer price for it—but cider is much more expensive to make than beer.” More importantly, Merwin notes, many mass market ciders aren’t actually made from fresh

France and the U.K., where hard cider has thrived for centuries. “We’re making a fine product, from our farms—and that’s true of everybody in here,” says Madden, gesturing around the cozy, rustic interior of the Finger Lakes Cider House, a cooperative tasting room located on the farm that she and her husband run in Interlaken, half an hour northwest of Ithaca. “Cider is an ancient craft, and it’s a highly artistic way of expressing fruit and alcohol. A fine cider allows you to highlight the flavors of a place. We think the Finger Lakes is special, and we’re pleased to offer it in a bottle that someone can take home with them.”

The Cider House tastes and sells five brands, including Black Diamond and Madden’s Good Life, which is crafted by her husband and brother-in-law. Like another popular Ithaca-area cidery—Bellwether, co-owned by Bill Barton, MS ’77—the Cider House is on the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail, which generates a fair amount of its traffic. “Some people will come in here and ask really basic questions like, ‘Is cider made from apples?’ or ‘Does it have alcohol?’ ” Madden says. “But for a lot of people who are randomly on the wine trail, that’s their starting point.” Madden often works in the tasting room, where she sees her role as part educator; in August, the Cider House hosted a staff training event, open to the public on a limited basis, on “how to taste the orchard” in numerous New York State craft ciders. “We’re giving people an understanding that cider doesn’t have to be really sweet, and it doesn’t need to be cheap. It’s not; it’s like wine,” she says. “A lot of people who come in—especially men with their wives—say, ‘I don’t like cider; it’s so disgustingly sweet.’ And I tell them, ‘Great, you are gonna be so happy. You do like cider, you just don’t know it.’ ”

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apples. “They’re made from apple juice concentrate, which is a global commodity; much of it comes from China and Eastern Europe,” says Merwin, whose orchard has been a source of cuttings (known as “bud wood”) that have been used to propagate hundreds of thousands of trees nationwide. “It’s inexpensive and of inconsistent quality.” Madden compares it to “making wine out of grape juice that you got in the freezer section.”

Small craft cideries, by contrast, tend to see their libation as seasonal and artisanal, sourced from fresh, locally grown fruit—often a complex mix of little-known heirloom varieties from

A Vintage Drink

Hard cider has deep roots in America. In Colonial days, Merwin notes, every farm had an orchard, and cider consumption was ubiquitous. "It was men, women, and children; they drank it for breakfast, lunch, and dinner," he says. "It was low-alcohol at a time when there were few safe drinking sources for travelers." With urbanization, though, the economics of beer won out—grain was cheaper than apples, easier to store, and available year-round—and Prohibition eventually dealt the hard cider industry a near-mortal blow. But in recent years, some stars aligned: unlike beer, cider is gluten free; its craft varieties appeal to locavores; it pairs well with food; it contains healthful antioxidants; and its modest alcohol levels (typically around 7 percent) make it a safer bet if you're driving. Says Gerling: "People have started to pay a lot more attention to what they're eating and drinking. They're asking, 'What's in this? Where did it come from?' Cider checks a lot of the boxes."

Craft cider starts, unsurprisingly, with apples—but usually not the kind you get at the grocery store. Those familiar eating varieties, known as culinary or dessert apples, lack the required sharpness and complexity. "Generally speaking, apples that taste sweet and pleasant are not good for hard cider, because once you ferment the sugar out, there's really nothing left as far as flavor," says Eric Shatt, manager of Cornell Orchards and co-owner of Redbyrd Orchard Cider, another of the Cider House's brands. "But with tannins and acidity in the fruit, once the sugar is fermented out you're left with some character and flavor."

So cider makers favor varieties that are sometimes nicknamed "spitters"—those that contain four to five times as much tannin as eating apples and are so bitter or astringent, the average person would take a bite and spit it out. At Good Life Farm, Madden and her husband grow "fifty-plus varieties—probably more than half of which people have never heard of." They sport such evocative names as Ashmead's Kernel, Stoke Red, Kingston Black, Brown Snout, and Wickson Crab. Although the couple is adding some 300 trees a year, their own orchard can't yet fully supply Good Life's burgeoning cidery, which grew from 550 gallons of production in its first year (2013) to 7,000 in its third. So it sources apples from other local growers—including Cornell Orchards, on whose land Merwin first planted cider-specific varieties in the early Aughts. "We have the store here on campus, and 90 percent of what we grow is fresh table fruit," notes Shatt, who has a particular passion for propagating interesting varieties from long-abandoned and overgrown Upstate orchards. "A very small amount of what we grow is sought after by hard cider producers—and we could certainly sell 100 times more if we had it." Among the major growers of cider varieties in New York, Merwin notes, is one of his former students: Mark Nicholson '94, who runs Red Jacket Orchards—an operation on

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nearby Seneca Lake that Merwin calls "a key source of antique American apples"—with his twin brother, fellow CALS alum Brian Nicholson '94.

In 2013, the state legislature passed the Farm Cidery Law, which streamlined paperwork and created a new class of licensing for small operations making cider exclusively from New York apples. This summer, Governor Andrew Cuomo—calling the state "the epicenter of a burgeoning craft beverage industry"—announced that a tax credit for beer producers had been expanded to include cider (as well as wine and spirits). The state is also home to an outpost of the nation's top-selling brand, Angry Orchard, which opened a small-batch cidery, tasting room, and research facility in the Hudson Valley in 2015. "Upstate New York is economically depressed, and one of the few growth sectors is alcoholic beverages; it's something that Democrats and Republicans can agree on," says Merwin. "In America, per capita consumption of fresh fruit has been pretty unchanged for the last fifty years; we can't really get people to eat more apples. That was what got me interested in heirloom varieties and cider, because >





FRUITFUL: Greg Peck, PhD '08, in a Cornell test orchard (above). Right and below: A Cooperative Extension cider-making course.



'Commercial apple growers have to make a decision: am I going to plant Honeycrisp or Gala, or a European cider apple?' says horticulture professor Greg Peck, PhD '08.

we need value-added, alternative things to do with apples, and cider is an obvious one."

Since 2011, Peck notes, hard cider production in the U.S. has grown a whopping 850 percent—but given the time required to establish an orchard, fruit production has lagged behind. As a land-grant institution, part of Cornell's role is to help New York growers figure out what to plant and how best to nurture it, via research and Extension outreach activities. "Orchards of cider apples are being planted in New York—we certainly are seeing an uptick," Peck says. "I and others at Cornell are trying to gather data on that, but we don't have those numbers yet. There is a challenge in the sense that when you have an industry that's growing so fast, commercial apple growers have to make a decision: am I going to plant Honeycrisp or Gala, or a European cider apple? They have to have some security that the market is going to be long-lasting, because an orchard is a twenty- to twenty-five-year investment."

From Lab to Libation

An expert in tree fruit production and a member of Cooperative Extension's recently formed Hard Cider Program Work Team, Peck is aiming to devise optimal methods for growing high-quality cider apples.

He's evaluating such factors as ideal amounts of sunlight and water; working on ways to ensure consistent crop yields from year to year; and developing methods that optimize levels of polyphenols, the chemical compounds (also found in wine, tea, and coffee) that give hard cider a complex flavor and robust mouthfeel. "New York has a fantastic climate for growing apples," he says, noting that it's second only to Washington in annual production, but arguably first in quality. "The warm sunny days and cool nights in the fall really help drive flavor."

Apple breeder Susan Brown, another member of the Work Team, has long had an interest in cider varieties. The horticulture professor and director of the Geneva Ag Station is doing research that addresses a number of common challenges, including susceptibility to a bacterial disease called fire blight and a tendency for fruit to fall off the tree before harvest; she's also working to improve fruit size, since smaller apples yield less juice. She's in the process of writing a patent for a new variety—as yet unnamed—that isn't cider-specific but offers promise for the industry. "We're in a wonderful place to grow apples, and Cornell has a cadre of excellent >

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CIDER CENTRAL: The tasting room at the Finger Lakes Cider House (above). Below left: Barrels at Good Life Cider, operated out of the same building.

researchers who are enthusiastic about cider,” Brown says, adding that a cider company recently moved into Cornell’s Agriculture and Food Technology Park in Geneva. “When our work group held a meeting for people who are interested in cider, it was standing room only.”

Olga Padilla-Zakour, PhD ’91, chair of Cornell’s food science department, is studying ways to make flavorful hard cider using culinary apples widely grown in New York, like Empire, Jonagold, Ida Red, and Macintosh. She’s currently working to develop an apple-based additive, similar to what’s long been used in the wine industry, to increase tannin levels during cider production. “We know our New York varieties have good acidity and good sugar balance to produce the alcohol level that we want,” she says. “But we’re lacking in the tannins, the phenolic concentration. So we’re looking at ways to increase those compounds by different means.”

And starting this spring, Cornell’s Enology and Viticulture program is offering its first dedicated undergraduate coursework in cider making. Peck and a colleague will co-teach a one-credit lecture class in cider production and a 1.5-credit cider production lab. Additionally, Peck will offer a three-credit course in ecological orchard management. “Cider has a long tradition in the U.S., and in Europe all the way back to Roman times,” Peck observes. “Successful products have a good story to tell—and I think cider has a great story.” ■



NINE DAYS OF CIDER



If you fancy hard cider and you’re planning a trip back to the Ithaca area this fall, take note: the annual Finger Lakes Cider Week runs from October 1 to 9. Opening weekend coincides with Ithaca’s popular downtown Apple Harvest Festival, and many other events are scheduled throughout the region. They include a research presentation and tasting of cider-specific apples at Cornell Orchards; a “science cabaret” in Ithaca devoted to cider; and tastings during an evening street festival in downtown Geneva. Another highlight: on Saturday, October 8, Interlaken’s Finger


Lakes Cider House will host an event pairing numerous New York ciders with artisanal cheeses from local creameries. For more information, go to ciderweekflx.com.



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AMID LEADERSHIP CHANGE, CORNELLIANs PROVIDE CONTINUITY

Fred Van Sickle became vice president for alumni affairs and development in January 2016. He formerly served as chief development officer at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, and executive vice president for university development and alumni relations at Columbia University. The full conversation is available at www.news.cornell.edu/aad-vp-QA.

What attracted you to Cornell?

There were so many factors! More than almost any other great American higher education institution, Cornell can lay claim to real distinctiveness for all the reasons we know: the combination of the land-grant and Ivy League traditions and our presence in both an archetypal, largely rural, college town and America's great metropolis New York City.

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That distinctiveness, along with the opportunity to participate in a new chapter of university history with the conclusion of the successful “Cornell Now” campaign and new leadership was compelling. I was inspired by Cornell’s great team of volunteer, administrative and academic leaders, including the late Beth Garrett. These qualities and the chance to be in an environment where both undergraduate education and great research are honored and practiced by a superior faculty drew me in. Cornell is simply among the best of the best in our American higher education system that leads the world and drives our country’s success.

And if you will allow me one more reason, I was also drawn by the unique range of academic excellence at Cornell – from birds and veterinary medicine to technology and plant science. In my work, I learn new things every day. How lucky our students are!

To what extent have you met with Cornellians since you started in January?

I’ve been to some 160 gatherings, events and sit-down meetings with alumni, parents and friends throughout the country and in China. But with more than a quarter of a million Cornellians, I’ll never be able to meet enough of them!

What strikes you as unique about Cornellians?

They feel deeply connected to their university in a way that is rare and deeply affirming to those of us on campus. And why wouldn’t they feel that connection after the extraordinary academic and social experiences they share in a small, stunningly beautiful and sometimes cold city in central, upstate New York? At a place like Columbia, you can disappear into the city. But, here, it’s one big, shared experience.

Cornellians are proud, yet down-to-earth. As Midwesterners, my wife, Susan, and I feel very comfortable here. At the same time, Cornell is a place of the highest quality with enormous aspirations. It’s a powerful combination.

You have worked in a number of universities and colleges. What has surprised or interested you since your arrival at Cornell?

I did my graduate work in higher education and am an amateur student of institutions and cultures. I’m struck by the extent to which Cornellians still refer to the founders. Ezra Cornell’s and A.D. White’s vision and words can feel as fresh and relevant today as they did in 1865. I’ve worked in other great places, but none sustained by the ideas and work of two amazing people whom you call by name all the time and see in an eternal dialogue on the Arts Quad.

Amid the university’s leadership transition, how can alumni, parents and friends play a role in helping to shape Cornell’s future?

The experience of working with [interim president] Hunter Rawlings reminds me each day of the critical power of leadership and Cornell’s long tradition of presidential excellence. Each of us needs to play our role with the full confidence that Cornell will soon have another great, permanent leader. Alumni are the largest constituency, and along with faculty and long-term staff, have the longest association with the university. Maintaining that community and support through leadership changes and different chapters in the life of the university is an ingredient that keeps Cornell great.

How are university relationships with alumni, parents and friends changing over time?

We’re seeing generational shifts. Older generations have often been more institutionally minded and trusting that the president and trustees will be on the right course. Younger generations have different views on social and intellectual agendas and often want to know where they intersect with the university, rather than just being pure loyalists. We welcome partnerships of all kinds.

In addition, every valued nonprofit organization in America and abroad is now telling its story and seeking support. No great universi-



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ty can be assured it will keep a lion's share of its community's hearts and minds. We're also in an immensely more competitive environment for people's time and investment. That's a big change.

How does that guide Cornell's efforts to engage alumni, parents and friends?

One of our key opportunities is to continually present Cornell's relevance and importance even to our own family. Cornell has an incredible and immediately recognizable brand. But I don't think the world fully appreciates Cornell, in part because you have to make an effort to come to Ithaca to see it and experience this vibrant place. That's one of the invaluable things about our growing New York City presence. The world can see more of what we're doing as we continue to make Ithaca shine. When you work at an encyclopedic university, it is a challenge to adequately communicate what's happening here in a way that engages rather than overwhelms. We work hard with our division and universitywide communications colleagues on this.

Communication, volunteer experiences, social media – these are some of the key areas where we continue to turn our attention. It's time to do another multiyear plan for our engagement efforts and reassess with our volunteers what's effective and where we might do things differently to enhance this great tradition of engaging alumni, parents and friends with Cornell.

Universities undertake very large fundraising campaigns these days. Can you talk about the power of large gifts?

Campaigns are big enterprises with big numbers because of the growth of universities and their aspirations to serve society. Excellence is expensive. Government resources and tuition revenues cannot grow enough to meet our needs in the way philanthropy has and can.

If you want to invest deeply and effectively in an area you really believe in, through an organization you know will be here 150 years from now, Cornell is the place. We have seen time and time again the ways in which Cornell philanthropists make possible the next big step forward – whether in a long-standing or new field or program that addresses urgent challenges or making a college education accessible, just to name a few examples.

Do gifts of all sizes really make a difference?

It means a tremendous amount for Cornell to have tangible support from a broad base, and that makes a real difference in our ability to garner support from other sources and in our national rankings. More than 175,000 people gave to the university throughout the campaign that concluded in December. We're

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as proud of that number as we are of the fact we raised \$6.3 billion. Any organization with that many people rooting for it is doing something very special.

Gifts of all sizes add up, making a collective impact on our ability to provide scholarships, fellowships and any number of program activities across our university. By giving to Cornell, you can invest in long-term solutions to the most important challenges of our time as well as in the individuals – students and faculty – who will lead the way forward.

What particular things do you want to accomplish in the next year?

I want to help advance an effort that President Rawlings, Provost Mike Kotlikoff and the trustees are developing to generate more support for the Cornell faculty, specifically for faculty hires and faculty retention. While Cornell is wealthy, it does not have the resources to compete with some of the other institutions with whom we go "toe to toe" for faculty talent. We need to do all we can to be sure that our academic leaders can attract and keep the best professorial research and teaching talent in Ithaca for the benefit of our students and our research agenda. While faculty renewal efforts began quite a few years ago, and we've made notable progress, we're accelerating this effort.



Robert Barker, University Communications

Top: Fred Van Sickle, vice president for alumni affairs and development, center, with Interim President Hunter Rawlings, left, and Daniel Huttenlocher, vice provost and dean of Cornell Tech, at the Cornell Tech campus site on Roosevelt Island in New York City in May.

Above: Van Sickle, right, visited with alumni members of the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee in Florida, including, from left, Thomas Newman '70; Jean Emery, M.A. '54, retired former director, Cornell University Metro New York Regional Office; and Robert Cutler, B.M.E. '62.

Opposite page: Van Sickle chats with division staff.

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the number of courses in the humanities and social sciences being offered to working adults in NYC communities by the Brooklyn Institute for Social Research, a nonprofit founded by Ajay Chaudhary '03; fellow alum Danya Glabau '07, M.A. '14, Ph.D. '16, also is teaching there.



Michael Maddox, Cadet Command Public Affairs

Cornell ROTC grads honored by Army

Two Cornell alumni have been inducted into the U.S. Army ROTC National Hall of Fame.

As the Army ROTC program marked its 100th anniversary this year, Matt Urban '41 and Harris Rosen '61 were among 326 ROTC graduates in the inaugural class of the Army Cadet Command's Hall of Fame, located at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Inductees, who were awarded the honor in a June ceremony, were nominated by the academic institutions that partner with Army ROTC and chosen for their outstanding military careers, achievements in life and public service.

Above: A member of the Army's Golden Knights jumps into Brooks Field at Fort Knox to kick off the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Centennial Celebration Ceremony June 10.

"The smiles, hugs, laughs, shrieks of joy and so many other wonderful things that happen when friends who haven't seen each other for a while reconnect in person are absolutely priceless."

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NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

CRC You could glide over Beebe Lake on an overhead zip line, or rappel the Schoellkopf Crescent, or climb to the chimes, or return with Alice and **Jon Lindseth '56** to Wonderland. Those are a mere few of the hundreds of attractions Alma Mater whips up for the thousands who are drawn back to reunite in June. Some, the people of CRC (the Continuous Reunion Club, est. 1906, without moi), tend to come back every year. These reunioneers endure dorm living without elevators or air conditioning, but amid prized company.

Jack Brophy '53 and his a cappella Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties (approx.) triple-quartet kept dorm life lively in CRC's North Campus headquarters. They serenaded CRC and its guests from the Athletics department at its annual traditional Friday luncheon at the Statler ballroom. They re-sang, among other Fifties favorites, "She wears a lotta leaves to protect her from the air," and delighted **Lisa Everts '92** with CRC's sweetheart song ("Good Night, Little Girl"). CRC announced a modest donation to men's soccer, gracefully accepted by the coach, one of two John Smiths present. (The other was a Waiter of note.) Soccer Smith spoke encouraging words in the tongue of his old hometown, Manchester, England. He came to Cornell from Stanford, where he helped develop a national champion.

Director of Athletics Andy Noel welcomed the lunch bunch, hailing coaches, staff, athletes, and alums. American football coach **Dave Archer '05** enthused with vigor at his Big Red prospects. Your correspondent assured all that the exchequer was solvent. A moment of silence in memory of those lost in 2015-16 followed. They were **Harry Merker '51**, **Bill Sullivan '53**, **Jane Little Hardy '53**, **Tom Flanagan '42**, **Richard Wambach '53**, **Chester Knowles '46**, BS '45, B Chem E '47, **Franklin Carney '47**, **Stan Rodwin '50**, and **Bill Recht '52**, LLB '54.

The tents weren't the same on Saturday night, considering that discouraging words from those who should know, warning of high winds and thunderstorms all day, led to the curtailing of outdoor activities like the Ted Thoren Alumni Baseball Game. There wasn't much precip, but there was tent-like activity indoors. A post-rainout barbecue went on at the **Harold Tanner '52** Terrace overlooking a torn-up football field. (Revamping was in progress.) Dancing and mixing were perpetrated, much as in days gone by.

There was no Triple Crown of horse racing again this year, but CRC was welcome at the Country Club of Ithaca bar to see the favored Exaggerator fade and the 10-1 underhorse Creator prevail at Belmont by a nose. Gracious dining followed before Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall. Cornell music and another Waiters session were heard there, plus kind words and an ovation for a group whose members turn up at just about every Reunion.

Once again, CRC was blessed with two outstanding Reunion clerks. Both were Cornell tracksters, jumper **Kristen Fawole '17** and distance runner **Mark Tedder '17**. His 4:03.7 indoor mile is seventh all-time among Big Red runners. Kristen is a Chemical Engineer, aiming eventually for

a PhD in environmental sustainability and sciences. Mark was planning a summer job as a research assistant at the Wilson Synchrotron Laboratory (home of Cornell's particle accelerator). He's a double major in Physics and Math. He noted that as a '15 Reunion clerk, he was "ready for anything that needed to be done and (eager) to do as much as possible." Guess what. That pretty much sums up his '16 performance. Many thanks to CRC's builder of better breakfasts **Connie Santagato Hosterman '57**, her aide, **Dot Preisner Valachovic '71**, and organizers **Margaret Gallo '81** and **Cathy Forster Hogan '70**.

On the weekend before Reunion, a letter arrived from **Emily Sitko '17**, completing her third year as a **Joe Driscoll '44** Memorial Tradition Fellow. She thanked CRC—"for supporting me through my past three years at Cornell." A Pennsylvania family farm girl, she has grown up with animals and has been a teaching assistant for Animal Science Reproduction. She says, "I'm taking the final steps toward my dream career because I now have the tools, experiences, and passion to influence future biology research." **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

41 **Henry Heimlich, MD '43**, finally put his namesake maneuver to the test last May, when the woman dining next to him at his senior living community choked on her dinner. After three compressions, he dislodged the bite of hamburger that had caused the scene. Though Henry had demonstrated the maneuver many times before, this was the first life or death situation in which he had put it to use. The maître d' of the dining hall, who has used the maneuver twice so far this year, witnessed Henry in the act. "I stopped what I was doing and waited to see if he needed any assistance," the maître d' said. "Of course he didn't." The story received national coverage.

Henry was also one of ten classmates who attended our 75th Reunion in June, which set a new 75th Reunion record! Henry, drum major during his time on the Hill, conducted the Big Red Band on Bailey Plaza after the State of the University address Saturday morning, and our class was honored during the Cornelliana Night event on Saturday evening.

Please send us your stories from Reunion! We would love to hear from you. **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

43 **Godfrey Malchoff, BS Ag '46** (gmalchoff@yahoo.com) has been doing cardiac rehab two to three times a week, and reports that he has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

John Holden stays busy with his model railroad (N gauge) and crossword puzzles and says he wishes he could be playing golf, hiking, and canoeing. He writes, "I stay at home with my spouse. We help each other. No more driving (no more car). Traffic here is too heavy. Our children

and friends help us." John adds, "I hear from **Tom Baskous**, and would like to hear from any others." He says that Prof. Charles O'Rourke and an assistant in freshman Calculus ("wish I could remember his name") had a big impact on him while he was on the Hill. **Bill Leuchtenburg** writes, "In December 2015, Oxford University Press published my latest book, *The American President: From Teddy Roosevelt to Bill Clinton*. I continue to work with Ken Burns. Our latest project: 'Jackie Robinson,' on which I was historical consultant."

Barbara Wahl Cate (tcate33@comcast.net) reported recently winning "a lovely award," the 2016 Distinguished Professor Emeritus from Seton Hall U. She writes, "We gave up the motorcycle—25 glorious years of spring in the Alps. We are slowly letting go of our tandem bicycle—30 years of dreams on two seats. Getting old isn't for the faint at heart." **John Casale**, who turned 96 on April 27, was a captain/medic overseas in the US Army ETO. He and his late wife had ten children. John added, "As far as Reunion: Amen." **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

44 **Robert Miller, BA '47** (Ithaca, NY) writes, "I am residing in Kendal at Ithaca. Had a setback a while ago, but I am getting well." **Frank Moore, PhD '49**, is also at Kendal and keeps busy with activities there, sometimes as the sing-along leader, sometimes contributing to poetry group. He writes, "Nancy and I enjoy the attention of our children (ours and theirs); not enjoying arthritis." Frank wishes he could be running and cycling, and says that Prof. Bill Sears, the director of the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, had a great impact on him at Cornell.

Yorke Knapp, BS Ag '47 (Kendall, NY) doesn't have a garden this year, so he's able to sleep more. He shares that he is grateful he lived to meet his two great-grandsons. Yorke found a copy of a *Cornell Countryman* from 1943 that reported his win of the Eastman speaking contest for his speech, "Why I Want to Be a Farmer." **Bill Elkins, BA '47, LLB '49** (Burdett, NY) writes, "Only with God's help did our generation win WWII. I pray for a miracle now, to keep our country free and independent." **Anne Bishop** McKusick would like to hear from **Betty Scheidelman Droz**, **Marilyn Winsor Fleming '45**, and **Ann Shively Kalbach '45**.

Priscilla Young Waltz is the village historian in her hometown. "People love to hear how our small incorporated village survived." Priscilla recently celebrated the first wedding among her grandchildren. She says she would like to be painting more with old friends who are gone or are too ill to get together. She would like to hear from **Jean Zenner Kaelber**. **Charles De Bare, JD '49**, reports that grandson **James Arno '17** is a third-generation Cornellian. He writes, "I am retired as a divisional president at the American Broadcasting Co." **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

45 **Madelaine Ring Kent** (West Palm Beach, FL) writes, "You'll be happy to learn [yes, indeed!] that **Don '42**, MD '45, and I just celebrated our 70th anniversary." **Frank Swingle**, BME '44, MME '49 (Indianapolis, IN) tells us about a 45-day cruise he and his wife took from San Francisco to Singapore. (She attended Wells College, then Cornell '49.) Unfortunately, on the second day, the ship lurched, and they both skidded across the deck. He was lucky, but **Mary (Appel) '49** cracked a bone in her pelvis and received a large gash in her leg. As a result, they had all of their subsequent meals in the stateroom. He says, "This is a perfect way to recuperate, with gourmet meals served three times a day, and others trying to make our life enjoyable."

Mary Meter Carter (Dowling Park, FL) volunteers at Twice Nice, a discount store in Advent Christian Village. She plays the 'cello Sunday evenings at church, at drama club, and in a concert series. She says, "I have three more great-grandbabies in the oven—one in Seattle, WA, one in Ontario, Canada, and one in Scotland." Mary has two mantras: 1) "Keep moving and they can't bury you!" And 2) "If in doubt, take a nap." [Hmm, I'll remember that.] She'd like to hear from **Bob Benscoter**, BCE '44. She says that Prof. Marian Neidert, FN, from Ames, IA, had the greatest impact on her. "She even wrote to me while I was in the Navy WAVES in WWII!" Your scribe **Julie Kamerer** Snell welcomed her first great-grandchild in March and was pleased when the parents named the baby Abigail Julie.

Bob and I, as well as our other readers, enjoy hearing from our classmates, so do let us hear from you. **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 Our 70th Reunion was filled with never-to-be-forgotten moments. The alumni office, with Erin Kennedy leading the crew, is to be congratulated for their in-depth planning. I know of no other university that holds such a well-planned Reunion Weekend. Our supporting staff in the alumni room at the Statler Hotel also is to be thanked for their great help during the entire weekend. There were scheduled events for every moment and every class returning.

It was great fun walking around campus showing my daughter, Janice, all the beautiful old buildings where I spent hours in classrooms and labs. We met and spoke with families, many with small children, enjoying the same thing. The weather was "manageable." Our '46 men outnumbered the women! Those attending were: **Hazel Brill** Brampton, **Barbara Schaefer** Colbert, **Carolyn Usher** Franklin, **Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks, **Kathleen Smith** Mancini, **Sylvia Mayer** Paul, **Carol Skær** Ryan, **Mary Morris** Kelsey, and myself. Most all had families accompanying them. It was a very friendly group. Many thanks to all who could come.

Here are some of the outstanding events. The University Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, held in Sage Chapel, was especially moving when alumni lit candles in memory of loved ones. The Savage Club sang the "Evening Song" and all sang the Alma Mater. The bus tour of new buildings was an eye-opener with so many different styles. At the tour conclusion we stopped at

the Cornell Dairy Bar for fresh ice cream, a great idea—delicious. Frank H.T. Rhodes spoke briefly at Friday night dinner. The Saturday Cornelliana Night in Bailey Hall was entertaining. **Lloyd Slaughter** and wife Marilyn, **Paul Levine** and wife Lois, and myself slowly made our way on stage to sing Paul's special alumni verse during the "Song of the Classes." It resulted in a standing ovation and much laughter to see these old codgers actually singing a very funny verse. *Some come for nostalgia to view the old house / Some come back to show off a new trophy spouse / Some show off their jewelry and all of their glitz / Let's help Alma Mater before our obits.* That was one of Paul's verses. The others are just as clever, but not enough time to sing them. Thanks, Paul!

Now we will be planning for 2021. If I omitted any name in attendance, please let me know. Keep those news items coming! **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave. #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

Wow! What a Reunion. Kudos to class president **Lloyd Slaughter** for opening the class treasury and enabling Reunion chair **Bob Nist** and his committee, **Dottie Taylor** Prey, **Gabe Pesce**, BCE '49, MCE '51, **Louise Greene** Richards, BS HE '45, PhD '65, and **Paul Levine**, BS Ag '49, to make Reunion affordable and to deliver on promises made. Our class treasury covered the complete costs of registration and meals for all classmates plus one guest and subsidized our stays of three or more nights at the Statler. And many thanks to staffer Erin Kennedy for her leadership and wisdom. She offered us alternatives when needed and hooked us together on conference calls when necessary.

Our wonderful Reunion clerks, **Kelly Pellegrino '18** and **Madison Ramsey '19**, were certain 23 classmates had registered, but Cornell credited us with only 18 on Cornelliana Night's final tally. Dottie's column listed nine female classmates. We list ten males: **Jerry Finch**, BME '48, **Phil Gisser**, Paul Levine, **Bill Mutschler**, Bob Nist, **Brendon O'Hara**, Gabe Pesce, **Peter Schwarz**, Lloyd Slaughter, and **Art Van Vleet**. They're all '46 except Schwarz who's '47 but part of the V-12 contingent. Please advise if you know of any other classmate or '47 V-12 attendees besides Dottie's nine and my ten.

Lloyd asked me to talk Saturday evening about our deceased classmates. I missed at least two events while sweating over my "extemporaneous" remarks. The toll would have been higher if Kelly had not volunteered to type up my notes. One outstanding event I missed was the V-12 presentation. Bob Nist did a DVD slideshow revealing the taxing combination of military and academic demands on V-12's future officers. Bob was kind enough to rerun his DVD for Lois and me between other events. His personally guided tour may have been even better than the original. Lois and I had no such luck with Kristin Tobias's presentation. Other Reunioners raved about her showing of her father's uniforms (dress and work) and her mother's glad rags as well as photos of classmates, sometimes with wives and sweethearts.

My Saturday evening talk encouraged classmates to remember those lost via a gift in their honor to the **Samuel W. Miller Jr. and Mavis Gillette Sand 1946 Memorial Scholarship Fund**. I fear I may have convinced only myself to increase my gift. But I can live with that if those funds help one more deserving student receive a Cornell education and all that entails for his/her future.

Kay Smith Mancini thought it was a great idea to have '41, '46, and '51 dine together. Her

highlight was her photo with **Henry Heimlich '41**, MD '43, famous for his Heimlich maneuver, standing in front of the "choking" sign at the Dairy Barn during the bus tour. Clerk Kelly was grateful for the pleasure of working with our class at its 70th Reunion and to be warmly welcomed by everyone. She said, "This experience has given me a new, deeper connection and love for Cornell. I'll be able to carry that with me through the rest of my time on the Hill and beyond." Next issue will include additional Reunion highlights. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, plevine@juno.com. Class website, classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 Let us know how you spent your summer. We'd love to share your latest news and your greetings with your classmates. Send news to: **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

48 **Helen "Buzz" Larson** Elias, MAT '68 (Ithaca, NY): "I keep going with reading and billiards. I grew up in Ithaca, lived many years in Massachusetts, and now reside on the Danby Road hill, where there are no sidewalks. Walking is difficult and dangerous. My kids disapprove of my walking in traffic. I don't drive now; bus is OK since they improved the schedule. Not many trips to the doctor. New York State seems backwards to me after years in Massachusetts. The digital *New York Times* gives me some sense of the politics. NYC is a thing unto itself. My magazine is the *New Yorker*. I used to watch CNBC, but now they are very 'uneven.' I listen to PBS radio (there are more choices in Massachusetts). First grandson was married a year ago. I have a great-grand-niece born in Wales. There is sporadic violence in the western end of town and some anti-Semitism; more on campus. As far as "East" and "West" are concerned, we seem to go one step forward, and one step backward, with zero progress. Alas, no travel plans. I have no one to travel with since my husband died in 2008."

When **Earl Sawin** (West Chester, PA) wrote last year, he and the late **Pat (Chastaney)** had recently moved into an independent living facility up North, after 25 years on Sanibel Island, FL. He wrote, "Pat and I celebrated our 66 years of marriage and 90th birthdays. Fall 2014 we enjoyed a family reunion at our son's home on Long Beach Island in New Jersey. We totaled 17, including four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Our traveling days are over, as are golf and tennis. Trips to the medics take up most of our time. Medicare will be happy to see us off their records. It's a great country, isn't it?"

Sybil-Frances Kimbrig Levin (Carmel, CA): "My husband, Prof. Norman Balfour Levin, died. We touched ground in almost all of the states, and most recently visited Israel and San Francisco. I am secretary of Friends of the Hidden Valley Music Seminars; hosted a Cornell girls chorus (four young women) when they came to the Monterey Peninsula; and proofread the book *Artists' Honeymoon: Rowena Meeks Abdy & Harry Bennett Abdy at Work & Play in Monterey & Beyond, 1910-1920* by Julianne Burton-Carvajal. For local news, I read *Pine Cone* and *Monterey Weekly*. Have no TV. For radio, I listen to the local independent Santa Cruz station.

Apple pie? Rice pudding? My mother was an English drama teacher in senior high school—she did not cook. She designed hats. Question: When will politicians stop being crooked and care about upholding the Constitution? The big issue here is the water crisis and poor water management.”

Lillian Soelle Austin (Chapel Hill, NC): “Husband Ted died in December 2011. We have five kids and six grands. Don’t travel much anymore. Read the *New Yorker* and watch CNN, and keep up with world events via *Raleigh News* and the *Observer*. Busy seeing family and friends. Made two hospital visits and 24 doctor’s appointments last year, courtesy of Medicare and private health insurance. Now use a walker.” **Walter Henry** (Hamburg, NY): “We’re married 65 years now: five kids, 11 grands, and two greats. Keep busy walking the home farm, greenhouses, and garden. Quite a few trips to hospitals and MDs. Read *Buffalo News*, *WSJ*, *American Legion Magazine*, and *National Geographic*, watch CBS TV, and listen to WBED radio. A November 2014 storm did much damage to farm buildings in Eden, NY. I’ve been in all states except Wisconsin and Minnesota. The world in general is getting to be a wild place to live!”

Hyla Brodtkin Garlen (Clearwater, FL): “Reading, reading, and more reading. My father would have said that with the kind of reading I indulge in, I would have a flat EEG. I was in the hospital once and saw the doctor twice last year. I’m on Medicare and ‘Horizon (health)’ and use a cane. Don’t read papers, get news online, listen to Sirius radio, and watch CBS TV news. I have three kids, six grands, and seven greats, with number eight on the way. Neither my mother nor my husband could cook. I’ve touched ground in every state, and most recently went on a Mississippi paddle-wheel cruise north of Vicksburg. Question: What am I doing in Florida? Re: ‘East’ and ‘West,’ I think they met long ago.”

Jerry Frost (Ann Arbor, MI) and your curmudgeon have been trading e-mails, remembering the good old Navy V-12 days on campus. He had an interesting life in construction equipment and mining and has traveled most of the world. Traveling days are over, and he and his wife have been settled in Ann Arbor for 25 years, enjoying their property and wildlife. Jerry came back to campus for the 50th Reunion to row again with the crew, but that was the only visit. He keeps busy building “fine furniture” and joined a small writing group. “We each produce one essay per month for joint review.” **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobbersons48@gmail.com.

49 Our class mourns the passing of our VP, **Inger Molmen Gilbert**, on April 24 of this year, wife of our class president, **Jack Gilbert**. Inger, a lifelong member of the Cornell Council, served twice as class Reunion chairman, and she and Jack received the **William “Bill” Vanneman ‘31** Outstanding Class Leader Award from the university in 2012.

Jack sent us this story, titled “A Tale of Two Co-eds”: “**Dorothy Rynalski** Manser, MA ‘53, and Inger were classmates at Port Washington High

School on Long Island and graduated in June 1945. Both of them were accepted at Cornell and Inger’s father drove them to Ithaca. As they drove down South Hill on Rt. 96B, they got their first view of Cornell—and broke out in cheers. Their freshman year was in Balch Hall. They both joined Kappa Delta sorority and became roommates there in their sophomore year. Junior year they roomed together in Anna Comstock, next door to Jack’s home in Theta Xi. Inger was dorm president. It was a custom for boyfriends of Comstock dwellers to meet at

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Walter Brenholts ‘49

Comstock on the morning of classes and enjoy a chaste kiss and walk together to classes. For Inger, that walk included a climb up those damned stairs at Baker Lab on her way to Home Ec country. For Jack, it was a nice even walk to Lincoln Hall. In their senior year Dottie and Inger moved back into Kappa Delta as roommates. Dottie served as sorority president and Inger as VP. Dottie was elected to Mortar Board and was co-editor with **Robert Dreher ‘45**, BCE ‘49, of the 1949 Cornellian.

“The life journey for Inger and Jack began on Christmas vacation from Cornell in 1946 and an evening together at Cornell Night at Frank Dailey’s Meadowbrook Dance Hall in New Jersey . . . and ended the night of Sunday, April 24, 2016 at Bridges Cornell Heights. It was quite a trip! Inger and Jack married on September 11, 1949 and enjoyed 67 years of married life while raising five children, clouded only by her nine-year fight with Alzheimer’s. Inger, I’m so happy to have known you for 70 years. I only wish it could have lasted longer. If you have the time, please call us and let us know how it is on the Other Side.”

John Palmer (New Orleans, LA; manage49@yahoo.com) is busy with painting, exercise, music, and “enjoying friends here at the retirement community.” He writes, “Greetings to Phi Psi brothers and particularly to crew mates of 1946-49.” John recommends the book *Boys in the Boat*—“a great book on rowing and the Washington Olympic crew of 1936.” **Norman Merz** (Manasquan, NJ) writes that he is married to Pat, a U. of Maryland alumna. He volunteers with the AARP/IRS Tax Group, helping people with their taxes. “This winter, we raised our house three feet as a result of Sandy,” he tells us. In June he and Pat bicycled down the Main River in Germany.

Walter Brenholts (Mountain Top, PA) became a Gold Life Master member of the American Contract Bridge League last fall. He is busy with “duplicate bridge, TV, and books (nothing worthwhile).” Walter would enjoy hearing from his Cornell friend **John Gerling ‘51**—“He owes me a letter.” Prof. **Fred H. Rhodes, PhD 1914**, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. “At this age, I’m still ‘one of Dusty’s boys.’” **John Weeks** (Baldwinsville, NY), married to Esther, is a retired environmental educator. A nature artist, he designs notepaper, art prints, and limited-edition art prints. He also designs exhibits and is consultant to the Baltimore Nature Center. He wishes he could be doing field ecology research. Those who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell were **Arthur A. Allen 1908**, BA 1907, PhD ‘1911, and **Oliver Hewitt ‘41**, PhD ‘44.

Joe Mengel (Chapel Hill, NC; jumpp123@aol.com) writes, “Glad to forward my dues for

another year. I look forward to the monthly issues of news from High Above. You might be interested in this little story about Prof. **Julian Smith ‘41**, who recently passed on. At our 50th Reunion I was sitting next to Julian in the large lecture hall of Olin waiting for the speaker to begin. I told him that I had taken up an interest in my family history and was spending a lot of time with genealogy. He replied that he was into the same study. I said that he must be having a lot of fun searching Smiths, adding that I also had Smiths in my early New England background, but that my task was fairly easy because the ancestor had, I thought, a very unusual first name—Chiliab. I pronounced it ‘chil-e-ab.’ Julian quickly corrected me and said the name is pronounced ‘kill-e-ab.’ Well, it turned out that he and I are tenth cousins, and I wondered if having that knowledge when I was a student would have affected my grades. At my last visit to Cornell in 2014 I enjoyed a lunch rendezvous with Julian and Prof. **Peter Harriot ‘48** at the Statler.”

James Davenport (McLean, VA) tells us that he is reading, playing bridge, and writing his autobiography. He has moved into Vinson Hall, a naval officer retirement community. In response to the question about who had the greatest impact on him, James wrote, “Graduate students not knowing course material they were trying to teach! They destroyed a generation of potential engineers—almost me!” **Leonard Abraham, PhD ‘53** (South Hadley, MA) writes, “Living in a retirement home—Loomis Village. Singing in their chorus. Active five days a week in their exercise classes. Visit local towns via the bus—Amherst, Northampton, Ware. My wife died in August 2013.” Len wishes he could be singing in a barbershop quartet and fondly remembers his late friend **Jim Flournoy**. Those who had the greatest impact on Len at Cornell: “Professors in EE when I returned from the US Navy in 1946 (I switched from Chemical Engineering to EE).” **Jerry Farber** (Boca Raton, FL) writes, “Reached 94 in February and celebrated on the golf course and with a seven-day cruise.” He would enjoy hearing from **Horace Chandler ‘48**, B Chem E ‘50. “Dusty” Rhodes also had the greatest impact on Jerry at Cornell.

Your class correspondent, her daughter, and her three young grandchildren spent a two-week vacation in June driving to Pittsburgh and then to Long Island, where we flew to Ecuador and joined a tour. We had to wait several days until the youngest reached her 8th birthday because the tour authorities absolutely refused to allow her to come until she had. There were long bus rides between each area of interest and the hotel. This was the first time we had ever taken a tour. Normally, we do our own research and just go on our own. It was an interesting experience. Our fellow tourists included two engineers, one transplanted from Russia and accompanied by a childhood friend she had not seen for 30 years but found in America through the Internet. Also on the trip: a veterinarian from Hawaii, a man from Brooklyn, a nurse from the Dominican Republic, and several Californians. Thank you for all your news. Please continue to keep in touch. **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 The annual class officers’ meeting was held April 29 at the Cornell Club in NYC in conjunction with the annual class dinner. Previous officers’ meetings had been held during the annual Cornell

Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), but this year's conference was cancelled due to a winter storm, so class officers decided to hold all such future meetings in April, at least through our next Reunion in 2020.

Co-presidents **Jim** and **Nancy Hubbard Brandt** presided and welcomed **Pat Carry Stewart**, **Dick Savitt**, **Nels Schaeen**, MBA '51, and wife, **Ben Williams** and guest, **Gordon Dibble** and guest, **Jack Richard**, MD '53, and guest, and **Brian Rodwin**, son of our recently deceased VP, **Stan Rodwin**. Pat reported for the committee charged

who was an Alpha Zeta roommate and fellow Big Red Band member with **Bob Call**. The band was scheduled to play at a football game at Princeton. Art and Bob overslept and missed the bus, as did the ROTC captain in charge of the trip. Bob called a Mr. Peters at the downtown airport (now a park), and Peters flew the three bleary-eyed musicians to Princeton, where they were on hand to greet the later-arriving band.

Jim Preston, EdD '68 (Hector, NY) is Cornell professor emeritus of Rural Sociology. He is active in the Montour Rotary Club, on which he

We had lunch on Saturday with my sister-in-law **Nancy Stephenson Bond** '45, and went to a presentation by **Brad Edmondson** '81 in the Statler's Beck Center about his book on Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation to an audience that offered their own memories about how the veterans in the Class of '51 changed the freshman experience. A few of us wore beanies. **Bill Kay** talked about his membership in Watermargin, where he took responsibility for the \$2,000 fee required for leasing the building off campus. Some 30 years later, the fund was put to the construction of a third floor, so women could become members. A photo of **Rip Haley**, our new class president and Reunion chair, intercepting a Navy pass was part of the presentation. **Winifred "Wink" Bergin** Hart remembered me from my nametag as being in Ithaca's junior high with her, for heaven's sake. It was nice to meet people I have written about, but never knew at Cornell—**Fran Goldberg** Myers and **Sheela Mittelman** Percelay at dinner, for example. It was also nice to have **Sally Morrow** Robinson remember **Bar Dee Stirland** Bond.

Sheela Percelay (Pawtucket, RI) wrote, "I recently lost my husband to whom I was married for 65 years. I have three sons and four grandsons, the youngest of whom are 2 and 3 years old. Their father was married for the first time three years ago to a woman who was also marrying for the first time. One of my twin sons married a lady from Switzerland, while his brother married a woman from Holland. Was it genetically determined? Merrill and I had traveled a great deal while he was able to. The most memorable experience was living in St. Petersburg, Russia, for two months under the auspices of the Citizen Democracy Corps when Russia was privatizing government businesses. I volunteered for an English speaking service." Her fondest memory of Cornell: "The friends I made."

Robert Giebitz (Rushville, IL) records nine children, 35 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He writes, "I've been married five times, as follows: Anne, Scottie, LaVerne, Shirley, and Marjorie—35 years and still with her." He adds, "I now at last confess, I was the mystery man. I invaded Cascadilla Hall when I didn't know it was converted to a girls' dorm during my freshman year, 1947-48. See the back issue of the *Cornell Daily Sun*: 'Mystery Man Invades Cascadilla Hall!' OK, what can they do to me at age 91?"

Nancy Belcher First (Northampton, MA) sent this family news: "Daughter Katherine (Leeds, MA) is a fiddler (in five bands) and a teaching specialist to a dozen fiddle students; daughter Ginger Lee (Bellingham, WA) is a waterkeeper to 'resources.'" Activities: "Painting exhibits in several local locations; a Quaker in Northampton Friends Meeting; a member in SID (Shut It Down) against the Vermont Nuclear Power Plant in Vernon, VT." Classmates: "I wonder how **Peg Healy** McNulty and **Anita Van Hassel** Blauvelt are." Fondest memories: "The challenge of the studies and the beauty all around. I loved my two years at Cornell. I came in as a junior, transferring from Wheaton College, and Cornell was, for me, the best choice I could have made. All the art/music classes I could imagine and such a beautiful campus. My two years there were, and are now, the most wonderful of memories." **Sonia Mogensen** Adsit (Bogart, GA) has three great-grand-boys, and was expecting a great-grand-girl in May. She writes, "I have a small farm and small herd of Angus cattle, belong to Kiwanis, and help at my Lutheran church. I keep in contact with **Betty Goldsmith** Stacey."

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Ted and Trudy Krueger Winsberg '52

with nominating a replacement for Stan. The committee—Pat, **Dick Pogue**, and **Jack Rose**, MD '54—recommended **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53, who was unanimously confirmed. Co-president Jim reported on current class finances. There are two accounts: the Century Class Fund with \$23,776, and a regular class operating account with \$12,685 that is funded by yearly class dues. This latter account is used to pay for our Reunions and also pays for members' subscriptions to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Jim introduced Douglas Stayman, the assistant director of Cornell Tech, the joint project of Cornell and Israel's Technion, which is being built on Roosevelt Island on NYC's East River. He showed photos of the ongoing construction of this newest and most innovative part of the extended Cornell campus. Greatly missed was the piano music and sing-along with **Dave Dingle**, who was unable to attend because of a temporary illness.

Richard Kent (Boston, MA) has served as an attorney for various companies in Detroit, Boston, and Portland, OR. He volunteers as a family service trustee and otherwise stays active attending concerts and lectures. **Richard Hollobaugh** (Tryon, NC) was president and CEO of Response Media Advertising. In retirement he serves as an interviewer of prospective Cornell students and as adviser to several charitable and homeowner associations.

L.J. "Jerry" Krovetz (Boynton Beach, FL) retired after 56 years as a physician. He says the best campus concert he attended was Josh White. **Al Wrisley** (Traverse City, MI) is now a UMass emeritus professor after 31 years in the Dept. of Hotel, Restaurant, and Travel Administration. He works as a church archivist and serves on the board of his cottage owner's association. **Claire Zwart** de Roos (Johnson City, NY) was a landscape designer. In retirement, she teaches rug hooking. **Gardner Ertman**, BArch '51 (Lexington, MA) is a retired architect and is currently in an assisted living facility, where he has been enjoying our class book.

Dorothy Coons Chadbourne (Utica, NY) reports that she is a perpetual volunteer for her church, local hospital gift shop, and Meals on Wheels, and has taught adult education classes for Oneida County Cooperative Extension. However, she still saves time for her five married kids (two of whom are Cornell grads), nine grandkids, and five great-grandkids. Dorothy reported an engaging story about her deceased husband, **Arthur**,

has served as president. Jim served in the Navy from 1944-46. His oldest daughter, **Cindy Preston** Hagin '79, is in the Cornell Sports Hall of Fame for polo. Jim and wife Gretta enjoy living in wine country on the shore of Seneca Lake and also enjoy activities of six grandkids and four great-grandkids. **Charles "Pete" Cole**, PhD '57 (State College, PA) was a professor of fish biology at UMass and retired in 1980. He went back to work at Ohio State until retiring from there in 1993. **Jean Krag** (Santa Barbara, CA) is retired from the field of adult and child psychology, serves on the board of United Cerebral Palsy, and volunteers as a reader to local residents who are blind or dyslexic. She has two grandsons at Penn State, a granddaughter at U. of Michigan, and another at U. of Boca Roton.

Norman Jennings, MS Ag '51 (Leesburg, FL) worked as a planning manager. Now he counts church contributions and enjoys working in a local theatre. He served in the military as a captain and P-51 fighter pilot. Norman says that his Cornell education taught him how to think. After graduation, **Al Neimeth**, JD '52 (Melbourne, FL) was in private law practice for 15 years and then associate dean of the Cornell Law School from 1965-94. Al attended every class Reunion until a major stroke two years ago, which paralyzed him on one side. Wife Doris reports that he greatly enjoys company and sincerely invites visits from classmates and others in Florida. Send us your news. E-mail is easy and efficient. **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd. #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483-7366; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

51 Becky Wright and I enjoyed our 65th Reunion. We attended the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club concert in Bailey Hall Friday night, after which we returned to nearby Trumansburg, NY, where we stayed with my nephew **Timothy Bond** '69, BS '77, for two nights. The next morning we ate at the '41/'46/'51 breakfast in the Statler, where **Gabe Pesce** '46, BCE '49, MCE '51, talked about his arrival in Ithaca on the Leake Valley, hauling his suitcase up the Buffalo Street hill to the campus as an incoming freshman.

Sam Hochberger (Savannah, GA) writes, "Son Stuart played for the US Maccabi soccer team in Santiago, Chile, after touring ten days with his wife and three children. I'm still able to play some competitive tennis along with Phyllis, but it's getting tougher. Will be celebrating our 63rd wedding anniversary in June. Looking forward to our 65th Reunion to see who is left 'able.'" Fond memories: "Lincoln Hall classrooms and labs with its intimate historic atmosphere, while studying, working, and learning Civil Engineering along with fellow classmates—I bemoan its demise!" **Reg Rice**, MBA '52 (Menlo Park, CA) writes, "Sons graduated from UCSB and UCLA. I've given up on skiing and tennis and taken up duplicate bridge and local politics." Cornell fond memories: "Hearing the chimes play at sunset; waking up to see fresh snow on Libe Slope; beating Army in football—or was it Princeton?"

Robert Morlath (Smithtown, NY) writes, "The grandkids are all getting married." Fondest memory: "The phone call in late August offering me a slot in the Mechanical Engineering school in a few weeks. Had to buy into a house on University Ave., which was occupied by veterans, then went to TKE." Please send your news to: [Brad Bond](mailto:BradBond@Suddenlink.net), 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 A new batch of news forms included many from those remembered but not heard from in a long time. **Sue Spiers** McLean (North Palm Beach, FL; buddyboyhoward75@gmail.com) is "healthy, swimming 1,000 yards three times a week, singing in the choir, playing bells, gardening, quilting, and singing with a Christian musical group at nursing homes every week." She adds, "I have been traveling, sailing and cruising with my husband, and enjoying grandchildren." Sue's husband, Howard, sadly, is now deceased. "I plan to keep on living in my house as long as I can, trusting in the Lord to help me cope with being a spoiled widow."

Rodrigo Montealegre Echeverri (Tres Rios, Cartago, Costa Rica) is a pineapple producer in San Carlos, Alajuela, Costa Rica. He ships to the US and Europe under the name of Del Monte. He is also a beef cattle producer and a dairy farmer with a herd of 100 Holsteins. "I plan to leave everything to my family, three boys and three girls, all six married and with families as I have 13 grandchildren." Rodrigo thinks he will go on as long as God lets him on earth. Right now, **Virginia Benham Augerson** is missing her husband, **Bill**, MD '55, after 63 years of marriage. "I met him at Cornell when I put a notice up looking for a ride home for Thanksgiving—the only time I put up a notice. (It would be fun to hear how people met each other.)" Virginia was planning to introduce her granddaughter to Cornell when she is a little older.

Richard and Margaret Bailey Redmond (SciPIO Center, NY; moggyr6351@gmail.com) were enjoying the Florida sunshine when Margaret wrote. "I've been enlightened by separate visits from four of our young-adult grandchildren. It is a delight to see them address their challenges and opportunities (the other 13 grands and three great-grands catch up with us at home on the farm)." She adds, "I'm looking forward to celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary in June." Other thoughts? "Retirement means reading and writing for Richard." **Robert Trowbridge**, DVM '52 (Adam Center, NY) is now retired after 60 years in general practice. **Edward and Donna Carney** (Fort Myers, FL; ed.carney@comcast.net) were living in

their Florida home last March and were planning to move out of the state at the end of April. Ed writes, "I am still getting around quite well, but my wife is now using a walker full time. Recently put our Florida house on the market. Would like to sell it fully furnished, but our realtor doesn't want to do this." The house is online on Trulia. The Carneys plan to move into a similar home in Fort Wayne, IN, on the grounds of the Town House Retirement Community. The move from Florida will put them close to their daughter, her husband, and the Carneys' grandchildren.

Paul Schlein, MD '56 (Bethesda, MD) is retired from the practice of internal medicine, but is on the clinical (part-time) faculty at George Washington U. Medical Center. He says, "I'm still playing tennis with **George Cohen** '55, LLB '57, and see a lot of him and his wife, **Phyllis (Goody)** '57, as well as **Bernie Schapiro** (my roommate of 64 years ago), **Marty Convisser** '53, **Joel Lehrer**, and **Allan Mostoff** '53 and his wife, Alice. "Sixty-four years of enjoying good memories!" **Ted**, MS Ag '53, and **Trudy Krueger Winsberg** (tandtwinn@bellsouth.net) wrote, "We are happily retired and living on what is left of our farm after Palm Beach County built a fabulous constructed wetlands public park (Green Cay Wetlands) on 100 acres of the farm. We recently had Chris Dunn from Cornell Plantations give a program at the Nature Center, which was attended by 77 people, most of whom were Cornell alumni. We have a very large and active alumni group."

Among the news forms I received was a note from C.A. Gebhardt, our classmate **Ron Gebhardt's** wife, saying that he was ill and suggesting that his name be taken off our solicitation list. A few days later, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* printed his obituary. Ron died May 17, 2016. He was an active member of our class, a good family and business man, and a strong force for extending educational opportunities to those who might not otherwise have them. The Johnston family wrote to say that their father, **Gilbert Johnston** (Wilmington, DE), passed away on March 7, 2016. He is survived by Sheila, his wife of 55 years, children, and grandchildren. Helen Lee Ellison sent in news that her husband, **Bob Ellison**, passed away November 17, 2015 in Mt. Pleasant, SC. I guess this is something to expect at 65 years out, but it's still hard.

Herbert Dienstag is in Manhattan (Herbdienn@verizon.net). **John Nickles** (mjnickles@verizon.net) and wife Marjorie are in Lexington, MA. John is singing in three choruses. **Barbara Ingalls** Trerise (Canton, NY; bttrise54@gmail.com) is retired. She was a home economics teacher and a junior high counselor, and she plans to take it easy now. She writes, "I thoroughly enjoyed my education at Cornell." **Roger**, PhD '65, and **Joan Ganders Glassey** are still in Berkeley, CA (glassey@ieor.berkeley.edu). Roger reports that he was paying his dues online using his new Apple computer. The following day was a twice-weekly doubles tennis game with Joan as his partner. He has been teaching a one-hour-a-week freshman seminar on innovation in technology in the US. The Glasseys were planning to "cruise Norwegian fjords in May and return for a grandson's graduation from UCLA in June."

George and Evelyn Kunes Sutton (Rockville, MD; egsutton@verizon.net) are living at Ingleside King Farm CCRC for "engaged living." The Suttons had been on an Alaskan cruise and were planning a Baltic Sea cruise. George continues to consult "a little." In November, George was awarded the Fitzroy Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for "pioneering contributions

to the frontiers of engineering." In addition to the medal, there was an honorarium, and, "in appreciation for the outstanding education afforded by my alma maters," George said, he divided the money among Brooklyn Tech, Cornell, and Cal Tech. **Donald Ross** (Fulton, NY; dmeross@hotmail.com) wrote, "I have been retired for so long I have forgotten what it is to be an engineer. My time is spent on a tree farm where I specialize in nut trees. My primary interest is in trying to bring the American chestnut tree back to being an active forest tree, but I also grow black walnuts, carpathian walnuts, butternuts, four kinds of chestnut acorns, pecans, and hazelnuts. It's lot of fun and keeps me busy."

Our 65th Reunion is coming up, June 8-11, 2017. In anticipation, per a May 2016 letter to the class, **Sue Youker Schlaepfer** and **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, would like to draw a picture of Cornell in earlier times (1948-52) and have some of your words of thanks to Cornell. It could be reminiscences: two girls sitting on the stone behind McGraw, looking at the lake and wondering at the world. Or it could be a thank you to Cornell. For instance, I thank Cornell for not giving me a real academic advisor until my senior year, thus allowing me to read drama from the Greeks to Noel Coward, study poetry from Chaucer to Auden, take art appreciation and history courses, and bomb just enough government courses to tell me what I ought to know. Not great for post-commencement employment, but good for the next 60-plus years. You get the idea. Send your thoughts to Sue (SS123130@icloud.com) or Dick (dickdye@verizon.net). Send news to: [Joan Boffa Gaul](mailto:JoanBoffaGaul@mac.com), joangaul@mac.com.

53 The 65th Cornell Reunion was '51 terrain this year, but there were '53 folk present to join their elders of the Silent Generation and preview our MMXVIII (2018) comeback. There was a '51 Forum—Postwar Cornell: How the Greatest Generation Transformed a University, 1944-1952. The forum on life far above as the Johnnies came marching home featured Miss Name Withheld—**Sandra Bangilsdorf** Klein, BFA '53—who wrote in the *Daily Sun* of laddies who might invite a coed to the snowy bleachers of Hoy Field on a February night "to talk." Vetsburg, temporary military housing where married G.I. Bill of Righters and spouses (spice?) raised baby boomers, was mentioned.

Cornell was a different place then. The Vets mostly provided a maturing influence on the incoming civilian youth of America, but they also knew where the pubs were and what you could do there. Last June, CRC members like **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, **Jim Blackwood**, **Bill Gratz**, the undersigned—but not **Gerry Grady** this time—represented '53, as did **Jack Brophy's** Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, like **John Nixon** and **Al Packer**, who reprised Fifties favorites with their sound of music like "Good Night, Little Girl" ("I thought I could win you with all that gin in you") and **Liz Fuchs** Fillo '58's update, "Good Night, Little Boy" ("You couldn't continue with all that gin in you"). Retired from three careers (USAF officer, corporate human resources manager, and commercial realtor, besides hosting international students), Packer lists his favorite Cornellians: "My fellow Cayuga's Waiters alumni." He reads up on political world affairs and health due to "interests and concerns" and to keep up with college kids. His advice to Cornell: "Keep teaching students HOW to think" (not WHAT to think).

Reference here to **Randy Barker's** second home, in Los Banos, Philippines, moved **Helen Wallace** Miksch, BFA '53 (Lititz, PA) to recall that she was born in Manila and came home to Maine with her mother and sister in the summer before Pearl Harbor. Her father stayed at his job in Manila and was captured by the Japanese. He was held in a prison camp south of Manila, named Los Banos. His family had no idea whether he was dead or alive until the end of the war. The waiting prisoners were freed by a risky maneuver of amphibious boats that took them out to waiting Navy ships. He returned after a year's recovery in the States and died in 1951. "I am a year older," **Ruth Christoff Landon** (Roanoke, VA) submits. "Can still hear without a hearing aid and eat without false teeth, have yet to have anything replaced, and walk without a cane." After the death of her husband, **Bill '52**, she says, "I've discovered I CAN find the fuse box, turn off the water in the basement, change the water in the hot tub, figure out the remote control when it needs a new battery, take out the trash, and even dispose of the cat's trophy offerings of dead mice and chipmunks. Cooking for one is a challenge. Eating alone is no fun. Paying bills is a pain, even when automatically done by the bank. I have a loving dog that goes everywhere I go and a big old tomcat who rules over both the dog and me. I am surviving and beginning to feel accomplished."

Sylvia Hart Wright (Eugene, OR) visited Cuba last September and heard expert views of history, economics, and social developments. Pope Francis arrived in Cuba while she was there. She notes that the Pope's coaxing resulted in President Obama's and Raul Castro's handshake, which led to rapprochement. **Dottie Clark** Free (Palo Alto, CA) reports contentment with retirement digs. There's time for bridge and volunteering a bit at Gamble Gardens, former home of the Gamble (as in Procter & Gamble) family, where flowers and fruits flourish and sometimes people get married. She stays trim with a daily mile-and-a-quarter walk. Being a GREAT-grandmother makes **Eugenie Gilbert** Taub, MEd '54 (Westfield, NJ) feel aged, she says. "Is that why strangers offer to help me cross the street, and why they reach for tall-shelfed items at the grocery? I'm considered a marvel at 'my' gym, where I take Zumba, aerobics, and strength training six days a week." Eugenie says she's addicted to British crime series. "There's always something on the PBS channels." She's a fan of "Jeopardy!" ("I'm very good"). She adds, "I'm NOT a creative person, except in the kitchen."

Bob Neff, JD '56 (Pinehurst, NC, and elsewhere) reads history and biographical texts—"because there are important lessons in past mistakes, and current scholastic agenda don't include enough." His own WWII novel, *Uber Alles*, is expected before the end of the year. Asked for their advice to Cornell, many said, "Keep it up." Bob says, "Don't allow the patients to run the asylum. Set reasonable rules for students and require that they meet Cornell standards or leave." He reflects, "Members of the Class of 1953 who are still enjoying active lives are uniquely blessed—use these 'dividend years' to share the lifetime wisdom you have amassed. Stay active. Be dangerous! God bless." ■ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 The climate today, having the feel of divisiveness on so many levels, led me to explore some

historical dividing lines—some geographically vaster than others. We are, and have been, a nation of divisions. The Mason-Dixon Line is the one colonial boundary dispute the name of which most of us remember. But few of us remember why we remember it. In the eyes of many, especially in the state where I now reside, it symbolizes the division between the North and the South (Dixie). It was a bit of a precursor to the many kinds of divisions we witness today. A quote from Thomas Jefferson in a letter penned to John Holmes re: the Missouri Compromise in 1820 rings true all these years later: "A geographical line, coinciding with a marked principle, moral and political, once conceived and held up to the angry passions of men, will never be obliterated; and every new irritation will mark it deeper and deeper." The Mason-Dixon lines of division denoting state boundaries are marked with stone monuments, but other divisions are marked on the landscape of our minds.

Cornell of the 1950s exemplified egalitarianism with very few divisions. The atmosphere was one where the science major from the Bronx sat side by side with the poultry farmer from Dryden, the surfer from California, the scholarship student, the oil magnate's son, and the government major from Kenya. We were all Cornellians, all striving to contribute to our community and to get the grades to remain for four or five years. There were few divisions, few lines of demarcation. We were going to class with men who had fought in WWII so we could study in peace. They were a stabilizing and maturing group for us to grow up with at Cornell, and grow we did.

Our class scholarship has been awarded to **Yi Hsin Cindy Chen '19**, a young lady from California majoring in Engineering. Her STEM-related activities in high school motivated her to pursue her passion for engineering at Cornell. Upon her acceptance, joy transitioned to reality and the means by which she could finance a Cornell education. Our scholarship has contributed to her being able to pursue her dream. Along with her classes, Cindy has become involved in the Cornell Tzu Chi and does volunteer work in Ithaca. Cindy was excited by the swim test as it has required her to take swimming lessons that transformed her from a girl who was afraid of the water to one who looks forward to her swim classes. We received a most delightful letter from her, which you can view in its entirety on our website. We hope to hear more from her over the next couple of years.

Ever the consummate Cornellian, **Ken Hershey**, BCE '55, yearns for the days when Cornell will be Ivy League champs once more in football, basketball, baseball, and/or lacrosse. Dream on, Ken, and we shall be right there with you. I know **Clancy Fauntleroy** shares the same dream 'cuz I talked to him about the lacrosse championships this spring. Carol and **Robert Rodler** are still slipping and sliding seasonally down the coast from Long Island to Naples, FL. A note from **Ted Valentiner**, BArch '55, got my attention when it said he was living in a park, having retired from consulting. I looked up Bad Vilbel, which is a small spa town outside Frankfurt, Germany, and it does have the look of a park. **Robert Morrison** is working on a book with the working title of "Bits and Pieces: Fragments of an Interesting Life." Hope it includes a bit on the Florida panther.

Love this **Mason** and **Patricia Jerome Colby** bucket list item: "Keep moving . . . and singing, hopefully." **Law Stone**, B Chem E '57, is still happily residing on the West Coast near his son. I am still waiting for **Michael Stone**, MD '58's program

on the criminal mind. Meanwhile he is still working full time and writing professional papers. The prize for the most moves over the past five years goes to **Sam Alessi**—he has spent them in his motor home. Last heard from they were in Jamestown, NY. I had a delightful lunch with **Hugh** and **Maria Schwartz** a few months ago, but we did not get into a discussion of his work in promoting vocational training for those in jails, a project Hugh has been pursuing for years. Rumor has it that **Danny** and **Mary Lou Treharne** Warren are taking up residence in Sarasota, FL, joining several other class members. Hard to believe they will miss the winters in Upstate New York.

Dan and **Dotty Schwartz** have retired to Vi at Aventura happily, enjoying good meals, lovely friends, and frequent bridge games. Their travel tends to be visits with family in New York and Louisiana. We got one of those newsy travel-filled notes from **Jane Gregory** Wilson, who truly is an addict when it comes to cruises. This past year she took a 35-day cruise around the British Isles, Norway, the polar ice cap, and Ireland. In between cruises, Jane drives north from Florida to see family in Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Jane Wilson is one travelin' lady. ■

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55 We'll kick off the column today with recently arrived e-mails—and I do thank you for these! Congratulations to **Marcus Reidenberg**, who was recently named professor emeritus of pharmacology at Weill Cornell Medicine. Marcus was also reappointed to serve another three-year term on the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Evaluation, and is on the USP Healthcare Quality Expert Committee that sets standards for Medicare Part D drug benefits. And during the month of December 2015, Marcus's flower portraits were shown at the Scarsdale library.

From Israel, **Irene Adler** Hirsch writes that she's retired, but adds that she sometimes teaches French or English at home and is a board member at the local hospital and local synagogue. Renie acts in a local drama group and does medical clowning at the hospital, where she also organizes musical evenings. A decade ago, Renie formed the Israel Cornell Club and welcomed her new co-chair. She stays in touch with many friends, hopes to hear from others, and mourns the loss of **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff, **Connie Salm** Conlon, **Hannah Ullman** Dushay, **Paul Baris**, and her first roommate, **Norma Bosworth** Carpenter. **Steve Clingan** is still working at his company with three of his sons, and says, "Buying back my company at age 62 and starting all over keeps me young." The best concert he remembers from our Cornell days was Dave Brubeck ("Everyone was overwhelmed!"). He would like to hear from **Art Jenkins '52** and **Bill Marsh '53**. Steve reports that he made it to our 60th Reunion—his very first—and has nothing but praise for the experience: "I had a ball! I only knew one person and no one remembered me. It was so well done, and the staff was super. The programs were excellent and our class volunteers did a great job." Glad you finally made it back, Steve!

What a nice comment from **Don Jacobs**, when he was asked about the best concert he'd attended: "Oh my! I attended many concerts with my wife (then girlfriend), but I don't remember which one—as long as I was with her." Awwww! As soon

as they graduated, Don and **Frances (Walden) '56** were married. Nowadays, he says, "we're still traveling to nice places—on Viking River Cruises, because we're getting old." Don regrets having lost contact with **Fred Frank '54**, BArch '54, MRP '55, and **Neil Poley**, but says he still meets often with Cornell friends. "I loved Cornell and always worked with Cornell people during my career." **John Wertis** writes, "I'm keeping active on our 90-acre farm." He's president of the New York Nut Growers Assn. and sits on the Town of Ulysses Planning Board and the Ag advisory board. John feels that one of the best decisions he ever made was "buying farmland and settling in the Ithaca area after graduating from Cornell." This has made it possible for him to keep up on happenings on campus, such as a Joni Mitchell concert that took place after we graduated, but which John remembers as the best concert he ever attended. John would like to hear from "anyone from the old Kline Road dorms, particularly **Andy Phaneuf**."

We received a nice note from **Carol "Ritt" Rittershausen** Byron. Ritt and her daughters have established a wonderful family tradition: each year, one of the girls takes Ritt on a trip out of the country on her birthday. She particularly enjoyed "a week on a Tradewinds catamaran, scuba diving, and snorkeling while hanging out on tiny atolls off Belize and close to Honduras." When she wrote, Ritt had just returned from a "fabulous" Byron reunion—"which included all of my immediate family and former hubby, **Stan "Skip" Byron '54**, PhD '58. What fun we all had (sailing, whale watching, etc.)" **Daniel Krouner** explained the main reason he chose to attend Cornell: "Growing up in the resort business, I wanted the best hotel and restaurant school in the world." And did Cornell fulfill his expectations? "Yes, and more," Dan said. "Especially playing on the basketball varsity team and becoming president of my fraternity. I met the finest people in the world—and, of course, the Hoteliers were the best!"

Jerry Klein's wife, Nancy, wrote that Jerry retired in April, after 55 years in the insurance business with Northwestern Mutual. The Kleins recently moved to independent living in Cincinnati. **Liz Rothermel** Hopwood noted that she was diagnosed with dyslexia in her 40s, which would explain why college classes were a struggle for her. "Cornell would have been a very different experience if only I had known." But now, Liz says, "I love learning!" She's a docent at a local art museum: "Great fun—our museum is going places!" **Phil Alkon**, PhD '74, considering the question of whether Cornell fulfilled his expectations, replied, "More than is possible to put into words . . . a watershed experience of my life." And what gives him the most satisfaction in his life now? "Having a wonderful family, being able to contribute to our local Jewish community, still being active and relishing the natural world, and being at peace with who I am and my views and values. At least that's what I'm able to remember at the moment!" ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, 312 Astilbe Dr., Kennett Square, PA 19348; e-mail, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 Here are some initial memories from our 60th—more to come each column as I hear from all of you. We have always made note of those who came the farthest. This time it is easy, as both came from Italy: **Alex Cicchinelli** and his family from Rome and **Angelica Mercurio** Ciampi from Bologna.

We were informed on the Middle East and the presidential elections by our esteemed Prof. Ross Brann of the Near Eastern Studies department. By the time you read this, we will know more about the presidential elections from news reports, and the information we received from Prof. Brann will help us understand the ever-changing and not-so-ever-changing events in the Middle East. Class president **Ernie Stern** told us that we are again the "super class" in terms of giving to Cornell, and President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes and his wife honored us again at our Saturday lunch. We heard

“We were going to class with men who had fought in WWII so we could study in peace.”

Leslie Papenfus Reed '54

about the charitable efforts of classmate **Chuck Feeney** (from Christopher Oechsli, president and CEO of Atlantic Philanthropies) and were regaled with stories about how Chuck started his business acumen selling ten-cent sandwiches to the men in the fraternities at night. We heard many times from classmates about how difficult it is to get to Ithaca; many plane changes to get from California, Arizona, and Oklahoma and long drives to Ohio, Virginia, and New York City, some with overnight stops in between. Greetings to **Tom Higley**, BArch '57 (Santa Fe, NM), who attended his first-ever Cornell Reunion.

Thanks to **Steve Alexander**, who played our favorite songs in the Regent Lounge Saturday night, and to **Steve Kittenplan** for his thoughtful introduction of Ernie Stern. And speaking of Ernie—there were two Ernest Sterns at our Reunion: one our class president, and another a guest of **Patricia Brodie**. The two Ernies discovered they not only shared Cornell in common, but were born near each other in Germany. We weathered some changing weather on campus and therefore adjusted to changing venues. Lobster night, a class tradition that started at Beebe Lake and moved to a tent on the Ag campus, was held at the Lounge last Reunion due to a weather change. This year it was in Stocking Hall.

A special thanks to **Jon Lindseth** and the dedication of his new four-oared shell, which he donated to the Cornell women's crew. The event featured the Cayuga's Waiters of our time and their songs we remembered so well. Also, a special honor was bestowed by Jon to his wife, **Ginny (MacDonald)**, and her Thetas sisters. Thank you also, Jon, for your lecture on the publication of the epic *Alice in a World of Wonderlands: The Translations of Lewis Carroll's Masterpiece*. There was a reception of rare books and manuscripts and a sampling of those gifted by our classmates, as well as a view of the **Gail [Gifford] '56** and Stephen Rudin Special Collections Learning Lab.

The "Iran group," including our **Bob Day**, **Jerry Tarr**, **Tom Merryweather**, and Ernie Stern, were hosted by **Don Greenberg '55**, BCE '58, PhD '68. Says Jerry Tarr, "The capstone of my four wonderful years at Cornell occurred right after graduation when 21 members of Quill and Dagger and Sphinx Head societies were invited to journey to Iran as the guests of the Shah of Iran. The purpose of our

trip was to orient young Iranians to continue their studies in the US." And a special thanks to **Judy Frankel** Woodfin, who collected and produced a book of 60 years of memories, which attending classmates found as a bound-edition in their packets upon arrival. **Rose Goldman** Mage was at Reunion, but this time without her incredible belly dancing, which was featured at our 55th. Thank you, **Leland Mote**, for your informative talk with me about your vineyards in New York State and its many varieties. Great to see **Gideon Panter**, MD '60, whom I dated in high school—me from Long

Beach, NY, and he from New Jersey. Obviously we were geographically undesirable, as we used to say, though Gideon did remember the mutual friend who introduced us . . .

Helene Reiback Berger, from Florida in the winter and the Berkshires in the summer, discussed her book about caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's—in her case, her loving husband, Adolph "Ady," who passed away five years ago. **Bunny Kemins-Kenton**, BArch '56, came to Reunion with her daughter, **Amy Kenton '86**, who was celebrating her 30th Reunion. It was great for me to "reune" with my roommate **Barbara Barron** Starr and her husband, Bob, and read about our "third," **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman—her illustrious career was in our Memory Book. Margot had planned to be with us, but a family event honoring her grandson at his bar mitzvah intervened. Our special thanks to our Reunion chairs, **Carole Rapp** Thompson and **Cid Brandon** Spillman, who planned this Reunion with incredible detail, and who have agreed to chair our 65th. Also in attendance were our past chairs, **Percy Edwards** Browning and **Jim Quest**, who shared their experiences to help in the planning and execution of a wonderful event. And to those who were with us in spirit, classmate Rev. **John Maltby** led us in moments of remembrance at the Saturday dinner at Klarman Hall, a new facility attached to Goldwin Smith on the Quad designed by our **Bob Silman**.

We are sad to report the recent passing of classmates **Charles Dane**, MS Ag '57, **Ellen Deck** Nesheim, and **Dick Barger**. Please send me your memories of Reunion and your current events for future columns. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

57 My freshman year Boldt Hall hallmate **Gil Riley**, BME '59, reports that Cornell is heavily involved in his family history. Son **Bart** (Gilbert Jr.), MS '88 received his PhD in Materials Science in 1990, and Bart's wife, **Susie (Kim) '87**, got her ME the same year (no dummies in the Riley clan). Their daughter, **Camille '19**, was a sophomore on the Hill, and son Ian will probably be there in fall 2018. Gil and Betsy report that they visit the body parts store a little more frequently these days, while spending summers and winters in Maine. Gil has a

request—he can't locate his '57 yearbook. If anyone can help out in this regard, Gil can be reached at: griley@beeline-online.net.

Quite a few of us are still actively involved in career or post-career interests. **Gerard Dulin** is an electrical contractor in California, enjoying flying and performing in community theatre musicals in his spare time. **Milt Kogan**, BS Ag '07 (who you can find on Facebook) is also performing—both

adults and children and working with the League of Women Voters to get better quality early childhood education in California.

A gathering of about 15 classmates took place last May at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA. The luncheon was arranged by New England VP **Charlie Parker**, BME '59, with help from **Sue Westin Pew** and **Art Boland**, MD '61. Other volunteer work for Sue includes fundraising for a Harvard U.

‘The Cornell Dairy products, in a blind tasting, prevailed.’

Doug Fuss '61

in Hollywood as a professional actor AND as a family physician. He and Susan went on a cruising and railroading trip in Canada in the spring. **Enrique Terrazas** is still in the office every day in Chihuahua, Mexico, making sure the financial statements are on target. One of his five children is running for mayor of the city.

John and **Lore Dodge** divide their time between Palm City, FL, and New Hampshire, where he started in the hospitality business at the family's hotel, the Mountain View House. While in Palm City in the 1980s, he helped design the golf course at the Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club. **Chuck La Forge**, also in Palm City, is glad John was involved, because he plays golf there three or so times a week in the winter. Chuck also enjoys New Hampshire in the summer and was also in the hospitality business, having sold the Beekman Arms and Delamater Inn (America's oldest inn) in Rhinebeck, NY, to classmate **George Banta**, whose son now manages the property. **Alison Collard** is still involved with golf, woodworking, and painting in Jupiter, FL. He takes courses in painting seascapes, has produced over 30 paintings, and has entered a number of shows (look out, Bill). **Phil Griffen** also chases the white ball, but needs considerable time to chase his 16 grandchildren, ages 5 to 28. Two grandsons graduated from Cornell this spring and another was accepted into the Class of 2020.

Jim Broadhead reports from North Palm Beach that **Chuck Slater**, **Walt Gundel**, and **Paul and Lee Anderson Tregurtha** '59 got together in the spring to swap stories (truth may have taken a slight beating) and plan for our 60th in June. Fourteen classmates gathered at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA, in May. The event was arranged by New England VP **Charlie Parker**, BME '59, and attracted our president, **Phil McIndoo**, and **Dick '55** and **Sue Westin Pew**, **Irwin** and **Ellen Schlossberg**, **Art**, MD '61, and **Jane Boland**, **Ruby Tomberg** Senie, BS Nurs '75, **Pat Farrell** Marinelli, **Anita Wisbrun** Morrison, **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, and **Connie Santagato** Hosterman. Seeing the picture of the event, I mistook it for our 15th Reunion. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.cwom.

Sue Davidson Braun is hoping to see many friends at our next Reunion, as long as her physical condition permits. She has been dealing with the results of complicated foot surgery and, for much of the time, was confined to bed. But being the go-getter she is, Sue continued her volunteer activities from the bed via telephone. She is still directing a private library and learning center for

teaching hospital. As a longtime resident of Belmont, MA, Sue serves in many capacities: legislating (town meeting), advising (traffic committee), and volunteering (food pantry). She and **Dick '55** are enjoying a “relaxed” retirement.

Jane Lamont Greenberg, **Elizabeth Shigo** Stearns, and **Mary Alice Rusk** Dirks have something in common: they started Cornell *before* us but graduated *with* us. That's because they were in the nursing program, which at that time took five years. Mary Alice lives in Midlothian, VA, where she keeps busy with gardening, church activities, volunteering, and needlework. With her talent at knitting, spinning, and quilting, she has participated in needlework shows. Elizabeth, who lives in the same retirement community as yours truly, Sun City/Hilton Head, travels quite often to visit with family. She recently became a great-grandmother. **Carol Johnson Saylor** also has a great-grandchild. Carol and **Charles**, MBA '61, live in Webster, NY, where Carol volunteers at the Webster Museum and Historical Society. When not involved in other community activities, the Sayers spend summers in the Adirondacks. ☐ **Judy Reusswig**, JCRuss@aol.com.

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Liz Fuchs Fillo just finished a one-woman show as a benefit for the Princeton Public Library. Now she is working on an all-Sondheim show for her 80th birthday in September and to benefit young audiences of New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. The show she did last year was a jazz show and her pianist was classmate **Martin Blinder**, with whom she sang while at Cornell. Liz was back on campus in June to sing with the Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties for Reunion. This year she will be filmed for a documentary that **Mickey Rapkin** '00 is making on a cappella groups. Mickey wrote the book for *Pitch Perfect*, a hit movie that was followed by a hit sequel. “An interesting Reunion for us old singers.”

Katharine Davis Fishman has been launching a second career as a voice-over narrator, specializing in documentaries and museum and travel guides. “This is a more precise and complex field than I'd imagined. You have to learn sound engineering and I now have a small home studio.” She speaks French and Italian and is good at pronouncing difficult names and words and is hoping to put this to good use. She recently narrated a fascinating documentary on Italian fascist cinema. Her website with demos is: www.HearKate.com. And if your organization needs sound, film, or a website, she is available. Her life in Brooklyn

is pleasant, with three grandchildren nearby and delightfully grown-up. She and husband Joe enjoy traveling and take a couple of trips a year.

Gene Ceglowski, DVM '67, is a backup vet at his son's animal clinic and also raises dairy cattle. He and his wife went to Cuba last November with the Cornell Alumni Assn. and had a great time. **David Ripps** retired in 2002 and decided to return to some research he started before family and its responsibilities precluded taking time to complete the project. After retirement he did restart the work; a decade later it was done, the MIT journal *Artificial Life* accepted the resultant paper, and it will be released in 2016. He has five children and eight-plus grandchildren scattered around the country. Rev. **Francis Waite**, MAT '72, is retired but still pastoring in two small churches. His two grandchildren have both graduated from college. **Rocco Angelo** is still working as associate dean at the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida Int'l U. He is working on a revision of the eighth edition of the textbook *Hospitality Today: An Introduction*.

Barbara Wood Gray writes that her “work” is a joy as she continues as a spiritual director serving the Tucson area. This involves private meetings as well as retreat leadership on occasion. She is blessed with 12 great-grandchildren and says you can imagine the number of kids and grands it takes to make that happen! **Marcia Fogel** Yeager keeps busy playing bridge and bocce and volunteers to give weight loss classes to whoever will listen. She is also taking lifelong learning classes. **Bob Beringer** is teaching classes in his retirement community in Topsham, ME, and singing in a local chorale. He celebrated his 80th birthday last February with all his children and grandchildren present. **Albert Caines** lives in Phoenix. He enjoys fishing and Cornell football and lacrosse, and still works six days a week at a car dealership. He loves traveling and NASCAR trips.

The Thomas Paine Cottage Museum is currently showing “Reflections,” recent photos by **Richard Baiter**, BArch '63, MArch '67. “Paine Lake, a pre-Revolutionary War mill pond, has proved a surprisingly rewarding subject, summoning the resources of art, nature, and history in varying degrees,” Richard writes. “The photos were taken over the past year and a half in all seasons. The particular impetus for this effect has been to look at how reflections manifest themselves under different conditions. The lake may look animated one day or mysterious another.” Retired attorney **Bob Knechtel** continues to recover from his encounter with the Guillain-Barré syndrome with a Miller Fisher variant that struck him last fall. While some double vision issues linger, his balance is improving and he walks normally. He writes, “I'm not unhappy in Idaho, but in weighing everything it became clear that I should move back to the Bay Area so that I can be close to my family and a lot of good friends in Santa Cruz, Marin, and Sonoma.” ☐ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

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There's an old saying that records are made to be broken. “The great Class of '59, which set the 25th Reunion record, defied that piece of conventional wisdom for 32 years,” wrote **Harry Petchesky** in a congratulatory letter to the Class of '91, who broke our record this past June. “As co-chair with **Dave Dunlop** of '59's 25th in the year 1984, I have a clear recollection of our welcoming each arrival

on Friday as we approached the then-record of 355. What a great feeling we had when the 356th classmate registered on Friday afternoon. Classmates kept coming until we reached our final tally of 428. Counting spouses, significant others, and children, there were more than 900 in our group. Dave prayed all spring for good weather. It turned out that he was too pious. His prayers were more than answered with weather in the upper 90s all weekend. The kids, mostly teenagers, spent most of their time, day and night, in Beebe Lake. The rock band in our class tent was so good that we passed the hat to keep them playing until well past 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Word got around that our tent, not those on the Arts Quad, was *the* place to be." Harry's letter went on to point out that we still hold the 50th Reunion record of 384. And a sizable contingent of us hopes that we'll set another record three years from now, when we celebrate our 60th. (Never too soon to save the dates: June 6-9, 2019.)

AEPI members of our class held their 57th annual reunion on June 11 at the home of **Roy** and **Lana Lieberman** in New City, NY. In attendance were **Mike** and **Linda Goldberg Bandler '62**, **Jim** and **Jayne Jacoby**, **Jim** and **Phyllis Korsten**, **Paul**, MS Ag '60, and **Paula Marcus**, **Art** and **Carol Ostrove**, **Joel** and **Rosalie Rothenberg**, **Burt** and **Shelah Albert Scherl '62**, and **Steve Kornreich '60**. **Mike Sussman** called in from Colorado. "We caught up on family, mutual friends, travel, and moving plans," says **Burt**. "We told favorite old stories from our days at Cornell and, of course, discussed the presidential campaign. Despite major differences of opinion, no blows were exchanged and it was all good-natured. We look forward to next year's meeting and to our 60th in Ithaca." **Burt** also is thrilled that his grandson **Jared Scherl** is a member of the Arts college Class of 2020, and plans to play on the squash team.

Each year for the past 15 years, **Barbara Hirsch Kaplan** and her family's Kaplan Family Faculty Fellowship in Service-Learning has given \$5,000 awards to two faculty members who are having a significant impact on undergraduate, professional, or graduate education at Cornell by involving their students in challenging service-learning programs. And each April, there's a dinner at the Statler to celebrate the winners and bring together past winners—"sort of an alumni club of awardees," says **Barbara**. She always invites **Dave** and **Peggy Flynn Dunlop**, MS HE '63, **George** and **Bobbi Greig Schneider**, and **Ron Demer** to the dinner. "They haven't missed a year!" she says, reporting that all "looked hale and hearty and are looking forward to our 60th."

Jim Glenn, who retired to Taos, NM, some nine years ago, has published the thriller *Pakistan, India and the Bomb: Spy versus Counterspy*, which is available through Amazon. Set in 1972, the tale involves a Pakistani professor, a CIA spy, an American businessman, and India's secret development of an atomic bomb. Related events include the KGB's influence on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government and Pakistan's plan to destroy India's bomb-making facilities, which could precipitate a war between the countries. Jim's 35 years in international business included four years in India with an American multi-national. For the novel, he researched nuclear weapons, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and the aftermath of the 1947 India-Pakistan partition, as well as reading the autobiographies of several retired American spies.

'59ers are a traveling bunch. Among recent journeys: **Howard** and **Sandy Donhauser** brought their 40-ft. Mainship across the Great Lakes,

through the Erie Canal, around Cape May, and down the Intracoastal Waterway to their home in Stuart, FL—with their two cats aboard. For some 40 years **Howard** has owned a yacht brokerage firm. Check out the website (www.dybyachts.com), where **Howard** writes: "Over the years I have found great pleasure and satisfaction in helping new owners with on-the-job training, whether it is basic seamanship with their new boat, setting up maintenance schedules, or just captaining with the owners in order for them to satisfactorily meet the requirements of an insurance company." **Harry** and **Jill Petchesky** were in Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Dubrovnik, and other European cities. **Bob '58** and **Peggy Chamberlain Beringer** enjoyed a great family gathering in Gloucester, MA, with their children and grandchildren. **Linda Rogers Cohen** traveled to Israel. **Carole Parnes** and your class correspondent were in Alaska seeing bears and eating smoked salmon. ■ **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Congratulations to **Allyn Smith**, MS Ag '67 (Riverside, CA), who had his 60th (yes, that's 60th) wedding anniversary in late August. He and **Joy** spent several days in Las Vegas with family from California and Texas celebrating her birthday and the couple's anniversary. **Allyn** also notes, "We have now done most of our bucket list by traveling through all 50 states—48 of them in our motor home." The **Smith** family continues to expand, as their four children and six grandchildren have now been joined by four great-grandchildren.

Don Strang (Boca Grande, FL) reports that five of his grandchildren have been students at Cornell's Hotel school—"two are currently there, and three have graduated." This is hardly surprising, given that **Don's** four children are all alumni, **Don III '80**, **David '82**, **Peter '84**, and **Allison Strang Shaw '89**. **Rosalie Frankel Wallach** (Springfield, NJ) notes that her granddaughter **Jennifer Mandelblatt '17** is a third-generation Cornellian and was recently tapped for Quill and Dagger. **Rosalie** writes, "We are so proud of her!" **Janet Feuerstein** Grove says she happily made the long trip from Hillsborough, CA, to Ithaca in May 2015 to celebrate the graduation of her grandson **Alexander Gulbrandsen '15**, along with family members including **Janet's** daughter **Allison Grove Gulbrandsen '84** and husband **Donald '83**, and granddaughter **Kate Gulbrandsen '18**. When not trekking to Ithaca, **Janet** is busy with volunteer work, including service as chair of the library committee at the Francisco Club, gardening, reading, and playing lots of duplicate bridge.

It was great to hear from **Janet Greenleaf**, who writes from Thailand that she is enjoying retirement, with activities that include hiking, water aerobics, Bible study, reading ("I'm in charge of a reading group"), quilting, and serving as a board member of the Chiang Mai Expat Club. In 2014, she also managed to climb Mount Kilimanjaro during a trip to Africa. After leaving Cornell, **Janet** spent several years as a public health nurse in Westchester County, then went to Thailand for a four-year term in a clinic run by a church mission program. She became a ward nurse at McKean Hospital in Chiang Mai, established a century ago as the first leprosy hospital in the country, and remained there until her retirement in 1998. She says, "I live near the hospital, but have my own circle of friends and interests, remain in good health, and am much at home in Thailand."

During a trip to Washington, DC, in April, **Jim**, BME '62, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan** had the memorable experience of meeting with First Lady Michelle Obama and privately touring the White House. The Morgans were part of a small group of foundation administrators concerned with environmental education who gathered, along with staff from Partnership for a Healthier America, for a discussion of efforts to foster wider understanding of the connection between health, nature, nutrition, and exercise. **Becky** says that Mrs. Obama "spoke with passion" about her leadership of the partnership and her intention to continue these efforts for the rest of her husband's presidency and in the future. During the past year, the Morgans also "traveled more for pleasure" than in the past, including a "great trip" along the Silk Road that began in Istanbul and went through Samarkand, Kazakhstan, and several places in China and involved "camel rides, lots of antiquities, ancient paintings, and the Gobi Desert."

Tom Waldeck (Aspen, CO) writes that he continues "a late-in-life hobby turned into a business," as the owner/operator of Emma Farms. Here he raises purebred Wagyu cattle, the largest such enterprise in North America, he says. **Tom** and **Vivian** have two grown children and five grandchildren and are generally enjoying life in the mountains of Colorado. **Lynne Keefe** Verna lives in White Plains, NY, with her husband, **Michael Stemerman**, and says, "We take advantage of our proximity to NYC, where we go to Broadway shows, concerts, and museums. I play tennis in the summer and platform tennis in the winter. It has been a great way to meet friends in a new community."

Some very sad news about three classmates: In April we lost **Steve Russell**, MBA '61, co-chair of our 25th Reunion campaign, a university counselor and benefactor who established several scholarship funds and a teaching award at Cornell. The founder and longtime CEO of Celadon Trucking, **Steve** leaves his wife, **Livia**, three children, **Melissa Russell Rubel '85**, **Stewart '87**, and **Jonathan '93**, MBA '94, and seven grandchildren. May was sadly marked by the deaths of **Mary Quick Flinn** and **Elizabeth Chapman Staley**. **Mary** and her husband, **Dave**, with whom she managed a large horse farm, were regular attendees at Cornell Reunions and sometimes hosted class picnics. She leaves two sons and two grandchildren. Then, after being ill for many years, **Liz Staley** died in Seattle in late May, leaving her husband of 58 years, **Bob '57**, MBA '59, four daughters, and eleven grandchildren. In 2012, **Liz**, along with her husband, received a Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award from the university. Also a former president of the Cornell Club of St. Louis, she and **Bob** endowed the position of dean of students and the Elizabeth Chapman Staley Center for Student Support and Diversity Education. Condolences to the families and friends of these dedicated classmates, who will be much missed. Send news to: ■ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 One hundred fifty classmates and guests, mostly "retired," arrived for our 55th Reunion. Four days later, after an outstanding program of events, lectures, and entertainment, we left "refired." Many thanks go to **Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67, for leading sessions on "Refire! Don't Retire." Our memories of the Hill and the time spent with our classmates left us with the afterglow of a memorable several days.

We recognize the excellent efforts expended by the Reunion committee, **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder, **Jay Treadwell**, and **Doug Uhler**. Pauline coordinated the overall event. Jay was responsible for dining and entertainment, while Doug Uhler managed the communications leading up to and during Reunion.

Our Reunion kicked off with dinner Thursday, highlighted by speaker **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, former university VP of student services. **Bobbie Horowitz** gave a special rendition of her song, "Never a Freshman Again." Bobbie has spent a career in the theatre. Follow her posts on Facebook. She is a dynamo. Ken followed with his first of three presentations, to be followed by sessions Friday and Sunday mornings. His work represented a major contribution to the Reunion program, as well as providing our central theme.

Our lodgings were at Alice Cook House. These dorms replaced U-Hall residences from the 1950s. UHalls were, indeed, spartan. **David Scoville**, **Arthur Tasker**, and I were thrown together in #3 to find our way at Cornell. Seems hard to believe these friendships go back 59 years. Alice Cook is a vast improvement. For those of us electing to stay in the dorms, we had the new challenge of coed bathroom facilities. Everyone accepted this challenge with grace, despite the generational gap we felt with the current undergrads. A special "sensitivity award" should have been given to the assigner of rooms. Marilyn and **John Sobke**, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Friday evening, were assigned separate rooms!

Conversations frequently turned to health-related issues. I spent time with both **Gary Codrington** (hip) and **David D'Alessandro** (knees in October), talking about our experiences, including my bouts with knee replacements. These conversations along with other similar health topics have been described by my waggish friends as "organ recitals." **Chuck Lee** and I had a chance to chat. Both of us came from Pittsburgh before entering Cornell. He remembered a high school football match between our two schools resulting in a final score of 69-0 against his team. Funny how you remember these things. On a different note, we debated whether the president's job at a world-class university (like Cornell) is more complicated than the CEO position in a large corporation. The breadth and diversity of the components far exceed the typical functional "silos" found in a commercial enterprise. A consistent favorite at all Reunions is the performance of the cappella singing groups. Jay Treadwell put together a program including all the male groups on campus, starting with the Sherwoods. We were entertained at our Friday dinner by the Cayuga's Waiters, followed by the Hangovers at our picnic lunch. Thanks again, Jay.

A special event, the Ice Cream Lickoff, took place Friday evening during "afterglow." **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank** hosted this event, matching local competitors against the Cornell Dairy products. Predictably, the Cornell products, in a blind tasting, prevailed, but then we were not surprised. Hunter Rawlings, perhaps the only three-time president of a major university, gave a well-received address on the State of the University. In his presentation, he explained that the American "system" of higher education was the best in the world, precisely because there is no system! At our final Saturday night dinner, **Bill Eaton** and Marshall Frank gave the results of their efforts: our 55th Reunion fundraising campaign stands at a record \$26.3 million, versus our goal of \$27 million (and

the tally is not complete), and we have 62 Tower Club donors, versus our goal of 61.

Sunday morning Ken Blanchard conducted his final "Refire" session. Ken provided a thoughtful and encompassing checklist that each of us can use daily to achieve our life goals. **Andy Algava**, **Bill Eaton**, and **Ginny Buchanan** Clark each presented their own experiences pursuing a personal passion. We thank **Peter Greenberg** again for serving our class so well for five years. Pauline Degenfelder presented Peter with a recognition gift for his sustained service. Following the report from the nominating committee chaired by **Pat Laux** Richards, we welcomed **Dick Tatlow**, BCE '62, as our new class president. Please visit our class website (<http://www.cornell61.org>), managed capably by **Larry Wheeler**. It contains a wealth of information including a complete list of our class officers and council members. And a late breaking news announcement: Rosanna Frank received the 2016 Helen Bull Vandervort award for "significant achievement and contribution to the profession and community." It is the highest honor bestowed upon Human Ecology alumni. Congratulations, Rosanna!

Despite all the positive actions and events of Reunion, we were saddened to hear that our classmate **George Malti**, JD '63, had passed away several weeks earlier. **Sue Williams** Stevens and I agreed to devote the next two upcoming class columns in the *Alumni Magazine* strictly to our Reunion. I believe we have enough stories and anecdotes to fill these columns, BUT we need your help. While your memories are fresh, please send a brief e-mail to us: **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; or **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 Have you organized yourself and your friends to meet on the Hill June 8-11, 2017 to join our 55th Reunion festivities? To help with Reunion planning, contact **Neil Schilke**, MME '64 (neroschilke@aol.com). The class website is www.cornellclassof62.org. Please send an e-mail to **Nancy Williams** Clark, MEd '64 (nwc8@cornell.edu) if you are interested in participating in the art show planned to showcase classmates' art at Reunion. Nancy or **Willa Radin** Swiller will then call you to arrange further details.

John Neuman (JLN16@cornell.edu) is employed on two active fronts. He continues on the Johnson School faculty, teaching a management practicum course providing major corporation experiences to teams of four or five working on strategically important opportunities/threats. He writes, "Grades are half from the clients and half from the faculty. In addition, I do guest lectures at other universities and colleges including Cornell. On the second front, I work directly on management consulting projects through the international firm, 1492 Consulting Group. Volunteer work includes board work in Tompkins County for the Chamber of Commerce, the Cayuga Medical Center and Cayuga Health System, and the Sciencenter." John's wife, **Carolyn (Chauncey) '64**, continues a very active Cornell volunteer life in many roles. The Neumans have lived on the west shore of Cayuga Lake—"a piece of God's country"—for the last 14 years. "In the weeks ahead, we will be moving to Kendal, a wonderful continuing care living environment that has a vibrant and extraordinary culture of hundreds of residents. We will retain the lake-shore property through rentals, but not in the heart of the summer when kids and grandkids (and granddogs) come

to play and frolic. Our kids/grandkids live elsewhere with daughter **Nancy Neuman '90** and her family of four in Burr Ridge, IL, and son **Scott Neuman '93**, MBA '99, and his family of five in Prague—for a four-year stint with IBM. Nancy's husband, Kevin Kotecki, is an entrepreneur and owner of two white-tea organic brands in national distribution—Inko's and Blue Buddha. Very healthy indeed."

From St. George, Switzerland, **Jackie Browne** Bugnion (jackie@bugnion.org) writes, "I make systematic efforts to bring about tax reform for Americans residing abroad through contact with the House Ways and Means and the Senate Finance committees, and by writing articles on the topic for *Tax Notes*." Jackie and Jean-Robert enjoy their retirement and watching their three grandchildren grow up. A tribute to **Bob Adamowski** was received from **John Baker '64** (johnbaker@att.net): "It was always great to be in an Eight with Bob. As a sophomore I coxed the junior varsity. Bob, a senior, up there toward the bow, was a quiet, no-nonsense worker whom I really appreciated as a teammate. He helped make us a very good crew. Years later we had a wonderful time catching up on the years after Cornell. Bob was one hell of an interesting guy, with all his differing business exploits. I was fortunate to know him."

Robert and **Gunilla Lieberman** (RHL10@cornell.edu) remain in Ithaca, where he teaches physics at Cornell. His newest novel, *The Boys of Traxton*, has just been published, and he's completing a new film set in Cambodia. Son **Boris '90** is an attorney in San Francisco. Son **Zorba '87**, MBA '92, an entrepreneur, is married to **Kristi (Levine) '90**.

William Walters (bwalters@sover.net) and wife Christine own a clothing store in Grafton, VT. His first book, *Bill's Mutterings*, is, he says, "a collection of convoluted, dysfunctional, strange, weird, off-the-wall, random writings serving absolutely no purpose at all except to please me." Bill (aka "Bi") is currently working on a second book covering his 25 years with Saab—"which brought me the most fun I could ever imagine."

Denver, CO, is home to **Michael**, MD '66, and **Vicki Vine Earnest '64**, where they "cope with the infirmities of aging." Michael (mpearnest@comcast.net) is doing health development in Haiti and gun violence injury prevention in Colorado. "Life in our 70s is interesting—it's hard to believe we are this old," writes **Liz Belsky Stiel** (llstiel@att.net) from La Jolla, CA. **Les '60** and **Liz** have been traveling to Paris for the month of September for the past dozen years, from which they have taken short trips to Vienna, Krakow, Munich, Berlin, and London. **Pete '61** and **Cathy Van Buren Bomberger** (cathybomb@gmail.com) enjoyed a cruise from Charleston to Jackson on the Intracoastal Waterway. Cathy attended her Kappa pledge class reunion at the Adirondack Club in May. It sounds like they are planning to attend Reunion in June. Are you?

Ellie Clark sent news of the passing of her husband, **James S. Clark III**, in August 2015. **Ron Demer '59** forwards news of **Alex Steinbergh** (asteinbergh@rcg-llc.com), who writes, "I am still working at RCG-LLC in real estate development and investment, in Greater Boston, Los Angeles, and Asheville, NC. We are coming out with our 11th investment fund later this month; if there are any classmates seeking such kind of investments, let me know. My wife, Rebecca, is working on her second book and hopes to be finished in a year. Our daughter Wren is studying Japanese in Osaka, and my granddaughter Cheyenne is studying to be a veterinary technician in Cape Coral, FL." Let your

classmates hear from you! ■ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Doris Grayson Kitson retired at the end of January 2015 and is taking better care of her health. She writes, "I'm making organic veggie juice, playing tennis, and traveling. One of the best decisions I ever made is retiring!"

Lee Leonard is a retired politics and government reporter at the Ohio Statehouse. "I recently read a manuscript for the U. of Akron Press and I do a lot of volunteer church work. I went to Homecoming in September for the unveiling of the capital expansion at the Lambda Chi Alpha house on Edgemoor Lane. I also co-authored a biography of the late four-term Ohio governor, James A. Rhodes, which won an Ohioana Library Assn. award as book of the year for 2015 in the category of Ohio History/Person. The title is *James A. Rhodes, Ohio Colossus*, published by Kent State U. Press. While at Cornell I attended the Dakota Staton concert at Barton Hall in 1960. Our class distributed a CD of it and I lost mine. Are there any lying around?" **Arthur** and **Mare Resnikoff** wrote last fall that they were spending a few days in London before traveling to Provence to stay with friends whom they met years ago in Japan but who now live in Antwerp. "The world seems to get smaller both electronically and through contacts. We found individuals so helpful in London—one Underground ticket agent patiently explained why we should not buy the more expensive ticket, but the less expensive one."

Since retiring from the USDA five years ago, **Horace "Tal" Day** has been able to devote additional time to administration of the artistic estates of his parents, Elizabeth Nottingham and Horace Day. In March, Tal and Barbara attended a ceremony at the Library of Virginia in Richmond that honored Elizabeth as one of eight women commemorated in 2016 for contributions to the history and culture of the commonwealth. In May, during an exhibition of Horace Day's South Carolina urban and rural landscapes at the Greenville County Museum of Art in Greenville, SC, Tal spoke about the influence of his father's upbringing in the China mission field for his attachment to the landscape and architecture of the South Carolina Lowcountry. When not so engaged, Tal and Barbara enjoy spending time at their home in Virginia's Northern Neck. He is also active in local history organizations in Alexandria, VA.

Scott Orcutt, PhD '69, writes, "My wife, **Adrienne "Adie" (Bowditch)**, MS '68, and I have been living in the continuing care retirement community of Kendal at Oberlin in Ohio for the past six and a half years and have been loving it here. Adie had to live in the community's skilled nursing center for the past eight months before finally succumbing to Lewy body dementia." **Bob Epstein** lives in New York City and is special counsel in the law firm of Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard LLP. He wrote a novel called *The 78 Fortune*, which he says is a "humorous look at the music business in New York City in the late 1970s." It is available on Amazon.com and Kindle. One of the best decisions he ever made was going to Cornell. I think a lot of us feel the same way, Bob.

Marty and **Dianne Flannery Lustig '66** live in Prairie Village, KS. Marty states, "I've discovered a great way to use all the practical knowledge I gained after 50 years of engineering: I started a handyman business! I typically take on projects

that others have tried, and for whatever reason were not successful at. That's just the challenge a Cornell Electrical Engineer loves! And Dianne is currently refinishing the kitchen cabinets in our daughter's home. We have five grandchildren within one mile and two grandchildren in Colorado. We just returned from three weeks in South America enjoying good food and wine with 'A Cooks Tour,' based in Seattle. One of the best decisions I ever made was falling in love with my wife, who I saw

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Bev Johns Lamont '64

for the first time in Mann Library in October 1963. Fortunately it was raining hard that night, and Dianne was willing to let me drive her to Donlon. The rest is 52 years of (mostly) bliss."

Lawrence Leyking (Poway, CA) says, "I retired in 2000 after 37 years in engineering, computer, and management positions with several companies. Beth and I have two children, Melissa and Randall, whom we visit often in Los Angeles and Minden, NV. One of the best decisions I ever made was to obtain a Cornell EE degree in 1964 after five years of study, and to marry my wife. The best concert I ever attended at Cornell was Ray Charles." Lawrence would like to hear from **Bill Howard**, BEE '64, MS '65. **Daniel Daly** is still busy with his real estate holdings in Shrewsbury, MA. His and his wife have 15 grandchildren.

Don't forget two things—e-mail me your news and put June 7-10, 2018 on your calendars for our 55th Reunion. ■ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

64 Charles Luther, heretofore not in this column, is a retired Denver-based bank president who still lives in the area with wife Nancy. Charlie writes that he's still running and coaching youth ice hockey programs, which he's been doing for the past 47 years. **Wayne Wetzel** is managing director of Excalibur Management Corp., a Newton, MA-based investment company servicing high-net-worth individuals, families, trusts, and estates. **Edward Martin Jr.**, retired chairman of the physics and engineering science department at Monroe Community College in Rochester, now lives in nearby rural Honeoye Falls, NY.

Phylis Polakoff Fogelson, a retired public relations executive who was last in this column 23 years ago, writes that she now lives in Palm Beach, FL, where she's into travel, philanthropy, golf (which she only took up after husband James died in 1991), and time with her family. She recently returned from a trip with the whole family to South America, including Argentina and Chile. **Charles Wachs**, last here in 1995, still runs his own business, Wachs Water Services, based in Buffalo Grove, IL, which provides asset and business management services to municipal water utilities nationwide. Charlie and wife Ela enjoy travel and cruising on their yacht. Recently, their son got his PhD and their daughter graduated from college.

Toby Rice Goldberg and husband Bob both retired in 2003 (she from her position as an elementary school principal, he from a career in high rise commercial architecture) and now enjoy "the best of both worlds." The Goldbergs shuttle (their term) between two homes: a house in suburban Huntington on Long Island and an apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. The couple also travel extensively. "We're trying to visit the farthest away and most exotic locales while we still

have the stamina to do so." Lately their ventures have included Vietnam, Egypt, China, Kenya and Tanzania, Turkey, Israel, and Cuba. Toby notes that they're also fortunate that their two children and grandchildren live in NYC. Son **Geoffrey '89** and his wife, Carina, had a son three years ago, while daughter **Elyse Goldberg Goodman** and husband **Ted**, both Class of '91, have two teenage boys. Toby's comment: "Life is good."

Peter Jessel, MS '66, recently retired from his position as a faculty member of Cornell's School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), where he was most recently director of the Master of Engineering program. Then, last April, he and wife Rhonda moved from Ithaca to Bethesda, MD, to be close to their son, **Matt '03**, ME '04, MBA '05, and grandson. Rhonda took a job with Amtrak as senior VP, finance, once they made the move. **Thomas Kahn** still runs the brokerage he founded, managing, he says, "a little under a billion of stocks with a contrarian value approach." His son also joined the firm. Tom learned investment early: while an undergrad, he was business manager of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. He and wife Marilyn live near Central Park in NYC. **Anne Finch-Fakundiny**, who lives in Rensselaer, NY, with husband Robert, keeps busy hiking, gardening, paddling (a canoe?), playing piano, photoshopping, and puttering—"Wasting time without guilt," she says. Anne also keeps up with music and theatre. She prefers travel that doesn't involve having to fly ("Can't stand airports").

Toby Kleban Levine and husband Andy, who still live in Stockbridge, MA, are very actively retired, much of her effort being Cornell-related. Toby writes, "I'm happily retired (from my consulting company in educational media), but stay extremely busy both in the Berkshires and in Southwest Florida. I am currently chairing a TED Talk type of event for September, BerkshireSPEAKS 2016, and I edit our temple bulletin, tutor in ESL, serve on the board of the Cornell Club of the Berkshires, and participate in CAAAN and CUC. And in my spare time, I quilt." Toby goes on, "After renting in the Naples, FL, area for seven years, we finally bought a condo in 2015 and have spent five very happy and busy months there this year. We have a very active Cornell Alumni Association of Southwest Florida and I've been arranging monthly breakfasts for PCCW members in the area. We took a wonderful Cornell Alumni Assn. Travel Program trip to Vietnam last year and took a Danube River cruise in May. Our daughters are both New England-based, so

we see them fairly often, along with our son-in-law and now 12-year-old grandson."

Nina Talkoff Rubin, who lives in Brookline, MA, with husband Robert, keeps busy with both her jobs. Nina writes that she's still working full-time as medical director of dialysis and transplantation at Massachusetts General Hospital, and as a professor at Harvard Medical School. She notes that her challenge is coping with a new electronic medical program, EPIC. **Ken**, JD '71, and **Patty Geer Kupchak '67** left their Oahu, HI, home last June for Ithaca to attend the 45th anniversary of Ken's law school class. From Ithaca, they went first to Norway for two weeks' exploring, then on to Greece for a week-long cruise on a client's yacht from Athens to Venice. Early this year, they went hiking in Death Valley, CA, quite a contrast to their moist sea breezes at home.

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

65 The news this issue starts with sadness: **Joe Ryan**, a dedicated member of our class, died in June. Many of us knew him well, and I asked **George Arangio**, MD '69, and **Steve Appell**, two of his valued friends, to write some of their reflections about his life.

From Steve (Brooklyn, NY; BigRed1965@aol.com): "Joe Ryan personified Cornell, first as a fellow IJR student and as an all-Ivy center on our football team. He distinguished himself in the Navy and in community affairs in Buffalo. He got me involved in alumni activities and was always a friend, mentor, and hero. Joe was idealistic, but had an uncanny way of applying his ideals to get practical results and encourage others to do the same. He fought off incredible adversity to make myriad contributions to humankind. He gave added meaning to the words courage and compassion. To quote Hamlet, 'He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again.'"

From George (Fogelsville, PA; casarangio@aol.com): "Joe Ryan was a leader. He was courageous and met challenges and endured. Joe said, 'My life is about more than football,' and so it was. He was instrumental in the formation of the Cornell Football Assn. and the Cornell Veterans Memorial. Joe gave his time and treasure to our class and was a significant voice for disabled veterans and troubled people who passed his way. His life reflects his love for his neighbor. Joe walked the talk. He will be remembered, and the ripples from his life go on."

Sharing in the celebration of Joe's life with me were Steve, **George Norman** (Williamsburg, VA; gcnorman@aol.com), **Bob Baker** (info@theshoe guys.com), and George and Judy Arangio. I want to acknowledge that Joe's ability to accomplish so much after his bicycling accident was immeasurably helped by the love, support, caregiving, and advocacy of his wife, Eileen. Her intelligence, serene composure, and management of their daily life was the hallmark of unparalleled devotion. To read Joe's obit, go to: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/obituaries/joseph-e-ryan-former-city-planning-chief-20160620>.

A man of action in our class is **Sam Sage**, who was featured in the *Empire Magazine* of the *Syracuse Post-Standard*. He initiated the lawsuit forcing

Onondaga Lake to be cleaned up. Sam was a CAAAN volunteer for many years and often mentors Cornell interns. **Elizabeth Pavka**, MS HE '81 (Asheville, NC; drpavka@elizabethpavka.com) has a practice in holistic nutrition and serves on the faculty of Hawthorn U. Distance Learning Program in health and nutrition education. Her work includes designing an undergraduate course called Healthy Aging. Singing is a joy in her life. She has sung and traveled in Europe and has been singing in the Asheville Choral Society for 30 years. Other travel adventures took her to visit shamans in the mountains of Peru. Elizabeth enjoys four teenage grandchildren. The Write Wisdom company of **Loren Stephens** (Los Angeles, CA; lorenstephens@attglobal.net) continues to grow with an interesting roster of clients. "We are ghosting books and publishing them under the Provenance Press imprint," she writes. Loren adds, "*Paris Nights: My Year at the Moulin Rouge* by Cliff Simon with Loren Stephens launched July 15." Cliff will have a book signing at the Corner Bookstore in NYC on October 4.

Penny Skitol Haitkin (NYC; psh3@cornell.edu) recently took a Cornell's Adult University theatre trip to London, and once again gives high marks to the variety of excellent CAU trips offered on and off campus throughout the year. Cars and trucks continue to be a passion in **Alvon Macauley's** life (amacauley1@nycap.rr.com). Alvon and his wife, Pam, live in Cambridge, NY, where he remains active in historic truck clubs and also volunteers as a SCCA pit marshall for sports car races. "I own and show my three old fire trucks, probably partly due to my 47 years as a member and past chief of our local fire department." Alvon comments that he had a great time at our 50th Reunion last year. Pam and he welcomed their first grandson a year ago.

"Love to fix, build, putter, and cook," writes **Richard Most** (drmostmd@gmail.com). Spouse Carol and Richard live in East Hills, NY, and travel often. They also enjoy two children and four grandchildren. Richard teaches residents pediatric ophthalmology at Mount Sinai Hospital and adds, "I'm still rowing." He'd like to hear from **John Rothschild**, MD '69, and says that Prof. Healy, who taught Brit Lit, had the greatest impact on him. **Tove Hasselriis** Abrams (West Sayville, NY; tove60@gmail.com) is working hard doing physical therapy for a right knee replacement. "Reunion was great, except for walking on a rotten knee, but that's been taken care of!" We all thank Tove for her excellent Reunion photography. She continues to do video as well as nature photography. "Are there any other Trekkies going to the Star Trek Convention in England in October?" Tove plans to be there! She sings with the Babylon Chorale and Baffa Chorus.

Please send your travel adventures, career updates, retirement reports, and family news via e-mail to: **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; or **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

66 Our 50th Reunion was all we were promised and more. Our heartfelt thanks to the Reunion committee: **Alice Katz** Berglas, **Jeanne Brown**

Sander, Rolf Frantz, ME '67, and **Mary Jansen** Everett. Thank you also to the class council for all their input. From the moment we arrived, we could see changes to the campus, and throughout the weekend we embraced those changes. We

were embraced in both the history and newness of campus buildings, spending time in the new, the renovated, and the old.

Our traditional first night ice cream party was not in the dorm but in the renovated and expanded Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall. After sampling a variety of Cornell-made ice creams, including one named for our class, we were able to visit the observation floor and see the production lines. Staff provided

a history and explanation of the processes, right down to what they feed the Cornell cows producing the milk. The only thing absent was the Tetrapak! The technical reason for its absence was also explained. At our Friday breakfast, the Thriving Red Campaign for our 50th Reunion was acknowledged with a plaque presentation. The five West Campus houses will receive plaques. Our original goal was well exceeded, and this student assistance project will thrive. On to our now-famous forum. Professors Isaac Kramnick and Nicholas Salvatore updated us on changes in the nation and the campus, with a focus on Cornell's adapting.

Our Friday afternoon "Taste of Ithaca" was more than expected. Each vendor spoke first about their business, what they do, how they do it, and interactions between farm and business—for example, the cheese maker's whey going into feed on the pig farm. The actual tasting presentation was wonderful and gave us a chance to interact with many classmates as we wandered the tent. Friday dinner gave us entry to the Bartels Hall athletic building to dine and dance. Saturday gave us a chance to attend our choice of group discussions in the dorm, college or university activities, and rejoining as a class for our indoor "picnic." Ithaca weather being what it is, severe storms had been forecast, so all outdoor programs were moved inside, even the beer tents. The day turned sunny, hot, and humid after a few showers. For us, being together was what mattered. Class traditions included the Sherwoods (with several '66ers still part of the group) singing at both the Saturday picnic and Sunday breakfast.

Saturday evening, we were back to Bartels for our final class dinner. A slate of class officers was presented for the next five-year period. The dorm was a great base, giving classmates time to connect and just sit and talk in the lounge over a cup of coffee, a glass of wine, or snacks. Late afternoon or late into the evening, we gathered, talked, shared, remembered, and paid tribute to those no longer here. One tribute was the "**Jon Siegel** Ultimate Gourmet Guru Joy, Jubilation, Just-about-everything-you-ever-wanted-to-snack-on (healthy or not) Tasting Table."

We have a new roster of class officers: co-presidents **Rolf Frantz** and **John Monroe**, PhD '70; presidential counselor **Alice Katz** Berglas; VPs **Ed Arbaugh** and **Ivan Wolff**; treasurer **Bill Maxfield**; membership chair **Judith Kurtz** Polcer; networking chair **Mary Jansen** Everett; on-campus liaison **Ralph Janis**; class council coordinator **Sue Stern** Korn, BS HE '65. Their e-mail addresses can be found on the website.

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Richard Most '65

And now, a word from your new co-presidents: "Now that our wonderful 50th Reunion is over, we'd like to offer a note of gratitude to Alice Katz Berglas, Jeanne Sander, and Mary Jansen Everett, and to all those who pitched in to make it a moving and memorable weekend celebrating what was actually our 54th year after first meeting as a class. We want to offer a special note of thanks to Alice for her vision, passion, and untiring efforts on behalf of the Class of '66 and Cornell. Thanks to Alice's efforts, we have a strong foundation for continuing to deepen our ties to our grand institution and with one another. We are especially delighted with the impact our class gifts have had on campus life. When you get to campus, stop by Becker House for a house dinner on Wednesday night, or spend a few minutes in the lounge, watching students enjoy the environment our gifts have helped create. The Class of '66 Thriving Red will make the West Campus an even more enjoyable and stimulating place to live and visit in the years to come. Thanks to everyone for their support. See you in 2021!" Send news to: [Susan Rockford](mailto:Susan.Rockford@cornell.edu) Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; [Pete Salinger](mailto:pete.sal@verizon.net), pete.sal@verizon.net; [Deanne Gebell](mailto:Deanne.Gebell@cornell.edu) Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

67 "For the past 34 years I have been a professor at the U. of Washington," **Stephen Warren** (Seattle, WA; sgw@uw.edu) reports, "teaching atmospheric physics and glaciology and researching the roles of snow, clouds, and sea ice in climate, including fieldwork in the Arctic and Antarctic. Now partly retired, I have made my first venture into social science, with a paper in *Earth's Future* entitled 'Can human populations be stabilized?' Among other things, it explains that UN population projections are based on a logical fallacy. It's available at <http://online.library.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2014EF000275/pdf>, or you can ask me for a copy. Any feedback is welcome. Next year's Reunion will be the first one for me; I'm looking forward to reconnecting."

Larry Reich (Auburn, MA; lreich@aol.com) writes, "After my first 44 years in private practice by myself, I closed my dental office and joined a multi-dentist facility just down the street from my closed office. I got tired of private practice and wanted to have continuity for my patients when I was ready to retire. After my wife of 41 years, Marcia (Keuka College '67), died in 2011, it was two years before I began to seek a social life again. A patient of mine introduced me to a wonderful younger woman with whom I ski, travel, and hike and we are planning our lives together." As for good decisions: "It was a cold night in fall 1966 when, in the middle of my first term of P-Chem, I realized that my life's goal of being a chemist wasn't going to work. I started thinking of other possible goals, and thought about dentistry for the first time. Including dental school, that decision has kept me busy for the ensuing 49 years." Larry adds, "I don't remember too many concerts: I was studying in the Libe most weekends. But I do remember Donovan getting booed off the stage."

Douglas Shore (Atlanta, GA; dlshore2660@gmail.com) writes, "I retired after selling our business some years ago, but continue to serve on the boards of a community newspaper business, the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State U., and the KSU Foundation. Had dinner with **Ben**

Fischer (McLean, VA; benbf@msn.com) last month when he was in Atlanta speaking on two panels during the Int'l Studies Assn. conference. Had not seen Ben for about ten years and it was good to catch up." **Ann Savishinsky** Epstein (Ann Arbor, MI; annsestein@att.net) writes, "Retired after 40 years of research and curriculum development in early childhood education at High Scope Foundation. Enjoying second career as a writer. My novel *On the Shore* will be published by Vine Leaves Press in April 2017. Forever indebted to **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** and CDFR 115, reading and critiquing primary source material as a first-term freshman."

Robert Goodman, PhD '73 (Somerset, NJ; rgoodman150@gmail.com) keeps busy with "thousands of students, hundreds of faculty, and new hires—dynamic university in growth mode—and serious budget challenges." He is the executive dean of agricultural and natural resources and of the school of environmental and biological sciences at Rutgers U., New Brunswick, NJ, where he is also executive director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. He adds that his mother, **Janet Pond Goodman '43**, is "alive and doing OK at 94." **Elizabeth "Libby" Roth** (Palo Alto, CA; eroth@gcalaw.com) reports, "I am now senior counsel at my law firm, GCA Law Partners. I am in a program at Stanford—the Distinguished Careers Inst. It has been (and is) an amazing and wonderful experience. Check it out: <http://dci.stanford.edu/dci-fellows-and-partners>. I hope some Class of 1967 folks will become DCI Fellows or Partners at Stanford next year—apply now! I am part of what I hope will become a huge movement for extended learning and community involvement. Any lawyers or English professors who might be interested: late life rebirth!" Libby adds, "I enjoyed my literature classes, but now I am really understanding them. Come out West for a year of stimulating redirection!"

Jeff Benjamin (Nyack, NY; Jeffbnj@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still actively engaged and learning after coming out of retirement three and a half years ago to become general counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer at Avon Products Inc. in NYC. Betsy and I have five grandchildren between the ages of 1 and 4-1/2," he adds. As for who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell: "Prof. Donald Kagan, who taught Ancient History, was the best!" **Lonetta Swartout** (Cooperstown, NY; find@cooperstownstay.com) says, "I'm very occupied with my two businesses: Cooperstown Stay Inc. and Canoe & Kayak Rentals and Sales Ltd. My two children, now in their 30s, are involved in both businesses. Looking forward to connecting with friends at our 50th Reunion next year!"

As we approach the 50th, class VP and co-Reunion chair **Judy Silverman** Kaufman asks you to send her any kind of memorabilia for use in a display at our upcoming Reunion in June 2017; photos, posters, regalia, and other items from our years on the Hill are all welcomed. E-mail (judy.kauf@optonline.net) or write to her at: 162 Mill Brook Rd., Stamford, CT 06902. [Richard Hoffman](mailto:Richard.Hoffman@erols.com), 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 We've heard from a classmate who is sharing his life with a celebrity. **David De Porte's** guide dog, Ven, has been deemed a "Living Legend" by NYC's Animal Medical Center and was honored in May at the Harmonie Club. David has fond memories of Pete Seeger's on-campus concert and feels

moving back to NYC after graduation was one of his best life decisions. E-mail me if you want to contact David.

Frances Milberg (fmilberg@gmail.com) is active as a board member at St. Mark's Church in NYC, where she works on space projects and is active on her condo board. Frances loves living in NYC, where she frequently attends the opera, theatre, museums, movies, dance, and world-renowned restaurants. **Luke "Dick" Belsito** (dickbelsito14@gmail.com) and his wife, Judy, live in Bellair, IL, and Dick has been retired since January 2011. He credits coaching icon Ned Harkness and Ag school professors **Wendell Earle**, PhD '50, and Earl Brown as having a great impact on his life.

Susan Mascette Brandt (susanmbrandt@gmail.com) and husband Bill followed their sons and their "delicious grandchildren" to Sharon, MA, after practicing law for 30 years in Rochester, NY. Sue's law partners included our own **Pete Smith**, JD '71, and **Jack Eisenberg**. We're glad Sue is planning to attend our 50th—it will be her first Reunion since our 10th. You can attend our 50th even if you've never been to Reunion before. **Charlie Smith** (deaconcharlie@hotmail.com) and wife Marion live in Marcellus, NY. Since his retirement in 2011, Charlie has been active in church government and committee work and in Rotary, where he is both a youth exchange officer and president-elect. Charlie's other hobbies include singing in a barbershop quartet, traveling, bowling, golf, fly-fishing, and photography. Charlie has three daughters (a doctor, a teacher, and a dentist) and six grandchildren (not employed yet). **Cheryl Card Williams** (CherylWilliams47@gmail.com) now lives near her daughter and two grandchildren in Appleton, WI, after 45 years in Denver. Her two sons and two more grandchildren live in California, but the high COL makes Wisconsin a productive environment for her writing. You can find her book *Grandma Cheryl's Diaries* on Amazon. Cheryl thanks Prof. Walter Berns for his good advice that dissuaded her from going to law school.

Sharon Solwitz (ssolwitz@hotmail.com) teaches creative writing to "great students" at Purdue U. She's currently revising her novel *Once, in Lourdes*, published by Random House. Sharon is looking forward to the wedding of her son, as well as her trip to Mexico in June and a visit from former classmate **Lew Zipin**. **Robert Brandon**, BArch '69 (rbrandon@comcast.net) lives in Boston, MA. Bob sold his business, but continues a part-time practice, which gives him more time for tennis, skiing, swimming, attending lectures, and traveling. Bob spent six weeks of this past winter traveling through Australia, New Zealand, and Tahiti. **Alan Stoll**, MPA '70 (stollam@aol.com) and wife Nina live in Paxton, MA. Three grandchildren in Boston and two in California have brought "a wonderful new dimension" to their lives. **Rick Golding** (goldinrl@delhi.edu) and wife Evelyn live in Mechanicville, NY. Rick is an associate professor and coordinator of SUNY Delhi at Schenectady County Community College Hospitality BBA Partnership and expects to retire in a few years, when he'll do more community service and home projects. **Aurelio Tio** (Maineville, OH) is doing "lots of travel" in retirement, which includes the joys of visiting his five grandchildren.

Roger Stetter (RAStetter@bellsouth.net) and wife Barbara live in New Orleans, LA. The Stettters report, with pride, that their son, **Jack '09**, is working on his doctoral dissertation in philosophy at the Université Paris in Saint-Denis, France. **Jerri Levitz** and wife Pamela were particularly proud

parents as their son, Jason, was honored as a “Super Hero Saving Lives” by the American Cancer Society NWNJ Chapter at its annual Starry Night Gala in May. Of course, Jerry’s family and friends, including Cornellians **Barbara Levitz** Lindheim ’69 and your humble class correspondent, were there to recognize Jason’s outstanding achievement. Great to hear your news. Send in a news form or e-mail me directly: [Chuck Levitan](mailto:Chuck.Levitan@cornell.edu), clevitan22@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

69 Hope you all enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to a beautiful autumn.

Cathy Weisman Topal, early childhood art education specialist at Smith College, is “having a great time with six grandchildren.” She is still doing professional development work with schools

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Gary Rubin ’72

and is developing a website (www.thinkingwitha.com). She would love to do more “playing” outdoors and would like to hear from **Suzanne Weitz** and **Judy Lehr**. **Richard Lysle** is proud of daughter Lily Rae, who is in her second year at Cornell Law. **David Stone** is teaching full time at Savannah College of Art and Design and is publishing a book for research (out August 2016) called *Hollywood Sound Design and Moviesound Newsletter: A Case Study at the end of the Analog Age*. He would like to hear from **David Mitchell**, BFA ’69, and credits painting Prof. Peter Kahn with having the biggest impact on him while at Cornell.

Ron Frers, a clinical sports massage therapist in St. Petersburg, FL, is retired and concentrating solely on his private practice. He is transferring from specializing in sports/rehab modalities to craniosacral therapy to work in the Autism spectrum, concussive injuries, and PTSD. He’d love to hear from **Dick Erati**. Ron says he has a “lovely partner” in Linda, three wonderful sons and their spouses, and six fantastic grandchildren. He writes, “I’m a very fortunate man.” **Sara Weisblatt** Schastok retired in October and is now president and CEO of the Evanston (IL) Community Foundation and serves as senior philanthropic advisor. Her daughter graduated from U. of Chicago in 2015 and is now living in Spain. Son and daughter-in-law are in Chicago and, Sara writes, “we are enjoying our first grandchild.” She recently met fellow Cornellian **Susan Solovy** Mulder ’70, MAT ’72, who lives in Evanston.

Peter Fried retired from Bell Labs and General Dynamics in 2013 and is currently teaching physics at NYU and working with a Cornell team on 3D computer vision. He enjoys spending time with the children and four grandchildren, sailing, biking, and traveling. **Rob Kaufelt**, owner of Murray’s Cheese in Greenwich Village, has 265 stores nationally and is growing. “We are well on our way to building the first national chain of specialty cheese shops.” Saw your wares in Scottsdale, Rob.

Wife Nina is expecting their fourth child this fall, and he would like to hear from any of the Tau Delta Phi brothers, Class of ’69. **Fred Wege** retired in 2008 after 38 years in the insurance business and currently proudly serves on the board of directors of Security Mutual Insurance Co., based in Ithaca. He gets to Ithaca often and spends half the year in Ballston Lake, NY, and the other half near Myrtle Beach. He and Maureen recently celebrated their 25th anniversary and have four daughters and five grandchildren.

Steve Marx recently welcomed his fourth grandchild, daughter of **Emily Marx Perl** ’04 and husband **Matt** ’04. Both son and daughter each have a son and daughter. “Such symmetry.” **David Shannon** is self-employed as a remuneration consultant in Auckland, New Zealand, and recently traveled to Chile, Bolivia, Peru, and Machu Picchu. **Jeffrey Olesen** (Sarasota, FL) is a busy guy. He writes, “Although I retired from the Foreign Serv-

ice in 2012 thinking I had had enough, within a year I was doing temporary assignments. Summer 2013, I was in Adana, Turkey, working with the Syrian Transition Assistance Response Team for three months. Then last summer I spent almost four months in Luxembourg as the Embassy’s deputy chief of mission. Then off to Kyiv, Ukraine, for a month filling a staffing gap. Now in Vienna filling another staffing gap as the Counselor for Management for the three US missions here. I had served in Vienna for three years, 2007-10, so this is sort of a homecoming. Vienna never changes much, so it seems like I had never left.” Jeffrey is the luncheon program VP for a very active Cornell Club in Saratoga and sends “regards to all.”

Feel free to elaborate when sending in your “notes”—something between *War and Peace* and “enjoying retirement” would be most welcome. Enjoy the holidays. [Tina Economaki](mailto:Tina.Economaki@gmail.com) Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

70 The Cornell campus is once again bustling with the arrival of new students from the Class of 2020, as well as the returning upperclassmen in late August. What a joyous and exciting time to be on the Hill. In years ahead, we will be gathering in Ithaca for Reunions with members of the Class of 2020. Speaking of which, our 50th Reunion will be celebrated from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7, 2020.

Since 1993, **Mina Dulcan** (m_dulcan@northwestern.edu) has been head of the department of child and adolescent psychiatry at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital (formerly Children’s Memorial Hospital). She is also working at the Northwestern U. School of Medicine, where she is both the Margaret C. Osterman Professor of Child Psychiatry and professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and pediatrics. She lives in Chicago with

her husband, Richard. Mina is a prolific author, editor, and writer. Her most recent books are the second edition of *Dulcan’s Textbook of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* and the fourth edition of *Helping Parents and Teachers Understand Medications for Behavioral and Emotional Problems*. **Steven Beck** (sbeck778@earthlink.net) and his wife, Jackie, have moved from Brooklyn to Seattle, where they plan to fully retire. Steven sends all the best to former roomies **Mike**, MS Ag ’72, and **Barbara Fuchs Turell** ’69 in Maryland and **Calvin**, MD ’74, and **Susan Wong** in Hawaii.

Jack Kimple (Redding, CA; jackkimple@gmail.com) retired in December 2014 after 35 years as a family doctor. He is enjoying life to its fullest measure. That includes time with his nine grandchildren and some travel to Hawaii, Mexico, and Turkey, as well as a bike trip to Hungary. Jack would like to hear from **Paul Vizcarrondo** and **Mike Hanrahan**. The most valuable thing he learned during his Cornell experience was that “an active intellectual life increases the interest in the gift of your journey through time and space.” **Bill Fogle** is interested in hearing from classmates who are interested in the story of the three tragic fires that struck the Cornell community in spring 1967 during our freshman year in Ithaca. As we all remember, eight students and one faculty member died in the first fire. Bill may be reached by e-mail (bill.fogle@cox.net) or phone (480-641-1137).

From 1970 to 1990, **Robert Klein** (Sound Beach, NY; bobklein@movementsofmagic.com) was involved in environmental education. From 1975 until the present, he has also been a Tai Chi instructor. From 1986 to the present, Bob has owned Artistic Video, a video production company for fitness programs. He and wife Jean have one daughter. They do organic gardening and are involved in Pilates exercise. Bob has written three books, two on Tai Chi and the other a novel. Recently, Bob and Jean visited Ithaca for the first time since he left in June 1970. He says he would also like to meet the infamous Gus, the Greek Grocer. Bob reports that his most valuable experiences while attending Cornell were going through the ‘60s movements, going to a Zen center and a Jung/Esalen group, learning anthropology, and traveling through the jungles of Central America during our summer breaks.

Rick Wholey (Rockford, IL; rick7w@aol.com) teaches Mandarin at Rock Valley College. He is happy to report that he has four grandchildren. Rick loves to run, and his favorite concert while at Cornell was the Beach Boys. Rick would like to hear from his Phi Kappa Sigma brothers. **Sue Degerstrom** Roberts (rsrwoodwrights@gmail.com) and her husband, Dick, are still happily retired and, although they live in Winthrop, WA, seem to be spending more time in Hawaii. They now have three grandchildren, whom Sue loves to look after when she is in Washington. She spends lots of time paddling outrigger canoes, volunteering, and socializing with friends in Washington and Hawaii. Sue said her most valuable skill learned at Cornell was time management! **Lee Krause** and wife Janette (Honedale, PA) recently spent three and a half months in Florida. Lee is semi-retired and says he wishes he could be fully retired and fishing.

In June 2015, **Kenneth Gilstein** (k.gilstein@gmail.com) retired from the State of Hawaii, and he and his wife, Paula, moved to Bowie, MD. Ken is working part time for Spectrum Behavioral Health as a clinical and neuropsychologist. He is also involved in coaching lacrosse for the Bowie Lacrosse Club. Ken reports that on October 1,

2015, he celebrated his 38th wedding anniversary, with the same person! Congrats to Paula and Ken. Their oldest son, Bryan, 34, is a speech and language pathologist for the Sunnyvale, CA, school system. Their middle son, Matthew, 30, is the GM of Rip's Restaurant in Bowie, MD. And their youngest son, Dylan, 26, is the chief administrative coordinator for Easter Seals in San Jose, CA. Ken noted that there were many excellent concerts during his time at Cornell, but his favorite was Simon and Garfunkel. He would like to hear from **Bruce Baird** and **William Knox Flowers III**. From his years at Cornell, Ken values what he learned about interpersonal relationships and how to coach lacrosse from Coach Richie Moran.

As always, check out our various sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Send news to: ✉ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

71 I have just returned to Boston from three stellar days at our 45th Reunion. It was the perfect combination of visiting with old friends and meeting some new friends along the way, attending lectures, and enjoying our beautiful campus in all of its spring/summer glory. One highlight for many of us was our visit with Interim President Hunter Rawlings III and his wife, Elizabeth, who attended our Friday night dinner at the Cornell Plantations Botanical Gardens. On behalf of all of our classmates, I would like to thank **Jan Rothman** for serving as our class president for the past five years, as well as **Barbara Brem** Noveau, **Gilda Klein** Linden, and **David Beale** for their tireless work in planning our Reunion. We had 115 classmates attend Reunion (for a total of 188 attendees).

Dale Cohen, BFA '71 (dale_cohen@yahoo.com) conveyed her thoughts in a note to me. "Visiting Cornell is always a wonderful combination of inspiration and nostalgia. It's beauty remains unparalleled and the shared reminiscences have become more mythic. It's almost as challenging to be alumni as it was to be students there! And so we turn our talents and attention toward the 50th. Yikes! The 'don't-trust-anyone-over-30' Class of '71 will actually be 71 at our next Reunion! How that happened is something even the Cornell brainiacs can't fathom or figure. May we all continue to celebrate this Prime Time of our lives as we segue into that Golden Year. Wishing good health and much joy to all." We were delighted to have many classmates attend Reunion for the first time, including **Alton Baskerville**, **Doris-Elaine "Deb" Butler**, **Nancy Lorenz**, **John Miller**, BArch '75, **Susan Deitz** Milmoie, **Dara Prisamt** Murray, **Deborah Spitz**, **Joanne Trifilo** Stark, **Deiv Salutsikij**, and **Kristin VandenBerg** Whitfield. Here is some correspondence from a few of them.

Dara Prisamt Murray (daralynn_10021@yahoo.com) writes, "From the moment I saw the first Cornell sign (I admit I cried a bit) till the moment I got on the Reunion bus for the ride home, I was totally happy that I made it back. I enjoyed the lectures, the casual gatherings, the dancing to the classic rock of our youth, the New York State wine (haven't wanted a single sip since I got home), and the meals—especially the dinner that reminded me of the old Cornell ratio (sitting at a table with four Cornell men!). It was wonderful to wander around the ever-beautiful campus and to

take a sentimental journey to good old Dickson. Walking up Libe Slope was great (just because I was glad I could!). I even couldn't help myself from leaving a small bit of graffiti on a tempting blackboard in Goldwin Smith! Above all, though, it was lovely getting together with classmates I already knew, and making new friends I hope to keep in contact with and see again. All in all, a great weekend, thanks to everyone who worked so hard to plan and execute our (gulp) 45th Reunion."

John Miller (Johnmiller@msn.com) has traveled a remarkable journey since graduating from Cornell's Architecture program in 1971. After graduation he designed and built the popular Contemporary Trends store in downtown Ithaca and then pursued his career in healthcare architecture. He completed additions at several major academic medical centers across the US. Then, for a short while, his career veered off in a different direction as an executive for American Intermediation Service, the nation's first for-profit mediation service. Moving to Portland, OR, he started his own medical facility development company. In 1991 he married UC Davis horticultural scientist Michelle, and they have a son and two children from her former marriage. At Reunion, he was pleased to reconnect with professor emerita **Bonnie Graham MacDougall '62**, PhD '73, widow of Prof. **Robert MacDougall '62**, BArch '63, PhD '71. Michelle observed that after 25 years of marriage, watching John with other Cornell alums finally put her husband's distinctive character into perspective: he's a Cornellian!

Deiv Salutsikij (deivsalutsikij.consulting@gmail.com) is retired, but still working as a consultant in the hospitality field. He has been very busy with the Cornell Hotel Society of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA region), and arranged his ninth meeting this past February in Iceland. In previous years he has arranged Cornell Hotel Society meetings in St. Petersburg, Russia, Cairo, Paris, and other faraway locations. Deiv is married for the second time and has been enjoying his wife's grandchildren. He has two daughters who live in Israel; the older one is expecting her first child soon.

After 20 years as one of your correspondents, I, **Linda Germaine** Miller, am stepping down from this position. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through our e-mails about your news for the column. Many thanks to my editors on campus, **Adele Robinette** and **Alexandra Bond '12**, for their guidance and support over the years. My co-correspondent, **Gayle Yeomans**, will continue on in the job, and I am delighted to report that **Jim Roberts**, our classmate who retired as editor and publisher of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, will be joining her. Future columns will feature additional news about Reunion. Best wishes to all of my classmates for good health and much joy in the years ahead. Please send news to: ✉ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; and **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

72 **David Browde** is now Kristen Prata Browde, having announced in April 2016 that she is transgender. Kristen writes, "The name change was the culmination of years of my spirit trying to impress upon me what I now know, but which early on I couldn't put into words. The message was plain, but it was one that I haven't dared say publicly until relatively recently. Now I am living authentically and

openly, something that is both where I need to be and where I now, happily, am." Among the people who helped Kristen reach this point, she says, are, most of all, her two sons. "I'd even include on my list their mother, whose support has been an unexpected gift." Kristen is divorced from former wife **Elizabeth (Schub) '89**, BFA '90, and continues to practice law in Westchester County, NY, having worked previously as a TV and radio news reporter for 30 years—including 17 years at CBS News. She is also the chair of the Northern Westchester CAAAN.

Deborah Long Taylor has announced her retirement as VP for academic affairs at Colby-Sawyer College, after ten years in that position and 40 years at the college. Spouse **Larry** has moved to an almost-retired position, directing New England College's many functions at its Concord, NH, downtown site. After July, warmer climes seductively beckon, with plenty of travel and family visits planned. They say, "It's goodbye New Hampshire, hello world!"

Rob Blye (rwblye@gmail.com) writes, "After 26 years at Hidden River Farm on the mighty Schuylkill River in northern Chester County, PA, we moved to the southern Delaware coastal community of Lewes/Rehoboth Beach. We lost the huge house, five acres, barn, four-and-a-half-car garage, outbuildings, swimming pool, fences, and all the work that goes with them. We gained a smaller, single-story house with two garages, so I can keep my shop and we can both park our vehicles in the garage. I brought my boat and rented a slip at a marina and plan to fish, bird, hunt, kayak, and forage for crabs, clams, mussels, and mushrooms daily. Birding is fantastic with two national wildlife refuges close by and Cape Henlopen State Park ten minutes away. Cornellians are welcome to visit." One of the best decisions Rob has ever made? "To retire."

Jane Friedlieb Greenman, BS ILR '71 (jgreenman3@gmail.com) has retired from the for-profit world and is now the president of NESO, a nonprofit consulting organization. Her husband of 39 years, Charles, passed away suddenly in 2014, but their three daughters are thriving: **Margot '00** lives in Brazil, is the CEO of her private equity company, and has two baby boys; **Jaclyn** is a teacher; and **Danielle '07** is a third-year resident at Yale in internal medicine. **Dennis Someck** (dsomeck@yahoo.com) is still very active at work. He is a real estate broker in Manhattan involved with many tech startups and assists in managing their real estate growth and their increasing need for more office space. Dennis is also the proud grandfather of a 2-year-old boy, Bennett Davison. **Bruce Hazen** (bruce@threequestionsconsulting.com) is signing a major book deal with Random House/Portfolio, together with co-author Tim Clark. Look for *Business Model We* in 2017. It will be a sequel to their 2012 book, *Business Model You*.

Bruce Graev (bgraev@gmail.com) continues to work primarily with business owners and medical professionals and has been named by *GulfShore Life* magazine as a Five Star Wealth Manager for the fifth consecutive year. Bruce is on the boards of the Marco Island Center for the Arts, the Marco Island Historical Society, the Rotary Club of Marco Island, the Cultural Alliance of Marco Island, and Goodland and Temple Shalom in Naples, FL. Bruce and wife Nancy recently attended a Cornell event in Naples and ran into classmates **Craig** and **Kyle Shelly Brush**. **Anthony Provenzano**, MD '76 (drpro@drpro.com) is still practicing medical oncology as director of NewYork-Presbyterian/Lawrence

Hospital in Bronxville, NY. As he approaches age 66, he is “making plans to make plans” for retirement and hopes to write more short stories and novels.

Glenn Ford (glennford43@yahoo.com) sees 30-60 patients per day. He has a new grandniece, and his daughter is working in D.C. after receiving a master's degree at Brandeis. Glenn lists **William T. Keeton, PhD '58**, and James Turner as Cornell figures who had the greatest impact on him. **Richard Krochalis** (rickkrochalis@comcast.net) notes that many classmates are hitting retirement age and says he joined the club in May 2016, retiring from the US Dept. of Transportation. He plans to travel, play golf, and volunteer near his home in Seattle. **Michael Halbert** lives in Valley Stream, NY, is trying to age gracefully, and spends his time visiting horse race tracks worldwide.

Richard Girouard (Westport, CT; kleinnewengland@aol.com) says he is working on his 385th or 386th restaurant project and is serving his 15th year as chairman of the Inlands Wetlands Commission. He wishes he could be living in the treehouse in Adventureland at Disneyland. The Cornell figure who had greatest impact on him: Prof. **Vance Christian '61, MS '65**. **Patricia Gross Kalik** (patkalik@comcast.net) is still busy at work as director of customer service at Professional Teledata. She was also co-chair of New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival, a statewide festival. **Steven Coren** (sc182@yahoo.com) reports that his daughter, **Erica '10**, is enrolled in the Johnson School MBA program and will be a house director for Tri Delta sorority starting in August. Send news to: **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

73 The big news in the Ross household is the marriage of our daughter Emilie. It brought together several Cornellians including brothers-in-law **Kevin Miller '76** and **Brian Miller '79**. Both daughters are married now, officially ending my financial obligations. It's a little sad seeing their empty rooms, but I suppose Airbnb can take care of that if necessary.

Thilde Peterson (thildepeterson@gmail.com) reports from Laguna Beach that Peterson & Partners is seeing a revival of sorts, signing three new small business clients for coaching. She's now moved to a studio apartment in Rossmoor Towers in Laguna Woods with cable TV, a parking spot, and—here's the best part—housekeeping and dinner. This means that at age 65, she can keep working and see a homemade dinner on the table every night. Thilde recalls that one of the best decisions she ever made was to move to NYC with her Collegetown roommate, and she still remembers the Blood, Sweat & Tears concert in Barton Hall in October 1969. I remember that one too. Ten thousand people. That's when I knew I was in the big leagues. Thilde would enjoy hearing from all her HDFS (Human Development and Family Studies) friends.

Sad news: **Bill Van Sweringen '74, ME '75**, reports that his brother, **Ray Van Sweringen III**, passed away October 13, 2015 after a long fight with cancer. Ray was a third-generation Cornellian and an active member of SAE, and played linebacker and defensive end for the 1971 Ivy League Championship football team. His determination was legendary. He graduated from ILR in 1973, and when he decided later to become a lawyer, he financed his law degree at Catholic U. by building

a house in Upstate New York with his younger brother—and then selling it. Ray practiced estate law in Annapolis, MD. Bill has contributed to the Class of 1973 Scholarship Fund and SAE Hillcrest Fund in his brother's memory. Mary Joan Pope (maryjoangaynor@gmail.com) reports that her husband, classmate **Frederick Pope**, passed away suddenly on December 31, 2015, just after they'd returned from a trip to Germany, Austria, and Hungary. He'd been retired since 2013 after a long career using his environmental expertise to guide the permitting of power plants. Mary Joan would like to hear from her husband's Kappa Alpha brothers **Joe Krainak '72, ME '73**, **Don Mueller '74**, **Rick Lien '74**, and **Ralph Tuthill '74**.

Paul Cashman (pc232@cornell.edu) writes that since officially “retiring” three years ago, he's returned to his first career as a software developer. His free app, History in Motion (www.historyinmotion.org), has been downloaded in more than 20 countries and 30 states, and several schools have even used it as the basis for history projects. He's now employee number three at a friend's startup in Boston, enjoying his status as the oldest guy in the building. Didn't I recently see a Robert De Niro movie about this? He's also been the guiding force behind a mobile app to help owners of overweight cats manage their weight loss. Feline push-ups must be something to see. Paul and his wife have been scouting out Charlottesville, VA, as a winter retreat. Any classmates with insights about the area should get in touch.

Speaking of feline push-ups, **John Mangiameli** writes that he's still doing what he loves—running North Whidbey Veterinary Hospital in Oak Harbor, WA (north.whidbey.veterinary@gmail.com). His relaxation consists of extreme skiing, backpacking in the Cascades, and mushroom hunting. (What, no “Game of Thrones” binge watching?) He recently heard from Cornell friend **Fred Yosca**, and they're both looking to hear from **Laurie Harkness Devlin '74**, **Frank Downes**, **Louis Armentano '75**, **Mark Kehoe '75**, and **Terry Tracey '74**. He fondly remembers **Leonard Feddema, PhD '59**, director of the College of Agriculture, as having the greatest impact on him. **David Pesses** (drdpesses@yahoo.com) continues working as a family practitioner at the local hospital in Gloversville, NY. His wife, **Christine (Dickieson)** is in her third year as co-chair of a campaign to renovate the 1904 Carnegie Library in Gloversville. They spend time with their children and grandchildren in Connecticut, Chicago, and Brazil.

Amelia Welt Katzen (Newton, MA; amelia.katzen@gmail.com) has retired from the EPA—but she stays busy with husband **Josh '70** running jns.org, which provides news and analysis about the Middle East. She plays chamber music and jazz piano, and, to fill the few hours still left in her day, she's started painting—for the first time since Mr. Mahoney's freshman drawing class at Cornell. Amelia would like to hear from fellow '73ers **Clark Davis** and **Linda Smith**. **Jeff Schwartz** (jls324@cornell.edu) wrote from Katonah a few months ago that he was recovering from surgery on his Achilles tendon. It's a tough injury for someone who enjoys golf, but he doubts his partners will notice any difference in his game. He reports that stepdaughter Kate just had twin girls, and he shared his biggest unfulfilled wish—which is to see Cornell win the NCAA Hockey Championship. He writes, “I could've gone to Lake Placid in 1970 (when Ned Harkness's team won the National Championship), but figured they'd keep winning them. Who knew?”

My summer adventure: covering the Democratic and Republican conventions. And now **Patti (Miller) '72** and I have to get back to those empty bedrooms. Two trips to the attic and counting. **David Ross**, dross6@msn.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

74 **Virginia Neptune** Esson (Nashua, NH) has been babysitting her grandson, Gideon, born September 2015, four days a week since December 2015. Each week they volunteer at the local middle school where she used to work. She writes, “I copy papers for teachers' lessons and Gideon gets a lot of attention!” **Eric Roth** and wife **Laurie (Michael) '75** are also enjoying grandparenthood, thanks to their son, **Jason '05**, and wife Rachel (Penn '05). Granddaughter Zoe is 13 months old and “a sheer delight.” Eric recently joined the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Sciences. He writes, “It has been interesting learning about the professors who taught (or are themselves) baby boomers, and the need to recruit and retain their successors. The college is in great hands under the leadership of Dean **Gretchen Ritter '83**.” Persons impacting Eric most at Cornell were professors Richard Polenber, Joel Silbey, and David Danelski.

Congratulations to **Marleen Kay Davis**, our class president emerita. She recently received the Patrick Lawson Teaching Award, an award voted on by the students at the U. of Tennessee School of Architecture. She says, “It is always an honor to know that students appreciate one's work, even after all these years!” **Barbara Gales** (Spokane Valley, WA) is “serving those who have served the country” at Spokane V.A. Medical Center. In addition to her work, she has recently been spending quality time with relatives, helping them to achieve their life goals. When she wrote, she was planning a trip to Jamaica and added that she would like to travel to Japan, Africa, and Egypt. She would like to hear from Cornell friend **Rae Beasley** Wyatt, of whom she writes, “She was a real joy to know and had so much insight—I know that has taken her far in life.” The Cornellian who had the greatest impact on Barbara was, she said, a female professor in Biochemistry whose first name was Elizabeth (she did not remember the last), who was on the team that helped discover RNA.

Arthur Leonard and spouse Tim Nenno live in NYC. Arthur is a professor of law at New York Law School and a legal journalist for both *Gay City News* (NYC) and *Lesbian/Gay Law Notes* (monthly newsletter). He plans to speak at programs for the Texas and New Jersey State Bar associations in the months ahead. Prof. Karel Husa had the greatest impact on him during his time on the Hill. **Keith Earley** (Rockville, MD) is “somewhat retired.” He is an adjunct professor at Georgetown U. School of Continuing Studies and American U. School of Public Affairs. He recently spent three weeks studying Spanish and living with a family in Costa Rica and completed his PhD in human and organizational systems at Fielding Graduate U. Keith also recently started bass guitar lessons and plans to travel more in the coming year. He asked if it would be possible to get a copy of a 1975 class yearbook. (Staff at *Cornell Alumni Magazine* did not know of anyone selling yearbooks, but perhaps our classmates might have information.)

Robert Frear, BArch '74's San Francisco architectural firm is currently enjoying its 30th

anniversary. "Over the years, the firm has developed a multi-disciplinary approach to design including buildings and renovations, interiors, furniture, and graphic design. Current work is located in New York, California, and Arizona." **Ken-neth Hohwald** (Lodi, NY) wrote that, along with his nephew, he is still running the Glenwood Pines Restaurant after 37 years. Additionally, he is trying to travel a bit more and dealing with his wife's cancer. **Wendy Goldberg**-Hammond, BFA '74, reports doing "open studios" in Studio 17 in San Anselmo, CA, last May. **Raymond Kase Jr.** would like to hear from **Willis Bradley**.

Barbara Stecher kindly wrote and informed us of the passing of her husband, our classmate **Jack Stecher**. "Jack passed away on November 17, 2015 of a heart attack. He attended his last Reunion last year and really enjoyed himself. He was always so proud of his education from Cornell. I miss him so much. Thank you for making a part of his life so enjoyable." We extend our condolences to Barbara and her family. **Peter Kaplan** has had the enviable good fortune of seeing multiple Cornell friends (and some offspring) recently. This included a visit with **Bruce '73** and **Phyllis Goldstone Arena '75** in Los Angeles, who he reports are doing great. In Ithaca he saw **Larry Young '73**, BS '74, and had dinner with **Kevin McEneaney '17**, son of the late **Eamon McEneaney '77**, BS '78, and wife **Bonnie (MacDonald)**, MPS '78. By the way, Peter's e-mail contained pictures—including some of the baby emus on his farm!

As always, thanks to those who filled out those yellow "Share Your News" forms or e-mailed us. Please keep the news and updates coming. **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

75 **Thomas Smith**, with Bond, Schoen-eck & King, has been recognized in *Super Lawyers* magazine's 2015 Up-state New York Super Lawyers list for excellence in environmental litigation. Lawyers on this list are chosen both by their peers and through the independent research of *Law & Politics* magazine, which, through polling and research, identifies lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Kevin Montgomery, BArch '76, has been named the president and COO of the design firm O'Brien/Atkins Assocs. He will also continue in his role there as director of architecture. Kevin has nearly 40 years of professional experience and joined O'Brien/Atkins in 1988 after a ten-year tenure with I.M. Pei & Partners in NYC. Elevated to the American Inst. of Architects' College of Fellows in 2007, his service to the profession includes 12 years on both the North Carolina Board of Architecture (including two years as president) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (awarded the NCARB 2013 President's Medal for Distinguished Service), and, since 2003, service and leadership on the National Architectural Accreditation Board for more than a decade. Kevin will be responsible for operational strategic planning and execution in his new role.

Paul DuBoway (pduboway@hotmail.com) has retired and relocated to Wyoming, where he continues his interest in applied aquatic ecology (fly-fishing) in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. He recently was named Fulbright-Brazil Scientific Mobility Program distinguished chair

in ecohydrology at the Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, Vitória for 2015-16. **Samuel "Ted" Knighton** is president and COO for Interstate Hotels & Resorts, responsible for overseeing and integrating operations of the company's 460 hotels worldwide, which currently span 12 countries. From 2006 through November 2011 he served as Interstate's president of hotel operations and was responsible for Interstate's North American portfolio, the company's largest region. A 25-year veteran of Interstate, Ted was previously executive VP, operations, full-service hotel division.

Pam Hanna (phannamenz@aol.com) is happy to be our class's new treasurer, and writes that she is learning how much class management activities have changed since she was last a class officer ("maybe in 1985? LOL!"). Pam still lives in Ithaca and actually works for Cornell (College of Arts & Sciences staff for the Sage School of Philosophy and coordinator for grad/undergrad students). She is the proud mom of a current senior, youngest son **Joe Menzenski '16** (Engineering). Husband Greg is also a staffer at Cornell, an IT director of data. Pam asks for "friending" on Facebook and "following" on Twitter—"all that stuff our kids don't do anymore. I'm on Snapchat too, but no one 'snaps' me much!" Finally, Pam sends thanks to Susan, Alan, and their team for our last Reunion, which was great.

Ruth Zafren Ruskin lives in Falls Church, VA with husband **Jonathan '71**, JD '74. She has her own private practice as a licensed clinical social worker. Beyond that, she is president of a charitable foundation and a managing member of an LLC that owns a local shopping center. If this was not enough, Ruth is also a volunteer with the Fairfax County Medical Relief Corp. She has honed her green thumb, recently replanting her entire front and side yards. She also dotes on her grandchild, Lily. This new little one has caused her to consider slowing down and perhaps retiring in a few years. She'd enjoy hearing from **Teri Smith** Freas. Ruth recalls packing for freshman year at Cornell: "A typewriter, a dictionary, a wastebasket, one season's worth of clothes, a record player, and a small cache of vinyl records. Did we ever think a future generation would hardly know what some of these things were, that were so important to us?"

Steve Werns, MD '79 (stevenwerns@gmail.com) has returned with wife Kathy to Ann Arbor, MI, after 11 "fertile" years in New Jersey, highlighted by the birth of three children (in first and fourth grade). Steve is now the director of a cardiology fellowship program. **Bill Hoffman** (honkycat75@yahoo.com) is retired and living in Haddon Heights, NJ. What keeps him busy? Stephens Ministries and Leader, NAMI (Board for Camden County), and four volunteer activities—for Independence Rehab of Cherry Hill and Pennsauken Food Kitchen, building houses with Hope, and doing work in the Dominican Republic. Bill has two sons, Jason and Joshua, and he would like to hear from old Cornell friend **Buzz Berasi**. He adds that "more travel would be great" and that Cornell's greatest impact on him was the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Since September 2015, **Sally Solomon** Cohen (New Rochelle, NY; sbsohen@gmail.com) has been a clinical professor at the NYU College of Nursing and editor-in-chief of *Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice*. **Fernando Lugo**, BArch '75 (lugo@fernando.lugo.com) recently joined with **Maria Rossi '86**, BArch '88, in RossiLugo Architects (rossilugo.com). Fernando worked in Venezuela from 1976 to 2002, earned a Master of Architecture degree in advance studies at MIT in 1980, and has worked in Puerto

Rico since 2003. He wishes he could ride his bicycle more and would like to hear from **Jean Wav-potich** Solomon. Fernando says that Colin Rowe, **Fred Koetter**, **March '75**, and Jerry Wells had the greatest impact on him during his time at Cornell.

If you haven't paid your dues yet this year (if you're reading this column you probably have) and were on auto-renewal last year, please note: due to additional cyber-security regulations, you will need to re-enter your credit card information this year. That's all for this round! Send news to: **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

76 Hello, classmates! Our 40th Reunion broke university records. We were 260-plus alumni strong and our campaign donation was over \$15 million. On top of setting 40th Reunion records, we had a wonderful time seeing old and new friends. Despite ominous forecasts, we had some wonderful Ithaca weather. Of course, we missed those not in attendance and hope that our next Reunion will bring more of you back to campus.

Many thanks to all of those people in our class who put many, many hours, not to mention years, into making this Reunion such a successful return to campus: Reunion chairs and planners **Martha Plass Sheehee**, **Terry Wolff** Heinichen, MBA '83, and **Ellen Gobel** Walsh. Other class officers, who have served in one capacity or another and contributed so much to the university and our class, are **Gary Davis**, **Lorraine Mohan**, MBA '78, **Diane Baker**, **Robert Hellman**, **Simon Krieger**, MBA '77, and **David Daly**. Stay updated by visiting our class website, <http://classof76.alumni.cornell.edu>.

I have been writing this column now for over 35 years, sharing the job with **Pat Relf Hanavan** and **Lisa Diamant**. While Pat was one of my college roomies, it was my great pleasure to finally meet Lisa for the first time after all these years! I could not have a nicer bunch of people to work with. If there are any of you out there "wishing" to write the column, we welcome any and all! Lisa writes that Reunion was a fantastic event and she enjoyed meeting classmates and her co-correspondents. She and husband **Mo '74** went on tours of the wildflower garden and the hydroelectric plant, and did a walk at the Ornithology Lab. They traveled five and a half hours to attend the weekend. Quite by accident, they met their friends Howard and **Jane Klein** Epstein '77 from Lexington, MA, in the Cornell Store. After dinner with them at the Nines, they went to Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall and had a great time.

Reunion was a wonderful weekend for me: dancing in the tents on the Arts Quad on Friday night and in the "indoor tent" on the Engineering Quad on Saturday night. I was out there with so many friends including **John Wiest**, **Bill** and **Pat Relf Hanavan**, **Karen Polivy**, **Ellen Cord** Dember, **Ward Naughton**, MBA '79, **Barbara Grindrod** Warner, and **Joanne Piraino** Massaro. I caught up with friends **Mike Ossip**, **Frank Tataseo**, **Pete D'Onofrio**, MCE '72, and **Steve Malia**. Like old times, I played a little tennis with Ira Rosen up at Reis Tennis Center on Saturday, then followed that with a visit to Kappa Kappa Gamma. I saw sorority sisters and friends **Mary Benning** Hopple, **Lorraine Mohan**, **Mary Pykosz** Creekmore, **Bonnie**

Reichman, Karen Roche Cosgrove, DeeDee Dain, Beth Wright-Seeley, Laura Klauberg, Ilise Zimmerman, and Gail Geller. I know I am forgetting to mention many, but alas . . . the memory!

On a personal note, my husband, **Don Sussman '76**, MBA '79, and I just celebrated youngest son Lloyd's marriage to his love, Lauren. In attendance were classmates Ellen Cord Dember, Ward Naughton, **Dan Brammel**, **John Halloran '75**, BS '76, and Beth Wright-Seeley, and their spouses, as well as nearly a dozen other Cornellians from

he would love to hear from **Robert Ferstenberg '80**, BS '82, PhD '88, **Keith Goffney**, **Maurice Halmom Jr.**, GR '73-77, and **Bill Maher '78**.

Diane Freedman, MAT '78 (Durham, NH; dpf@unh.edu) is busy teaching poetry, memoir, nature writing, and Holocaust literature at the U. of New Hampshire, giving readings of her work, and enjoying her work with her students and colleagues. In May 2015, Diane's mixed-genre nature memoir, *Midlife with Thoreau: Poems, Essays, Journals*, was published by Hiraethpress. You can find

news comes from **Amy Birnbaum** (Bronx, NY; amy.birn@gmail.com), who writes that she is a news producer for the CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley, producing medical/health segments with Dr. Jon LaPook. Amy was in Italy this past March, visiting her daughter who was at the U. of Bologna for a semester. She writes that she would like to have more time to exercise, reread some classic literature, and learn Italian.

How about you? Do you have any grandchildren? Embarked on any artistic endeavors lately? Please keep all of your news coming in via the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or e-mail us: **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

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nearby classes. It was wonderful to share this event with such old friends! Cornell is a very special place. Try to get back if you are able. We look forward to hearing news from all of you! Kindest regards: **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

77 Happy fall, everybody! Did you remember that it will be 40 years since graduation next year? Please save the date for our 40th Reunion, June 8-10, 2017. More information will be forthcoming, and you can always check our class website for updates at: <http://www.cornellclassof77.org/>.

Thomas Johnson, BS '79 (Austin, TX; fran.tomj@aol.com) writes that he and his wife, Frances, have a 1-year-old granddaughter named Annabelle, and their younger daughter, **Katherine '07**, is engaged. Thomas keeps busy tutoring eighth grade math for Austin Partners for Education, as well as volunteering at the First Tee of Austin and maintaining a 1.0 index in golf. Thomas would like to hear from any and all golf team members who are looking to play in Austin. Chemical Engineering professor **Peter Harriott '48**, Biochemistry post-doc student Wick Johnson, and PhD student **Gene Dykes**, PhD '78 (who had his first ever hole-in-one this spring) had the greatest impact on Tom during his time at Cornell.

Joy Merzer Freedman (Valley Village, CA; joy.freedman.art@gmail.com) is both a grandmother and an exhibiting artist, working primarily in watercolors, although she recently began to paint with oils as well. She belongs to an artists' co-op and both takes and teaches art classes, and her work is in private collections in the US and Israel. Joy writes that her oldest son lives at home and is completing his broadcasting degree. Her two grandchildren live with Joy's youngest son and his wife in Lakewood, NJ. She would like to be spending more time with her grandchildren, learning to tap dance, and traveling "a bit more." During her time at Cornell, Joy says that professors **Harlan Banks**, PhD '40, and John Kingsbury, as well as the courses she took in fine arts, photojournalism, and writing had the greatest impact on her. **Dixon Kim** writes that he is battling cancer and adds that

more information at: dianepfreedman.wordpress.com. Diane writes, "Happily, I'm in touch with many, many of my old Cornell friends," but she says she wishes she could spend more time living and traveling in Europe and with her son, performing artist and violinist Abraham Brody. During her time at Cornell, Diane says that the physical environment at Cornell and in Ithaca, as well as Prof. Albert Goldbarth, had the greatest impact on her. Also writing is **Susan Lewis** Solomont (Weston, MA; susan.solomont@gmail.com), who was in Spain with her husband, Alan, who served as US Ambassador to Spain and Andorra. Both of Susan's books are based on her experiences in Spain. One is a children's book, *Stella the Ambassador*, and the other is for "a more grown-up audience."

Karen Zelkind Buglass (kbuglass@verizon.net) of Washington, DC, retired in June 2015 and is now sharing her enthusiasm for the Appalachian dulcimer with others. She gives workshops at the House of Musical Traditions (a folk music emporium in Washington, DC) and also offers courses at American U.'s life-long learning program. Karen keeps up her own studies by regularly attending music festivals. Her other activities include volunteer work as an ESL tutor and brushing up on Spanish conversation with a local club, and coursework. Karen is married to **Ralph '75**, who is also retired and volunteering as a docent at a restored one-room schoolhouse. **Susan Wiegers** (Bala Cynwood, PA; susan.wiegers@tuhs.temple.edu) recently changed positions and is now senior associate dean of faculty affairs and graduate medical education at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple U. She is also the president of the American Society of Echocardiography, so she writes that she is "busy but happy." Susan is married to Cornellian **Barry Goldstein '76** and writes that one of her three children is also a Cornell grad.

Peter Halamek, ME '79 (peter.halamek@comcast.net) is currently on an educational leave of absence from Boeing, taking classes in Cisco networking and computer security. Peter's daughter graduated from the U. of Washington, and his son is at what we Pacific Northwesterners affectionately call "U Dub" studying civil engineering. **Fran Giaccio-Spivak**, BS HE '76, BS Nurs '78 (fran.spivak@gmail.com) has a new position as director of health informatics at the Walmart Care Clinic, a division of Walmart, and writes that her daughter was married last September. Our final bit of

78 Greetings! I have a large stack of correspondence for this issue, so I'll dive right in. First, congratulations to classmate **Pamela Marrone**, who won one of the two alumni-elected seats on the university's Board of Trustees!

It looks as if some of our classmates are enjoying life away from the working world. **Kate Schnare** Foulke (Portland, OR) is taking biology courses in her spare time, including the natural history of Antarctica and invertebrate zoology. She's also learning to draw and scuba dive. Her son, **Carson Shaar '19**, is in the Engineering college and became a brother of Beta Theta Pi. **Diane Dunn** Tokoph (dtokoph1@aol.com) retired from human resources for the federal courts in the Chicago area on March 31. Diane and her husband of 30 years, Steve, are moving to Mount Dora, FL, where they are building a home. She's kept up with her Cornell roommate **Anne Knudsen** Samuels and hopes to attend many more '78 Reunions as a retiree.

Classmates who are still working include **Mike Bernard** (Albuquerque, NM), who plans on retiring in December 2017. He's a systems analyst for the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirkland Air Force Base. In March he presented a short course for the Directed Energy Professional Society on directed energy targeting. Mike claims that nothing's happening otherwise in his life, and his goal is to see the rest of the national parks. **Ted Feitshans** is an Extension professor in the Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics at North Carolina State. Last year his latest book, *Agricultural and Agribusiness Law: An Introduction for Non-Lawyers*, was published.

Jonathan Cohen, MFA '80 (San Jose, CA) would like to spend his time playing golf in Kauai. His day job is senior marketing writer at VMware. He writes, "I enjoy keeping the company's communications at a high level while mentoring younger people." Jonathan would like to hear from **Bob Bowers '77**, ME '78, and **Mark Monroe '77**. **Justus O'Brien** is co-head of board and CEO practice at Russell Reynolds Assocs. His daughter finished her sophomore year at Colby College. I got a lengthy note from **Debra Slotnick Miron** (Greenwich, CT). She answered the question of who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her by saying, "My Communication Arts professors and President Frank H.T. Rhodes, who were all so warm and outgoing and provided great outreach and support. I was a TA for the advertising and promotion class and found it exciting to lend support to my professor and be the link with other college students in my section as a TA." Debra and husband **Michael '77** planned and hosted their daughter's wedding over the summer. Debra runs a marketing consulting

practice and would love to accompany Michael on his business travels to Europe and the Far East, along with traveling to Alaska and Australia.

Finally, some sad news to report. **Lynn Wolff** died of cancer on March 20. I'm borrowing liberally from her obituary that appeared in the *Boston Globe*. (Many thanks to **Ann Fanton '65**, MAT '66, who sent me the link to this article.) After graduation, Lynn received a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1981. She was cofounder of the Copley Wolff Design Group, a landscape architecture firm that designed a variety of gardens and walking trails. Classmate **Cary Friberg** was quoted in the obituary: "It was always fun to be with Lynn because you knew you were going to get into a little bit of trouble and have a lot of fun and were going to have a lot of great stories after it was done." Shortly before she died, Lynn and Cary went on a yoga retreat—in Guatemala. Lynn met **David Newton** on her first day freshman year, and they married ten years later. Condolences to David and the rest of Lynn's family.

Stay well, and see you in 2017! **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com; **Ilene Shub Lefland**, ileland@snet.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

79 This column is filled with lots of unofficial reunion news. It seems that we still like each other after all these years! In addition to our April class outing to see *On Your Feet*, the hit Broadway musical, classmates have also been organizing their own mini-reunions. **Cindy Green** wrote that on December 4 and 5, a 40th freshman Low Rise 7 suitemate reunion was held in NYC. All six suitemates from Suite 1 in August 1975 spent the weekend together and reconnected! How special was this? Of the six suitemates, four are from our class—**Elena Rodriguez**, **Allison Gay** Kirchner, **Gloria Maisto** Cohen, and **Cindy**. **Karen Cornelius '78**, BArch '79, and **Randy Strongin** Weiss '78, BFA '79, were there from the Class of 1978. Cindy writes, "Everyone was instantly talking, laughing, sharing their lives and experiences, and preparing dinner! It was so heartwarming to learn how wonderful and productive and truly outstanding all of their adult lives have been. Yes, some ups and downs, but overall, over the top great."

Karen hosted everyone at her apartment, and over the weekend the group visited two museums and walked the High Line. Saturday night everyone went to Cindy's loft for drinks and appetizers. Cindy's daughter **Aliza Cohen '18** couldn't make it, but the rest of her family joined the reunion including husband Lee Cohen, daughter **Claudia Cohen '09**, and son Ben (Syracuse '13), and they enjoyed getting to know everyone. **David Goldston '78**, who was one of their favorite "boy" dormmates, came up from D.C. to join in the festivities! Everyone had dinner at a wonderful restaurant, Batard. It was especially wonderful because of Cornell's amazing Hotelier **Drew Nieporent '77**, who hosted the group most spectacularly. Champagne was waiting at their table, and he treated them to every dessert on the menu to top off their great time together. Elena and Allison were high school best friends from Virginia, and they both currently reside there. Gloria lives in New Jersey, Randy lives on Long Island, and Karen and Cindy reside in Manhattan. It truly was a special weekend. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their freshman year together. In fact, four of them lived together in an apartment during sophomore year, and three of

them stayed together after that. Forty years is a long time, no matter how you look at it!

In March, **Jackie Webb**, professor of marine biology at U. of Rhode Island, spent spring break in NYC and had a dinner reunion (now an annual event!) with Low Rise 6 suitemates **Nancy Sverdluk**, **Lori Manzer** Meyers, and **Wendy Nacht**. Jackie also got together with **Linda Moses** and her husband, Arthur Gurevitch (Jackie's high school classmate), and their three sons, who were home from college over break. A number of sisters from Sigma Delta Tau are looking forward to the 100th anniversary celebration of the Alpha chapter and the founding of the national sorority. The Alpha celebration will be held in Ithaca on March 24-26, 2017, with March 25 being the actual anniversary date. **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, is the "on-site" volunteer, although the committee includes undergrads and alumnae from many classes and cities. There will be sorority house tours each day, a welcome reception on Friday, a Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room daytime panel discussion/box lunch on Saturday, and a Statler Ballroom banquet and brunch on Sunday.

Brad and **Mary Grainger** hosted welcome picnics from 2008 to 2015 for classmates with incoming students. Each year we have fewer classmates with incoming students, but any classmates with accepted students can contact Mary and Brad, who will help them connect with other classmates. Meanwhile, at least 31 of our classmates had children graduate from Cornell in 2016, from all seven undergraduate colleges. Congratulations to all! We would love to hear about the big day and what's new with your family.

You may not realize it, but the number of class duespayers affects the size of our column, so please consider paying your dues! We also love hearing from all classmates, so encourage everyone to send updates. Photos can be submitted at: cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery. Submit news to classof79@cornell.edu, or directly to us:

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80 Allow me, dear reader, to transport you four years (plus or minus) hence. The Canadian government has just finished the 1,500-mile-long Alaska Extension, completing nearly 9,000 kilometers of barrier construction necessitated by the Great American Influx of 2017. Chuck Norris and Khloe Kardashian continue their heated battle for the hearts and minds of the American voting public, and the Supreme Court hands down a landmark decision in the "personal mushroom" case *Utah vs. Cheech*, with swing Justice Gary Busey once more breaking a tie in the court and establishing himself as the de facto seat of judicial power in the mightiest nation on Earth. But perhaps the most hard-to-fathom event of the summer/fall of 2020 will be the Class of 1980 heading to Ithaca for its 40th Reunion. In the time between now and then, your class officers and volunteers will provide opportunities for you to reconnect with classmates through regional events and happenings at Cornell and Big Red locations throughout the virtual world.

If your notes submissions are any indication, we don't seem to be slowing down. Last fall, **Chris Spear** rode his bike from San Diego to Savannah as part of a tour group that logged more than 100 miles each day. As president of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, MA, Chris will lead the charge in

a project to build a school of midwifery in Afghanistan. **Nayla Rizk** and husband Bob call San Mateo, CA, home, but Nayla is fully involved with a NYC-based startup called Landit (landit.com). The firm's mission is to help women create and execute a personalized career playbook. **Lisa Skeete** Tatum '89 is a co-founder. Nayla and Bob had a fascinating week in Havana soon after the travel ban was lifted.

John Kendrick is a new grandfather, but he and wife Emily still find the time for ballroom dancing and church choir singing. John keeps in contact with classmate **John Wong**, who lives in Taiwan. As a planned giving officer at George Washington U., John (Kendrick, that is) has major responsibility in the school's current \$1 billion Making History campaign. **Scott Picon** has opened an EcoAdventure park in Costa Rica, featuring the longest zipline in Central America (ocean view!) and a nature preserve. If the website is any indication, this is an amazing place. Check it out at: diamanteecoadventurepark.com. Those who claim that there are no do-overs in life know not of **Robert Lanza**, ME '82, and his wife, **Terry Steinberg** '81; they will have the opportunity to attend two 40th Reunions in Ithaca in the space of 12 months. Robert has taught government officials in several countries in Southeast Asia the most effective methods of estimating greenhouse gas emissions. The news from **Allan Murphy** is "all good." He playfully brands his son a "traitor" for attending Dartmouth, but there is a younger daughter who might save family face by considering four years on the Hill.

Among the throng earning degrees this past May was **Brooke Wilson '16**, daughter of **Denise Rempe** and **Mark Wilson '79**, MBA '80. It appears that Mom hasn't lost her academic chops either; Denise earned a master's in information and knowledge strategy from Columbia last December and does freelance project work. **Peter Evers** is kept busy by "the yard and the dog and the kitchen," in that order. He and wife Dagmar are justifiably proud of their son, who recently graduated as a straight-A student and captain of the lacrosse team. You might remember Pete as the Big Red track team's pole vault specialist. A regulatory do-over of sorts has rebooted the profession of **Thomas Stopyra**, technical crop advisor for the Packers of Indian River. The Food Safety Modernization Act has shifted the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it, and the auditing system for food manufacturing processes has been completely overhauled. The alphabet soup of the safety of alphabet soup now includes TESCO, GLOBALGAP, and PRIMUS GFS.

If you are reading this, you are likely a dues-paying member of our class, and we thank you for that. Your class volunteers will use every new-fangled tool at their disposal in efforts to draw us together prior to the 40th blowout. We start in November in the metro New York area, with the Columbia football game on Saturday, November 12, and Red Hot Hockey vs. UNH at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 26. Check out our class website (www.cornell1980.com) for details on these and other upcoming events. Please bookmark our site; this is your portal to class social media, national and regional Cornell events, and the latest campus news. More than 300 classmates are members of the 1980 group on the Facebook (facebook.com/groups/cornell1980); please ask to join as we make this a current news and events portal. We'll see you in the vapor! Keep the news coming. **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu,

81 What a weekend it was far above Cayuga's waters, with many, many terrific highlights that left us all wanting and craving more! I personally can't wait until our next Reunion. I got there on Thursday, which was totally worth it. I road-tripped it with **Karen Osofsky** Michelson (who lives in Seattle and is a biotech recruiter). Of course, we had to go to Collegetown Bagels and enjoy the sunshine (it was in full force over the weekend!).

First—many, many thanks to those that spent so much of their own, uncompensated time to put on this event. We often take for granted the fact that everything is set up for us and don't take notice that the fine details were worked out by someone. To everyone in the class who attended, think through everything that was specific to the Class of '81, then put yourself in the shoes of the team that volunteered to do this. Most all of our needs were attended to. I appreciate that. Big thanks to **Steve Ritchey**, **Celia Rodee**, **Heidi Fleischman**, **Lisa Kremer Ullmann**, **Laura Dake Roche**, and **Monique Van Perlstein**! We welcome our future board with **Fred Cohen** at the helm. We raised over \$4,200,000 from over 600 donors (big thanks to **John Boochever** and Lisa Kremer)! Thanks to Teri Baier and Lauren Ryder (Annual Fund) and to all of our class clerks! Bravo to all!

I now know that my kids are NOT the youngest in the class! **Karen Osofsky**, **Tommy Foster**, **Scot Martin**, MBA '83, **Jeff Kolton**, and **Jon Landsman** all are members of the "Yes, we had kids late in life" club! And what a gift it is. From our Massachusetts contingency: **Jim "Ziggy" Sigler** wrote a book on how Cornell changed due to the GI Bill post WWII. He is now getting back into biotech manufacturing and lives in Southboro. **Anita Litchtblau** lives in Newton, and liked karaoke, the Hangovers, and the gorgeous campus. **Bonnie Berg** (Weston, MA), **Kevin Kranen**, ME '83, and **Karen Armington** Bouquillon, BS Ag '79, MAT '80, were three classmates who made this their first trip to a Reunion. (Karen was there with her mom who was celebrating her 65th Reunion!) **David Hoff** (Melrose, MA) loved singing the Alma Mater with everyone after the president's address. **Sandra Waring** Holloway, who lives in Rochester, NY, and owns Tasteful Connections Catering, can't wait for the next Reunion. **Mikey** and **Tanis MacKay Bell** ask all of those who didn't attend, "What are you waiting for?"

Janet Ellison Pearsall worked for 30 years as a treatment family foster care supervisor, placing mentally ill children in foster care. **Andrea Glick** is a first deputy executive director of the NYC Office of Payroll Administration, overseeing 500,000 employees and retirees in NYC. She is also an adjunct professor at Baruch College in government procurement. **Jenny Read** Campbell lives in Northern Virginia with husband Ron, works for the Fairfax County Schools, and is a Certified Health Coach. They brought a tandem bike to Reunion and logged many hills. They saw more of the area than most of us. **Janet Tarr** Wixom lives near Rochester and heads up an assisted living home.

Highlights from the weekend: **Alyssa Alia** Malanga, who lives in New Jersey and is a food stylist (her designs are featured on many packages of foods in the grocery stores, on menus, and in top magazines) loved the Hum Ec breakfast. **Mary**

Warner Webster met with girlfriends for breakfast at a diner. **Jill Flack** (Arlington, VA), an in-house labor attorney for Potomac Electric and Power, and **Naomi Gelzer Kettler**, BArch '82, who lives in the D.C. area and is an affordable housing banker for Bank of America, liked the headquarters hanging out in the community room, the dueling pianos, and the Johnson Art Museum. **Renee Migdal** chose to come to Reunion instead of EuroCup! **Doug Hart** is no longer splitting his time between Vermont and Florida—he now resides in Key West. **Karen Prescott** Dalby loved the Sigma Pi band. **Laurie Moses** loved reconnecting with **Carrie Fishman**. **Joe Macaluso** loved karaoke and sang "Scenes From an Italian Restaurant"! **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra** (Bradenton, FL) loved the tent parties Friday night.

Karen Levine Whitman ran into Prof. White (99 years old), who taught sanitation at the Hotel school. **Audrey Haddad** Perrotti ran into **Henry Heimlich** '41, MD '43. **Sheryl Eisenstein** Lewis (a consultant in San Francisco, CA) flew in from London and Paris—although her luggage never made it. She went to Target and bought clothes for the weekend. She came with her son, who was celebrating his 5th Reunion. **Elise Kuebelbeck** Johnson, an acupuncturist, came in from London and has five children! I know **Susan Levitt** was on campus, but unfortunately we never caught up. While she was at the Johnson Art Museum, I was at the Nines having some beer and pizza. **David Gordon** and his wife have created an amazing organization for child safety. Please check it out at: www.imsafe.com. It's a great source for schools, teachers, and other organizations that focus on children and teens.

I truly enjoyed seeing friends and reconnecting with them as if it were yesterday. **Rebecca Tayne**, **Patti Cohen**, **Sandi Goldstein** Karlin, **Audrey Perrotti**, **Janet Pearsall**, and **Andrea Glick**—it was nice to hang with you, visit our old haunts, and laugh! That's what this is all about—fun, building friendships, and remembering our times at Cornell! So many memories! Please come to the next one! Write us: [Betsy Silverfine](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net), bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, scarre@aol.com.

82 Another fall is upon us as we enter into our Reunion year—it has been 35 years since we were seniors at Cornell. There have been many changes over those years, but your college (and Collegetown) have retained that special charm that attracted you long ago. I hope to see many of you in Ithaca in June.

Jeff and **Dori Meeker Wolfe** are new grandparents! **Jeff** (Jeffery.wolfe@gmail.com) is also senior VP of strategy for Just Energy and president of the company's solar division. **Dori** (dori.wolfe@gmail.com) is the owner and founder of Wolfe Energy LLC. We heard from another set of happy and proud grandparents living in Kentucky. **Jeffrey Smith**, BArch '83 (jeff@nittayumastudio.com) and **Anne Steinbock-Smith** '78 wrote from Harrods Creek, KY. In addition to doting on their grandchild, they keep busy with architecture and have been traveling around the country, with projects in Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland, Colorado, and Mississippi, as well as the Bahamas.

We are proud to report that **Marian Mollin**, an associate professor of history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, has received the university's 2016 Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is presented to

two faculty members each year and each recipient is inducted into the university's Academy of Teaching Excellence. **Eliza Spiller**, dean of the college, noted, "Marian Mollin's work is part of a strong tradition across the College of innovative excellence that allows students to become partners in a knowledge community." In addition, classmate **Donna Tobin** has been named a partner and co-chair of the trademark and brand management group of Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, a New York-based media, entertainment, and advertising law firm. Her co-chair **Catherine M. C. Farrelly** noted, "Donna has outstanding legal skills and a depth of practice that is an excellent fit with our practice."

Nell Gardner (ngardner2@rochester.rr.com) contacted us from Clarence Center, NY. She is the owner of Flower Fields and a horticulturist for the Darwin Martin House and Graycliff Conservancy, Frank Lloyd Wright properties in Buffalo and Derby, NY. From Massachusetts, **Mark Dwortzan** (dwortzan@mit.edu) writes that he started a new job last August as communications officer for the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change. The program's integrated team of natural and social scientists studies the interactions between human and Earth systems to provide a sound foundation of scientific knowledge that will aid decision-makers in confronting the coupled challenges of future food, energy, water, climate, and air pollution, among others. More information on the program can be found at: <http://globalchange.mit.org>.

Michael Panosian (Beavercreek, OH; panosprof@gmail.com) is the chief of ENT at the Dayton V.A. Medical Center. He writes, "I enjoy caring for our veterans who have 'borne the battle' and helped to protect the freedom we enjoy." In his free time, Michael enjoys scuba diving and looks forward to the time when he can dive more than just once a year. After 30 years of service with the US Navy, **Charles Stuppard** (cstuppard27@gmail.com), our class co-president, has accepted a position with AECOM as VP of their defense operations in the Middle East.

Lastly, we have updated contact information from classmates. **Earle Weaver**, ME '83, MBA '84 (eweaver@harbourgroup.com) lives in Saint Louis, MO, with wife Becky. **Bruce Cohen** (bruce.cohen@citi.com) lives in Woodbury, NY, with wife Jodie. **Marie Slamm** Fenter reported that she can be reached at marie.fenter@gmail.com. Thank you again for your news and reports. We appreciate hearing from our classmates. Please continue to send in your news whenever possible. Enjoy your fall and start making your plans to return to Ithaca in June! [Doug Skalka](mailto:dskalka@nplmlaw.com), dskalka@nplmlaw.com; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

83 Greetings, Class of '83! Thanks for all the news updates. It's great to hear from so many of you.

Matt Tager (mlt25@cornell.edu), who was living in Shanghai at the same time I was, is moving. "By the time this is published I will probably have returned home from my time living and working in China as part of the team building the new Shanghai Disneyland Resort. It's hard to believe it's been over three and a half years since I embarked on this adventure. I am lead interior designer for Fantasyland, overseeing all onstage spaces like retail shops and restaurants. I have been working hand in hand with other expats in

all disciplines, as well as the many locally hired Imagineers and contractors. But it hasn't been all work. There have been many trips around Asia including my bucket list trips to Xi'an to see the terracotta warriors and to Angkor Wat in Cambodia. I have also been able to host friends and family who might never have traveled to Asia. My favorite part of those visits has probably been just touring around the city and sharing everyday life in China. I look forward to coming home and reconnecting with my old life and hopefully being able to attend our next Reunion."

In April, **Dean Colucci** joined Duane Morris LLP's corporate practice group as a partner in the Newark, NJ, office. Duane Morris LLP is a law firm with more than 750

attorneys in offices around the world. Dean is a '93 graduate of the George Mason U. School of Law and earned a Master of International Affairs degree from the Columbia U. School of Int'l and Public Affairs in 1988. Congratulations, Dean! **Cynthia Servetnick** (Cynthia.servetnick@gmail.com) is a San Francisco city planner and a historic preservation advocate in her spare time. She looks forward to doing more fine art and traveling in retirement.

Lisa Esposito Kok (lae26@cornell.edu) is an independent college advisor (www.lisakokcollegeadvising.com) and is helping Cornell English professor Daniel R. Schwarz promote his new book, *How to Succeed in College and Beyond*. Lisa says, "It's a great book for incoming freshmen (and upperclassmen) and their parents, that draws on Prof. Schwarz's 47 years teaching, advising, and caring about students (I was one!). He gives great advice on picking majors, whether to join a fraternity, gearing up for careers, and, mostly, how to make the most of each year of college." Lisa's son, **Nicholas '16**, graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and has accepted a position as a quantitative analyst with Brigade Capital in Manhattan. **Elissa Klein** (elissapam@yahoo.com) writes, "This spring, I returned to medical association management after a ten-year hiatus." She keeps busy with two daughters: Rachelle, who is starting a vet tech program in the fall; and Julie, who got into NHS and is looking at colleges.

Nicholas Rakovic (shakespear777@hotmail.com) keeps very busy with Our Lady of the Cyclist Catholic Racing Team, the Long Island New England Sport Bike Meetup Group Int'l, and his work at Lowes Home Improvement. Nicholas says he'd love to hear from **Jack Ng '82**, ME '83, **Alan Schorn '81**, MS Ag '89, and any '83 classmates. **Alan Ioffredo** (i.alan@usa.net) has been working hard to finish his first novel, a historical fiction based on a 500-year-old Renaissance mystery. He and wife Catherine are becoming empty-nesters this fall when their youngest goes off to Wake Forest U. Alan would like to hear from **Mike Yonda**, BS Ag '85, and remembers fondly the friends and clergy within the Cornell Catholic community.

Heather Robbins (hr42@cornell.edu) maintains a private voice studio, teaching students from 8 to retirement age, and reminds us that "it's never too late to do something you love!" She also directs a women's chorus and a teen cappella group, and plays bass and sings in a bluegrass/country band. I don't know how she has time,

but she also enjoys tennis. **Mary Milmoie-Rogers** (marymilmoie@hotmail.com) recently moved to Juno Beach, FL, to be the VP, communications and marketing for UTC Climate, Controls & Security.

Robert Cima (RDCima@me.com) has worked for Four Seasons for the past 33 years, most recently working with nine hotels geographically spread from California to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Hawaii. If that's not glamorous enough, Robert and his wife, **Amy (Chrisman) '88**, recently returned from Punta Mita with their kids after a glorious vacation of sun and fun. He credits Hotelie classmates for inspiration while at Cornell, specifically **Jay Solomon**, **John O'Keefe**, **Sean Hennessey**, **Tom Warren**, and **Jenny Schiff Berg '84**.

I'm happy to report that our youngest, **Miranda Deane '17**, is starting her senior year in Cornell Engineering (ISST) and has been very active as a TA for two Web design classes, a VP at Kappa Delta, and a member of Cornell's Orientation Steering Committee. She is interning for Pairade, a startup in Chicago, working for a Cornell grad. Our middle daughter, **Samantha (Emory '15)**, is halfway through her MILR program at Cornell and will be interning this summer for McKesson in Georgia. Our oldest, **Elizabeth (UPenn/Wharton '12)**, is a senior associate in financial services at PwC. **Chris Deane** and I are living back in Elmhurst, IL, where I recently finished writing a historical women's fiction novel. I work in media at Hinsdale Central High School. We would love to hear from you! Please e-mail your news to: **Barb Warner Deane**, barbdene@barbdene.com; or **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

84 Ah, summer! My favorite time of year. Living in Upstate New York makes us long for these long days of light and warmth. We got some news from our classmates, so let me dive right in.

Keith Kefgen is a partner at Aethos Consulting Group in New York. This rapidly growing company provides advisory and executive searches to the global hospitality industry. Keith's son, **Stefan**, is a chef at the Dutch in NYC, and his daughter, **Isabella**, is a sophomore at UCLA. Keith just finished writing a book on leadership entitled *The Loneliness of Leadership*. This busy classmate wishes he could play more golf and hear from Cornell friends **Mike Cahill** and **Brandon Maxwell**. In response to our news form question about who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell, he wrote, "Dean **Robert Beck '42**, PhD '54, of the Hotel school. A great gentleman." **Jean Hertzman** reports, "After 21 years in Las Vegas teaching at UNLV, I moved to Las Cruces, NM, in December to become the director of the School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management at New Mexico State U." She is happily working with another Hotelie, **Betsy Bender Stringam '83**.

Steve Shippee is in South Carolina and started a talent management company for musicians called Shipwright Productions LLC. They signed their first artist out of London, McGoozer. Otherwise, he says he is mostly retired. His son, **David**

'12, is working at GE while daughter Rachel graduated from Elon last year and now works at the New York Attorney General's office. Daughter Jenna is a sophomore at the College of Charleston and doing a semester at sea. His stepdaughter, **Katelyn**, was married last May. **Tom Fric** has been at GE for 25 years! He manages a group that is focused on wind turbine performance engineering. Tom and wife Karen-Marie are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. They also had two graduations in the family, with daughter Monica graduating from the U. of South Carolina and son Stephen graduating from high school. What a year! Tom gives a nod to Prof. Stephen Pope—"who taught my first Fluid Mechanics class, and I'm still in that area 30 years later."

Sherri Samuels Lilienfeld just opened a real estate brokerage office in New Jersey to better serve her commercial clients. She is licensed in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Classmate **Jane Kow** is spending a lot of time building an employment law, human resources consulting, and workplace training practice. As she says, "Nothing beats being your own boss." She took a trip with the Cornell Alumni Assn. to Morocco. "It was a fascinating place with a great group of Cornell alumni." Jane adds, "Retirement is tempting."

Carolyn Kaulfuss Beyers works to ensure that first-generation, inner city youth from Syracuse/Utica attend and complete college and transition to the workforce. In April she became a grandmother; her new granddaughter's parents both graduated from Cornell. Carolyn would like to hear from her Kappa Alpha Theta sisters. **Dan Caloras** is a family physician in a small New England community. He serves as the medical director for a visiting nurse organization and is a mentor for medical students from Dartmouth. He's been doing medical mission work in Honduras for the past nine years and is organizing a medical mission to Cambodia this December. This busy physician wishes he could write a book. Dan feels that all the "amazingly devoted students and teachers" had the greatest impact on him while at Cornell. He reports that his nephew **Sam '18** is a sophomore at Cornell.

Lastly, I'd like to report some news of my own. My husband, **Kevin McCormick**, and I celebrated two more graduations this year. Our youngest children, daughters **Meg '16** and **Kate '16**, graduated from Cornell. Meg was an English major in Arts and Sciences and Kate was a Human Development major in Human Ecology. It was a joyful, though wet, ceremony! Our classmate (and my co-class correspondent) **Janet Insardi** made the trip to Ithaca to celebrate with us. She brought one of the most popular gifts, a tub of Purity Madigan Mint! Meg and Kate both head off to jobs in New England. No more tuition bills!

Please send more news to us. You all know our threat to dredge up old news from our time on the Hill! Don't make us do that. **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinecantwell@gmail.com; **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

85 I am writing during one of the hottest summers in Georgia—waiting for rain and enjoying the lake life in the South. By the time you read this, though, another freshman class will be matriculating into our beloved alma mater. News is slim, but maybe it's because our class is out traveling the world this year or simply enjoying life's simple

pleasures of family or taking the summer off. Whatever you are up to, please send us your news!

Paula McCrae Patton writes from Pennsylvania that she's helping older adults be able to stay at home, promoting and advocating dignity and comfort as a geriatric doctor through hospice care. She has two sons with husband John. She would love to hear from **Asha Das**, MD '89, **Lori Buck**, **Beth Ann Kay Schaeffer** '86, **Sonia Ahn** '84, and **Rafael Jimenez**. Paula says that the Campus Crusade for Christ and Dr. William Cross had the greatest impact on her during her time at Cornell. **Caroline Huxtable** Potter (Fabius, NY) sends news about her daughters. Kelsey is an RN working to become a nurse practitioner, and **Connie** '15, BS Ag '16, and **Tracy** '16 graduated from CALS in May 2016. Tracy will enter Cornell's Vet college and Connie will head to law school in D.C. Caroline is a very proud mama!

Ronald Hovey, head of procurement and project controls for Sunoco Logistics, married Eddy Rhenals in April 2016. Classmates attending were **Paul Cisneros**, **Brett Green**, **Arjun Mukerji**, and **William Francis**, MS Ag '92. **Frederic Johnson**, BS AEP '04, writes that for part of his volunteer work at the Adler Planetarium, he is designing an "attitude determination and control system" for terrestrial night imaging. Frederic would like to reconnect with **Bill Shillue**. **Stephanie Reich**, BArch '86, is an urban designer for the City of West Hollywood in California, busily working to improve and facilitate development and policy projects. She and husband John Bencler, also an architect, have an "amazing and busy life with very full days!" Stephanie is grateful to her many wonderful professors from the School of Architecture.

Karen Jensen Pearce has moved to California and "retired" from practicing optometry. She now invests her time in the lives of her and husband Bill's children. Ryan, 22, is headed to Princeton Theology Seminary; Morgan, 19, is a sophomore at PLNU; and Casey, 17, is a sophomore at San Ramon Valley High School. Karen didn't stay retired long—she is now the director of connection for Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, helping to create community for her church and town. Business cards came in from **Enchi Liu**, PhD '94, who is a program team leader for PROTHENA in San Francisco, CA; **Harry Hill**, president and CEO of Oak Lawn Marketing in Tokyo, Japan; and **Nicholas Szabo**, chief technology officer and head of the information technology and business support department for AXA Liability Managers in NYC.

I still work as a clinical nutritionist for a skilled nursing and assisted living community here in Georgia. It is an amazing job, spending some of the best years with people nearing the end of their lives. Our greatest generation is dwindling, and they are an incredibly strong, resilient, intelligent, and humble group. I am honored to meet and take care of them. At home, I am blessed with my loving husband, Michael, and our 15-year-old, Daniel, who will be a sophomore in high school and just got his learner's permit. It is scary how quickly our lives are moving. Please think about sending your news to us, or reach out on the 1985 Cornell Facebook page. ☐ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarihesq@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

86 I know I speak for all of our classmates who attended our 30th Reunion when I say it was an unbelievably good time. Three hundred old and

new friends from the Class of '86 descended on Ithaca starting Thursday night. The relatively small first-night crowd wasted no time reconnecting over cocktails and dinner in the wonderful company of Frank H.T. Rhodes and his wife, Rosa. President Emeritus Rhodes treated us to a walk down memory lane—remember "Shanty Town"?! The general feeling was excitement that the weekend was off to a great start and anticipation of what lay ahead. **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster, **Katie Roth** Boyar, and **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw served as our fearless Reunion chairs. These ladies did a phenomenal job keeping us fed and entertained all weekend. They have led each and every one of our Reunions and we are all the richer because of their dedication. A huge THANK YOU from us all.

There were other classmates who unselfishly added to the fun and festivities. A special thanks goes out to **Scott Frentrop**, in recognition of his dedication to documenting our weekend through his beautiful photography, which included a picture of several classmates using their bodies to depict an "8" and a "6". Scott positioned himself at the top of the Clock Tower to get the shot. Another thank you goes to **Lynne McFarland** McKinnon and **Didi Barcomb**, who led us in yoga two mornings. (The second morning was a command performance after the first class was such a hit!)

Over the course of the weekend it was clear that people made sacrifices, changed other plans, and traveled both small and great distances to be there. I am not sure who gets the award for traveling the greatest distance, but I am going to give **Duncan Wood**, **Duanne Moeser**, and **Ellen Lederman** honorable mentions for venturing in from Scotland, Germany, and Switzerland, respectively. Another honorable mention goes to **Kenan "Pottsy" Nacar**, who left in the wee hours of Sunday morning to make it back to Boston for his young son's last lacrosse game of the season. **Maggie Holcomb** Schubauer made the drive up from Cold Spring Harbor so she could join the fun Friday night and had to leave early Saturday morning so she could watch son Jamie win the New York State public high school boys lacrosse state championship. Congratulations! Another huge non-Reunion related congratulations goes out to classmates **John Tagliaferri** and **Frank Kelly**, who each have sons on the UNC men's lacrosse team, recently crowned NCAA champions!

Thank you to **Mike Schafer**, who took time to speak to the class about the state of Big Red hockey. I know we all enjoyed the behind-the-scenes stories he shared about our beloved team. After the talk, Mike and fellow athletes **Lyndon Gross**, **Michael Wagner**, **Duanne Moeser**, **Martin Schulz**, and **Mike Manaster** reminisced about the games and fun they had on the Hill. Another thank you to **Mike Malaga**, **Kevin Cornacchio**, **Mike Lally**, and **Duncan Wood** for hosting many of us at the RV they parked near our weekend home in High Rise 5.

In true form, Ithaca's schizophrenic weather kept us all on our toes. We were cold in the tents on Friday night and saw all outdoor activities for the next day changed to indoor venues due to predictions of severe weather, only to wake to lovely weather on Saturday. Wine tasting, visits to sorority and fraternity houses, dining in Collegetown, hikes around campus, fabulous lectures, and tons of laughter rounded out the weekend. For those friends who weren't able to make it, you were with us in spirit (and via text and cell phone connections)! I know that it is difficult to arrange our busy lives and clear time for Reunion, but I urge everyone to plan on attending our 35th. I promise you

will be glad you did. ☐ **Michael Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

87 Hope you all had a great summer! **Donna Rau** Pierce writes that her son Matt will be a member of the Cornell Engineering Class of 2020. Congratulations! And **Lisa Glickstein**, MD '93 (lisa.glickstein@gmail.com) writes, "I'm excited to report that our daughter **Samantha Hagler** is in the Cornell Class of 2020. Her sister Michaela is going to Purdue U., and Alex is going to Bryn Mawr College (both class of 2020 also!)."

Lisa Kish Ziliak reports that she is an optometrist, enjoying a new job giving eye exams to kids in the Chicago public schools. She also is busy helping her husband, Zach, who started his own law firm about three years ago. The Ziliaks' daughter, Jillian, is winding up her kindergarten year. "We have a long way to go before retirement!" **Ora Panitz** Chaiken, MBA '88, is enjoying her work as director of customer success at Water Smart Software, a startup that provides an engagement platform to water utilities. She's about to send her youngest to college (not Cornell) and would love to reconnect with **Diane Hirschhorn**. **Josephine Connolly**-Schoonen spends her time maintaining the Stony Brook Heights Rooftop Farm ("like us on Facebook!") and the Stony Brook U. online master's program in nutrition.

Margot Leffler Milberg is just back from Bali, where she celebrated **Debora Mei** Motilo's 50th birthday. She saw **Ariane Steinbeck** there as well and comments, "It was an amazing celebration!" **West Hooker-Poletti** is busy running Locanda del Lago Restaurant and Caffè Bellagio in Santa Monica while raising children Helen, 5, and Benjamin, 18 months, and is still thinking of building a small hotel in Bellagio. He is also continuing to fix up a beautiful villa on Lake Como (Bellagio) and succeeding with the short-term villa rental business—check it out: villapolettibellagio.com. **Karen Lootens** Odden just published her first novel, an e-book with Alibi/Random House, called *A Lady in the Smoke: A Victorian Mystery*. The book, which features a railway conspiracy, is available on Amazon.com.

Wendy Knight moved to Keene, NY, two years ago, and last year she opened the Brew Castle, a draft beer and specialty retail store. Based on its Facebook page, it looks like a thriving business. Congratulations, Wendy! **Jill Eskin Major** HaLevi writes that she is practicing as a solo attorney in federal court (criminal defense) and family court (mediations) and as a guardian ad litem for children and representative of parties in divorce and custody cases. Her husband, Andrew, is a high school principal; older daughter Noa is a high school senior headed to Brandeis; and younger daughter Mira is a seventh grader. Jill wishes she had more time to travel.

Mike Moore writes, "Just finished leg six of the Clipper Round the World Race—Qingdao, China, to Seattle. About two-thirds of the way through racing a 70-ft. sailboat around the world from London to London. Follow my race at: www.mike-ayu.tumblr.com." **June Bell** sent in a nice note about hearing through the Cornell grapevine that our very own **Liz Brown**, JD '90, had moved to her neck of the woods in San Mateo, CA, so she decided to look her up. June writes, "Though we didn't know each other at Cornell, we discovered that we grew

up a few miles from each other in Pennsylvania, attended the same day camp (Arrowhead), and now are living a few miles from each other in Northern California. A small world indeed! Our goal now is to get Wawa, a Philly-area institution, to open its first store in the San Francisco Bay Area."

Gary Okamoto, BS '89 (gary.okamoto@gmail.com) was recently honored with the 2016 Outstanding Asian Professional Award from the Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce, capping 25 years of successfully growing sales for Varian Medical Systems Inc. in Asia. He writes, "My oldest son, Chris, a junior at Hillcrest High School, is starting to visit D-1 and D-2 schools, where he hopefully can play baseball as a catcher in fall 2017. He's got a 4.0 GPA and an ACT score of 32!" Gary sites starting his overseas career in Tokyo as one of the best decisions he ever made. He fondly remembers attending a Carl Sagan lecture on the "amazing galaxy" during his time on the Hill, and says that he'd like to hear from **Dan Connolly**. That's it for now. It would be nice to hear from you all! What say you? Send news to: **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; or **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu.

88 Lots of news to share from near and far, beginning with **Carla Liberatore**, who is an ob/gyn in Syracuse, just a stone's throw from Cornell. Carla's older son will be attending the Naval Academy in Annapolis this fall. When asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her, she notes, "Numerous friends and faculty have made and continue to make a difference in my life. Nothing was impossible after my Cornell experience." Carla wishes she could be visiting Cornell more often and would love to hear from **Heidi Heinzertling**, DVM '92.

Anne-Lise Mogstad is enjoying life in sunny San Diego (especially in winter!), where she keeps busy spending time with her kids, family, and dog and traveling. Who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell? "Prof. Peter T. Wolczanski—clearly!" Anne-Lise would love to hear from **Randy Landsberg**. **Lauren Parker** is enjoying her new weekend home on the North Fork of Long Island, the perfect urban escape from Manhattan. "My 6-year-old needs grass, and I love the 40-plus wineries!" Lauren is editor-in-chief of *Accessories Magazine*, and reflects on the impact Prof. **Jane Little Hardy** '53, who taught her magazine writing and editing class, had on her at Cornell. "She definitely kick-started my magazine career!" **Amy Moses** Coates reports, "As a retired healthcare attorney, I started my second career as an independent college counselor with Breakaway Prep in New Jersey. I became certified through UCLA's online program. I am raising two teenage girls, one of whom is now beginning her college search."

In moves and career news, **Jennifer Lee** Chandler moved to Watertown, CT, and is working at the Taft School, a boarding school for students in grades nine through post-graduate. **Gretchen Sanewsky** is the director of community outreach and enrollment at the Huron Valley PACE, a program for seniors with ongoing healthcare needs in Ypsilanti, MI. She has held this role since 2014. **Tammy Levine** is a director at Citigroup, serving as head of communications and digital experience. She lives in White Plains, NY, with her husband and two daughters, ages 11 and 7. **Aileen Cleary** Cohen sends news from Palo Alto, CA, where she has been doing contract work in drug development. She enjoys having relatively flexible hours and being able

to use her MD and PhD almost every day. As of this writing, she was looking forward to seeing **Ann Calvert** Harper, **Tina LaMont** Kramer, and **Tina Ludt** Mahoney, MBA '93, over the summer, and hoped to also hear from **Jacy Channell** Smith '90.

Loren Gerlach sends cheers from London, where he is working in the operations due diligence team of Alvarez & Marsal, assisting investors in evaluating acquisition targets and improving them post-acquisition. "We've been living in London for 17 years, where my wife, Susan, is very active as an actress and seamstress in London fringe theatre. I've done a CD of songs about my globetrotting: www.lorenswanderlust.net." Loren is planning to retire in 2019 to pursue his passion of music, theatre, and globetrotting. As a lead-up to her 50th birthday, and in preparation for a move from Chicago to Denver with her partner of 13 years, **Neva Frank** left her job at Conagra Foods to pursue her passion for downhill skiing in Austria, Utah, Colorado, and even Wisconsin.

We know many of you are out there celebrating as our 50th birthday year rolls on. Please tell us about your celebrations, and, better yet, post pictures to our Class of '88 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. Happy Birthday to all! Your class correspondents: **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

89 I use my phone all the time, how about you? Pick it up a gazillion times a day. Send e-mail. Handle family logistics. Buy and ship a gift. Flirt with my husband. Nag my kids to do chores. Tell them I love them. Check weather. Check sports. And my favorite: check what friends and family are doing via social media. Like my teens, I rarely actually use it to make a phone call. You will not find me bashing the prevalent use of social media for the simple reason that it connects me. I love people and I like staying connected to the ones whom I love, especially when geography conspires against us. Cornell friends who I met and loved have returned to my life, if only virtually.

This spring, social media helped me reconnect beyond the screen when, while in NYC, I shared lunch with **Chuck Wimbley**, BS Hotel '91, a classmate from Cornell. Our freshman year we met when he was pledging Sigma Chi along with my then-boyfriend, now-husband **Michael McGarry**. Over lunch near the airport, Chuck and I put Michael on speakerphone and sent pictures back to him. During my Cornell years I felt disconnected from pop culture, but Chuck was always current with music trends during college and he created a successful business out of it. In 1987, he was already an entrepreneur, running a successful DJ business he started called Party With Chuck. He sold PWC in 1994, spinning for over 1,000 parties with 15 DJs. After graduation, Chuck and his father started an advertising agency and grew it for the next 20 years. He shares, "We had over 40 people in our agency and our clients were GM, GMC Truck, Cadillac, Mazda, BP, NutraSweet, Clorox, Nabisco, Marvel Entertainment, and Kellogg's. Our crowning achievement was being the lead agency for the 2000 Olympics for GM."

Today, Chuck is the owner of two new companies: Aerialworks USA and PremieraTech. Aerialworks USA (www.aerialworksusa.com) is an FAA-approved aerial production company that utilizes smart-drone

technology to provide beautiful cinematography. Chuck's company works with movie producers, advertising agencies, television stations, and commercial real estate firms. This year his planned projects include work with Showtime Network on an original series as well as two new movies. Premiera Technologies, or PremieraTech, focuses on industrial drone uses in the area of precision agriculture, pipeline surveillance, power line inspections, and other industrial applications. Chuck is married to his college sweetheart, **Elizabeth (Minaya)** '91. She is a family physician who works in Manhattan. They have two children, a 12-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl, and currently reside in Brooklyn, NY.

Susan Comminos updated via the online news form (which is a simple way to send us your news!). Susan writes, "Since January, I've been a freelance book critic for the *Chicago Tribune*. Thus far, I've reviewed literary fiction by the Soviet-born novelist Olga Grushin and by the American-born short story writer Helen Maryles Shankman. Separately, I'm teaching and writing poetry. Over the past year, my poetry's appeared in the Harvard Review Online, *Malahat Review*, *Hobart*, *Southern Humanities Review*, the *Tishman Review*, and the *Common*. It's forthcoming in the Good Men Project, *J Journal*, *Spoon River Poetry Review*, and *Subtropics*." She boasts that she is also the proud aunt of a 15-year-old nephew and an 11-year-old niece. Finally, in response to the query, "What is one of the best decisions you ever made?" Susan asserts: "Becoming an English major." It seems to have served her very well!

If you are looking for the news you submitted via "snail mail" recently, please accept my apologies and please re-submit your updates because, I confess, they are currently lost. Somewhere between Cornell alumni offices and my hands, the envelope slipped the grasp. My family scoured the paper-resting places in our home with me, but we could neither find it nor recall it crossing our threshold. However, we have been in a major remodel for the past ten months of our kitchen, dining room, laundry room, and garage, so my bet is I lost it in our grand displacement of life. Has anyone else done a major home remodel like this one? I would love to hear your encouragement! I hope more of you will be moved to share (may I suggest the online feature?). Please do not be shy. I know a couple of classmates demurred when asked to share their accomplishments professionally and personally since our days on the Hill, but I would love to hear of your family, hobby interests, community activities, and travel adventures as well. Many of us are now cheering on our children as they head off to college. Our son, Thane, graduates from high school next week; he will commute in the fall to the U. at Buffalo to study chemistry. Next spring we hope to launch our middle kid.

Do you have a legacy attending or graduating this year? Please share, and we look forward to hearing from you. **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

90 Having just finished hosting the G7 Health Ministers' Meeting in Kobe, I am somewhat bemused that my pre-med and international relations

studies came into play while dealing with staff from the World Health Organization and delegates from the G7 countries. The best thing about being a Cornellian is being well-rounded and able to speak to anyone about almost anything. **Adrienne Alton-Gust**, ME '91, is also proving that well-rounded Cornellians can do just about anything. After graduation, she worked for a while in Japan for a glass manufacturing company, but decided to change her career. She is now a PhD candidate in ethnomusicology at the U. of Chicago and lives in Arizona while finishing her dissertation.

While Upstate New York may physically be 13 time zones away from Japan, I am constantly reminded of my good fortune in being part of the

about the good old days with several sorority sisters including **Christine Fleming** Taylor, **Andrea Sonner** Caruso, **Shammi Venkatachalam** Anholt '91, and **Leni Kaplan** Maas '91. Christine herself adds, "We enjoyed spending time at the Friday night tent party with **Cathy James** Fisher '91 and **Jim Ward**. On Saturday it was great to see **Susan Guarnaschelli** Collins '89 at the Alpha Phi open house. Part of my Reunion adventures included a visit to the Dairy Barn with **Kristy Richards**. As always, the creative ice cream flavors were delicious."

Former class president **Kevin McManus** and I recently traded a few messages on LinkedIn, where I learned that he is currently VP for human resources pharmaceuticals, product supply, and

since our graduation and how much has remained blissfully the same.

Special thanks to our Reunion chair, **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95 (who also contributed to this column) and all the volunteers for organizing a spectacular Reunion weekend. Besides breaking all attendance records, Jeff and registration chair **Bob Baca** (also our then-class president) each put forth a tremendous effort to make Reunion a smashing success. Their tireless dedication, attention to detail, and non-stop good cheer were instrumental in making the weekend so memorable. Not only did Jeff and Bob work hard planning the Reunion throughout the prior 13 months, they were busy all weekend attending to last-minute details and ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

For the fifth time in five Reunions, the Class of '91 broke the all-time university record for number of classmates in attendance. This time, though, was by far our most impressive accomplishment—544 members of our class returned, including 77 first-time Reunion attendees. Not only did we absolutely smash the previous record of 428 classmates, but the record we broke was one that no other Cornell class has been able to break for the past 31 years! In addition, taking into account family members and friends, the Class of '91 boasted 945 registered attendees, which was the largest number of returning attendees ever for any Reunion class at all previous Cornell Reunions! Classmates and their families were spotted all over campus and across Ithaca. Other classes appeared envious of our numbers and energy—and with good reason. A shout-out to **Kathy Kraus** Bolks for her superb efforts as affinity networking chair in helping to reach out to so many different groups to encourage them to return. And if that were not enough, the Class of '91 also broke the all-time giving record, and we expect to also break the all-time number of Tower Club donors for a 25th Reunion campaign. We raised over \$18 million! Thank you to our campaign chairs **Shar Carter** Heslam and **Avi Mehrotra** and the rest of their committee for their outstanding work.

During the weekend, classmates enjoyed breakfasts at our class headquarters, a delicious barbeque dinner Friday, zip-lining over the gorge behind Beebe Lake, rappelling off the crescent, tent parties, receptions at fraternities and sororities, Finger Lakes winery tastings, Cornelliana Night in Bailey Hall, bird walks at Sapsucker Woods, strolls through the Plantations, the Ithaca Farmers' Market, cocktails in Collegetown, the Hot Truck, stimulating and informative talks and lectures, and countless other activities. Most significantly, classmates lingered in dorm rooms, lounges, stairways, and quads, catching up and sharing memories with old friends, making new friends, and creating new memories.

Our class headquarters was in the newer Court-Kay-Bauer Hall complex on North Campus. **Dorine Colabella** DiConti utilized her outstanding skills in decorating and transformed the headquarters into a wonderfully welcoming and festive atmosphere. Dorine's attention to detail in coordinating colors, balloons, centerpieces, and more was also on display when she brilliantly converted the featureless and expansive Barton Hall into two unique festive environments for our Friday and Saturday dinners. Saturday afternoon, **Ruby Wang** Pizzini and her committee transformed part of the Arts Quad into a festive carnival for kids of all ages. It was a gorgeous day (despite earlier predictions of rain) for those in attendance who enjoyed laser tag, airbrush

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Tom Greenberg '91

Big Red family, especially when it means being invited for a sneak preview of a new Disney resort. **Matt Tager** '83, a good friend from the Cornell Club of Los Angeles, was part of the magic behind Shanghai Disneyland's restaurant and shop interior designs in Fantasyland. Before he moved back to Southern California to start work on another giant Disney project, I caught up with him and heard fascinating stories about various challenges and adventures he experienced during his four years in China. The highlight of my trip was staying at the new Toy Story Hotel. It was also a delightful surprise to spot a "Cornell Dad" T-shirt on one of the Shanghai Disneyland visitors. Having spent several summer and winter breaks as a Disneyland tour guide in Anaheim, previewing the resort was an extra-special treat. Seeing the new park in Shanghai brought back great memories of testing out Splash Mountain in 1989 and getting soaking wet as the Imagineers were still fine-tuning the water levels for the attraction.

TP Enders, MS ORIE '96, my fellow IRC staffer from our time on the Hill, is as funny as ever. In response to being asked what has been happening in his life, TP replied: "Fending off e-mail spammers and surviving the daily grind with wife **Deborah Skolnik** '89, two daughters, and an actual white picket fence. If the spammers say they're Cornell classmates, we usually respond immediately!" I decided to see if he would respond to an e-mail from me, and true to his word, he did in less than a day. He asked me not to refer to his daughters Clara, 16, and Genie, 12, as "future Cornellians" as he has heard "too many stories of plans like that not working out." TP reports that **Patrick Cott** spends his free time from his job in technology by running marathons and half-marathons and that Patrick's daughter, Lily, attends the other Cornell in Iowa. **Michael Masterson** moved home to Cincinnati from NYC and works for Stiefel Financial in its investment management division. **Dini Sathe Merz** is director of publicity for the Pennsylvania Cheetahs, an indoor soccer team. Thanks for the classmate news, TP! I enjoyed watching Dini and husband **Steve** '91 singing at Cornelliana Night during Reunion 2015.

Many classmates attended Reunion 2016 as well. Webmaster **Helen Herrador** Arco reminisced

administration at Bayer HealthCare (US). It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since Kevin kindly hosted a houseful of friends and family (including me and my siblings) during the Atlanta Olympics, the first that my sister Tamarine competed in as a doubles player for Thailand, where she and her partner reached the quarterfinals against the Spanish legends Conchita Martinez and Aranxa Sanchez-Vicario. I'm still very thankful to Kevin for making it possible for my family to have that special Olympic experience together. We're both hoping Bayer sends him on a business trip to Japan in the near future so we can catch up in person. **Samir Somaiya**, ME '92, MBA '93, president of Somaiya Vidyavihar, opened FABLAB, an incubator for technology innovation and entrepreneurship, in January. The new center is located on the Somaiya Vidyavihar campus in Mumbai and received a five-year grant from India's Dept. of Science and Technology. Samir has been a visiting professor at Cornell since 2007, teaching Chem Eng 5408, a course in agriculture and renewable resources.

In closing, congrats to the classes of 1965 and 1990 for being selected as a finalist in the CAA Cup video competition, which was won by the Big Red Bands Alumni Assn. The video was put together by class president **Caroline Miscagna Sussman** and her husband, **Andrew** '91. Please visit the Class of 1990 Facebook page to watch the great entry. As always, we welcome your news for the class column. ✉ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

91 From June 9-12, members of the Class of 1991 took a break from their normal routines to return to Cornell for our 25th Reunion. As in years past, Reunion provided classmates with a wonderful opportunity to remember the good times we shared as students and to reflect on our lives over the years since we left the Hill. We were able to completely immerse ourselves in the world we knew 25 years ago. We marveled at how much has changed on campus

tattoos, sand art, Cornell Dairy ice cream, live music by a DJ, giant lawn games, the Big Red Band, Touchdown the Bear, and more. "Fun in the Sun" was a screaming success and entertained future Cornellians from many different Reunion classes.

The weekend climaxed on Saturday evening due to the tremendous efforts of **Kim Brown** Bixler, who spent many months planning a never-been-done-before blockbuster Reunion event. This new approach to the class dinner marked the 25th Reunion milestone in a unique way. With help of local classmate **Eric Rosario**, the "Taste and Toast to the 25th" brought together 12 regional wineries, two hard cider producers, one brew pub, one coffee shop, and 15 local restaurants. '91ers and their guests wine and dined for hours in Barton Hall, grabbing bite-sized tastes and sips during the roving dinner party. President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes and his wife, Rosa, attended the event, which included a class photo shoot midway through the evening. It was a great night for the Class of '91 and a fun and innovative way to cap off a milestone Reunion weekend.

Finally, we would like to thank Bob Baca, whose term ended in July, for his outstanding service to our class as class president. We look forward to **Jana Pompadur** Kierstead leading our class through our 30th Reunion! As a reminder, you can always submit class notes updates by visiting: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We look forward to hearing from you. **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu. Class correspondents: **Lori Attanasio** Woodring, lori.woodring@btinternet.com; **Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmlkscoburn@me.com.

92 Hello everyone! I hope that 2016 is proving to be enjoyable and rewarding for you! Enjoy some of the latest news stories and moments from this year for our classmates.

Chad Gibbons writes that he and wife Dori have just sent their first daughter off to college at the U. of Arkansas, where she will be studying to be an occupational therapist. His younger daughter has followed in her dad's footsteps as a lacrosse player, and she won a state championship with her team! Chad has been working in the high-tech industry for more than 20 years and is currently a VP with Nokia, running the joint business with Accenture. He enjoys his work and finds it "exciting and rewarding" to generate net new sales for the company. **John Balet** (Malta, NY) tells us that he is still at the Ballston Spa High School, teaching environmental science and sustainability. He says that becoming a teacher was the best move he ever made. He also says that he and wife Sandi have two children in high school and are busy advising and supporting them, as well as spectating at all of their activities.

Beth Yancey Storz is currently president and part-owner of innovation process consulting firm Ideas to Go Inc. She recently took a trip up to Cornell for a Touchtones concert, and while there was able to have a mini-reunion with some Touchtones from the classes of 1991-94. Ten alumni members and 11 of their children were part of the get-together. Says Beth, "It was amazing!" **Karen Kirschenbaum** Cestari and classmate **Michele Cohen** Felner had an amazing visit to Cornell with their high school children, prospective Cornellians. Best of luck to your kids with their college applications. **Amy Trotter** Mitchell (Cape Coral, FL) was

recently promoted to national partnership manager at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Congrats!

Gordon Brunskill (Centre Hall, PA) writes that he has been "playing catch-up" with many of his classmates. He and wife Amber had their second child, Alexandra, in February. She joins big brother Grayson, 3-1/2, as the newest member of the family! That's all for now. Thanks for sharing! **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

93 Happy summer, everyone! We hope it's been full of laughter, fun, and sun. Did you make it back to Ithaca? (I did, in April—and of course, it snowed.) How were your summer vacations and adventures? We want to know!

Greg Coladonato sends greetings from the Bay Area, where he is running a pair of real estate investment partnerships after many years at Google and after having earned an MBA. Not only did Greg change up his career, but he has also ventured into politics. In 2014, he was elected to his local school board! Greg, wife **Maia (Albano)** '92, and their three children (Gavin, Connor, and Cici) look forward to hearing from you the next time you are in the Bay Area! **Zak Green** checks in from New York to let us know that he's still rocking and rolling, playing drums in rock bands on the weekends in addition to spending time with his wife, Maria, and 2-year-old daughter, Emme. Says Zak, "Emme cracks us up every day and keeps us on our toes!" Sound familiar to any of you? In addition to his institutional sales work for WAMCO, Zak is also managing an IP portfolio of rules-based trading patents he created in 2007, which were precursors to robo-advisors.

Aaron Hicks writes that he and his wife, **Holly (Creech)** '94, are celebrating a decade of working with the Christian nonprofit mission Serge Global in Granada, Spain. They are looking forward to returning to the Finger Lakes for a six-month furlough later this year along with their four children, ages 17, 16, 14, and 11. Congratulations, Aaron and Holly! Have a happy, healthy, and fulfilling rest of your 2016, and please stay in touch! **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

94 It's getting harder and harder to fill this space, classmates. I picture all of us, 22 years out, settled in life and careers and chugging along, just too busy with life to think about sending info to Cornell. Facebook helps keep us in touch with each other, too, and I am glad for it. But having this published news in the magazine is an important historical record, and we do have non-Facebookers among us, so please do tell us what you are up to! We've got to be getting close to the first legacy attending Cornell (if it hasn't happened already), and I want to hear about it!

A few classmates had an impromptu reunion over Fourth of July weekend this year. **Seth Stuhl**, **Jeremy Matz**, and **Nico**, BFA '95, and **Elizabeth Gonzalez Marcellino** randomly ran into each other at Uris Library while touring campus! Nico and Elizabeth are once again working to raise the next

generation of Cornellians by bringing their kiddos to Ithaca to participate in Cornell's Adult University and other summer offerings. Seth, who continues to work as VP, business affairs and legal counsel at Disney Theatrical Group, was recognized recently by Mickey Mouse himself as part of the Disney VolunteARS team of the year as part of the Disney Legal Pro Bono Team.

Paul Bamundo has an awesome new job to announce. He is now the chief marketing officer for Ivy League Sports Marketing, a unique collaboration between the Ivy League and JMI Sports. His job is to promote Ivy League athletics, including developing a corporate sponsorship program on behalf of the conference with a focus on the inaugural Ivy League men's and women's basketball tournaments, which will take place at the historic Palestra on the UPenn campus March 11 and 12, 2017. He wrote last spring, "So get ready for March Madness and mark your calendars to come to Philadelphia for a great weekend of Ivy League basketball next year!" Good luck, Paul!

I have my own news to report, and I will assume the third person for this very serious purpose. **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik was elected president of her county's chapter of the Florida Assn. for Women Lawyers, Women Lawyers of Pasco. She will serve for 2016-17. She was also named to the Florida Super Lawyers list and Florida Trend Legal Elite list—and *Super Lawyers* magazine also named her one of the top 50 Lawyers in Tampa Bay. Whew—it's hard to talk about yourself, but I figured I'd better practice what I preach. **Lisa Wiley** Moslow continues to teach creative writing and composition at Erie Community College, while writing and publishing poetry. Lisa recently published a poem about our 20th Reunion, and I am reprinting it here as a final thought, with her permission. The original appeared on the poetry website Verse Virtual (<http://www.verse-virtual.com/lisa-wiley-2016-june.html>).

HEAVEN IS A LUAU UNDER A WHITE TENT BY THE LITTLE LAKE

*I found myself in heaven last Saturday night
at a reunion where the same friends bantered
happy and polite until someone started
pulling the pork out of someone else's sandwich,
another ate cheesecake with his hands.
Some rode canoes on the calm lake;
others raced along the shore. No one tipped over.*

*The same clock tower chiming the hour,
all the leaves full-throttle green.
Our retired college president posed for pictures,
kissing us on the cheek. His English accent,
the same.*

*It didn't matter if you exchanged a ponytail
for a buzz cut or an engineering degree
to be a stay-at-home mother.*

*Everyone at their core, the same—
Big Red blood coursing our veins.
We danced in a conga line to a nine-piece band,
cheeks rosy, blouses and dress shirts
sticking to our backs with sweat,
hoping a sweet song would outlast
the tiki torches glistening off the water.*

And on that lovely note, please send us news! Use the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) or e-mail any of us directly so we can share your news. **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 This month marks a quarter-century since most of us started our time at Cornell. A quarter century since we made those long treks from our freshman dorms to our 9 a.m. classes, since we attended our first party, since we experienced all the memorable firsts that freshmen usually do. Time has just flown by.

Todd Edebohls has moved from the North Bay of San Francisco to the NYC area (he's originally from the Hudson Valley) and is now the VP of business development at Zocdoc, a technology company specializing in services for doctors. Todd and his wife, Juli, a professional illustrator, have two sons—Bowie, 9, and Oscar, 6—both of whom, he says, “are above average and enjoy coding, exploring forests, and inventing sports.” Although Todd and I had met sophomore year, we became friends when we were living in the Bay Area through alumni events; he introduced me to CAAAN, mountain biking, the Palo Alto Run Club, and, indirectly, my own wife. **Sophia Lee** has been living in Philadelphia, where she was born and raised, since graduating from Cornell. She recently took a job with Blank Rome LLP as a partner in the energy, environment, and mass torts practice group. But that's not all. With her chef-husband, Michael O'Halloran, she reports: “We have been operating a modern French restaurant, Bistrot 7, located in historic Old City Philadelphia, for the last 11-plus years.” To boot, they have two young daughters, a 3-year-old and a 1-year-old. In her free time, she has been doing CAAAN since 2002.

Dave Beck reports that he is “enjoying life in procurement” at NYC- and Norwalk, CT-based Diageo, a beverage company with iconic brands in spirits, beer, and wine. He lives in Hoboken and shares that he recently went to see Prof. Peter Katzenstein lead a panel on foreign policy at Carnegie Hall. Not far away in the Garden State, **Lisa Febles** Henson reports that she is celebrating nine years working at Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center in Elizabeth, NJ, where she is chair of radiation oncology. She recently welcomed her third son, Luke, with husband Kevin Korondi. When asked if she wishes she could be doing more of something, she responded, “Playing more tennis and getting a full night's sleep.”

New Jersey native **Shana Silverstein Barbieri**, DVM '99, is practicing integrative veterinary medicine (“Yes,” she says, “you can do acupuncture on dogs and cats!”) and sings in a local community Jewish chorale in Wake Forest, NC. She will celebrate her 15th anniversary with her husband, **Tom, PhD '99**, this fall. Her son is in seventh grade and her daughter is in fourth. Another former member of the Big Red Band, **Russ Levitan** had this update: “Hey, 9-0, good to hear from you. This year I celebrated my 11th anniversary with Nestlé, doing syndicated research mostly for Gerber. I'm still living in . . . wait for it . . . New Jersey with my wife, Sheri, and raising two happy dancing girls, Jamie, 8, and Alana, 5. We just completed our annual dance recital cycle, where the girls and I got to do our first daddy-daughter dance.” As a father of an 8-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old daughter, I can relate to that. A brief explanation of my “9-0” nickname: Few classmates from marching band know me by my real name. When I joined band in the fall of our sophomore year, I was sporting some pretty prominent sideburns. One **Kevin Wise '94** exclaimed, “You look like that guy from 90210! I am going to call you 9-0.” And that was it.

Got any freshman memories to share? Reach out to us. **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

96 Greetings '96ers! Can you believe we just celebrated 20 years since we left the Hill?! A fabulous time was had by all—339 members of our class spent the weekend in Ithaca. Thank you to our Reunion chairs, **Carlton Griffin**, BS '00, and **Katrina James**, for all of your hard work on our behalf! And congratulations to Katrina, who is a newly elected alumni trustee!

Eric Sinoway and wife Jen write, “We enjoyed attending the 20th Reunion with our kids, Michael, 5, and Daniel, 8, and spending time with the Silvermans, Pizzicas, and Hotelies.” Eric is currently the CEO of the Worth Group, publishers of *Worth Magazine*, located in NYC. In 2012, Eric released his book, *Howard's Gift*, that was inspired by his relationship with iconic Harvard professor Howard H. Stevenson. In addition to the above-mentioned folks, **Albert Pizzica** enjoyed seeing the DeCristofaros, **Jeanine Schoen Davis**, **Joe Cook**, **Phil Baugh**, **John** and **Carolyn Frank Judge**, **Mark Pizov**, ME '97, and **Chris Silveira** at Reunion. Al also enjoyed talking with Prof. Mason Peck in Upson Hall about the intersection of entrepreneurs and space. Al is currently an entrepreneur involved in various fields including aerospace, fintech (that's “financial technology” for those like me who didn't know), and healthcare.

We were lucky to spend time with **Jon and Sheri Tian DeCristofaro** and their daughter, Sophie. Jon is leading the software team at CBIZ Savitz, and Sheri is an actuary at Willis Towers Watson. Jon writes, “Sophie is going into sixth grade and loves singing, flute, Broadway shows, and her progressive school (the School in Rose Valley), of which we are on the board and various committees. Our neighbor four doors down graduated from Cornell in '75 and our across-the-street neighbor graduated in '91! At Reunion we met **Terri Levine** Micklin, who also lives in Swarthmore, though we had never crossed paths. However, our children knew each other from camp. We also connected with **Levina Wong**, MEE '98, JD '02, who was friends with some of my engineering friends who didn't come to Reunion—though again, I don't think we knew each other back in the previous millennium.” Recently married Jeanine Schoen Davis had a great time at Reunion as well. Josh and I were thrilled to be at her and Andrew's beautiful wedding at the Equinox Hotel in Vermont last Labor Day weekend. Additional Cornellians in attendance were Eric Sinoway, Al Pizzica, **Bill** and **Gina DeMartini Hander**, **David Jakubowicz '95**, and **Christina Dziedzic** Asig. Jeanine attended the Tri Delt gathering on Saturday afternoon, where she saw **Stephanie Britt Griffin** and **Andrea Foster**.

We were joined by **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, at our Saturday evening class dinner and our very successful dance party—which went until 4 a.m.! At the class dinner and throughout the weekend, we saw **Mike** and **Kathy Heppner Trogolo '95**, **Susanna Klein**, **Joe Cleverdon '98**, BS Ag '15, **Keith Adler**, **Lee Hendelman**, MBA '03, **Lisa Brannigan Rodvign**, **Alexi Clinton**, **Jennifer Lagnado**, MAT '97, **Stephanie Cockerl**, BArch '96, and **Sheryl Magzamen**. We were also lucky to

spend time with Joe Cook and his wife, Embrey, who flew in from Seattle for the weekend. Joe is an associate professor of public policy and governance in the Evans School at the U. of Washington. The rain held out so that we could go outside RPCC for a class picture before folks headed off to Cornelliana Night and the indoor “tent” parties. On a personal note, **Josh Silverman** and I were lucky to have our kids, Abigail, 12, and Jacob, 9, with us to explore the campus. We took them zip-lining, to the new Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall, to a performance of the Hangovers (where they got to see their dad's a cappella group sing), and, of course, on the required trip (or two) to the book store.

A special welcome to our new class president, **Alexandra Clinton**, and so many thanks to our immediate past president, **Andrea Van Schoick**. Jennifer Lagnado will be our VP, and **Emily Hart** Reith is the affinity networking chair. The class council is currently made up of Stephanie Cockerl, **Karen Fabbri**, Carlton Griffin, and Lee Hendelman. As of press time, we are still looking for a treasurer, two or three class correspondents, two Reunion chairs, a secretary, class council-at-large members, and a webmaster. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Cockerl (steph.unwired@gmail.com). Be sure to join us in our class block of tickets for the Cornell vs. UNH hockey game at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Contact Andrea (andreavans@gmail.com) for tickets! **Carin Lustig Silverman**, carin_silverman@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://alumni/cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

97 **John Ontiveros** (jontiveros@bbu-mail.com), the director of labor relations at Bimbo Bakeries USA Inc., was recently promoted to oversee West Coast operations for the company. He also recently completed his second triathlon and half-marathon. John writes, “I celebrated my tenth anniversary with Gloria Corral, with our two children, Gael Antonio and Diego Emilio, 3 and 5, respectively.”

Let us know how you spent your summer. We'd love to share your latest news and your greetings with your classmates. Send news to: **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

98 Greetings, Class of 1998! Thank you for sharing your news with us.

Jonathan Lehrer is an associate professor and chairman of the Dept. of Urban Horticulture and Design at Farmingdale State College on Long Island (SUNY). During her sabbatical leave from the U. of Scranton, **Jessica Nolan** returned to Cornell as a visiting professor in the Dept. of Natural Resources in fall 2015. As for **Michelle Tuorto** Collins, she shares that her school, St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, NJ, was just featured on “60 Minutes.” “We were excited to share the positives that come from giving students agency and leadership in the running of the school.” Michelle is the dean of faculty and a science teacher there, and she credits **Mark Wysocki**, MS Ag '89, a senior lecturer in the Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, with her career choice. She adds, “I would not have considered education as a career path. I owe him big time for that!”

Jen Woodard co-owns Waggin' Tails K9 Adventure Ranch (www.k9adventureranch.com) with her husband, James Reynolds, in Concord, CA. Her youngest stepdaughter graduated high school in June. Jen would like to hear from her old friend **Risa Roland**, DVM '03. **Jennifer Betit** Yen wrote her first screenplay and received a grant for its production. Check her website (www.TheOppositeOfAFairyTale.com) for more information. She has been enjoying lots of travel and skiing and would like to hear from **Lisa Barcelo** Story and **Jess Durst** Counselman '99. Jennifer lists Prof. Isaac Kramnick as the person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her. **Leisha Nolen** received her medical degree from UPenn and completed her residency at Boston Children's Hospital. Now a Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) with the US Public Health Service and an officer in the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the CDC, Leisha was deployed on the very first CDC team to Liberia when cases of Ebola were first detected there. As a disease detective, she shares this: "A very large part of my job at that time was educating the healthcare workers about Ebola and what to look for in people who were sick with the disease. I taught, I organized, I pushed, and I convinced."

Congratulations to our law-practicing classmates. **Renee Phillips** was named a rising star by both the *New York Law Journal* and *Law360*. Her high-profile wins have solidified her reputation as a premier whistleblower defense lawyer and she is regularly called upon by leading financial institutions and multinational corporations such as Bank of America and Tesoro Corp. to defend them in high-stakes litigation. In the *Law360* article, she said, "When whistleblower complaints arise, it can be a serious problem for companies and their boards. They need trusted counsel, and I really enjoy being able to fill that role and help them resolve whatever the issues are." Most recently, she won dismissal of a high-profile Dodd-Frank retaliation claim in 2015 brought by a former Broadcom in-house counsel. **Matthew Nieman** is a principal in the Washington, DC, office of Jackson Lewis and was honored by his peers and named to the 2016 Virginia Rising Stars list. **Shana Elberg**, JD '01, was promoted to partner at Skadden in the corporate restructuring practice.

On a personal note, I'd like to welcome the Class of 2020 to the Big Red family—especially my nieces, **Alexa Parulan** and **Kaitlin Parulan**. To think they are moving onto campus 22 years later to the day as their aunt did! As always, we are honored to share your news with the rest of the Cornell family, so please access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. You can also e-mail either of your class correspondents; we would love to hear from you! **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Toni Stabile** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu.

99 Greetings from maternity leave! I am writing this column quickly—and way past deadline—as my infant snoozes. My husband, **Doug West** '98, and I are overjoyed to announce that Juliette Calla was born on May 19 at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center in Manhattan. She arrived in perfect form with fat, kissable cheeks and a fuzzy blonde head. She joins older brother Lucas in creating happy havoc in our home.

In other new-baby news, Hotelie **Daniel Dori** and wife Rachel are happy to announce the birth of daughter Juliet, born in January. Dan, who lives

in Newton, MA, is principal of Blackline Retail Group, a commercial real estate company in New England. **Keith Ellis** (Midlothian, VA), with wife Kristine, wishes to announce the birth of daughter Abigail Elizabeth, born March 10, 2015. Also, **Abram Lewis-Rosenblum** writes this about his life: "New wife, new child." **Merton Lee** '01, if you're out there, Abram wants to hear from you.

Dianne Miller (Cotati, CA) recently switched careers to become an SQL database programmer at American AgCredit, a financial services company serving the agriculture industry. She had been a meteorologist for 14 years. Dianne is also now, for the first time in her life, a competitive adult figure skater. She writes, "I won my age class and level at the Pacific Coast adult sectionals. I have also met other Cornellians through skating, including **Ken Ho** '98 and **Diane Weisbrot** Wing '88. Ken and I discovered that we both started down our skating careers in the same PE class at Cornell in 1995!" Hotelie **Joel Dukart** was featured in a recent *Philadelphia Inquirer* news article about joining the family business, Dukart Management Corp., which runs 11 McDonald's franchises throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware. Joel had previously been a producer for CBS Sports.

Jessica Strauss, BArch '99 (Ottawa, ON) is a senior economist working on banking and insurance stability as part of a policy team at the office of the superintendent of financial institutions, part of the Canadian government. Jessica recently took time off with her husband, Jean, and baby Ethan to travel to Australia and New Zealand. "Hopefully this is not the trip of a lifetime," she joked. "Ideally we can do something like this every few years." **Leon Miller-Out** writes that he is happily living in Ithaca, NY, with wife Elisa and daughters, ages 8 and 11. "I really enjoy swimming and hiking in Ithaca's natural beauty, and I love the vibrant live music scene here," he said. Leon and Elisa run a Web development business called Singlebrook and are currently celebrating ten years in business. Outside of work, said Leon, "I am about to embark on construction of a home sauna, which I've been dreaming about for years."

As always, we welcome tips and gossip sent via e-mail and snail mail. Please send your news to my partner in crime or to me, the author of this column: **Melanie Acostavalle** West, melaniegraycewest@gmail.com; **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

00 **Kristie Hawley Butler** '01 wrote to share news of her husband's recent Fulbright award: our classmate **Chris Butler** received a Fulbright Scholar grant to Botswana for the 2016-17 academic year. He will be based out of the U. of Botswana and will teach courses in biological statistics and geographic information systems, as well as conduct collaborative research on the effects of climate change on birds in southern Africa. Kristie says, "I'm a stay-at-home mom to a son, 12, and a daughter, 9. They just finished fourth and sixth grades here in Choctaw, OK, and we are looking at international schools in Gaborone for our trip. The whole human family of four will go to Africa, but our zoo of pets (one dog, two cats, one macaw, and four chinchillas) will be cared for by family and friends during our travels." Chris joined the U. of Central Oklahoma's faculty in 2005 after receiving his doctorate in zoology from the U. of Oxford.

Writing with professional news, **Brian Mula-Howard** sold his mystery shopping company, Phantom Shoppers, to TideSmart Global in Falmouth, ME, last summer. "After more than a decade of being an entrepreneur, I am now the director of that business, and it has been re-branded as Confidential Consumer. We create and operate business intelligence programs for customer service delivery organizations through such components as on-site and telephonic mystery shopping, customer feedback, customer intercept, 'crowd shopping,' listening/learning tours, and data analysis/review. In this role I passionately continue my commitment to developing, activating, and managing business intelligence programs for clients." For more info, go to: www.confidentialconsumer.com.

Any "Jeopardy!" fans out there? I caught **S.E. Cupp** on Power Players Week in May. S.E., a Conservative commentator, won \$50,000 for her charity, No Kid Hungry. Well done! The show was taped in Washington, DC, at DAR Constitution Hall. **Deborah Ginsberg** recently left a position at Blackstone in the real estate debt fund to take a position at TPG Capital, where she will run legal for their real estate debt fund. She took time off between jobs to travel in Asia. **Gina Rossettie** Frey writes that life with her three kids—Sophie, 6, Lucy, 4, and Matteo, 1—keeps her busy. Thanks to everyone who shared updates. Feel free to write anytime! **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

01 We laughed, we sighed, we high-fived, we selfied, we braced ourselves for rain that never fell—and we vowed to do it again in June 2021. What a Reunion!

More than 170 classmates joined us on the Hill, with about 100 partners and children along for the climb. Our class HQ at Low Rise 9 was fully stocked with refreshments and recommendations; the long weekend was packed with academic, athletic, and artistic offerings and plenty of time to catch up with old friends—and make a few new ones! Thank you so much to everyone who made it all happen, particularly our Reunion co-chairs **Katrina Dryer**, **Stephanie De La Cruz**, and **Deeonna Farr**. We also appreciate the 409 classmates who contributed close to \$400K for our Annual Fund campaign, including a 15th Reunion record of 38 donors at Tower Club levels!

For 39 of us, this was the first Cornell Reunion; nearly as many have now attended all three, earning "hat-trick" status. Several classmates won bragging rights for making true odysseys back to Ithaca: **Deniz Birinci** from Cyprus (misplacing her passport along the way), **Vedran Rozic** from Hong Kong, and **Amanda Ramos** Halene, who drove up from Brooklyn with her husband, newborn, toddler, preschooler, and kindergartner. (My algorithm: add 90 minutes of extra travel time for the first child under age 6, plus 30 minutes per additional child.) **Peggy Imboden** Salisbury's car broke down halfway up from Middlebury, CT; fortunately, **Tovah Minster** and **Malinda Lovic** "hadn't yet started drinking" and were thus able and willing to make a four-hour round-trip mission to liberate her from Liberty, NY. Must have brought back memories of all those Big Red Marching Band road trips together . . . Any tollbooths along the way?

We band alums were especially thrilled to welcome back former drum major and medical pioneer **Henry Heimlich** '41, MD '43, leading us in a spirited performance of "Davy" and the Alma

Mater at Bailey Hall. Even more inspiring, however, was seeing so many alumni on campus for 50th to 75th Reunions—all of us still 20 at heart, especially back at Cornell. It's a good thing we now know some of the secrets to a long, happy life, thanks to Prof. Karl Pillemer's Legacy Project research presented at our class breakfast in the stunning new Klarman Hall. (Learn more at: <http://legacyproject.human.cornell.edu>.)

During our class dinner at the Statler Hotel, after a group photo with our very own President Hunter Rawlings III, we honored three classmates for achievements since graduation. **Amit Bhatia**, executive chair of Hope Construction Materials and founder of Swordfish Investments and Swordfish Capital Management in the United Kingdom, has established an endowed scholarship supporting Cornell students from India. He also founded the Global Relief Initiative; is vice chairman of the English football club Queen's Park Rangers and chair of its charitable QPR Community Trust; and co-founded the Mittal Champion Trust, which supports Olympic sports training in India.

Itai Dinour leads the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust's education portfolio, leading projects such as the Engaged Cornell Initiative, and serves as a board member of Repair the World; he previously cofounded and led City Year New York. Itai and his wife, **Lauren (Drucker)**, also Class of 2001, regularly support Cornell through Annual Fund giving. And Prof. **Sharon Poczter** teaches Managerial Economics and Strategy in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, from which she also graduated. Sharon has published extensively and is the only economist featured in Sheryl Sandberg's book *Lean In*.

We also elected a new slate of officers, including co-presidents **Claire Ackerman** and **Praveen Anumolu**, ME '03; Cornell Annual Fund representatives **Sarah Binder** and **Lora Epstein**; Reunion co-chair **Lorraine Medeiros**; secretary/treasurer **Adam Dunst**; Affinity chair **Deonna Farr**; class council members **Nathan Connell**, **Stephanie De La Cruz**, **Diana Tyler Heath**, **Kyle McKenna**, and **Gregory Robinson**; and myself, **Nicole Neroulis Gupta**, as class correspondent. If you're interested in serving our class as VP, Reunion co-chair, publicity chair, webmaster, co-correspondent, or in some other capacity, please reach out to Nathan (nconnell@gmail.com).

And finally, let's raise a glass of rediscovered Riesling—thanks, Reunion Wines class!—to our outgoing board members: **Katrina Dyer**, **Lauren Wallach Hammer**, **Michael Hanson**, MPA '02, **Trina Lee**, **K. Lauren Reichart** Bontecou, and **Andrea Sweeney**, MPS '12. There's lots more news to report, but given space constraints, we're saving some for the next round of Class Notes. Make sure you and your friends are getting the magazine! In the meantime, we're continuing to share photos and videos on Facebook and Twitter channels (@Cornell2001), along with bonus materials from Reunion weekend. Send photos from our undergraduate years and Reunions to: classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu. And if you're interested in joining me as a class correspondent or sharing some news, reach me at: Nicole.Neroulis.Gupte@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

02 **Nicole Kordziel-Downs** (nkordziel@gmail.com) and her husband, **Thomas Downs** '03, welcomed their second son, Liam Edward, last May. **Rachel**

Isaacson Margolis (rachelamargolis@gmail.com) writes, "I consult for Jewish institutions on curriculum, programming . . . all things Jewish education. Ari and I moved from Raleigh, NC, to the Chicago suburbs last June. We welcomed a third baby girl, Eliora, in November."

Christina Falck (christinafalck@hotmail.com) and her husband, Chris Armstrong, were married on January 9, and in March the couple honeymooned in Kona, HI. They were planning a reception in D.C. in October that will include many Tri Deltas and Cornell alums. She writes, "I'm a full-time fundraiser at Leadership Arlington with a consulting business called Sirviendo Consulting for nonprofits. In addition, I help my husband's business, Maze of Love, and my family's foundation, Sirviendo FAITH Foundation." Christina would like to hear from **Melissa Wannop**, and says that Joe Scaffido had the greatest impact on her during her time on the Hill.

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05 Happy fall, Class of 2005! Have you "liked" our class page on Facebook? It is your one-stop for all things Class of 2005, including alumni events around the globe! It is also where I was reminded that we were the first class to enjoy North Campus all on our own. I, **Hilary Johnson-King**, lived in Risley for the first two years, so I tend to forget that. Even though the majority of my friends were in our graduating class, I still enjoyed the camaraderie with people from all ages and walks of life. But let's be serious for one minute; we know that I really lived there for the balcony outside my bedroom and the dining hall complete with stir-fry bar.

As an 11th grade AP US history teacher, I spend a lot of time talking to students about college life. I always tell them to look for the little things that'll make them happy—like a dining hall in your dorm complete with a delicious stir-fry bar. Or maybe it was the proximity to Louie's Lunch truck or the fact that I got to cut ten minutes off my walk to class every morning. Or maybe it was the regular theater productions. Regardless of what it is, I tell my students to ask their tour guides when they go on their college visits about the "little things." I always laud the program houses at Cornell as one of the little things that makes our alma mater so special. What were some

of those little things about Cornell for you? Share them with us on our Facebook page!

Our classmates are doing some pretty big things. **Benson Leung** has been working at Google since 2010 on the Chrome OS project as a Linux kernel engineer. He writes, "Most recently, I have worked on USB on several of Google's consumer devices such as Pixel C. Related to that work, I took on the informal role of evangelist and consumer watchdog for USB Type-C, a new USB connector standard debuting last year in phones, laptops, and tablets, after I noticed that an alarming number of third-party cables and adapters were failing to follow the Type-C Specification." Benson was recently featured in an article in *PC Magazine*, discussing his finds. He married his wife, Wendy, in 2012, and they welcomed son Jackson in 2013. **Andrew Schatz** recently changed jobs and moved from DLA Piper LLP in Baltimore to Conservation Int'l (CI) in Arlington, VA. He currently practices international environmental law and helps CI establish financing mechanisms to support the conservation of protected areas and vulnerable ecosystems in developing countries. He advises on efforts to combat climate change and wildlife trafficking.

Near or far, we love hearing from you! Send us your updates and connect with classmates! [Hilary Johnson-King](mailto:Hilary.Johnson-King@cornell.edu), haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

06 From June 9-12, 2016, the Class of 2006 celebrated its 10th Reunion by returning to life on East Hill. (Can you believe it's been ten years?) Our class was housed in Risley Hall, which was filled to capacity, with overflow attendees assigned to Balch Hall—yes, regardless of gender. Chorus of male voices exclaiming, "I've never even been in Balch before!" could be heard filling the halls of the largest all-female dorm on campus, much to nearby ladies' amusement. Popular activities included wine and beer tastings, a Wines Class refresher at the Statler, nature hikes, the Cornell Tech Talk, and visits to Collegetown Bagels and the newly rebuilt and expanded Cornell Dairy.

As has become a Cornell Reunion tradition, on Thursday and Friday nights our classmates mingled with other classes at the Arts Quad tent parties, but on Saturday the threat of a storm sent the "tent parties" indoors to the Robert Purcell Community Center and Duffield Hall. Not to be deterred, '06ers gathered in large numbers in both places, and frequently found each other in between the two ends of campus as groups made their walk from one party to the other. At dinner on Saturday, the class council announced new class presidents **Linda Trotter** and **Marie-Jouelle Aubourg**, as well as the remaining roster of the council. Interim President Hunter Rawlings III, no stranger to our class as he served as president of the school for several years of our tenure, spoke to us the same night about the future of Cornell, with a special focus on the new Tech campus in Manhattan.

I was especially excited to catch up with friends **Corinne Price**, ME '14, **Tara Wells** Moskowitz, **Caitlin Chaves** Yates, **Desi Bluiett**, and **Carson Krislov** Quinn over much of the weekend. To everyone I saw (or didn't see) over Reunion, let's not let things go so long without catching up next time! Congratulations to Reunion chairs **Rachel Flynn**, MBA '16, and **Susan Dauber** on an

excellent weekend. We look forward to another great success in five years.

Send us your news—we love to hear from you! If you are interested in helping write future columns, please let us know. We would like to recruit one or two more class correspondents. ✉ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu.

07 Congratulations are in order for '07 classmates and college sweethearts **Matthew Hendrickson** and **Brianne Smith**, ME '07, who were married at Sage Chapel last fall. They now live in Brooklyn, where Brianne recently began working as assistant professor of earth and environmental science at Brooklyn College. Matthew is currently employed as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP.

Alana Dunietz Scolere is at Nike, where she has been named a director of product operations. She writes, "Chris and I are enjoying living in the Pacific Northwest with our two dogs." **Nina Terrero** was recently promoted to senior correspondent at *Entertainment Weekly*, where she covers film, TV, style, books, and pop culture for both their print magazine and digital platforms. Recently tapped to cohost *People* magazine's daily live digital news show, Nina was thrilled to have been the subject of a career profile that appeared in "Ezra Update," Cornell's monthly alumni newsletter—a true full-circle moment! ✉ **Nina Terrero**, nina.terrero@gmail.com. Send news to: Class Notes Editor, abb83@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

08 If you've sent us news recently, look for it in the next column! In the meantime, let us know how you spent your summer. We'd love to share your latest news and your greetings with your classmates. Send news to: ✉ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

09 With a new season comes exciting news from several of our classmates. **Danielle Moss**, BS ILR '08, recently joined Proskauer Rose LLP's office as an associate, where she practices labor and employment law. Danielle married Spencer last summer in Tarrytown, NY. The couple met at Brooklyn Law School and currently live in Brooklyn.

Louise Kraft Baigelman was recently awarded the prestigious Teach For America Social Innovation Award, where entrepreneurs compete for up to \$100,000 in seed funding and for training for innovative entrepreneurial pursuits in education. Louise is the cofounder and executive director of Story Shares, a nonprofit literacy hub encouraging authors to produce age-appropriate stories for students who are struggling with reading at their own grade level. Read more about Louise's work at: storyshares.org. **Doug Beck** and **Heather Hunter** recently welcomed their first child, Lucas Royal. Doug and Heather enjoy living on the West Coast, but miss friends and family back East and hope to make it to a Reunion soon. Doug still looks back fondly on Prof. Andy Ruina's Dynamics course that inspired his graduate training and his current work developing controls software.

As always, please e-mail me with your news! We would love to highlight you in the next column.

✉ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

10 It wouldn't be the end of a school year without some of our brilliant colleagues earning new degrees and adding to their post-nominal letters. **Amy Aubrecht** graduated from Boston U. School of Theology with a master's in divinity this year. **Sanchit Gupta**, BS Ag '09, graduated from Einstein College of Medicine with both an MD and MS. **Rona Banai** not only completed her PhD in materials science and engineering at Penn State, but also got married to fellow Cornellian **Ezra Kannof**, ME '11, and accepted a job offer as a business development engineer at Intelligent Green Solutions. The company is chaired by CEO **Adam Farrell** '06 and designs energy-efficient solar and thermal technologies for commercial and industrial clients. Rona also published two materials science articles this summer, including her dissertation on tin sulfide phase exploration.

This was also a big year for new jobs and new places. **Shenglong Gao** left Yahoo to move to NYC for a new job at the business-to-business tech startup Everwise, which pairs knowledge workers with mentors. **Sonica Li** also departed Silicon Valley (Google) and the startup industry to begin work as a personal and executive coach, crisis counselor, and comedic film actor in Atlanta. She's currently airing in her YouTube comedy series, *Rich Bay High*, which can be found on her website: www.sonicali.com. **Ian Cook**, BS Eng '09, ME '10, relocated to Cleveland with the medical equipment company Steris to join his fiancée, **Jane Caty**.

Jake Myers cofounded a health tech startup called MedPilot. His company serves as a negotiation and arbitration tool between patients and providers to improve transparency, particularly in the area of healthcare payments, and to improve healthcare outcomes. Check them out at: www.medpilot.com. In the past few years, **Deepti Mathur** cofounded both the dance company Manhattan Andaz (www.manhattanandaz.com) in NYC and the online science magazine the PhDish (www.phdish.com), with classmate **Amy Jobe**. Deepti and Amy both write for the online magazine, and Amy also serves as the copy editor. Earlier this year, **Rebecca Gyi**, currently a fourth-year medical student at Wake Forest Medical School, got married in the company of classmates **Amanda Chue** and **Faren French**, who served as bridesmaids.

If you have news to share, we would love to hear from you! Send news to: ✉ **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; or **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

11 Wow, five whole years. Who can believe it? This past June, our class welcomed back 878 friends and classmates to celebrate our first-ever Reunion! Some of us had been back for weddings, recruiting trips, Homecomings, and Slope Days, while others were setting foot back on the Hill for the very first time since graduation. In the past five years, a few things have changed: we lost Dino's, Dunbars, Pixel, and the Palms, and saw new buildings like Gates and Klarman halls sprout up all over campus. Other things haven't changed much at all. The warm friendships, easy laughter, and Ithaca's fickle weather all made it

feel like not a day had passed since we had last been together.

Reunion weekend was marked by wine tours, tent parties, great lectures, and a never-ending stream of light beer. Chances of a thunderstorm disrupted the perfectly orchestrated weekend Saturday night, but **Jeremy Flynn** was able to keep spirits high with his guest performance of "Come Together" at Duffield Hall. A standing ovation ensued with whispers of "better than Tyler, but not quite as good as Lennon" resonating throughout the hall. We were lucky enough to have **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94, come address our class early Saturday evening. She shared with us exciting updates on campus health initiatives, the New York City Tech Campus, and tightening undergraduate admission standards. It's always humbling to come to the realization that you probably couldn't get into Cornell today.

Classmates from all over made it back to Ithaca for the weekend and—with just a long weekend to spare—it was impressive how quickly old habits came roaring back. **Scotty Weber**, **Shawn Weger**, **Rachel Klion**, and **Becky Busterud** picked up their old John Thomas vice Thursday night before the festivities started. Meanwhile, **Asa Craig** was once again the center of the party—both everywhere and nowhere at once—while **Chip Maselli**, MBA '12, deviated from his usual whiskey-ginger and inexplicably procured a keg. With so many classmates shaking off the cobwebs and once again practicing their keg stand form, there will definitely be a political campaign in the future with an Instagram photo to explain.

The last five years have seen countless Cornell couples cast (how's that for alliteration), and quite a few made it back for the weekend. **Matt** and **Caroline McInerney Grosshans**, **Emani** and **Joelle Milton Fenton**, **Aileen Kline** and **John Foody**, **Dan Gusz**, BS ILR '10, and **Danielle Fernandes** '10, **Chris Frink** and **Rebecca Dion** '12, **BArch '12**, and **Jeremy Flynn** and **Katie Paxson** are just some of the pairings that could be spotted around campus. **Brendan O'Donnell** and **Amy Ryan** even traveled from Southern California just weeks before their wedding (and in matching Chubbies to boot). The Class of 2011's reputation was so impressive that we welcomed defectors from other years too. **Jessica Zhao** '12, **Michael Misrahi** '09, and Ithaca Mayor **Svante Myrick** '09 joined our class for a few nights of revelry, realizing that 2009 and 2012 just can't compete.

I would be remiss in not thanking our five Reunion chairs, whose tireless work made such a special weekend possible. Many thanks to **Briseida Castellanos**, **Ashley Jeanlus**, **Elizabeth McInnis**, **Chris Mejia**, and **Lindsay Peterson**, BME '10, for the months of work, including conference calls debating the finer points of Bud Light vs. Coors Light, coordination with all of catering companies, handling registration questions, and countless other tasks you completed. The weekend also marked the end of our first class council's five-year term. Our second slate of officers will include president **Lindsay Peterson**; VPs **Mike Katz**, **Lisa Opydycke**, and **Lauren Bonayer**; membership chairs **Jeremy Flynn** and **Mario Rivera**; secretary **Angelique Boyer**; Cornell Annual Fund representative **Melanie Baevsky**; class correspondents **Dara Perl** and **Siva Iyer**; treasurer **Ashley Jeanlus**; Reunion chairs **Chris Mejia** and **Jeff Stulmaker**; registration chair **Robert Blanco**; affinity chair **Dan Cloutier**; class historian **Erin Carlson**; immediate past presidents **Jeff Stulmaker** and **Alina Zolotareva**; nominations chair **Alvin Bond**; and class council members **Amy Murro**, BS

Ag '10, **Cecily Pulver**, **Erin Button**, **Greg Kallman**, **Jaclyn Foster**, **Jimmy Zhou**, **Josette Pierre**, **Sam Leonard**, **Scott Schechter**, ME '12, **Barbara Sands-Marcinkowski**, **Elena Moreno**, **Esther Park**, **Hannah Jurkovicz**, **Jean Nsabumuremyi**, MPA '12, **Jordan Smith**, **Laurie Josephson**, and **Samara Levy**. Be on the lookout for future communication from this stellar group.

Please continue to send in updates on your life! We want to hear from you, and there's simply nothing more glamorous than seeing your name in seven-pt. font in the back of an alumni magazine! With that, it's been great, Class of 2011! Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as one of your class presidents for the past five years! I'm looking forward to helping plan our 10th Reunion, and I hope to see you all soon. ☐ **Jeff Stulmaker**, jds388@cornell.edu. New class correspondents: **Dara Perl**, daraperl@gmail.com; **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

12 **John Rhee** is currently in his third year of medical school on his surgery clerkship. John writes that the rotation is fun and interesting, but it is definitely the most difficult rotation so far in medical school. He will be taking a Scholarly Year starting August to do research in global palliative care, traveling between Spain and Uganda. John is also busy planning the Class of 2012's 5th Reunion, which will be held June 8-11, 2017. Mark your calendars!

Edwige Joseph writes, "After graduation, I moved to Chicago to join Teach For America. I am still at my placement school, Muchin College Prep, teaching tenth grade chemistry. This year, in addition to chemistry, I've launched a new class, Early College Scholars, geared toward preparing our highest performing students to apply to top-tier universities. I've been shamelessly boasting about Cornell in the hopes that they all want to become members of the Class of 2021. I hope to go back to school in the next year or two to pursue a degree in school leadership." **Olivia Prout** recently relocated to Orange County, CA, to be with her fiancé, Dan. She is looking forward to beginning this new life journey and would love to hear from any California-based '12 friends.

Keep your classmates up to date on your life post-Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents: ☐ **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

13 **Caroline Salisbury** is currently running a farm in Monterey, LA, owned by Cottonwood Agricultural Management. She is responsible for directing the farming and the grain businesses for the company. There are 25,000 acres of rice, soybeans, corn, cotton, oats, rye, purple hull peas, and milo. **Ashley Olopherne Oliver** married her college sweetheart, **Dean '12**, in July 2015. She is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Psychology program at St. John's U. in New York. On the weekends, she enjoys exploring NYC and catching up with her friends from Cornell who live there. She is also involved in her local church.

Corey Oses just finished the third year of his PhD program at Duke U. and is studying for his preliminary exams. He studies computational materials science on high throughput materials discovery. Corey attended an event held for **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, on her farewell tour in Chapel

Hill, which he really enjoyed. He especially loved learning about the new initiatives on campus like the College of Business and general campus life. **Gil Heymann** is down at Duke as well, where he is pursuing his MBA. **Ali Goldberg** works at JP Morgan Securities and does business management for the executive team there. She has been with JP Morgan ever since moving to NYC after graduation. In her free time, she enjoys yoga, taking her puppy to the park, and trekking back up to Cornell to visit her two sisters.

New to the Bay Area is **Nick Tombari**, BS Eng '12, ME '13, who recently accepted an offer with Google. Previously, Nick lived in D.C., working for Applied Predictive Technologies as a software engineer. He was able to return to the Hill for Slope Day this year with his fellow DU brothers. **Craig Tarasoff** recently graduated from Georgetown U. Law Center and has since moved to NYC to work for an employment firm. **Tian You** is studying medicine at the Ohio State U. and just finished his first year in May. He is spending his summer doing clinical research on campus. Prior to going to medical school, Tian served in AmeriCorps in Cleveland, working with high school students to improve basic academic skills and college readiness. **Christine Cummings** is starting out her medical career as she matriculates into the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine on Long Island this fall.

Robert Edell spent his first year post-grad as a consultant for Ernst & Young, but then founded Servy, a next-generation mystery-dining platform. The mobile app empowers a community of frequent diners to evaluate restaurants in exchange for meal reimbursements and charitable donations. The insights and feedback are then provided to restaurant clients to help them measure performance and identify areas for improvement. Outside of the office, he is constantly going to different food and tech events in NYC, many of which are associated with Cornell. **Alyssa Jacobson** is in her third year at SUNY Downstate Medical College in Brooklyn. She intends to practice pediatrics because she finds it to be a great fit to apply the knowledge and skills she gained studying Human Development. When she is not cooped up in clinics and hospitals, Alyssa enjoys all that Manhattan has to offer. She goes to see shows regularly and highly recommends seeing *Hamilton* (if you can find a ticket). She also recommends eating a "cronut," as they really do live up to the hype.

Lindsay Theodore is finishing her third year as a PhD candidate in biological and biomedical sciences at Harvard Medical School, where she studies developmental immunology and inflammatory signaling. **Katie MacDonald**, BArch '13, recently received her post-professional master's in architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. While there, she became close with **Erin Pellegrino '14**, BArch '14, and worked with her to design and realize a mountaineering shelter in the Alps of Slovenia, which was recognized with an AIA New England Design Honor Award in 2015. She also taught architecture and design studios at the Wentworth Inst. of Technology, Boston Architectural College, and NuVu Studio. In 2012 Katie co-founded After Architecture LLC with Kyle Schumann, a Boston-based design practice. Their first project was a sculptural, lighted bench on Cornell's campus made possible by a grant from the Cornell Council for the Arts; four years later the practice has grown and they are currently building projects in San Diego, Santa Barbara, Boston, and Orwell, VT.

Among our more politically minded classmates is **Scott Eckl**, who works for the Hillary

Clinton presidential campaign. Out in Madison, WI, is **Ronnie Bunshaft**, ME '14, who works for Epic, leading a team of software developers. She writes programs for interventional cardiologists to document their findings and helps recruit for the company as well. This summer she spent two weeks hiking in Israel. As always, we want to hear what you've been up to since graduating! E-mail us with news! ☐ **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu; **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

14 Hello, 2014 classmates! We hope that you had an amazing summer! **Julia Buffinton** is now the grants network manager at McAllister & Quinn, a grants consulting firm in D.C. serving clients in higher education, healthcare, nonprofits, and research institutions. In this position, she oversees a network of about 250 freelance grant writers who assist their clients in identifying, applying for, and securing federal funding for initiatives.

Alexandra Ortiz is currently at Vanderbilt starting her second year of law school. She says she wishes she could be "sitting on a beach reading a good book." Following Cornell, where his time was split between math and the Ultimate Frisbee team, **Walter Cai** completed a master's in computer science at U. of Wisconsin, Madison. In Wisconsin, Walter participated in college Ultimate Frisbee for a final year and interned with the Johnson Controls data science group. After graduating again this past spring, Walter branched out to intern at Gamalon Machine Intelligence, a start-up in Cambridge, MA. This fall he is continuing his schooling by attending U. of Washington in Seattle with the aim of earning a doctorate in the databases group. Continuing their "steadfast 'bromance'" that began in the suites of Jameson Hall, classmate **Iain Carmichael** also interned with Walter at Gamalon. Upon graduation, Iain departed from his Townie roots in Ithaca and moved down to North Carolina, where he is completing a PhD in statistics at UNC, Chapel Hill.

Lara Gentilini received her master's in applied behavior analysis from Columbia Teachers College this past May. In the fall she began pursuing her PhD in applied behavior analysis from Columbia and working as a second grade teacher. **Meghan McDarby** began a PhD in clinical geropsychology at Washington U. in St. Louis this fall after working for two years as a research coordinator for UPenn and the V.A. in Philadelphia. In her former position, she was working on a project to develop a pain assessment for nursing home residents with dementia and a quality improvement project to improve end-of-life care at V.A.s nationwide. **Eric Carey** and his family were featured in a *Tompkins Weekly* article during National Dairy Month. The article, titled "Carey Dairy: 5 generations of farming in Groton," talks about the family dairy farm that has been in business since 1899. In that time, it has grown from 20 cows to several hundred. Everyone in the family has agriculture-related degrees, with both Eric and his father, **Dan Carey '76**, graduating from Cornell. Eric says that each day on the farm is different: "You have to be flexible, think on your feet, and be able to do a 180-degree turn quickly."

Zaakirah Daniels writes that after graduation, she worked in a first grade classroom as a classroom assistant at Oakwood School in North Hollywood, CA. She is now working at her alma mater,

Harvard-Westlake School in Studio City, CA, redeveloping and managing the career and internship network for students and alumni. Zaakirah also shared that she got her driver's license and that she and her "trusty SUV, Pegasus," are having a blast. In Ohio, **Ray Li** was featured in a news story on "Good Day Columbus" entitled, "Local Man Makes Musical Gloves," and you can view a video of him demonstrating several musical styles created by using gloves to manipulate a magnetic field. Ray explains that the gloves were created from his dual interest in engineering and music, both of which he studied at Cornell.

I, **Sam Lapehn**, also have some news to share this month! Back in May, I graduated from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health with an MS in environmental health-exposure assessment. After spending the remainder of my summer in Boston working at Gap and learning how to sail on the Charles River, I recently moved to Ann Arbor, MI, where I started working toward my PhD in environmental toxicology at the U. of Michigan. Thank you to everyone who submitted news for this column. Keep sending us your stories! **Sam Lapehn**, SRL76@cornell.edu; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

15 Happy fall! As the one-year anniversary of our graduation came and went, and the summer flew by, we head into the fall, when Ithaca will be covered in changing leaves as it prepares for winter. As the undergraduates head to the Hill for the next academic year, a handful of our 2015 classmates are off to their respective higher education institutions as well.

Joseph Schertzer will begin his first year of medical school at Emory U., along with **Pat Gilson**, who will attend Des Moines U. **Rachel Saltzman** will make her way back to the Hill for her master's in Health Administration. **Hannah James**, who spent the last year at Cornell, will attend Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health for a master's in global health and population. **Katie Morin** will attend law school as one of a select few accepted into the Roger Williams U. Honors Program. **Courtney Koelbel** will join her in pursuit of her JD at the U. of Virginia.

Many others are continuing their professional education. **Sarah Balik** will return to the Hill for her second year as a Cornell Vet student. **Rachel Gerber** will return to Hofstra U. and **Michael Gross** to SUNY Stony Brook for their second years at their respective medical schools. **Shelby Rokito** will return for her second year at the UPenn Law School, as well as **Jacob Glick**, who will continue to work toward his law degree at Harvard.

Classmates who have entered the workforce include **Katharine Leigh**, who works for the Nature Conservancy and the Environmental Defense Fund on sustainable fisheries management. At EDF she led a social venture project called Communicate Indonesia to help rural farmers in Indonesia communicate across distance. **Conor Goepel** is a lieutenant in the US Marine Corps, stationed in Virginia. **Aubree Keurajian** started a new job as a field technician at a forest ecology lab at Duke U.

In higher education or excelling in the workforce, the Class of 2015 continues to make the world a better place. **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

'34 BA—**Tena Talsky** Lack, Kings Point, NY, September 14, 2015

'38 MCE—**George F. Strollo**, Arlington, VA, April 6, 2016

1940s

'40 BA—**John J. Donoghue**, Key Biscayne, FL, May 15, 2013

'40 BA, MEd '66—**Ethel Babor** Gibson, League City, TX, October 31, 2014

'41, BArch '42—**Allen R. Kramer**, Towson, MD, November 24, 2015

'41 BS Ag—**Jerome J. Parker**, Yonkers, NY, February 9, 2015

'42—**Harriett Withey** Harrington, Pullman, WA, April 13, 2016

'42 BME, PhD '49—**Jimmie W. Killian**, Groton, CT, March 17, 2016

'42 BME—**Edward D. Mead Jr.**, Avalon, NJ, April 18, 2016

'43 BCE, MBA '50—**David H. Belt**, Abingdon, MD, February 12, 2013

'43 BA—**Mary Osborne** Holzworth, Fraser, CO, March 15, 2011

'43 BS Chem E—**Richard P. Klopp**, Vero Beach, FL, January 17, 2016

'43, BS Ag '46, MS Ag '49—**Ralph Work**, Troy, NY, January 25, 2016

'43—**Winthrop A. Young**, West Palm Beach, FL, March 17, 2013

'44 BS HE—**Laurel Dubois** Arnold, Ulster Park, NY, September 6, 2015

'44, BME '47—**Maurice W. Connell**, Naples, FL, April 16, 2016

'44, BA '46—**Robert E. Dillon**, Stamford, CT, May 8, 2015

'45, BA '44—**Leola L. Dahlberg**, Lakeland, FL, September 8, 2015

'45, BA '44—**Muriel Lewis** Entin, Monroe Township, NJ, January 5, 2016

'45 BME—**Robert W. Leach**, Media, PA, June 23, 2015

'45, BA '48—**John D. Masters**, Shelburne, VT, April 3, 2016

'45, BME '48—**Matthew A. Segall**, Callicoon, NY, March 25, 2013

'46—**Robert B. Brewster**, Jamestown, RI, July 11, 2013

'46—**John E. Greenwood**, Alton, IL, April 11, 2016

'46-48 SP Ag—**Eugene M. Howlett**, Webster, NY, September 13, 2015

'46—**Jean Anderson** Lane, Altadena, CA, October 1, 2015

'46 BS HE—**Alice McKinney** Luttrell, Port Townsend, WA, February 19, 2016

'46—**Robert W. Mosher**, Redwood City, CA, March 15, 2014

'46 BA—**Ellen Stein** Ostreich, Lake Mary, FL, January 2, 2016

'46—**John A. Padula**, Endicott, NY, August 11, 2014

'46—**Adelbert H. Sahlberg**, Saratoga Springs, NY, November 23, 2013

'46, BEE '48—**Barton H. Snow**, Cincinnati, OH, March 22, 2016

'46, MD '48—**Edward A. Ten-Eyck**, La Jolla, CA, December 20, 2015

'46, BA '48—**Arthur D. Voorhis**, Woods Hole, MA, October 6, 2015

'47 BA—**Alice Ring** Garr, Newtown, PA, March 17, 2016

'47 BS HE—**Marjorie Maxwell** Glantz, Chatsworth, CA, September 14, 2015

'47 GR—**Margaret Ramsey** Keck, Andover, MA, January 15, 2016

'47—**McKeen C. Kessel**, Storrs Mansfield, CT, June 30, 2015

'47—**Samuel B. Lewis**, Rancho Mirage, CA, July 15, 2013

'47, BS Ag '49—**Jerome Senter**, Hartsdale, NY, May 15, 2015

'47, BA '46—**Claire Van Wagner Sylvester**, Boonton, NJ, August 28, 2014

'48 BS Ag—**Theodore R. Fritzinger**, Whitehall, PA, April 14, 2016

'48 BA—**Norma Page** Gargan, Seneca Falls, NY, April 9, 2016

'48 BS HE—**Wilma Crittenden** Hazlett, Arden, NC, April 15, 2016

'48 BS Ag—**William F. Hueg Jr.**, St. Paul, MN, February 18, 2016

'48 BA—**Barbara Matlack** Hughes, Alexandria, VA, October 1, 2015

'48 JD—**Emanuel Kessler**, Bronx, NY, March 25, 2016

'48-50 SP Ag—**David M. Wickham**, Hector, NY, February 17, 2016

'48 JD—**Harold L. Wood**, Somers, NY, April 14, 2016

'48 BA, MD '53—**Bernard A. Yablin**, Rochester, NY, January 17, 2016

'49 BS HE—**Barbara Benisch**, Forest Hills, NY, March 28, 2016

'49 LLB—**Herman L. Breitkopf**, Highland Park, NJ, December 21, 2013

'49 BA—**Jay A. Gervasi**, Greensboro, NC, February 10, 2016

'49 BS HE—**Inger Molmen** Gilbert, Ithaca, NY, April 24, 2016

'49 BEE—**Irving Hirschberg**, Amagansett, NY, December 30, 2015

'49 BA—**Babette Stern** Isaacson, New Orleans, LA, February 1, 2015

'49 BCE—**Russell N. Meyer**, Lady Lake, FL, December 8, 2015

'49 BS HE—Carol Smith Randel, Greeley, CO, January 7, 2016
 '49, BS HE '50—Mary Marion Sacha, Chagrin Falls, OH, April 6, 2016
 '49 BA—Stanley E. Sultan, Roslindale, MA, February 4, 2016
 '49 BCE—John B. Upp, Cecilton, MD, March 27, 2016
 '49—Barbara Patric Werther, Grand Rapids, MI, December 1, 2014
 '49 BME—Philip R. Worn, Brandon, VT, April 15, 2016

1950s

'50 MS HE—Dorothy A. Arata, Memphis, TN, March 30, 2016
 '50 BS Nurs—Alice Duncan, Bethesda, MD, March 23, 2016
 '50 BA—Frank Friedlander II, San Mateo, CA, October 1, 2015
 '50 MED—Mary Connor Gorzegno, Morristown, NJ, December 9, 2015
 '50 PhD—E. Wynn Jones, Starkville, MS, April 8, 2016
 '50 BS Ag—Owen H. Jones, Elmira, NY, September 11, 2015
 '50 BS Hotel—Richard L. Kaplin, Toledo, OH, March 9, 2016
 '50, BME '51—Edward B. Magee Jr., Buffalo, NY, April 5, 2016
 '50 BS HE—Leona Jurkiewicz O'Rourke, Arlington, MA, June 6, 2014
 '50 BS Hotel—Gregory S. Pappas, Largo, FL, March 11, 2016
 '50 MS—Bessie Zimmerly Terrell, Poolesville, MD, April 6, 2016
 '50 BS Ag—Robert W. Totman, Red Hook, NY, March 23, 2016

'51, BME '52—Ira M. Ayers Jr., Randolph, NJ, April 4, 2016
 '51—Joan Traver Barrick, Stillwater, OK, March 16, 2016
 '51 BS Ag—Cynthia Comstock Benishin, Palm Harbor, FL, April 2, 2016
 '51, BEE '52—William C. Doyle, Palo Alto, CA, November 19, 2015
 '51 BFA—Ruth Hamilton Fisher, South Dennis, NJ, March 31, 2016
 '51 BS Hotel—William J. O'Donohue, Magnolia, TX, January 10, 2013
 '51 MS, PhD '55—Douglas S. Robson, Ottawa, ON, Canada, Nov. 14, 2013
 '51 BS Ag, DVM '55—Burton Saunders, New City, NY, April 6, 2016
 '51 BA, LLB '53—Alfonso C. Sepe, North Bay Village, FL, March 25, 2016
 '51 BS Ag—Harry Y. Tsujimoto, Daly City, CA, August 28, 2012
 '51 BS Ag—Robert C. Wheeler, Utica, NY, March 30, 2016

'52—June Zicha Bell, Trumansburg, NY, March 21, 2016
 '52 BA—Edwin W. Biederman Jr., State College, PA, March 22, 2016
 '52 MS, PhD '54—Murray A. Dawson, Kirkland, WA, September 3, 2015
 '52 JD—Jay M. Friedman, Pittsford, NY, September 21, 2014
 '52 BS Ag—George M. Goldman, New York City, July 10, 2015
 '52, BArch '53—Alan N. Hartell, Philadelphia, PA, July 5, 2014
 '52 BS Ag—Norman O. Keim, Fayetteville, NY, April 5, 2016
 '52 BS Ag—Robert W. Silman, Concord, NC, March 29, 2016
 '52—John A. Steele, Shushan, NY, April 18, 2016
 '52 BS HE—Carol Harris Wood, Oviedo, FL, April 25, 2016

'53 BA, JD '55—Leland S. Beck, Seaford, NY, January 21, 2016
 '53—Deo Rhodes Boyland, Beaufort, SC, January 1, 2016
 '53 BA—Michael F. Bryson, Bronxville, NY, November 22, 2015
 '53 JD—Frank J. Decotis, Watervliet, NY, October 29, 2015
 '53 BA—Diane M. De Voe, Hilton Head Island, SC, March 31, 2016
 '53—Marylyn Aker Graff, North Easton, MA, September 7, 2014
 '53—Glenn A. Landon, Naples, FL, July 20, 2010
 '53 BA—Robert A. Lazarus, Wilmington, DE, July 1, 2014
 '53—James R. Nichols, Wilmington, DE, January 1, 2013
 '53 BS Nurs—Betty Albert Shorter, Norwich, NY, July 14, 2015

'54—Ralph L. Avery, Cheektowaga, NY, October 13, 2015
 '54 BA, MD '57—Bruce D. Boselli, Sayre, PA, November 12, 2015
 '54 MS AEP—Robert Harper, Acton, MA, April 1, 2016
 '54—Archie V. Laverty, Watertown, NY, April 4, 2016
 '54—Jean Cobllo Morabito, Waverly, VA, January 16, 2016
 '54, BEE '55—Anthony J. Nesti, Marstons Mills, MA, March 18, 2016
 '54 BA—Bailey Smith, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, April 6, 2016
 '54 BS Ag, MS Ag '62—John F. Spencer, Chapel Hill, NC, April 20, 2016
 '54 MS—Irving R. Starbird, Manassas, VA, August 12, 2012

'55, BS ILR '57—William N. Ellison, Irvine, CA, November 10, 2014
 '55 BA—Raimundo R. Garcia, Waynesboro, VA, November 9, 2012
 '55, BS Ag '56—Claude G. Hepworth, Lake Worth, FL, December 4, 2014
 '55, BArch '56—Anders J. Kaufmann, Winnsboro, SC, February 16, 2014
 '55—Oswald A. Krebs Jr., Wheat Ridge, CO, April 1, 2014
 '55 PhD—John K. Pollard Jr., Carlsbad, CA, March 31, 2016
 '55—Virginia Webb Richmond, Scottsville, NY, April 15, 2014

'56 BS Ag—Martin E. Abel, Alexandria, VA, January 3, 2016

'56 BS Ag—Patricia A. Chatterton-Rooney, Bedford, MA, Dec. 21, 2015
 '56 BS HE—Doreen Krause Crissey, Greene, NY, March 22, 2016
 '56 DVM—Charles E. Durland, Peachtree City, GA, January 16, 2014
 '56, BS Hotel '77, MPS '00—Harry R. Keller, Tucson, AZ, March 18, 2016
 '56 BA, MBA '57—Emile A. NeJame, Spring Lake, NJ, April 26, 2016
 '56 JD—Peter N. Perretti, Shenandoah, TX, February 27, 2016
 '56 BS Ag—Charles E. Phillips, Mount Vernon, OH, November 19, 2015

'57 PhD—Robert Ader, Pittsford, NY, December 20, 2011
 '57, BA '58—Adrienne Raynes Ainbender, Glen Rock, NJ, April 18, 2016
 '57 BS Ag—Peter M. Groeschel, Charlottesville, VA, February 25, 2014
 '57 BS Ag—Stewart Y. Horton, Orient, NY, August 26, 2015
 '57, BS Ag '59—Harold H. Merrell, Wolcott, NY, January 26, 2016
 '57 BEE—John H. I. Morse, Friendswood, TX, September 6, 2013
 '57 BS Hotel—Redford T. Sanderson, Scottsdale, AZ, March 19, 2016
 '57, BME '58—Nicholous F. Schneider, Mahwah, NJ, December 28, 2014
 '57 BA—M. Isabel Steinfeld, Chicago, IL, January 26, 2016
 '57 BS ILR—Donald M. Thompson, Farmington, NY, November 22, 2015

'58 BA—Richard B. Gutwillig, Pomona, NY, November 16, 2014
 '58-59 GR—Jo Muhlbauser Houghton, Berkshire, NY, January 14, 2016
 '58 BA—Betsy A. Northrup, Westfield, NY, March 27, 2016

'59—David W. Boss, Beacon, NY, August 12, 2014
 '59 BS Ag, MS Ag '71—Henry F. Geerken, Worcester, NY, January 15, 2016
 '59 BS Hotel—James S. Gray, Honolulu, HI, February 3, 2016

1960s

'60 JD—Richard A. Abend, New Hartford, NY, March 17, 2016
 '60 PhD—Eberhard Berent, Tivoli, NY, December 11, 2013
 '60—Daniel W. Holmes Jr., Cleveland, OH, January 5, 2016
 '60 BS ILR—Janet Lundy Jensen, Ellicott City, MD, October 29, 2014
 '60, BCE '63—Hushang Missaghieh, New York City, October 22, 2012
 '60 BA, PhD '69—Stephen J. Parker, Lawrence, KS, March 14, 2016
 '60 BA, MBA '61—Stephen Russell, Indianapolis, IN, April 15, 2016
 '60 BA—Jonathan R. Steinberg, Potomac, MD, December 21, 2015
 '60, BEE '61—William M. Wichman, Amherst, NH, December 12, 2015

'61—Kerry R. Kleckner, Newfield, NY, March 7, 2013
 '61—Richard W. Roehl, Santa Rosa, CA, September 18, 2015
 '61 BS Hotel—Mark K. Schimmel, Wentzville, MO, March 29, 2016

'62—Raymond E. Bernard, Glen Burnie, MD, March 24, 2014
 '62 BA—James W. Cantor, New York City, March 14, 2016
 '62—James S. Clark, Washington, VA, August 13, 2015
 '62 MS Ag—Charles A. Fulp, Lindale, TX, April 9, 2016
 '62-63 GR—Caroline R. Herron, Truro, MA, January 5, 2016
 '62 MS—Albert B. Lanier Jr., Raleigh, NC, April 6, 2016
 '62 JD—H. Theodore Meyer, Vero Beach, FL, March 7, 2016
 '62 BS Ag—David B. Russell, Frankfort, NY, November 6, 2013
 '62 BS Nurs—Barbara Heister Seaman, Glen Mills, PA, February 1, 2015

'63—Susan Kane Alter, West Hartford, CT, December 18, 2014
 '63 BA—Mark Chasin, Monroe Township, NJ, January 22, 2016
 '63 BA—Geraldine Ciko Sheeto, Bluffton, SC, June 4, 2013
 '63 BS Ag—Richard E. Spencer, Bend, OR, April 14, 2016

'64 PhD—Selwyn S. Berg, Luynes, France, April 8, 2016
 '64 BS Ag—Charles A. Laughton, Ipswich, MA, April 4, 2016
 '64, BEE '65, MEE '66—Thomas Paxis, Rehoboth, MA, March 17, 2016
 '64, BEE '65, MEE '66—Llewellyn E. Wall, Concord, MA, March 17, 2016

'65, BCE '68—John H. Hilmer, Bingham, ME, October 16, 2014

'66 BS Ag—James F. Biehl, Livingston, NJ, December 25, 2013
 '66 PhD—Gail A. Jacobson, San Luis Obispo, CA, December 28, 2015
 '66 LLB—David M. Lascell, Rochester, NY, April 1, 2016
 '66 BA—Alice D. Michtom, Ithaca, NY, March 7, 2016
 '66 BS Ag—Murray E. Stephen, Burlington, ON, Canada, March 25, 2016

'67 PhD—Benedict R. Anderson, Freeville, NY, December 13, 2015
 '67—Eric L. Loberg, Los Angeles, CA, March 15, 2016
 '67 BS Ag—John D. Yonkers, New Hartford, NY, April 23, 2016

'68 JD—William T. Boukalik, Beachwood, OH, January 14, 2016

'69 BA—Dan C. Hazen, Lexington, MA, June 1, 2015

'69 BS Eng—Charles L. Hunt, Fort Lauderdale, FL, December 9, 2015

'69, BME '71—M. Crockett Marsh III, Pembroke Pines, FL, March 30, 2016

'69 MBA—Abimbola O. Ogunsola, New York City, June 29, 2013

1970s

'70 MCE—Elwyn E. Hopkin, Corman Park, SK, Canada, December 23, 2015

'71 PhD—Richard R. Bergquist, El Paso, IL, January 9, 2016

'71 BS ORIE—Burt J. Cohen, Media, PA, December 11, 2015

'71 MBA—Hyman Z. Kotler, Hampstead, QC, Canada, August 14, 2012

'71 BME—Charles M. Leung, Hong Kong, China, February 3, 2016

'73 PhD—Alan P. Fenech, Sacramento, CA, January 3, 2016

'73 BS Hotel—R. Andrew Swinney, Philadelphia, PA, April 24, 2016

'73 BS ILR—Raymond A. Van Sweringen III, Annapolis, MD, October 13, 2015

'74 BS ILR—Regina Setzer Bosch, Glenside, PA, March 12, 2016

'74, DVM '77—Jeff Hall, Clanton, AL, July 23, 2015

'74 BA—Bernard K. Rowan, New Rochelle, NY, March 3, 2016

'75 BA—Wendy J. Battin, Mystic, CT, December 21, 2015

'75 BCE, MCE '76—William M. Mead, Highlands Ranch, CO, December 11, 2014

'76 DVM—John F. Bouffard, Middlebury, VT, February 23, 2016

'76 BS Ag—Gustav F. Winterfeld, Pocatello, ID, January 10, 2016

'77 BS Ag—Carol Beim Nulsen, St. Louis Park, MN, July 5, 2015

'79 BS HE—Maryellen Sabraw McKendry, Orchard Park, NY, September 26, 2014

'79 BS Hotel—William G. Sipple, Denver, CO, April 24, 2016

'79 BA—Steven J. Sun, Hong Kong, China, January 2, 2016

'79 MA, PhD '86—Yoshiko M. Yamamoto, Daly City, CA, February 28, 2016

1980s

'81 BA—Allison M. Gundersen, Safety Harbor, FL, December 15, 2015

'81, BEE '82—Kenneth Linczer, Austin, TX, August 22, 2015

'84 BS Ag—Lyman A. Lambert, Riverhead, NY, April 20, 2016

'84 B Chem E—Ngai M. Wong, Franklin Park, NJ, October 26, 2013

'85 BS Hotel—Douglas I. McGregor, Toronto, ON, Canada, September 19, 2014

'87 BS HE—Pamela O'Dwyer McGaan, Chicago, IL, March 25, 2016

'89 MEE—Kumar Chinnaswamy, Groton, MA, April 17, 2016

'89 BS Ag—Mark A. Davis, Riverhead, NY, November 24, 2015

'89 MA, PhD '95—Raymond V. Liedka, Pontiac, MI, April 1, 2016

1990s

'90 BS Hotel—David J. Nevarez, Westminster, CA, June 10, 2015

'91 MBA—Richard A. Ferrara Jr., North Providence, RI, March 29, 2016

'91 JD—Kevin A. Hall, San Francisco, CA, November 2, 2012

'94 MBA—Bryan A. Barnett, Rego Park, NY, October 8, 2015

'94 MS, PhD '95—Kent L. Womack, Toronto, ON, Canada, August 4, 2015

2010s

'12 BA—Dominic E. Greening, Palo Alto, CA, March 25, 2013

'12 MBA—Kavya Krishna, Minneapolis, MN, March 27, 2016

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Political ephemera from the Kroch vaults



PARTY FAVORS: 1) Eisenhower soap (1952); 2) Lincoln ceremonial axe (1860); 3) FDR clock (1932); 4) cookie cutter from the 1956 Republican National Convention; 5) Coolidge-Dawes thimble (1924); 6) Stevenson-Kefauver umbrella (1956); 7) McKinley "soap baby" (1896); 8) McKinley-Roosevelt canteen-shaped flask (1900); 9) Eisenhower dress (1956); 10) elephant and donkey soap (1956).

As long as there have been elections, there has been campaign swag—items given or marketed to supporters with the aim of engendering loyalty and spreading name recognition. These days, those products tend to be fairly sedate, like T-shirts and baseball caps. But Cornell's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections houses hundreds of more colorful examples from bygone eras. Kroch Library's Susan H. Douglas Collection of Political Americana features a trove of partisan goodies—from the typical (boater hats and lapel pins) to the downright odd. In 1948, for example, female supporters of the Dewey and Truman campaigns could sport underpants embroidered with the names of the candidates and their running mates. (As Kroch staffer Heather Furnas, PhD '14, observes: "Who are you advertising to, exactly?") There are cartons of cigarettes touting the presidential campaigns of Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower; a pair of silver-plated scissors engraved with the likeness of William Howard Taft; a metal "piggy bank" with a slot to insert coins into FDR's skull. And there is soap—shaped not only in bars, but also in the form of babies, elephants, and donkeys—which Furnas notes is a recurring theme. "It's about cleaning up politics—the idea that it's a dirty game, but this particular candidate is an honest, moral person who can make a difference. In fact," she observes, "I think it's a little on the nose."

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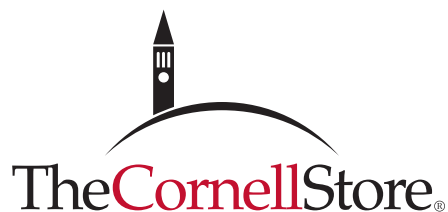
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