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BRAD HERZOG '90

Almost exactly a century ago, four Cornellians boarded the Royal Mail Steamship *Titanic* on its maiden voyage; they included a railroad designer, two engineers, and a young man trailing a girl he fancied. As the world marks the centennial of the tragedy that struck that “unsinkable” ship—and took more than 1,500 lives—CAM looks back at the experiences of that fateful quartet of Cornellians. Two of them perished—while two lived to tell the tale.

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BETH SAULNIER

War photographer Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05, has captured images from conflicts around the world. In the summer of 2009, he shifted his focus to film: embedded with Marines during the Afghan troop surge, he shot footage that would become the documentary *Hell and Back Again*. His freshman effort—in which Dennis not only chronicles the war, but follows one Marine’s struggle to assimilate back into civilian life—has garnered major honors, including an Oscar nod and the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance. “I wanted to weave those two worlds together to show that they’re just one experience,” he says, “that the fighting doesn’t stop when these men return home.”

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EDWARD HOWER '63

Novelist Edward Hower '63 teaches writing in the Cornell Prison Education Program, whose students have perpetrated serious crimes—but whose educational achievements and behavioral records make them the “best of the best.” In an essay, he reflects on his experiences teaching at Auburn Correctional Facility, where artistic expression can become both a lifeline and a way to a better future. “Auburn, a maximum security institution, has broken my heart repeatedly,” he writes, “but it’s also given me the most exhilarating teaching experiences I’ve had anywhere.”

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Cornell's Tech Campus: A Great Opportunity

After an intense, year-long competition, the City of New York has chosen Cornell, in partnership with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, to create a new campus—in fact, a new kind of campus—dedicated to technology and enterprise on Roosevelt Island. We are honored to have this opportunity and are on a fast track for the project, with the first students to begin working with faculty in leased, offsite space in the city by next fall.

A critical factor in Cornell's success was the very vocal (and visible) enthusiasm of alumni and students. Nearly 50,000 alumni live in the New York metropolitan area and, as Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Robert Steele quipped, it seemed that all of them called his office to express their support for Cornell's proposal.

Many of our trustees, overseers, and other alumni used their considerable networking skills to make the city aware of alumni support for Cornell's proposal, signing up for all sorts of city-sponsored events just so they could talk about Cornell. Other distinguished alumni with expertise in technology and enterprise provided strategic guidance to Provost Kent Fuchs, deans Dan Huttenlocher of Computing and Information Science and Lance Collins of Engineering, and associate engineering dean Cathy Dove, MBA '84, who led the Cornell effort.

One of the most remarkable aspects of alumni involvement was the leadership of younger alumni in exploiting the power of social media to spread the word about our bid. Danny Stein '92, Gus Warren '94, Keith Grossman '02, and Jeremy Snepar '01 mobilized more than 20,000 alumni, parents, and friends to sign an online petition in support of our proposal through Twitter, Facebook, and e-mail. The group also collaborated with a current undergraduate, Jesse McElwain '13, to garner support in Ithaca.

Cornell students passed resolutions in support of the New York City campus, and the Student Assembly, under the able leadership of Natalie Raps '12, made a video endorsing the proposal that was shown in Schoellkopf Stadium during the Homecoming football game. And, with perfect timing, students in Cornell University Sustainable Design organized a conference in New York City for the day after our proposal was submitted. Then, on December 16—at a crucial moment in the review process—the Atlantic Philanthropies and its founding chair, Chuck Feeney '56, made an extraordinary \$350 million gift to support Cornell's development of the tech campus, calling it “a once-in-a-generation opportunity . . . to create economic and educational opportunity on a transformational scale.”

In creating the tech campus, there will be no diversion of resources from Ithaca. Instead, there will be many more opportunities for faculty and students in Ithaca-based programs and faculty and students in New York City to participate in mutually beneficial collaborations as called for in our strategic plan. In fact, I believe that, in time, the tech campus will generate price-



President Skorton
with Technion
President
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less exposure and demand for more of what Cornell has to offer in Ithaca.

There will also be more opportunities for Cornell's entrepreneurial alumni in New York City and beyond. Over the years our university has nurtured many individuals who have turned ideas and inventions into thriving businesses. In the past five years alone, Cornell alumni have created more than 2,600 companies—employing over 34,000 people and raising over \$10.6 billion in new capital—and we expect an even higher rate of company creation, thanks to the new campus's focus on technology innovation and entrepreneurship. Some 2,500 alumni have already expressed an interest in mentoring student projects connected to the new campus and in making investments in companies started by students and faculty there. And once the new campus is up and running, there will be space available for alumni events and activities.

More than a year before an applied science and technology campus in New York City was on anyone's radar, the University had endorsed an expanded commitment to public engagement in its strategic plan: “Cornell has a unique capacity to interweave public engagement with its educational and research programs for students, given its status and history as a private university with a land-grant mission. An integration of fundamental science with application of that knowledge and its use for the public good should be a distinguishing feature of Cornell programs.” Today, as Cornell expands its public engagement with this new land grant on Roosevelt Island, those exhortations seem prophetic.

I thank you for your part in this game-changing venture for New York City and Cornell and invite your continued involvement.

— President David Skorton
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Celebration panelists (from left) Linda Choong '90 of the National Basketball Association, and Jon Daniels '99 of the Texas Rangers



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The Big Picture



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The Big Event: Nearly 1,000 alumni attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, January 27–29, in Washington, D.C. On Saturday afternoon, they all gathered for a lunch meeting (top) that featured an inspiring address by President David Skorton. Another headline event was a panel co-hosted by PCCW and Cornell Mosaic (left), which featured top women journalists (L to R) S. E. Cupp '00, Sheryl WuDunn '81, Kate Snow '91, Sheryl Hilliard Tucker '78, and Cathy Merrill Williams '91. Other notable attendees included Touchdown the Bear (bottom left) and Charles Wu '91 (above), seen here explaining how social media works.



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Bo Burgers and Beer, Part 2

The wave of nostalgia continues

Ed. Note: In our last issue, we published two letters inspired by “Last Call” (Cornelliana, November/December 2011) and noted that many readers had posted comments to the online version of the article at the CAM website. They’ve continued to pour in, and there are now more than fifty. Herewith a sample:

The Haunt, the Royal Palm, but especially the Rongovian Embassy [in Trumansburg]. I had one nice night at the Chanticleer when I lived above Moosewood at the former high school. Anyone remember Tweetman’s Halfway House? Not a college bar, but seriously fun and fairly dangerous. Cheers!

— Frank McElroy '76

Great memories! Freshman year the Chapter House. Met all the hipsters at the Salty Dog. Blew my mind watching Captain Beefheart and his Magic Band at the Warehouse. Got rock-and-roll religion seeing Chuck Berry at the North Forty. Grooved with the Paul Butterfield Blues Band and the Ithaca College coeds at their student union!

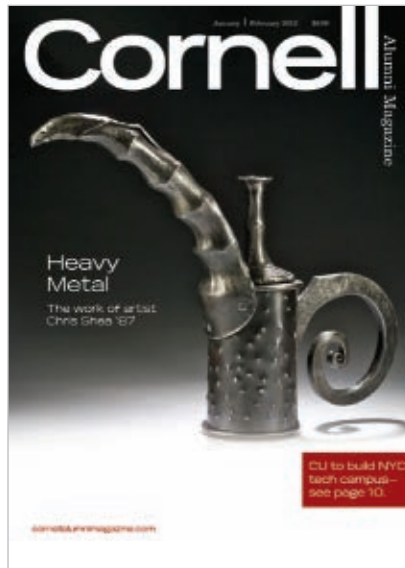
— Chip Poll '72

Cabbagetown Cafe, formerly on Eddy Street, was a favorite of mine in the 1980s. The superlative cashew chili was the best way to get warm on a winter eve in Ithaca.

— Nancy Shaw, PhD '88

My roommates and I would go to Joe’s for an Italian dinner and promise to drink only one bottle of wine because we had to study. After Joe sent over a fifth bottle free, we did not study much that night. The steamed clams dipped in butter were wonderful.

— Marty Cohen '59



Loved Noyes Lodge, where I ate my first bagel and would go for Dusty Miller sundaes, ice cream with chocolate sauce and powdered malt on top. I also remember that when I lived on the fifth floor in Riskey (many, many steps to climb, but how cool to be up in the tower) there was a mobile unit that parked across the street

where I would go for milk and molasses cookies at 11:00 at night. Anyone remember the name?

— Mary Steinmetz LeDonne Cassidy '67

Best memory of Johnny’s was the night one of the townies asked the barkeep, young Johnny, for the phone (cell phones hadn’t been invented) to call a cab. We all watched when he instructed the cabbie to take him to the Palms: a cab ride consisting entirely of a U-turn!

— John Sawicki, PhD '77

Correction—March/April 2012

R&D, page 12: We stated: “An antimicrobial compound in honey could offer a natural preservative, finds food microbiologist Randy Worobo. In sunflower honey from South Dakota, he discovered a strain of *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which is effective against food-borne pathogens such as *Listeria*.” We should have made it clear that the compound in question is produced by the bacterium. Thanks to Jonathan Turetsky '77 for pointing out the error.

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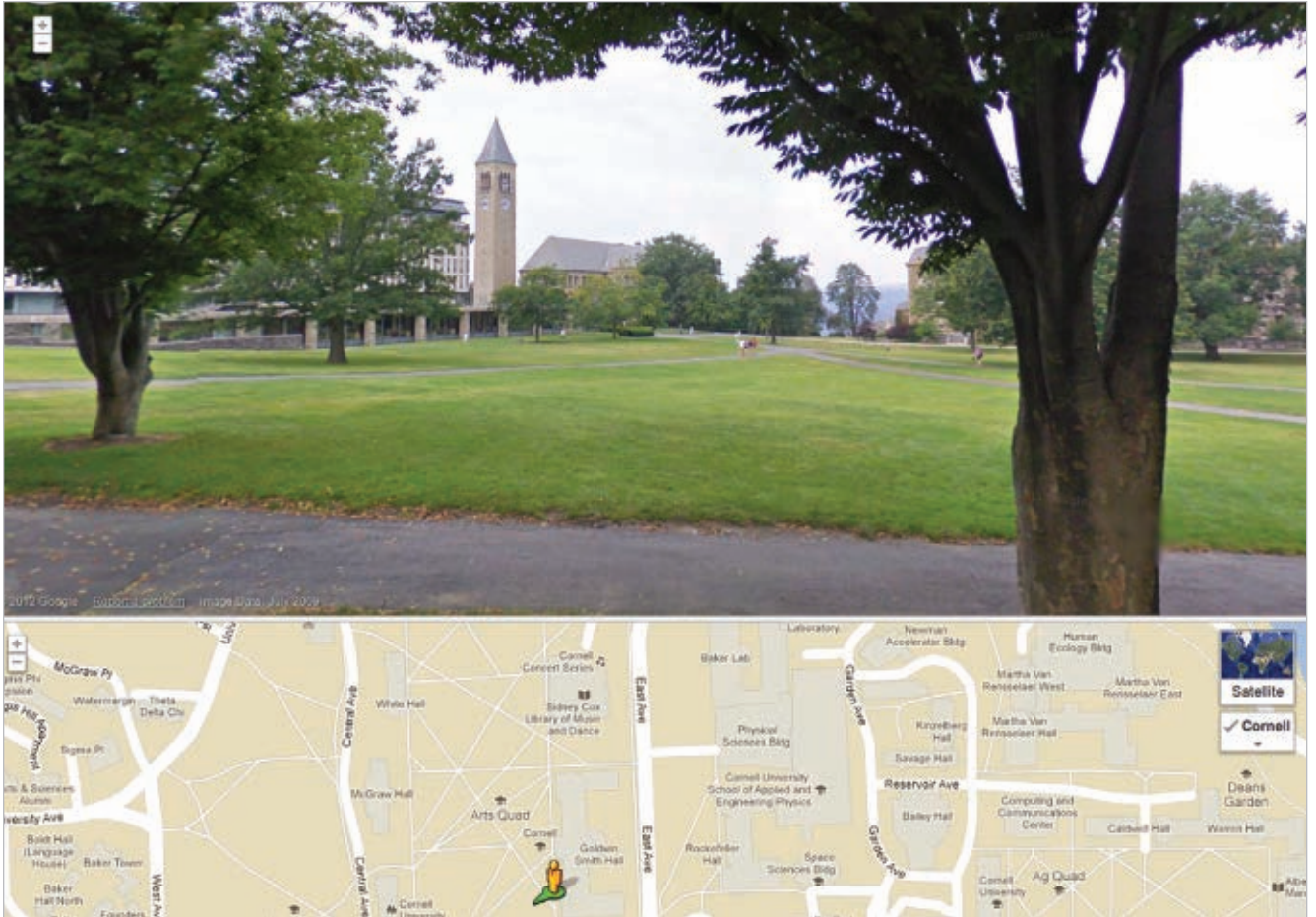
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From the Hill

GOOGLE MAPS



View from the trike: As of late January, Cornell's campus is visible on Google Maps' Street View, allowing Web surfers to tour the Hill from the comfort of their laptops. The images were captured via cameras mounted on a tricycle-like vehicle; viewers can move down streets or view the campus in 360-degree panoramas. Other U.S. campuses on Street View include Boston University and Stanford.

Profs Clash Over Effects of Shale Gas Drilling

In the article "Hot Topic" (Currents, September/October 2011), CAM summarized the conclusions of a paper on the impact of shale gas extraction written by Robert Howarth, the Atkinson Professor of Ecology and Environmental Biology, and two Cornell colleagues: Anthony Ingraffea, the Baum Professor of Engineering, and Renee Santoro '06, a research technician. Their paper, published in *Climatic Change Letters* in April 2011, stated that natural gas released through hydraulic fracturing causes more global warming than coal. Over a twenty-year period, the researchers concluded, the greenhouse gas footprint of shale gas is at least 20 percent greater and possibly more than twice as great as that of coal.

In another paper published in the same journal in January 2012, Cornell earth and atmospheric sciences professor Lawrence Cathles and colleagues called the Howarth paper "seriously flawed"

and contended that "shale gas has a greenhouse gas footprint that is half and perhaps a third that of coal." Howarth responded, telling the *New York Times* that he had submitted a follow-up paper to *Climatic Change Letters* and stating: "We stand by our approach and findings published last April, and find little of merit in the criticisms by Cathles and colleagues." Howarth added that "using all available information and the latest climate science, we conclude that for most uses, the greenhouse gas footprint of shale gas is greater than that of other fossil fuels on time scales of up to 100 years." Cathles fired back, asserting that "the argument that substituting natural gas for other fossil fuels will increase warming is false." The ongoing dispute hinges on conflicting data about the release of gas during the extraction process and the time period used to measure the atmospheric impact.

Johnson School Names Dean

A professor of business and technology at a graduate business school in France has been named the eleventh dean of the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Soumitra Dutta comes to Cornell from INSEAD, which has campuses in Fontainebleau, Singapore, and Abu Dhabi. "Professor Dutta's appointment is a natural fit with Johnson's increasingly global outlook," says President David Skorton. "He has expertise in new and emerging media, he has studied the conditions that promote innovation, and he has extensive experience on the international stage." Dutta succeeds current dean Joseph Thomas, who will return to teaching and research after his five-year term ends on June 30.



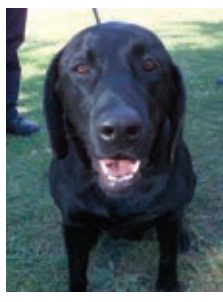
Soumitra Dutta

Endowed Tuition Rises 4.5 Percent; 7.4 for Statutory

The Board of Trustees has approved a tuition rate of \$43,185 for undergrads in the endowed colleges in 2012–13. The figure represents a 4.5 percent hike over the current academic year. With room, board, and fees, a year at Cornell will cost \$57,041. In the statutory colleges, in-state students will see a 7.4 percent rise to \$27,045; out-of-state tuition will go up 4.5 percent and equal that in the endowed colleges. According to Elmira Magnum, vice president for planning and budget, the increase "reflects the University's need to provide resources for the rising operations budget—26.3 percent of which comes from undergraduate tuition." Trustees also approved tuition rates for the graduate and professional schools, including a 3.9 percent hike (to \$55,220) at the Law School and 4.5 percent (to \$53,796) at the Johnson School.

Cornell's First Police Dog Dies

Cornell's first explosive-sniffing dog, a twelve-year-old black Lab named Sabre, died in early January following a long battle with a chronic infection. After being adopted from the Tompkins County SPCA, Sabre graduated from the Southern Tier Police Canine Association and was certified by New York State and the Eastern Police K-9 Association. He retired in 2008 after an eight-year career keeping venues safe for such dignitaries as President Bill Clinton, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Dalai Lama, and former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres—not to mention celebrities like Gwen Stefani and Snoop Dogg.



Sabre

Royal Palm Serves Final Pint

Citing changes in student drinking habits, the owner of College-town's venerable Royal Palm Tavern closed the bar in late February after seventy-one years in business. Joe Leonardo told the *Daily Sun* that students are no longer spending as much time in bars as they did a decade ago. He noted that the widespread habit of coming to the tavern just half an hour before closing—nicknamed "Palms o'clock"—has been "a business killer." The Palms is the third Collegetown bar to close in less than a year, following Dino's and Johnny O's.

Gabby Giffords Resigns; Senator Kirk Suffers Stroke

In January, Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97, announced that she would step down to focus on her ongoing recovery from a brain injury. A year earlier, Giffords was gravely wounded in a mass shooting at a meet-and-greet event in Tucson that left six dead and nineteen injured. Another lawmaker facing a long recovery from a brain injury is Senator Mark Kirk '81, who suffered a major stroke at the end of January. Kirk, who holds the Illinois seat vacated by President Barack Obama, suffered swelling in the right side of his brain; it did not affect his speech or mental capacity, but caused paralysis on the left side of his body.

R&D

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The "Great Recession" of 2007–09 cost millions of Americans their health insurance, reports economist John Cawley. Of the 9.3 million adults estimated to have lost coverage, he says, 7.1 million were men.

A 3-D collagen "scaffold" developed by Cornell bioengineers could save the lives of children with short bowel syndrome. The device could act as an artificial intestine, allowing patients to absorb food properly.

Entomologists have found *Gonatocerus ovicentus*—a wasp not spotted in North America in a century—at the Geneva Ag Station. They also discovered another wasp, *Gonatocerus ater*, never before recorded in the Western Hemisphere.

Daily online deals, or "social coupons," benefit restaurants as well as consumers, says hotel professor Sheryl Kimes. She notes the coupons often bring back infrequent customers and attract new ones.

Sensors attached to feeders are making it easier for scientists to follow birds. The system, developed by researchers at the Lab of Ornithology, automates data collection on feeding and breeding behaviors.

Colorful and varied food arrangements tempt children to eat nutritionally diverse diets, says marketing professor Brian Wansink. He recommends that parents fill plates with seven items and six colors.

In a New York orchard, plant pathologists have found a bacterial disease resistant to traditional antibiotics. They've warned apple and pear growers about the strain, known as fire blight.

Researchers may have a way to make cigarettes less toxic. The lab of chemist Jack Freed found that adding grape and tomato seed extract drastically reduces the hazardous effects of tobacco smoke.

Thanks to a digitization project, Cornell's 1,500-piece rare coin collection will soon be available for viewing by anyone with a computer. The coins will be accessible through an online catalog.

Outgoing Board Chair Honored

In January, outgoing Board of Trustees chairman Peter Meinig '61, BME '62, was honored for his decade of service with a gala dinner at the New York Public Library. Trustees, deans, vice presidents, provosts, and members of Meinig's family gathered to mark his accomplishments as chair, which included the hiring of President Skorton and supporting the winning bid for the technology campus on Roosevelt Island. "The words to describe Pete Meinig are many," Skorton said. "Some that come to mind are a calm spirit, absolute integrity, a clear-eyed view of the best way forward, and the courage to follow that way." The event included the unveiling of Meinig's official portrait, which will hang in Uris Hall.

Barlow Ware '47 Dies

W. Barlow Ware '47, former voice of the Big Red and longtime Alumni Affairs staffer, died of cancer on December 19. He was eighty-six. Ware joined the Alumni Affairs staff in the Fifties; from 1957 to 1986, he was the voice of Cornell hockey and football, known for his play-by-play coverage. "He didn't try to become the show," says athletics director Andy Noel, "but he was always an interesting part of the event." Ware was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. As the *Cornell Chronicle* noted in a 2004 profile: "In the fall of 1943, a dapper Manhattanite in Brooks Brothers sport coat, gray flannel pants, and bucks, a young man whose name appeared (as it does today) in the *Social Register*, stepped from the train in Ithaca to begin his study of farming.... Thus began an adventure that grew into a lifelong love affair with Cornell, its students and alumni, its staff and faculty, its coaches and players."



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September '71: A photo of the Attica prison uprising is among the nearly 2,000 images of African American life recently donated to the University Library by Beth and Stephan Loewentheil, JD '75.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Harvey Stenger '79, named president of Binghamton University.

C. Thomas Parsons '82, appointed chief of the City of Ithaca Fire Department.

President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes, named the inaugural trustee emeritus of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia.

Math professor William Thurston, winner of the American Mathematical Society's Steele Prize for a Seminal Contribution to Research for his work on low dimensional topology.

PhD candidate Jillian Standish Cohen, MS '09, who will spend a year working for the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources as a Knauss Marine Policy Fellow.

Cornell's undergraduate architecture program, ranked number one in the "America's Best Architecture and Design Schools" survey for the fourth consecutive year.

Professors Brian Crane (chemistry and chemical biology), Barbara Crawford (science education), Rui Hai Liu, PhD '93 (food science), and Rosemary Stevens (social medicine and public policy), elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Computer science major Justin Cheng '12, winner of a \$1,000 outstanding undergraduate researcher award from the Computing Research Association for his work on the social behavior of humans interacting with computers. Alec Story '12 and Eunsol Choi '12 earned honorable mention.

Nutritional science professor Rebecca Stoltzfus, PhD '92, named to a three-year term as Cornell's first Provost's Fellow for Public Engagement.

Haut Chocolat (cocoa ice cream with cayenne pepper and cinnamon), which beat out such flavors as Cinnamon Chai Latte and Berry Cheesecake to win the annual campus ice cream design competition.

Former CALS dean Susan Henry, recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation, the New York State Agricultural Society's highest honor.

ILR professors Rose Batt '73 and Harry Katz, named scholar fellows by the Labor and Employment Relations Association, and Rebecca Kolins Givan, winner of the organization's outstanding scholar award.

Benedict Anderson, PhD '67, professor emeritus of international studies, government, and Asian studies, winner of the \$10,000 Hirschman Prize from the Social Science Research Council.

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Sideline stars: L.A. Galaxy head coach Bruce Arena '73 (left) and associate head coach Dave Sarachan '76 (center) directed their team to the Major League Soccer championship in November, the latest in a series of titles won by the coaching tandem.

That wasn't snow falling in Los Angeles last November. It was confetti. As a sellout crowd of nearly 31,000 fans cheered wildly, Bruce Arena '73, head coach of Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy, lifted a shiny, silver trophy over his head. His team had just beaten the Houston Dynamos 1-0 in a riveting MLS Cup championship game, leading some to wonder if L.A. might boast the best collection of talent in league history. "We Are the Champions" blared throughout the Home Depot Center, the Galaxy's home arena in Carson, California, where the

team hadn't lost all season. Arena smiled broadly. Mission accomplished—again.

As if it had been scripted, the game-winning goal was scored in the 72nd minute as a joint effort by a trio of superstars who had made the Galaxy the face of the league, a big-market team with lofty expectations—sort of the Miami Heat of professional soccer. David Beckham (the iconic English midfielder who led the team in assists and paparazzi) flicked a header to Robbie Keane (Ireland's all-time leading goal-scorer), who fed Landon Donovan (L.A.'s leading scorer and the most accomplished American in soccer history). As

Donovan, the MLS Cup MVP, put the ball into the back of the net, Arena raised his fists in celebration. "They are good players," he told the assembled press after the game, stating the obvious, "and they play together as a team."

That team was only a twinkle in Arena's eye in 2008, when he took over as general manager and head coach of a franchise in disarray. He changed the culture by first opting for the familiar—hiring trusted lieutenant Dave Sarachan '76 as associate head coach, extending a partnership that has achieved success over nearly three decades. Together, they overhauled the

team, compiling an eye-catching—and expensive—roster. “Pound for pound,” says Sarachan, a 2009 Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame inductee who coached the Big Red for a decade beginning in 1989, “this is the most talented and deepest team that Bruce and I have ever had.”

That’s saying something. The Galaxy is the fourth incarnation of the Arena-and-Sarachan traveling show, each effort offering a jolt to American soccer on a different stage. First, Sarachan served as Arena’s assistant at the University of Virginia, where they won five national championships in 18 seasons, turning a program with no tradition and one scholarship into one of the most successful in college sports. A few years later, Sarachan joined the staff of Arena’s D.C. United team, which had won the first two MLS titles in 1996 and 1997. With Sarachan on board in 1998, D.C. became the first U.S. team to win the CONCACAF Champions Cup, featuring the best teams from the top leagues in North and Central America. That win announced American pro soccer as a force in this hemisphere, but the third stop on the coaching tandem’s tour showed that Americans could compete globally, as the U.S. national team made a run to the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals with Arena steering the ship and Sarachan as his first mate.

Their success may be a product of contrasting styles, with the amiable Sarachan serving as a player-friendly presence alongside the all-business Arena. But it works, and the two men have developed a coaching shorthand over the years. “We complement one another. I know his strengths and weaknesses, and he knows mine,” says Sarachan, who previously served as head coach of the Chicago Fire. “It’s almost like Radar in ‘M*A*S*H.’ I tend to know what he’s going to say before he says it.”

Following the championship, the Galaxy of stars enjoyed a few more weeks as a unit, undertaking a friendly tour of Indonesia, Australia, and the Philippines before Beckham’s five-year contract with L.A. ran out in December. The future was in doubt. Would Beckham return? (In January, he announced that he would.) Will the sixty-year-old Arena, the MLS coach of the year twice in the past three years, keep coaching in L.A.? (So far, it appears that he will.) Will Sarachan get another chance to be an MLS head coach? (No news on that.) Whatever happens, U.S. soccer’s dynamic duo has proved once again that they can lead a team to the top and boost the global credibility of American soccer. All the world’s a stage. . . .

— Brad Herzog '90

Sports Shorts

HOOPS & HOPE The end of 2011 also marked the end of a unique international experience for former women’s basketball player **Claire Perry '07**. A captain on the 2006–07 Big Red squad, Perry spent the past two years in Durban, South Africa, as a PeacePlayers International fellow. During her time with the global nonprofit organization, which has been described as kind of a Peace Corps for basketball, Perry worked closely with the girls’ basketball program and helped grow the group’s leadership development program. Upon leaving in December, she recounted her experience in a blog: [blog. peaceplayersintl.org/2011/12/30/goodbye-peaceplayers-international-south-africa/](http://blog.peaceplayersintl.org/2011/12/30/goodbye-peaceplayers-international-south-africa/).



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Claire Perry '07

MILESTONE In a January 3 game against the University of Maryland, guard **Chris Wroblewski '12** became the 24th player in Cornell men’s basketball history to surpass 1,000 points. An Ivy League award winner in each of his first three seasons, Wroblewski was the 2009 Ivy League Rookie of the year after playing a key role on the outstanding Big Red team that reached the NCAA Sweet 16. He led the league in three-point shooting as a sophomore and has ranked among the top five throughout his career.

HONOR ROLL A pair of Big Red football players received national recognition for their efforts during the 2011 season. Defensive back **Nick Booker-Tandy '12** was named second-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Booker-Tandy had three interceptions and 27 tackles while earning a 4.0 GPA in applied economics and management. Wide receiver **Shane Savage '12** was named to several postseason All-American squads after leading the league with 65 receptions for 1,080 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was a third-team pick on the Associated Press team and joined quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14** as a second-team selection on the Beyond Sports Network squad.

BIG RED REUNION Three-time All-American **Rob Pannell '12** was the first pick of the 2012 Major League Lacrosse draft on January 13—but he was not the only Cornell player making news that day. Minutes before selecting Pannell, the Long Island Lizards pulled off a trade, getting former All-American midfielder **Max Seibald '09** from the Denver Outlaws. This will likely allow the pair to reunite after Pannell’s collegiate season ends. Three other Big Red players also heard their names called during the MLL draft: **Roy Lang '12** was chosen by the Rochester Rattlers, **Chris Langton '12** was picked by the Ohio Machine, and **J. J. Gilbane '12** went to the Boston Cannons.



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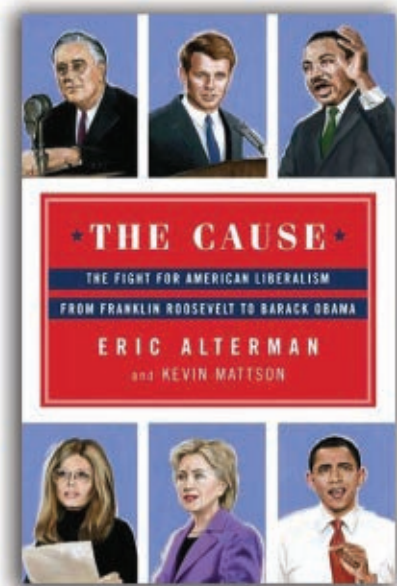
Rob Pannell '12

SPEED SKATER Cornell was represented at the 2012 NHL All-Star Weekend in Ottawa, but if you blinked you may have missed it. **Colin Greening '10**, who plays for the Ottawa Senators, posted the best time in the Fastest Skater event, getting around the ice in 12.963 seconds during his heat. He edged Carl Hagelin of the New York Rangers by three one-hundredths of a second in that heat, but Hagelin got revenge in the final, beating Greening by almost a tenth of a second. Going into the All-Star break, Greening had 11 goals and 15 assists in 52 games with the Senators.

Restoring Vision

The Cause by Eric Alterman '82 and Kevin Mattson (Viking)

Alterman, a columnist for the *Nation* and professor of English and journalism at Brooklyn College and CUNY, traces the development of modern American liberalism from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Barack Obama. “America has undoubtedly become a fairer, more open, and less oppressive society thanks largely to the political and cultural struggles waged by liberals,” he argues. But lately liberalism is embattled and needs to regain its sense of vision. “If liberal fortunes are ever to revive,” Alterman writes, “liberals must find a way to recapture a simultaneously militant and optimistic spirit.”



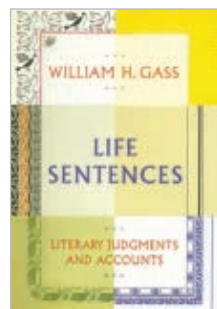
Suburgatory by Linda Erin Keenan '91 (Globe Pequot). Keenan’s satirical look at suburbia is the basis for the ABC show of the same name. “While the TV series focuses on a transplanted teen from New York City,” explains the former CNN writer for anchors Anderson Cooper and Lou Dobbs, “my book offers a vision of suburbia and contemporary American life that I witnessed when I myself was transplanted from the city after having my son.” She skewers upper-middle-class pieties and the “all-around bad behavior that I have seen raging underneath the surface of those obsessively tended suburban lawns and bikini lines.”



The Expats by Chris Pavone '89 (Crown). Long-buried secrets undermine the characters’ lives in Pavone’s debut novel. When Kate’s husband, Dexter, announces that they’re moving from D.C. to Luxembourg—immediately—for a well-paying job, the lies and deceptions in their marriage come to light. But soon she finds even more problems under the surface of her idle expatriate life. The more her husband keeps closemouthed about the nature of his work, the more her suspicions grow. A new American couple seems eager to befriend them—but also vaguely menacing. As she uncovers the intrigue, Kate reveals her own guilty past.



Life Sentences by William H. Gass, PhD '54 (Knopf). In his latest collection of essays, the former professor of philosophy at Washington University and author of the novels *The Tunnel* and *Omensetter's Luck* explores the themes of his long writing life and looks at the work of some of his favorite writers—Gertrude Stein, Proust, Nietzsche, Henry James, and Kafka—as well as the unsympathetic Nazi collaborator Knut Hamsun. One of the finest essays is “The Aesthetic Structure of the Sentence,” which builds from Gass’s youthful relish for diagramming to his observation that sentences are “containers of consciousness.”



Green Washed by Kendra Pierre-Louis '02 (Ig). We may use a canvas shopping bag at the supermarket, buy organic food, and switch to an electric car, but we still need to consume less if we want to halt environmental destruction. “The problem is that ‘green’ is not an industry-defined term,” writes Pierre-Louis, the sustainable development editor for the website Just means.com. “There is no standard to which a company must aspire to achieve sustainability.” Her investigation of sustainable fashion, green building, and green energy shows that while such alternatives are important, we can’t buy our way to a green planet.



Fiction

Forgotten Country by Catherine Chung, MFA '05 (Riverhead). Janie's grandmother says she must watch over her younger sister, Hannah—the family has lost a girl in every generation in Korea. Years later, after the family has moved to America, Hannah disappears. In her debut novel, Chung, named one of *Granta's* New Voices, tells the story of Janie's search to find her sister and uncover family secrets.

Wide Open by Deborah Coates '77 (Tor). In short story writer Coates's first novel, Sergeant Hallie Michaels comes home on ten days' leave from Afghanistan to bury her sister, Dell, whose death has been ruled a suicide. Hallie refuses to believe Dell killed herself, especially when she encounters her ghost—and the ghosts of several missing women. Now she must unlock the mystery before her leave is up.

Non-Fiction

Saving Wright by Jeffrey M. Chusid (Norton). When Sam and Harriet Freeman commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to design a house for them in Los Angeles, Wright built the Freeman House using his textile-block

construction system. Later architects, including Rudolph Schindler, Richard Neutra, and Eric Lloyd Wright, modified the house to correct its design flaws. Chusid, former director of the Freeman House and an associate professor in Cornell's historic preservation planning program, tells about the efforts to preserve the meaning and materials of the house.

Cruel Optimism by Lauren Berlant, PhD '85 (Duke). Berlant, a professor of English at the University of Chicago, examines how the social democratic promise of the post-war period has retracted in the U.S. and Europe. She asks, "Why do people stay attached to conventional good-life fantasies—say, of enduring reciprocity in couples, families, political systems, institutions, markets, and at work—when the evidence of their instability, fragility, and dear cost abounds?"

Unspeakable Violence by Nicole M. Guidotti-Hernandez, PhD '04 (Duke). Investigating four historic flashpoints along the U.S.-Mexico borderlands in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, an associate professor of gender and women's studies at the University of Arizona shows how in each case violence was racially motivated.

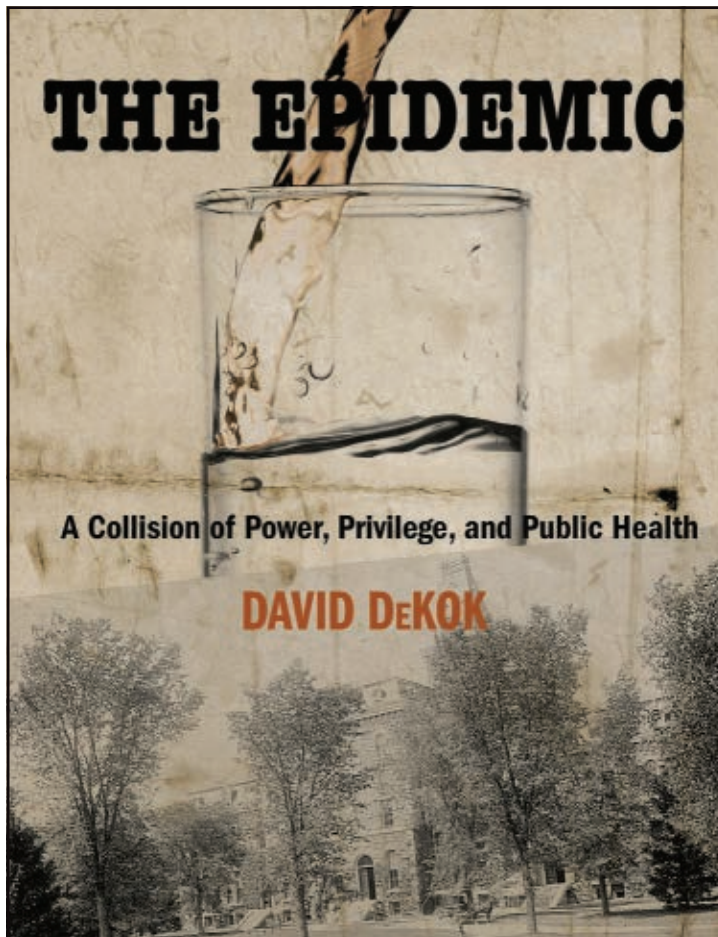
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Take a Deep Breath by Nina Shapiro '87 (World Scientific). The director of pediatric otolaryngology at the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA provides a comprehensive guide to children's breathing problems.



The Epidemic tells how a vain and reckless businessman became responsible for a typhoid epidemic in 1903 that devastated Cornell University and the surrounding town of Ithaca, NY. Eighty-two people died, including 29 Cornell students. Protected by influential friends, William T. Morris faced no retribution for this outrage.

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All-Age Home

Esther Semsei Greenhouse '93, MS '03,
promotes environments that can last a lifetime

Walk through Esther Semsei Greenhouse's garage door, through the laundry room, and into the kitchen, and nothing about the two-story, 2,300-square-foot Ithaca home seems particularly unusual.

But sit in a wheelchair and roll through the front door, into the capacious foyer and adjoining living room, and the differences from most residential construction are happily apparent. The passageways between rooms accommodate the chair's girth and turning radius. The floors are free of area rugs and other surfaces that could impede wheels or increase the risk of a fall. The lightweight double doors separating the multi-purpose den and guest room from the entryway have levered handles; they're easy to open and close, from a chair, with limited hand strength. Even the full bath

and kitchen boast features welcoming to someone in a wheelchair. "This is a home for a lifetime," says Greenhouse '93, MS '03, "for everyone."

The petite brunette, an independent consultant on elder- and disability-friendly design and policy, is just forty-one years old. She gets around fine sans assistive devices, as do her husband, custom builder Brooke Greenhouse '91, and their twelve-year-old son. Yet when the Green-

houses started planning their home (and one next door for her mother), they zeroed in on three guiding principles—durability, energy efficiency, and accessibility—to insure that each family could enjoy the results over the long haul. "A typical house requires changes because the family situation changes or new owners move in," she says. "Why throw away perfectly good building materials, all because you didn't plan?"

Beyond its ecological merits, thinking ahead contains costs and makes life easier for all concerned, says Greenhouse, who teaches courses on "aging in place" for the National Association of Home Builders and serves on AARP's Boomer Project Universal Design Consumer Task Force. Long-lasting, high-efficiency LED bulbs in the living room ceiling fixtures come with an ini-

tial price premium—but in addition to accruing lower lifetime electricity costs, they last for decades, reducing the risk that someone will stumble about in the dark when one fails or fall from a ladder while replacing it. The brushed-nickel cabinet pulls work equally well with a closed fist or a firm grip; arthritis won't necessitate new hardware. The benefits of universal design are even clearer when it comes to the first-floor doorways—while the wide doors for the bathroom and den cost the Greenhouses an extra \$20 each, the average cost nationwide to retrofit a single doorway to accommodate a wheelchair is \$700. "Why isn't every new house built with wider doorways?" she asks. "It's not just about accommodating someone in a wheelchair, it's carrying a laundry basket or a baby."

Greenhouse credits application materials from the College of Human Ecology's Department of Design and Environmental Analysis with introducing her to the ways in which design promotes or impedes function. "It was like the heavens parted," she says. "I got goose bumps." Reading about blighted urban neighborhoods where crumbling sidewalks stranded aging residents in their homes cemented her path. "It really resonated. I decided I wanted to enable people through the environment, take those obstacles out of the way." She earned a certificate in gerontology and, at twenty-one, resolved to promote "enabling design," which allows independent living for people with a wide range of physical abilities.

It's a concept whose time has come. Last year, America's 78 million Baby Boomers started turning sixty-five. Over the next quarter century, nearly 75 million people will become Medicare eligible. "The median annual cost for nursing home care is \$73,000," says Greenhouse. "I'm trying to get people to see this as a policy issue: if fewer people go into nursing care, society saves."

Yet getting young, fit consumers to consider accessibility can be a hard sell. Greenhouse often begins her classes for builders by asking how many consider themselves "disabled." Few raise a hand. Then she reveals her own physical limits—her short stature and a collarbone broken at birth that limits her shoulder strength. Lastly, she asks her students how many wear eyeglasses or contact lenses. Invariably more than half raise their hands. "They're visually disabled and use an assistive device every single day," she says.

To drive her point home, Greenhouse introduces the concept of "environmental press"—the notion that a gap between what the environment demands and a person's body can achieve creates physical stress that exacerbates the situation. Think of a child clambering onto a countertop to reach a cupboard, a person with poor balance climbing into a tub, or an arthritis sufferer whose nutrition declines because the kitchen is too difficult

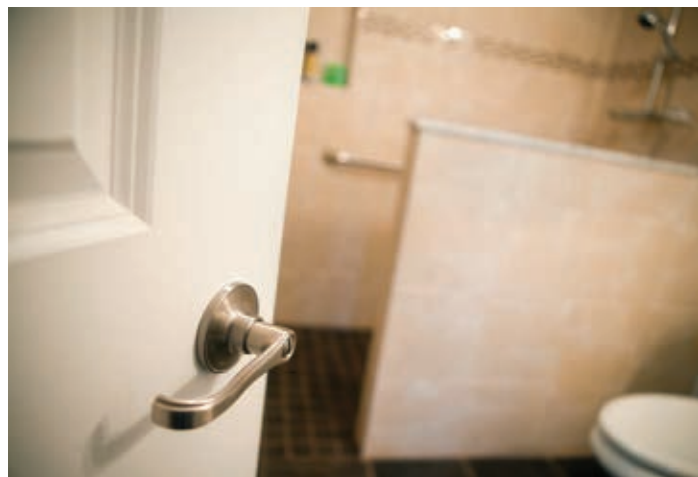




Inner space: Esther Greenhouse's home features (clockwise) floors without rugs to prevent a tripping hazard, door handles that could be easily turned by arthritic hands, and cabinets whose contents are readily accessible. Opposite: Greenhouse in her kitchen.



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to navigate. Helping consumers consider such matters ahead of time boils down to marketing, she notes. “What you call something means the difference between what’s acceptable or not,” she says. “Call it a Roman shower and it’s very popular; call it a roll-in bath and people have no interest.”

The Greenhouses use their combination den and guest room every day for TV viewing and lounging. And in the six months

after moving into their new home, they hosted three guests unable to mount the stairs: the first-floor room and accessible bath preserved complete independence for each. It turns out the luxe design has made Greenhouse’s daily life easier, too. She’s used the tiled Roman shower to scrub patio furniture, water plants, and rinse window screens without getting drenched. If Harry, the family’s shelter pup, weren’t terrified of water, Greenhouse says she’d probably use it to bathe him, too. “Having an aesthetically pleasing house and an enabling design are not mutually exclusive,” she says. “There’s that old adage, ‘Form follows function.’ You can have both.”

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

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Cornell entomologists ponder the pollinators



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Bee prepared: Bryan Danforth (left) collecting in western Australia. Above: *Anthophora retusa*, a species native to Eurasia.

EDUARDO ALMEIDA

Late last April, as buds swelled in the Cornell Orchards, E. J. Blitzer tied gauzy fabric bags—intended by their manufacturer to wrap wedding favors—over select apple branches to insure that insects wouldn’t have access to the blooms. The twenty-nine-year-old postdoc intended to strictly manage pollination; as each blossom unfurled over the subsequent two weeks, she opened its bag and generously dusted the anthers inside. “In real life, you don’t have a person with a paintbrush,” Blitzer muses. “You have a bee moving the pollen from blossom to blossom.”

This fall, as Empire State growers picked more than 25 million bushels of apples—a harvest second only to that of Washington State and a contribution of some \$261 million annually to New York’s economy—Blitzer returned to the seventy-five trees she’d pollinated to collect the fruit of her labors and assess its quality and quantity. The experiment, which also included an assessment of the fruit from

seventy-five trees pollinated by whichever insects happened to alight on their blooms, was part of an ongoing analysis of the agricultural contributions of an array of indigenous species in New York State orchards, headed by entomology professor Bryan Danforth, Blitzer’s adviser.

One in every three bites we raise to our mouths—everything from apples to zucchini, with stops along the way for blueberries, melons, pumpkins, and more—can be credited to the pollinating prowess of myriad insects. *Apis mellifera*, the fuzzy, black-and-yellow honeybee beloved for its gentle disposition and the sweet golden syrup it produces, has long been lauded as the workhorse of the insect pollination circuit. And while that species has taken the limelight since colony collapse disorder hit in 2007, Danforth suspects that in the U.S., the sociable European native—prized for its resilience in vast monocultures like the miles-wide almond orchards of California’s Central Valley—might not deserve all the adulation it’s received. “One of the goals of our

study is to understand the relative contributions of native bees and honeybees in apple pollination,” says Danforth, who notes that the cost to rent honeybees during peak blossom has spiked in recent years. “If the contribution of native bees is very high, why bring in honeybees? It’s an extra cost that probably isn’t adding a lot of value to your crop.”

For the last three years, the professor and his team of ten postdocs, grad students, and undergrads have collected bees in apple orchards throughout the Finger Lakes and along Lake Ontario during the two-week span when the trees are in bloom. They’ve also been developing new studies like Blitzer’s to compare the quality of the fruit produced by native pollinators to that of honeybees. “I have this dream,” jokes Danforth, “that I’ll go on Rush Limbaugh to promote the native, hard-working American bees over the imported Europeans.”

Danforth may be kidding, but the data behind the quip is no joke. Beset by colony collapse disorder, parasitic mites, and cheap

imported honey that has halved the number of American beekeepers, the population of *Apis mellifera* in the U.S. has plummeted. As bees become increasingly expensive to rent, farmers need science-based advice on the most economical tactics to insure the pollination of their crops. “If the native bees are contributing significantly to apple pollination—and they absolutely are—it means biodiversity has economic value, and we should consider that when we make decisions about land use,” says the professor, who received a \$450,000 grant from the USDA for the project.

Already, the team has found that the smaller farms of the Finger Lakes, surrounded by forests and fields that provide alternative forage and habitat for insect populations, have far higher numbers of bee species active in their orchards than do the much larger farms on the south shore of Lake Ontario, the state’s primary apple-growing region. “When we sample up near Lake Ontario, the orchard might be 500 acres and we have ten species,” says Danforth, associate curator of Cornell’s insect collection and an expert in the taxonomy and evolutionary biology of bees. “Down here in the Finger Lakes, we might have thirty or forty species. Our whole project is to predict what factors determine the richness of native bee fauna.”

Much of the apple project hinges on Danforth’s taxonomic expertise. Unlike earlier pollination studies that simply designated samples among such categories as “big green bees” and “little green bees,” the professor and his team identify by species each of the 4,000 bees they collect annually. The initiative complements Danforth’s long-standing investigation of bee phylogeny—what he calls “the tree of life.” Using DNA analyses and intricate computer models, Danforth and his collaborators map the evolutionary relationships among species going back millions of years to investigate the social structure of colony-dwelling honeybees compared with the solitary approach taken by some of their American cousins. By understanding those connections, scientists can better predict, for example, a given species’ preferences for certain host plants, its strategies for storing food to feed its young, or the influence of climate and geography on its social organization. “I’m fascinated by the evolution of bees,” Danforth says. “It gives us a deeper understanding of life on earth.” Even more important for New York’s orchardists, such insights might reveal tactics to insure that for years to come, spring blossoms portend a rich fall harvest.

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



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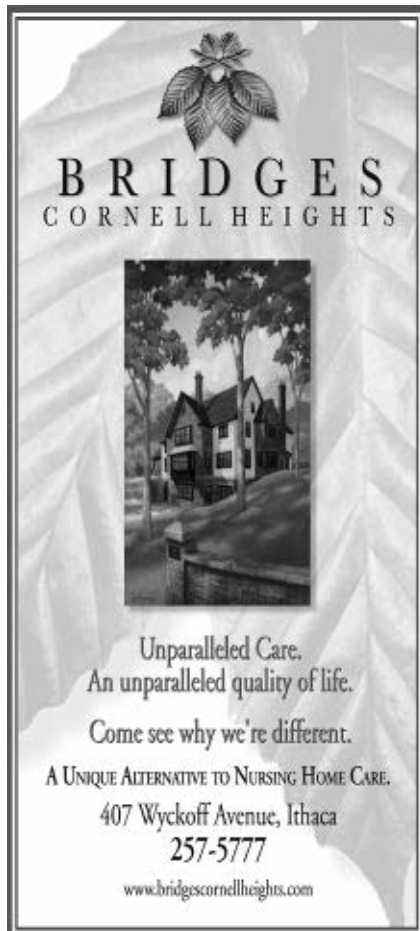


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As a songwriter, Jenn Grauer '04 likes to ask questions. “Won’t you come back, honey?” she implores a departed lover in “Stay,” the first song on her self-produced debut album, *A Million Fires*. “Can you hear me singing my melody, anyone?” she queries in “The Gathering.”

Why so many questions? “At the time I wrote those songs,” says Grauer, “I was transitioning out of college, transitioning from the comfort and safety of having a major and a four-year plan, transitioning from a band that I’d been with for five years. Looking forward, I wasn’t sure where I was going.”

At Cornell, Grauer majored in French and also pursued visual studies, which she describes as “a wee small concentration at the time, but something I was really drawn to.” She was also making music. Classically trained on the piano, she had become friends with three musicians—Chris Merkley '01, Kevin Denton '01, MRP '04, and Nyles Fitzgerald '02—who became her bandmates in a group called the Crooners. “I fell in love with the blues—Robert Johnson and Bessie Smith and Memphis Minnie,” says Grauer. “I spent a lot of time in the Lincoln Hall library, listening to that music. I also started taking blues piano lessons from this great musician who went to Cornell, A. J. Strauss '97. That was a turning point for me musically.”

During breaks, the Crooners traveled to Europe and played on the streets. After graduation, Grauer returned to Paris with the band and did more busking—and then decided it was time for a change. She settled in New York City and began writing the songs that became *A Million Fires* while temping at HBO. Before long, she was hired to work full-time in the branding and marketing group, where she got on-the-job training in video production.

Grauer is now a writer/producer in HBO’s creative services group, where she makes promos for the network’s shows and films. Her work has included campaigns for “Real Time with Bill Maher” and “Lady Gaga Presents the Monster Ball Tour,” and her composition “Soldier Song” was featured in a promo for the film *Taking Chance*. Souzan Alavi, Grauer’s frequent creative partner at HBO, helped her to produce a music video for the title song of her album, which is featured at Grauer’s website (www.jenngrauer.com). “It’s been an amazing and dynamic environment to work in and explore my interest in the visual arts,” says Grauer.

A Million Fires was released last year. It’s brief—seven songs—and features sparse instrumentation: just Grauer’s piano accompanied by cellist Rubin Kodheli (who co-produced) and drummer Andrew Borger. The focus is on the songs, which reflect Grauer’s affection for blues masters like Bessie Smith and Nina Simone as well as such contemporary songwriters as Fiona Apple and Amy Mann. Grauer held a release show at Joe’s Pub in the East Village last fall and has continued to perform live whenever she gets the chance. She’s also working on new material, saying that even though her job is demanding, it leaves time in the evening for practicing and writing “until the neighbors knock on my door.”

Grauer is also thinking about social media and the opportunities it offers for promoting her music. “How do you tell the story of these songs in a way that’s accessible to posting on different social media platforms?” she asks—one more question for a career that seems to be finding some answers along the way.

— Jim Roberts '71



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Against the Grain

Dominic Alcocer '00 heads up gluten-free marketing for General Mills, from Bisquick to Betty Crocker



When he was in the Air Force, Dominic Alcocer '00 helped design countermeasures to foil attacking missiles; now, he's working to protect consumers from the perils of wheat gluten. The former electrical engineering major is the marketing manager for General Mills' gluten-free initiative, which includes a cadre of new products and the development of the website glutenfreely.com. With more Americans being diagnosed with celiac disease and other gluten sensitivities, or simply avoiding the protein with an eye to potential health benefits, gluten-free has become the latest dietary watchword—and a burgeoning market sector.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Why is it so hard to make gluten-free products that taste like their conventional counterparts?

Dom Alcocer: Gluten has a number of properties that give food its stickiness—like in cookie dough, or to help bread rise, or to have a moist texture. Not having that component in recipes and formulae makes it difficult to make food, period, let alone make it taste great. When we were making gluten-free Bisquick and Betty Crocker dessert mixes, we had more than 1,000 trials in our R&D facilities. We tried seventy-five formulae before we finally got something we could put our brands on and be proud of. One of the experts at glutenfreely.com likes to say that twenty years ago it was all cardboard.

CAM: To prepare for your job, you and your wife went gluten free for forty days. What was that like?

DA: It was very difficult. It immediately strikes you how many things in our dietary lives involve gluten; for example, you use wheat flour as a base for most gravies. But I had a deep passion to understand what these consumers go through. When I tell peo-

ple about the level of rigor with which I did it, their eyes widen.

CAM: How so?

DA: I called my toothpaste company and lip balm company. I had to switch to a new brand of lip balm because the one I was using was not gluten free. Medicines, cosmetics—it's everywhere.

CAM: Did the diet make you feel different?

DA: We both felt great. I actually lost a little weight. My wife is still on what she calls the "gluten-free-light" diet. Even now, just for fun, when I go out to restaurants I ask servers, chefs, and bar-keeps if they have gluten-free options or a gluten-free menu, to help educate the food industry, one employee at a time.

CAM: One common complaint is that gluten-free products are too expensive. Why is that?

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CAM: Some might say that gluten free is just the latest dietary fad, akin to low fat and low carb. How do you respond to that?

DA: That's a question I love to answer. For a certain portion of Americans, gluten free will come and go. But there is a portion who must remain gluten free for the remainder of their lives. Those people are going to need what we do forever.

—Beth Saulnier

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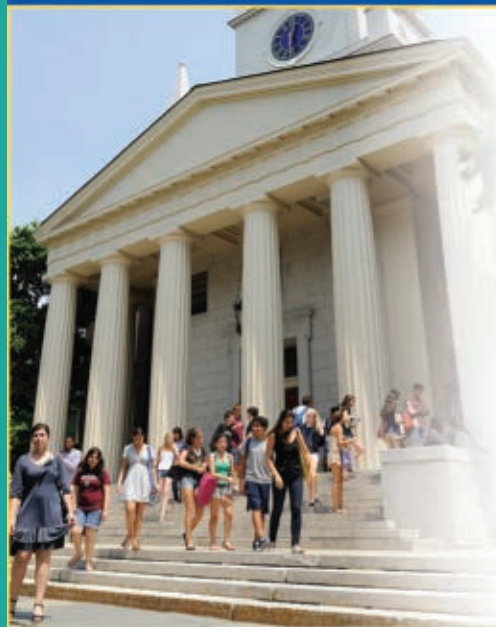
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“Blue Bloods” is the latest crime show for TV veteran Ed Zuckerman ’70



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True blue: Ed Zuckerman ’70 has a hit in “Blue Bloods,” a cop show with an old-fashioned soul.

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In the late Eighties, Ed Zuckerman ’70 was a freelance journalist for magazines like *Rolling Stone* when a friend working in TV made him an offer: Want to write for “Miami Vice”? The show—still on the air, though past its height of cool—was looking to shake things up by tapping non-TV writers to pen some episodes. Armed with facts gleaned from reporting on the international cattle trade, Zuckerman pitched “The Cows of October,” in which Crockett and Tubbs track the theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars of . . . bovine reproductive material.

“It was heavily rewritten,” Zuckerman recalls, “to the point where, watching it with friends at home, I couldn’t explain what was happening.”

That’s showbiz—which has been Zuckerman’s profession ever since. Over the past two decades, the former *Daily Sun* editor-in-chief has served as a writer or producer on some two dozen crime and legal dramas, from big hits (“Law & Order,” “JAG”) to programs you’ve probably never heard of (“Century City,” “Killer Instinct,” “The Whole Truth”).

These days, Zuckerman is back atop the ratings as an executive producer on

“Blue Bloods,” a drama that has bucked the dreaded “Friday night death slot” to become a hit for CBS, pulling in some 12 million viewers a week. The show stars Tom Selleck as Frank Reagan, police commissioner of New York City and paterfamilias of a tight-knit clan of Irish Catholic cops. His grandfather was a patrolman; his father was commissioner before him; all three of his sons joined the family business, one dying in the line of duty. (His daughter handles the “order” side of the ampersand as an assistant district attorney.) “People love this family,” says Zuckerman, who joined the show last summer, after the network ousted its creators between the first and second seasons. “They love the idea of it. In troubled times, people like to see something solid, safe, and wholesome.”

“Blue Bloods” distinguishes itself from the pack of TV crime dramas by putting character ahead of cases; the crime-of-the-week is secondary to the relationships. Each episode includes Sunday dinner around the family table, with Selleck dispensing wisdom; it’s “NYPD Blue” meets “Little House on the Prairie.” “This is a conservative show, a traditional show,” says Zuckerman. “The cinematography, the editing, and the music are old fashioned.” In an episode that aired in mid-January, Commissioner Reagan struggled with an upcoming PR campaign, balking at using the 9/11 attacks to attract recruits. A conversation with his youngest son—a Harvard-educated lawyer who joined the force after his brother’s murder—led to an epiphany about a more palatable sales pitch. “The adventures, the comedies, the tragedies—going to work every day with the feeling anything could happen and you’d be in the middle of it, making a difference,” Reagan tells his staff. “And being part of a brotherhood that spans almost 300 years.”

The show may not be destination television for the much-desired youth demographic, but it’s a palpable hit with their parents and grandparents. Its average viewer age hovers just above sixty; when it premiered it fall 2010, *Forbes* declared it number one on its list of the “oldest

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Man in uniform: Tom Selleck (right) stars as NYPD commissioner Frank Reagan, whose sons are also police officers.

shows on TV.” “Friday night viewing was way down, but there was nothing on,” Zuckerman says. “People are rising out of their graves or their deathbeds to watch this show, because it appeals to a traditional crowd. But people who are relatively young and liberal tell me they like the show. It’s not sticking its conservative values in your face.” The reviews have been pretty good, too; the *New York Times* said it has “an old-fashioned appeal both as drama in the vein of a workingman’s ‘Dynasty’ and as splashy procedural,” and that Selleck plays the lead “with such an easy authority that we’re reminded how much we’ve missed him.”

The show’s production offices are located in a converted apartment building in Greenpoint, Brooklyn; neighbors include “The Good Wife” and “Royal Pains.” Just down the block are soundstages with the show’s three permanent sets: the commissioner’s office, the Reagan family home, and a detectives’ squad room. “This is a little studio,” Zuckerman says, as the show’s executive producer, septuagenarian TV legend Leonard Goldberg, views the dailies in the office next door. “It’s like being on the lot at Warner Brothers—it’s all done here.”

Zuckerman dislikes the catchall term “showrunner,” which implies that one person oversees an entire production—all but impossible—and says that his job essentially consists of being the head writer, akin to a newspaper’s managing editor. In his office, near the customary display of cast head shots, sits a multi-volume collection of the annotated New

York penal code—or, as he puts it, “the law books I stole from ‘Law & Order.’” Of that now-iconic show’s twenty-year run, Zuckerman worked on it for eight—in four separate stints—and contributed to more than 100 episodes, including the first one ever broadcast. But as Zuckerman notes in another lesson on the vicissitudes of the screen trade: “Between the time I wrote it and when it aired, [creator] Dick Wolf fired me.”

The set of a TV show sounds glamorous—until you actually visit one. After two decades, Zuckerman compares the filming process to watching paint dry. “We shoot eight twelve-hour days for a forty-three-minute episode,” he says, “which means for every hour you shoot, you get twenty-five seconds of airtime.” And then there are the joys of dealing with networks and studios, which the former journalist says is “like having six editors, and two of them are idiots.” But he enjoys the daily collaboration and the writing itself—crafting a clever mystery, telling a good joke, creating compelling characters. With a retired NYPD detective serving as technical adviser, “Blue Bloods” aims for verisimilitude—and it seems popular with real-life cops. “They do make fun of the fact that Frank Reagan wears his uniform a lot,” Zuckerman says, “which is analogous to President Obama wearing a general’s uniform because he’s commander in chief.”

So why does the character don those dress blues so often? “Because,” Zuckerman says wearily, “Tom Selleck wants to.”

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The ‘H’ in HIV

Dr. Mark Katz '71 is a veteran of the AIDS epidemic

Dr. Mark Katz '71 well remembers the first international AIDS conference he attended—in Washington, D.C., in 1987. A huge map of the U.S. on display in the exhibit area was accompanied by a headline: *The Problem: AIDS. The Solution: Banish All Homosexuals*. “The map actually had circles on each of the big cities depicting the estimated number of homosexuals,” says Katz. “It just shows how primitive we were—and how AIDS has evolved.”

Thirty years ago—on June 5, 1981—a study published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* focused on what would be later recognized as the first documented cases of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, among five previously healthy young men in Los Angeles. AIDS has since taken the lives of 30 million people, including more than half a million Americans. But the battle against the epidemic has changed dramatically over the years—along with society’s attitudes toward it.

Katz has been on the front lines almost from the beginning—as a physician, medical adviser, board member, educator, and volunteer. He started Kaiser Permanente’s first HIV-dedicated clinic at West Los Angeles Medical Center in 1988 and served as the Southern California regional HIV physician coordinator from 1992 to 2006. He estimates that he has delivered more than 1,000 lectures and medical presentations to patients, health-care workers, students, activists—anyone who will listen. A four-year scribe for the *Daily Sun* during his days on the Hill, he wrote more than a hundred installments of “Being Alive,” a monthly medical update for the HIV/AIDS Coalition newsletter, until the Internet changed how medical information is disseminated. He now moderates the online Q&A forum “Ask the Doc,” sponsored by the AIDS Education Global Information System.

Katz’s medical career has always been most about the first word in “human

immunodeficiency virus,” as he has endeavored to put a face on the AIDS crisis and lend a sympathetic ear. Among the photos lining his desk at home—alongside those of his husband, Bob (they were married in California in 2008), and his son, Marcus (adopted in 2003)—is one of a man named Brian, whom Katz met only once, after a lecture. Brian called him from time to time, asking questions about

Dr. Mark Katz '71



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the disease, but Katz learned of his death from his obituary in the *L.A. Times*. He called the funeral coordinator and asked for a photo. "I look at it every day," he says. "It's a symbol of all the people who, although I didn't know them, just didn't get the right treatment soon enough."

Katz has been honored frequently for his work, most recently with the 2010 College of Medicine Humanitarian Award from his medical alma mater, SUNY Upstate in Syracuse; it lauded him for "integrating humanism and medicine seamlessly together." Indeed, he likes to say that he practices the art of medicine, as opposed to the science. "It goes back to Cornell, where I got an A in French literature and a B-minus in organic chemistry, which made me question if I should become a doctor," he says. "I've always felt there are enough people who have done amazing research and discovered drugs that have turned this epidemic around. Maybe the quasi-contribution that I've made is being a voice of compassion. I think the medical profession doesn't do a very good job of selecting or training people for that."

To that end, he co-teaches a class called Professionalism and the Practice of Medicine at the University of Southern

California, preaching concern for a patient's emotional well-being as much as his or her physical condition. That has been a particular challenge when treating HIV patients, who often battle hostility and blame along with a deadly disease. "I never ask them in the first interview, 'Do you know how and when you got it?'" he explains. "Because I feel that anyone who is diagnosed today is dealing with those issues of shame."

Katz keeps a list of names in his desk drawer—his patients diagnosed with HIV in the early days of the crisis. All but two are long dead. But the paradigm changed in 1997, as combination drug therapy led to the first annual decline in AIDS deaths. Currently, the world epidemic has hit a plateau, with 2.7 million people newly infected in each of the past five years. According to the CDC, there are 1.2 million Americans living with HIV, and 50,000 new infections each year. Almost 20 percent of those infected are unaware of their status.

Today, potent, durable, and well-tolerated medications prolong the lives of HIV patients considerably; most people are now living with AIDS rather than dying from it. "It has turned into a chronic, manageable illness," says Katz, who spends roughly

two-thirds of his time as an in-patient hospitalist and the remainder on clinical and administrative HIV/AIDS work. "Now, the people I take care of, I'm not just their HIV doc, I'm their primary care doc as well. They're developing the normal maladies of middle and older age."

Katz still loses one or two patients to AIDS each year, but what was once at least a weekly occurrence has become the exception. Recently he has begun to cast an eye toward the past, in the hope that one day the AIDS epidemic will be studied as history. For World AIDS Day last December 1, he organized a thirtieth-anniversary community remembrance in Los Angeles, a program that included a handful of patients and physicians from the early days of the epidemic. Working with the ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Katz asked participants to donate memorabilia—letters, photos, clothing—belonging to someone with AIDS, which will be preserved and (a dream of Katz's) perhaps displayed in an AIDS museum. "This can be one of the most meaningful contributions," he says, "because it's giving people, including myself, an opportunity to know that the names—and these lives—will live on."

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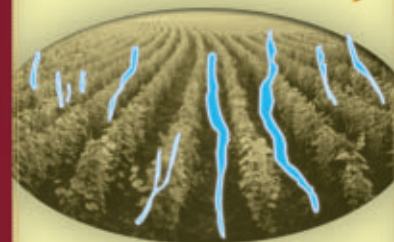


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As the centennial of the *Titanic* disaster approaches, a look back at the fates of four Cornellian passengers

By Brad Herzog

It was the biggest piece of news she would ever report. In 1985, Anne Rabushka Smrcina '74 was working as a public information officer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod. Typically, her job involved crafting press releases about scientists exploring global current patterns or deep ocean vents. But on the first day of September, it was her duty to tell the world about a discovery that would be headline news around the globe.

For decades, historians and treasure hunters had been searching for a supposedly unsinkable ship, an 882-foot luxury ocean liner with a double-bottomed hull and sixteen watertight compartments—the largest vessel afloat in its day. But a century ago, on April 15, 1912, the Royal Mail Steamship *Titanic* sank to the bottom of the ocean on its maiden voyage, taking more than two-thirds of its passengers with it. For more than seven decades, no one knew exactly where to look for the wreckage—or whether it could be found at all. Then, on that summer day twenty-seven years ago, a joint American-French expedition, led by marine geologist Robert Ballard, found it. Three hundred fifty miles southeast of Newfoundland, the unsinkable *Titanic* was under 13,000 feet of water.

The reverberations of the discovery shocked even

those who were tasked with announcing it. “None of us realized the extent of the global interest in the story,” says Smrcina, now education and outreach coordinator for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary in Scituate, Massachusetts. “We were getting requests from Japan, the Soviet Union, and countries all over Europe. That was a surprise—that there was that level of curiosity.” Smrcina and the rest of the Woods Hole staff became quick-study experts on the history of the ship and its passengers, and she came to agree with Ballard’s perspective that the ship was more than just a sunken vessel—a philosophy not necessarily shared by the French, who recovered a number of artifacts. “Ballard wanted to explore the ship to understand why it sank,” she says, “but he also wanted to leave it as a resting place for those 1,500 souls.”

The last *Titanic* survivor, a woman named Milvina Dean, who was two months old when the ship went down, died in 2009 at the age of ninety-seven. But the survivors' stories remain, as do the victims' tales. And there were two of each among the four Cornell alumni who made the ill-fated voyage.

T*itanic* was so new when the passengers boarded on April 10, 1912, that its paint was still wet in some spots. Constructed at a cost of \$7.5 million, the pride of the White Star Line was the first ship to have electric lighting in every stateroom. There were seven grand staircases, a heated swimming pool, a squash court, and parlor suites with private promenades that cost more than \$4,300 apiece (some \$50,000 today). Its first transatlantic voyage was to be a trip to New York from Southampton, on the south coast of England, where two Cornellians boarded.

William Hull Botsford, SpArch 1909 (known as "Hull" back home in Elmira, New York), was descended from a passenger on another famous vessel—John Alden, said to be the first person from the *Mayflower* to set foot on Plymouth Rock. Botsford excelled at drawing (one of his works graced the cover of the 1910 *Cornellian*), but he was also a talented singer and champion wrestler. After graduation, he became chief designer for the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad, crafting the blueprints for at least a dozen railroad stations in New York and New Jersey. In 1912, he embarked on a grand excursion to Egypt, Turkey, and Europe to study architectural technique. During the trip, his design for the Nicholson Bridge—the world's longest concrete span, located north of Scranton, Pennsylvania—was accepted. But the letter didn't reach London until after Botsford set off to travel home to Orange, New Jersey. He paid thirteen pounds for the privilege of boarding *Titanic* as a second-class passenger, ticket number 237670.

Norman Chambers 1905, holding ticket number 113806, was seventeen days short of his twenty-eighth birthday when he boarded *Titanic* at Southampton. Bespectacled, he looked older than his years. Although he was a mechanical engineer, one might have guessed he was a schoolmaster. Indeed, Chambers was known for his studiousness; at his New Jersey prep school, he once wrote a letter to the headmaster complaining about a teacher who'd failed to provide satisfactory instruction on the works of Cicero. But he liked a good smoke, and spent a good deal of time in the smoking room aboard *Titanic*. He may have even slept there at least once, although he and his Ithaca-born wife, Bertha, were comfortably settled as first-class passengers in

Cabin E-8 on the starboard side.

Ninety minutes after *Titanic* departed from Southampton on April 10, the ship arrived in Cherbourg, France, where two more Cornellians boarded. Thirty-one-year-old Gilbert Tucker Jr. held ticket number 2543, purchased primarily because of an infatuation. A 1901 graduate whose father was editor of the *Country Gentleman*, the bachelor from Albany had been traveling through Europe with his parents and sister. But when he met twenty-four-year-old Margaret Hays, a high school teacher from New York City who was touring with a girlfriend and the friend's mother, he fell for her immediately. He opted to join her on the journey home to America, appointing himself as the ladies' official escort. Hays and her friend occupied Cabin C-54. Tucker took C-53.

Leila Meyer and her husband, Edgar Meyer 1905, boarded at Cherbourg, too. The spring of 1912 was supposed to be a joyous time for them. Leila's brother had scheduled a wedding for the end of April, and the couple had embarked on a European vacation, leaving their infant daughter to be cared for at home in New York. But at the beginning of the month, Leila's father died suddenly. Desperate to return stateside, they booked a last-minute ticket aboard *Titanic* as first-class passengers.

One of eight children in a family transplanted from San Francisco to New York, Edgar Meyer had two sisters who married Sigmund and Abraham Stern, the president and CEO of Levi, Strauss & Co. (One of his nieces, Katherine Graham, would become famous as the publisher of the *Washington Post* during the Watergate era; a grandnephew would go on to own the Oakland Athletics.) Meyer had graduated from the Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering, where he discovered a method to measure the velocity of flame propagation in gasoline engines. By 1912, the twenty-eight-year-old was vice president of the Braden Copper Company in New York City. He was described by the *New York Times* as "having a gentle and pleasing personality, as well as a manly, straightforward manner." He held ticket number 17604.

On the final evening of *Titanic's* brief voyage, the Meyers met a famous English dress designer named Lucy Duff-Gordon in a shipboard lounge. She had brought a then-popular "confessions book" with her and convinced Edgar to fill in his "likes" and "abominations." When it came time to fill in his "madnesses," he laughed and wrote simply, "I have only one—to live." A couple of hours later, having failed to heed ice warnings from other ships, *Titanic* sailed at top speed into an ice field. At 11:40 p.m., it struck an iceberg, which made a 300-foot-long gash in the hull.

Norman Chambers had been in bed at the time of the collision, noticing no great shock. The loudest noise, he later testified in front of a U.S. Senate subcommittee, came from "jangling chains whipping along the side of the ship." It passed quickly, and he



Gilbert Tucker Jr. 1901

assumed something had gone wrong with the engines on the starboard side. But Bertha insisted that he investigate, so he put on an overcoat and strolled up to the A deck. He noticed an unusual coldness in the air, but he was unable to see anything as he looked over the side. He returned to their stateroom.

Minutes later, he and Bertha noticed that the ship was significantly listing to starboard. Chambers made his way to the mail-sorting room, where he found a couple of clerks wet to their knees. They had just come up from below, bringing their registered mail bags. The door in the bulkhead on the next deck down was open, and Chambers could see directly into the trunk room. It was filled with water to within a couple of feet of the deck above.

Still, there was no sense of urgency. Chambers and his wife joked about their baggage being soaked. As they headed down an alleyway toward their stateroom, a steward came by and told them they could go back to bed. "In this I agreed with him, personally," Chambers later admitted. But Bertha lingered in the passageway and soon came rushing back, telling her husband that another passenger had informed her that the call had been given out for lifebelts. Chambers verified this with a room steward and packed the pockets of his overcoat with some necessities.

What possessions does one choose in such a situation? *Titanic* historians love such minutiae, believing it reveals much about the people involved. Adolf Dyker handed his wife a satchel containing two diamond rings, two gold watches, a sapphire necklace, and 200 Swedish crowns. Lawrence Beesley stuffed his jacket pockets with books. Stewart Collett carried his Bible. Edith Rosenbaum grabbed her musical toy pig. And Norman Chambers? A pocket compass and an automatic pistol, along with his flask and pipe.

As the couple moved upward through the ship, they passed people who, recalled Chambers, "did not appear to be particularly frightened." They made their way to the boat deck, arriving on the port side but then crossing over to starboard. "Owing to the list being to the starboard," Chambers explained, "I assumed that the boats which were lowered on the starboard side would be sure to clear the ship, while those on the port side might have some difficulty." While this was not the case, the notion likely saved his life. The crew loading lifeboats on the port side refused to allow men on board.

Steam was pouring from a single pipe on the starboard side of the forward funnel, creating such a noise that it was possible to communicate on the boat deck only by shouting. Chambers gave his wife a drink from his flask, and they walked as far forward as possible until they reached the last forward starboard group of lifeboats.

By then, Gilbert Tucker was already sitting in lifeboat number seven, the first boat launched from the starboard side—less than half-filled to capacity. Tucker and the three women he was escorting had been told by a steward that, yes, they had hit an iceberg. But no worries; go back to bed. However, as Tucker started back to his cabin, he came across

Captain Edward Smith ordering officers to prepare to lower the lifeboats. The ship was equipped with only enough lifeboats—twenty in all—to hold half of the passengers.

When Tucker and his companions arrived at the boat deck, they were told only that "the Captain wants to lighten the boat while repairs are being made." Margaret Hays (carrying her tiny Pomeranian, one of only three dogs saved) stepped into the boat along with her two traveling companions. Tucker later claimed that he hesitated, explaining, "When the boat was about fifteen feet below the rail, my friends called to me to come along, and with one or two other men I slid down the ropes." *We'll be back on board for breakfast*, he thought.

Meanwhile, lifeboat number five, the second starboard boat launched, was already swung out level with the deck when Bertha Chambers announced she was getting on. She climbed in, calling her husband to join her. "As I knew she would get out again had I not come, I finally jumped into the boat," he later testified, "although I did not consider it, from the looks of things, sage to put very many more people in that boat." Alas, the lifeboat was filled only to two-thirds capacity, its passengers reflecting the diversity of the ship's cargo. There was a couple from England, another from Switzerland, two East Asian stowaways, and the French maitre d' of *Titanic's* à la carte restaurant. Chambers was sitting next to a Davis Cup tennis player named Karl Behr; months later, the two men



Norman
Chambers
1905

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realized they'd attended prep school together. Their lifeboat launched at 12:55 a.m., some seventy-five minutes after *Titanic* struck the iceberg.

At almost the exact same time, the first lifeboat was being launched from the port side—where no men were being allowed to board unless they were assigned crewmen. Edgar and Leila Meyer stood there, debating. He tried to convince her to climb into the lifeboat. She refused. "I tried and tried to

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Edgar Meyer 1905

get Edgar to come into the lifeboat with me and pleaded to be allowed to stay behind and wait until he could leave," she later explained. But after Edgar reminded her of their one-year-old daughter back home, Leila climbed into lifeboat number six—the boat featured in James Cameron's 1997 film, the one that the heroine was supposed to board before she ran back to find her beloved.

The boat launched with only twenty-three people on board, despite a capacity of sixty-five. Among the passengers were the lookout who had first spotted the fateful iceberg and quartermaster Robert Hichens, who had been manning the wheel at the moment of impact. As the lifeboat floated among cakes of ice, Hichens clashed repeatedly with another passenger, the "unsinkable" Molly Brown, about moving toward the ship to pick up survivors. Brown eventually prevailed, but too late. "Only a short time did I see my husband standing beside the rail and assisting other women into boats in which he might have been saved," Leila Meyer recalled. Then she just sat there and "watched as the *Titanic* sank."

For a time, the ship looked almost serene in the night, illuminated from stem to stern. But then the lights began to flicker and disappear. "I kept my eyes on the liner and could see six rows of portholes," recalled Lily Potter, one of three women escorted by Gilbert Tucker in lifeboat number seven. "I looked again and there were five rows, then only four, and then I knew she was going down." The ship's stern rose high in the air. The boilers exploded. The boat began to splinter into two halves. And then the survivors in the lifeboats, barely a half-mile away, heard the anguished cries of hundreds—clinging to the ship and then, when it disappeared, flailing in the frigid Atlantic. "The horror of those sights, those sounds," Gilbert Tucker reflected, "is something never to be forgotten." And then slowly, terrifyingly, the cries ceased. Only the sound of the sea remained.

Back in Elmira, Hull Botsford's parents hadn't expected him to return so early from Europe. Although he was listed among the missing, a headline in the April 23 edition of the *Newark Evening News* read "CLINGING TO HOPE SON DIDN'T SAIL ON *TITANIC*." There is no record of Botsford's last

hours, but he was among the more than 1,500 who perished, and the more than 1,200 whose bodies were never recovered.

Botsford's younger sister, Talitha, only eleven at the time of his death, became an artist, poet, and musician (studying violin at Ithaca Conservatory of Music) who would live to 100. She is buried beneath a double monument—for herself and her brother. In her last days, she would come to know a man named John Pulos, an amateur *Titanic* historian who has planned a two-day centennial *Titanic* festival for April in Watkins Glen. Talitha gave Pulos the last of her brother's things that she'd kept—some postcards he had sent from Europe, architectural drawings, a photo Botsford had taken of his family in front of Goldwin Smith Hall. Tabitha told Pulos that her father was so devastated by the loss of his son that the family was never allowed to talk about it. She was certain, though, that her brother would never have taken a seat in a lifeboat when others could have been saved—a belief that was echoed in a eulogy given by his friend A. G. Hallock, BArch 1911. "He left a record of modesty and unselfishness which led his friends at the very first to give up hope that he might have been rescued," said Hallock. "He would have thought of first the women and children and then of those having greater responsibilities than he."

Aboard the RMS *Carpathia*, the ship that rescued the survivors on *Titanic's* lifeboats, a woman approached Leila Meyer and told her that her husband had done just that. The woman, a passenger on the last lifeboat launched, said that Edgar Meyer behaved "like a gallant gentleman and a hero." Meyer, two other passengers, and some crewmen had helped the last evacuees into the boat and lowered it over the side, the ship already low in the water. As the lifeboat drew away, they began making their way toward the stern with their lifebelts on. It was the last anyone saw of Edgar Meyer.

Two weeks later, Leila's brother was married in a small, quiet ceremony. By 1915, when her first husband's estate was settled (she inherited more than \$500,000), Leila was remarried and living on Park Avenue. Meyer's parents, meanwhile, donated \$10,000 to Cornell for endowment of the Edgar J. Meyer Fellowship in Engineering Research, which acting Cornell president T. F. Crane described as an appropriate way of preserving "the memory of such a fine life and noble death."

The two Cornellian survivors went on to long lives. Gilbert Tucker moved to a forty-acre estate outside Albany a year after the disaster—the same year that the woman who drew him to *Titanic*, Margaret Hays, married a physician. Tucker was married in 1922 and went on to publish several books touting Georgist philosophy, emerging as a vehement anti-socialist. He died at eighty-seven, living out his last days on California's Monterey Peninsula, along the Pacific Ocean.

Norman Chambers lived to eighty-one. He and Bertha had no children, nieces, or nephews. But later in life, after Bertha passed away and Norman was remarried to a divorcée, he became a stepfather and step-grandfather. Known for appreciating life's simple pleasures, he died of a stroke while vacationing in Portugal with his second wife. Later, his stepdaughter would tell a *Titanic* historian about his generosity and kindness. "Like the ripples from a stone thrown in the water," she said, "so his goodness continues to spread." ■

W. Hull Botsford, a Former Elmiran,

W. Hull Botsford, aged thirty years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Botsford, of No. 492 West Fifth street, was one of the passengers on the *Titanic*. At the age of sixteen years he was graduated from Cornell, won the championship for wrestling lightweight Y. M. C. A. contest of the world a year ago, and won the first honor awarded a handsome watch. When he left for a trip at this watch with him, not completing his work at again entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, quarters at Hoboken, N. J.

Mr. Botsford about ten months ago obtained a leave of absence from the company and determined to study architecture and art abroad. He sailed for Europe on the *America*, one of the steamships crossing the Atlantic. He went to Egypt. He stopped in France and Italy, and then crossed the Nile river to the cataracts. On his way back to America he stopped at Constantinople, crossed Turkey and the Bosphorus, making his way back to America he passed through France and arrived at London.

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Life lost: An obituary for William Hull Botsford, SpArch 1909, and a letter he wrote about his trip

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Documentarian Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05, explores the toll of war, on and off the battlefield

Home Front

By Beth Saulnier

Photographs by Danfung Dennis

Photojournalist Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05, was 7,000 miles from his native Ithaca—caught in a downpour while walking the streets of Beijing—when he realized that his destiny lay somewhere just as far from home, but infinitely more dangerous. “I had been mulling it over for a long time—those esoteric questions of, ‘What is my purpose? Can I contribute? Is it worth the risk?’” he recalls. “I took shelter underneath this little market stall, and decided that I was going to go to Afghanistan to cover the war.”

With no contacts beyond the e-mail addresses of a few photo editors, Dennis booked a one-way ticket to Kabul in May 2006. “I brought my cameras and my backpack,” he says. “I had the name of a hotel where I was going to stay, but that was about it.” Dennis had scarcely landed in Kabul when he saw a BBC report of violent rioting over the deaths of five Afghans killed in the crash of an American military truck. He hired a taxi to take him to the site of the riots, where he joined a band of angry youths. “If I’d been more experienced, I would have left at that point,” he notes, “but I didn’t know any better.”

The crowd gathered around a mural of President Hamid Karzai, chanting “Death to America!” and “Death to Karzai!” Then their anger turned on the only foreigner in their midst; a

man ran at Dennis with a broken shovel while another pinned his arms behind his back. He managed to break free—and ran for his life. “Mobs are unpredictable and irrational, and their anger is contagious,” Dennis observes. “I heard this roar and trembling of people behind me. I raced through the streets of Kabul without knowing where I was going.” Suddenly, a car pulled out of an alleyway; the driver opened the door, Dennis jumped in, and his impromptu rescuer spirited him to a radio station, where he hid in a back room. “At the end of the day I went back to my hotel,” he says. “There were cars burning in the streets and people had been killed, a hundred injured. I sent my pictures to New York and they were published in the *Times*. So that was my big break.”

Thus began Dennis’s career as a war photographer—a calling that would take him not only to the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, but to the rural American South and to the rarefied heights of Park City, Utah. In addition to capturing images that have appeared in such publications as the *Times*,





Newsweek, *USA Today*, the *International Herald Tribune*, and *Rolling Stone*, Dennis has made a documentary, *Hell and Back Again*, that won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for an Academy Award.

The film—which had theatrical releases in about twenty cities—is available on DVD and iTunes, among other media, and will be broadcast by PBS on Memorial Day. It opens with the troop surge that was aimed to turn the tide of the Afghan war in the summer of 2009: 4,000 Marines were dropped into an

Fog of war: U.S. Army soldiers (above) from Fort Hood, Texas, rest during an operation in Baqubah, Iraq, in July 2007. Right: Danfung Dennis shoots *Hell and Back Again* while embedded with American troops in Afghanistan in summer 2009.



JOE RAEDLE



Under fire: Dennis explored violence against migrant workers in South Africa, such as this attack near Johannesburg in 2008. Below: Wounded Sergeant Nathan Harris and his wife in *Hell and Back Again*.

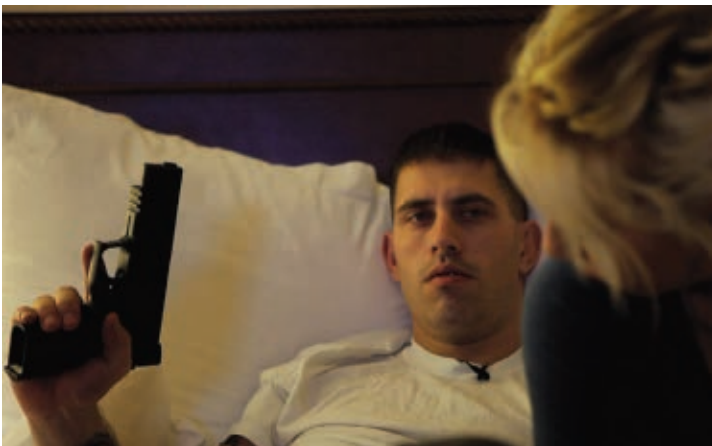
insurgent stronghold in the largest helicopter-borne assault since Vietnam. Toting a compact, custom-built recording system, Dennis was embedded with Echo Company of the U.S. Marine Corps's second battalion. "I remember getting a cryptic e-mail: 'You need to be in Kandahar by midnight on this day,'" Dennis says. "Echo Company was going the furthest south of the entire battalion; they were going to seize a key objective. Shortly after landing we moved into a village, the Marines were surrounded by insurgents, and a heavy fight ensued. After that first day, one Marine was dead and a dozen had collapsed from exhaustion. Nearly all of us had run out of water. In all my years of working there, it was one of the most dire situations I'd been in."

That's when Dennis met Sergeant Nathan Harris—a stranger who offered to share his water. "I could tell he was an excep-

tional leader," Dennis says. "I followed him as he pushed further into this stronghold, and got to know him quite well. We slept in the same dust and went out on the same combat missions." Harris would go on to become the focus of Dennis's film—not just for his battlefield courage, but for what he faced when he got home. Days before his third tour was to end, the twenty-five-year-old Marine had been severely injured. He'd nearly bled to death after a bullet shattered his hip and thigh, undergoing multiple surgeries before being sent home to recuperate. "He was in extreme pain and distress, and was feeling very guilty for having left his men behind, yet he invited me to his hometown—Yadkinville, North Carolina," Dennis recalls. "He introduced me to his wife, Ashley, and his friends and family, as 'this guy who was over there with me.' I was accepted into this rural Baptist community, and I essentially lived with Nathan and Ashley during his recovery—and more importantly, his psychological transition back into a community that had very little understanding of what he had been through. It became a psychological portrait of what it means to come home."

In battle, Harris had been a leader of men; now he was disabled, dependent on pain medication, forced to rely on his high school sweetheart for basics like driving and dressing, and profoundly disoriented by an America that seemed obsessed with shopping but utterly unaware of what its troops were enduring abroad. "When you're over there, you just want to go home; then when you go home, you just want to go back," Dennis says. "I realized that the experience of war isn't simply what happens in battle. It's as much about reintegration into society. After you've been exposed to that type of trauma and been a warrior, you're a different breed."

In the film, Dennis cuts back and forth between Nathan's expe-



periences in Afghanistan and in North Carolina—sometimes blurring the boundary between the two, as when the soundtrack of war obliterates the chatter of a fast-food drive-thru that has Harris doubled over with barely controlled fury. “Over there, what they were doing had purpose, had meaning,” Dennis observes. “But when they get back, everything seems almost mundane, trivial, and it’s hard to reconcile the two. For that reason, many do go back; it’s a simpler life over there. The world of mortgages and relationships can be overwhelming. I wanted to weave those two worlds together to show that they’re just one experience—that the fighting doesn’t stop when these men return home.”

And though Dennis carried a camera instead of a rifle, he admits that he’s struggled with some of the same adjustment issues. “When I’m working there, everything seems critically important because people’s lives are on the line,” he says. “It was almost more disturbing when I got home and saw the complete indifference to the war. It was easy for people to think of it as a faraway abstraction that didn’t affect their daily lives.”

The film has garnered accolades from critics and audiences alike. As of January, it had a rare “100 percent fresh” rating on the review aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes; the *Los Angeles Times* called it “a hauntingly bifurcated work” and “a full-circle portrait of rare psychological immediacy and even rarer aesthetic command.” In October, Dennis returned to campus for a packed screening at Cornell Cinema. “Danfung was a particularly inspiring guest, given all that he’s accomplished in such a short time,” says cinema director Mary Fessenden. “He’s clearly very disciplined and dedicated to the idea of making a difference with the work he does. You can see this in *Hell and Back Again*, which sets itself apart from other war-related documentaries with its amazing cinematography and for not being overtly political.”

Dennis was born in Ithaca, the child of Cornellians who’d stayed on the Hill for graduate studies. (His mother, Minfong Ho ’73, MFA ’82, is a writer who was born in Singapore; his father, John Dennis ’72, PhD ’87, is a consultant in international development.) His father’s career took the family abroad—two years in Laos, another two in Switzerland—and there were extended visits to his mother’s home country. The family settled in Ithaca for good when Dennis was thirteen—the same year his father bought him his first camera—and he graduated from Ithaca High School before matriculating in CALS, where he majored in applied economics and management. “I was always interested in photography, but it was more of a hobby,” says Dennis. “Then I got involved in some political activist groups on campus, and my images started reflecting my interests. I took a class in documentary photography, and I vividly remember the first time I opened a book called *Inferno* by [eminent war photographer] James Nachtwey. The images just seared into my mind.”

In addition to his post-graduation work in Beijing—where, among other things, he explored China’s rapid urbanization—

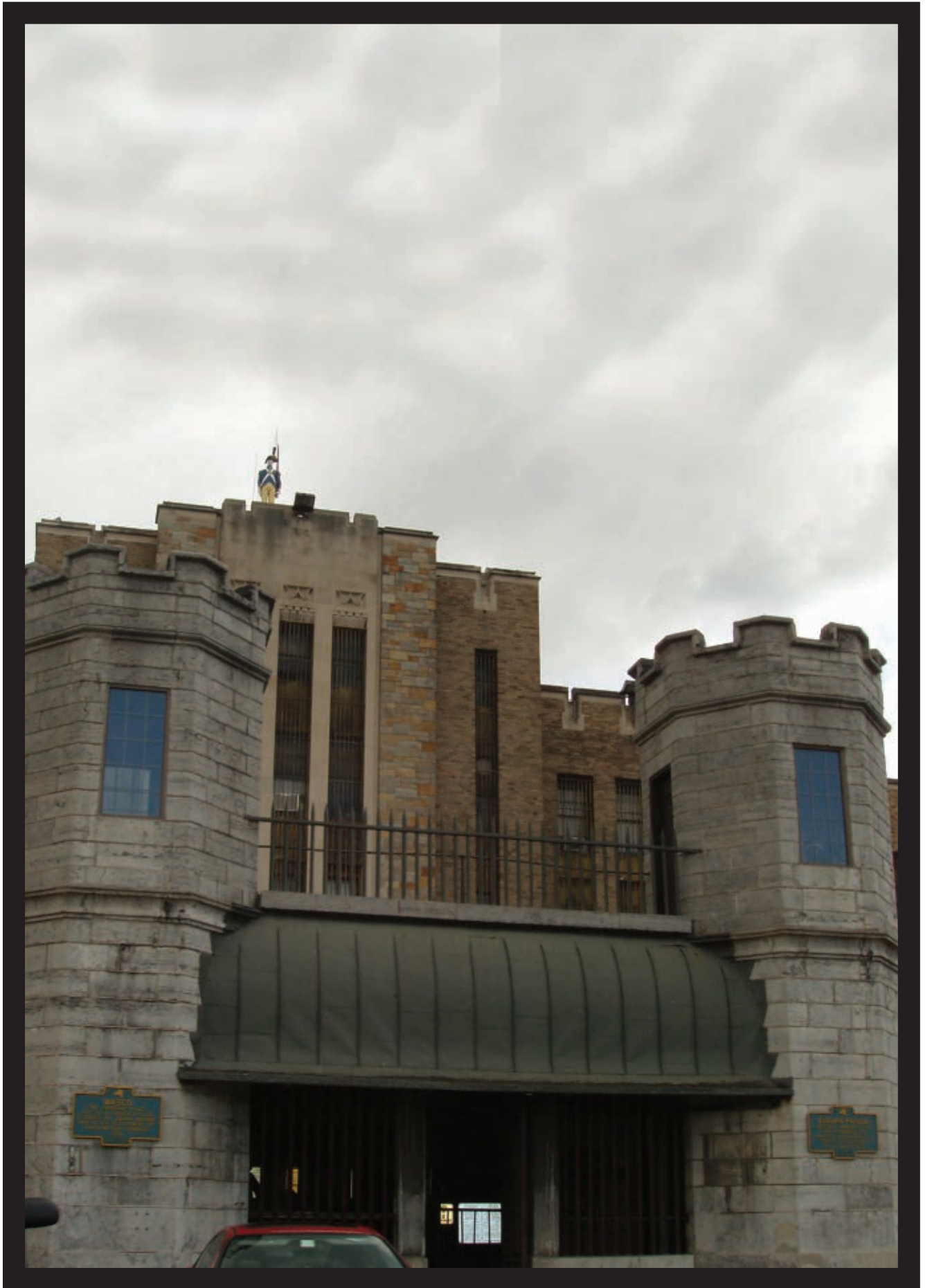


Past and present: In China, Dennis chronicled the nation’s rapid urbanization, including this image of Beijing workers waiting for a bus in 2006.

Dennis has chronicled famine in Ethiopia, post-election unrest in Kenya, xenophobic violence in South Africa, and the treatment of detainees in Iraq. He has also shot more quotidian images of life in Afghanistan and landscapes from around the world. But his war photography has gained the most notice—inspiring him to ponder the nature of such imagery and how viewers respond to it. “There’s this representation of war that is romantic, glorified, and deeply ingrained in our society,” says Dennis. “When I went to war for the first time as a young man, I was making images to match that version. I soon realized what I had was much more brutal, much darker—and yet photo editors wouldn’t publish them. That representation of war was inappropriate for consumption.”

Acceptable images, he says, include “a silhouette of a soldier walking with the sun behind him, or a round being dropped into a mortar tube in a cloud of dust.” And an example of something deemed unpalatable? “In Baqubah, Iraq, an American patrol walked into a village and there was a decapitated head sitting on a market table with a note saying, ‘This is what happens if you work with the Americans,’ ” Dennis says. “The American soldiers took the head and posed with it; these were young kids, and they didn’t know how to respond to it except in a coy, playful way. So I had these images of Americans playing with a decapitated head. *Newsweek* had the opportunity to publish them, and they passed; they said it was too incendiary. But these are the types of images that represent the absurdity, the brutality of war. It’s real; it happens. But we don’t see them.”

It was frustration with such constraints, Dennis says, that inspired him to make the leap into filmmaking. Now, he’s focusing on a start-up he founded to market the technology he developed for *Hell and Back Again* and has no set plans to return to war. As for the images from Baqubah—they can be viewed on his website, danfungdennis.com. And ultimately, he notes, they did get published: *Rolling Stone* ran them in a double-page spread. ■



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Writing Dangerously

By Edward Hower

The Cornell Prison Education Program
provides sanctuary behind bars

Picture a box of dark, stagnant air five stories high with walls of stone and windows glowing dimly like pillars of ice. The floor is puddled pavement; the lid is the frozen night sky that presses down overhead, making you feel very small as you walk the hundred or so yards from one end to the other. Behind the heavy glass you glimpse the guts of the place: the cellblocks with their rows of barred cages that seem to stretch into infinity. Muffled shouts from behind the windows seem aimed at you—in jagged tones of longing, hilarity, and who-knows-what anguish. Hundreds of men you can't see are in there, watching your every step.

When at last you reach the classroom area indoors, the empty prison yard's chill fades from your bones. The radiators hiss softly, and these fogged windows hide all views of walls and bars; you could be in a school in a poor neighborhood in the Fifties, with its exhausted blackboards and porcelain water fountains in the corridors. Warmth radiates from the students. They file in with grins on their faces, shaking your hand and joking—but politely, politely—with your beautiful nineteen-year-old teaching assistant, for whom they've spent the week rehearsing their greetings. She's the only civilian woman some of the men have spoken to in years, and you're the first teacher many have known whom they didn't hate for making them feel stupid and ashamed.

Welcome to Auburn Correctional Facility, the nation's oldest operating prison, built in 1816, and now visited on weekdays by volunteer teachers from Cornell. I've been giving fiction- and personal essay-writing classes here for three years. Auburn, a maximum security institution, has broken my heart repeatedly, but it's also given me the most exhilarating teaching experiences I've had anywhere.

The students are the brightest of the prison's 1,700 inmates; all of them have high-school diplomas or GEDs and have spent a great many hours with books as their favorite companions. Some have read more Russian classics than I have; they've inhaled Shakespeare, Plato, Charlotte Brontë, as well as tons of paperback Westerns, crime thrillers, and plenty of porn. Latino, Indian, black, white, young and old, they're wildly eclectic in their interests and constantly hungry for activities that challenge their minds. No wonder I like them. Aside from the chaotic lives they've led and the brutal crimes most of them have committed, they're a lot like me and my writer friends.

I've learned what their offenses were by going to the Department of Correction's website and Google News, but soon I'm so busy I nearly forget their backgrounds. Occasionally, I'll find myself marveling at a student's deep sensitivity and suddenly remember that he'll be making license plates in here forever because he emptied his pistol into a 7-Eleven clerk during a robbery. That's when I feel awful—what a horrific waste of lives, both my student's and the clerk's! And for *what? Why?* It drives me crazy. Then I get back to work on the man's writing project.

These questions are much more burning for my students than for me. Some grapple with them in their essays and stories, but indirectly and cautiously. I usually don't encourage them to write about their criminal activities, which are depressing for them to dwell on. I give them class exercises that challenge them to examine the parts of their lives that have given them some insights, some pride, maybe even some laughs. Like getting a crush on a neighborhood girl, dealing with bullies, handling a family member's problems.

The stories I get at the prison aren't much like the ones I see in other classes. One student's first love became a teenage prostitute, a bully was a rival gang member who left him for dead with stab wounds, and one family problem resulted in a mother's death from a heroin overdose. The students know, though, that spilling their pain onto paper isn't enough. They want to use their new writing skills to transform their material—to create essays and stories that allow them to find some meaning and dignity in their lives.

After reading James Baldwin's "Sonny's Blues," a story about a man leaving his parents' family to get off drugs and become a musician, I asked my students to write a letter that a troubled younger brother might mail to an older one about his struggles. A few students wrote angry, defiant letters justifying their reckless adventures. Most wrote more introspective ones, explaining how bad breaks and worse judgment had led them astray; they hoped that they could still be valued as human beings.

When the men read aloud, I heard some voices crack—in a place where, normally, showing emotion can brand you as a pussy and put you in grave danger for your life. But my classroom wasn't a normal place in the prison, as my students often told me. Here they could show feelings without being scared or ashamed; they trusted me and their fellow students to keep it a safe place for them. Though most of them are black or Latino—as are about 90 percent of Auburn's inmates—members of different groups were unusually supportive of each other, too.

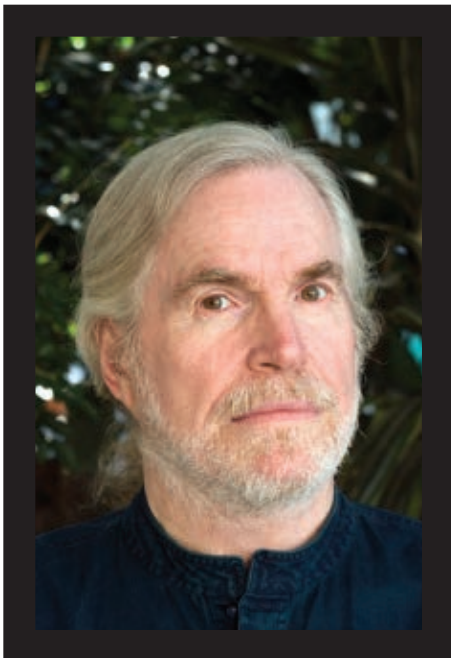
The students wanted to dig into the meanings of their letter-writing exercise. After reading his paper full of bad-ass bravado, a man called Harry listened to the critical discussion he'd inspired and suddenly asked, "Hey, do you think the criminal lifestyle—all the danger and excitement—is as addicting as the heroin the brother uses in Baldwin's story?" Many of the students nodded gravely at him. Now he understood "Sonny's Blues" in new ways, and so did I. It wasn't a grim realization; the jolt we all got from having that insight was powerful, and empowering. Sonny could keep working at playing the piano, despite carrying the burden of his past troubles, and we could find the courage to keep writing stories ourselves.

I gave the men an exercise in which they were to describe a toy they'd treasured as a child and then to use it as the object of a conflict in a made-up story. Several wrote about superhero action figures who, in their daydreams, had helped them vanquish childhood enemies and rescue girlfriends in distress. "Does writing give you super powers?" I asked. "Hell, yes—that's why I'm taking this class!" one student answered. And so it does, I'm convinced; the most powerless people in the world get to fly through space (and through prison gates), right the wrongs done to them (or atone for the ones they've done), and experience the elation that comes from successfully imagining a character into life on the page.

Inevitably, one guy wrote about a teddy bear. I told the class that I'd assigned this exercise in workshops in several states and overseas, and in every single one somebody had written about a stuffed bear. I was just marveling out loud, but one student asked me if I was trying to show them that they were part of an international community of writers. I hadn't thought of this, but of course it was true—they *had* joined this community, and I could tell that the stone walls that surrounded them had just gotten a little bit more porous.

I invited guest writers to come to the class and talk about their work. Jeanne Mackin read the

Edward Hower '63



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Books Behind Bars

Cornell program educates inmates—and guards

Edward Hower is one of more than forty Cornell professors, grad students, and undergrads who teach inmates through the Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP), an initiative of the Office of Land Grant Affairs. This year, eighty-five Auburn inmates—sixty of whom are full-time students working toward an associate's degree at Cayuga Community College—are enrolled in Cornell-run classes. Courses are also offered to forty students at Cayuga Correctional Facility, a medium-security facility with about 1,100 inmates in Moravia, New York.

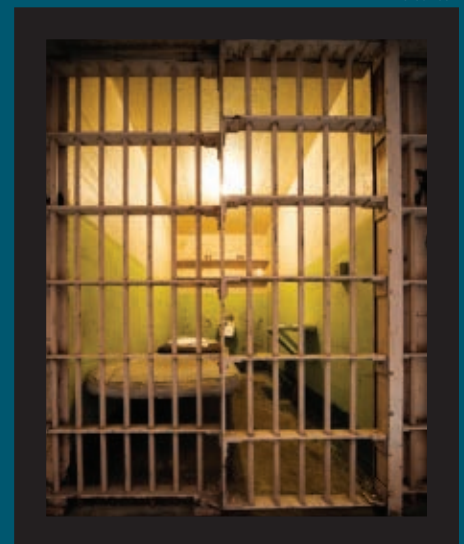
Since the program began in 1995 with four courses, CPEP has expanded to offer thirteen classes each year in such subjects as biology, political science, and theater; the most popular include genetics, physics, and a class on the politics of hip-hop music. A literary journal called *Writer's Block* allows Auburn inmates to publish the poetry, stories, and creative nonfiction they create in class.

Additionally, CPEP is one of just two programs in the U.S. to offer classes to corrections staff; each semester, about ten Auburn officers enroll in a Cornell course held offsite at Cayuga Community College. "These classes came about as an answer to criticism within the security ranks," says CPEP executive director Jim Schechter. "The corrections staff don't see higher education institutions providing them or their children with economic or educational opportunities—so they couldn't understand why convicted felons would be accorded that right."

A number of prominent professors and administrators, including President David Skorton, have spoken at CPEP's monthly lecture series. Some Cornell faculty, staff, and students have led extracurricular activities at the prison, including a theater workshop run by emeritus professors and a crocheting group led by molecular biology professor Robin Davison.

Because most prisoners remain in the program for at least several years, only ten to twenty new inmates are allowed to enroll each fall. CPEP screens participants, all of whom have a high school diploma or a GED, with an entrance exam each spring. Participation is a privilege; bad behavior can mean suspension or expulsion from the program. "Every spring 100 to 125 men sign up for the exam," Schechter says. "Some actually transfer from other facilities around the state to sit for the test in the hope that they can get into the program."

— Amanda First '12



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students a ghost story, then asked them to write about strange happenings that they'd heard about. Some reported on spirits that had been spotted in cells near the storage room where "Old Sparky"—the first electric chair used in the U.S., in 1890—was reputed to be kept. One student named Jack wrote about visiting a conjure woman in the backwoods of Georgia where he'd grown up. This led to a discussion of how folklore can inspire new stories; the wonder old tales evoke is similar to the way people still feel when reading good fiction.

Novelist and English professor Helena Viramontes discussed her first-person story about a mother's anguish at holding her dying baby. A somber subject, and several students offered her commiseration. "No, no," she said, "this didn't happen to me! I just got the idea from a photo I saw in a magazine." The students were amazed and asked if all writers could put themselves in the place of anyone they saw. "Pretty much," she said. "But I couldn't have written about that character if something in the woman's picture hadn't woken up my compassion—the way it did you guys when you read it."

The men liked the idea of becoming another person for a while—something every writer enjoys doing. The following week, I brought in copies of photos from Robert Frank's book *The Americans*. Each student picked one that interested him to write about. A picture of a man staring out at the Mississippi River captivated Benny, a lifer who'd spent time in the South as a boy. He read aloud from his narrative about an old man who believes his life is ruined when his home is destroyed in a flood until he comes upon a woman and her child, whom he's able to pull to higher ground. This was one of many redemption-themed essays the assignment inspired. "Great photo," the author said.

Poet, essayist, and professor Kenneth McClane '73, MFA '76, discussed his article about Martin Luther King Jr., whom he'd met as a child with his father, a prominent Harlem doctor. The students, who'd been reading Barack Obama's memoir, were enthralled by the idea of meeting such an important historical figure. "You guys have known people who were important to you, too—in your families, your neighborhoods," Ken said. "Think about it." They did, and came up with essays about adults who'd had powerful influences on them as kids. Some of these people had been positive role models, but others had been drug dealers and gangsters, whom a few of them still looked up to. Some said that these people had betrayed them, and now they hoped they'd do better for their own kids. I hoped so, too, but at the same time I realized that many would never get a chance to influence their children at all; their families had stopped visiting them years ago. Still, I could see that all the men were beginning to view themselves as role models for other prisoners. Several reported that, as students, they were getting more respect from their block-mates.

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I assigned the class a chapter from *The Language of Clothes*, a book written by another visiting author—my wife, Alison Lurie, an emerita

English professor. In it, she explored messages about inner qualities that people communicate, consciously or unconsciously, by the outfits they wear. She brought in pictures for the students to write about. Later, she said she'd heard that even people who have to wear uniforms, like nurses or soldiers or prisoners, find ways to make themselves look distinctive by creating subtle alterations in their clothing. "Is that true here?" she asked.

I'd hardly noticed the students' baggy "forest green" uniforms—drawstring pants, work shirts, hooded sweatshirts—since the first class. But now I did, as they wrote about the ways some men tried to look laid-back by leaving their sleeves loose, while prisoner leaders rolled up their sleeves to show they were ready to defend turf. Gay prisoners wore their pants higher than gang members, who wore them far down on the hips, despite a poster on the corridor walls outlawing this fashion. Physical descriptions of characters in the students' stories improved dramatically after Alison's visit.

I gave the men a chapter from one of my novels to read; in it, an old man in a mental hospital did such credible impressions of a preacher that the other patients, and even the staff, came to listen to his sermons. "Was he just crazy, or was he on to something?" I asked. As they debated this, I heard rhythmic drumming from a room up the hall where Native American prisoners were having a service with their visiting chaplain. In a moment of synchronicity, a student recalled a character in a Sherman Alexie story I'd assigned—a misfit whom other members of his Indian tribe considered both a madman and a wise prophet. Many students had known neighborhood eccentrics, whose behavior they wrote about with fresh insights.

"Hey, look—she's at it again!" a student named Jackson said, pointing through the window to a room across the hall where Clarice, the official Pagan chaplain of the Auburn Correctional Facility, was sweeping the air with her broom and wafting the scent of burning sage toward our classroom. The men liked her, a woman with waist-length gray hair who wore "witch shoes" and dresses

decorated with arcane symbols. They decided that she resembled the Holy Fool in Native American and European traditions, and also the conjure women and Santeria priestesses in African-based lore. The students, who often preferred to stick with realistic fiction, let their imaginations roam further into fantasy in their next assignment.

James McConkey, another visiting writer and retired English professor, discussed one of his autobiographical stories about spending parts of his youth in Arkansas and rural Ohio. His shame at being poor and homeless, he said, had felt like a “psychological prison” to him. One student said that learning to deal with this kind of mental prison was the only way to survive inside a physical one; creative writing was the best way he’d found of doing it.

Friends have asked me what I think the point of teaching prisoners is; that man’s insight is part of my answer. Another part comes from John Crutchfield, my only student so far to publish his work; a chapter of his memoir-in-progress recently appeared in *Epoch*, a literary journal published at Cornell. “The training and criticism I got in class shaped a genuine confidence I’d never had before,” he wrote. “Writing helped me build a new identity.”

Auburn’s superintendent, Harold Graham, one of his field’s more enlightened administrators, welcomes educational projects like Cornell’s, which is funded by a grant from Sunshine Lady Foundation, a project of Doris Buffett, the sister of Warren Buffett. “The more of your programs we have,” the superintendent told me, “the less these guys are going to be using their minds to get in trouble on the blocks. The place will be a lot safer for everybody.” I see his point and agree with it—but I hope we can do more than tranquilize our students.

Helena Viramontes, who has also taught prison courses, has told me she hopes to “give a voice to the silenced people” in her class. Having written about Mexican Americans in the barrios of East Los Angeles, she feels as if she’s going home, in a sense, to help bring out messages that not only need to be spoken but to be heard.

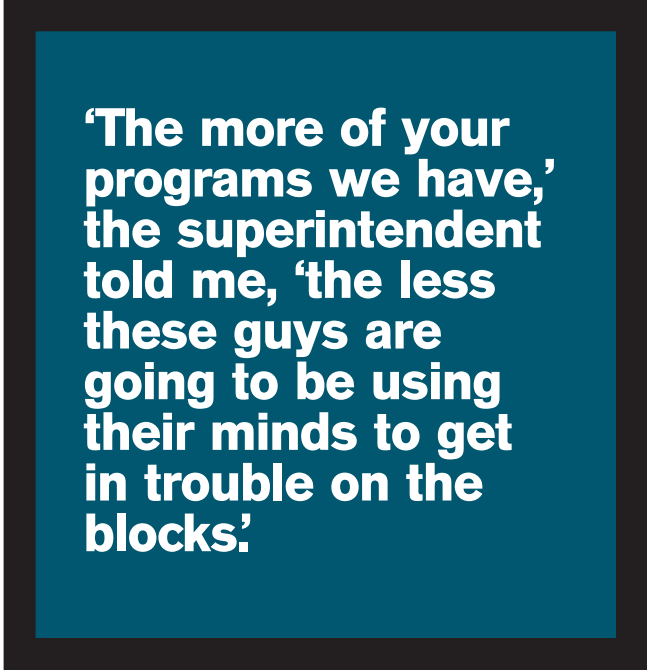
Jim Schechter, the Cornell Prison Education Program’s director, believes that prison classes help just-released prisoners to navigate their difficult re-entries into society. Professor Pete Wetherbee, who founded the program in the early Nineties along with Paul Cody, MFA ’87 (a former CAM associate editor), and Professor Paul Sawyer, told me that inmates who won’t be released soon find in the courses sanctuaries where they can keep their sanity. One of my students said simply, “Now I know what it means to think outside the box.”

A few men still give me gangbanger melodramas, full of casual shootings and rough sexual conquests. I have to tell them that, frankly, I don’t much like these stories. Action-adventure and porn are very limited genres; what interests me—and most of the students, too, once they catch on—is exploring the emotions surrounding conflicts and sexuality, feelings everyone faces. Most prisoners have hardened themselves against troubling emotions, and still need to be hard outside the classroom to survive. But my students are as sick of living in a vicious, unfeeling culture as I am of reading about it. And most of them gradually become eager to explore, in their writing, the inner lives of lawbreakers and their victims. John Crutchfield’s essay wasn’t engaging because of the details about drug addiction and burglaries that appeared in its early drafts, but because of the ways he learned, in later drafts, to understand the effects his illegal activities had on the relationship he was trying to sustain with his girlfriend, and the pain he felt when it ended in a prison visiting room. His story was hell to write, he told me, but he’d seldom accomplished anything that made him feel so good in the end.

When I watch my normally shut-down students enjoy becoming writers... well, I have to admit that it’s a terrific high for me. Sharing the trials of creating stories with men who are discovering what a liberating process it can be encourages me to keep at my own writing, too.

When I first started coming to the prison, a student who’d been working on his autobiography for years told me that the reason he was serving a life sentence was that he’d killed another prisoner who’d tried to steal his typewriter. A true story? Doesn’t matter—it illustrates a commitment to writing I’ve never found anywhere else. ■

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Flying High at the Air Force Marathon

Cornell's regional clubs have a long history of running community events—but when it comes to the Cornell Club of Southwest Ohio, the emphasis is on the word “running.” For the past several years, the club has been supporting the Air Force Marathon through a unique partnership with Cornell ROTC.

Each year, members of the Cornell ROTC program drive from Ithaca to Dayton, Ohio, to participate. The students run in support of the Fisher House Foundation, which raises money for military families to live in special housing near Wright-Patterson Medical Center while soldiers go through rehabilitation. “The visibility of our participation is inspirational to the Cornell community of alums, the ROTC runners, and the community at large,” says club board member Lou Ferraro '65, a military veteran and organizer of the event. Recently, Cornell has competed with ROTC students at the University of Dayton to see which group could raise more money for Fisher House.



Born to run: Members of Cornell ROTC run in the Air Force Marathon each year (pictured are participants after the 2008 race) with the support of the Cornell Club of Southwest Ohio.

The club helps students find places to stay and feeds them a pasta dinner prior to the race; the day of the event, alumni from all over southwest Ohio come to cheer them on. “Many drive

from Cincinnati, which has the area's larger concentration of alumni,” says club co-president Becky Baskett '65. “It's a great way to bring alumni together and also show support for our students.”

Grads Earn Alumni Honors

Over the past few months, Cornell has honored a number of alumni, both for their support of the University and for their career achievements.

At the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., in January, Inger Molmen Gilbert '49 and Jack Gilbert '49 were honored for their commitment to class programs with the Bill Vanneman '31

Award. Inger has served as the Class of 1949 vice president since 1999 and was co-chair with Jack for their 50th and 55th Reunions. (In fact, Inger chaired her class's first Reunion back in 1954.) As for Jack, he has been president of the Class of 1949 since 2004, having previously served as its treasurer. Both Inger and Jack are members of the Continuous Reunion Club. (A detailed summary of this year's Cornell

Alumni Leadership Conference will appear in *Alma Matters* in May/June.)

Also in January, Irene H. S. So '61 was honored by the Cornell Asian Alumni Association during its annual Pan-Asian Banquet. So served as president of CAAA from 1995 to 1997 and helped steer the organization during its formative years. A member of the Cornell University Council, she received a

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Meet the Cornell Alumni Association Board



Judy Prutzman Osgood '89

Position: Director from the Region, Southwest/Mountain

Location: Reno, Nevada

Profession: Policy analyst for Governor Brian Sandoval

Major: Industrial and Labor Relations

First Cornell volunteer experience: In the beginning, I was all about the alumni parties. I attended my first immediately following graduation;

a group of us drove to New York City for a Tower Club gala at the Waldorf. A year later, I attended a gala in San Francisco to celebrate Cornell's 125th anniversary. (I was conflicted about eating the chocolate clock tower served for dessert!) My first volunteer activity as an alumna was working with CAAAN, which I started three years after graduation while living in Syracuse. I've been doing it ever since—more than fifteen years.

Current alumni activities: CAAAN chair, northern Nevada; 1989 class council

Favorite place on campus: The A. D. White Library in Uris, because it's so beautiful and peaceful. I haven't come across any place quite like it.

Favorite professor: James Maas, PhD '66. His Psych 101 course was like a show; his ability to teach such a large class was impressive.



Shane Dunn '07

Position: Director from the Region, Northeast

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Profession: Assistant director of student engagement, alumni relations, and annual giving, MIT Sloan School of Management

Major: Communication

First Cornell volunteer experience: Planning young alumni happy hours in Boston

Current alumni activities: Programming chair, Cornell Club of Boston; CAAAN volunteer; Cornell Annual Fund national campaign committee; Reunion co-chair; 2007 class council

Favorite place on campus: The Cornell Public Service Center in Barnes Hall. It's where I spent more time than anywhere else, besides the classroom. It was my home away from home and it's where I was empowered to make a difference in the Cornell and local communities. I grew up at the PSC, and it was the focus of my personal development in college.

Favorite professor: Jeff Hancock. He was my adviser and a phenomenal teacher (brilliant, funny, engaging, challenging). When I decided to transfer to Cornell, he sent me a letter welcoming me as his advisee. I will never forget that, and it shows how teachers can have a lasting impact.

More profiles of CAA board members will appear in future issues.

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Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award in 2003.

In November, several CALS alumni were recognized for their achievements, both professionally and for their support of the college and of Cornell. Recipients of 2011 CALS Outstanding Alumni Awards were: David Atkinson '60; Kenneth Pollard '58; Yongkeun Joh, MS '78, and Sunny Joh, MS '77; Thomas Marino '78; and Laurey Mogil '76. Andrew Ross Sorokin '99 received the Young Alumni Achievement Award.



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Volunteer Capstone

By Ronni Chernoff '67

I have been greatly honored, and a bit awestruck, to be an alumni-elected trustee from the College of Human Ecology. When I was elected to the University Council in 1996, I had been on campus only a few times since graduation. Having moved to Arkansas for my first postdoctoral job, travel to Ithaca was challenging; however, my first Council meeting was extraordinary and had me hooked the same way my first visit to campus had decades earlier.

I began my term on the Board of Trustees at the same time the stock market crashed in 2008, and my first meeting was like shock therapy! But no matter how rocky the ride or how

difficult the issues, the Board of Trustees, led by Peter Meinig '61, BME '62—and the administration and faculty, led by David Skorton—have met the challenge, overcome the difficulties, and kept our amazing alma mater stable and steady in its forward movement.

It delights me to meet fellow alumni, undergraduate and graduate students, young instructors, established faculty, and talented administrators who strive continuously to contribute to the present and future greatness of Cornell as a world-class institution. One of the joys of being involved is observing the progression of this great university as it continues to grow, reinvent itself, and contribute

to future generations. The opportunity to contribute to the evolution of my college, to participate in the President's Council of Cornell Women, to lead the Cornell University Council, and to be an alumni-elected trustee is the capstone of my volunteer career. I am so grateful to have had the chance to participate. I thank you for the privilege.



An Honor and a Privilege

By Elizabeth Altman '88

When I started serving as a trustee, people asked what it was like, and I answered that it was an honor and a privilege. Nearly four years later, I feel exactly the same way. At every event I learn something new and meet interesting, engaged people. Before I joined the board, I thought I had a sense of the University—yet at my first meeting I realized how much I had to learn about the breadth and scope of our great institution and its

fabulous people. It is a multinational organization, encompassing research and teaching that touch all the great challenges of our day.

As co-chair of the Alumni Affairs Committee for two years, I have gained a deeper understanding of the spirit of our alumni and the range of our activities. By participating on the Audit, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs committees and the task forces for accreditation and diversity initia-

tives, I have developed an appreciation for the complex governance of the University and the talented staff that runs it. Probably not surprisingly, many of the best presentations have been by Cornell students, who never cease to amaze me with their talent and insights.

My sincere thanks to Karen Rupert Keating '76 and Martin Tang '70, my trustee mentors, and to all the members of the board for being brilliant colleagues. Cornell is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, smart, and collegial group of people serving. I have seen many leaders in industry and academia and Chairman Peter Meinig, President David Skorton, and Provost Kent Fuchs are absolutely three of the best. Finally, Vice President Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, deserves special thanks for being a great friend and a gift to the University. Thank you to the alumni for electing me to serve in this role; I will be forever grateful for the opportunity.



2012 Alumni Trustee Elections

Each year, the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations, a group of twenty-three alumni leaders who serve four-year terms and represent a cross-section of the alumni body, meet throughout the fall to determine the candidates whom they feel will best represent alumni on the Board of Trustees and help the University achieve its goals. This year, the committee, chaired by Katrina James '96, has nominated the following four alumni:

- William McAleer '73, MBA '75
- Robert Ramin '82, MBA '85
- Meredith Rosenberg '92
- Simon Turner '83

Alumni can vote for their two choices one of two ways: with a mailed paper ballot or online. They received an e-mail in December asking which method they preferred. Those who chose to vote online were sent an e-mail with a Web link. Voting concludes April 1.

40 Retired and checking in with class news are **George White**, BCE '40, who lives in Wilbraham, MA, with wife Maida Linn; **Joan Bardach** (Newtown, PA), a retired psychoanalyst; and **Moe Kopp**, DVM '40 (Silver Spring, MD), a retired veterinarian who is aiming to reach the age of 100.

Betty Bishop Williams, who lives in Indianapolis, IN, with husband Robertson, writes, "Life at our retirement community is very busy. We have a group of Cornellians who meet on a regular basis. Our new swimming pool and gym keep us moving, and a regular program of lectures and music keeps our minds active." **Betty Huber** Knudson sent news from Elk Grove, CA: "I made an automobile trip from the Baltimore-Washington area to California—great to see the country in early October!" She continues with golf and bowling when not on the road. Betty Williams and Betty Knudson were classmates at Manhasset High School, as well as at Cornell, and each named the other as someone they'd like to hear from. If either of you needs an address for the other, don't hesitate to contact the class notes editor at this magazine (address below) and we will provide it.

Henry Rose II (Bay Head, NJ; emprosania@gmail.com) is also "totally retired." He writes, "Still building radio-controlled model steel warships and aircraft. Never been busier. When I get several built, I get a museum to take them. I have several at the Intrepid Museum, at the US Naval Academy, and also at the Sea System Command." **Estelle Wells** Evans (Georgetown, NY) is busy keeping a family home in the middle of New York State. She remembers a program she did on WHCU in 1939, called "Eating Better Breakfasts," and says, "Miss Flora Rose entertained us girls for tea at her cottage on the knoll west of HumEc."

Jim Flint, son of our late classmate **Gilbert Hall Flint**, has recently been in touch with Alumni Affairs. "Hall" passed away in December 2009, and Jim has been transcribing the letters that his father wrote home to his family when he was a student at Cornell from 1936-40—a total of 50 letters. Jim writes, "The letters are posted on a blog at: <http://ghflintletters.blogspot.com>. The early letters are especially interesting, as he shares about working for his meals and trying to balance social activities with the rigors of his academic courses. The letters reveal a distinct social order at Cornell during the 1930s; the Ag college leveled the playing field and provided students from modest backgrounds the opportunity to work their way through school. There are some lessons in the letters for today's generation of Cornell students." Please feel free to share the above blog link with any friends or family you think might be interested.

Send news any time of year to: **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

42 How wonderful so many are sending in their dues renewals to keep receiving the *Alumni News*. I look for results from Cornell athletic events in the paper daily and have enjoyed finding out

our teams do win during the seasons. The most recent win, as I was writing this column, was in basketball over Boston U. Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (NYC) reminds us of the 70th Reunion in June and to pay class dues and continue to receive the alumni magazine.

Barbara Crohurst Howell (Glenview, IL) has been getting along without George by keeping up with old and new friends. Golf, tennis, and school and church activities still interest her, and her retirement home is near her family. She visits the Wellness Center and keeps up with her kids. Barbara hears regularly from Cornell friends they traveled with, including Frank and Rosa Rhodes. **Annette Fox** Levitt (NYC) exults over the lack of responsibility she has in old age. She enjoys good health, wonderful children, and grands and great-grands. Traveling extensively, she has great friends and a wonderful companion and would love to hear from **Ruth Naitove** Sherman. She lovingly recalls Prof. Cooper, who was "an inspiration. I have enjoyed a life filled with wonderful literature because of him." Annette has no plans to move.

Ruth Baker Bellows (Walnut Creek, CA) is still enamored of her advisor, Prof. John C. Adams. "I've been a Shakespeare and Chaucer fan ever since. If his son now teaches at Cornell, please tell him what a fantastic friend his father was to me . . . and after my husband, **John '41**, the most influential person in my life." Ruth worked for the League of Women Voters after being influenced by Eleanor Roosevelt's Cornell visit. **Bertram** and **Beatrice King** (Franklin, TN) moved into a retirement home just outside Nashville to be near his son, a professor at Vanderbilt U., and his grandchildren. "My plan for the future is, at 91, just to stay alive." **James Whitaker**, MS '47 (Bowie, MD) has lived in his retirement community for six years and works in the woodshop. He even does work for other residents, so meets lots of people and keeps busy.

As an addendum to a previous column, I wanted everyone to know how interesting it was to be at Cornell during WWII. Luckily, I followed my professor's advice (that someday I might have to work) and returned to the campus in spring 1944 to earn my master's degree. At that time it took only two quarters. My 2-year-old son, Frank Jr., and I lived with **Connie Caffrey** McMurray in a nice apartment. Besides all the troops there, they also had a huge computer. I stayed on after getting my degree and worked in the History department correcting Navy tests and being a secretary to the profs, one of whom was Mario Einaudi, who after the war became president of Italy. (They celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Einaudi Center for Int'l Studies on campus this past November.) Later I worked in the Ag school and Frankie went to the Home Economics Nursery School. Sad to say, Connie passed away a few years ago. She was indeed a wonderful friend.

Shirley Clark Shumate (Ulster Park, NY) moved to a senior residence after a stroke in 2006, and no longer drives. She also sings in a senior community chorus ("I think I'm older!") and enjoys writing limericks for greeting cards—both are fun activities. At Cornell she especially enjoyed the Glee Club and special choruses. Shirley also works at her church's thrift shop. She hears often

from **Anne Boerke** Green and would love to hear from all other friends. **Marjory Schminck** Dalenius (Providence, RI) plans to stay where she is and has kept up her interest in sculpting.

Bill Webster (Cammack Village, AR) still enjoys traveling and spent Christmas in New Zealand. He's doing research on his grandfather's brother, Henry Warren, as he wants to write a military biography based on his three years with the 8th Indiana Light Artillery in the Civil War. Bill has 100 books on the Civil War to assist him. Best of luck, and I hope your masterpiece wins the Pulitzer Prize. (He doesn't aim low!) A December 6 phone call from secretary/treasurer **Jim Kraker**, wintering in Florida, was such fun to receive. We talked about the attack on Pearl Harbor and what we were doing that day. I enjoy hearing from all of you and hope you'll keep in touch regularly by sending in your dues and filling out the News Form—and calling me. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net; tel., (253) 326-4806.

43 This fearless correspondent has departed the Viyella shirt game to launch an upmarket collection under the Jacob Miller label in honor of his great-grandfather, who founded Eagle Shirt-makers in 1867. You realize that Ezra didn't do his thing till the following year. Here's an example of the problems of de-accession by a nonagenarian rushing to be coffin-ready in the digital age: the fast-shrinking list of items we (Imperial "we") can handle with grace no longer includes our now unmanageable 16-volume *Oxford English Dictionary*. Big books! Afraid we'll drop one. Ten grandchildren, all literate, all in possession of lively intellectual curiosities, turned down our offer one after the other: "I have a tiny flat, Poppop." "Who needs hard copies? I can find it on the Web." Meanwhile our wealthy, nimble orthopod asked to buy them, and so he shall, so he shall. Alas. Alack. And welladay.

Turn down an empty glass for **Charles Walton**, who died in November after a rich career as an electronics engineer and philanthropist. He is best known for his pioneering patents on radio frequency identification, or RFID, the keyless system used universally today on doors and for international tracking. Years ago he told us the idea came to him as a result of his work in electrical engineering at Cornell, and that the first company he approached with his patent was General Motors. They turned him down. We'll wait a minute while you try to operate your new Cadillac without Charlie's electronic key. He prepared at George School, a Quaker school in Newtown, PA, which he credited with his lifelong devotion to peace, and where in 2007 we heard him speak as an honored alumnus. A consummate sailor, he was the largest single donor to the construction of the lighthouse at the mouth of Santa Cruz Harbor. The Walton Lighthouse, completed in 2001, is painted carnelian and white in honor of Alma Mater.

It's back to school for the intrepid **Robert Gordon**, who writes: "I returned to postgraduate

life and earned a Master of Public Health to add to my DVM. I continue to practice companion animal medicine and to integrate human and veterinary health issues." In December, Richard Polenberg, the Marie Underhill Noll Professor of History, delivered his "last lecture" in which he said: "The person who had the greatest impact on me was my doctoral advisor, **William Leuchtenburg**, a man whose commitment to teaching and scholarship I found exemplary—and still do: just two years ago, in 2009, at the age of 87, Bill published a new book on Herbert Hoover. And you may have seen him as a talking head on Ken Burns's PBS series on Prohibition."

The news form returns started to arrive at the end of last year. **Marjorie Reed** Sheffer (Scheneectady, NY) had a scare. "In August, granddaughter Pam, age 28, was lost in Oregon's Mt. Hood National Forest with a broken leg. Three nights and four days later she was rescued by helicopter, and is now back at work." Lynn Boudreau writes for her father, **Solon Kemon** (Simsbury, CT), who says, "I now reside in a wonderful facility in a game refuge here in Connecticut." **Steve Hawley** (Batavia, NY) pays his class dues, sends praise of winters in Arizona, and chooses for his 2013 reunion banquet: steak medium—puréed—and applesauce. "Thelma and I are settled in comfortably at 'The Plains' retirement community," reports **Gordon Jones** (Oneonta, NY).

Mary Close Bean (Catonsville, MD) plays bridge—preferably duplicate—and drives her scooter all over the lovely campus at the Charlestown retirement residence. She most enjoyed reading *Homer & Langley*. "I remember the Collyer brothers—they seemed so weird at the time." **Larry Lowenstein's** answer to best freshman reading: *The Autobiography of Andrew Dixon White*. Who read it to you? "My grandmother." **Betty Keller** Cullen (East Orleans, MA) says that these days she enjoys reading, visiting with friends, her dog, and "doing as little as possible." **John Alden** (Delmar, NY) is still at work researching WWII submarine operations and writing articles. He and **Ann (Buchholz) '45** traveled to southern Italy in September with Elderhostel. "Probably our last trip overseas (Europe or Asia). Air travel is too demanding. On the *Mayflower* they let us keep our shoes on." In answer to "Which of the required freshman readings did you enjoy most?" **Dave Mertz** writes, "I'm not a freshman." His meal order: puréed steak, medium; puréed spinach; puréed baked Alaska. "Don't bother to purée my martini." **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 19868; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

44 "Had a very nice dinner with **Paul Bailey**, BS '47, and his lovely wife in Naples, FL," writes **Bill Falkenstein**, BS '47 (Norwalk, CT). He also attended a polo game in Greenwich, CT, with **Bob Dillon** and **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten**. "My legs don't work as well as they did, but my general health is good," writes **Gretchen Eichorn** Facq. "I can still enjoy playing my cello in an orchestra, bridge, various clubs, canoeing, and painting. No more trips to France. Jean-Marie has Alzheimer's, so travel is not an option. Lunch on the Delaware on a fine day is, however. I try to do Curves three times a week so I won't turn to stone. Both kids (in their 50s) work at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and live nearby, so we see them often. We're so lucky."

Bill Elkins, BA '47, LLB '49 (Burdett, NY) writes, "Our Lord has blessed us both with wonderful health for our age. We've both slowed down a lot—everything takes longer. I had to give up cutting and splitting our winter firewood. I love my work as a court attorney, but plan to retire in December. Irene does most of our driving and she's still a great cook." From Florida, **Barbara Cross** Naylor writes, "My husband, Jim, died last year, but I haven't cried, as I know where he is. Our home is at Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Meyers. It's a great place for a takeoff. Happy landings to all you Cornellians."

Milton Stolaroff writes, "Life on the 'Big Island' of Hawaii is filled with activities and friendships. We join a bridge club every Tuesday and usually get together with friends two or three other times a week. Unfortunately, no other Cornellians. Many thanks, Dotty, for your continuing interest in our classmates' activities. You and Art have done a wonderful job of keeping us all in touch for so many years. I, for one, feel I have been delinquent in not expressing sufficient gratitude for your activities. My best wishes to you for continuing good health and enjoyment of life." **Nancy Claney** Hoffman joins the chorus of Kesten accolades, writing, "Thank you, Dottie and Art, for being the glue that has kept the Class of '44 together."

In mid-June, **Inez Johnston** Murdoch planned to motor from Palm Desert, CA, to White Plains, NY, with her husband and daughter Cynthia. They had lived there from 1962 to 1983. Along the way, they planned to see **A. Louise Eadie** Williams in Troy PA, and **Charlotte Licht** Cook in Castile, NY. "Louise was a friend all through our four years at Cornell," writes Inez. "Charlotte was a friend in grammar school through Trumansburg High, where we graduated and then went immediately to Cornell. We have always kept in touch, all these years. It truly has been a pleasure for us to have Cornell as our college experience and keep up with our class. Hurrah!" **Jan Taylor** Scott (Highland Beach, FL) had returned to Pittsburgh for her summer vacation when she wrote. "Susan, our daughter who lives in California, flew in and drove north with me. We stopped in Washington, DC, for a look at the town on the way. Do want to add my thanks to Dotty and Art for all the work and effort toward keeping our class together."

Bob Miller, BS '48, PhD '51 (Orange City, FL) wrote last year, shortly after reunion, and we apologize for the delay in getting it into the column. "I am fine," says Bob. "I walk two to three miles a day, read the *Wall Street Journal*, and play golf three times a week. My dining companion and I are planning a birthday celebration—my 90th and her 80th—on July 30." We hope it was a great day! And speaking of birthdays, Art Kesten had his 90th on December 5. "We had a wonderful celebration with our family," writes Dotty, "including Cornellians **Lynn Kesten** Coakley '74, **Dale Kesten** '72, BA '75, **Lauren Coakley** Vincent '04, **Shannon Coakley** '07, their spouses, and several friends."

Joe Flynn, BS '47, writes, "2011 contained both the good and the bad. The 'good' has come from many directions. I enjoyed a wonderful week-long vacation in Gloucester, MA, last July, and have also enjoyed frequent visits from my sons. I now have four grandchildren in college, two happily married, one engaged in a musical career, and two in elementary school. In addition, there is my great-granddaughter, the first in her generation." **Ruth Leonard** Claassen reports a sense of solidarity with classmates in our phase of life: "My days

are a carbon copy for so many of you: a widow, retired, community of friends and activities, and loving, thoughtful children. However, I find that time has become a conundrum: future—interminable; tomorrow—vague, unseeable; today—racing by; yesterday—already forgotten; young adulthood—vivid memories; childhood—fragmentary." Ruth reports that **Amy Macdonald Frick** '45 has moved to her community and is already a dear, new friend. Thanks for all your news. More to come. Send yours to: **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 **Madge Spurny** Cole (Greensboro, NC) is retired but pursuing a career as an author. She most recently self-published the novel *Southern Conflict*, a historical recollection of the lives of a family of cotton textile workers in North Carolina who finally rebel—with surprising consequences. She also has another novel for sale. Madge fondly remembers meeting people at Cornell from other areas and is grateful for the knowledge she received about the world that broadened her outlook. **Fred Williams** (Frederick, MD) is a retired builder/developer. He keeps busy with e-mail, reading, and relaxing. His memories of Cornell include diving off the upper bridge into Beebe Lake and playing for the Cornell hockey team with no rink, no helmets, and no padding. He'd like to hear from **Marjorie Helgans** Hughes '47, BA '46, MD '50.

Walter MacFarland III, BCE '48 (Media, PA) is retired and enjoys gardening and walks. Meeting his future wife, **Jean (Gehring)** '49, is his fondest memory of Cornell days. **Marguerite Haven** Hartl (Mt. Prospect, IL) is retired and engaged in church work. She is recovering from a broken foot and tells us she prefers to be walking around. Here's to a speedy recovery! She remembers working as managing editor of the *Cornell Engineering* magazine during her Cornell days. **Alice Ross** McCarthy, BS HE '44, MS '47 (Birmingham, MI; bridgecomm@aol.com) is still running Bridge Communications. In addition to her Cornell degrees, she has a PhD in education from Wayne State U. She has published *Healthy Preschoolers* and *Healthy Teens*, in addition to approximately a million health newsletters. She answered parent questions in the local press for years and says it's too bad that the column was discontinued—parents now have more questions than ever. She likes to garden on a half-acre lot and is looking forward to spring—it is too early there for much except hellebore. During Cornell days she loved living in Balch, where she was "night girl" for six terms. Her father said her education (four years) cost him \$100!

Gloria Urban (New York, NY) is recuperating from hip surgery and would love to be visiting friends. She remembers fondly the fun she had at Cornell with the nice people she met there. She'd like to hear from **Stan Johnson**, BS '48, and his wife, Jean. **Dorothy Scott** Boyle (Eastport, ME; scottieboylenj@yahoo.com) is a volunteer at Quoddy Crafts and Marine Museum, where she sells her art. She is active in the St. Croix Int'l Garden Club and the Border Historical Society, as well as in her church. She enjoys painting—watercolor, acrylics, and folk art. She attended her granddaughter's wedding. She remembers her Kappa Delta sisters and Prof. Nancy Roman at Cornell. **William Packard** (Boca Raton, FL; bipackn@gmail.com) is retired and enjoys swimming and playing

tennis and bridge. He looks forward to playing with his great-grandson Miles Benjamin, 18 months. The crew team figures prominently in his fond Cornell memories.

Albert Brown, PhD '51 (Lincoln, NE; abrown18@neb.rr.com) retired from GlaxoSmithKline after 22 years, having worked previously for Norden Laboratories, which was purchased by SmithKline; at the time he retired, they merged with Glaxo. He gardens, trying for flowers for all 12 months. He enjoys traveling, wildlife photography, and big-game hunting. He enclosed a sample of his work: a photo of a charging white rhino. His three years in graduate school while earning a PhD in microbiology and virology top his fond memories of Cornell. **Peter Lantos**, PhD '50 (Oreland, PA; peterlantos7@aol.com) is retired and enjoys reading, writing, and painting.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, we learned of the death of **Robert Harwick**, MD '47, on October 14 at his home in Wyncote, PA. He studied from 1941-43 in an accelerated WWII program for premedical students before entering Cornell's medical school, and served as a Navy officer in a MASH unit in Korea from 1950-52. He knew **Richard Hornberger**, MD '47, who wrote the book under the pseudonym of Hooker that became the basis of the "M*A*S*H" TV series. About the shenanigans in that program, he told his friends, "It was all true!" From 1974-76, Robert was president of the Philadelphia division of the American Cancer Society, which gave him its bronze medal in 1976. He became chief of surgical oncology at Temple U. School of Medicine in 1978. He attended our class reunion in 2010 in a wheelchair, assisted by his son **Robert Jr.** '75. **Ernie Gosline**, MD '47, was one of the eulogists at the memorial service in the Philadelphia Academy of Medicine. Our thanks to **Marion Steinmann** '50, co-correspondent for her class and a friend of Dr. Harwick's, for forwarding the information.

Class president **Maxine Katz** Morse informs me that she and the other class officers plan a mini-reunion in 2012 on either September 12 or October 10. Details will follow. In the meantime, direct questions and comments to her at (603) 436-7578 or maxine.morse@comcast.net. Your co-correspondents enjoy hearing from classmates, so do send news to: **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail julie.snell@verizon.net; or **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail betbobf@aol.com.

46 Retirement gave **Scott Nevin**, BME '45 (Albion, IN) the free time to become a one-man United Way. He specializes in fixing things and running errands for people who need help. Scott was a "Cornell brat" whose professor father headed the Geology department. He credits his father with rebuilding the class structure and making Geology the popular course it became. Scott, even while studying Mechanical Engineering at Cornell, found time to delve into astronomy journals, a passion he enjoys to this day. **David Gale**, BS '49 (Rutland, VT) still works, even after a recent pacemaker implant. At his apple orchard he mainly produces Macintosh and some early varieties. When we talked, David was excited about starting up a new cider machine. Another longtime retiree is **Theodore Thomas**, MD '48 (Sauquoit, NY). He and wife Barbara participate weekly in hiking, canoeing, and skiing at the

Tramp and Trail Club of Utica, NY. They joined club members on a trek to Ocean City, MD.

Donald Ironside, BEE '45 (Haverford, PA) responded to the university archivist's appeal for Cornell material posted annually in my column (see below). He had saved drawers full of snapshots from three years on campus. Archivist **Elaine Engst**, MA '72's call motivated him to create a fully annotated, 21-page album, a photocopy of which he sent her, with an offer to lend the album or look for the negatives. A sample page included photos of **Herb Hawley**, **Herb Toan** '47, **Mac MacIntyre**, one-man team **Joe Sheppe**, and craps shooter **Phil Isaacs**. All the above and Don were freshman roommates at or denizens of Collegetown's 126 Catherine St. rooming house. (Don wants to know who else responded to the archivist's plea and so would I. The info could make for some interesting columns. -Ed.) Don purchased a two-volume set of Andrew White's autobiography, including "a marvelous section on the life of Ezra Cornell and how our alma mater became the unique place we knew." He's prepaying the work to me with my promise that after viewing it, I'll forward it on the same terms to my first reader who requests it.

Our annual reminder: If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to Elaine Engst, director and university archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607) 255-9524; e-mail, EE11@cornell.edu. Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but the university might very well display them. It's better and more ecological to direct them to the university now. Elaine advises they have lots of material from the really early days, but very little from the 1940s.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the address below. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

I love this time of year because I hear from so many of you via our News and Dues notices. I'm writing this just before Christmas, so I am receiving your beautiful cards, too. You won't be reading this until March, but I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that the first two months of the new year were healthy and prosperous.

Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith, BS HE '45 (Bedminster, NJ) wrote and called. She is busy swimming, attending concerts and lectures, and playing bridge. Her son **Jonathan** '77 and his wife, **Amira Elkodsi** '76, endowed an Architecture lecture series in memory of his brother **Michael** '73, BArch '73. Two lectures have already taken place at the NYC campus. She promised me a long letter concerning the bench at the Plantations in memory of her husband, **Karl** '47. **Joan Waite Martens**, widow of the late **Frederick**, MD '57, lives in New York City. She'd like to hear from **Jan Bassette** Summerville and **Dottie Taylor** Prey. **Ruth Rothschild** Mayleas, BA '45, lives on the Upper West Side. She is on the Board of the League of Professional Theatre Women and is the editor of their magazine.

Sylvia Mayer Paul (Williamsville, NY) wrote that she regretted not being able to compete in the over-80, two-mile Reunion Run, but is looking forward to our 70th. "The best part is I have no competition—I just have to finish and I win a gold medal." Faithful **Rayma Carter** Wilson

(Binghamton, NY) is "trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle and keeping the medical professionals busy." **Janet Elwin Starr** (Hanover, PA) is the widow of **James** '44, MS '48. She has been undergoing acupuncture for her arthritic knees and is traveling again with her sisters **Muriel Elwin Zepp** '47 and **Nancy Elwin Pegues** '52.

Elizabeth Stuart Wells (Cleveland Heights, OH) and husband **Howard** (Princeton '45) are both 88 and still at home. Writes Elizabeth, "We know we should move to something smaller, but the kids won't take the candlesticks." (What a great sense of humor.) She'd like to hear from **Kay Foote** Shaw, BS HE '45. **Kay Smith Mancini** (Palm Coast, FL) is a member of the Daytona Beach chapter of NYS Teachers Retired in Florida and the Flagler County Library. "I'm still reminiscing about our June reunion and am looking forward to our 70th." **Charlotte Fry** Poor (Peoria, IL) wrote that her husband died in 2008. She writes, "I'm living! Also playing bridge, gardening, and keeping in touch with children and grandchildren." **Barbara Spencer** Ihrig (Madison, TN) took a disability retirement in 1980. "Harold and I took a trip to Memphis and plan on going to the Smoky Mountains." Keep the news coming to: **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

47 "Hear ye, Hear ye," says the town crier, heralding the news of our upcoming 65th Reunion.

It is right around the corner on June 7-10, and we will be staying on campus at the very convenient Statler Hotel. It's never too late to decide to come, and we hope to see all of you—the more the merrier! Election of class officers will also take place at reunion. Please send your suggestions for nominees to: Nominating Committee chairman Margaret Newell Mitchell (MNM1947@aol.com). Don't forget to visit the new class website: www.cornellclass47.org.

As this is being written, my New Jersey area is still recovering from one of the worst storms in history. A freak, early snowstorm, when all the leaves were still on the trees, caused massive tree damage, downed power lines, and unprecedented power outages. We were without electricity for almost five days and it was really horrible, especially when the temperature in our home was in the low 50s. Our streets are still littered with the limbs and debris from the storm. Oh, well, it is all over now and time to tell you about the doings of our classmates.

Esther Neustatter Bates lives in Getzville, NY, and spent a week on the road touring Yellowstone National Park with her daughter. **Madeline Rosenthal** Goodwin (Los Angeles, CA) is very proud of her family, which includes twin boys Theo and George, plus daughter Betty. She also has five grandchildren. **Allen Earnest** (Yonkers, NY) recently became a great-grandfather and tells us that he has four children who were born on three continents in all four hemispheres of the earth. He is still undecided about what to do when he grows up. **Barbara Dwyer** O'Connell lives in Rye, NY, and writes that her lasting contribution is an article entitled, "The Security Circuit," which can be read online. It describes the function of the brain for the maintenance of survival and security.

Malcolm Steinberg, BCE '46, writes from San Antonio, TX. He has written a book and needs a publisher, plus he is hard at work writing another

one. His family consists of a daughter with a Juilliard doctorate, a photographer son, and a son who is an attorney. **Robert Herm**, MD '49, who has a great sense of humor, retired from medical practice many years ago. He later opened a used bookstore for four years. "Should have named it the Titanic," he writes. He and wife Betsey live in Bluffton, SC, and have two sons and four grandchildren. **Ursula Holahan** lives in a retirement community in Charleston, SC, and recently attended two weddings of her grandnieces.

Sadly, we must share the news of the death of our classmate **W. Barlow Ware** on December 19, 2011. Barlow, who resided at Bridges of Cornell Heights for the last four years, devoted his life to helping the institutions and people he loved, including the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Int'l, and Cornell University—where he spent more than 50 years in the Development office, the last 11 as a volunteer. The list of awards and recognitions he received over the years is a long one, and they are a tribute to his lifelong service and dedication to the university and to the community. You can read more about Barlow in this issue's "From the Hill" section, and in future columns. He will be missed.

Whether you are attending reunion or not, please bring us up to date on your doings by writing, calling, or whatever you can. We love bringing everyone the news, but need your participation. ☐ **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; **Archie Williamson** Anderson, arlie47@aol.com; tel., (585) 288-3752. Class website, <http://www.cornellclass47.org>.

48 Rev. **Jim "Hoople" Howell**, BS '50, Post Falls, ID: "Do gardening, yard work (two acres), committees, and boating. Congress is unable or unwilling to cooperate for the good of the country. They should have term limits. Northern Idaho is very beautiful, but too many people have found out about it, mostly from California, and they keep coming. My 2001 Caddie Seville has 98,000 miles. Does not look the same as most other cars on the road, which all look like each other. I'll keep it until one of us dies. Right now I wish I were in some warm place. Had a lovely cruise through the Panama Canal years ago and to Alaska in spring 2010. Next visit is to Costa Rica. Got married a second time in summer 2011. Wonderful to have a companion—Kiyoko Holmes."

Ramon Alan, Southborough, MA: "Retired. Things are deteriorating: integral of expectations is less than the integral of GDP. Massachusetts has compassionate social programs, but we can't afford them. Will keep my car until repairs are greater than \$3,000 a year. We create life for ourselves and it's not explainable in less than 1,000 words." **Tom Stevens**, Wilmington, DE: "Church projects, newsletter editor and deputy governor of Mayflower Society, taking care of our beach house, reading, plus other things to keep busy. Country needs jobs, needs to preserve founding principles, needs to grow in faith to God. Children and grandchildren are near, as are attractive and cultural places, so I like Delaware. There are many considerations here that challenge us to improve. I'm convinced we have the greatest systems of medicine the world has ever known. Our big problem is 'not enough time.' My whole life has been eventful. Finding Marjorie is perhaps the most important, but the whole journey that has elevated my faith in Jesus Christ is perhaps part of the same

thing. Not worried about salvation. Have most recently discovered the importance of music."

Shirley Ringholm Longstreet, Jupiter, FL: "Purchased a Jaguar XK convertible. Why? It's fun! On Christmas Day 2010 my nine grandchildren (aged 24 to 30) and I boarded Egypt Air, New York to Cairo, for ten wonderful days touring pyramids, sphinxes, and museums while riding in our private car and guided by our own Egyptologist. We cruised the Nile for three days from Aswan to Cairo and loved the Egyptians we met along the way and enjoyed their beautiful hotels." **Walter Baurle**, Dryden, NY: "Reading, playing violin every evening, keeping wife company for 64 years so far. NYS has no severe natural disasters, but high real estate taxes. Most of the time I 'lie low,' visit daughters in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Most pressing problem is weak heart." **Louis Strick**, Westport, CT: "Reading, making out, visiting children and grandchildren. I like Connecticut. It's attractive and centrally located. Bought a Toyota Prius; comfortable, quiet, and economical to operate. Have numerous, controllable health problems. Youngest daughter gave birth to twin boys."

Abe Relyea, Alamosa, CO: "Hunting, fishing, golf. I like rural Colorado, but elevation is too high. Arizona might be better. Wish I were down to sea level. Drugs and crime are a big problem. The day I was born ranks number one in my lifetime events. Least worry is what people think I should do or say. I recently discovered how to invest money." **Robert Welsh**, Kennebunk, ME: "Things are improving. We should withdraw from foreign wars. Maine is a great vacationland and people are generally polite, but it's a bad location for business (cost of transportation)." **Lila Smith** Lightfoot, Madison, WI: "Plan to keep my Audi another five years. I wish I was in New Zealand."

I. Roy Cohen, MFS '49, Tarrytown, NY: "Grandchildren, travel, family, friends, and synagogue. Board member and secretary, Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, plus National Executive Service Corps. I follow politics closely. Political parties have yet to learn how to work together. We should encourage each citizen to participate in the political process more actively. I lease my cars—Nissan Maxima and Mercedes-Benz. Keep them three years. Getting older is a problem. Great events are our six grandchildren. The meaning of life is to be creative enough to contribute to society while maintaining a healthy body and an optimistic outlook." **Anne Colm** Repaske, Star Tannery, VA: "I raise Cashmere goats. I'm on the board and VP of the Eastern Cashmere Assn., and edit their newsletter/magazine. I play in the Early Music Ensemble at Shenandoah U. and am president of the Star Tannery Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary. We raise money for the Fire Dept. dinners, bazaars, auctions, and carnivals."

John Davidson, Silver Spring, MD: "Sorting junk mail, writing checks, swinging golf clubs (not exactly golf?). We don't get hurricanes or earthquakes in Maryland, but it's a long way from the Rockies—I think Colorado might be better. I just discovered that my old pal **Bob McKinless** is class president. Congratulations, Bob! Most important event in my life was playing in the Cornell-Penn game in Franklin Field. I don't worry about the Redskins not winning." **Chuck Leslie**, St. Pete Beach, FL: "Had open heart surgery in August '08. Am no longer a 'snowbird'—must limit myself to local travel, shuffleboard, reading, and watching TV. Economy slowly improving. Stay the course. Warm weather and no state income tax make Florida the best place to live. Will probably buy a new

car next year. Wish I was in Hawaii. Spent six months there staging for the invasion of Japan in 1945. Thanks to 'the bomb,' we walked ashore."

June Jacobs Gillin, Westfield, NJ: "US should stop spending. I like New Jersey. It has everything: seashore, near NYC, great weather most of the year, terrific suburbs, and promising governor, Chris Christie, not to mention proximity to airports. Most important lifetime event was marrying **Jim**, PhD '51 (deceased), a ChemE, in June 1949." **Murray Heimberg**, MNS '49, Memphis, TN: "I am Prof. Emer., Medicine and Pharmacology at U. of Tennessee Health Science Center, but I continue to see patients (endocrinology) and keep up with research in lipid metabolism. The antagonistic and uncompromising attitudes in our political world make it impossible to come together and solve the nation's problems. Cool it! Compromise is the basis of civilization. The US is a beautiful country with a great climate, and what's true for the nation holds for Tennessee as well. I love my Avalon and will keep it as long as it lasts. I'm happy in Memphis, but it would help if I were younger. My energy needs (metabolic) far exceed my energy supply. Marriage was THE big event, followed by visits to three generations of offspring. Trying to keep up with my field of medicine and research is impossible! Still searching for life's meaning."

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49 Three cheers and congratulations to **Jack and Inger Molmen Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@tcwcy.rr.com), who were awarded the 2012 **William**

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“Bill” **Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in late January in Washington, DC. Jack writes that he and Inger have moved within Cayuga Heights to a very nice four-bedroom ranch. “We are right above the famous Sunset Park, which those of you with a car at school found enjoyable for sunsets and whatever might happen after sunset.” Jack adds, “Cornell asks its classes to decide at their 65th Reunion what to do with the class funds when there are no more ‘49ers.” Jack and Inger welcome your thoughts; they favor our scholarship fund. Our 65th Reunion chairman, **Carl Schwarzer** (Manlius, NY; cschwarz22@verizon.net), alerts us to the fast-approaching date when we shall gather (and we’re hoping every one of you will be there!) for this grand reunion.

Stephen Profilet (Winona, MN; sprofilet5130@chartr.net) tells us that he had been “loafing” and “shoveling snow”; however, his after-hours activities are singing in choirs and oratorio. Last year he did a performance of opera choruses with the Winona Oratorio Choir at Winona State U. He tells us that he’d rather be playing tennis. His fondest memory of his Cornell days is graduating on Feb. 2, 1949. Steve would enjoy hearing from **Roger Barnard**.

W. Jordan Severinghaus '40 (Shreveport, LA) writes that reading the delightful recollections of **Jean Schultheis** Brechter (Shelter Island Heights, NY) in this magazine’s May/June 2011 issue triggered some great memories of his own. She wrote of swimming in the pool of the gorge just off the back of the old Tri Delt house. “It is a long stretch from my Class of 1940 to your Class of 1949, but worth trying that stretch to write you of my use of that pool. **Howard ‘Wreck’ Welch '38**, MS ‘47, and I gained access to the pool from the other side of the ‘river’ (that is, from the side where the old toboggan slide stood). We could climb down—past the upper part of the power plant—to the pool. We felt totally unobserved there and never encountered anyone else. It never entered our heads that Tri-Delta girls (Girls!) would use the pool! As I write this at age 92, I am chuckling over the charming recollection.” Jordan closes with best regards to “Jean (and the adventurer TriDelts).”

Alvin Silvey (Fort Lauderdale, FL; as202@cornell.edu), married to Estelle, is retired. His extracurricular activities include roadway shows, working out in the gym, reading, using the computer, and developing international trade. Alvin told us that he would rather be “involved with the export and import to the US of chemicals, steel, aluminum, etc.” His fondest memory of his days on the Hill occurred in 1943 at “the football game we played against West Point—I had my right foot broken!” He’d enjoy hearing from **Vincent Rogers**, “a very old friend.” **Bill Kamsler** (Littleton, CO) writes that he is retired from Technology Development Inc., repairing instrumentation systems. Lately he has been working with the Greatest Generation Foundation. Bill says that he’d rather be traveling. His fondest memories of school are working with his fraternity, TKE, and he’d really enjoy hearing from **Fred Mitchell '48**.

Harold Ward (Bremerton, WA; haroldward1@gmail.com) is retired and doing volunteer repair work. His fondest memories are of being a Big Red Band member at football and basketball games. **Stephen Plotkin** (Bethel, WA; splotk1@aol.com) volunteers at Evergreen Hospital Medical Center. His extracurricular activities are walking and playing pinocle and poker. Stephen would enjoy hearing from **Arno Nash**. **C.J. Terwillegar** (E.

Rochester, NY) wrote that his wife, Martha, is deceased and that he is retired. His after-hours interests are gardening, senior citizens, and attending festivals with his daughter. Last year, he told us, he was attending the V.A. clinic for health reasons, but would rather be relaxing. He remembers most fondly attending Cornell as a WWII vet, “having grown up in Ithaca.” C.J. would like to hear from **Will Fronmuller '51**, MS '52.

Bernice Gray Whitney (Pocatello, ID; yukon92311@aol.com) is retired and spends her after-hours gardening and quilting. Last year she was traveling to visit her children in California, Nevada, and Texas. She wrote, “Scott and his wife, in Texas, have adopted three boys from Russia. Very interesting! Since their arrival in June their English is approaching perfect. They are twins, 5, and a 3-year-old.” Bernice would like to hear from **Susan Potter** Hall. Coincidentally, Susan wrote from Westfield, PA, that her husband, George, passed away in 2004. A retired teacher of 35 years, she is the Baptist church choir director and auditor. She also does water aerobics. Last year she told us that she had become engaged to an “old beau.” “We met in the summer of ‘49, the year I graduated from Cornell.” What I’d rather be doing now? “Zip!” The modern dance class and tennis are her fondest memories of Cornell: “I am a polio survivor and love thinking of those activities.”

Kenneth Gellhaus (tenace49@yahoo.com), married to Mary, says, “Still instructing/coaching Microsoft Office classes for seniors at the Ulster County Community College Business Resource Center in Kingston, NY. After 38 years in the Kingston area, Mary and I moved to a continuing care community 15 miles south in New Paltz, NY. We are still independent. Two Cornell classmates are also here.” Kenneth would rather be playing tennis, something he remembers most fondly from his days at school. He adds, “Kids put on a wonderful 50th anniversary party for Mary and me.” **Norman Merz** (Manasquan, NJ; talktomerz@yahoo.com) and his wife, Patricia, moved in April 2010 to their vacation home in Manasquan at the Jersey Shore and wrote that they were still unpacking and getting organized in June. Norman tells us that from February 1 to April 15 he volunteers to prepare income taxes with the IRS/AARP program. He walks and rides a bike and downhill skis at Park City, UT. Rather than moving house, he says that he’d prefer to be watching the breakers in the ocean. **Alfredo Larin** is married to Maria and retired in San Diego, CA. Dancing, exercise, and diet comprise his recent activities. He would like to visit Cornell again, as the campus is his fondest memory of his days on the Hill. Alfredo would most like to hear from **Wally Rutes**.

It is always great to hear that classmates get in touch with one another through this column, so do send us your news and let’s all meet at reunion in June 2014! ☑ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 3608 N. Sunset Ave., Farmington, NM 87401; cell phone, (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Our annual spring dinner and class meeting in New York City will take place on Friday, May 11, at 7 pm, at the Cornell Club—New York, 6 East 44th Street. Last year’s May dinner drew 37 classmates, spouses, and guests who traveled into Manhattan from as far away as Maine, Chicago, Rochester, and Florida. So do come! To make a reservation, send \$75 per person to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546.

Barbara Hatch Rosenberg, PhD ‘62, a bio-weapons expert, was mentioned recently in a front-page article in the *New York Times*. Barbara is one of three authors of a paper in the *Journal of Bioterrorism and Biodefense* that argues that the case of the 2001 anthrax attacks should be reopened, that the FBI may have fingered the wrong person. Barbara was a professor at Sloan-Kettering Inst. in New York and at Weill Cornell Medical College. She then became a research professor in environmental science at SUNY Purchase. **Bill vanden Heuvel**, JD ‘52 (New York, NY) figured prominently in a Talk of the Town piece in the *New Yorker*. As founder of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Inst., Bill has raised money and spearheaded the campaign to build a memorial to FDR on Roosevelt Island in New York City’s East River. The *New Yorker* article recounts a visit that Bill and the writer made to the site of the memorial, at the island’s southern tip, which has breathtaking views of the river. Due to be finished this fall, the memorial will be known as the FDR Four Freedoms Park. Bill is also one of two former ambassadors in our class. The late **Glenn Ferguson**, MBA ‘51, you may recall, was ambassador to Kenya during the Johnson Administration. Bill was ambassador to the European Office of the UN in Geneva during the Carter Administration.

Dick Pogue (Cleveland, OH) is one of the first three recipients of the U. of Michigan’s new Distinguished Alumni Award. Dick was not only president of our Class of 1950, he was also managing partner of Jones Day, the international law firm. Dick is currently a senior advisor to Jones Day. Engineer **Charles “Deak” Deakyne** (Severna Park, MD; charles.deakyne@gte.net) is the initial recipient of the new Corinthian Spirit Award established by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association. Deak sails a 37-foot Alberg sloop, which he races with two of his sons. “I advise on tactics and sail trim and occasionally take the helm,” he writes. “Out of nine races last summer, we came in third or better in seven.” Deak was, naturally, in the Navy in WWII.

Norm Potter married **Adele (Hoffstein)**, earned his PhD from Iowa State, and then returned to Cornell as a professor of Food Science. After Norm retired, the Potters moved to Lexington, KY, where their sons **Daniel '74** and **Michael '77** are professors of entomology at the U. of Kentucky. Norm also served in the Navy during WWII. **Arthur** and **Barbara Kunz Buchholz '51** have moved back north—to Willow Street, PA—after 18 years in Florida. Art worked for the NYS Office of General Services in Albany, as director of purchasing. During WWII, he was in the Army Corps of Engineers. **Betty Hollenbeck** Davidson taught home economics for nearly 40 years, at the LaFargeville, NY, Spencer, NY, and Waverly, NY, schools. Betty also raised four daughters.

Several classmates remain regulars at Cornell Alumni University’s summer sessions in Ithaca. Last summer, **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD ‘84 (Ithaca, NY; jwm7@cornell.edu) attended a class on Zionism. **Lawrence Lodico** (Ithaca, NY; rlodico@earthlink.net) went to a writing workshop and one on music of the Tudor Era. **John** and **Carol McMillan Lawes** (West Grove, PA) studied the State of the World’s Oceans. **Dick Hudes** (Flushing, NY; heyrichard@aol.com) and wife Sunny, attending CAU for the tenth year, went to the Psychology of Emotion. Revisiting the campus, Dick writes, “always revives good memories. We also audit courses at Queens College. We enjoy

the camaraderie of other senior auditors and the energy of 20-year-old undergraduates.”

Jim Hazzard, who died late last year, was one of our class's major pranksters. Jim once told me about what I'll call the Great Alpha Phi Dog Caper. During sophomore year, Jim and some buddies rounded up a bunch of neighborhood dogs and poured them into the Alpha Phi house in the middle of an elegant late-afternoon gathering. One of the perpetrators had unlocked doors and windows, and another threw the main electrical switch, plunging the house into total darkness. “There was absolute chaos and much shrieking,” recalls **Mary Holcomb Haberman** (Bethel, ME; mary5@oxfordnetworks.net). “I distinctly remember feeling something furry rubbing against my legs.” (I've always worried about the dogs—whether they did indeed get returned to their rightful homes.) Despite such antics, Jim, you may remember, became director of Alumni Affairs at Cornell. **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 **Jane Haskins** Marcham tells me that the Class of '51 received two awards at the October Trustee-Council Meeting's Annual Fund breakfast in October: the Class of 1947 Cayuga Society Award for the highest number of Cayuga Society members (58); and the Class of 1979 Loyalty Cup for having either 300 donors or 55 percent of their donors make a gift every year from one reunion to the next. We are only the second class (other than '79) that has done that. Way to go, **Mibs Martin** Follett, **Joan Ruby** Hanpeter, and **Guy Warfield** (and all the rest of you). We beat our \$1.5 million goal with \$1,944,782, reached 381 donors, had 45 percent participation (highest of any 2011 returning class), and have, to date, raised \$63.5 million.

Shelley Epstein Akabas (NYC) writes, “Yet another Akabas has been admitted to Cornell: **Leor Akabas '14**, daughter of my son **Myles Akabas '77**. She is the fourth of our grandchildren to attend Cornell. I have just received the Mark Moses Distinguished Fellowship Award from the National Network of Social Work Managers. The award recognizes outstanding academics and practitioners in the field of social work management.” Shelley's fondest memory of Cornell is meeting Eleanor Roosevelt when she visited campus as the guest of Watermargin. **Sabra “Piper” Baker** Staley (Arlington, VA) just became a great-great-grandmother—a baby boy, in Texas. She says it's not a difficult feat, but some of us still don't have great-grandchildren. “My pilot's logbook has been on display (and is in the archives) of the College Park (MD) Aviation Museum. The museum director says she has never seen such enthusiasm or detail in a logbook. Hey, I was 18. **Phyllis Harvey** Larrabee (Piedmont, VA) spent a recent afternoon sitting with me on the front porch of my one-room log cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains. That's what rocking chairs are for.”

Donald and **Corinne Watkins** Stork (Penn Yan, NY) won the 2010 Yates County Chamber of Commerce Spirit Award last year and celebrated their first great-grandchild, Ryder, born November 29, 2010. Corry and Don celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last June 30. **Nancy Carver** Shene

(Morrisonville, NY) writes, “My family all came here last July 12 for my 80th birthday. Even my daughter who lives in Hawaii came, and she brought Lia, my one and only great-grandchild. So far I have good health. I swim every day at a local pool in winter and my own pool in summer. I also garden a lot with lovely flowers all over. I still get good news from **Elizabeth Macaraeg** Heine and **Marian Roberts** Woodhead.” Her fondest Cornell memory: **Morris Bishop '13**, PhD '26's French lit course and Sage Chapel singing.

Sometimes the time lapse between getting news and its appearance in print hits home.

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Joan Boffa Gaul '52

George Bantuvan wrote of retiring after 15 years as treasurer of the Cornell Hotel Society. His wife, Ann, was a patient in Robert Packer Hospital, diagnosed with leukemia early in March, but was expected to be home soon, as the bone marrow was clean. George was still involved in church activities, enjoying concerts and Cornell hockey games. The news was received in April 2011, but sadly George died on March 31. **Pepper Dutcher** Fluke sent news of the death of **Roderick Ironside** of multiple myeloma in November. After his retirement from a career in educational testing in 1991, he continued to sing with the Durham, NC, Savoyards and the choral society while coping with his wife's dementia disease.

Harry “Red” Merker called from Los Angeles, CA, to pass on a memory stirred by the announcement of baseball coach Ted Thoren's death last May. In April 1949, in a game against Ithaca College on Hoy Field, Ted Thoren was on the mound for IC, and Red was at bat. He hit a tremendous shot to deep left center and was halfway to second base when the centerfielder made a sensational over-the-shoulder catch—robbing Red of at least a triple and possibly an inside-the-park home run! Harry played in the alumni game at our 54th Reunion (2005) thinking he was the oldest former baseball player, but learned that **Roger Abell '30** had him beat, playing at his 75th Reunion at the age of 97. On Red's “bucket list”: to return for the 65th Reunion in June 2016 and claim the title of second oldest former player playing in the Alumni Baseball Game.

Lee '50 and **Helen Malti** Oliver sold their house on Martha's Vineyard and moved to Lyme, NH, where Lee is enjoying organic gardening and reduced taxes. Both Methodist ministers, they met and married in seminary. After living in Pittsford, NY, for 45 years, **Bill** and **Doris O'Hara** left for “easy living” in a villa on a lake in Webster. “It is actually a pond, but it really is easy living! Never thought I would leave Pittsford, but here we are 15 miles north in Webster.” Bill was recently elected to the Ensign Class (Sailing) Hall of Fame—only the second from New York State. **Helene Cohn** Friedman (Rochester, NY) reports that grandson **Josh Sacks '13** finished another year at Cornell. Helene shared a room with her former roommate, **Bobbie Hai** Freed, at Reunion. Her fond memory of Cornell: “The energy, the excitement, the vitality! How could you not be affected by Cornell? Too bad I don't have those leg muscles any more.”

Dan Beam, a General Mills retiree from Cincinnati, OH, checks in with one comment: “Still kickin'.” Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 December's mail brought a big batch of new News Forms. It's been fun to read through all 78 of them. In 1948, many of you arrived on campus by train. Mostly the Lehigh Valley, though some came through Buffalo, and **Carol Harris** Wood

came from Texas. Many came by car, most often with their parents. One or two flew. Only **Phil Fleming** and **Al Kayloe** mentioned a bus. Yes, **Alice Warshaw** Forman, there was a sleeper from Penn Station. We brought very little with us; some shipped trunks. Mostly we brought clothes. **Anne Codding** Tonachel brought her grandfather's typewriter and **Ronald Millstein** his bar mitzvah fountain pen, “to take notes.” These News Forms are a treat. I wish they could have full play.

There is room for more reminiscence as our 60th Reunion will have a train exhibit at the Johnson Museum. However, speed is necessary. If you have thoughts on your train travel, not limited to the Lehigh Valley, send them by April 15 to the museum's Nancy Green at neg4@cornell.edu or by mail to Nancy at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

To the News Forms. The first in was from **Terry**, JD '56, and **Dorothea Crozier Warren** (riv birch@windstream.net), our 60th Reunion chairs. They winter in Tucson, summer in Austinberg, OH, and work full-time on reunion, though both find time for travel, and Dori concentrates on watercolors. In 1948, Dori flew Pan Am to New York and took the train up. Terry brought, and reminded me of, a laundry box. We did mail our dirty clothes home. The box came back with clean clothes, cookies, and other treats. **Joan Nesmith** Tillotson, MD '56's mother sent especially good boxes. **Franklin Murdock** (Mystic, CT) walked to Cornell on his first trip and brought “a large heap of differing interests and ambitions.” He currently teaches a discussion class and sings regularly in the church choir. In addition to trying to keep up or catch up, he is still being educated by his grandchildren, often to his children's great amusement.

Pierre Thouin (p.thouin@mac.com) is closing up the animal veterinary hospital that he has been running. He has traveled to France, England, Switzerland, Corsica, Sardinia, and Italy. Also traveling was **Walter Meyer**, JD '58 (Reston, VA), who spent his 80th birthday in Ascona, Switzerland, where he had last stayed with his parents in 1936. At home, he reads, listens to classical music, and uses the Internet. Anne Codding Tonachel (atonachel@gmail.com) reads, walks, and tutors. New York is a good place for all that. In March 2010 Anne and **Ann Corbett** Ayers spent a week in San Diego with **Ann Stichley** Lemke. “Three

Anns from the Class of '52 hanging out!" Alice Warshaw Forman (aliceforman@nyc.rr.com) is also enjoying "the excitement of NYC." She does museums, attends the Metropolitan Opera and programs at the National Arts Club, and visits her family in Cobble Hill. She still paints, but mostly on Long Island. Along with clothes and makeup, in 1948 Alice brought "a sense of adventure and appreciation for the beauty of Ithaca and the varying backgrounds of the student body."

Dean, MBA '56, and **Barbara Green Bock '53** (dfb24@cornell.edu) divide time between their retirement home and a summer home. They keep up with old friends, children, and grandchildren. Dean is past president of the Cornell Club of Sarasota and the Ivy League Club. In 1948, Dean drove from Watertown and brought clothes and a chair. **Eben Lang** (lang412@yahoo.com) and wife Mimi enjoy life in a retirement community in Valley Forge, PA. They had just returned from three months at their summer place in Maine. "It is a lot of hard work continually fixing up our 120-year-old house, but I do enjoy it." When he came to Cornell, Eben brought clothes and a small radio. Now, he is "looking forward to seeing everyone at the 60th Reunion." **Eleanor Ullman** Light, whose husband, Irwin, died in May, is in Scottsdale, AZ. In 2010, they had moved to a newly built independent living senior residence. Eleanor is active with exercise and golf and is still professionally engaged in luxury international travel. She plans to remain busy with travel and business. She is pleased that the Cornell scholarship she and Irwin endowed has been awarded each year to a graduate of her school, Hunter College High School.

Susan Ekstrand Baglow, whose husband, **Charles**, died in 2010, is in Webster, NY. **Clifford, MD '53**, and **Patricia Devine Urban**, BS Nurs '52, are in Wayne, PA. **Bill Scazzero** (Elmsford, NY) manages a vegetable garden at Westchester County Prison in Valhalla. He works with inmates who help feed the hungry through the Westchester Food Bank. He started this program years ago, and is "happy with this volunteering work. Inmates enjoy working with 'this ole man.'" In 1948, Bill took the train to Ithaca and arrived with no place to stay and no money. Someone took him to the Newman Oratory on Stewart Avenue, where Father Cleary "took me in for years." **James Greenwald** (cantlonggreenwald@tds.net) plays tennis, visits with family in Madison, and keeps up with in-laws in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He dabbles in neighborhood architectural history. He is "organizing a cocktail party for Compassion and Choices of Wisconsin, which supports the option of physician aid in dying for the terminally ill."

Suzanne Joyce Seeley (Pittsford, NY) paints in oils, gardens, plays bridge, reads, exercises, and travels. **John Nickles** (mjnickles@verizon.net) goes to the gym three times a week and walks the other four days. He volunteers for the American Medical Resource Foundation and sings with the Masterworks Chorale of Greater Boston and the Harvard UCC choir in Lexington. **Thomas Arnold** (tarnold14@cox.net) does yard work, reads, computes, and works with local government. When he wrote, he had been "ducking the rain." It was a wet fall in the East. **Al Kayloe** (Pepper Pike, OH) is retired. He travels and loves to be with his grandchildren. Al does some volunteer work in the community and is "trying to get a handle on technology to stay up with children, grandchildren, and friends." When he got on that bus from the farm he had "a valise! And a small one at that." **Walter Elmore**, MAT '67 (High Falls, NY) is his church treasurer. He does a lot of maintenance at his church, in his large yard and garden, and by helping with house maintenance for five adult offspring. He traveled to Cornell in 1948 in a 1933 Ford Coupe. **John Werner** (Rancho Santa Fe, CA) spends his time "enjoying retirement in sunny California with my beautiful wife, Evon: reading, dining out, entertaining friends and family." He will take Evon to Paris this coming year.

Have you received the new class directory? We hope it's correct in every respect. If not, know we tried and went with what we had as of the fall. Get corrections to me. By now, you should know a lot about reunion from your mailbox or your computer, phone calls, and friends. Our 60th should add up to fun, food, more friends, lectures, bus rides to and fro, and all-Cornell events and those specific to our class. So do your best to come to Ithaca June 7-10. We'll miss you if you aren't there. Any questions? Check the website or contact our reunion chairs at rivbirch@windstream.net. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://www.cornellclassof52.org>.

53 Besides those several '53 classmates who attend every reunion (or almost every) with CRC (aka Continuous Reunion Club), quite a few of us work in extra reunions by attending beyond the standard every-five-year plan with the class of a spouse. **Dick Halbertstadt** had an extra reason to join his fair lady, **Peg (Jones) '56**, and her contemporaries for the revels of June 2011. He and his reunion co-chair **Caroline Mulford** Owens are well under way to building a better 60th Reunion (it's June 6-9, 2013). That's just over a year from

now. They'd welcome volunteer helpers. Dick and Peg also made it to a pre-reunion Cornell Adult University (CAU) astronomy session as reunion and '56 people approached.

Dick takes a light-hearted approach to many things, including the Internet, which, in his hands, conveys much that is worth sharing, such as the cartoon which, if memory serves, was entitled "The First Senior Moment on Record." It shows a pair of creatures perched atop what appears to be the tip of a mountain peak as rising waters reach the tips of their tails. They're viewing a crammed ark bound for the horizon. ("Oh dear," says one, roughly, "was that today?") Speaking of viewing wildlife, **Bill Gratz** and Jay Bruno attended the seasonal migration of birds at Cape May, NJ, with CAU, not to mention the pre-reunion.

Bill noticed, and kindly directed attention to, a photo of **Polly Hospital Flansburgh '54** in the Sunday, December 4 *New York Times*. She was pictured in the modern-style home her noted architect husband, the late **Earl '53**, BArch '54, designed in 1963. The *Times* reported that the Historic New England group had helped Polly obtain an easement—a legal agreement ensuring that her house "cannot be torn down or significantly altered, even if it gets new owners . . . not far from where Henry David Thoreau (inspired by Ralph Waldo Emerson) built his cabin in the woods." Center-chimney colonials, saltboxes, and such grow there now. Polly has even been able to see that the landscaping would survive since it is part of Earl's home design.

You may remember Earl's 27 years as chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees' Building and Properties Committee and as architect of Cornell's acclaimed underground Campus Store, the US Consulate in Turkey, and more than 200 educational facilities. You may also recall his out-duelling Navy's national champion super saber swinger Frank Zimolzak for Georges Cointe's Big Red fencing team.

Your correspondent was wondering a while back how **Jean Van Kleek** Pettigrew (Tryon, NC) was doing. After all, we haven't seen or heard much of her in all these years. So we put in a call. We assured her it was not a call for cash—just a reminder that our 60th isn't so far off. She said life in the foothills of the Great Smokies suits her fine. She has three adult and well-distributed kids and eight grandlings likewise. Jean's active in local art circles. Doesn't hear much from classmates except her Kappa Alpha Theta sister and Van Kleek sister-in-law **Barbara King** Van Kleek. She's doing fine, too, we're told.

A football season that began with a win ran into bumps. Inch-by-inch it improved and finished with victories that made history. Soph quarterback **Jeff Mathews '14**, unanimously chosen 2010 Ivy League rookie of the year, earned the Asa S. Bushnell Cup as Ivy League offensive player of the year 2011. The defensive player of the year was a Harvardian. After eight games, the Big Red had won three. Columbia came to apple country from the Big Apple and went home whopped, 62-41, most points in one game for Cornell since 1936 (Coach Carl Snavelly's first game, a 74-0 bashing of Alfred. His 1939 team was ranked tops in the nation by many. In '40, it voted to quit claim to a win won on an extra—fifth—down.)

The '11 season ended at Franklin Field, when Cornell quashed the Quakers of Penn, 48-38. That made 110 points in two weeks. Mathews set a Cornell season record that day with 548 yards passing. That smashed the existing record of 521



yards passing, which he had established at the expense of the pride of the Columbia Lions the previous week. Mathews and company kept it interesting. They scored frequently from far up the field. He set a Big Red season passing record with 3,412 yards and 25 touchdowns. Many may choose to consider that when deciding whether to join us at Homecoming this year, since Mathews and a flock of quick, dodgy, sure-handed—in short, brilliant—young receivers return for two more years. And there are more in the pipeline. You could say the future is promising.

Old Redders **Todd Kolb**, **Vince Giarrusso**, **Bob Dilatash**, and guys like **Jeff Fleischmann '51**, **MEd '55**, **Walt Bruska '50**, **Dick Loynd '50**, **Frank Bradley '50**, and **Jack Rogers '49** of the 1948-52 teams were in Ithaca to relish the 31-7 Cornell win over Wagner, which had walked all over coach Kent Austin's guys, 41-7, in his debut the year before—and to savor the pleasure of each others' company in an annual event. Playing last year's Homecoming game at night wiped out our time-honored Fifties Saturday dinner. As of this writing (last December) it was devoutly to be hoped that the dinner would be restored. We may even know by the time you see this. Let us hope. Anyway, readers of this space will be among the first to know. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 **Warren Heilbronner** continues working with a Rochester law firm that is active in various nonprofit organizations. Being of counsel gives him the opportunity to mingle with the younger generation. Although not retired, his activities with the Big Red Band and the Dramatic Club suggest options if he ever does. Ten years ago the Heilbronners upsized so they would have a larger home that could accommodate all visiting grandchildren, should they come calling. His most consuming volunteer work is as chairman of the trustees of NYSARC, the largest nonprofit trust in the country serving people with disabilities. His bucket list: staying active in sports (tennis and golf), nonprofits, and carving out time for more vacations. **Walt Lewis**, MD '60's notes are always uplifting. His holistic work with cancer patients continues to be gratifying and very positive. He and Patty lead their balanced lives between homes in Hawaii and Santa Barbara, their California residence being, as Walt says, an organic mini-farm.

Sondra Dreier Kozinn's Israel family keeps expanding and her trips keep multiplying. She travels long distances to see her great-grands. **Elisavietta Artamonoff** Ritchie Farnsworth's life's work/passion can be summed up in a few words: writer, poet, mentor, and editor. Her work may be viewed via her website: www.elisavietta.com. Homes in Washington and in the countryside of southern Maryland offer her opportunities to reach different groups of writers. **Robert** and **Wendy Witherell Hill '55** have yet to retire to the southlands. Bob prefers to manage his tree farm in Vermont and fly to visit Cornell folk such as Betty and **Herb Bool** (Phoenix, AZ) who have sought to live in milder climes. On his wish list is another bike trip to Moab, UT, and more western skiing. Yes, Virginia, western powder is softer than the ice and rocks of New England. **Barbara Johnson** Gottling, of the Cornell Chimes doorbell (we do wish she would patent it and let us share), continues to be the very cornerstone of music in the city of

Cincinnati. I have loved Barb's Christmas cards for years, as I have watched her very talented offspring and grands grow. The accompanying letters fill in their lives and accomplishments. One of the true perks of this appointment.

Jim Ritchey did not mention any hurricanes this fall, so I assume their desire to downsize is not due to the weather doing it for them. Jim mentioned that working his way through the Ag school at Cornell was a second education, equal to his course work and campus activities. I think many of us would second that. His volunteer job at the local all-volunteer library has been phased out as the county has taken over. Ervin and **Letetia Holloway** Brown retired to the city of Baltimore from a smaller town and are enjoying its many opportunities. Letetia enjoys her involvement with CAU and the local alumni activities, both of which have united her with old friends and opened doors to new ones. She still works as a hospital chaplain and volunteers at the local city schools. **Richard Gill** has not retired from his law practice and still resides in Liberty.

Jason Pearl, JD '56's latest travel adventure was by train, not plane. This trip was via the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Beijing to Moscow—and I thought it only ran west to east. Having traveled extensively on all seven continents, finding unique places is growing more difficult. At-risk first graders still benefit from Jason's tutoring, and I'm sure his grandson, a high school senior, can request his advice on college applications. I'll bet every organization would love to have volunteers like **Kenneth Sheldon**, who has been with his church and fire department for 53 years. **Bill Pinchbeck** divides his time between Guilford, CT, and Montpelier, VT, and attends Rotary in each location. That has led to a couple of trips to Peru and a joint effort with La Molina Vieja Rotary in Lima, Peru, where they have installed biosand filters to more than 5,000 homes. It is worth a trip to Google to read more of the biosand filter and its use around the world. Bill reads to his grands twice a week and takes them on intergenerational Elderhostel programs.

Bill Embury operates a four-man manufacturer's representative group covering nine mid-western states. When it gets too chilly in Missouri, the Embury cruise in warmer latitudes. On his wish list: a two-week fishing trip to Alaska with Bill Jr. and returning to campus for reunion, where a room at the Statler will be waiting. After thirty-eight years in Syracuse at SUNY Upstate Medical U., **Robert Levine**, MD '58, has moved to Boston U. School of Medicine, where he works at the Medical Center Liver Clinic. Wish list: short vacations in warmer climates. **Larry Grolnick**, MD '58, still practices psychiatry in White Plains. **Stephen Williams** has retired from golf course supervision, but not from overseeing his choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm as he has for 50 years. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 **Gordon White** is one busy guy! He was married for the fifth time last November. "One wife ran off with another man and three others succumbed to a heart attack, cancer, and a stroke. The newest Mrs. White, Patricia Moore, is only 56, so perhaps she will live as long as I do. Henry VIII had six wives and I hope not to match his record. At least none of mine have lost their heads!" (Nor has Gordie lost his sense of humor.) The new Mrs.

White, a 20-year Navy veteran, knows her way around a tool box and accompanies Gordon and his 1948 Kurtis Offenhauser racing car to the vintage races. Having written seven books on auto racing history, Gordie is now working on a project that "tops my bucket list," the history of his own family, which includes the leader of the Pilgrims, the bourbon whiskey king of Kentucky in the 19th century, and an Episcopal clergyman who lost his church for picketing the Bishop of New York in 1930. "No horse thieves, but one ancestor was fined 30 silver shillings for selling liquor to the Indians." Gordie concludes, "I'll see everyone in 2015 when I hope to again cox 'the old guys' eight for the Alumni Row."

Martha Gorman King and her husband, **Bruce, PhD '57**, missed our 55th Reunion but, like Gordie, hope to make the 60th. The Kings are happy to be "living in Paradise as we do, on the Gulf Coast of Florida." **Joan Fellerman** Hartz was also sorry to have missed our last reunion, "but I'm looking forward to our 60th!" Joan counts herself "very fortunate to have been able to ride out the bumps I've encountered thus far—I continue to travel, work, and cherish all who are dear." **Don Marshall**, BA '58, keeps up with friends at their local ROMEO Club luncheons (Retired Old Men Eating Out); **Arthur Yelon** continues to enjoy working with graduate students and doing research in Montreal—"and for the moment, at least, I continue to have funding for this," he adds.

Lawrence "Pat" Conlon reports he's keeping out of trouble since his wife, **Connie (Salm)**, requires him to be home before dark! Pat also says that **Hal Fountain** has a pair of Red Devon oxen for sale. Any takers? The last we heard, **Fred McFarlin** was updating his passport in anticipation of a planned one-month visit to Spain last April, and is still involved in youth lacrosse. He had a hip replacement, goes to the gym twice a week, and says his health remains A+. Can't ask for more! We send condolences to **Rosemary Manno Bortko**, whose husband, **Walter '52**, died in April 2010 and was buried in the Sarasota, FL, national cemetery. Rosemary is a member of the Cornell Alumni Association and attended Zinck's Night with a large group of alumni at a venue overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. She talked with **Hope Herman** Wurmfeld about being alone after 56 years of marriage, a difficult transition for many classmates these days.

The death of **John Buchanan '54**, JD '58, last May was reported by his wife, **Winifred (Shaw)**; and Deirdre Winters told us that her husband, **William Winters**, MD '59, died last February. Our condolences go out to you. **Martha Bliss** Safford has been writing poetry and was planning to self-publish a volume of poems. Her first poem was written during—and about—the long ride from Cornell back to Boston. Skiing is a big priority for Marty, her husband, their children and spouses, and the couple's grandchildren. "We've had wonderful huge family reunions at Richmond, VT, near Burlington." **Lorraine Silverman** Abrash, PhD '66, says "things are looking up" for her after a rough three years with medical issues (knee and hip). And good news from **Harold Cool**, who was being treated for non-Hodgkins lymphoma: he's entering his seventh year post-chemo.

Ann Busch Githler retired from work in the health field (physician assistant at the V.A. hospital in Albany and EMT in Rochester before that). She reports the "awesome experience" of traveling to Easter Island in July 2010 to see a total solar eclipse. Ann adds that she loves reading the books that the class sends out. She's looking forward to

reading *Homer and Langley*—and hopes that her house will never look like theirs! After being widowed for 17 years, **Carol Edlund** Pierce married; she lives in Bloomington, IN, volunteers with hospice, and serves as co-chair of the gourmet group of the University Club. **Judith Silverman** Duke is still editor/publisher of *Advanced Technology Libraries*, a monthly newsletter on information technology relevant to libraries. She looks forward to the annual family vacation, this year in Myrtle Beach.

Jim Petzing writes that he keeps in touch via e-mail with fraternity brothers **Carl Young**, **George Shear**, BArch '56, **Frank Dill**, MD '63, **Ned Arps**, MBA '57, **Bill Boyle**, MBA '56, and **Burt Smart** (a great Phi Kap group!). When he wrote, Jim and Cheryl were recently returned from a seven-day cruise on the Celebrity *Solstice* and already planning their next trip, to sail from Venice to Monte Carlo on the Regent *Voyager* in September. "We have an extra bedroom for '55 visitors," Jim concludes. Thanks for keeping us up-to-date on your news. I'll have more next time! ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 After writing this column for almost 50 years, I now have an opportunity to write about a person whom we all admire, **Charles Feeney**. Out of respect for Chuck and his desire for anonymity, he never appeared in my columns despite all he has done for Cornell. We are all aware of the amazing gift he gave to help finance Cornell's new Tech Center in New York City. This is on top of everything else he has done for Cornell, most of which is little known. This writing, however, has little to do with money. It has to do with a wonderful person who has touched many in his lifetime.

Although I, and others, see him rarely due to his busy schedule, he is a person of tremendous loyalty to those he has known over the years. His wry sense of humor and modesty makes for a person who is a joy to be with. He has been a wonderful father to his children, imbuing them with the traits of charity and kindness that is his hallmark. My daughter **Susan Kittenplan '85** and his daughter **Juliette Feeney** Timsit '84 were roommates at Cornell and remain friends today. Susan has always looked forward to Juliette coming to New York. When it was officially known that Chuck had given so generously to our university, it gave me a chance to say what we all wanted to say: Thank you, Chuck—for being our classmate, for everything you have done for Cornell on our behalf, and most of all, for being you.

When **Curt Reis** brought to my attention that **Barlow Ware '47** had passed away, it brought to mind some wonderful memories that I know were shared by many in our class. Barlow was almost the first person you saw upon arriving on campus in September. His amazing smile and personal recognition told you that you were at home at your college once again. Barlow was the voice of the Big Red at many sporting events, but he was much more than that. He was Mr. Cornell Ambassador. He was at almost all of our major class events, and we will never forget that. May he rest in peace. I was also moved by the recent passing of **Daniel Cohen**, JD '58. Dan was at Reunion and was as happy being on the campus as anyone. Those of us who knew him send our sympathy to his family.

Orlando Turco, the great Cornell wrestler, still lives in Ithaca and is retired after 35 years as a science teacher and wrestling coach. He is now

with Warren Real Estate and is a Cornell wrestling booster. He has six children and five grandchildren. **Nancy Sonn** Cooper, BS '80, writes, "Just got back from a beautiful trip in the Dordogne. It was a home exchange with my home in Santa Fe. Have done several: NYC, Boston, Key West, Austria. Anyone out there interested?"

Good for **Francesca de Gogorza** Moravcsik (South Burlington, VT): She won first place (in the women's 75-79 age group) at the 2011 National Track and Field Championships in Berea, OH: "Discuss: 61' 3". Bronze in shot and hammer. Also first place in the Massachusetts State Senior Games in discus and shot. It makes keeping fit seem purposeful, besides staying alive." This is one of the most amazing items I've ever had in this column. I'm thinking of getting back into shape! **Leo Convery** (Edgartown, MA) still works in real estate on Martha's Vineyard. He winters in Ft. Lauderdale and was on his way to Iceland as I wrote this column. We enjoyed a lunch on Martha's Vineyard last summer, and he had just returned from taking his extended family to England, where he rented a large house near Falmouth. "Had a great time, with interactions of all ages—10 to 78." Good for him.

Joan Hillsley MacKenzie (Redondo Beach, CA) is an outpatient psychiatrist, working with children and adults, and is past president of the local South Bay Psychiatric Society. She also spends nearly 21 weeks in timeshares in Las Vegas and Palm Springs (where she is treasurer of a resort) and visits her brother in a wilderness area near Seneca Lake in New York. Joan and her husband have been married for 27 years. **Peg Jones Halberstadt** writes that she and husband **Dick '53** are living in a retirement community in Cincinnati: "Wonderful people and much to do." She continues as a docent in the Cincinnati Art Museum, which she had done for 20 years. "In October 2010, I went to Russia with a docent group, and in 2011 the docents went to China. Museums aplenty!" Peg and Dick have nine grandchildren, five of them in five different colleges.

Martha Bentel Lovell is finishing her 11th year as a Kaiser Hospital volunteer and writes that she is on a "permanent vacation in Sun City—Roseville, CA." Martha and her husband take mostly short trips with their travel club and are planning to see Alaska in 2012. Their four children and seven grandchildren live close by. A long note from **Patricia Hamm** Finstad (Sarasota, FL) tells of her interesting careers. She owned two retail businesses, worked for P & G, as well as Dow Chemical, and held several civil service functions in the Dept. of Social Services. In retirement, Patricia became a Tai Chi instructor and teaches up to seven classes a week—for hospice staff, in adult education, in retirement communities, and privately. She publishes a weekly newsletter with items of interest to the spiritual, holistic, and arts segments of the community. Recent travel: "In the past decade I've traveled to India, Turkey, Israel, Bali, and London. Planning another India trip next year."

James Yates is still doing plastic cosmetic surgery after 45 years. "Have also received *Harrisburg* (PA) *Magazine's* 'Simply the Best' plastic surgeon honor for the past five years." James is chief of plastic surgery at Holy Spirit Hospital and medical director at Grandview Surgery Center, both in Camp Hill. He loved Reunion and recently took a trip to Rome. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte is retired in Reston, VA. "I am promoting a new organization, 'Reston for a Lifetime', establishing services that enable residents to remain in their homes long into retirement years." Bonnie was at Reunion and

also recently cruised the Sea of Cortez and along the Mexican Pacific Coast. She was looking forward to an upcoming cruise with New Jersey relatives on the *Queen Mary II* to Quebec and back.

Woody Bliss (formerly **Powell Woodward**) reminded me of all the craziness that went on in Boldt Tower when we were freshmen. He told the story of a dorm neighbor who squirted lighter fluid on the hall floor and under our doors—and lit it. Now I must admit that, with my still good memory, that incident has skipped my mind, but I guess I lived to write this column! Woody is surely a happy man. He writes from his home in Montague, MA, that his wife, Sarah, is the joy of his life. "Much sweet, good fortune has landed me here in beautiful Western Massachusetts." **Lewis Klotz** (Teaneck, NJ) writes that his grandson, **David Grossman '15**, is in the Engineering college. His mother, **Paige Klotz** Grossman '82, completes the three generations. He loved Reunion and hopes to be back in 2016! Phyllis joins me in sending our best to you all. ☐ **Stephen Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com.

57 Congratulations to **Phil Gravink**, who has been elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame. For 14 years, Phil was president of the Loon Mountain Corp. in Lincoln, NH, working closely with its founder, Sherman Adams, former governor of New Hampshire and chief of staff to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Phil and Shirley will attend the induction banquet in April in Seattle.

On the day after Thanksgiving last year, **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, **Phil McIndoo**, **Gil Schlerf '55**, **Ed** and **Adelaide Russell Vant**, **Bernie** and **Chris Zeller** Lippman, and **Marty** and **Sue Breslow** Dillon gathered at a restaurant near Madison Square Garden for dinner before the Big Red hockey team played Boston U. at a packed MSG. Cornell played well, but came up short in overtime, 2-1. Speaking of sports, my lacrosse teammate, "tough" **Tony Tewes**, played golf in northern Michigan last summer with **Al Suter**, MBA '59. Tony spends the winters in Stuart, FL, playing more golf and some racquetball. He also took his son fly-fishing in Siberia last summer.

Myron Green and **Chuck LaForge** both list Florida golfing as current recreations. Chuck read well over 50 books on his Kindle last year, and reports that the reunion of mid-1950s Hotel school grads continues annually, usually in Florida. I've always thought **Paul Noble** was the most imaginative member of our class and that seems to be confirmed by Paul and Paulette's having written most of the songs for the "Palm Beach Centennial Follies," in which Paul performed, too. He is still active in the Palm Beach County Film and TV Commission, and it would be easier to list the continents that he and Paulette have NOT visited in the last year.

Dwight Emanuelson has done something I'll bet no other classmate has done: scuba dive 228 feet deep in the Florida Straits off Cuba. He has also scuba dived off as many continents as Paul Noble has visited on land. If you are touring the Smithsonian Museum, look for **Jeff Gorman**, who volunteers in the American history section on a weekly basis. He also is involved in practicing "geriatric medicine" on aging nuclear power plants, specifically in the areas of corrosion and chemistry issues. **Jim** and **Sharie Broadhead** spend the winter in Florida, and last summer Jim taught an adult education course at Colby-Sawyer College

in New Hampshire. **Duane Dann** is also active in the senior world, working with two groups in the Skaneateles area. **Martin** and **Laurie Bloch Schwartz '59** retired ten years ago, and they have moved from Long Island to the Berkshires in Massachusetts; they spend summers in Rancho Mirage, CA. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Are you getting things in gear for June? It will be here before you know it. If you're one who enjoys early-bird dining, you'll be happy to know there's early-bird registration for reunion. **Rita Feldman** Cohen is planning on attending. Rita still does private tutoring for SAT and ACT exams and is active in the northern New Jersey Cornell Club, along with **Barbara Flynn** Shively. Barbara took a river cruise from Paris to Provence last July with the Morris Choral Society. She developed an interest in geology while at Cornell and is currently taking a course on the geology of New Jersey. Her volunteer work is with the Morristown Musical Orchestra and a service project for the Women's Club.

Jane Taber Gillet has been busy writing a children's book on growing up in a veterinarian's family and putting together photo albums for each of her seven grandchildren. **Carol (Elis) and Bob Kurzman, JD '57**, divide their time between Scarsdale and Florida, where Carol still works on her golf game. With Bob's retirement coming soon the Kurzmans are looking to move to Connecticut after 40 some years in their New York home so they can be closer to children and grandchildren. When **Nancy Kressler** Lawley isn't selling real estate, she's also working on her golf game, keeping up with her nine grandchildren, and traveling. From their Marina del Rey, CA, home **Donald '56** and **Celia Kandel Goldman** have also done some traveling—to Hawaii and Europe. Celia has been enjoying her service on the board of directors of Curriculum Associates, where she worked for 35 years.

Elaine Meisner Bass is doing what a lot of us may be doing these days—going to doctors—but still found the energy to take a cruise last year from Stockholm to Copenhagen with **Marvin, MA '55**, and their youngest grandchild. An activity from Cornell days that has become an “essential part of my retirement”: bridge. **Donald** and **Gabrielle Kirsch McGhee** (Holland Patent, NY) both volunteer at Hope House, a local soup kitchen, and travel to Arkansas to help out at the Heifer Int'l Ranch. If you're ever in East Aurora on a summer evening you may see **Sue Shindler** Hillier and her husband driving down the village Main Street in their 1931 Ford Coupe, with the grandchildren enjoying a ride in the rumble seat. **Paul '55, MD '59**, and **Joanne Field Bleakley** (Geneva, NY) have set a new record for themselves in the running department. Having run in all 50 states, they tackled the Canadian provinces this past fall, covering 5,000 miles. One of Jo's volunteer activities is to work with parents in jail who read to their children on tape. The book and tape are then delivered to the kids. ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 It's good to have some News notes in hand at year's end. Every 'mate who wrote is either working, semi-working and volunteering, traveling, painting, writing, sailing, enjoying growing families, or active in combinations thereof. A good example is **Jack Weaver** (weaverjack@comcast.net), busy as a board member for a specialty plastics manufacturer, a business instructor at

Esperanza College of Eastern U., a docent at the country's oldest zoo, and a science presenter at the Franklin Inst., while also finding time to sing in two community choruses. Jack would like to hear from **Len Harlan**, **Judith Bower** Carberry, and **Bill Rau**. **Bill** and **Sandy Thomas Meyer** are more good examples, having traveled a good part of the globe together, Sandy as an art major still painting, with two studios in south Florida, also doing murals and commissions. The Meyers enjoy boating and try to get to the Bahamas every year when not painting, enjoying and refereeing tennis, or visiting two nearby daughters and grandchildren. **Gerald Mandell, MD '62**, and his wife, **Judy (Rensin) '61**, live far out in the Virginia countryside, but Gerald is an emeritus med school professor (gm@virginia.edu). He writes, “Still too busy updating our infectious diseases textbook, going to med meetings, working in the woods, rowing,

bono as a judicial hearing officer in Upstate New York (Honeoye Falls), when not traveling worldwide for fishing trips and, last fall, photographing wildlife on safari in East Africa. **Dorothy Mitchell Ackerman** (dcdmacker@yahoo.com) sends word that her husband, **Don '57**, died last April. We're sorry to learn that, Dorothy. Furniture refinishing helps keep her busy, along with teaching and activity with the Democratic Women of Clifton (VA), as Dorothy is thinking about relocating to Charleston, where one of her sons lives. **Robert Hanna Jr.** reports that his challenges include “finding enough time to do everything and remembering what it was I wanted to do.” He retired several years ago with his wife, Eileen, to Ponte Vedra, FL, where he enjoys “no state income tax or snow shoveling.” He would like to hear from fellow Chem E **Walter Wills** and other 'mates at rchshanna@aol.com.

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John Seiler '57

swimming, exercising, and trying to keep up with our nine grandchildren.” He reports that all three of their children are Cornellians and that the grandparents are “working on the grandkids.”

Another Gerald and physician is **Gerald Freedman**, who was off to Paris and a Rhone River cruise last September, then to Florida to celebrate a daughter's completion of medical studies, then to visit Cuba. Gerry's art activity gets him into bronze sculpting and he won third place in a recent Connecticut art show. Gerry also finds time to teach city kids about sailing and the environment by helping to sail a tall ship out of New Haven. One of our physicians, “working more than ever,” he says, is **Martin Steinberg**: “I still enjoy it despite the woes of the National Institutes of Health and grant funding.” **Leslie Taylor** works as a family research assistant, having retired after 45 years as a civil servant. Leslie visited far western China with a group from CAU last spring and has been a docent at the National Air and Space Museum for the past 15 years.

Barbara Wood Gray (bleewzg@gmail.com) and husband Bob are “making big and welcome changes—downsizing from our beautiful home in rural Arizona to a retirement resort in Tucson.” They're waiting for the real estate market to settle down before getting on with it. Barbara recalls how much her comparative religions study and CURW have meant to her life as she continues in coaching spiritual direction, facilitating a centering prayer group, and volunteering with a charitable group (standrewsclinic.org) “treating roughly 200 Mexican children a month, all with volunteer medical providers and all in a church.” On the singing front, **Liz Fuchs** Fillo (lizfillo@yahoo.com) planned a one-woman cabaret for her 75th birthday and still sings with Cayuga's Waiters every June at reunions; we'll see her in '13. She continues to be active in Planned Parenthood in the Princeton, NJ, area.

Another retired activist is **Philip Dattilo Jr.** (pldattilo@frontiernet.net), performing trials pro

Tom Nytych, DVM '58, husband of **Carolyn (King)**, sent in a fine update on his and Carolyn's lives of the last several years. Via a few excerpts we report that Tom “retired fully from a great job as state liaison to Cornell's Vet College, looking after various state programs that are run through university facilities, lecturing, and meeting with students and faculty regularly.” Unfortunately, the state cut that job, granting a not-completely-happy Tom more time for fix-up jobs, serving on the NYS education department's board for veterinary medicine, and continued singing, now more than 30 years, with the Madrigal Choir of Binghamton.” Carolyn is busy with services to mentally disabled people and active on the board of the local chapter of ARC. She also participates in a close-knit group of “senior ladies” doing behind-the-scenes good, charitable works, and recently has gotten into genealogy, using websites quite effectively, Tom says.

Ken Wing, PhD '66 (Freeport, ME; wingke@comcast.net) and his wife, Sharon, celebrated their 40th anniversary with a week-long cruise from Seattle to Alaska. Ken says that they had a wonderful trip and enjoyed traveling with **Bob Caldwell '59** and his wife, Elaine. Ken reports that his fraternity, Alpha Zeta, continues to play a part in his life. Upon his “total retirement from the workforce” (after his post-career of teaching hospitality management at Monroe College for nine semesters), **Chuck Hunt** and wife Suzy have relocated permanently to Vero Beach, FL. Chuck can be contacted at echunt@aol.com, as he's hoping to connect with classmates and other Cornellians in the area.

After citing 39 very good reasons against visiting his last nine countries—the Nasty Nine he calls them—**Al Podell** naturally has decided to go. If he survives (about which he admits having some concern), Al should be back before you read this in early 2012. Al, all we can say at this writing, as you leave in late November, is to keep close to your hired armed sharpshooter and bodyguards, lay

low, blend in, avoid kidnapers, and by all means, enjoy the trip. We'll be watching for your updates along the way and your safe return. Meanwhile, some of the 'mates of '58 will have gathered in Washington, DC, in late January at the annual CALC meeting to continue ideas and plans for reunion in 2013. We trust you all have reunion on your calendars, or at least firmly in mind. Reports will soon be heard from president **Bill Standen** and our co-chairs **Meyer Gross** (meyergross@yahoo.com) and **Renni Bertenthal** Shuter (renni1@charter.net) and in this column in the near future. Cheers to all. □ **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; and **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 Last June, **Paddy Hurley** was invited to go to Deschappelles, Haiti, with a group of Essex, CT, neighbors to coach the Fanfare Band, a group of musicians in the town. "We knew little about them as far as their ability to read music, only that they play together for funerals and celebratory events, and were in need of new instruments and equipment. We were offered funding by Sigma Alpha Iota, an international music fraternity for women,

‘Al Bruce and wife Noreen are “renovating an 1860 five-bedroom Victorian monster.”’

Susan Williams Stevens '61

which enabled us to purchase music instruction books, instruments, and equipment. I worked with the musicians twice each day, aided by several musicians from Essex, who were invaluable during the rehearsal process. I tried to teach in French, and when I failed my good friend Jenifer Grant translated into Creole. The men were inquisitive, hardworking, and extremely grateful for our help. At the end of the week we put on a concert for the community that included arrangements of 'Amazing Grace' and 'Home on the Range' made especially for them." Paddy also reports that her daughter and family moved to Deep River, CT, in August, so she has four of her five grandkids nearby; the fifth is a pre-med freshman at the U. of Florida in Gainesville.

Sam and **Celinda Cass** Scott (Indiana, PA) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June 17. "Our parents and grandparents were not that fortunate. I wonder if this is true of others," writes Celinda. "Friends say that in their teens, the rare couples they knew of who celebrated golden wedding anniversaries seemed 'old.' But our friends don't feel 'old' at all! Nor do we!" Another milestone celebrated by the Scotts was the 100th anniversary of the purchase of their family vacation house in North East, PA. "My cousins and their children and grandchildren, and our children and grandchildren, were almost all able to attend the celebration, which was the July 4 weekend. My maternal grandparents bought the two acres plus house (built in 1832) in 1911 as a get-away from smoky Pittsburgh. It was only a few hours by train from the city, and many other families from Pittsburgh had similar summer refuges. Passenger trains don't stop there anymore, but

it's less than three hours by car from our home in Indiana—which, by the way, is grape country now, with lots of wineries."

Since **Bill** and **Sue Phelps Day '60**, MEd '62, moved to the San Francisco Bay Area two years ago to be near their daughter and her family, they have gotten together with several '59ers in the area. "We have had dinner visits with **Don '58** and **Dale Rogers Marshall** and with Sharon and **Bill Bynum '58**. Sue organized a luncheon to which we invited Cornell alums from the classes of 1955–65. We had a good turnout, including **Phyl Corwin** Rogers. Sue hopes to organize additional Cornell events in the Bay Area for our decade. If you'd like to be invited, please contact me at billday3@comcast.net." Bill, through his consulting company Longview Energy Associates, still works in the field of gas turbines for electric power generation, as he did during his corporate career. He also is managing director of the Gas Turbine Association, the trade association he founded in 1995, and works part-time for the US Dept. of Energy. On a pro bono basis he helps run the annual gas turbine conferences (part of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers). In connection with these conferences he and Sue take some side trips: last

state's economy and "our Legislature's 47 percent approval rating is the highest in the nation—very different from the US Congress." Bill took time off from his job in October to spend 12 days in Italy with his wife, Diane, on what he describes as "a pilgrimage—very meaningful." After their return, they "hosted breakfast for **Jan Van Heiningen** and **Jack Keefe** and family. It was nice to catch up. And our two Hotelie friends agreed to be part of our food and beverage effort for the 55th Reunion, so plan to attend—it will be a good event." Bill's four children live in Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and California, and three family members are currently in the military, including a son who is an Army colonel and travels constantly to visit units around the world, and a son-in-law who is a battalion commander now deployed in Afghanistan.

Another hard-working classmate is **Raoul Sudre**, who asserts, "I am not retired at all. I am probably busier now than ever!" On behalf of his company, Aspen Resorts Int'l, he travels widely—close to 200,000 miles last year, he says—lecturing at spa trade shows, designing spas in hotels and medical venues, and working with developers creating resorts. "I spend at least three-quarters of my time traveling," says Raoul, "and the rest of the time I live in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. I try to spend as much time as possible with my daughter in Paris." In 2010, he was in Ithaca to open the spa at the Greek Peak Hope Lake Lodge, and says, "It was nice being back there in spite of the fact that most of my friends had moved on."

Arnold Henderson's new book, *Nudes, Metanudes, and Real People: A Book of Photographs and Words*, can be found and "paged through" for free on the website www.blurb.com by clicking on "bookstore" and then searching for his name or the title. Returning to his "sidelines" of photography and poetry in retirement from his career as a college teacher and then editor for environmental and engineering texts, Arnold said that he plans subsequent books that will focus on his "photographic observations of the Oakland, CA, inner city in the 1960s (where I set up a photography program for minority youth) and my serio-comic poem series 'The Monkey and the Moon.'" Other classmates reporting on successful creative projects include: **Edythe Haendel** Schwartz, whose poem "Resist" was a winner in the Fall 2011 poetry contest run by Persimmon Tree, an online magazine of the arts for women over 60; **Jill Weber**, who had her second exhibition of paintings in late fall 2011 at the Stephan Stoyanov Gallery in New York City; and **Nancy Clearwater** Herman, a painter whose work was included in a summer show at the Wayne, PA, Art Center.

Barbara Baillet Moran is pleased to say that she has now completed a major undertaking mentioned in a previous column, helping one of "the 'lost boys of Sudan' shape and edit his memories of the terrifying experience of long years spent fleeing Northern Sudanese bombs, lions, and hyenas in the jungles of Africa before arriving in the US in 2004." The book, entitled *Journey of Faith*, was issued by Trafford Publishers in 2011; its author, Anthony Majok, is now a US citizen, husband, and father. Barbara's other recent projects include working with her New York City son to design and create "a rooftop garden complete with fruit trees, vegetable and flower gardens, and arbors," which is often used for fundraising events. Her eldest son lives near Barbara in Greensboro, NC, her daughter and her family are in the Baltimore area, and another son is in Washington, DC. "We are happy to

60 **Bill Flanagan** (Colonial Heights, VA) writes, "Things are always fast-paced here," largely because he occupies a demanding position as chief of staff to the Virginia House Majority Leader. He is proud to note that things are going well in the

visit often," she says. "They all live in such interesting cities."

Caryl Koerper McAllister writes that she and **Stratton '55**, PhD '61, had what can only be described as "an interesting year" beginning in December 2010, when they started a three-week tour of antiquities in Egypt and Jordan. They "saw everything worth seeing from Alexandria south to the monuments in ancient Nubia above the Aswan Dam," before going on to Jordan, where they visited "the famous city of Petra as well as the ancient Roman site at Jarash." Not long after their return to Delafield, WI, "Stratton slipped on some ice, had a serious concussion, and underwent emergency brain surgery. February was filled up with the ICU and the hospital, followed by in-patient rehab; March through May was out-patient rehab." Happily, he is now back to normal and the couple remains busy with their large garden, which includes a stream, waterfall, and a good deal of sculpture, and their hosting of chamber music concerts and informal musical sessions. Said Caryl at the end of 2011, "Here's hoping the next year will involve fewer doctors and much more music and travel."

Leonard Johnson reports that, on the last weekend in September, "**Frank Earl, Jon Emerson, Betty and Ron Roach**, and Patty and I attended the celebration of 100 years of Delta Phi at Llenroc, the house that Ezra Cornell built for himself." Leonard learned that the grandfather of **Peggy Hospital Bramble** was responsible for negotiating the fraternity's purchase of the house from Cornell's granddaughter in 2011. He says that the celebration was a huge success, "with 350 people on hand, including almost 200 brothers. The highlight for me was standing on the lawn singing the 'Evening Song' as the sun set over West Hill. Not a dry eye in the place."

I'm sad to report that **Barbara "Bobbie" Marshall Matthews**, who lived in Somerton Park, Australia, died in early 2011 from esophageal cancer. Among her survivors is her husband, **Eric, PhD '60**, who sent word of her death to the university. Send your news to: [✉ Judy Bryant Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

61 Thanks, classmates, for sending your news. We now have a supply of good stuff for future columns. To start off, we've heard from **Jackie Siegel** Awerman, whose business card says she's a "knitting therapist yarn dancer." She has created a "Knit 2 Quit" smoking cessation program, and adds, "I probably should have stayed in Home Ec." Jackie lived in the Southwest from 1977 to 2005 and she misses the dry heat. While there she founded Cactus Needles Knitting Guild, Phoenix, AZ. In addition she started a group called Blanket Revolutionaries that makes blankets for children, adults, and pets. Jackie would like to hear from **David Marks**, BCE '62, MCE '64.

Our classmates love the Finger Lakes region. **Al Bruce**, BS Ag '65, and wife Noreen are "renovating an 1860 five-bedroom Victorian monster about 90 minutes from alma mater." He "moonlights from retirement for the Hornell, NY, *Evening Tribune*, covering four area school districts." He also writes a weekly humor column for the august publication. Al's first job after graduation was as a police reporter for the Rochester, NY, *Democrat & Chronicle*. Another "local" is **Henrik "Hank" Dullea**, who writes, "As chair of the board of TCAT (Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit Inc.), the bus

system that serves Cornell and the entire county, I'm deeply involved in the negotiation of our expiring contract with the UAW (United Auto Workers) representing our bus operators and mechanics. I also serve as chair of the county's Independent Redistricting Commission, charged with drawing new boundaries for the county legislature based on changed 2010 census numbers, and performing the same task within the City of Ithaca as a member of the City Redistricting Committee."

Jonathan Black finds himself back at Cornell by "taking up a post as a part-time adjunct professor of Biomedical Engineering. Long a dream of mine, I now find myself a 'new boy.' The older buildings look much the same, but there are so many new ones. And so many new small places to eat, not like the old days. I work in Weill Hall, a magnificent white edifice only a few years old. I remember there used to be playing fields where it now stands. The students (mostly I teach and direct design projects in the Master of Biomedical Engineering program) are superb and full of energy and come from a remarkable variety of places and backgrounds. So much stuff to learn by the end of each day, my head hurts from trying to fit it all in. But Cornell is still the amazing place it has always been!"

Ellen Brock Narins (East Aurora, NY) lives in the Buffalo area and is a trustee of East Aurora's historical society. "We operate museums that celebrate our local heroes—Millard Fillmore and Elbert Hubbard." She is still managing her husband's medical practice. Not far from Niagara Falls is **Mary Ann Tower** Rolland. She is retired, but keeps busy promoting historic preservation in western New York and exploring the local Underground Railroad. She enjoys Presbyterian church activities, visiting grandchildren, and trips to see friends. "Thinking about a move, researching historic buildings in the area, Rhodes Scholar program at Chautauqua, NY." She would like to be in touch with **Sandy Perrot**.

Catherine "Catie" Graeffe Burke writes that she leads a quiet life, then proceeds to say that though she has retired from teaching at USC, she still sees doctoral students through their dissertations. "I guess old professors never stop writing or doing research, so that continues. My last book was *Systems Leadership: Creative Positive Organizations* with co-authors Ian Macdonald and Karl Stewart. Current work continues on work performance management, organizational structures and systems, as well as a textbook for public administrators. My other major activity is working with the Aerospace Corp., a federally funded research and development center where they are helping local governments in the development of automated transit networks (ATN). My early work reported in the book *Innovation and Public Policy: The Case of Personal Rapid Transit* studied some of the early ATNs and the political issues that effectively blocked their development. For anyone living in West Virginia, you can see an automated system that was built in Morgantown, WV. It is still called PRT, though in fact it is a group automated system. It seems retirement is as busy as when I was still on the job."

Charles Hecht, LLB '63, is a partner in Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz in NYC, "specializing in complex securities and commercial litigation and SEC transactional work." He is also an active artist with studios in Beijing and Brooklyn. His art is showing in Art Exposition 2011 in Beijing. Charles and wife Leslie enjoy scuba diving, playing golf, and visiting with their six grandchildren. He travels to and from China, as

you may imagine, and on the last trip, he and Leslie spent a week in the Gobi Desert of Outer Mongolia. He's lost contact with **Montgomery Kingsley**, BA '63, and would like to reconnect. In our Nov/Dec column we reported about the activities of **Stephan Minikes**. Sadly, his wife Dede writes that he passed away of cancer on Sept. 24, 2011. Please remember we need to hear from you. [✉ Susan Williams Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:SusanWilliamsStevens@sastevens61@gmail.com); [Doug Fuss, dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

62 Our 50th Reunion is now a little over three months away (June 7-10). Please watch for the registration mailing, which should arrive in late March or early April. Also check the website (cornellclassof62.org) for updated reunion information. Do plan to arrive in time for the Fly on the Wall documentary of classmates' memories at 4:30 on Thursday. **Phil**, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler '65** have done several Cornell videos worth checking out on CornellCast. Be sure to see the AAP '62 video on YouTube under "Reunion 2002 | Cornell AAP '62 Profiles."

Dave Thomas (bear-thomas@msn.com) retired as vice president of Sun Oil. He has a Cornell family: **Dave '87, Derek '90, Darren '97**, and daughter Deborah, plus two daughters-in-law, **Alex Murray Thomas '89** and **Julia Williams Thomas '97**. Dave is enjoying golf and visiting his ten grandkids. Add **Amy Smith** Bryant to the roster of '62 authors. Amy's book, *You CAN Go Home Again*, details her quest for her forebears around the world. Florida is home for Amy now.

Sad news has come of the passing of **Robert Wasilewski** on November 8. His family includes wife Gayle, children **Michael '99** and Christine (Duke '02), and brother **Joe '74**. "Wash" retired in 2009 from Trane Co. as a sales engineer designing shopping center cooling systems. He was project manager for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning National Association, writing industry standards. **Duke Wellington** died October 21 at Hospice House, Bradenton, FL. He had been fighting degenerative brain and spinal diseases for 18 months, "intent on kayaking and playing online bridge again!" He is survived by his wife of 51 years, **Patricia (Padgett)**, three sons, and three grandchildren. Pat (dpwelli@aol.com) adds, "The lodge where we stay in summer was flooded during Hurricane Irene and Duke was carried out in his wheelchair. The rainbow trout he was raising went downstream and were found flopping around in neighbors' driveways. A lot of the rock work he took 17 years to build was destroyed. Not a good year at all, but now I am planning to get on with life, attend our 50th Reunion, and renew old friendships!"

Jeff Blumenthal (djb36@cornell.edu) is working to showcase an exhibit of items created by classmates for our June reunion. This could include books written, art, photographs, etc. Please contact Jeff directly if you have a contribution. Jeff adds, "Our weather was so unsettled in Chicago that I never got to do any trips with my Jewish motorcycle gang, the Chaiway Riders. Usually we do a weeklong trip and some weekenders, but not this year. I'm teaching mathematics at the City Colleges of Chicago, which keeps me very busy and is in line with a lot of my previous volunteer activities with Chicago Public Schools."

Bonnie Graham MacDougall, PhD '73 (bgm1@cornell.edu) may miss reunion because she'll be in Sri Lanka on her third Fulbright. In the '60s, "Scotty and I did a village study there and we followed

it up with more work on subsequent short-term visits. Then I lectured for a term at Peradeniya under a Fulbright about ten years later. I felt that the original research was not fully published, so I am going to be thinking on this trip about reframing it. We got busy doing other things: Scotty became a Cornell dean and an India specialist—he went there 19 times. Then in 1987 Scotty died of cancer; my youngest was 12, so I stuck closer to home and actually developed a European/Italian handle as our Rome Program in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning took off. There was also the matter of the protracted civil war in Sri Lanka. Last year, I thought it would be nice to go back to Sri Lanka and have another look at the original area in which we worked, particularly since there is so much interest in forest conservation there. The Knuckles is a UNESCO heritage site now. So here I am, rather senior, I would say, and without my research companion. I wrote the US Dept. of State introduction to Sinhala 30 years ago. It was a big commitment and interest to let drop for so long, but as we have all found out in one way or another, life intervenes and sometimes, as now, has some pleasant surprises.”

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler met with Bonnie in October in Ithaca. “I had found some old letters filled with stories during my time at Cornell and was anxious to have her concur on the reality! Bonnie, Pete (Dartmouth ’61), and I spent most of Saturday afternoon and dinner together remembering and sharing wonderful stories of our time at Cornell. This is one of the greatest reasons to come back to Cornell, to meet up with all of those lost friends! Getting in touch with classmates before reunion is the best way to ensure they will be there.” **Narby Krimnsnatch** has been sailing the world on his yawl, *Idyllawhile*, and plans to return to Ithaca in June. One of the three Krimnsnatch brothers pictured in our Freshman Register, Narby wrote, “I’ll be there for the kick-off at 4:30 on Thursday and look forward to seeing the rest of the class at the discussion and dinner.” Narby has remained connected to Cornell over the years and did not mention his brothers.

Bill Brozowski (txfarmerbill@yahoo.com) writes, “We enjoyed travel abroad, but terrorism, riots, and plane safety have slowed us down to Hawaii, Yukon, central Alaska, and the US. Even Texas has many wonders and is gigantic. I garden, bird, hunt, volunteer at church; grow flowers, trees and shrubs; ride my ’65 RED Mustang; attend the local 1885 Opera House monthly; keep a small wildlife sanctuary in South Texas; and constantly work on our 80-year-old wood home. We live in a small Czech community west of Houston called Columbus. The sad part is that I never drilled or owned an oil well. The big boys up North bought all the mineral rights and we only get the dry soil and cactus. Being from the Ag school, we drilled for water and didn’t worry about the oil.” See you in Ithaca in June to renew, rejuvenate, and reminisce! **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 As I write this column, I am thinking of an idea for news that will have to wait until next December. If you send a newsy holiday letter, please put my e-mail or home address on your list and send me one, too. It is just this time of year that I start needing news. Also, don’t forget to put June 6-9, 2013 on your calendar for our 50th Reunion.

A Tucson friend, **Neil Kochenour**, MD ’69, is enjoying retirement very much. He lives in Tucson

eight months of the year, Big Sky, MT, three months a year, and London one month each year. We see Neil occasionally. He is quite busy with his activities in Academy Village in Tucson. Another Tucson resident is **Jennifer Patai** Schneider (jennifer@jenniferschneider.com). Until two years ago she was a specialist in chronic pain medicine, but has retired from direct patient care. She is busier than ever. Jennifer is traveling more and having fun, but is spending a lot of time researching various medical areas that are of personal interest to her. One is an increasingly common side effect of anti-osteoporosis drugs. She has created an online support group for people who have had fractures of the femur (thigh bone.) She had it happen to her several years ago, but is doing fine now. Jennifer is also interested in the possible adverse health consequences of egg donation. Her daughter Jessica died of colon cancer at age 31 after undergoing several cycles of ovarian hyper-stimulation, which precedes egg donation. Twice, Jennifer has done a Congressional briefing on the need for a national egg donor registry, the only way that egg donors can have long-term follow up. She also teaches a course several times a year to other physicians on the appropriate prescribing of narcotics for chronic pain. Her son has just completed his master’s degree in linguistics and computer science.

George Padar (gpadar2009@yahoo.com) has been married to a German girl, Ingeborg Jorgas, since 1966 and has lived in Bowie, MD, since then. George was a high school science teacher for 34 years while Ingeborg worked in office management. He was also in the US Army Reserve for 31 years, deployed in “Exercise Reforger” (from RETURN of FORces to GERMANY, an annual exercise conducted during the Cold War by NATO). He served in Germany, Bright Star-Egypt, and Desert Storm. He retired as a colonel. George and Ingeborg have two children. Daughter Nicole received her undergraduate degree in criminal justice from the U. of Maryland and her master’s in international economics from American U. in Washington, DC. She is married with two children. Son Mike is married to Jennifer and has one son; he was in the Army for ten years and entered law enforcement after that. The Padars have traveled extensively in Europe and Hawaii.

Paul and Jean Queneau live in Golden, CO. Paul is president of PB Queneau & Associates Inc. (The Bear Group). He likes to bike, play Texas hold ’em, and visit his cabin in the mountains. **Bruce Craig**, MED ’65 (BMCCRAIG@aol.com) and his wife, Theresa Lambert, live in Heathsville, VA. Bruce is retired from federal service (Administration on Aging for the US Dept. of Health and Human Services) after 46-1/2 years. He and Theresa moved to their weekend house at the mouth of the Potomac River, facing the Chesapeake Bay. **Bill and Frances “Frankie” Campbell Tutt** (ftutt@comcast.net) spend their time traveling, skiing, and visiting their son and family in Santa Fe, NM. Frankie runs the successful Tutt Travel, which means she travels a lot, but also has time for tennis and skiing. Bill is retired, but serving as special advisor to the chief of staff of the Air Force in the volunteer sector. The Tutts ski out of their home in Vail, CO. Bill likes to fly-fish and golf and is about to publish a book. Frankie and Bill’s son, **Ben, MMH ’97**, manages La Posada in Santa Fe, NM. Ben and his wife, Ady, are teaching their two children to ski. Bill and Frankie were guests of Lord Waterford on a trip to Ireland in 2010. Bill went on a pheasant and snipe shoot and actually has a photo of the snipe that he shot.

I received an e-mail from **Joe Brennan** (joseph.a.brennan@comcast.net). The Phi Gamma Delta alums have formed a Yahoo group called “FijinetCornell”, which has 128 e-mail addresses. A mini-Fiji reunion was held in early November at **John “Whip”** and **Karen Gunn’s** home in Chappell Hill, TX. Attending along with Joe were **Charlie** and **Kelly DeRose**, **Blair** and **Pat Crum**, **Norman “Punch”** and **Nancy Smith**, and **Dave Costine**. That’s all for now. Please e-mail me directly with news anytime! **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

64 I contend that climate change has made seasons topsy-turvy. As I write this within a week of Christmas, it’s sunny and relatively mild, not at all typical of Chicago at this time of year. Yet I dare say that as you read this in mid- to late March, the weather might be cold and snowy or at least atypical wherever you are. Whichever, snuggle up or strip down, as the case may be, and enjoy news of your classmates.

Sylvia “Juni” Bowes, MS ’79 (Metairie, LA) writes that she retired in late 2010 after a 48-year career of public school teaching and counseling—then right away stepped into a position with the U. of New Orleans, counseling and otherwise working with local poverty-level high school students who are the first of their respective generations to be on their way to college. Among other activities, Juni visited Houston with 15 of her students. She otherwise has two dogs and cares for her mother, 93. Juni adds: “As I approach our 50th Reunion, I more and more enjoy reading about all the activities of our classmates.” She notes she still keeps in touch with **Susan Mair** Holden and **Jinny Van Wynen** Baeckler, MA ’67, who were on her freshman corridor in Dickson V.

And speaking of Clara Dickson Hall: **Ellen Weiss Feingold**, a homeopathic physician, recalls that after dinner there during freshman year, “the women would stand up at their seats, replace their chairs properly, fold their napkins, and ask to be excused. Quite amazing when you think of it. Why they did those things to us and why we allowed it is a study of mind control.” Ellen and husband **Michael** live in Wilmington, DE, and have four children and 11 grandchildren scattered among homes in Boston, NYC, suburban New Jersey, and Israel, where they lived until 14 years ago and return regularly to visit grandchildren. Ellen is also still active in Hadassah.

Martin Seldman, president of his own executive coaching and training company, reports that *Survival of the Savvy*, the book he co-authored about navigating corporate politics, is a *Wall Street Journal* bestseller. “Buddha” and wife Kelly live in Berkeley, CA, and have two grown children and two grandchildren, plus a teenage son still at home. **David Evans** is CEO and president of Direct Proposal Resources LLC, which provides resources to companies bidding for federal contracts. Dave and his wife live in Reston, VA; they have eight children and seven grandchildren. In 2010, Dave attended his 50th high school reunion in Albany and annually travels with daughter **Jennifer Evans Allard ’93** to the NCAA tourney dubbed the “Frozen Four,” held in Minneapolis last April.

Sandy Vogelgesang is still writing about a variety of international issues, from the role of women in development to public diplomacy. Sandy and husband **Geoffrey Wolfe** still live in Bethesda, MD, and have two children in college. Sandy enjoys

travel (she and Geoffrey were both in the Foreign Service), photography, and genealogy. Their recent travels include a Smithsonian Institution-sponsored tour of Turkey and a cruise through the Panama Canal. Sandy also is active in the President's Council of Cornell Women. **Richard Hecht** is still a consultant on business and tax strategies for closely held businesses and an investment banker and budget advisor to the City of White Plains, NY, which is also home to Dick and wife Susan. Dick is also a retired board member of Story Corp. The Hechts enjoy NYC arts, biking, golf, and travel to such diverse locales as Sicily, Alaska, and the Danube River.

And now for our annual (as it has become) listing of classmates who attended last year's CAU, together with the programs they enjoyed, beginning with the on-campus courses held last summer. Bronze Casting: A Sculpture Studio, **Martin Garfield** and wife Jocelyn; Taking Flight: An Introduction to the World of Birds, **Paul Kruger** and wife Mary. (Note: The birders have to get up and out very early, so they always miss the sumptuous buffet breakfasts, which my husband, Jim, can attest to because he attended the Golf Clinic that same week.) Seasick: The State of the World's Oceans, **Ada Dot Hayes**. Motet, Mass, and Madrigal: A Choral Workshop on Music of the Tudor Era, **Helen Schwartz**. And Evolution, Creationism, and the History of the Earth, **Bruce Wagner**, MEE '66.

And the off-campus CAU Study Tours: New York City (A Spring Theater Weekend), **Robert Goldfarb** and wife Francine; China (Tracing the Great Civilizations of the Silk Road), **Matthew Sonfield** and wife **Judith (Jayson) '66**; Alaska (America's Last Frontier), **Ron Madaras** and wife Karen; Cape May, NJ (The Fall Migration: Birds and their Habitats), **John Ohlweiler**; and Italy (Rome in the Round: The Spaces of Art, Religion, and Battle in Imperial Rome), **Stephen** and **Nancy Lore Einhorn**. That's all for now. Please take a few minutes to share your news via this column. Also be sure to visit our class website (www.cornell1964.org). Send news to me at home or online at: **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 Before we get to classmate news, I would like to pass on a request from **Myron Jacobson**, chairman for our 50th Reunion. Although our 50th is more than three and a half years from now, planning is already under way. To ensure a really special 50th we will need your support. Myron is looking for classmates who would like to work on the following activities: publicity and speakers, registration, decorations, and meals (dinner: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; lunch: Friday and Saturday; breakfast: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Get back to Myron at mjacobson@aol.com if you are interested in working in one or more of these areas so that committees can be formed.

Jean Minskoff Grant is COO/president of a family real estate business in the New York area. She and husband Francis Grant have two granddaughters. Recent travels include France, Turkey, and Argentina. Among Jean's fondest remembrances of her years on the Hill include the great teaching staff and the community of the all-girl dorms. Moving to news from a warmer climate, **Neena Martin** Lurvey lives in Estero, FL, the site of the Cornell hockey team's annual holiday tournament. Neena does mystery shopping and is active in the Cornell Club of Southwestern Florida.

She adds that she saw **Daryl Goldgraben** Smith at her 50th high school reunion. Sadly, Neena lost her husband of 34 years in 2010.

Judy Alpern Intraub had lots of news to report from her summer home in Killington, VT. She and husband Saul are retired and "experiencing our 'eternal summer' sharing time between Killington and Palm Beach." This allows them to be outdoors all of the time. Activities include swimming, walking, tennis, and kayaking. In their spare time they work on nonprofit boards. Family-related news included their son Daniel moving to California, which gives Judy and Saul a reason to take a trip west. Daughter Sandi has been quite busy, having been ordained as a rabbi and planning her wedding. One of Judy's outdoor activities (bird watching) provided the venue for her meeting **Judy Bluestone** Wexler '64, MS '65.

‘When home, Judith Burstein Fein walks with a different person each day.’

Susan Rockford Bittker '66

David Bridgeman reports that he is enjoying playing golf and retirement with wife Hazel. Dave and Hazel moved to Fort Meyers, FL, after spending 14 years in California. This move brought them closer to family and friends. Their 2010 travels included a Caribbean cruise and attending an Alpha Phi Delta reunion in Ithaca. **Carol Sacks Sekura** and husband **Ron, PhD '77**, split the year between Rockville, MD, and Key Largo, FL. Carol is still consulting with the biopharmaceutical industry on FDA-related issues for their products. Daughter Robin Larabee is a pediatrician living in Denver with her husband, Todd, an emergency medicine doctor. Their grandchildren are Sophia and Nicco. Carol and Ron took two wonderful trips in 2010: in the spring to Sicily, driving around the island on their own; and in the fall, a safari in South Africa. Recent visitors in Key Largo included **Phil '62**, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler**.

Suellen Safir Rubin sent news from California. Although Suellen is retired, her husband, **Jerry '64**, is still working, practicing hematology/oncology with their daughter Nancy. Together, they have joined with other oncologists at Monterey Bay Oncology. Nancy has children Zachary and Sienna, and daughter Emily also has two children, Maya and Bethany. To celebrate their 45th anniversary, Suellen and Jerry went on their first cruise—to Alaska—and loved it. Other travel included attending their 50th Erasmus High School reunion last September.

It has been another busy year for your reporter **Ron Harris** and his wife, Marcia. They sold their home in Michigan, where they had lived for almost 39 years, and now live year-round at their winter home of the last six years in Lake Worth, FL. In 2008 they became grandparents for the first time—triplets to their daughter Elana and her husband, Jonathan. Son **Andrew '98** and his wife, Tracie, now have children too: a son, born in 2009, and a daughter, born in 2011. Joan and I need your news to keep the columns going. You can send in the News Form from the annual class mailing, or e-mail us any time of year. **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhpj@comcast.net.

66 Many of us are retired; many of us are working. Regardless of status, we all try to keep balance in our lives. In 2009 **Robert Fairchild** (rp25@cornell.edu) was appointed to the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He does leadership and advocacy for veterans in the Military Order of the Purple Heart and in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Judge **Emily Hewitt** (Emily_Hewitt@ao.uscourts.gov) is chief judge, US Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC. Last year, she received her degree as Doctor of Ministry from Chicago Theological Seminary. Emily and her spouse, Eleanor Acheson, live in D.C.

Richard Stevens (San Jose, CA; dstvns@earthlink.net) retired from Hewlett Packard in 2000. He then taught at San Jose State U. and U.

of Phoenix, fully retiring in 2006. He has kept active volunteering with Sacred Heart Community Services and Martin-Fontana Parks Association, where he is a member of the board of directors. He also helps his daughter with her small business. Richard and wife Joy travel, taking one or two major and two or three minor trips a year. In 2011 they went to Hawaii, Upstate New York, Salt Lake City and other parts of Utah, San Diego, and Phoenix. **William "Skip" and Priscilla Box Smith** (wsmith40@stny.rr.com) are retired and divide their time between Horseheads, NY, and Venice, FL.

Life has been difficult for **Tina Su Cooper**. Due to multiple sclerosis, she has been bedridden since 1994 and a quadriplegic and ventilator dependent since 2004. She is being cared for at home. According to her husband, **Douglas '64** (douglas@tingandi.com), Tina does enjoy television news, music, home and garden, and films. With her collaboration, Doug published *Ting and I: A Memoir of Love, Courage and Devotion*. Doug, a retired physicist, helps in managing Tina's care. The memoir offers a patient and family-oriented perspective on caring for a loved one in a difficult situation.

Judith Burstein Fein (Judith@GlobalAdventure.us) has found a way to make her passion and job coincide. She is a travel journalist who "loves to leave." Together with photojournalist husband Paul Ross, she goes to exotic places, then writes, lectures, and makes films about their travels. Judith has written *LIFE IS A TRIP: The Transformative Magic of Travel*. She also blogs for the Huffington Post and *Psychology Today*. When home in Santa Fe, NM, she walks with a different person each day through the surrounding hills and arroyos. Judith would like to hear from old Cornell friends she was close to, with whom she laughed, cried, and experienced life. **Bill '65** and **Dorothy Hoffman Fine**, BS Nurs '69 (dottyochbill@yahoo.com) continue to experience life in Dublin, Ireland. They traveled to the US for Reunion. Dottie says she has started hill walking again, after almost a year's hiatus due to a knee injury. She would love to hear from **Karin Teksal** Deeks. **Brian** and **Helga Cranston** had a great time at Reunion, meeting old friends and renewing old acquaintances. They

also had a wonderful trip to Greece and Turkey in the fall. Brian says that standing near the spot where St. Paul delivered his speech to the Corinthians was quite an experience.

Laura Bowman Gray, MAT '67 (laurabgray@aol.com) is a faculty member in developmental psychology at Harbor College in Los Angeles, CA. Between semesters, Laura and husband Phil Lempert spend time in New York City, as well as visiting the desert and the beach. Laura serves on the executive committee of the Cornell HEAA Board of Directors. She is also an active member of professional organizations focused on developmental psychology. Find her on Facebook under Laura Bowman Gray. **Nicholas Mallios** (nmallios@comcast.net) is retired and "living life." He enjoys fishing, hunting, travel, and golf. He would love to hear from **Bill Wilson**. Nick and wife Linda live in Newville, PA. **Norman Stern** (nstern1@gmail.com) and wife Jo have moved to Boca Raton, FL. They are retired and enjoy golf, reading, and spending time with their grandchildren. In the summer they will be living in Columbus, OH, and will also travel.

Mike and **Betsy Singer** are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Noah, to their daughter Sara and her husband, Matt. Noah was born on Nov. 8, 2011 in Los Gatos, CA. "Mother, father, son, and grandparents are doing well." **Cesar Carrero**, ME '67, lives in San Juan, PR, where he is a real estate manager and investor. Cesar and wife Mayra enjoy traveling and went this past year to Europe. **Marilynne Kimball Northrop** (mnorthrop@fairpoint.net) is retired and spends time remodeling her 178-year-old home, gardening, and landscaping. She also enjoys traveling and being with her ten grandchildren. She was married to the late **David Northrop '67**. Marilynne had extensive spinal surgery in September and, after two weeks, was at home recovering.

From your correspondent: Things I never imagined in 1966 that I would be doing now: discussing treadmill routines with my son and daughter-in-law. Yes, I did discover the joys of the gym after our 40th Reunion. **Susan Rockford** Bittker, lady scienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu.

67 Remember: Our **45th Reunion** is **June 7-12, 2012!** Contact reunion chair **Dave Darwin**, MS '68, at dd69@cornell.edu to get in on the planning and to help out in general.

Dan Hopson (Douglas, AK; dhopson@gci.net) is a classical guitarist. He writes: "I retired in 2005 from my job as a habitat biologist with the State of Alaska, after stints with other federal and state natural resource agencies. Since then I've followed one of my other passions: classical guitar teaching and performing in Juneau. In November 2011, I released my first CD recording: 'Dan Hopson: Solo Classical Guitar,' available from my website, danhopson.com. I enjoy the company of my daughters Morgan, 26, and Lauren, 21. I spent six years on the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and still contribute time and resources to their cause." In recalling one thing remembered most from his time at Cornell, Dan adds: "An organic chemistry lab assistant named **Steve Gould, PhD '69**, a red-haired guy, who took a personal interest in me and helped me pull my

failing mid-term grade up to an eventually respectable B. Undoubtedly, he saved my Cornell education at that critical point. I never thanked him adequately." Dan would like to hear from **Don Pulver**, one of his freshman roommates, and **Ed Rittershausen '65**, with whom he worked two summers in the Adirondacks.

Richard Holstein (Princeton, NJ; babydoc11@verizon.net) writes, "I've been practicing (you'd think I'd get it right by now) pediatric dentistry in Princeton for almost 40 years and still love helping kids. I'm on the senior staff at both the University Medical Center at Princeton and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and assistant clinical professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the U. of Pennsylvania. Last summer I got together with my former U-Hall roommate **Jim Brodsky** and his wonderful wife, **Marian (Flinker)**. Marian was Jim's first date at Cornell, and they've been an item ever since (and haven't aged a bit). Of course the U-Halls are now gone, but Louie's is still there, and Noyes Lodge. Some things never change. The 'renovated' campus is wonderful; almost as nice as Princeton's (sic). How nice it is to not have to walk half a light year to the women's dorms!"

Martin Gold (New York, NY; megold@sidley.com) is a partner in Sidley Austin LLP, where he "led a group of 23 lawyers in the financing, reconstruction, and expansion of Terminal 4 at JFK Airport. This is ultimately a three-terminal project." A man who loves to travel, he enjoyed two trips this year: one to Brazil (Bahia and Recife) and one to Scotland. "Last spring," Marty adds, "I taught a new course as an adjunct professor at Columbia called Commercial Leasing. It's taught as a dialectic between a landlord's lawyer and a tenant's lawyer debating the key issues. I co-authored a Law Review article this year entitled 'The

Horse Power

Jim Shulman '66

When Jim Shulman was growing up, the only carousel in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was the miniature pedaled merry-go-round toy in his family's shoe store. Decades later, that symbol of his childhood sparked a \$1 million community art project. In 2007, Shulman launched a grassroots effort to build a Victorian-style carousel in downtown Pittsfield, a fading industrial city in the state's westernmost county. Upon its planned completion in spring 2013, the Berkshire Carousel will be the first hand-carved wooden merry-go-round to be constructed in New England in more than a century and one of only a few ever to be built solely by volunteers.

A retired psychologist and hospital administrator, Shulman conceived the idea of the Berkshire Carousel as a way of giving back to his hometown. "Pittsfield was a flourishing area during my childhood, but over the last twenty-five to fifty years the town has experienced considerable hardship," Shulman says. But he wasn't sure if the project was even feasible until he carved his first horse. "It took me five months," recalls Shulman, who coordinates the project from his home in Ohio. "It was a lot of trial and error, but I was able to do it. When I realized that I could finish the work, I figured anybody could."

Local residents quickly rallied behind Shulman's idea. Working in teams, volunteers spend 500 to 1,000 hours carving and sanding each horse by hand; then local artists paint it in Victorian style. Much of the artwork depicts Pittsfield's colorful history and culture, as the home of one of the first General Electric facilities and the birthplace of Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*. The effort is primarily financed by individual sponsorship of the horses, but funds have also been raised through corporate donations and state grants. "The project empowers people to create," Shulman says. "It gives members of the community an opportunity to come together and do something artistic. It's a project of the people, by the people, and for the people."

— Heather McAdams '14



Use and Abuse of Blight in Eminent Domain, which was posted on the Social Science Research Network (which contains 300,000-plus articles) and surprisingly became one of the top-ten downloaded articles in three categories: Urban Economics and Regional Studies; Policy Making; and Property, Land Use, and Real Estate Law."

Ralph Wilhelm, our esteemed reunion campaign chair, reports that the 45th Reunion Campaign is up and running: "I hope that you will return to campus June 7-10 to celebrate the occasion. We are aiming to have as many classmates as possible give gifts to Cornell by June 30, 2012—including 51 gifts at the Tower Club level of \$5,000 or more—all totaling at least \$8.8 million! While all gifts to the university count in our campaign totals, I hope you will consider designating at least a portion of your giving to one of the annual funds."

It was great to see a major Cornell victory—and not on the athletic fields: the Red won the contest to create a New York City technical campus. Kudos to Cornell scientists and engineers, partner Technion-Israel, and philanthropist **Charles Feeney '56**, "the \$350 million man." ■ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Two weddings this past summer once again united **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69 (and wife Joyce), **Bill Austin** (and wife Sally), **Al Fidellow** (and wife Marge), **John Wallace '67**, ME '68 (and wife Laurene), and **John St. John '70** (and wife **Jane (Gegenheimer) '70**) with **John Seligman** (and wife Susan). The first was the June wedding in picturesque Sedona, AZ, of Nathan Woodworth, followed by the July wedding of Marissa Wallace in historic Ft. Tryon Park in NYC. The last John observed, "These enduring friendships and bonds only get stronger as we 'mature.'" Reach John at jseligman@dglaw.com.

Adam Drobot writes that he joined ZM Companies in Dallas, TX. As Adam resides in Bernardsville, NJ, he has been traipsing back and forth between New Jersey and Dallas. He also sits on a number of corporate boards and federal advisory committees. The biggest challenge has been starting new companies in a down economy. Adam is married to **Lucy (Schmidt) '67**. Their daughter Clare is in NYC, in theatre, so they go into the City frequently to see plays. Adam still enjoys the contribution he makes as treasurer and a member of the board of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. **C. Edward Kemp**, DVM '71 (eds330@aol.com) says retirement suits him, working a couple of days a week for his wife's real estate firm in Falmouth, MA. He sees fellow members of his fraternity, Sigma Pi, including attending the wedding last August of the daughter of **Robert Inslerman '67**. Ed also remains active in his AA group.

Paul Joskow became president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in 2008 and officially retired from his position as Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics at MIT in 2010 after 38 years on the MIT faculty. The Sloan Foundation has a \$1.7 billion endowment and supports research and education in the areas of science, technology, and economic performance. Paul and wife Barbara now live in NYC, although they retained their home in Brookline, MA, and return there frequently. He is also on the boards of Exelon Corp. and TransCanada Corp. and serves as a trustee of the Putnam Mutual Funds and Yale U.

(where he earned his doctorate), as well as on the board of overseers of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Further, Paul is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and enjoys attending many Cornell events in NYC. He has enjoyed spending more time with Cornell friends who live in Manhattan and would welcome hearing from other Cornellians living in NYC.

Jay Waks, JD '71 (JWaks@kayescholar.com) writes that he and wife Harriet regularly see **Joan Gottesman Wexler** and husband Len. Joan is president of Brooklyn Law School, where she served as dean for 17 years and as a professor of law for years before that. Jay, wife Harriet, Joan, and Len have plans to vacation together in Hawaii, France, and Italy in 2012. Once or twice a year, Jay travels to San Francisco on business, where he has dinner with **Alan Kneitel** and his wife, Diane. Alan continues to practice internal medicine in the Bay Area. Jay also stays in close touch with **Jay Goldstein**, a dermatologist in Natick, MA, and his wife, Laura. Aside from his medical practice, Jay Goldstein is a drummer with Brogue, a popular four-piece, Boston-based band that plays rock, Top-40, reggae, blues, folk, Irish, country, and Motown. The two Jays have been lifelong friends since they met in kindergarten in Paterson, NJ. Neighbors of Jay Waks and Harriet in Larchmont, NY, are **Henry and Ellen Schaum Korn**. Jay and Henry frequently commute together to Manhattan, where they both practice law. Jay reminds us to mark our calendars for reunion on June 6-9, 2013 and that we are Cornell's 100th Commencement Class, a unique distinction. Thanks for all your news, Jay!

Victoria Nelson finished a one-year term as the first disabled senior female to serve as sergeant-at-arms on her nearly 400-tenant Newark Housing Authority Tenant Executive Board. Previously she served as VP of this board. Victoria also serves at three soup kitchens. In May 2010, she moved to a wonderful one-bedroom apartment in Newark in recognition of her 11 years of volunteer service to the tenants of that city. Her partner of eight years is Bruce Jones. Please send me your news! ■ **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 I hope you all survived the winter and have great plans for the spring and summer! **David Silverman** writes from Rotorua, New Zealand. He is a physician at Rotorua Public Hospital and would look forward to hearing from old friend **Howard Cooper**. **Ildiko Czmor Mitchell** has been busy hiking the Appalachian Trail, backpacking, rock climbing, and dodging roots. She wants to hear from Kappa Delta classmates at imconfused1@juno.com. **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, took time out from racing motorcycles on the Bonneville Salt Flats to help the American Red Cross and local emergency management with disaster relief for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee victims.

Robert Buehler, general manager at Creamer Feed Inc., is working to improve quality in livestock feeds, but still finds time to play golf and garden. **Janice Rankin Thurlow** (jthurlow@gci.net) is retired from special ed teaching. One of the old friends she'd like to hear from is **Kenneth Rubin**. **David Sonenshein** was awarded an endowed chair at Temple Law, where he has taught for 28 years and is now the Jack E. Feinberg Professor of Litigation. Congratulations, David. **Gabriel Rothberg** is enjoying his nine grandchildren in California.

Richard Poznysz is a director at Ocean Spray Cranberries and plans to "drop off the radar screen" soon at his recently purchased home in Woodstock, VT. **David Stone**, BFA '69, is chair of the sound design department at Savannah College of Art & Design and studying sound in the films of Roman Polanski. **Barry Weeks**, ME '70, is enjoying life in Groton, MA.

Andra Weidenhamer Benson enjoys the view of Cayuga Lake from her "green" home in Lansing, NY, and invites classmates to "come visit." For the past nine years she has led a group of Cornell students on a spring trip to Guatemala through the Cornell Catholic Community. **Ingrid Vatsvog Wachtler**, ME '70, and husband Bill have sold their home and are designing and building a smaller place in Gig Harbor, WA. Keep up with her at woodbrk@harbornet.com. **Norman Coe** and wife Barbara visited Tennessee and liked it so much they've moved there.

If you need a realtor in Ogdensburg, NY, call **Dale Coats! Roy Black** is director of the Real Estate Program at the Goizueta Business School at Emory U. in Atlanta, GA, as well as a professor in the practice of finance. He and wife Adrienne have been to all 50 states and spend summer vacations in Washington and Oregon. He's currently illustrating a child's reading book written by a friend. **Ray Goodman**, PhD '79, is a professor of hospitality management at the U. of New Hampshire and CEO/chairman of the board of directors at Mayflower Communities Inc., a nonprofit corporation developing a continuing care retirement community in Carmel, IN. **Dan Taubman** is still a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals, where he has served since 1993. He just completed his sixth consecutive Denver half-marathon and finds time

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to belong to a gourmet club. Please keep your news and notes coming to: [✉ Tina Economaki Riedl, triedl@optonline.net](mailto:Tina.EconomakiRiedl@optonline.net). Thanks!

70 Time marches on—perhaps spring has come to Ithaca! I hope your winter season has been a good one and that the new season will bloom beautifully for all of you.

Phil Schwartz (phil.schwartz@hotmail.com) has a website that you can check out: www.watchreels.com/PhilipSchwartz. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Santa Monica, CA. Although Phil still shoots an occasional project as a freelance cinematographer, he is now mostly teaching cinematography and lighting at USC and the New York Film Academy (at Universal Studios). Andrea became a full-time yoga instructor a few years ago, after retiring from a 20-year stint in the nonprofit sector. In June and July 2011, they had an incredible adventure visiting nine national parks in the West, putting almost 3,000 miles on their Prius! Phil keeps in touch with **Doug Wyler**, **Mark Tabakman '71**, and **Lynn Axel Butterly '71**. He also sees fellow cinematographer and neighbor **Jack Anderson '67**, MFA '73. Jack is now a tenured professor in cinematography at Cal State U., Long Beach. He was Phil's TA in his first film production course in 1968 and ran Cornell Cinema. Phil adds that he is thoroughly enjoying his role as a grandparent!

Ligia Corredor (lichalic3@hotmail.com) reports that life treated her well this past year. On May 20, 2011 her son, Eric, and his wife, Jill, who live in Sudbury, MA, welcomed their third child, son Connor, who joined big sisters Lily, 6, and Alexandra, 5. Ligia's daughter, Suzanne, and her husband, Jeff, live in East Rochester, NY, with their daughter, Bilene, 2. Ligia gathered with her children and grandchildren in Boston last year to celebrate the fact that she had reached the "magic date" of Medicare eligibility, as well as ten years since she stopped working at the Southern Poverty Law Center. She traveled extensively in 2011 and hopes to do much the same in 2012. Her first journey last year took her to the Uniendo Rotary Project Fair in David, Panama, where she was a volunteer translator for many Canadian Rotary members. She was also on a team that helped establish projects in remote areas in need of humanitarian support. In January this year, she returned to Panama to follow up on those projects and then headed for San Salvador to check up on similar projects established in 2009. Next she attended the 2012 Rotary Project Fair in Costa Rica. Ligia is also very involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange. In October 2011 she traveled to the Far East, starting with five days in Beijing, followed by a 16-day cruise touring Shanghai, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and Singapore. She concluded the month with a visit to Malaysia to spend time with her '95 Rotary Exchange daughter and her family. The year also included reconnecting with old friends, including **Gloria Tobon Garza-Gutierrez, MS '71**, a Cornell apartment-mate whom she had not seen since the early '70s. When she is not traveling or with family, she enjoys reading, gardening, and checking in with folks through e-mail and Skype.

Sadly, **C. Barton Reppert** died on Jan. 16, 2011 of an apparent heart attack after several years of poor health. Bart was the managing editor of the *Sun* during the Straight takeover in April 1969 and will be remembered by his colleagues for his drive, intensity, professionalism, courtesy, and

stability. **Ed Zuckerman**, who was editor-in-chief of the *Sun* at the time of the Straight takeover, said, "Bart wanted the *Sun* to be accurate and unbiased and he made it so. When many on campus swooned in sympathy with the black students who seized the Straight and others were outraged, Bart kept his own feelings out of the *Sun's* coverage, which stands up well to this day." **Gary Rubin '72** calls Bart "one of the most polished writers I ever met." Bart served as our class correspondent for several years in the '70s, and in 1977 was awarded the post he had coveted: correspondent in Moscow for the Associated Press. He had joined AP right out of Cornell and started in the New York office, but soon transferred to the prestigious Washington Bureau.

Bart was the wire service's lead reporter on the "Moscow microwave" story, a major Cold War controversy. The Soviets were thought to have been bombarding the US embassy building with microwaves in an apparent attempt to jam spy equipment. There was a concern about health effects on the embassy staff and there was perhaps a cover-up by US government officials. As Bart doggedly pursued this story, his interest in science, health, and national security was sparked. He returned to these issues often throughout his career. He returned to Washington after three years in Moscow and finally left the AP in 1990 to work as a freelance writer. Bart was a native of Port Washington, NY, and resided in Takoma Park, MD, at the time of his death. He is survived by a sister and a brother. He will be missed. My thanks to **Jay Branegan '72** for his extensive obituary on Bart. [✉ Connie Ferris Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:Connie.Ferris@cornell.edu); tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 **Howard Rodman**, a professor at USC's School of Cinematic Arts, writes that he was elected vice president of the Writers Guild of America West last fall. He was also appointed to the executive committee of the writers' branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, as a fellow of the Los Angeles Inst. for the Humanities, and as co-chair of the annual Scriptor Awards, which honor the adaptation of books to film. On a "lighter" note, he had a busy spring (2011) celebrating the centennial of Fantômas (the legendary French fictional arch-villain), including delivering a paper at Yale, appearing on panels in New York and Philadelphia, and performing at a celebration at City Lights Books in San Francisco. Howard's son Tristan just started college (Brown '15). **Marsha Ackerman** sent us an announcement that **David Miller Parker** will be presenting his paper "Gay Liberation and Identity Politics" at an international conference, After Homosexual: The Legacy of Gay Liberation, being held in Melbourne, Australia, in February 2012. The conference was organized in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the publication of *Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation* by **Dennis Altman, MA '66**, and to mark Dennis's retirement from La Trobe U.

Horses! **Adrienne Altman** (laonda@sbcglobal.net), a pediatrician in Sherman Oaks, CA, continues to pursue her passion for horseback riding (dressage) and breeding. Adrienne notes, "I am working harder than ever to support my darling horses and the newest young one." In mid-2011, **Kenneth Kuscher** (kenneykuscher@comcast.net) wrote from Boynton Beach, FL, that his after-hours activities include playing polo with the Gulf Stream Polo Club. Ken is a financial advisor with

ING Financial Partners. **Richard Leland**, a partner at the Fried Frank law firm in NYC, also lists equestrian activities (as well as photography) as his favorite outside pursuits. Finally, your correspondent **Gayle Yeomans** has been spending a lot of quality time (riding and training) with her Quarter Horse gelding Sage since retiring in July 2011. (Gayle led the state government affairs office for New York Life Insurance Co.) While she still has her apartment in NYC, she spends most of her time at her place in Big Indian, NY, in the Catskill Mountains. She is in her fifth year of trying to master the fiddle (old-time and bluegrass)!

Retiree **John Baylis** (JBaylis40@earthlink.net) has continued his practice of impersonating former President Abraham Lincoln nearly every week across the North American continent from Ottawa to Key West, FL. In addition to his Civil War activities, he also enjoys "driving and repairing 'big boy' toys on my farm" in Upstate New York. John and wife Judy reside in Florida (Leesburg) from November to Easter each year. **Gay Helen Perkins** reports that she retired from her position as an academic librarian at Western Kentucky U. She lives in Louisville. Gay would love to hear from **Jean Jurzenia Keefe** and **Elizabeth Tallon Healey**. We also heard from **Katya Fairbanks** (katya.fairbanks@cgu.edu), who is the director of the Writing Center at the Claremont Graduate U. in California. She enjoys hiking, traveling (including visiting her son in central Mexico), and folk dancing. She would like to be in touch with **Aiwah Kathy Ng '72**, BA '71.

Rob Ambrogi (rambrogi@gmail.com) writes that he is vice president of schools management for Int'l Schools Services (www.iss.edu), which provides a variety of services for English-language based schools around the globe. After 30 years working overseas in such diverse locations as Cameroon, Liberia, Portugal, Pakistan, and South Africa, he and his family are enjoying being back in the US. Rob is now based in Princeton, NJ, where he is working to grow the ISS business in China, India, and the UAE; he and wife Kathleen live in Newtown, PA. Rob notes that he is enjoying "cheering on my two oldest sons as they launch their first video game, 'Jamestown' (www.finalformgames.com)."
Stephanie Bell Hill (sbh5237@verizon.net) writes that she enjoys her job as a business consultant for Hewlett-Packard (lots of travel!).

Clinical neurologist **Ira Casson** (iradocdad@aol.com) is a solo practitioner in Forest Hills, NY; he and wife Susan live in Rockville Centre. Ira is still publishing medical articles on sports concussions and he notes that he is an avid New York Giants fan. In his quieter moments, he enjoys reading history and looks back fondly on Prof. Will Provine's classes on the history of evolution and genetics, which have had a lifelong influence on him. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care announced that **Margaret Spear** was elected treasurer of the AAHC for 2011-12. She is a graduate of Mount Sinai Medical School and has worked in a college health setting for nearly three decades. She is the director of University Health Services at Penn State.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Boyd Stofer** on Nov. 29, 2011. At the time of his death, he lived in Edina, MN, and was the chairman and CEO of the Marquette Real Estate Group in Minneapolis. Boyd was a great friend to Cornell and was an active member of the Program in Real Estate Advisory Board. He is survived by his wife, Cherie, and children Robby, Katharine, and David. Please continue to share your news

with your classmates. The annual News and Dues mailing be appearing in your mailboxes soon, so send in a News Form or write us any time of year at: [Gayle Yeomans](mailto:Gayle.Yeomans@gmail.com), gyeomans@gmail.com; [Linda Germaine-Miller](mailto:Linda.Germaine-Miller@cornell.edu), LG95@cornell.edu.

72 On behalf of our hard-working reunion committee, I want to remind everyone to make plans NOW to attend our 40th REUNION, June 7-10. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with your old friends, meet new friends, and experience the beautiful Cornell campus once again.

Larry Baum and **Bruce McGeoch**, ME '73, had the adventure of a lifetime in June/July 2011. Larry piloted his twin-engine Aerostar from Ithaca to Burlington, VT, where he and spouse Trudy picked up Bruce and his wife, Cyndy. The intrepid travelers made their way to Olympia, WA, where they joined a group of eight private planes, with guides from Let's Fly Alaska, for a trip to the 49th state. They flew down spectacular glaciers, over the Inland Passage, and around the top of Mt. McKinley. Wildlife, wonderful seafood, and memorable wines rounded out the incredible experience. Larry and Bruce took many breathtaking photos from the air that were posted on the website of the Ithaca Flying Club. Bruce commended Larry's skill as a pilot. As Bruce said, there is simply no other way to experience the sights of Alaska in the manner they did, without a private plane and a really good pilot. On the way home from Alaska, the two couples stopped in Lake Louise in Alberta for an indulgent wedding anniversary celebration for both couples at the Fairmont resort.

Bill Trommer writes from Maine, where he teaches sixth grade math, skis as often as possible, and runs marathons. Bill traveled to Colorado to ski with **Gerry Roehm** '69, BS '72, in 2011. Bill's daughter Heather and grandson Sammy, 4, live in Michigan. Bill is excited about attending reunion in June. **James Vaughn** (jim@vaughnbusiness.com) is chief operating officer of Vaughn Business Systems in Hilton Head, SC, "serving the Low-country with equipment, supplies, and service for over 30 years." He is an active sailor and member of the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island and a Republican committeeman. He says he is "concerned about our country's finances and future." **Kevin Neels**, PhD '81 (kevin-neels@hotmail.com) lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, Gretchen. He is a principal at the Brattle Group, an economic consulting firm. Kevin enjoys bicycling, photography, and cooking, and says, "Life is good."

Vicky Dominy Cairns (Dover, DE; vcairns50@gmail.com) writes: "We've been enjoying retirement with a lot of traveling and family time. We went on a cruise to the Panama Canal in March—an amazing trip to visit an amazing piece of engineering. In May, we completed a road trip as far as Little Big Horn, MT, and back. We combined business (officiating at the National Science Olympiad—of which my husband is co-founder—in Madison, WI) with completing my husband's bucket list of visiting all 50 states (by traveling to North and South Dakota and Montana) with visiting Cornell friends. The summer brought family reunions at our house in Fenwick Island, DE, and in

the Outer Banks. Most recently, we have returned from a river cruise up the Danube from Budapest to Nuremberg. Retirement is underrated! When I'm home I serve, by an appointment of the governor, on the Merit Employees Relations Board—the board that hears higher-level grievances of merit employees in the State of Delaware. It's interesting to be hearing the grievances, as opposed to presenting them, as I did when I worked for the Delaware State Education Association."

Jeffrey Fisher (jdfishermd@aol.com) co-edited and contributed to the textbook *Heart and Mind: The Practice of Cardiac Psychology*. He is a clinical professor of cardiology at the Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City. **Alexander Dann** (alec.dann@verizon.net) reports: "A year ago, I was reading the *Alumni News*, muttering that I never see a classmate I know (a silly thought given our class size), when I saw my own listing. In it, I asked if anyone knew where **Al Davis**, MBA '78, was and to ask him to call me. Two weeks later Al called. Turns out he lives in Silver Spring, which is only a half hour drive from my home in Washington, DC. I hadn't seen Al since 1972, so it was a great reunion. I also reconnected with **Ron Freudenheim**, a good friend of Al's. Al has been working on getting funding for an interesting business based on primary care clinics run by nurses. I'm building a consulting business helping companies understand how to leverage their Web presence. The mutual support has been great. So the *Alumni News* should take a bow."

Our class president, **Bruce Graev** (bg30@cornell.edu), relocated to Marco Island, FL, and started a business in southwest Florida that works primarily with medical professionals to help them create real and sustainable wealth. By that he means wealth after taxes and wealth that remains after you were sued and the stock market fell 600 points on the same day. Bruce's team has a unique approach to helping medical professionals avoid the mistakes that could destroy their financial well-being. His title is: Principal, Diagnostics Financial Group LLC. After hours, Bruce is a director of the Noontime Rotary Club of Marco Is-

land and actively involved with the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and Marco Island Center for the Arts, in addition to the Cornell Alumni Association of Southwest Florida. Bruce reports that he has been making major changes over the past few years. Although his time actively participating in Class of 1972 activities has been reduced due to his business responsibilities, he remains very connected to Cornell and our class and looks forward to seeing everyone at our 40th in June. [Alex Barna](mailto:Alex.Barna@cornell.edu), ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com.

73 As I write this (in December), winter has closed in on the Pacific Northwest, and there's nothing more comforting than sitting by the wood stove with a cup of Chipotle Spice Sipping Chocolate reading your handwritten news forms describing retirement. I wasn't planning to retire—ever—but I may have to reconsider based on what I'm reading.

Robert Shuman hasn't exactly retired, but he has "stepped back" from his practice with MGA Partners after 30 years and has given himself what he describes as a 60th birthday present: he now works full-time as associate professor of architecture at Temple U. (No surprise that his news form has the neatest handwriting of any of them.) And to fill the rest of the time, following the lead of author Michael Pollan, he and wife Joyce (also an architect), are building a 1,000-sq.-ft. cabin in Wayne County, PA, just two hours from Ithaca. They started the project in 2005 and report that while it's not quite finished, it's quite habitable. They're empty-nesters now that children Daniel, 26, and Caroline, 22, are out of college and starting their careers, and they'd love to hear from **Greg DeSimone**, **Scott Finer**, and **Steven Wight**.

Lawrence Cary has retired to Glendale, AZ, with wife Lois and is quartermaster/adjutant at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2135. He spends his time on ham radio, woodworking, fly-fishing, and gardening. The Carys spent the summer on a 7,600-mile tour of America that took them through Colorado, New York, Upper Michigan, Maine, and everything in between. He's happy to hear from any friends from Ag Ed. I should also add that, like Robert, his precise handwriting on the class form deserves a 4.0. I predict that each of them will someday have his own fonts. **Anne McComb** is now retired in Leverett, MA, and spends her time riding, reading, gardening, and working out. She moves with the rhythms of the seasons, and last fall went through the annual ritual of bringing plants inside, winterizing, and shoveling horse manure. That's the great thing about retirement—you can finally shovel the manure on your own terms.

Among the non-retirees, **Roger Jacobs** reports that he's still working in New Jersey as an attorney, but is "open to suggestions." Children **Joshua** '06, JD '09, and **Rachel** '10 are both working, Joshua as a lawyer and Rachel as associate editor at Freedom House in NYC. **Eric Rothenberg** produced *Tiny Little Lies*, released by Vanguard Films. The 3-D version should be out soon and available online. IMDB.com also lists Eric as appearing in the 2011 Documentary *24 Hours at the South Street Diner*, about a Boston diner where everybody really *does* know your name. **Janet Plass** Portzer is director of Family Health Ministries in Durham, NC. She raises money for the Wesley Foundation at UNC Chapel Hill, volunteers with Hispanic Ministries, and traveled with husband Jeffrey to visit their children in Japan and Australia. She'd enjoy hearing from **Sherry Linderman Wiles** '72.

In the Show-Us-Your-Toiletries department, **William Britz**, ME '74, reports from Palm Coast, FL, that he is program manager for a TSA airport security program at Raytheon. He and wife Maureen spent two weeks in Mexico last fall and visited their three grandchildren over the summer. He has no specific retirement plans, but reports that he can now see retirement from his house. **Glenn Cantor** lives in Princeton, NJ, and is a veterinary pathology fellow at Bristol-Myers Squibb. He and wife Inge cycled 185 miles on the C&O Canal trail from Washington, DC, to Cumberland, MD, and are now on the lookout for similar tests of self-propelled endurance. Youngest daughter Emma finally graduated in May from Washington U. and now runs the tumor bank at the Oregon Health Sciences U. in Portland, OR. Older daughter Alida grows organic vegetables as co-owner of Langwater Farm in North Easton, MA, and is working on her PhD in geography at Clark U. in Worcester, MA.

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Alexander Dann '72

Colleen Colbert is expanding her psychology practice from her home in Rockland County, NY, to her part-time home in Newport, RI, where her daughter is now attending high school. She's also been visiting son **Lucas Colbert-Carreiro '15**, who's now at Cornell ILR. She'd love to hear from **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff. **David Mulligan** and wife Michele live in Branford, CT, where David is director of child support enforcement for the state Dept. of Social Services. He's also organist and choir director for the Marlborough Congregational Church and has been busy re-roofing and painting the house, replacing windows, playing bluegrass banjo, and learning mandolin. Shouldn't you save at least *some* activities for retirement?

‘Christina Holness Waddler spends most of her free time participating in all things art.’

Ava Shaffer Burke, BS Nurs '75 (Olney, MD) has a new e-mail: ava.burke@verizon.net. **Peter Starbuck** runs the Starbuck Inn in Kent, CT, which, according to the website, specializes in the “lost art of lounging around.” Food is from the Inn’s own gardens and breakfast is with a capital “B” (as in Big). **Jeff Schwartz** (Katonah, NY) is a partner with Hann & Hessen LLP, where he has practiced law for 35 years. In his free time he enjoys the opera, sunny afternoons coaxing that dimpled ball toward the pin, and relaxing with a good book and a glass of wine. **Mark Patterson**, a law partner at Waddey and Patterson, was recognized in *Best Lawyers* (a peer-review publication) as Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year. He still teaches at Vanderbilt U. School of Law, where he’s been an adjunct professor since 1986. **Redge Martin** (redgem00@yahoo.com) runs the Clars Auction Gallery, where recession notwithstanding he’s sold some exquisite pieces of fine jewelry, as well as oil paintings and fine antiques. Check it out at www.clars.com. He and wife Carole toured the Croatian Islands on two wheels, and hiked the Incan trail to Machu Picchu.

Your correspondent hobnobbed with the broadcast elite last October in New York and received two Edward R. Murrow awards for commentary—which I hope reassures a couple of doubting English professors, who thought I should have remained a Physics major. Last summer I terrified the chorus as Sir Despard Murgatroyd in the Seattle G&S Society production of *Ruddigore* (video clips at www.patterson.org). Daughter Caitlin has made a wonderful young man my son-in-law and works in a medical lab a half-hour from her childhood home. Daughter Emilie is off to Africa (Burkina-Faso) for “only a few months, Dad” with Peace Corps Response. Thus the nest is once again empty, and **Patti (Miller) '72** and I once again can party non-stop, Riskey-style. **Dave Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 **John Alexander**, MBA '76, was named the 2012 Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year. He will be

honored during the Entrepreneurship at Cornell celebration on April 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Statler Auditorium. This award is given annually to Cornellians who best exemplify entrepreneurial achievement, community service, and high ethical standards. John derived his inspiration for his first business venture from his experience working at Cornell Dining and founded CBORD in 1975 with two other Cornellians. CBORD initially focused on computer software systems for food and nutritional services, making its first sale to Syracuse U. It has grown to 240 employees, serving 4,000 clients worldwide, and has expanded its services to cashless campus card systems, housing and judicial process management, and integrated security

Karen Krinsky Sussman '76

stations, among other services. In 2008, CBORD was sold to a public company.

John is also a limited partner in Cayuga Venture Fund and continues to mentor entrepreneurs and invest in Cornell startups. He is a member of Tompkins Financial Corp.’s board of directors. Along with two other Ithaca partners, John operated the Coyote Loco Cafe in Ithaca from 1991 to 2003. John’s philanthropic endeavors in Ithaca mirror his business achievements. He works with the United Way of Tompkins County and the Food Bank of the Southern Tier; John and wife **Elaine (Mead) '77** were the 2009-10 co-chairs of the Hangar Theatre’s capital campaign. John has also been an active Cornellian. He was an alumni-elected trustee from 2000 to 2004 and a trustee-at-large from 2004 to 2008, having served on numerous committees, including the audit committee. Currently, he serves on the Cornell Research Foundation and the Entrepreneurship at Cornell Advisory Council; he is also an emeritus member of the Johnson Graduate School of Management’s Advisory Council. Congratulations to John, who truly exemplifies the Notable Class of '74. We look forward to hearing his speech on April 19. All are invited.

Bill Van Sweringen, MME '75, visited **Jeff Ellis** in Washington, DC, where Bill also saw his brother, **Ray Van Sweringen '73**. Bill bemoans two signs of aging: Cokes instead of beer, and being an empty-nester. He also bemoans that his daughter chose an unnamed Ivy rival over Cornell for college. **Gary Dufel**, ME '75 (gdufsr@gmail.com) reports an address change to Queensland, Australia, where he has expanded his interests to diving and fishing in the Great Barrier Reef. He is sure that there must be Cornellians around Queensland, but claims not to be expecting to run into too many in remote Mackay. He reports no regrets leaving presidential primaries and political squabbles, but does regret still having to pay US taxes.

Ronald Pies authored *Ziprin’s Ghost*, a short story collection for the Harvard Book Store, and *Judaic Foundation of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy* for iUniverse. My classmate from Hunter College High, **Janet Beizer** (beizer@fas.harvard.edu), is a professor of Romance languages and literature at Harvard. **Richard Dobec**, MPS '75, would like to

hear from **Joseph Taylor**. Richard is an emeritus professor at Ohio State and a researcher on selecting horses for speed; he is a genetics associate for Foye Genetics in Lawrenceburg, KY. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, billiards, and watercolor painting. **Mark Schwartz** writes from Berkeley, CA: “I’ve been a member of Occupy SF since Sept. 17, the same day that Occupy Wall Street began. I’m a member of the finance committee. Am also a member of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club. I’m a poet, too, on the 15th edition of *On Third Street: Kerouac Revisited* (Lawrence Ferlinghetti says it’s my best title), and am in a memoirs class at El Cerrito Senior Center with Elizabeth Irvin as facilitator.”

Karen Craft Denning informs us that her middle daughter is a Hotelie, Class of '13. She also has a daughter in high school and a daughter in medical school in Wisconsin. Karen’s day job is being a professor of finance, and her extracurricular activities include the New Jersey Foundation for Dance and Theatre Art and the Borzoi Club of America. Also enjoying the Hotel school is **Moir Hearne** Hints’s son **Michael '15**. Moira keeps busy gardening and working on the board of Greens Farm Academy, where her son **Matt '10** works in alumni relations. Moira reports that she enjoyed visiting with her Pi Phi sisters **Wendy McKee** Wuest, **Mary Antenen** McIlroy '72, and **Kathy Coleman** Weinberg, JD '77, at a surprise party for **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94. Until next time: **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com.

75 In October I experienced another fabulous weekend in Ithaca celebrating several events with friends and colleagues. Council Weekend brought hundreds of alums back to the Hill for meetings, tours of new buildings (the additions to AAP and to Baker Hall are quite impressive!), reminiscing, and sharing news. The College of Human Ecology celebrated the addition of a new west wing to Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, housing state-of-the-art fiber science and apparel design labs, wood and metal shops, design studios, CAD drawing stations, exhibition and gallery space, and an expansive Commons featuring a collaborative sustainable design by DEA students. Dedicated at the evening’s event was the artist’s gift of “Epilogue 1,” an inspiring sculpture created by **Patricia Tapscott** Musick Carr, PhD '74, mother of **Laura Musick** Wright. **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure '74 and I were guests of Pat and husband Jerry and Laurie and her family at both the dedication and the 40th Reunion of the 1971 Ivy League Football Championship Team. These weekend festivities honored this feat that we all shared as freshmen arriving on campus, as well as Pat’s late husband Jack Musick, who coached the team to their victorious season. Great memories and great friends!

After living in Birmingham, MI, for 30 years, fellow DG **Mary Alice Curry Bankert** and husband **Peter '72**, ME '73, moved to Ann Arbor, MI, for her job as associate director of development and alumni relations for the U. of Michigan School of Art and Design. Their oldest daughter, **Elizabeth '03**, married **Stephen Gonzalez '96** at Sage Chapel on August 1, 2009. The event included a wonderful rehearsal dinner at Sigma Chi Fraternity. Middle daughter **Kathryn '05** attends Stanford Business School. Their youngest, Ellen, an '07 graduate of the U. of Michigan, works for

Epic, a healthcare software company in Madison, WI. The Bankerts are longtime friends with Detroit area residents **Dan** and **Claudia Hebel Malone '74** and **Chip** and **Sarah Henderson McClure '77**, and they look forward to living closer to **Dave** and **Laurie Rothe Peace**.

Speaking of Dan Malone, he has returned to the law firm of Butzel Long in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Hills, serving as director of Korean client relations and vice chair of Asia practice. Dan's exemplary legal career, coupled with his extensive foreign business experience and travel in the Far East were, no doubt, key in his new appointment. Since leaving Cornell, Dan has also served as an adjunct professor at the Detroit College of Law and Wayne State U. School of Law, and developed extensive automotive and product safety litigation experience. Also practicing law is **Eliot Schuman** (Pleasantville, NY; eliotms@aol.com). Eliot is a trial attorney specializing in medical malpractice. He has become involved in raising funds for judicial elections as well.

A first-time-grandma report comes from **Kathryn Gabinet-Kroo** (kgkroo1219@gmail.com) in Montreal, Quebec. Her son Josh and his wife, Danielle, welcomed Samson Ezra on April 23, 2011. She is absolutely thrilled and doesn't even choke on the word "Grandma" anymore! Katie spends her days painting, translating, and doing Pilates. Creative arts are also the passion of **Amy Cohen Banker** (New York, NY; ames361@gmail.com), a fine art painter, designer of multimedia installations, muralist, furniture appraiser, gemstone and jewelry designer, and author of the online book *Flowers* available at LAArt.com. Her work has been featured at the Miami Basel Art Fair, Ezair Bego Gallery, Chelsea Museum, and other venues. To expand her artistic talents, Amy has also been taking courses in music composition at Juilliard.

Sandra Sils-Wyche (ssw2u@aol.com) and **Greacian Goeke** (ggoeke@mac.com) balance busy careers in education with personal fitness in their off-hours. Sandra and husband Cornelius live in Highland Springs, VA, where she is an exceptional education teacher, vice president of the State Youth Advisors Council, and a nursery school worker at the Baptist church. She is also a third-degree black belt in Shotokan-style Karate. Greacian's niche is in theatre and the arts in Oakland, CA. She is director of two arts-in-education programs employing elder teaching artists and serving at-risk elementary school students. Greacian also teaches and designs movement curriculum for Stagebridge Performing Arts Training Inst., the oldest senior theatre company, teaches Tai Chi to adults and seniors, and is developing an elder dance company.

The great outdoors has been an important focus for many of our friends. In Duluth, GA, **Scott Wanzor** (swanzor@bellsouth.net) jogs, gardens, photographs, enjoys woodworking, and collects insects when he isn't working as an agricultural chemical sales representative. Listing his present day job as "retired," **Michael Rosepiter**, ME '76 (mrosepiter@gmail.com) divides his spare time between decorating a new home and the more vigorous outdoor activities of running, cycling, mountain hiking, and traveling. **Scott Sutcliffe**, who is now in his 27th year at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, urges all of us to visit him at Sapsucker Woods. "I'm as hale and hardy as ever," he writes.

In Reno, NV, **Suzy Nagin-Klass** (klass.suzy@gmail.com) works as a commercial real estate agent with NAI Alliance, specializing in health-care properties, and enjoys traveling throughout the state in her RV. Also in Nevada is **Ann Welge**

(aschlepp@embarqmail.com), a pediatric hospice social worker for Nathan Adelson Hospice, the state's only hospice with a dedicated pediatric program. She developed a perinatal hospice program, as well as a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. Ann's leisure activities include running on the treadmill at 4 a.m. and traveling about the state in an RV to research retirement living choices. Ann would love to hear from **Janet Rosen** Zarowitz. **Barbara Norton** (Barbara.L.Norton@gmail.com) lives in Norman, OK, with husband **Allen Hertzke**, MS '77.

Inspiring news comes from **Lisa Yang**, BS ILR '74. She made a major gift to the ILR school's Employment and Disability Inst. Lisa, who was awarded the Cheryl and Howard Hassman Leadership Award at the 11th Annual Devereux Pennsylvania Gala in 2009, has a passion and a commitment to make the corporate world much more disability-friendly. She believes that having a disability institute at ILR "speaks well for Cornell's culture of diversity." In August 2010 **Mark Pearce** (mark1494@gmail.com) was appointed chairman of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, DC. By day he is involved in policy making and public speaking, but finds time to oil paint, draw, and explore the D.C. art scene during his spare moments. In May 2011, **David Glass** (djglass99@yahoo.com) became director of regulatory affairs for Joule Unlimited, a Cambridge, MA-based company developing proprietary genome-engineered microorganisms to capture sunlight and convert waste carbon dioxide into renewable transportation fuels and chemicals. He remains a fan of the Big Red Marching Band, traveling to Cornell football and hockey games throughout New England to see nephews **Zachary Glass '09**, ME '10, and **Cameron Glass '13** march in the band.

Also reporting news are **Peter Porpiglia** (PJP218@gmail.com), **Elizabeth Norment** (eliznorment@earthlink.net), and **Paul Dionisio**, ME '76 (pauldionisio@msn.com). Elizabeth has an exciting career as an actress in Broadway and off-Broadway theatre productions as well as television. She would love to hear from **Chick Perry**. Peter moved from Putnam Valley, NY, to California with wife Trudy and began a new job as director of product development for American Vanguard Corp. Paul remains in Basking Ridge, NJ, and is planning his wedding, honeymoon, and trip to Italy. He credits his Phi Sigma Kappa brothers for helping him to grow in his career path as well as in his personal life and enjoys seeing them whenever the opportunity arises.

Please take a few minutes to send us insights into your life after Cornell, friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus; we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com.

76 Greetings, classmates. I hope this finds you all well. The bones are a bit achier, but the bright side is that I am still playing—just a tad slower. Poet and essayist **Yuri Kageyama** (Tokyo, Japan) e-mailed about her new book, *The New and Selected Yuri: Writing From Peeling Till Now*. You can get more information at her website, <http://yurikageyama.com>. **Scott Keenum** writes that he thought his youngest son, Christian, would join the Cornell DU legacies, but he opted to enroll at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business. His

oldest son, Chad, is the owner/operator of CK Sporthorses in The Plains, VA, with a specialty of European-bred "hunter/jumpers" (www.cksporthorses.com). Scott's middle son, Matt, graduated from Michigan's Ross School of Business in 2009 and lives and works in Chicago and Annapolis, MD. **Donna Tesiero** has released a new book, *The Choosing Time*, a young adult historical novel set in 16th-century France in a time of religious and technological upheaval. Published in e-book format, the book is available from all major book retailers. For more information, visit www.the-choosing-time.com.

Lisa Wax Breit is a consultant working with schools and nonprofits. Her main project this year has been with Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston to provide professional development for teachers in supplementary Jewish education programs. She says that she and her Cornell friends moved to Boston together in 1978 and have remained close through all of their major lifecycle events. They have all gone into community service, education, or helping professions—having been greatly influenced by Cornell's emphasis on bridging theory and practice to serve and to lead, and particularly launched by the excellent experiential courses in Human Development at the College of Human Ecology. **Adrienne Weiss-Harrison**, MD '79, notes that it was a spring of great ups and downs. Both of her children were awarded master's degrees and each has a "real job with benefits." Sadly, she lost her mother at the end of May. Adrienne is the medical director of the City School District of New Rochelle, NY. She says that every year, their students have more and more complex medical problems, and for the past two years, they have needed to meet these needs with fewer resources, due to the poor economic conditions. She and husband Andy have been married for 32 years.

Rick Van Ness is retired and doing financial literacy projects as a public service. He writes that he is still happily married to **Jennifer Howell '77**. Rick also provides free online educational videos targeted at ordinary investors or can offer the content in a short, inexpensive book, *Common Sense Investing*, aimed at the 99 percent of working Americans who never learned the basics about how to invest wisely. You can find it on Amazon or watch it at www.FinancingLife.org. **Beth Wright-Seeley** has retired after 31 years of obstetric nursing in Syracuse. She spends lots of time with her children Faith, 18, prepping for her senior year (soccer, lacrosse, good student) in high school, and Robbie, 10 (lacrosse, soccer, football, wrestling). Beth writes that she stays in touch with her Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority sisters and never misses the Sprint Football Alumni weekend, as husband **Jim Seeley '75**, JD '79, has played in the game for 30-plus years (sometimes alongside my husband, **Don Sussman**). She loves where they live in the Finger Lakes and plans to be there always. Beth volunteers at the PTA bookstore, Girl Scouts, church, lacrosse (parent and coach's wife), and soccer (team captain Mom).

Steven Gillman reports from the Chicago area that he continues to practice labor and employment law on behalf of management. Steve lives in Oak Park, IL (birthplace of Ernest Hemingway and a showcase of homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright!) with his wife, Gillian, and children Mikaela, 17, and twins Ethan and Alexa, 13, along with the family dog, Truro. The kids are avid travel soccer players. Steve writes that for the past ten years, he and Gillian have been going in different directions on weekends to transport and

cheer on the kids at their games. Steve is president of the community soccer club, the Oak Park River Forest Strikers, comprising 31 teams and 460 players ages 7 to 18. **Lauren Rosenberg Moffit** is an independent financial planner with Ameriprise Financial. She has built a successful national practice based on client referrals over 14 years. She enjoys leading clients to understand investments, creating proactive investment strategies, and finding opportunities in volatility.

Bill Silberg writes that he has his own communications and publishing consulting business. He also serves as editor at large for the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. He and wife Char sent their son, Jake, off to college at Harvard and are now officially empty-nesters. **Christina Holness Waddler** tells us that she has been an art enthusiast for 20 years now and spends most of her free time participating in all things art, both visual and performing. Her challenge is that she still has to work for a living. She volunteers as a docent at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, having a love for African art and enjoying her interaction with the diversity of people who come to the museum.

Virgil DeArmond is a retired US Air Force lieutenant colonel. He was a director of procurement support and policy. Virgil says that he has been vacationing in Thailand every other year since the first Desert War in 1990 and says he knows his way around Bangkok better than he knows Dallas. He has been living in Dallas for 11 years now, the longest time ever in one place, as he was a military brat and career officer in the Air Force. **Carol Farkas** (Jackson, WY) volunteers at the library, enjoys the extraordinary concerts in Jackson, and travels a lot with spouse Robin. Carol says she

moved to Wyoming 15 years ago and made it their permanent residence, though they still come back to NYC during spring and fall. **Susan Seiller** (Louisville, KY) is learning to play the Djembe with a Malian master in Louisville. She continues to practice her black and white photography and darkroom skills. Susan returned from a workshop in Mexico (Oaxaca). She is currently assisting a local arboretum with their café operation and expansion. **Thaddeus Rutkowski**, BFA '76, has written his third novel, *Haywire*, which was published by Starcherone Books. It reached number one on Small Press Distribution's fiction bestseller list.

In January 2010, **Richard Neff** left Greenberg Glusker to re-establish Neff Law Firm, an intellectual property and technology law firm strong in international transactions. He has also been a Dept. of State distinguished speaker in Latin America twice, speaking to university, business, and government audiences in Spanish on "Intellectual Property Protection and National Development." **Amy Trueman** has been given the honor of becoming the dean of student life at Tompkins Cortland Community College. She is also involved in the Tompkins County Quilters Guild and was the show chair for the 2011 Traditions & Beyond Quilt Show. **Greg Meyers** is a pastor in Johnstown, NY. He has been married to wife Lori for 31 years. Together they enjoy gardening and serving God. Greg says that pastoring a growing church is always a challenge in terms of preaching, teaching God's word, shepherding people, growing faithful followers of Christ, and establishing groups. That's all the news for now. Please be well and stay in touch! **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

food. "The second best part was practicing my college German," he writes. If **Michael Cooperman '76** is reading this, please give William a call; he'd like to hear from you.

In my neck of the woods (Lake Oswego, OR), **Jone Sampson** (samsjo@yahoo.com) is an associate professor in molecular and medical genetics and a director of clinical cancer genetics at the Knight Cancer Center at the Oregon Health and Science U. Besides working and taking care of her children (Lizzie at Colorado College, Maggie, a junior at Catlin Gabel High School, and Emma in eighth grade), Jone enjoys riding her horse. On the opposite coast, **Kathleen Murphy** (Westfield, NJ; k_murphy55@yahoo.com) is a urologic surgeon. Kathleen has children JB (Tufts '08), **Sean Bruno '11** (working on his master's in Mechanical Engineering), **Brendan Bruno '13** (Hotel), and Brigid (a junior in high school). Kathleen is one busy woman—in addition to her work and her children, she finds time to run six miles daily, cook "for fun and nourishment," take French lessons, and read. In Stone Harbor, NJ, this summer, Kathleen saw **Jody Katz** and **Anne Pinou**. Kathleen would like to hear from **Howie Eisen** and **Karin Suskin**.

Brenda Peterman Kline (Fairfax, VA; brenda.pkline@gmail.com) is a clinical dietitian at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital and is studying for the certified diabetic education exam. In addition, Brenda is "trying to improve" her golf game, playing with her three grandsons and two granddaughters, and never passes up an opportunity to do something with friends, children, or grandchildren. All of that keeps Brenda so busy that, in her words, "my home/yard never quite looks all picked up." (We hear ya, Brenda.) And closely related to health and medicine, **Bill Piombino** (Wells, ME; wpiombino@aol.com) is director of operations for Lonza Biologics, a contract manufacturer of biopharmaceuticals. Bill's extracurricular activities include serving as chairman of the United Way of the Greater Seacoast and vice chairman of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley.

Mike Weber (Penfield, NY; mweber6@rochester.rr.com) is still waiting for some grandchildren to spoil. Mike is an engineering manager with Xerox Corp. in Webster, NY. He writes that he has been employed by Xerox for all 34-plus years since graduating from Cornell. While awaiting grandchildren, Mike plays organized pick-up ice hockey with "fellow old/slow/fat guys" around his own age and attends concerts and sporting events all over the East Coast. If **Bob Crabb** sees this, Mike would like to hear from you. **Michael Samuels** (North Potomac, MD; mijujoel@ieee.org) is a systems engineer at Mitre Corp. Echoing a refrain I hear from many parents, Michael reports that he spends his free time driving teenagers to various activities.

Benjamin Miller (Redwood City, CA; bmiller@articulatedata.com) reports that his youngest daughter was married in September. (Congratulations!) Benjamin is a busy guy, with a part-time job as a database developer for Sony Computer Entertainment and another as a database developer for clients in architecture, construction, and nonprofit child advocacy. Music is Benjamin's primary extracurricular activity. He is the bass section leader for Voices in Harmony, one of the top ten choruses internationally in the Barbershop Harmony Society, and plays the piano. Not sure how this relates to music, but Benjamin also is a regular poker player and "getting serious" about collecting Scotch. Currently he has about 40 Scotches and

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77 The holidays are fast approaching as I write this column, but I hope spring is near as you read it. The news I've received once again demonstrates the interesting careers our classmates have pursued.

Medicine was the common thread for a number of classmates who wrote with news. **Keith Norris**, a professor of medicine and executive VP for research and health affairs at Charles Drew U. of Medicine and Science, received a Meritorious Achievement Award from the National Medical Association at its 2011 convention. Keith's great-grandfather, who was chair of surgery at Howard U., was president of the NMA 100 years ago. Keith served as chairman of its nephrology section from 1992 to 1996 and for the past ten years has been a member of the *NMA Journal* editorial board. From 2009 to 2011, Keith was ranked among the top 25 most highly funded NIH investigators in the world. His work on chronic kidney disease and health disparities includes more than 225 peer-reviewed articles and textbook chapters; he also serves as editor of the international journal *Ethnicity and Disease*.

Audrey Krall Pauly (Swall Meadows, CA; paulyakmd@aol.com) is a gynecologist at the Sierra Park Women's Health Center at the Mammoth Hospital in Mammoth Lakes, CA. Also in ob/gyn is **William Schweizer** (New York, NY; dr.schweizer@lexobgynnc.com), as obstetrics service chief at NYU-Langone Medical Center. William writes that he is also busy with his private practice—but not so busy that he can't also "coordinate" sports and academic endeavors for his twins, 14. With his wife, Alison, William took a "romantic" trip to Berlin and enjoyed the art, music, and

reports that those from the Isle of Islay are his favorites. **Debra Demske** (Potomac, MD, ddemske@comcast.net), after 26 years in various management positions at Hewlett-Packard, has returned to writing. She is working on a screenplay and “memoirish” short stories. In addition, Debra volunteers at the local food bank and serves as a CAAAN representative for local high school prospects. She is another parent who spends considerable time chauffeuring a “very active 15-year-old around town.” Other activities include lots of travel and tending a big vegetable garden this summer. Debra visits with Brenda Peterman Kline (and it is a nice coincidence that both wrote with news for this column) and would like to hear from **Lori Ranft**.

We also have some classmates involved with sustainable/renewable energy endeavors. **John Molinda** (Pittsburgh, PA; jmolinda@aol.com) is an energy consultant/developer who splits his time between developing projects for 1st Renewable Energy Technologies and writing startup procedures for Westinghouse nuclear reactors being built in China. In his spare time, John is busy cycling, windsurfing, golfing, and skiing, as well as catching good bands. He hopes to return to tennis and maybe soccer, basketball, and baseball after hip replacement surgery in December. John's daughter is getting her master's in Engineering from Cornell, which gives John a “fantastic excuse” to visit Cornell. In between his “about ten trips per year” to our alma mater, John also travels “almost weekly” to watch his other daughter play soccer at Penn State. John sees a number of Cornellians frequently, including **Stu Soffer**, **Dave Hunter**, **Ken Koenig**, ME '78, and **Mark Halper**. John would like to hear from **Elizabeth Reeves '79** and **Hayward Zwertling**.

We had a number of classmates continue their Cornell educations with CAU. Ithaca residents **John '74**, MBA '76, and **Elaine Mead Alexander** trekked across town this summer to participate in Cornell's Adult University courses on Photography and Modern Art. Fellow Finger Lakes denizen **Maggie Freese Atkins** (Canandaigua, NY) participated in CAU's History of Earth. **Cynthia Leder** (Manhattan) studied Film, and **Barbara Weed Poetzsch** (Ravena, NY) took the Wine Course. Manhattan-based physicians **Lisa Babitz Greisman** and husband **Stewart** traveled with CAU on a study tour to Belize. For those of you who haven't shared any news with us lately, your class correspondents would love to hear from you. You can send news via e-mail, snail mail, or the Class of 1977 website (<http://www.cornellclassof77.org>). **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; and **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Lots of interesting tidbits from our classmates this time around, so no introductions needed. **Peter Ressler** has written a book about the mortgage meltdown and the ensuing global economic crisis that contains practical solutions provided by the very people who caused the crisis. As specialists in recruiting for senior management in the mortgage securities markets, Peter and his co-author witnessed firsthand the dramatic human story unfolding behind the scenes at the largest financial institutions in the world. The book, titled *Conversations with Wall Street: The Inside Story of the Financial Armageddon and How to Prevent the Next One*, was excerpted on TheStreet.com, <http://www.thestreet.com/story/11339562/6/conversations-with-wall-street-book-excerpt.html>.

Since selling the electronic book company he founded in 2004 to Google last year, **John Rivlin** has been working with the Google Editions team on its electronic book offering. Although quite a change from his 12-person company, John reports that the Google experience has been exciting, rewarding, and educational. He and wife **Susan Eschweiler '78**, BArch '78, get together with **Dan Kershaw**, **Joan Dineen**, and **Cella Irvine** during regular visits to New York. They also keep up with goings-on at Cornell through their son **Michael '13**, a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering. **Gail Rosselot** was honored with induction as a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Physicians and Surgeons (Glas) in Scotland, after more than 30 years of work in travel health nursing. She has a private practice and directs one of the only US courses in travel healthcare—a career that has allowed for international travel and friendships with colleagues around the world.

Stephanie Mitchell, JD '80, lives in Brussels and works as the deputy head of the entrepreneurship unit of the European Commission. She helps organize networks of mentors to support women, young people, and other entrepreneurs. Recently, Stephanie has been helping European businesses with intellectual property rights problems in or relating to China. She attributes her success with that project to her Chinese language and history training at Cornell and extends a hearty “thank you” to her professors. After Cornell, **Holly Rosenthal** earned an MBA in marketing from Wharton and worked in consumer products marketing. A few years ago, she developed a new product, MidNite Sleep Remedy, which she says is now the #1 natural sleep aid in the US and the #2 selling non-prescription sleep aid overall. Holly lives and works in Rockland County, NY, is married to Howard Bernstein, a physician at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, and has a son at Brown and a daughter at Boston U.

Stephen Pope's new feature-length film, *Secrets, Dreams, Faith and Wonder*, had its US premiere at the Louisville Int'l Film Festival and its European premiere at the Lucerne Int'l Film Festival last fall. The five movements of this “mass for the new millennium” map loosely onto the sections of the Catholic mass ritual, though the lesson and the creed are quite different. There is a four-minute trailer for the film online at <http://HeavenEverywhere.com/Secrets>. **John McDonald Jr.**, BArch '82, is the associate principal and director of design at Perkins & Will, an architectural firm in Boston. He and wife **Debi (Lacy) '79**, BArch '80, MArch '93, enjoy their weekends in New England camping, hiking, and skiing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Brian Adams is a professor of environmental science at Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts. Canoeing and environmental activism fill his spare time, along with getting his son off to graduate school and his daughter off to college. Brian would like to hear from **Mark Levine** and **Dave McDowell**. When not working as an editor of *Architectural Record*, **Clifford Pearson** is helping to run a nonprofit think tank called Asia Design Forum. The organization put together a “Design Roulette” in Shanghai in September 2011 and is planning another in Hong Kong in the spring of 2012. On a recent trip to Guangdong Province in China, he inspected a local delicacy: marinated, air-cured field mice. Serve it over steamed rice, he was told by the proud farmer who was preparing the meat.

A self-employed psychotherapist specializing in trauma and treating tweens, teens, and adults, **Catherine Putkowski O'Brien** is also the director of health education for the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative at the College of Staten Island. In addition, she runs a Meet-Up group for breast cancer survivors and an annual retreat for survivors and family members. Catherine would love to hear from fellow Human Ecology classmates and friends at cobrienlcs@msn.com. **Diane Stone** is a kennel manager and substitute teacher, returning to the classroom after retiring as a biology teacher. She also has a home business creating floral bouquets. Diane enjoys traveling, gardening, making jewelry, sewing, and jazzercise.

Vivian Wohl (Sausalito, CA) is a senior investment analyst for Federated Advisory Services Co., covering healthcare. She enjoys her post-divorce life of tennis, running, biking, and photography. Vivian would like to hear from **Myrella Triana '76**. While working as a civil engineer in Davis, CA, **Bryan Plude** is also attending seminary school for a graduate degree at Starr King School for the Ministry. After 22 years in business as a base-maker for artists, dealers, and collectors and as a dealer of traditional African art, **Amyas Naegele** inaugurated a new exhibition space for his gallery. He has donated a wide variety of antique tribal objects to the Herbert Johnson Museum and has also arranged donations from contacts in the field as the museum expands. **Roger Martin Davis** released a nine-volume book set entitled *Transformation Technology: The Artistry & Science of Human Transformation* (www.akupressinternational.com). When not writing, Roger is busy supporting various nonprofit causes. His Cornell memories include the campus protests.

Langdon Neal, managing owner of a Chicago-based law firm, attended his daughter's graduation last May. He recalls it was a very special moment as he sat in the stadium and all the memories of that day in his life 33 years earlier were renewed. “That day reinforced what a special place Cornell continues to be for us all,” Langdon notes. **Randall Nixon** remains a dedicated Cornell booster, marking 25 years as a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador and six years as the chairman of CAAAN in Howard County, MD. His son will graduate from the Hotel school this spring, just as his daughter transfers in as a sophomore. They all enjoyed a family rendezvous at Lynah Rink for the Cornell-Harvard hockey game this winter. Randall has been in touch with his track team buddy **Osie Osborne** since reconnecting with him at our class reunion four years ago, and finding out he lives just 15 miles away! (One of the BEST reasons to attend our 35th Reunion, coming up in June 2013!) He would love to hear from other members of the track team from our era.

Steven Potter's younger son, **Justin '11**, graduated last May with a degree from the Dyson School (AEM) and works for Ernst & Young Consulting in NYC. Justin lives in Manhattan, a few blocks from his brother, **Brandon '09**, a senior analyst for the Nielsen Co. **Robert** and **Diana** “Sunshine” **Lorenz Weggler** have a “new addition” to their family: a Karelian bear dog. They say it's like being new parents all over again! A few of our classmates were back on the Hill last summer joining other alumni at CAU for a variety of mind-stretching summer classes. **Victoria Hartman** and **David Levine** took part in the Harried Gourmet, **Lenard Adler** tried the Wine Course, and **James Rautio** learned about Cape May birds. Check the alumni section of the website for more great offerings

this summer. And send your updates for future columns to: [✉ Ilene Shub Lefland, ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net); or [Cindy Fuller, cindy@cindyfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfuller.com).

79 I sincerely hope that you have had a reasonably enjoyable winter and are seeing the first signs of spring wherever you live as you read this column. Time seems to go so quickly and before you know it 2014 will be here and we will be returning to Ithaca for our 35th Reunion. Co-reunion chairs **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, and the rest of our class officers are always working behind the scenes to continue the class record of achievements in reunion attendance and class giving. Please put June 5-8, 2014 on your long-range calendar and plan to join everyone in Ithaca to renew friendships and make new, unforgettable memories.

Rhonda Carniol writes that she enjoys frequent visits to Ithaca since her daughter is currently a senior on the Hill; she looks forward to attending graduation this May. **Mark Wilson**, MBA '80, and wife **Denise Rempe '80** will also visit Ithaca on a regular basis since their daughter Brooke was accepted early decision to Cornell's Arts college for fall 2012 enrollment. Son Ryan, a junior at the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse U., is completing a semester in Hong Kong, where the family joined him for Thanksgiving. **Thomas Hicks** (thicks42@yahoo.com) writes that he is publishing a new book on tropical plant material. He has traveled to China and continues to enjoy his career in landscape architecture. Thomas serves as vice president for EDSA (www.edsaplan.com), a landscape architecture, urban planning, and graphic design firm headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The five-decades-old firm has completed a vast array of design project around the world. Thomas and wife Isabel reside on Hilton Head Island, SC, and would love to hear from **Steve Ho '77**.

South Carolina is also home to **Elizabeth Rakov** Igleheart (Egleheart@aol.com) and husband Bill. Elizabeth is a development officer in the Arnold School of Public Health at the U. of South Carolina in Columbia. This position keeps her busy with extensive business travel and grant writing. She is also a board member for EdVenture Children's Museum, the largest children's museum in the South, located on the same campus as the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. Elizabeth is also active as the social events co-chair for the Woodcreek Women's Club's board of directors. In addition to these activities, she is busy trying to keep up with her daughter, Alex, the legislative correspondent and staff assistant for Texas congressman Mac Thornberry, and son Austin, a sophomore at the U. of Denver. She caught up with **Myra Chow** over drinks in San Francisco while visiting for a niece's wedding in July. Despite her busy schedule, Elizabeth still finds time to play golf and enjoys sewing and needlepoint. She would love to hear from **Roland Foulkes '78** and any other Cornellians that call South Carolina home.

Carolyn Clark (cclark707@gmail.com) remarried in 2008; she and husband Geoff Cullen are now a family of seven, consisting of four boys and one girl ranging in age from 17 to 23. Three of the children are Carolyn's from her marriage to **John Breen '81**, and the other two are from Geoff's first marriage. The blended family lives in Rockville, MD, where Carolyn is a high school Latin and French teacher in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

In addition to her teaching position, Carolyn enjoys working as a part-time personal trainer and as a workshop instructor at the Bethesda Writers Center. In her spare time she enjoys horseback riding, skiing, tennis, jogging, and dancing. She stays in touch with **Barney Balch**, but would love to hear from **Thereza Lanitis** Spanos, BFA '79, and **Christophe Quinn** O'Mahoney, her freshman year roommates in Baker Dorms.

Jeff Hirsch (jhirsch@hrwlawyers.com) and wife Deborah are adjusting to the empty nest in Newton, MA, since son Jake, 22, graduated from the U. of Rochester in May and now works for Dick's Sporting Goods in Pittsburgh, PA. Their other son, Nate, 19, is away most of the year studying computer game design at RIT, where he is a sophomore. At work, Jeff was occupied with a move to new offices this past November. His law firm, Boston-based Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP, has 16 lawyers who focus on management, labor, and employment law. Jeff continues in his fourth year as the co-chair of the firm. **Elina Yi-Lin Hum** (ehum@humlawfirm.com) practices law in the Washington, DC, Metro area. She has her own firm, Hum Law Firm PLLC, a boutique tax law concern located in the District of Columbia. She continues to advise individual, business, and nonprofit clients from D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. Elina and her former husband, Ted Pratt, divorced in 2009 and she now lives in Arlington, VA.

In other D.C. news, the US Senate confirmed the nomination by President Obama of **Ron McCray** to serve on the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. His confirmation in November enables Ron to participate in the oversight of a \$280 billion pension plan for four million federal employees. In addition to his responsibilities on the board, Ron works as a private investor and corporate director and is a minority owner of the Boston Celtics. Another prestigious appointment has been given to **Harvey Stenger** as he assumes the role of president at the U. of Binghamton on January 1. Prior to accepting this post, Harvey was the dean of the Engineering School and interim provost at the U. of Buffalo. Since completing his doctoral degree at MIT, he has had an extensive career in academia, serving as a faculty member and dean at Lehigh U. from 1984 to 2006.

On the class social scene, **Margie Wang** and **Nancy Sverdlík** coordinated a pre-game dinner at Heartland Brewery before the Big Red Hockey match last Nov. 26 at Madison Square Garden. This combined event with the classes of '78, '80, and '81 had more than 100 in attendance including 30-plus '79ers. **Steve Fontana** writes that he enjoyed attending the Cornell/BU hockey game and seeing fellow Phi Sig fraternity brothers **Jeff Margolis**, MBA '80, **Rob Sanders**, **Rick Fried '80**, **Mark Rouleau '78**, **Dave Chabon '83**, **Walt Milani '78**, and **Walter Peek '80**. In other social news, **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, caught up with **Dean Burrell** and **Jeff Goldberg**, ME '80, on the golf course in Scottsdale, AZ. Burrell is the former VP for labor relations at Republic Services in Phoenix and Goldberg is the dean of the College of Engineering at the U. of Arizona in Tucson. Berg continues to volunteer for Cornell, the Boy Scouts, and his synagogue, while splitting time between Scottsdale and Goldens Bridge, NY.

Please continue to keep in touch so we can inform classmates about your news. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1979"), and the Cornell Class of

'79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu or directly at: [✉ Kathy Zappia Gould, rdgould@comcast.net](mailto:kathy.zappia@comcast.net); [Cynthia Ahlgren Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthia.ahlgren@hotmail.com); and [Linda Moses, mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com).

80 As I write this column during the holiday and election season, I remember four years ago when I was writing this column during the recession of 2008, the historical election of Barack Obama, and the nostalgia craze for the 1960s and '70s. We are again facing tumultuous economic times and a riveting presidential election as President Obama commences his reelection campaign and Republican hopefuls battle for the Republican presidential nomination. Nostalgia for our childhood era is going strong, as TV shows like "Mad Men" and "Pan Am" attract viewers. The vibrancy of the Internet has been reaffirmed as that medium has become a democratizing force helping jumpstart both the Arab Spring and the Occupy Wall Street movement. This is a unique time in Cornell's history as Cornell forges ahead with its preparations for the sesquicentennial celebration of Cornell's founding and the development of the New York Tech Campus in partnership with the Technion-Israel Inst. of Technology. This is also an exciting and busy time for the Class of 1980.

Our class celebrated with the classes of 1978, 1979, and 1981 at the Heartland Brewery before Big Red ice hockey fans packed Madison Square Garden to cheer on the Cornell team against Boston U. on November 26, the biannual Thanksgiving weekend game. Although Cornell tied the game, 1-1, during the third period, the next Cornell goal was contested and then rejected, and BU won the game in overtime, 2-1. The Class of 1980 was well represented at the game, including the following classmates and their family and friends: **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, **Leona Barsky**, MS '81, **Renay Becker**, **Lily Chu**, MBA '82, JD '09, **Sheri Casper**, **Mary Farrell**, **Gary Gertzog**, **Jeff Klein**, MBA '82, **Nadia Laniado**, **Robert Messner**, **Esther Elkin Mildner**, **Tom and Sharon Hulkower Murphy**, **Jodi Diehl** Nestle, **Tim O'Connor**, **Stephen Radin**, **Beth Santa**, **Scott Thompson**, **Michael Ullman**, **Candy Crocker** Warren, and **Lisa Privett**-Wood. Thank you to Esther Elkin Mildner for coordinating the ticket sales for our class.

Our classmates are very accomplished and continue to be in the news. **Eva Sage**-Gavin will be the 2012 recipient of the ILR school's Judge William B. Groat Alumni Award for her contributions to Cornell and her community and her professional accomplishments. Eva serves as executive VP, global human resources and corporate affairs for Gap Inc. and has served as a member of the Cornell University Council, President's Council of Cornell Women, and Cornell Center for Advanced Human Resources Studies Board. Please join ILR alumni and friends when Eva receives her award at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan on March 29. **Randi Weingarten**, president of the American Federation of Teachers, spoke on "Unions and the Future of Our Schools" on December 14, 2011 at the Jewish Community Center of Manhattan on the Upper West Side. **Stephen Radin** received a Burton Award for Legal Achievement, awarded to attorneys who exhibit excellence in legal writing, for the category "Best Authoritative Book by a Partner in a Law Firm," in a June 2011 ceremony at the Library of Congress. Steve's book, *The Business Judgment Rule: Fiduciary Duties*

of *Corporate Directors*, is a corporate governance treatise of four volumes and 6,000 pages.

David Michaels (Davidmichaels5@aol.com) serves with me on the board of trustees for Cornell Hillel and shared news of his family and friends. David works as senior VP for Wells Fargo Bank in Manhattan. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children who are attending Cornell—**B.J. '12** and **Emily '14**—and their oldest, Debra, graduated from Northwestern U. in June 2009. David and Nancy hosted a dinner last fall for **David and Penny Friedman Parkes, MS '85**, **Steven Potolsky, Brad and Maggie Blinder Tolkin**, and **Jordan and Ronni Pine Metzger**. Steven Potolsky and wife **Lori Bookstein '83** have daughter **Lizzie '14** attending Cornell, and Ronni and Jordan also have a daughter, **Rachel '15**, at Cornell. Brad and Maggie's son Sean will be starting the master's program at the Hotel school in the fall.

Hillel is very different from the Hillel that we knew during our years at Cornell. It includes 30 different Jewish student groups that run over 400 programs annually and reach thousands of students on campus. During winter break, Hillel sent 50 students, with Hillel staff, to Israel on Taglit-Birthright, and 12 students to Nicaragua to build an adult literacy community center. Hillel welcomed a new executive director, Hal Ossman (hjo9@cornell.edu), in September 2011, and he is eager to meet with alumni and hear about their experiences.

For those of us with fond memories of sitting in Bailey Hall with hundreds of students during Psych 101 or discussing justice, inequality, and freedom in America during Recent American History, two preeminent professors, **Jim Maas, PhD '66**, and **Richard Polenberg**, retired in 2011. Prof. Maas taught at Cornell for 48 years and taught Psych 101 to more than 65,000 Cornellians. Prof. Polenberg taught at Cornell for 45 years and focused on teaching how broad issues of justice, inequality, and freedom affected "real people . . . human beings that were the stuff of history . . . outsiders or victims." Prof. Polenberg gave an informal lecture on Bob Dylan at a Cornell Hillel reception last spring and several classmates were in attendance, including **Leona Barsky, Joseph Baumgarten**, **Esther Elkin Mildner**, and **Stephen Radin**.

Ellen Wulffhorst (ellen.wulffhorst@thomsonreuters.com) writes that she is working as a national correspondent for Reuters in New York City and overseeing domestic news in the Northeast. **Brenda Wimpfheimer Cooper** is interim director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Medical Center, and was recently promoted to Professor of Medicine. She is performing clinical research in leukemia. She and husband **Mark '78** have sons **Elliot, 13**, and **Ethan, 10**. She can be reached at **Brenda.Cooper@uhhospitals.org** and would love to hear from **Heidi Horowitz '79**.

Correction Dept.: Our apologies to **Peggy Hoffmann Connolly**, whose name was spelled incorrectly in our Jan/Feb class column. Please continue to keep in touch as our class prepares for our 35th Reunion in 2015! **Leona Barsky**, **Leonabarsky@aol.com**; **Dik Saalfeld**, **rfs25@cornell.edu**; **Dana Jerrard**, **dej24@cornell.edu**; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, **caa28@cornell.edu**.

81 Greetings from sunny Southern California! I hope you are enjoying the start of spring! My husband, Bud, and I are busy here with our own business, Bogart's Coffee House, overlooking the Pacific, and

keeping track of our kids **Tyler, 15**, and **Caroline, 12**, who are both busy with sports and show choir competitions. It is just like "Glee"! I also sing with an a cappella women's chorus, as I did during my years at Cornell! I'm still smiling when I think of all the great people I saw at our 30th Reunion last June—so many longtime friends! I had fun driving up to Ithaca with **Leslie Watson Pearson**, who is working as an assistant principal in Wilton, CT, and very proud of her music teacher husband, **Andrew**, and violin (and hockey) playing son **Jeffrey, 13**. **Leslie** also sees our friend **Melissa Chefec**, who runs her own public relations firm in Stamford, CT, and stays busy with husband **Rich Berman** and two daughters. This past October, the Chefec-Berman clan had a scare when a snow-covered tree fell on their car during the surprise snowstorm. Luckily, no one was seriously injured!

Kathy Philbin LaShoto is in her fifth year with CBRE as a regional manager in downtown Boston. Her son **James** plays football as a sophomore at Bentley College and daughter **MaryAnn** is graduating this year from high school. Another KD, **Sally Furness Dawson**, is out here in California, teaching fourth grade and living with her son **Nahoa**, a high school junior. **Chris Ritenis** earned her master's degree in fine arts last June and is a freelance writer submitting her work to magazines for publication. She also runs in marathons, but has taken a short respite as she recovers from foot surgery. **Wendie Smith Cohick, PhD '89**, is a professor of animal sciences at Rutgers U. She is studying the use of growth hormones and their effect on breast cancer. **Carol Wolverton Johnston** lives and works in Jacksonville, NC, as an ophthalmologist. You will find **Cindy High-Fischmann** at Kodak in Rochester, NY, as a human resources director.

Also at reunion were a bunch of the Kappa Sigma brothers. **Ed Dean, MD '85**, has opened a wellness center in Naples, FL. **Rob Fried**, a writer and film producer in the Los Angeles area, reports that **Larry Goldberg's** son **Scott** was accepted into the ILR school for fall 2012. **Dave Pauker** and **Tom Foster** work in NYC, helping companies restructure their finances. I am sure they are busy in this economy! **Tom** and **Wendy Kibrick Frank** were sorry they had to miss Reunion this past year, but they'd made the drive from Cleveland to Cornell three times last spring: for their daughter's Alpha Phi fundraiser, to drive her home after her freshman year in Hum Ec, and for their son's graduation from Arts and Sciences. **Tom** is associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Case Western Reserve U. Medical School in Ohio; he estimates that he's delivered more than 6,000 babies!

Lois Lupica, an attorney for Thompson & Knight, was selected as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Induction was held at the US Supreme Court. She is a professor at the U. of Maine Law School. **Tracy Dolgin** will receive ILR's Alpern Award based on his contributions to the school and his professional success. **Tracy** was named president and CEO of the YES Network. He is responsible for all aspects of operations for the most-watched regional sports and entertainment television network in the country. **Lionel Wolberger**, one of the founding members of Better Music Thru Science, announces that the band has a website of the same name.

Many of our classmates have children entering or currently enrolled at Cornell. **Tim, MBA '87**, and **Debbie Sopher Matson '82, MBA '87**, returned to West Hartford, CT, after ten years living in Malaysia and Hong Kong. After many years with ING Investment Management, **Tim** now works as an

independent consultant. Their daughter **Mallory** was accepted into Arts and Sciences. **Susan Scarf Merrell's** daughter **Maggie '14** is also in the Arts college. **Robin Geller Diamond** is delighted to share the news that her youngest son, **Jordan**, will head to Cornell next fall as a Hotelier in the Class of 2016. **Robin** and **Ted, DVM '82**, always dreamed of someone in the family following the Big Red path.

After 12 years with the Nielsen Co., **Paul Flugel** accepted a position as VP of marketing solutions with Catalina Marketing in Schaumburg, IL, last October. **Paul** lives in Glen Ellyn, IL, with his wife **Sherry**, sons **Alex** and **Adam '13**, and beagle Mrs. **Dinkins**. **Claire Baum**, daughter of **Ed Baum** and wife **Holly Wallace**, will join the CALS Class of '16 as an Animal Sciences major. **Claire** received her earliest "lessons" in animal physiology wandering among the dinosaur fossils and animal dioramas in the Museum of Natural History, just across the street from the family's apartment on West 77th Street. Shortly before **Claire** moves to Ithaca, however, the **Baum/Wallace** family will be leaving that home of more than 20 years—to move a few feet east to the (now almost fully) renovated apartment next door in the same building.

Daniel Weisz attended his first reunion after 30 years and was happy to see so many people from his freshman dorm at 140 Thurston Avenue. **Christina Turczyn** attended the 34th Annual Fulbright Association Conference in Washington, DC, where she met with the Arts Task Force and visited the Embassy of Singapore and the US Inst. of Peace. Primarily a writer, she most recently taught at SUNY-New Paltz. While living in Rhinebeck, NY, she reconnected with **Christine Teisl Murray**, who resides in Clinton, NY, with her family. **Russ Urban** writes, "My youngest son, **Chase '15**, is a freshman at the Hotel school, so that makes two Cornellians with my oldest, **Evan Hurd '03**. We have a son **Tyler** who works for Universal Music in Burbank, CA; our youngest (and only daughter) is a junior in high school bound for a theatre program somewhere. My wife, **Catherine (Evans) '78, MPS '80**, is busy taking care of everyone and running our **Martha's Vineyard** rental business, while I continue my quest for hotel acquisitions at HEI Hotels and Resorts."

On a sad note, **Linda Schecter Giove**, roommate of **Andrea Glick** for four years while at Cornell and then for some time thereafter, passed away in November. Many of her Cornell friends attended the funeral. She is survived by her husband, **Steve, JD '85**, and children **Emily, Ben**, and **Michelle**.

Susan Peterson is director of communications for State Senator **Owen H. Johnson** in Albany, NY. She has children **Wesley, 15**, and **Oliver Clayton, 12**. They live in Averill Park, NY. **Mark Elsaesser** reports, "My daughter **Catherine, 17**, seems to have identified Cornell as the number one school in her college search. At this point she seems interested in the Hotel school/CIA program. My concern: I do not think **Catherine** understands hockey." We would love to hear from you, so please write! **JoAnn Minsker Adams**, **joann@budadams.net**; **Barb Amoscato Sabaitis**, **beachba@hotmail.com**; **Betsy Silverfine**, **bsilverfine@comcast.net**.

82 Reunion (number 30!?), June 7-10, draws near and I look forward to interacting with my many fascinating classmates. Return to good ol' Cornell, one and all! This column includes many of the various phases of life after Cornell (kids, jobs, public service, and, yes, retirement).

Rebecca Hamilton (Dallas, TX) retired in 2005. She now manages a travel blog (somenotesfromabroad.blogspot.com) and is working on a book. She is married to **Allan King, PhD '72**. Those of us still working include **Kevin O'Dea**, who is director of mechanical engineering for document messaging technologies for Pitney Bowes. He and wife Corina live in Southbury, CT. He has been hiking on the Appalachian Trail in New England. He keeps in touch with his Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and helps to coordinate community volunteer efforts for Pitney Bowes and the local United Way. "I enjoy it because I get to work with a variety of nonprofits and schools locally," he says. **Sophia Logozzo Amaro** (New York City) is director of development for two NYC museums: the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum and the Museum of Arts and Design. She loves art and the study of Jewish mysticism and says that a Japanese religious studies course that she took at Cornell continues to play a part in her life.

Many of us still have kids in their teen years or younger. **David Weed**, ME '84, and spouse Kelley live in Victor, NY. David is director of plant engineering services at Rochester General Hospital. He played soccer at Cornell and still enjoys the competition of playing soccer year-round. He says, "Lately I've been taking the kids (14 and 11) to all sorts of activities. I also coach my daughter's soccer team." **Michael Marks** and wife Leslie King live in Ardmore, PA. Michael is professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and physiology for Penn Medicine U. of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia. As unofficial spokesman for dads of adolescent girls everywhere, he says, "Enjoying our daughter Jennifer, 12, as well as all the challenges she poses."

Two of our classmates submitted news with business cards attached that sported the shiny gold Great Seal of the United States. **Patricia H.M. Morrissey** lives with husband Daniel Lloyd in Sterling, VA. Patti works for the US Dept. of State as a representative to the Global Futures Forum, a network of countries working together on global security issues. She loves interacting with her "smart, creative, and passionate-for-peace national and international colleagues, who are all deeply experienced in national and international security policymaking and intelligence." At Cornell, Patti spent three-plus years on the gymnastics team and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She is still active in both areas, coaching gymnastics at her daughter's high school. She is very involved in politics in Virginia and is a member of her county Democratic committee. She writes, "My fun hobby is moderating/hosting a local public access program on local, state, and national politics." She contributes to Women for Women Int'l and sponsors a woman in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to receive education and training toward economic independence.

Paul W. Jones is in his first year serving as US Ambassador to Malaysia, the duties of which have him living in Kuala Lumpur. He reports that relations between the US and Malaysia are going well and that it is a "fascinating time in a fascinating region." Ambassador Jones says that Prof. LaFeber's history of US foreign policy courses continue to play a part in his life. He plans to invite to his home Cornellians of Malaysia, of which he says there are many. Ambassador Jones is not the only classmate reporting from abroad. Hotelier **Stephen Thomson** lives in Hamilton, Bermuda, and is the president of Mailboxes Unlimited, a full-service mailing, packaging, and office services

company that facilitates local and international shipping for residents of Bermuda. Steve has lived in Bermuda since 1987 and has two sons, one who swims for Division 1 Florida State U. and one (**Keneth '15**) who is in the Hotel school. Steve says, "How the world swings in circles." He adds, "If anyone visits Bermuda, please look me up (steve@mailboxesunlimited.com)."

Christopher Hanson is living in southern Italy for a second assignment, working for Boeing in collaboration with an Italian company that is making part of the new 787. He reports lots of interesting days dealing with cultural differences. Chris says that his Italian is slowly improving, but that his family members are all fluent, with his sons even speaking the local dialect. His wife, Katherine Wright, has numerous art shows there in the area, and his son Andy now attends Northeastern, back in Boston. Younger son Spencer is "making his way through the local high school." Chris does some cycling with the local bike team, and on the school breaks in the last year the Hansons have traveled to Berlin, Paris, and Barcelona. Chris hopes to make it to reunion.

Several classmates enjoyed CAU programs last summer. **James '80** and **Carol Huntress Gilmour** participated in Rome in the Round: The Spaces of Art, Religion, and Battle in Imperial Rome. Karen and **Edward Cohen** took Seaskic: The State of the World's Oceans. Attending Motet, Mass and Madrigal: A Choral Workshop on Music of the Tudor Era were **Alfred Cowger** with Anthony Wesley and Catherine Cowger-Wesley. Flexing her muscles at the Rowing Clinic was **Sharon Lieberman**. **Lois Scott**, MBA '83, and Audrey May participated in Midlife: A Passage in Film. And David and **Marjorie Metzger** Stell attended Heavenly Matches and Earthly Delights: Wine and Food Preparation and Pairing.

I don't know if he wanted to be a fireman when he grew up, but **C. Thomas Parsons** has been appointed as the fire chief of Ithaca! Tom started out as an undergraduate "bunker" with the Ithaca Fire Department, served as a firefighter and paramedic, and then did stints as assistant fire chief and deputy fire chief, before coming out on top in the testing and interview process for the head position. He faces the immediate task of running the department in the face of a 6 percent budget cut, but looks forward to the challenge and says, "It's an honor to be fire chief in Ithaca." Speaking of Ithaca, correspondent **Mark Fernau** went back to campus for Homecoming 2011 with wife **Melissa (Duncan) '83** and saw, for the first time in many years, Lambda Chi Alpha brother and fellow U-Hall 5'er **Lawrence Carrozzella**, as well as brothers **John Tansey '84**, **James Farrell '84**, **Jim Morrill '84**, **William Noon '84**, and **Fred Dinger '83**. Thanks again for all the news, and see you in Ithaca for our 30th Reunion! **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@nplaw.com; and **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu.

83 **Kathy Haley Breen** (breenzenmasse@comcast.net) sends greetings from Old Town Alexandria, VA! She retired after teaching for 27 years and has followed her dream of becoming a Kripalu yoga instructor (<http://kathybreenyoga.com>). Work has taken husband **David '84** up and down the East Coast (and to Britain for a year), but they returned to Massachusetts in 2004 so their two sons could finish middle and high school before relocating for a second time to Washington, DC, in November

2011. "We have enjoyed all of our homes and learned much about other cultures and how we as Americans are perceived by others as the global and political climates shift. Son David is graduating from Dickinson College, where he runs and has made nationals two years in a row. He will go to graduate school next year to continue his studies in psychology. Michael has entered the U. of Rochester, where he is studying biology, and will go off to medical school for further studies in medical research." Kathy will not be able to make reunion, but encourages anyone to contact her, stop by, and enjoy a yoga class!

David Rochon (Waltham, MA; drochon@savingstar.com) started a new business in 2010; he is founder and CEO of SavingStar Inc. David is leading the digital grocery coupon revolution by modernizing the way marketers deliver, consumers receive, and retailers handle grocery savings by offering paperless eCoupons on the Web and via smartphones to a national audience. Before that, David was an early employee and later became president of Upromise Inc., a college savings service that allows members to direct their spending to Upromise partners and save money for college. Launched in 2000 and acquired in 2006 by Sallie Mae Inc., Upromise is the largest private source of college funding in the US today. **Cynthia Harris Gray** writes from Cape Elizabeth, ME, where she has lived since 2005 with Steve, her husband of 22 years. "We have retired from running our own business, the Gray Co., where we sold advertising space in medical journals and ran medical trade shows for 18 years. I now work part-time as a tour guide and have the honor of showing cruise ship passengers around the Portland area, with our many lighthouses. I love to share my joy and knowledge of the area. I am also focusing on my art (cynthiagrayer.com) and am currently painting chairs. My inspiration comes from meditating on the night sky. Each chair I create expresses how I see the universe continuing to unfold, through the use of deeply saturated, brilliant colors." Cynthia adds that travel has been one of their passions. During the winter of 2010, she and Steve spent four months sailing around the world on the *Queen Mary II*. They have also been to Antarctica, the high Arctic, and the Galápagos Islands. Cynthia would love to hear from classmates at cynthiagrayer@maine.rr.com.

Bradford Siff, ME '84, MBA '85 (Norwalk, CT; bradsiff@gmail.com) reports that his company, Biowave, is doing well. They make advanced professional and consumer neuromodulation pain therapy systems. A comfortable, 30-minute treatment provides up to 24 hours of continued pain relief. In the three years since their market launch, they have worked with 24 NFL teams, 53 major college sports programs, and many NBA, MLB, and NHL teams. "I'm proud that Cornell Athletics is a customer as well. We now have our systems in use in the White House, the Pentagon, and with the Navy Seals. We are also growing our business in the pain clinic, physical therapy, and chiropractic markets as well. The biggest growth for us, though, is in the home market, which is supported by aging Baby Boomers. Check us out at www.biowave.com." **Robert Rountree** (rrountre@rochester.rr.com) went to Trinidad this past summer with wife Judy and daughter Breana to visit family. He writes, "While we were there we were able to spend an afternoon saving baby leatherback turtles from being eaten by Frigate birds." For pictures, check out the Flickr link: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44403905@N03/sets/72157627782924558/>.

Kathy Sferra (ksferra@gmail.com) lives in Stow, MA, with husband **Jim Salvie**. She has been certified as a running coach by the Road Runners Club of America and has set a goal to run a half-marathon in each of the 50 states. She was on target to complete her eighth state (Nevada) in December. **Lisa Frenkel** Charbonneau (drcharb@maine.rr.com) lives in Yarmouth, ME, and is the medical director of a rehabilitation hospital. "I am a board-certified physiatrist (specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation) and I love my job." Her husband, Ed, is an attorney for the Maine state legislature. They have two incredible children: Abby, a freshman at Syracuse U., and Stephen, who attends American U. in Washington, DC. Stephen is completing five months of volunteer work in Guatemala for Safe Passage, a program that helps the poor families who live around the garbage dump in Guatemala City. Lisa keeps in touch with **Kristy Catlin** Bangs, MBA '89, **Jody Kasten** Sussman, **Benji Goldman**, **Jamie Musiker** Nemirov, and **Deb Gruenfeld**.

Bobby Tsai (btsai@netvigator.com) lives in Hong Kong and manages the family business in garment manufacturing. He has three children, including **Shawn '13** (Hotel) and **Kevin '15** (CALs). Classmates are encouraged to let Bobby know if they are passing through Hong Kong. **Peggy Pierce** (ppierce@perhpsatron.com) celebrated the half-century mark in Los Angeles with longtime friends. **Dan Slaughter** came down from San Francisco and **Margaret Van Buskirk** flew in from West Palm Beach. They got to visit with **John Geresi**, MBA '85, in Manhattan Beach. The most incredible celebration belonged to **Colleen Wainwright**. She used her birthday to launch a 50-day Internet fundraising campaign for Write Girl, a charity. She wanted to raise \$50K in 50 days, but far exceeded the goal, raising more than \$100K through the power of social media! Peggy moved west to Encino in November. She says she'll miss her former home, but still goes to the old neighborhood to teach music to wee ones a few days a week.

Also in California is **Ed Conti** (econiti@integral-corp.com), who changed companies in 2011, leaving a large public company and going back to a small, private firm. He is now principal geologist and regional director for Integral Consulting Inc. in San Francisco. He continues to do the same environmental work—water quality and related studies, primarily for private industry. **Ann Mejias** Rivera (owluvr@hotmail.com) reports that after 25 years of working in college admissions, including Cornell, she has started her own business, IvyNet College Consulting. Send business e-mails to ivynetcc@gmail.com. Good Luck, Ann.

Finally, **Karen Heaphy** Davis (karen.davis@total.com) reports that many '83 alumni gathered in Atherton, CA, the weekend of October 15, 2011 to attend the surprise birthday party of **Debbie Jones-Baloff**, thrown by her husband, Steve. In addition to Karen, who traveled from Pennsylvania, partygoers included **Kathy Herring** Smyth from Virginia, **Lisa Sandelman** Marks from New York, **Andrea Rosenblum** Chasanoff from Connecticut, and **Michele Canny** Gilles and **Bob Glazier** from California. Deb's sons Alex, Cal, and

Austin, and other friends and family joined the festivities, which were affectionately themed by Steve, "Celebrating the Love." Dancing to the music of Tainted Love, the group proved that they are not that old and still know how to dance! In lieu of birthday gifts, donations were accepted by the Milo Foundation (www.milofoundation.org), a pet rescue and adoption organization. That's all for now. Please keep the news coming and start planning for a fantastic 30th Reunion in 2013! **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 **Jim Seay** has returned from a diplomatic trade mission to India with Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. Jim was there to meet with entertainment executives from Bollywood and he announced a large thrill ride project in Mumbai to be developed by his company, Premier Rides. **Judy Gergel** Zanchi is moving to São Paulo, Brazil, with her family, after living in New Orleans for the past five years. Her husband, Gil, is the new general manager/country manager for Marriott in Brazil. She writes, "Exciting times with World Cup Soccer in 2014 and the Olympics in 2016. I will be working hard to learn Portuguese and find some exciting part-time work. E-mail me at gzanc@bellsouth.net if you need a person in São Paulo!"

Kathy McCullough's young adult novel, *Don't Expect Magic*, about a teen fairy godmother, was published by Random House in November. At various book signings, Kathy met up with many Cornell alumni who bought the book, sometimes multiple copies! In Pennsylvania, she saw **Jane Dove** Brown; in New Jersey, she met up with **Lindsay Liotta** Forness; and in New York City, she saw **Janet Insaardi** and **Leslie Gilbert**. In Los Angeles, **Marty Stevens-Heebner**, **Mark Schwartz '85**, **Lee Rosenthal '87**, and **Jennifer Maisel '87** all came to her book signing!

Ken Yanagisawa has been appointed president of the U. of Connecticut Medical Alumni Association. He continues to practice otolaryngology in New Haven, CT, in private practice with Southern New England Ear, Nose, and Throat Group, and as an assistant clinical professor of surgery at Yale U. School of Medicine. He serves as president of the Connecticut Ear, Nose, and Throat Society, as well as vice president and webmaster of the New England Otolaryngological Society. **Mindy Alpert** was re-elected to the National Board of Directors for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and elected chairman of the investment committee for the organization. She writes, "I was diagnosed with MS and am thankful to be able to volunteer for such a terrific organization."

Eric Schultheis, his wife, and two sons were at the Cornell vs. Boston U. hockey game at Madison Square Garden on November 26. He writes, "With the exception of the final score, we loved everything about it. The arena was filled with Lynah Faithful and when Cornell tied the score in the third period, it was as loud as the Stanley Cup playoffs in '94!" **Linda Zell** Randall reports the fun news that **Mary Parkman** Rowe '82 is the art teacher at her son Glenn's school. **Karen Murphy**

Dougher's son Mitchell loved the six weeks he spent on the Cornell campus last summer, taking courses at the Architecture college between his junior and senior year in high school. Karen writes, "He had the time of his life and I was extremely jealous whenever I would hear from him about the things he was doing in Ithaca!"

Stephen Lerner, his wife, Jodi, and their kids Sam, Mira, and Nathan spent a week at Cornell's Adult University this summer. Stephen and Jodi took a class in weather forecasting with the excellent Prof. **Mark Wysocki, MS '89**, drank a lot of local wine, and met many other Cornell alumni. He writes, "It sure would be great to get some other Class of '84 alumni to check out CAU!" **Keith Kefgen** saw a boatload of friends at the Cornell/BU hockey game in NYC. Keith is opening offices in South Africa and China this year. He is the CEO of HVS Executive Search. He continues to play golf and tournament poker and is planning on getting a group to go to HEC this year. Keith saw **Mike Cahill** and his family recently. About a year ago, **Jim McGrath** became COO of Quaker Steak and Lube, which consists of 45 properties and is expanding from a regional-based casual dining chain to a national one. He works closely with CEO/president **John Longstreet '77**. Jim met up with **Scott McGregor '85**, **Doug McGregor**, **Eileen Maroney** Joyce, and **Pam Rubin** at **Mark '85** and **Jill Fahey Palmerino's** Boston wedding.

Teri Port has had a big year. She changed jobs in March and now works as a senior partner manager at a startup company called VCE. They sell converged cloud infrastructure solutions. In June, she changed her name back to Teri Port. On August 21, she married Steve Lihansky at their new home. Their four children were part of the wedding party during a ceremony with family and friends overlooking the Hollis Valley and apple orchards. There was a little bit of Christian ritual, a little Jewish, a little Hindu, a little Irish, and a little Native American. It sounds like something there for everyone. Guests at the wedding included **Christine Miller** Whaley, MBA '89, **Bob '87** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness**, **Joan Guilfoyle**, **Debbi Neyman** Silverman '85, **Tara White '93**, PhD '98, and **Lisa Blumstein** Gutwillig. They had perfect weather for the event, which included lots of dancing under the tent, a vegetarian, gluten-free buffet, and the biggest ice cream sundae bar imaginable. Teri writes, "Big surprise—I wore red shoes for the ceremony."

The Creative Lives Initiative, founded by **Maureen Burford**, received a major grant to design and deliver new programming for elementary school educators and children. The pilot program launched in January and there will be a feature-length film as they prepare to make this a regional and then national program, leading toward the creation of a teacher training institute. The pilot project has been accepted as a Serendipity Project of the Marion Inst.; their work fosters creativity, resilience, inner well-being, and interconnection to the community and natural world. **Sharon Nutter** Rozzi has been a research and development leader in the medical device industry for the past 16 years. "I enjoy this space as it demands product development rigor—innovation, quality, reliability—while helping patients live better lives. Sharon and husband William relocated to Tennessee this year.

Gary Allhusen, MBA '89, ME '93, and some longtime friends have launched a new business venture focused on building out a mobile platform tying together consumers, local merchants, and

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Teri Port '84

nonprofits. He writes, “The gist of it is that merchants offer a donation to a consumer’s preferred nonprofit for every purchase the consumer makes, which is all enabled on your smart phone.” The business is getting a lot of traction in Orange

with her family. She lives in Madison, CT, with husband John and her children and has her own legal consulting practice specializing in workplace law. Jennifer’s extracurricular activities include golf, tennis, skiing, and volunteering at her kids’

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Roberta Zwiebel Farhi ’85

County, CA, and rolling out to the rest of Southern California and beyond in 2012. ✉ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 **Judy Marlinski Doyno** writes in from Osaka, Japan! Judy is the president of Fidelity Investments Japan; her husband, **David**, is president of Miyako Jisho Real Estate Co. The Doynos visited the US to tour prospective colleges for their daughter, who is a senior at the American School in Japan. They had a wonderful time and saw **Betsy Daniels** Grasech, **Mindy Meisel** Peterson, and **Beth Benjamin**, all of whom live in California.

Roger Riccardi (Healdsburg, CA) is vice president of experience marketing for E & J Gallo Winery. Roger, we would love to hear more about your job description. **Brett Wood**, who studied Mechanical Engineering at Cornell, has sent word of a promotion. He has been named the executive vice president of Toyota Material Handling North America (TMHNA). In his new role, Brett will lead several strategic teams in sales, marketing, and operations for the Toyota and Raymond brands. Raymond Corp. is a leading provider of electric lift trucks and solutions used in warehouse and distribution environments. I think we all know what Toyota does. Brett has been working with Toyota Material since 1989. He is also on the advisory board for SafetyBeltSafe USA, the national nonprofit solely dedicated to child passenger safety.

From this nation’s capital, **Frank Pietrucha** writes that he and his spouse, John McGaw (a Penn graduate), love life in Washington, DC. Frank is a communications consultant for his company, Definitive Communications. He explains that his job is essentially “de-geeking technical jargon for non-technical people.” Definitive Communications works on cloud computing and IT security projects for NASA. Frank affirms that he has fully justified his rationale for taking Astro 101 and 102. He looks forward to skiing with Cornell friends this winter and taking a trip to Italy.

Curt Hampstead (South River, NJ) works for the United Nations as a team leader in the publishing section for the Dept. of General Assembly and Conference Management. In his free time, Curt pursues the following extracurriculars: Latin, tango, and ballroom dancing, learning Chinese, practicing yoga, running track, acting, and watching films. Recently (if I am reading Curt’s news correctly) he cruised to the Bahamas, where he fasted and prayed. **Jennifer Landsman** Chobor confesses that she would like to travel the world

school and for CAAAN. She would love to hear from **Virginia Blake**. **Kathleen Dillon** Carroll, MBA ’86 (Ridgewood, NJ) traveled to Oslo, Norway.

From Long Island, **Beth Lenarsky** Shmariahu writes that she is a gemologist, grant writer, and business owner. She enjoys teaching teens CPR, reading, and hanging out with her husband. She sent her first-born to Colgate; the second is in high school. Speaking of Long Islanders, we had a strong representation at the recent Cornell/BU hockey game at Madison Square Garden this past Thanksgiving. Many ’85ers (and ’84ers) came to give Cornell their Red Hot salute! **Leora Halpern** Lanz, **Stacey Walsh** Barone ’84, and **Abbey Huret** sat together for a little SDT bonding. **Bobbie** and **Phyllis Simon Gusick** and **Ronee Trosterman** Cowen were also in attendance. Bobbie and Phyllis’s daughter is also a new addition to the Cornell family—she is in the Class of 2014. **Laura Weiner Siegal** was there with husband **Matt** ’84 and daughter Chelsea, as well as others from Phi Sig Ep: **Darren Miller** ’84, with wife Nancy and their daughter, a Cornell freshman; **Charles Oppenheim** ’84 with family in tow; and **Ed Rekosh** ’84 and his two young sons. A fun time for all, even though Cornell lost.

Congratulations to **Leslie Nydick**, who completed the New York City Marathon this past November! I also ran the Marathon—in 1997, the year after my daughter was born. It was probably the hardest thing I ever set my mind and body to do physically (other than giving birth!). If anyone is up for NYC Marathon 2013, let me know! I will set the gavel down and be willing to give it a try when many of us will turn a certain nameless age. Party at my house Saturday, October 26, 2013 when I turn the big . . . My travels this year included various trips to Lake Placid for more figure skating and hiking, London, Stratford-on-Avon, and Alaska. Alaska is stunning to view—Colorado on steroids! Continue to follow your dreams and send in your stories. I love the read; I hope you enjoy the write! ✉ **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

86 Although our 25th Reunion has come and gone, ’86ers still find many reasons to get together. While moving members of Cornell’s Class of 2015 into North Campus dorms, **Susan Seligsohn Howell** and husband **Steve** ’84 ran into **Cahsey Groos Augenstein** and husband **Don** ’84, ME ’85, **Laura Nieboer Hine** with husband **Clarkson** ’85, and **Didi Barcomb** Frechette. While the North Campus dorms constructed in the late ’90s are gorgeous,

word is that many of the freshmen wish to stay in the old Mary Donlon Hall, which has the reputation as the fun dorm for social kids.

Sydney Solomon Neuhaus writes that her daughter’s bat mitzvah was the occasion for Sydney to see Susan Howell, **Carol Getz** Abolafia, Laura Hine, and **Susan Kittenplan** ’85. Also having a mitzvah was **Dan Cantor**’s son. Family members in attendance were Dan’s parents **Michael** and **Rosalie Schwartz Cantor** ’60, **Alan Cantor** ’57, Dan’s sister **Jane Cantor** Tucker ’89, and **Randy Wolpert** and **Rich Isaacson**. **Paul Nabra**’s wedding (yes, a first for both the bride and groom) in Cleveland served as the rendezvous for **Chris Di Napoli**, **Steve Block** ’83, **Michael** and **Lori Spydell Wagner**, and **Jon Grunzweig** ’85.

Claire Leaman is enjoying studying art at Columbia College in Chicago after many years in London. **Mike Malaga** reports that **Mike Lally** got engaged in Venice, Italy. Mike M. says plans are for a bachelor party back in Ithaca this summer, with lodging at the Chi Psi house.

Jeff Lowe informed us that in September nearly 50 Cornell alumni and brothers from Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity gathered at Citi Field in New York to watch the Mets beat the Phillies and celebrate the memory of **Jeff “Zulu” Rosenberg**. Zulu passed away in 2010 after battling cancer. He graduated from the ILR school and earned his law degree from the Albany Law School, where he served as executive editor of the *Albany Law Review*. Too many Cornellians were in attendance to list, but they include Jeff Lowe, **Dave Zodikoff**, **Jon Flaks**, and **Jeff Horowitz**. On a happier note, **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner (dear friend, no relation) was engaged on the stage at an Elvis Costello concert to Harvard grad Mike Youmans, with Elvis himself orchestrating the surprise event.

Margot Tohn attended the Trustee Council Annual Meeting at Cornell in late October, along with 15 of our classmates. Alumni are nominated to join Cornell Council in recognition of their contributions and commitment to Cornell, as well as what they have done for their community and industry. The ’86 Council members are **Chris Bergman**, **Mark Brandt**, **Najib Canaan**, ME ’87, **Anand Chandrasekher**, ME ’87, MBA ’88, **Jeff Cowan**, **Anne Cowie**, **Eric Elmore**, JD ’89, **Felix Laboy**, **Lisa Hellingner** Manaster, **Mike McGowan**, **Steve Paletta**, **Ken Roldan**, **Ron Schiller**, and **Jeff Weaver**, MBA ’90.

For me, the end of summer was highlighted by a visit to **Jimmy** and **Maggie Holcomb Schu-bauer** on Martha’s Vineyard. Love of my life Lori Spydell Wagner did not join us because she was in Buffalo that weekend for **Beth Bruno**’s wedding. With Cornellians spread all over, sometimes we are forced to make hard choices. Cornell recently made its first round of choices with early decision announcements. Lisa and **Mike Manaster** will have another on the Hill with daughter Rachel. Also receiving admission to the Class of ’16 is Sophie Allen, daughter of **Keith** and **Gail Schlusel Allen**, and my daughter Alexandra Wagner. Alexandra and Sophie met five years ago at summer camp in New Hampshire and have remained very close friends. These two kids actually brought me closer to my former ILR classmates Keith and Gail.

Lastly, **Martin Schulz** is happy to report that Yuengling beer is now being distributed in Cleveland. Back in the ’80s, he looked forward to stopping in Erie, PA, to purchase Yuengling en route from Cleveland to Ithaca. Martin says he has gained five pounds since the beer hit the shelves this fall. He keeps busy with his job as an international

equity manager and still serves as an officer in the Army Reserve, where he has been honored as Officer of the Year and as a MacArthur Leadership Award recipient. After tours of duty in Haiti and Central Asia (Desert Storm), Martin is now too old to be called up again for overseas duty and enjoys being a lieutenant colonel in Ohio. I look forward to hearing more good news from many of you. Please continue to check out our class LinkedIn group and Facebook page. Send news to: [Michael Wagner](mailto:Michael.Wagner@wowway.com), michaelwagner@wowway.com; [Holly Isdale](mailto:Holly.Isdale@mac.com), Isdale@mac.com.

87 Now is the time to be finalizing your plans to attend the 25th Reunion of the Class of 1987, June 7-10, 2012. Your reunion chairs have been working hard to plan a wonderful weekend for all of us. We know many of you are looking forward to reconnecting with friends and taking advantage of the lectures, events, and parties (!) planned specifically for alumni. We also wanted you to know that based on feedback from class members, the reunion committee has also made a special effort to put together additional activities for kids accompanying their parents during Reunion Weekend. Whether your children are on the younger side (mine are 9 and 10), teenagers, or closer to college age, there are events planned that will keep them engaged and entertained. Classmates, this is our big reunion and we hope to have a huge turnout. If you haven't been to a reunion for a while (or ever!), the 25th is the one you don't want to miss. Reunion correspondence will be coming your way close to the time this article goes to press. You can also check out our Facebook page, "Cornell University Class of 1987," for reunion updates.

Mike "Rev" Revenson is an adjunct professor of chemistry at Syracuse U.'s Project Advance at Mahopac High School in Mahopac, NY. On the weekends he serves as a paramedic and EMS logistics officer. He also spends time playing Ultimate Frisbee: teachers vs. students. Last year, Mike started the paramedic-to-RN upgrade program and was featured on WCBS Radio for teaching the Emergency Medical Technician class at Mahopac High School; it counts for high school and college credits through the SUNY Dutchess Community College. Also in New York State, **Mark Weber** sent a short note letting us know he lives in Hudson, NY. On the eastern edge of New York, **Emily Shaffer** Rogan, based in Huntington, NY, finds her time well occupied as a freelance writer and tutor and full-time mom. Her extracurricular activities include serving as president of her local school board and being a fitness enthusiast. She ran her first marathon, Philadelphia 2010, and participated in (and finished) "Tough Mudder New England," a 10-12 mile obstacle/endurance race. She also contributed an essay to the anthology *Fits, Starts, and Matters of the Heart: 28 True Stories of Love, Loss, and Everything in Between*. Emily says there are too many fond memories of Cornell to mention all by name, but those Johnny's Hot Truck, Ruloff's, and her English classes as some of her favorites. She would love to reconnect with **Valerie Tanney** and **Lynne Schweinfurth**.

Nina Shapiro, director of pediatric otolaryngology and an associate professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, authored *Take a Deep Breath: Clear the Air for the Health of Your Child*, an in-depth review of breathing issues. Nina is a regular guest on CBS's "The Doctors," and has been featured in *Parents* magazine and the *Los*

Angeles Times. She lives in L.A. with her husband and two children.

Christine Nielsen Berg sends in news from Washington, DC, where she resides with husband Richard and children Peter, 15, Katy, 14, and Stephen, 12. She says, "Having three teenagers keeps us very busy. At least one of them hopes to go to Cornell for college." Her stepdaughter was married in September 2010 and welcomed a son in May 2011. She added that now that her stepdaughter is going back to work, "'Grandma Chris' will be in charge of him every day. Hard to believe I'm a grandmother at 47. It is sure to be a delightful experience!" Also in the vicinity of our nation's capital, **Eric Braun** sent an update from his home in Alexandria, VA. He is a managing director at Corporate Executive Board and was at Cornell in the fall of 2011 recruiting for his company! As part of his extracurricular activities, Eric has been learning to play the drums. He has great memories of the gorges in Ithaca and would love to hear from **Rich Meyer**.

Claudia Jimenez is the director of religious education and a member of the board for the school district of Indian River County in Vero Beach, FL. She and husband **Stephen Lapointe '75**, PhD '86, have two daughters at Cornell, a freshman and a sophomore. Claudia also serves on various volunteer boards: Connected4Kids, Healthy Start Coalition, and HIV Aids Network. She also organized a comprehensive sexuality education program for local teens. One of her best memories from Cornell is "meeting with friends at Mann Library to study . . . We took a lot of breaks." That's probably why she remembers those times so fondly! **Shannon Carney** sent an update on her programs at the Wind River Cancer Wellness Retreat in western North Carolina, where she is finishing up a guided healing meditation CD. When not working at the Retreat, Shannon enjoys cycling, backpacking, landscaping, and volunteering at her local hospice. She fondly remembers "Slope Time" and would love to hear from **Liz Rosen** DiTonto.

Elin Swanson Katz is consumer counsel for the State of Connecticut's Office of Consumer Counsel. She resides in West Hartford and volunteers her time with the West Hartford Board of Education. Some of her favorite times at Cornell were "hanging out at the Straight with friends, and U-Hall 3 freshman year. **Karin Ann Lewis** and husband Mike Sosnowski live in Lexington, KY. Karin is the assistant provost at the U. of Kentucky and spends her free time as a National Professional Development presenter and an ASL interpreter. She is also busy keeping up with her daughters' endeavors and enjoys fishing and traveling. What she remembers most fondly about Cornell: "Friends!" She would love to hear from Suz and Ellen.

That's the news for now. We hope to see you in Ithaca in June at our 25th Reunion, where you will have the chance to relive old memories and maybe make some new ones! Don't forget to send us your updates in an e-mail, through the link at our Class of '87 website (<http://classof87.alumni.cornell.edu>), by an update at the Cornell University Class of 1987 Facebook page, or via a Class of 1987 News Form. [Brenna Frazer](mailto:Brenna.Frazer@cornell.edu) McGowan, bfm26@cornell.edu; or [Heidi Heasley](mailto:Heidi.Heasley@cornell.edu) Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu.

88 2012 marks 20 years since I moved away from New York—first to Chicago, then to San Francisco. Where has all that time gone? Although

there is a healthy contingent of Cornell alumni in the Bay Area, every now and then there is a Big Red event that can only take place back East and I wish I were around for it. Such an event happened late last November when Cornell played hockey against Boston U. at Madison Square Garden. A number of classmates were there to cheer on the Big Red Team including **Howard** and **Pamela Goldberg Greenstein** and their children Brooke and Harris, plus **Robert** and **Patricia Cook Rosenberg '89** and their kids Reed and Grayson. Also reported in attendance were **Jonathan Hyde** and his brother **Brian Hyde '91**, who also saw **Peter Moss** in the arena. Although BU won in overtime 2-1, there was plenty of red in the Garden to support the team.

There are some significant accomplishments of our fellow Cornellians to report. In November, **Richard Stone** had an article published in *Science* magazine, "Vigil at North Korea's Mount Doom," that chronicles a "volcanological expedition" of western scientists to Mount Paektu in North Korea. Records indicate that the volcano explodes about once every 100 years, the last time being in 1903. Two-thirds of the mountain in China (where it is known as Changbai) is covered with modern monitoring instruments, but the part of the mountain in North Korea had been "mostly beyond the reach of foreigners and modern equipment" until the trip that Richard's article details. It is truly a fascinating piece that I highly recommend. Richard lives in Beijing and is *Science's* Asia news editor. From his professional bio: "Stone has reported on non-proliferation and environmental issues from some of the most forbidding corners of the world, including North Korea and Iran. In addition to his work for *Science*, Stone has written for *National Geographic*, *Discover*, and *Smithsonian* magazines and is the author of *Mammoth: The Resurrection of an Ice Age Giant*."

Another significant piece of career news came in early December when **Robin Rosenbaum** was nominated by President Obama to the US District Court for Southern Florida. Robin has served as a US magistrate judge for the Southern District of Florida since 2007. From 1998 until her appointment to the bench, she was an assistant US attorney in the same district; she served as chief of the economic crimes section in the Fort Lauderdale office beginning in 2002. In the announcement of the appointment, President Obama said of Robin and two other nominees, "Their records of service to the public and the legal profession are distinguished and impressive and I am confident that they will serve the American people well from the US District Court bench. I am honored to nominate them today." A hearty Big Red congratulations to Robin!

In October 2011, **Jon Piasecki** was given an American Society of Landscape Architects honor award for a project designed and built as a piece of landscape art. For the construction of an 800-foot-long path, Jon—laboring by himself—"transferred tens of tons of gravel and sand as a setting bed with a wheelbarrow" and "moved nearly 400 tons of stone in the wall and as paving." The ASLA awards jury stated, "This is a vote for poetry and beauty and craft. This will endure. You could give this project to a jury in 100 years and they'll still give it an award. The materials are uncompromising. A beautiful idea carried out with uncompromising craftsmanship." More information on Jon's award-winning effort can be found at www.asla.org/2011awards/022.html. Jon's company is Golden Bough Landscape Architecture in Housatonic,

MA. Another alumnus engaged in artistic endeavors is photographer **Stephen Sheffield**, BFA '89. Also in October, Stephen sent word that he had been commissioned by the Island Creek Oyster Bar to produce a 15-ft. x 37-ft. permanent photograph for the wall of their new restaurant in Boston. The final product is a series of panels depicting the company's oyster traps on their farm at Duxbury Bay. A description of the project is online at <http://ow.ly/7byI4>.

Further south, **Chara Haeussler Bohan**, an associate professor of social studies education at Georgia State U., edited a new book released last year, *Clinical Teacher Education: Reflections from an Urban Professional Development School Network*. The book "focuses on how to build a school-university partnership network for clinical teacher education in urban school systems serving culturally and linguistically diverse populations." You can learn more about the book on Amazon. Last but certainly not least, I am happy to pass along news from **Deborah Brown**, who became a friend while she was living in Northern California, though we didn't know each other on the Hill. On October 1, 2011 Debbie married beau Mark Stewart in Santa Fe, NM. Debbie said, "Small ceremony, big fun, and a wonderful week off afterwards in and around Taos." Debbie and Mark make their home in St. Paul, MN. Congratulations to you both and warmest wishes for a wonderful life together!

That's all for this column. To see more names in future issues, sit down at your computer and e-mail an update on your life events as soon as possible to your loyal correspondents. I should also mention that in only a couple of months, we will begin the one-year countdown to our 25th Reunion. Keep a look out for more information on that event in these pages in the coming year. Until next time, I wish you peace. ☐ **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu; and **Sharon Nunan Stemme**, sen28@cornell.edu.

89 Finally, spring is here and it's time for you to let us know what you've been doing lately. Our column is only as good (and long) as you, our classmates, make it, so please send us something about you and others you keep in touch with! Our annual class News and Dues mailing should be showing up in your mailbox anytime now. OK, enough begging . . . On to the good news we have for this issue.

Seth Gold reports that he made a lateral move to the law firm of K&L/Gates, where he is the partner in charge of growing the intellectual property and online advertising litigation practice in the Los Angeles office. An e-mail came from **Jean-Marc Sonolet**, who wrote, "I am still the president of the Class'crouete chain of restaurants (137 units in France and Luxembourg)." He also acquired a chain of juice bars that should expand across Europe within the next few years. He is married to **Stephanie (Ruiz de Angulo)**, MBA '90, and has lovely daughters Estelle, 14, and Lauren, 11. Jean-Marc keeps in touch with **Neel Inamdar '90** and **James Doyle**.

Two of our classmates have been published. **David Harap** authored his first cookbook, *Entertain Like a Gentleman*. This book helps men create unforgettable meals for their guests (whether a date or a larger group) without stress or needing years of cooking school. There are recipes for every occasion, plus tips and secrets on how to become the

ultimate host. In January he did a book signing in Napa, CA, at Rancho Gordo New World Specialty Food. **David Scher** penned *Being Free: A Practical Guide To Freedom, Happiness, and Peace*. The book provides powerful insights, messages, and real-life practices to experience freedom, happiness, and peace anytime, anywhere, and especially right now. It also brings new wisdom and practical guidance to resolve past suffering, live in the present, and feel the true bliss of being free and truly alive now. Both books are available through Amazon.

In November, **Rick Lipsey** and **Mark Podgainsky '88** served as a volunteer running guide team for a disabled runner from Achilles Int'l, a disabled running club, for the 17th time in the New York City Marathon. They guided Klara Hellesoy, a blind mother of four from Norway, in 4 hours and 41 minutes. Rick and Mark both live in NYC and have four and three children, respectively. Other e-mail news came from **Izzy Rudzki Povich**, who lives in Montclair, NJ, with husband Andrew. She wrote, "I am now the senior executive producer of The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell" on MSNBC and am looking forward to covering another exciting election cycle!"

Jeff Simmons, president of Elanco Animal Health, a division of Eli Lilly & Co., visited Cornell in November as the CALS alumni speaker. He spoke about "Making Safe, Affordable, Abundant Food a Global Reality." Jeff believes highly efficient food production can help end world hunger, lower food costs, protect consumer rights, and safeguard our natural resources. Achieving this requires protecting rights of the entire food chain to use new and existing technologies while sustaining consumer choice. To read his "whitepaper," log on to www.elanco.com/images/Three-Rights_White-Paper.pdf?path=index. In a small world story, I ran into **Rob Chodock** walking his dog in the City. He and wife **Karen Mitchell '90** had a son, Hudson, on Feb. 6, 2011. **Kim Levine** Graham, who, with husband Barry, welcomed her fifth child in October 2010, is contemplating when to return to the practice of law, "given the current and rising costs of tuition!"

Can you believe that our 25th Reunion is just over two years away? We will be communicating about reunion and other class events through multiple sources, including our Facebook page ("Cornell University Class of 1989") and LinkedIn group (www.Linkedin.com/groups). We hope you will "like" us on Facebook and join our LinkedIn group. Any questions, contact our class presidents, **Debbie Schaffel** (cornellian89@yahoo.com) or **Rob Chodock** (rchodock@yahoo.com). Please keep sending us your news! ☐ **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski Treadwell Bliss**, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato Labovitz**, cu89_news@comcast.net; and **Kim Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu.

90 A year ago, northeastern Japan was devastated by natural and man-made catastrophes. Heartfelt thanks go to classmates all over the world who have helped out in their own ways, including **Mark Tanouye**, who participated in Project Aloha, a goodwill tour led by Olympic skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi and Japan's first foreign sumo wrestling champion, Jesse Kahaulua. Lifting spirits with their performances, the Project Aloha musicians, hula dancers, and volunteers visited several affected communities and donated supplies for art therapy to children's centers. As bassist for Manoa DNA, Mark also took part in Kokuu for

Japan, a Honolulu charity concert with Michael McDonald, Mick Fleetwood, Willie Nelson, and Jack Johnson. The event raised more than \$1.6 million for the American Red Cross, indeed providing a lot of much needed "kokuu" ("help" in Hawaiian).

Kevin Kozak is another classmate with a cause, running San Diego's annual Silver Strand 5K in a Cornell T-shirt. The race benefits the Challenged Athletes Foundation. He enjoyed a Thanksgiving Navy ROTC reunion with fellow San Diegan **Bryan Kimura** and **Dave and Jeanne Moulton Turner**, who were visiting from San Francisco. **Steve Rueter** joined Kevin and Bryan at Zinck's Night, where Kevin learned that his daughter and Steve's son are members of the same middle school cross-country team—future Big Red runners, perhaps?

It took me 6.5 hours to finish the inaugural Kobe Marathon and after that, about a week to walk normally, so I am in complete awe of attorney **Pete "Beau" Durham's** accomplishment of 100 miles in 30 hours! His daughter seems to have inherited his athletic genes, winning two events in the Atlanta state gymnastics competition. Hope she brings her talents to Cornell when she is old enough!

Caroline Misciagna Sussman is also serious about fitness. She is a nutrition and exercise coach who specializes in helping women train for their first (and subsequent) triathlons. Last year, she completed a triathlon in Bermuda. During a visit to New York, Caroline caught up with fellow Chi Omega **Tracy Stemple '91**, MS '93, whom she hadn't seen since leaving the Hill. **John Gauch** is longing to make a trip to Cornell with his family, admitting, "It would be their first time; it's shameful, I know. Fortunately, our Boston home affords us many opportunities to see the Big Red tangle on the playing field or ice with local universities. It's always great to catch up with fellow Cornellians." Having left a business role at IBM, John is now in a management role at the law firm Axiom.

As a stressed out freshman pre-med, I secretly envied my Hotelie friends in U-Hall 4 and wondered if I should transfer out of Arts & Sciences. Never could I have imagined that years later I would actually be working in human resources for a hotel! My International Relations concentration came in handy when hosting the governor of Bangkok at a World Health Organization conference. Other perks of being an accidental Hotelie include meeting Tiger Woods and Mark Steinberg during their Kobe beef dinner and spotting Ichiro striding through the lobby with his sponsors. Too bad I wasn't on staff when Tom Cruise stayed for a month during *Last Samurai* filming or when Jackie Chan filmed *Shinjuku Incident* at the hotel. A future Hotelie, Jena Bloomer is following in the steps of her dad, **Kavin Bloomer, MPS '90**, as a member of the Class of 2016. Congratulations, Cornell dad!

Not everyone got weeded out by Chem 207. Dr. **Pete Christakos** has been a pathologist for 11 years and lives in Northampton, MA, with wife Deb and future Cornellians Nico, 9, and Alessandra, 5. "We visited Cornell last summer; the kids loved it—they imagined it was Hogwarts!" **Andrew Alpart**, Pete's roommate for four years, added that former housemates **Matt Richardson** and dentist **John Lucia** brought their families and joined them for a 528 Stewart reunion in the Finger Lakes. Not able to join them was **Mark Eskenazi**, a spinal surgeon at the Spine Inst. of South Florida.

Since December 2010, **Lisa Lilienfeld** of Virginia has been president of the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, and Action. The coalition worked with Patrick Kennedy and other

government leaders to make the treatment, prevention, and research of eating disorders a federal funding priority. Also in Virginia, **Joyce Higgins** Easter won a \$40,000 grant from HP for using tablet PCs equipped with collaborative software to enhance the chemistry curriculum at Virginia Wesleyan College. Based on the idea that interactive learning experiences increase knowledge acquisition and skill development, Joyce's project will use the technology for better and more immediate communication between students and instructors, and will seamlessly integrate classroom presentations, laboratory experiments, and other student activities with instructor feedback.

Speaking of technology, in December Cornell received a \$350 million donation, helping the university win \$100 million for its bid with partner Technion-Israel Inst. of Technology to run NYC's tech campus project. More than 21,000 online signatures supporting the bid were collected from the Cornell community and submitted to Mayor Bloomberg, proving just how much Big Red loves the Big Apple. Congratulations, Cornell, and thanks to all who rallied behind our alma mater during the competitive bidding process! With all the buzz about the new tech campus and courses scheduled to begin off-site starting this fall, there is no doubt that my fellow Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) volunteers and I will be even busier meeting prospective students in the future. Please sign up at caan.admissions.cornell.edu if you want to help too! **Rose Tanasugarn** nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson** kroberson@lightswitch.net; **Amy Wang Manning** aw233@cornell.edu.

91 Greetings, fellow Class of '91ers! **Tom Greenberg** here, writing my first Class Notes column from New York City, where I live with my wife, **Daphne Liu '93**, and our son and potential future Cornellian, Dylan, 5. On a professional note, I work as a partner at the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, specializing in mergers and acquisitions. Daphne works as an assistant medical director at GE. It was great seeing so many of you at Reunion last June. Staying in Mary Donlon Hall 20 years after graduation was quite an experience!

Many of our classmates have written us about their work or travel in exciting locations around the world. **Thatcher Brown** writes that after three years in Dubai and six years with Jumeirah Group, he has accepted a position with a division of Carnival Corp. called Costa Crociere, based in Genoa, Italy. Dubai has provided him with great opportunities to travel to Africa, India, and Asia, as well as the surrounding Gulf countries during peaceful times. Once settled in Genoa, he hopes to start Italian language studies. **Kate Pierson Lundin**, who moved to Beijing, China, this past summer with husband Steve and sons Gunnar, 5, and Axel, 3, left her job with Boston Consulting Group in New York and so far is really enjoying the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom for the first time! They are all trying to learn Mandarin and having a great time exploring the city and making new friends.

Laura North Pippitt also traveled in China recently. She started the Cultural Society of East Bay (which offers Chinese language and cultural programs) in Barrington, RI. She was invited by the Confucius Inst. to go to Dalian U. of Foreign Languages to experience Chinese language, culture, and cuisine first hand. Her favorite dish was

the local delicacy—sea cucumber! She is studying Mandarin with husband Tom, son Robby, 7, and daughter Ashley, 5. **Joseph Suh** traveled extensively in 2011 to meet with Brazilian investment managers. He is a partner at the law firm Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP. Given the enormous amount of attention that Brazilian investments are attracting, he is trying to build an investment fund practice catering to Brazilian managers that want to offer their funds to US investors and US managers who want to set up a Brazilian investment management business.

Closer to home, **Scott LaGreca** writes that he has landed a great new job as curator of Cornell's Plant Pathology Herbarium, with a world-renowned collection of 400,000 dried fungus specimens, photographs, and reprints. He's in the middle of a grant-funded project to database and digitize 25 percent of their holdings. Scott tells us that it's a bit of a time warp being back on the Hill, but after living in many other places around the world, he feels like he is finally home again. He married Keith Babuszcak two years ago in Massachusetts and they recently adopted their first pet, Tina the cat. **Robyn Lipsky Weintraub** (wife of **Jeff**, MD '95, our '91 reunion chair) has been making crossword puzzles! She's had puzzles published in the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* (with more to come). She also makes personalized puzzles, including a Cornell-themed one that the Class of '71 handed out to their classmates at their 40th Reunion last June.

A number of our classmates have been busy with occupations in medical or health-related fields. **Ken-Ryu Han**, who is married with four children, has worked as a urologist in Glendale, AZ (near Phoenix), since 2004. **Becky "the MechE" Levine** Leibowitz has been working for 13 years as a product development engineer at Ethicon (a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary), designing new tools for surgery. She lives in Scotch Plains, NJ, with husband Marc and sons Jonah, 8, and Sam, 6. **Katrina Schreiber Firlak** has transitioned from neurosurgeon to startup entrepreneur. She co-founded HealthPrize Technologies in 2009 and serves as its chief medical officer. HealthPrize is an online and mobile-based software company that has developed a platform that encourages people to stick with their prescription medications and rewards them for doing so, leveraging gaming dynamics and insights from behavioral economics. Katrina lives in Darien, CT, with husband **Andrew '90**, MD '93, and their daughter Annika.

Stephen Schwartz is an associate professor of clinical ophthalmology at the U. of Miami School of Medicine and medical director at Bascom Palmer Eye Inst. at Naples. He lives with his wife, **Melanie (Rebak) '90**, and their children Jessica, Reid, and Oliver, in Naples, FL. Melanie serves on the board of directors of the Cornell Alumni Association of Southwest Florida and has served as the Zinck's Night chairperson for the past five years. **Joel Freundlich**, ME '92, is happily focused on the life and times of *M. tuberculosis* as assistant professor at UMDNJ Medical School in the departments of pharmacology and physiology and medicine. When he's not at work or training for another marathon, he is happily chasing after his three children.

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our e-mail solicitation for news. If we missed you this time, we'll be sure to get you in a future edition. Please keep the updates coming! **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Coburn**, wmlkscoburn@me.com; and **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com.

92 Greetings, classmates! I hope 2012 has unveiled opportunities to unlock hidden potential—or at least a few shining moments. My shining moments thus far have been completing two semesters of graduate school at Rutgers U. (woohoo!) while adjusting to my new position as an engineer in Merck's West Point, PA, pilot plant facility. Hubby Chris has been adjusting well, too. Since we no longer commute together to work, he has the sole responsibility of getting Sean and Ryan out the door and to school on time . . . and entertaining both of them while I am in class—no online classes this time around. We ended the year celebrating three birthdays (Chris's, Ryan's, and mine) and seeing the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City. I had never been there myself and was totally impressed with the performance—I highly recommend going. We were also lucky enough to catch up with **Dominique Lazanski '96**, who was visiting from London. Little did she know that she would be part of a Dance Central challenge between my sister **Kerry Duffy '95**, my boys, Chris, and me. I am pretty sure I lost—but there is always next time!

Julie Brof Mayer writes that she and husband Michael live in Seattle, WA. Julie works for the Federal Trade Commission, where she has been a consumer protection attorney for the past 11 years. She says, "As long as scammers are in business, I'll have plenty to keep me busy." Glad you're on our side, Julie! When not taking on the scammers, Julie volunteers at her first grade daughter's school, as well as for her favorite non-profit, Legal Voice, which protects and advances women's legal rights. She also writes that on a business trip to Washington, DC, she was able to

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catch up with **Jenny Yang** and **Robin Rudowitz**, MPA '93, and their families.

Kyra Chomak Lawton and husband **Mark**, BArch '93, have their own architecture and design firm in Massachusetts, www.LawtonDesignStudio.com. Kyra reports that she has started a new company, www.women-run.com, a product-based, mission-driven e-commerce business targeting busy women. The company's goal is to celebrate all that women do, while helping others. Kyra's company donates 5 percent of its profits to charities that

eye. An unexpected programming glitch proves fatal, though, spelling disaster for the nation and crippling the world. *7G* is currently available on Amazon and BarnesandNoble.com, or direct from World Castle Publishing. With literary agents currently reviewing my latest young adult supernatural thriller and two more novels scheduled for release this year, this dream has quickly changed into an unexpected career path. For more information, please visit: <http://sites.google.com/site/debbiekumpbooks/>."

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support women and girls. In her free time, Kyra enjoys spending time with her three children, running and biking in the summer, and skiing on the weekends in Vermont during the winter. Best of luck with your firm and new business!

Alan Gura has been recognized by the Xemplar, an online publication that highlights an attorney every month based on contributions to the community. Alan, who earned his JD from Georgetown U. Law Center, was honored by Xemplar for his groundbreaking work on two benchmark Second Amendment gun law cases, as well as for his dedication to ensuring that Americans benefit from the freedoms under the Constitution. Alan's most recent work involves handling a case for a Michigan brewery in which he argued to preserve First Amendment rights for one of the company's labels. He says that the ability to handle cases that inspire him makes every day worthwhile. "I try to find intellectually engaging work that will make America a better place." Alan started his own firm, Gura and Possessky PLLC, in 2001. Thanks to everyone for your news! Keep it coming for 2012! **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

93 Happy spring, my fellow spring chickens! Hope you were not too cooped up this winter and are looking forward to everything the new season brings. Thanks to those of you who sent us news and please, classmates, toss us a kernel to share with the flock! Now for the latest.

Congratulations to **Debbie Kump**, who is now a published author with an inspiring backstory: "After getting my master's at Cornell in 1994, I taught middle and high school science in Maui, Seattle, and the Twin Cities, plus worked as a marine naturalist aboard a whale watch and snorkel cruise. My husband and I eventually settled down in Minnesota to start a family. Yet following the birth of our first son, a genetic autoimmune disease flared in my eyes, making my return to full-time teaching impossible. Rather than dwelling on my limitations, I viewed this as an opportunity to pursue my childhood dream of publishing a novel. This summer, I realized that dream with the release of my first apocalyptic thriller, *7G*. Based off our current 3G and 4G technology, *7G* describes a futuristic world where innovations provide virtual computer screens on lenses worn directly over the

Nora Bensahel has also embarked on a new endeavor. After 11 years at RAND Corp., she has joined the Center for a New American Security. As deputy director of studies and a senior fellow, Nora manages the Center's research agenda. She appreciates that this new position allows her to publish her own work more frequently and comment to the media on national security issues. In October 2011, Nora returned to campus to give a talk to the Reppy Inst. for Peace and Conflict Studies. She wrote that her talk went well and she enjoyed seeing how the campus has changed. But here's the most exciting part: "They paid for me to stay at the Statler!" **Prabhask Subasinghe** also returned to campus. "I absolutely loved showing my kids and my wife Cornell; walking down the Quad in front of Warren Hall made for nostalgic memories of school almost 17 years ago. The kids loved campus and went crazy at the Cornell Store." **Cesar Tello**, DVM '97, was on the Hill last fall to participate in the Vet college's Southside Vaccine & Wellness Clinic with second- and third-year Vet students.

Some of our classmates have returned from abroad. **Charles Hatcher**, PhD '97, spent the 2010-11 academic year as a visiting professor of economics at the Konkuk U. in Seoul, Korea. Now, after 12 years of being a professor, Charles is consulting for foundations interested in the economics of higher education. **Aaron and Holly Creech Hicks** '94 and their four children have completed five years living in Granada, Spain, where Aaron worked as a pastor and humanitarian social worker with Reconciliación. **Bennett Lee**, BS Ag '92, is now oversees, delivering medical humanitarian aid in North Africa and the Middle East. Several classmates have relocated within the 50 states. **Zeno Gill** and his family moved from Durham, NC, to Brooklyn, NY. **Eduardo Rabel**, BFA '93, a visual artist, moved to Miami, FL, where he has started writing for ArtSlant.com. **Scott Fink** moved to Merion Station, PA, to join Main Line Gastroenterology Associates and Lankenau Medical Center, where he has been appointed chief of hepatology and director of the gastroenterology fellowship program. Scott and his wife, Amy, have children Illana, 3, and Ryan, 2. **Stacie Heck** Fitzgerald has relocated to Marietta, GA.

Before flying off, I have a few Big Red extras: Please flock to campus June 6-9, 2013 to celebrate our 20th Reunion. And in the meantime, or in between visits to gorgeous Ithaca, consider enrolling in Cornell's Adult University. There are offerings ranging from cooking to parenting to sculpture

(shout out to **Atul Aggarwal**, who took a bronze casting class!) or perhaps embark on a study tour to places ranging from Cape May, NJ, to Belize to Iceland. Bon voyage! Take care and please share. **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcsottile@yahoo.com.

94 According to the *Cornell Daily Sun*, applicants to Cornell's Class of 2015 faced the most competitive season ever: 36,392 applicants vied for 6,534 fat envelopes, for an acceptance rate of close to 18 percent. Now that I have a future Cornellian (er, son) in my house, I am grateful to have a statistic to obsess about for the next 13 years. As my husband has been promoting his own alma mater by making our progeny watch Michigan football games, I have vowed to drag my little Odysseus to Ithaca one of these summers for Cornell's Adult University (despite the name, they do have youth programs)! In 2011, three of our classmates participated in CAU. On campus, **Michael Kruger** took the Harried Gourmet: Tasty Meals in an Hour or Less, and **Carlin MacDougall**, BArch '99, MArch '00, honed her skills in Focus on Aesthetics: A Photography Workshop. If you can't make it to Ithaca in the summer, study tours can whisk you everywhere from Costa Rica to Israel throughout the year. **Karim Nice** opted for April in Paris: A Cook's Tour for Wine Lovers. Check it out at <http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau>.

Now for the news from New England. **Brian Penney** and wife **Suzy Iverson** '95 are pleased to announce the birth of Erika Roisin (Irish for "little rose") Iverson Penney on September 7. The family lives in New Hampshire, where Suzy practices internal medicine, and Brian is an associate professor of biology at St. Anselm College. **Julian Pelenur**, ME '95, of Concord, MA, wrote about his family (two children, ages 6 and 11) and his work as co-founder and CTO at FirstBest Systems. He started the company "five years ago with two other partners, one being **John Belizaire**, ME '95 (and it's our third venture as a team)."

Perhaps it was something in the brunch 18 years ago at Okenshields, but I'm seeing a partnership theme in this class column: Theta Chi fraternity brothers **Ben Goodman** and **Ken Greenspan** teamed up with their families to launch *The Dinner Party Diary*, "an entertaining and party-planning journal for today's foodie generation." To learn more, go to www.thedinnerpartydiary.com. When I asked about the genesis of the project, Ben elaborated: "The initial concept was Deborah's (Ken's wife's). This past summer, Ken and I were making our yearly drive up to Ithaca for a weekend of Cornell memories and wineries, and he mentioned the idea. We'd been making that drive almost every year since we graduated, and each time, Ken would pitch some new concept to me. And every year, I would turn him down. But this time, the idea stuck." Ben, who lives in Merion, PA, with wife Ashlee and daughter Elena, is founder and president of Ben Goodman Creative, a branding and creative advertising agency. After Cornell, Ken earned a law degree from William and Mary and is now assistant vice president and counsel for Toll Brothers. He lives in Chalfont, PA, with Deborah and their boys Luke, Aidan, and Griffin. I have to say I was a little jealous of their annual pilgrimage to Ithaca. And they even spend holidays together! Added Ben, "Today Deborah is roasting a brisket and I'm

baking a rustic apple tart; tonight our families will celebrate Chanukah together.” (Yes, I did write this column in December.)

One alum who will not be suffering any freezing Decembers is **Dana Hagendorf**, who relocated from NYC to Miami, where she is now the chief marketing officer at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. Wrote Dana, “Would love to connect with other Cornellians here!” On the other side of the country, **Mark Bullard** checked in from Washington, where he is the director of sales for Anaqua. When he’s not traveling for work or catching up with Cornell friends like **Todd Chalfin**, **Andy Horvath**, and **Eric Gordon ’93**, MD ’02, he is publishing chapters of his novel-in-progress, “Pillows for Your Prison Cell,” on the Web in serial form at www.pfyfpc.com.

Suzanne Perry chimed in with a great update of everything she’s been doing since Cornell. After graduating from Yale Law School, Suzanne practiced international and comparative law in Luxembourg and Italy and is now chief counsel for Latin America at Darby Overseas Investments in D.C. She wrote, “I married Dan Stein in 2009 and, by marriage, became a Texas Longhorns fan (but my husband agreed to continue his support of the Buffalo Bills and promised that he’ll support Cornell except if they play Texas). We live in Falls Church, VA, and have a fun dog, Franklin.” Hobby-wise, Suzanne is a tango dancer and sometimes serves as a DJ for tango events. She also sits on the board of Tango Mercurio, “a nonprofit that fosters Argentine tango as an agent of community development (e.g., outreach to provide classes to seniors and kids to increase their confidence, a community orchestra for non-professional musicians to develop their talent, and creative outlets). I keep in touch with some Class of ’94ers, but not as much as I’d like. Time goes by too quickly!” ☐ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin Marchant**, jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** [Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:Wasylik,dmp5@cornell.edu).

95 How can it be the spring of 2012 already? How is it possible that most of us will be turning 40 this year and next? I find that the passage of time sneaks up me and I have trouble reconciling my current age with how old I feel (younger!). Your updates are wonderful ways to tie us together, sharing the passing of time through the experiences of marriage, births, career, adventure, and change.

Deciding to make Seattle home for the foreseeable future, **Jennifer Anderson**, MBA ’06, purchased a 1911 four-square house with many original features, including windows with wavy glass, inlaid floors, knob and tube wiring, and a toilet in the unfinished basement. She is having fun settling into her classic home and fixing it up. In May, Jennifer traveled to Nepal as part of the annual leadership trek for Johnson School graduates; she enjoyed the scenery, the challenge of hiking, and the opportunity to reconnect with the Cornell community. **Erik Berkule** also moved to Seattle, relocating his family from Atlanta because he and his wife were recruited by Amazon. com. Of his move, Erik says, “So far so good. Great weather, great food, and a beautiful natural landscape as a backdrop.”

Kim Smith Major made a career change, leaving the development office at St. Paul’s School in Concord, NH, to take a job as assistant director of admission at St. Anselm College in Manchester. Kim writes, “As part of my responsibilities, I will

be recruiting students from New York State and northern New Jersey. I look forward to crossing paths with classmates (and passing through Ithaca!) on my travels.” When not at work, Kim can be found enjoying the beaches and ski slopes in New Hampshire with her husband and sons Aidan, 6, and Owen, 3. On one of her trips through Ithaca, Kim may want to say hello to **Crista Shopis**, who is president of Synairco, an Ithaca-based cleantech startup, and **Charles Hamilton**, MBA ’04, a member of her team. Crista notes, “We won the Cornell Big Red Venture business plan competition (\$10,000) and the Best Emerging Green Business award at New York’s Creative Core business plan competition (\$15,000). Until I can hire myself on at Synairco, I am also the manager of the Energy Audit Services department at Taitem Engineering.” In addition to two careers, Crista is a mother of two pre-teens—talk about busy!

Melissa Biren Singer moved her private practice specializing in comprehensive psychological assessment to Mt. Kisco, NY. You can check out her practice website at www.melissabsingerphd.com. Melissa lives in Chappaqua, NY, with husband **Scott ’94** and their daughters, Kayla, 8, and Jordana, 5. **William Smith**, BArch ’95, started his own architectural practice in San Antonio, TX. His website is www.bluestemarchitects.com. **Brooke Yules** James writes, “My veterinary practice is expanding this year. We begin construction in October to build out a physical/water therapy area and we are adding grooming and day boarding to our list of services. We have been voted Best of the Best for five years running!” Brooke and her husband have two very busy horseback-riding, soccer-playing children: Rebecca, 8, and Stephen, 5.

Rick Camacho practices internal medicine at Summit Medical Group in Berkeley Heights, NJ. On Oct. 9, 2010, he and wife Kristin welcomed Chloe Marietta Camacho into the world. In May 2011, **Agnes Varga** Wells and husband Chad had a baby girl, Katherine Elizabeth, and call her Katie. Agnes says, “Our son, Alex, 6, has entered first grade. He’s the best big brother ever. I am transitioning back to work at the Dept. of Labor, where I’ve been since 2008.” In more baby news, **Steven Strell** became the proud father of Seth Lawrence, born on Nov. 4, 2011. Steve adds, “We are extremely happy, but very exhausted. I was rarely, if ever, able to successfully pull an all-nighter at school. Seth is reminding me every night (and morning) why that is.” Four days later, on Nov. 8, 2011, **Abra Benson** Perrie, MBA ’04, and husband Chris welcomed Flynn Alexander. Flynn joins big sister Leah, 2.

On a solemn note, the time has come to bid farewell to one of our classmates. **Jennifer Witrock Fenster** sent word that **Matthew**, her beloved husband and best friend, passed away on August 18, 2011, after a 16-month battle with leukemia. “Despite two failed bone marrow transplants, Matt fought hard and taught us all how to enjoy life to the fullest.” In addition to his wife, Matt left behind four bright lights, his children Leah, 10, Yonah, 8, Ari, 6, and Elie, 4. In memory of all the classmates we’ve lost over the years and in celebration of the special bond we share, I’d like to close this column with the last verse of Cornell’s “Evening Song.” “Welcome night and welcome rest / Fading music fare thee well / Joy to all we love the best / Love to thee, our fair Cornell.” ☐ **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 I can’t tell you how many times I’ve sat around looking at my law degree, trying to think of a way to parlay it into a starring role in a Moby music video. **Dan Chen** cracked the code: check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zIOhXK7E-Y>. When not acting in videos, short films, feature films, or episodes of the “The Sopranos,” Dan manages the New York City office of dGenerate Films and all distribution matters for the company, which distributes Chinese independent films. Previously, Dan served as counsel for the New York Racing Association, WRNN-TV, and several independent film and theatre productions. Intrigued? Need more info? Check out www.dramalaw.com.

Heather Nydam Martinez, MHA ’99, took a study trip to Uganda with Heifer Int’l, the charity that provides animal gifts to struggling families with an eye toward increasing self-reliance. Heather and her husband run Prima Car Care, a line of high-end car care products, and keep busy chasing after their daughter, Paia. *Washingtonian Magazine* named **Brian Finch** one of 2010’s 40 Under 40 in their list of distinguished lobbyists. Brian earned the nod for his work on behalf of counterterrorism technology companies seeking coverage under the SAFETY Act, the law that provides legal-liability protections from the Dept. of Homeland Security. Along with husband Gary and children Larissa and Langston, **Janet Chen** Mi has called Shanghai home for the last five years. Janet joined Apple in 2010 and since that time has worked tirelessly on the opening of new retail stores throughout China.

Dan Balda, president and CEO of Medicomp Inc., oversees a Florida-based company that develops, manufactures, and provides service with ambulatory heart-monitoring systems. **Ali Davis** relocated in 2011 from New York City to Washington, DC, to take a job with Metro, the public transit agency, in their long-range planning group. Ali is thrilled to be back in Washington after 11 years away, which included a stint in Tokyo. Among the perks of her new location? An in-unit washer/dryer. It’s the little things, folks.

Hankering for some straight-ahead jazz music? Look no further than **Seth Kibel**, who in July 2011 released “Phonin’ It In with Seth Kibel and Bay Jazz Project,” available wherever fine music is sold, as well as at www.sethkibel.com. Seth has won 20 Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies), including Best World Music Instrumentalist (2003-10) and Best Jazz Instrumentalist (2005, 2007-08). **Sara Ende** Masri might lose a saxophone contest with Seth, but she is the newly appointed assistant director of development for Meeting Street, a Providence, RI, nonprofit working with special needs and at-risk children. Sara is married and mom to Julia and Noah.

Baby bulletins start NOW! In October 2011, Atlanta-based **Stephanie Schwarz** Sailor and husband Scott welcomed Jacob Aaron to their growing brood, which also includes adoring/helpful older sisters Jenna and Rachel. Also juggling three kids (Daphne, Zoe, and Emma) is **Nadine Weiss** Flam, as well as **Ben Geiger** and wife Gillian (Meg-an, James, and Melissa). Stopping at two (at least for now) is **Tiffany Herrick**, whose son Corbin was born in August 2011. **Juliet Bishop** LaDieu also had a son: Dylan was born in May 2011. Juliet is new to the stay-at-home mom business and is finding the life change challenging, but she is very happy. Delaware resident **Veronica Vazquez** gave birth at home to daughter Beatrice in 2011. Formerly a full-time high school math teacher,

Veronica is now a part-time high school Spanish teacher; a renaissance educator of sorts, Veronica also writes the science portion of Barron's flash cards used by people studying for the GED.

Lastly, **Daniel Charous** married Shari Weissman in March 2010, and **Catherine Dillon** became Catherine Dillon Frank in June 2011. Congrats to Cate and Dan on their weddings. Please share tales of your adventures, accomplishments, celebrations, and transformations—operators are standing by! **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Hopefully, you've already started to reach out to friends, former hallmates, team members, and classmates to encourage one another to return to Ithaca, June 7-10, for our 15th Reunion. I think most of us would agree that it doesn't feel like it's been 15 years since we graduated, even though our lives have changed tremendously. Cornell's campus has changed significantly, too. Come back and show your family your old dorm . . . if it's still there! Admire new construction, including the Physical Sciences and Architecture buildings and renovated Bailey Hall. Restock the kids' closets with Big Red gear from the Campus Store! This column is one of the last ones you'll see in print before we gather together to make the reunion memories that your correspondents will dutifully recap for the Sept/Oct 2012 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Don't wait until the fall to read about all the fun the Class of '97 had: be a part of that Arts Quad party! The best way to catch up on "news" is to do it in person in Ithaca!

This spring, look for correspondence from alumni class leaders, including registration information and a detailed schedule of Reunion Weekend events. Reunion chairs **Joshua Steiner**, MS '98, and **Eva Chiamulera**, MA '00, are working hard to ensure our reunion is a huge success. You can also check out our newly updated class website, www.cornell97.com, for reunion details. It's a great way to pay your class dues, submit any news you might want to share via this column, or support your alma mater with a charitable donation.

Help make our future class columns interesting—send in some news. Classmates want to know what you've been up to since 1997! Send photos you would like to share on our class website to cubigred97@gmail.com with "website pictures" in the header (.jpg files). Interested in serving as class correspondent? Step up and become an integral part of your alumni class leadership by helping us stay connected! And don't forget you can also reconnect via Facebook—join the Cornell Class of 1997 group! See you in Ithaca in June! **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 As the holidays approached last year, many of our classmates took time to reminisce about time on the Hill. It was a pleasure to have so much news to print. Enjoy!

Sheetal Sharma married Molly Sachdev in April 2011 in Knoxville, TN. They have moved to Columbus, OH, to start new jobs at Ohio State U. Medical Center. Congratulations! Wedding bells were also ringing for **Mitch Kent**, who married Tanya Evelyn on June 4, 2011 at the Lake George

Club in Diamond Point, NY. In attendance were Mitch's father, **Gordon Kent '69**, ME '70, and friends **Allan Shafter '60**, **Charles Feng**, **Erik Yazdani-Biyuki**, **Michele Diener**, **Kyung Moon**, and **Zach Righellis**, MBA '05. Mitch and his wife are both lawyers (NYU '05). They met at the law firm where they worked after law school.

Julia Wells married Jeff Massey on May 7, 2011 in Merchantville, NJ. Guests included **Courtney Stacks**, **Jennifer Rosen**, **Janice Obuchowski**, **Miriam Post '99**, and **Brian Drumm '96**. Julia reports that a fabulous time was had by all! Julia has moved back to New Jersey for a new job as a brand manager at GlaxoSmithKline. **Susanna Clark** married **Bryce Johnson '99** on July 19, 2009. They had their first child, daughter Sienna, in April 2010. **Chris Potenza** wrote that his wife, Katie, gave birth to daughter Mary Cate on August 15, 2011. The Potenzas live in Buffalo, where Chris is a member of the law firm Hurwitz & Fine PC.

As usual, our classmates are globetrotting. **Thomas and Emily Silver Turner '95**, ME '96, moved to London this fall with their twins Lindsey and Tommy, 5. Thomas works for Goldman Sachs, Emily works for American Express, and their children will attend the American School in London. They were sad to leave New York City after 13 great years, but look forward to having lots of visitors and cheering on Boston sports teams at late-night at the local pub! **Leah Hershberger** is also in London and writes that it's been just over five years since she moved. She got permanent residency in May and will go for dual citizenship next year. Leah volunteers at a fringe/off-West End theater for the Southbank Centre's Festival of Britain and may volunteer for the London 2012 Olympics. She writes that Cornell and NYC friend **Lori Kessler** visits the most, and **Wesley Boas** has also been to London on holiday.

Megan Winchell Fox and her family moved from California to Abu Dhabi for her new position with Schlumberger as training manager for the Middle East and Asia Learning Center. Her husband, Jason, will work in Oman while the rest of the family (she and sons Jackson, 10, Ethan, 8, and Ryan, 5) will be in the UAE. They are very excited about the opportunity to discover another part of the world. **John Pette** writes that he has been a foreign service officer with the US Dept. of State since 2005. He has been posted in Geneva, Switzerland, and San Salvador, El Salvador, and is now in D.C. for the foreseeable future. John adds that he has visited more than 30 countries through his job, but is glad to be settled back in the States for a while. He is happily married and living in Maryland. **Albert Yu** started a China International MBA program at the U. of Hawaii. He will spend one year in Honolulu and one year in Guangzhou, China.

Mike Gober finished his dermatology residency at the U. of Pennsylvania and stayed on as faculty, which was a relief to his wife, **Laura Duran-Gober**, a pediatric allergist/immunologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Gobers have had their hands full with Abby, 3, and Sam, 1, and remember fondly the days of movies at the Straight and late nights at Collegetown Bagels. **Dave Gallagher** wrote that he's working on some fun things in his job with the NYC sanitation department. Since becoming a senior manager at DSNY, he has worked on anti-graffiti, vacant lot cleaning, and snow route mapping software. He is currently working at the enormous central repair shop, where his assignment is evaluation of all of the department's fleet management software. At the time of our request for news from

classmates, Dave wrote, "My building was in the news a few days ago when a mechanic drove a salt spreader right through the fifth floor wall. Lots of excitement and property damage, but no serious injuries, for which I was very thankful. When not working at a building with a truck-sized hole in it, I live a quiet but busy life on Long Island with my wife, Dawn, our big girl Emma, 3, and our twins Erin and Patrick, 17 months." Keep writing! We love sharing your news! **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mollybracken@socal.rr.com; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

99 We may have graduated 13 years ago, but one thing sure hasn't changed: Cornellians like to work hard and play hard . . . although these days, playing hard might mean playing with your kids. But no matter, that can-do Cornell spirit is still there, all over the globe. **Mark Proctor** lives in Westport, CT, with his wife and their kids Carolina, 4, and Alex, 2. Mark works at Goldman Sachs Asset Management as a lawyer, primarily covering private equity and real estate. He writes, "I live down the street from **Scott Hershkowitz**. We occasionally play poker together. Overall, life is really good." **Stephen Bocskay**, MA '06 (stephen_bocskay@brown.edu) writes, "I am finishing my PhD in Lusobrazilian studies at Brown U. and am becoming a celebrity in Brazil for my writings on Brazilian culture. Would like to hear from Cornellians who are involved with Brazil."


Melanie Arzt married Jeremy Raelin in Sandwich, MA, on Cape Cod on Sept. 25, 2011. Her bridal party included several best bud Cornellians including maid of honor **Yuree Whang**, **Dahlia Schoenberg** Lam (with husband Jonathan and daughter Olivia), **Wenbi Lai Hirakawa**, ME '00 (with husband **Keigo**, PhD '05, and son Stephen, 2), and **Joye Thaller '98**, ME '99. Other Cornellians in attendance included **Carolyn Stechel** Glassberg '00 with husband Steve and son Jacob (whose second birthday was the day of the wedding), **Amanda Geller**, ME '00, **Ali Moskowitz O'Donnell** with husband **Chris '98**, daughter Emma, and son Tyler; **Mike Babish**, ME '01, with wife Kerri and daughter Gloria, **Brett and Jodi Pike Rosenau '00** and baby Bailey, **Matt Shuman '98**, ME '99, and **Matt Litman '97**, ME '99, with wife Susannah (they were married last Memorial Day Weekend up in Maine). Melanie's International Living Center "suites" also showed up in full force, including **Asya Khonina '00**, who now has a daughter Leah and son Luke with husband **James Buckley '01**, ME '02, **Bijou Bose '00**, **Justyna Zapolska '00**, and her longtime Boston roommate **Meaghan Donovan '00**. **Restu Ismail '98**, ME '99, another suitemate, was not able to attend as she and her husband welcomed Arya Risha Namperumal, born on September 23 in the wee hours of the morning. Melanie and Jeremy honeymooned in Maui and Kauai, and now that they're back, they kind of wish they could live permanently on the Hawaiian Islands instead of on Davis Square in Somerville, MA. Melanie adds that in 2011 she celebrated her fifth anniversary as an independent business owner and entrepreneur with her company, Wits End Organizing, operating out of Somerville and Cambridge, MA!

Also in the Boston area are **Michael**, BArch '00, and **Carol Wilhelm Knauff**, BFA '99. Their daughter, Meredith, is in kindergarten. Michael is an architect for Dyer Brown and Associates in Boston. Carol changed careers last year and is

enjoying her job in the development department at the Massachusetts Historical Society. They keep in touch with many Cornell friends and enjoy spending time with Carol's parents, **Alexander '69** and **Phyllis Wilson Wilhelm '69**, and grandfather **Philip Wilson '42**, MS '53. **Jenna Ferrarese** is a master's student at the U. of Montana, Missoula, studying at the National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis at the College of Forestry and Conservation. Also in science is **Liz Hays**, an astrophysicist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. She and husband **Eric Melin** have a daughter, Tabitha.

Down in Richmond, VA, you'll find **Unicia Buster**, BFA '99, and her son, Adrian, 5. Unicia is pursuing a pre-health sciences certificate from Virginia Commonwealth U. while she works at Virginia Commonwealth U. Health Systems as an art specialist. At work, she directs art activities with patients as a divergent activity during their healthcare at the hospital. She also installs art and art shows featuring area artists; assists the director with musical performances, employee art, and poetry competitions; and implements other programs and activities for the Dept. of Cultural Programs. Unicia is just as busy when she's not working. She is a member of the praise dance team and PR committee at her church, the Black American Artists' Alliance of Richmond (BAAAR), and the New Visions Civic Association. In October 2010, she won Best of Show in the National Arts Program in Richmond and was featured in an article in the *Richmond Free Press* because of it. She keeps in touch with **Dionne Benjamin '01**.

Kubs Lalchandani, JD '04, joined forces with former colleague Danny Simon to establish Lalchandani Simon, a Miami law firm that focuses on social media law, healthcare compliance, intellectual property, electronic information, business planning, and litigation and appeals. **Richard Sleboda** (rsleboda@hotmail.com) writes, "After a few short years in bio labs in Taiwan and Maryland, I have been working for a Big Four accounting firm in Japan (six years) and Slovakia (three years). Languages and travel are my passion, something that I really only woke up to after Cornell. I would love to hear from any long-lost classmates. Anyone in Tokyo, please feel free to get in touch." **Jill Alexander Van Slyke** is the director of residential services at the Westin Riverfront and Resort and Spa at Beaver Creek Mountain in Colorado. Her extracurricular activities include mountain biking, running, and, of course, skiing. What has she been doing recently? "Cleaning up after and giving constant attention to my daughter, 2! And wishing I had more free time."

I think the whole Class of 1999 wishes they had more free time! If you get even a little bit of free time, please let your class correspondents know what has been keeping you busy. Send your news to:  **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com;

Melanie Grayce West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; or **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com.

OO Lots to share this month, so let's jump right into it! **Matthew '98** and **Anna Gravino Salerno** added to their family with the birth of Amelia Caroline in January 2011. Big brother Matthew and big sister Isabella are delighted to have a new sibling and enjoy watching her grow. **Barbara DeMonarco-Snell** continues to work as a small animal veterinarian in Ft. Myers, FL. She and her husband welcomed twins Katherine Elizabeth and Samuel George on May 12, 2011. Barbara says, "They are just the love of our lives!" Also a parent to two, **Howard Katzenberg** keeps busy raising his twin boys, born in June, and serving as finance chief for On Deck Capital.

Evandro Gigante, **Rita Antonacci**, and big brother Nicholas welcomed Lucia Maria into the world on Sept. 22, 2011. Both Rita and Evandro practice law in NYC. Rita is an associate with

Carter, Ledyard, and Milburn LLP, and Evandro is an associate with Proskauer Rose LLP. **Julie Todisco Mitchell** is a proud mom to William Connor, born May 24, and Sarah, 2-1/2, who loves being a big sister. Julie is enjoying a new role at Oracle as an engineering manager for operations, responsible for hardware manufacturing processes for Oracle's servers. Julie writes, "I work with several other Cornellians and we love to talk about the good old days we spent in Ithaca."

At a Long Island vineyard in October, **Elena Nardolillo** married **Saverio Parlatore '98**. Many Cornellians were in attendance, including **Tarra Helfgott**, **Emily Barocas**, **Robin Mendelsohn**, **Nicole Cain**, and **Sebastian Guerra**, as well as the groom's father (and former Cornell grad student) **Anselm Parlatore**, **GR '70-72**, and brother and sister-in-law **Sal '96** and **Jen Smith Parlatore '97**, and at least a dozen others. There was, of course, a Cornell photo! **Mike Valdepenas** is business director at Capital One. In his off hours, he sings, does martial arts, and teaches Sunday school at his church. Mike also married recently—congrats to Mike and Lori!

Corps Values

Mike Buckler '96

As a patent litigator whose firm served as outside counsel for Microsoft, Mike Buckler had a successful career, but he felt something was missing. "I was spending a lot of time working on cases that basically involved companies fighting over money," Buckler recalls. "I had always envisioned myself trying to make a positive difference in the world, and I just didn't see myself doing that there." In 2006, Buckler made a radical change: he joined the Peace Corps and moved from Portland, Oregon, to rural Malawi. "I had a good job and a lucrative salary," Buckler says. "I was on the fast track, and that was a scary thing to give up. But I realized that I wasn't actually giving up all that much. The most important things in life are cheap."

For two years, Buckler worked as a high school teacher in the village of Khwalala, sharing a house with three Malawian students. In addition to teaching, he started a student environmental club whose members planted trees, learning and educating others about the dangers of deforestation. He also helped plan a girls' boarding school in the village and organized a two-week summer camp offering intensive instruction to promising students. "Everything is difficult in Malawi in terms of daily living, finding food and water, moving from one place to the other," says the former electrical engineering major. "When you live

there, you realize that you take a lot for granted in the United States."

The experience inspired Buckler to write *From Microsoft to Malawi: Learning on the Front Lines as a Peace Corps Volunteer*, published in November 2010 by Hamilton Books. Proceeds from sales of the memoir, as well as donations collected through his website (www.FromMicrosoftToMalawi.com), go toward college tuition for the three students with whom he lived. "I'm trying to promote a re-conception of the Peace Corps," says Buckler, who now works for the National Parks Service in Washington, D.C. "Thanks to technology, you can stay in touch with your village after you come home."

— *Maya Rajamani '12*

In North Carolina, **Corinne Keane** Kadlec reconnected with **Mariah Michalovic** Tary '98, MILR '00. Both have moved to the Raleigh-Durham area and enjoy exploring their new home town. Corinne and husband Benjamin are parents to Maggie, 2-1/2, and Corinne works from home in marketing

ran a local 10K road race in the jungle, which was celebrated afterwards with some beach time and drinks. Meredith lives in Stowe, VT, where she continues to work in marketing at Concept2, the rowing company that makes the indoor rower and competitive racing oars.

Frisbee, road biking, hiking, paddling, gardening, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and pond hockey. **John Lundholm**, a mortgage banker in New York, and **Carolyn (Marin)** '08 were married in Sage Chapel in October. The wedding party featured **Amit Bhatia**, **Michael Zito**, **Elie Gamburg**, BArch '02, **Lizzie Bryant** '08, **Lori Maida** '08, and **Brenda Cannizzaro** '08, plus more than 30 other Cornellians in attendance. John, is the process of booking Sage Chapel for a wedding still like trying to win a radio contest?

‘I saved a cardboard scale from each of the four dragons sent up in flames during our time on the Hill.’

Nicole Niroulias Gupte '01

and business development for Zurich. **Tom** '99 and **Shanna Hillback Deng** keep busy with their young children, 3-1/2 and 2. Shanna is now a marketing strategy consultant. She enjoys running and Boston theatre, and is planning some fun family trips near their New England home.

After ten years in NYC, **Ryan** and **Amy Donn** relocated to Honolulu in early 2010. Ryan continues to work with Trinity Investments and reports that the Cornell community in Hawaii has shared much welcome aloha already. **Makiko Ban-Hoefen** is raising three children while training as a hematology and oncology fellow. **Eli Reich** started **Alchemy Goods** (www.alchemygoods.com) seven years ago and it's going strong. They make messenger bags, wallets, and belts from reclaimed materials like bicycle inner tubes. **Cliff Lerner** is the founder and CEO of a publicly traded tech/dating company based out of NYC. They have one of the largest dating apps on Facebook and the iPhone and launched a calendar of 12 companies to watch in Silicon Alley. **Tsedey Betru** accepted the position of program officer at Public Interest Projects, a philanthropic organization. She helps manage Communities for Public Education Reform, a \$30 million fund that supports community engagement in education reform efforts across the country. Tsedey is also completing a fellowship program at the Council of Urban Professionals in NYC.

In Croton-on-Hudson, NY, **Jana Wilson** works as assistant house manager at the Danish Home, a nonprofit adult care facility. Jana said, "I love my work at the Danish Home. It is a unique and wonderful institution where we really do help people every day. I visit Ithaca almost every summer and have a blast swimming at Six Mile Creek." She is also pursuing a second bachelor's degree in nursing. **Adam Bult** made shareholder at his firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP. He sees **Felix Danciu** often and works with **Jennifer Plut** Coyer. **Matt** and **Adrienne Faso** live in Buffalo, NY, with son Eli, 2. Matt's work at the Haley Marketing Group is going well and he is an ambassador for Dining Out for Life, a charity event that raises money for AIDS Community Services in Buffalo, NY. **Katherine Shepherd** started a new position as a staff attorney in the domestic violence unit at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services in New Orleans, LA.

After competing with the BMA Boat Club, a Cornell alumni group, in the masters race at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, MA, **Meredith Haff** vacationed in Costa Rica, where she reunited with fellow oarswoman **Annette Grew** Compte '02, who resides there with her husband and young daughter. Meredith and Annette

Jennifer Chu founded **Chu Shu**, which was selected to participate in the global accelerator program Start-Up Chile and receive \$40K of equity-free seed capital. **Chu Shu** launched **Silver Linings**—ultra-thin shoe liners that use a silver-based technology to inhibit growth of bacterial odor—in 2010. Thanks for sharing your news. We love hearing from you! ✉ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 It's that Dragon Day time of year—definitely one of the best times to be a Cornellian! I was neither Architect nor Engineer, but I saved a cardboard scale from each of the four dragons sent up in flames during our time on the Hill. Do you think they'll be worth something someday, at least to Kroch Library?

So, having established that I, **Nicole Neroulias Gupte**, am a proud Cornell nerd, I'm thrilled to be the newest Class of '01 correspondent (my ghost of summer internships past, fact-checking all those bold-faced names using *Cornell Alumni Magazine's* 1990s Telnet system, nods approvingly). I live in Seattle with my husband, **Salil**, a strategy executive at Boeing, and our son, R.J., 2. Freelance reporting and a nonprofit management program at the U. of Washington keep me busy; I also play oboe and glockenspiel—thanks, Big Red Marching Band training!—with the Seattle Symphonic Band.

Anyone else calling the Emerald City home these days? We know of three classmates, coincidentally all newlyweds: **Erin Colling** Cleofe, a kindergarten teacher married to **Floyd**; **Michael Fairchild**, a Microsoft finance manager who has moved to Bellevue with wife Megan; and **Kristina Wallender**, an Amazon marketing manager. **Kristina**, who also attended Stanford's business school with **Salil**, married **Joanna Gentili** last year on the top of Crystal Mountain in Washington. **Nageeb** and **Fatema Gunja Sumar** led the wedding ceremony, which was also attended by **Shally Madan**, **Sidd Sinha**, **Ronnie Chatterji** '00, and **Ting Phonsanam** '95. **Kristina** says she knew **Joanna** was "the one" after a trip to Ithaca where **Joanna** said, "Now I can see why you love this place so much. I could definitely live here."

Jeannette LeBoyer LeZaks tied the knot last summer, too, and now lives with husband **David** in Madison, WI. She works as a project manager at Energy Center of Wisconsin, studying how people use energy and ways to reduce our energy consumption—great use of that Natural Resources degree! She also writes that she enjoys Ultimate

Big Red congratulations to mighty **Joe Splendorio**, inducted into the Cornell U. Athletic Hall of Fame in November! (I certainly remember his name thrown around fondly by the *Daily Sun* sports reporters, if not from my deafening years in the marching band!) **Joe** holds Cornell football's record for most receiving yards in a game and for most career touchdown passes caught. He and wife **Lindsey (Cross)** moved from Boston to Michigan last year to help run **Cross, Wietfeldt, Brockway & Splendorio**, a wealth management practice. They have two young dividends: **Gabby**, 3, and **Dominic**, 1. Speaking of progeny, kudos to **Michael Morse** for keeping us posted while juggling four kids under the age of 5: **James**, **Julia**, **Charles**, and **William**. He and wife **Bethany** live in Elk Grove Village, IL. Other new-ish fathers in our class include **Eli Rodriguez** and **T.J. Carrizales**, MPA '03. **Eli**, a retail sales director for **Sotheby's Wine**, and wife **Jessamyn** welcomed **Dahlia** last year; **T.J.** and **Michelle Silverio** '03 welcomed **Oliver Sebastian**. Congrats, dads!

As a journalist, I've learned some helpful investigative/webstalking techniques, but it took our 10th Reunion to finally track down **Amanda Ramos** Halene! After spending several years in Italy and Germany, picking up a master's degree in international relations and a husband along the way, **Amanda's** back in New York. Over the holidays, we arranged a Prospect Park playdate for **R.J.** and **Lukas**—Class of 2031 and 2033, respectively? (Then again, knowing their moms, they may want to take a gap year and see the world.) **Amanda** has deferred law school while her husband, **Tobias**, starts his psychiatry residency at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, so look her up if you're a Brooklyn mom interested in long walks in the park.

Since I've successfully encouraged **Amanda** to get back on the grid, here's my pitch to the rest of the class: We get more column space as more classmates pay dues and get the magazine. If you're reading this, you're probably up to speed, but please encourage our other classmates to join the party! Class dues can be paid online at <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues>. Check out of the Class of 2001 Facebook page and e-mail your news to me or **Lauren** at: ✉ **Nicole Niroulias Gupte**, NicoleMN6@gmail.com (tweet me @BeliefBeat); **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 It's quite clear from your handwriting that the art of penmanship is dying. Seriously, of all the handwritten submissions I received this time around, a doctor's was the most legible and aesthetically pleasing. I can't claim to be any better myself, but back when I was teaching kindergarten and I wrote every day on paper the size of a small manatee with helpful dotted blue lines between every two solid blue ones, other teachers would sometimes say, "You have really nice handwriting for a man." In a similar spirit, I'd like to pass the compliment along to **Emily Apse**

Singer: Emily, you have really nice handwriting for a person born after 1970. Emily is a cardiac anesthesiologist for Anaesthesia Associates of Massachusetts, a large private practice headquartered in the Boston area. She enjoys jogging, traveling, and catching up with Cornell friends. I didn't intend to make the last part sound like a personals ad, so don't get any ideas. Her husband, David, might not appreciate that.

Kimberly Berman, MA '06, works as a teacher at an elementary school in Seattle, WA. She didn't include any cute stories about her students, but like myself, seems to be taking advantage of the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, doing lots of camping and hiking. When it's raining, she dabbles in costume and set design.

The other thing that is strikingly clear from the news forms I received is that you all must have gotten Gmail accounts way before I did. Seriously, EmilyASinger, Kate.Mcandrews, and BJoshpe? How did you pull that off? I'm Jeffrey.R.Barker. JRB, for crying out loud. It's ridiculous. Anyway, now that I've shared Kate's e-mail, I want **Vicky Lenkaitis** to e-mail her. Do it now, Vicky! Kate wants to hear from you. She is a dairy specialist for Vita Plus Corp., serving dairy producers in central Minnesota. She is very busy with life on the farm, but she enjoys being outdoors, traveling, and decorating her house.

Lauren Pastrich King joined her father's financial advisory and wealth management firm, Compass Financial Group, on Long Island as a financial advisor, focusing on helping the new generation of young families. During her "after hours" Lauren is an interviewer for Cornell and Dartmouth admissions. I do that too, and it's actually kind of fun. I'd recommend it if you've got a few spare minutes. Lauren is an active member of IvyLife and Savvy Ladies in NYC. She and husband Brian bought their first house in Port Washington, NY.

My good friend **Daniel Ramras** published a paper in the *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*. The work is titled, "The stable moduli space of flat connections over a surface." If that made any sense to you, you should read the abstract and get more info at <http://www.ams.org/journals/tran/2011-363-02/home.html>. If, like me, you're a bit lost, let's just say that it combines topology and mathematical physics, and we'll move on to something we all know about: making babies.

Matthew Murphy and wife **Maura Rockcastle**, BFA '02, had their first child, Owen, on Oct. 6, 2011 and everyone is happy and healthy. Matthew is a lawyer with Kramer, Levin, Naftalis, and Frankel, and he and his family live in Brooklyn, NY.

Brett Joshpe, who also lives in NYC, has a very attractive, shiny black business card that really pops against our yellow news form, the same forms you should be sending in. Brett manages a boutique law firm specializing in corporate law and civil and criminal litigation. In his spare time he serves as "of counsel" to an international legal nonprofit, studies for level 3 of the CFA Inst. exam, writes about public policy issues, and works on launching a startup or two. He's contemplating writing a second book, which means he must have written a first book. He'd like to give a shout out to **Brian Fiske** '01.

Well, that's it for this column. Send your news to Carolyn or me anytime of year, and don't forget about reunion—just a little over three months from now, June 7-10. Information mailings will arrive early this spring. ☐ **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; and **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 **Craig Lowenthal** and wife Kath-
leen welcomed their first child
to the world on November 20.

"Natalie Ann could not have been more adorable." The newly expanded Lowenthal family has been enjoying getting to know each other; Craig and Kathleen look forward to many fun and exciting adventures ahead. Another new parent, **Joshua Roth**, writes, "My wife, Lauren, and I welcomed Jacob Samuel into our family on Oct. 19, 2011. Jake is keeping his parents very busy. He's looking forward to visiting Ithaca for Acacia's 105th anniversary celebration in August (his Dad doesn't stop talking about Cornell and Ithaca). I'm still working as a litigator at Fried Frank in Manhattan and see the guys from Acacia regularly. I'd love to hear from old classmates."

Jennifer Greenman MacDonald writes, "I moved to NYC last September and am now the assistant director of business operations for a charter school network that has nine elementary schools and a middle school. I married **Ross** after we met up again in Las Vegas (where I was living and working at the time) in December 2008. He's the deputy medical director for the New York City jail system. Life is good. My sister **Julie Greenman** is the director of restaurants for Wynn and Encore Las Vegas. She recently became engaged. Things are good." **Hotellie Douglas Allan** writes, "I just graduated from UC Irvine with my MBA. After the MBA program, I started Stacked Wines (www.stackedwines.com). We have developed a new way to package wine. It is a pre-poured, single serve glass of wine—no need for glasses or a corkscrew. We are in the heat of a full go-to-market campaign. Here's hoping you will see us at a store/stadium/airline/restaurant near you soon."

You-Liang Deng writes, "I am in postgraduate medical training at the U. of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. I will specialize in emergency medicine." **Eva Moore** married Brian Robertson (Loyola U. of Maryland '02) on Nov. 5, 2011 in Washington, DC. **Adnan Shamim** and wife Sabah celebrated their first wedding anniversary in London. Adnan writes, "We moved to London in 2011 after traveling around Asia and Africa for six months. I've joined Marriott Int'l's feasibility area, where I help plan new hotels throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Work is great and takes me to exciting new places all the time. Right now I'm simply looking forward to relaxing over the holidays and making London our new home."

Chris and **Jamie Beilin Joseph** live in Tribeca. Jamie writes, "Chris earned his MBA from Wharton in May and started at Goldman Sachs. I continue to work in residential real estate at Corcoran, but am pursuing my hobby of matchmaking my friends and clients with a side nonprofit business called Quiet Listings." Former Big Red basketball team captain **Jacques Vigneault** writes that after graduation he went on to play a couple of years of professional basketball in France. Jacques has lived in Paris, Bordeaux, Montreal, and Toronto, and now resides in Southern California with his wife and sons (ages 6 and 3). He is a shareholder in a small but growing business based in Canada that has offices, partners, and customers all over the world (www.alligacom.com). **Krishna Maheshwari**, ME '03, is working in the greater Boston area as a senior manager in the corporate strategy group at EMC. He writes, "I visited India and Nepal for vacation. Nepal is very scenic, once you get out of the Kathmandu Valley. In addition, I am the founder of a nonprofit: Hindupedia.com. We are in the business of building the world's first comprehensive,

online encyclopedia of Hinduism. My wife, Annu, and I welcomed our second child, daughter Nitya, into the world in 2011."

Crystal Dickson Shrestha writes, "I am a third year orthopaedic resident at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA. I don't have time for anything else, unfortunately!" On Dec. 14, 2011 **Matthew Kemm** was accepted into an internal medicine residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. He plans to move to Madigan in June, with his wife and daughter, after he finishes his studies at Eastern Virginia Medical School in May. About his daughter, Matthew writes, "The little one turned 2 in September and is growing and talking like crazy. So a lot to be thankful for." **Saba Deyhim** writes, "I've finished my second year at IBM, in management consulting, with some incredible projects at Sony and Philips, as well as opportunity for nonprofit strategy planning consulting at United Way and Urban League chapters. Highlights of the year were two Cornell '03 reunions: the first for the wedding of **Josh Trzasko** in Rochester, MN, complete with cowboy boots, hats, and a proper bluegrass band; and the second, a Halloween/birthday reunion in the Bay Area for **Elaine Poon**, where a gang of eight '03ers and their partners dressed up as a band of marauding pirates and raised a racket." Thanks again to everyone who shared news. We love to hear from you! Please send us an update anytime. ☐ **Samantha Noonan**, swb9@cornell.edu; and **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 We read about **Adam Hirsch** in the *CALS News* this year: "A living testament to the power of persistence, Adam Hirsch worked his way into a job at the digital media company Mashable with some innovative ideas about social media and an unwillingness to take 'no' for an answer. Adam oversees Mashable's business development, including marketing, partnerships, advertising, and events. His initial ideas about bringing together communities of people interested in social media have come to fruition." Congrats, Adam! **Richard Ducharme**, ME '05 (Winston-Salem, NC) is a research engineer at Cook Medical. **Mitchell Shuster** is a process and technology development engineer at Intel Corp. in Oregon. In his free time, he explores entrepreneurial ventures, parkour, and Starcraft II.

Quin Garcia, an AEM grad, lives in Guangzhou, China. He works for Better Place, an electric vehicle infrastructure company, to build the company's business in China. **Stacy Heidecker** Lansey, husband Eli, and big brother Moshe welcomed baby boy Chanan this past August. When not at home with her sons, Stacy is the assistant director of finance and administration for Yeshiva U. She is also getting her MBA at NYU's Stern School. **Rony Foy**, MPA '05, plans to defend her dissertation proposal and conduct research in Zanzibar, Tanzania, in spring 2012, with a Boren Fellowship. She is also learning Swahili. Her dissertation is focused on woman social entrepreneurs and how their ventures contribute to community sustainability and national security. Great work! Congrats are also in order for **Nicholas Torsiello**, who moved onto an NIH T32 Kirschstein National Research Service Award fellowship while studying for a doctorate in health policy and economics.

Jeremy Riley writes, "I obtained my MBA in November 2011 from the Eller College of Management at the U. of Arizona. My wife, **Tessa**

(Montijo), and I celebrated the birth of our second son, Gavin Xavier, earlier this year. His older brother Ayden is thrilled that he is becoming mobile." **Jessica Lachs** launched a new business called GiftSimple (www.GiftSimple.com), a social gifting website where users can register for the gifts they want, tap into their social network to pool contributions from friends and family, and contribute to friends' gifts—as much and as frequently as you like. Jessica graduated this past May from the Wharton School with an MBA in entrepreneurial management and strategic management. While in business school, she started developing GiftSimple to address inefficiencies in the gifting space. Feel free to contact Jessica at Jessica@GiftSimple.com.

Jennifer Grauer writes, "After living in Paris with the Cornell-based band the Crooners, I moved back to New York and started working at HBO, where I'm a writer/producer. Recently, I set up Free Man Music, a boutique music production house creating original music for TV/film and released my debut album, 'A Million Fires,' which is now available at www.JENNGRAUER.com. Join the mailing list for news and show updates and connect with me on Twitter @jenngrauer." **Kimberly Notheis Parsons** and husband **Mike '03** welcomed son Ashton Robert into the world on December 6, 2011; he's a potential member of the Class of 2033! **Garrett Meigs** writes, "I married a beautiful woman named Cassie Hebel on July 16 at the Rogue Hop Farm in Independence, OR. It was a gorgeous, green, Oregon day with a bonfire campout on the banks of the Willamette River!" **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 Happy spring, Class of 2005! I hope for everyone the snow has fully melted and the temperatures have risen. It has been a busy winter for all of us. Here is what some of your classmates have been up to.

Jade Bailey-Assam moved back to New York City after living in Las Vegas for the last four years working for Wynn/Encore. She is so happy to be back home near her closest friends and family. She is also tackling a new position with hospitality company Strategic Group as their director of social media and marketing. She oversees the digital marketing of several nightclubs and restaurants in New York City. **Lisa Krieger** Hamlich also lives in NYC and has graduated from Columbia U.'s executive MBA program. She is the director of business planning at American Express.

David van der Keyl is an equity research associate at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New

York City. **Jacqueline Conti Rimshnick**, who lives in Ithaca with husband **David**, ME '06, now serves as assistant to Prof. Scott Tucker, director of the Cornell University Chorus. **Thomas Scalone** moved to New Hope, PA, and serves as a senior project manager for Merck & Co. He joined the Cornell Recruiting Committee with Merck and looks forward to his next trip to campus. We hope you find some great candidates, Thomas!

Everett Hullverson is a senior product specialist, methionine optimization at Novus Int'l. He has been planning his New Year's Eve wedding. Everett keeps in touch with **Josh Kudisch**, **Doug Ernst**, **Matt Hatson**, **Doug Sokolik**, **Allan Gantes '06**, and **Shep Cynamon '04**. Many of them caught up at Allen's wedding in Connecticut, where they were able to connect with other Psi U brothers.

Carissa Perez Olsen is a Weintraub Scholar in the basic sciences division at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, WA. She was the recipient of the National Institutes of Health Director's Early Independence Award, which was given to only ten young researchers in the nation. The award provides her with funding that will enable her to run an independent research lab and bypass the usual period of postdoctoral training. Carissa completed her PhD at the U. of Washington in June 2011. Her research focuses on membranes essential to cellular life. Congratulations, Carissa!

We love hearing what everyone has been up to. Keep the updates coming. **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrv29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

06 I hope everyone is transitioning well into 2012! Other than experiencing abnormally high temperatures this winter, the world hasn't ended and we're all still here! **Jessica Elias** lives in NYC and in February will graduate from Teachers College, Columbia U., with an MA in general and special elementary education. In March 2011, **Rachelle Butt** came back from a six-month stay in Israel, where she worked with at-risk youth in Jerusalem. She writes that she "had a blast at reunion in June." In September, she began a new job providing therapy to children and adolescents in the Intensive Crisis Stabilization and Treatment Program at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, and moved back to NYC in November.

Ian Chiang graduated from Harvard Business School this past May, as did **David Luo**, and decided to stay in the Greater Boston area for at least another year. Ian rejoined McKinsey at their Boston office in July and spent the next four months

working on a Pittsburgh-based project. In addition to serving healthcare clients around the world, he is also part of the Cornell undergrad/MBA recruiting team at McKinsey. "I visited Ithaca for the first time in years this October," he writes. "I look forward to future recruiting trips to Ithaca!"

Our most recent project at Pinky Up Productions is a music video for the frozen yogurt franchise 16 Handles, shot at their flagship location on 10th Street and 2nd Avenue in NYC. The premise is a yogurt store turned nightclub, capturing the energy and diversity of NYC. Check out the video on YouTube! In addition to working on other projects on the West Coast, I also recorded some new tracks in L.A. and Las Vegas. Between recording, writing, and producing on both coasts, I've been very busy and definitely loving the bi-coastal lifestyle!

Please keep sending your news—we can't get enough of it! Look for the annual class mailing next month and send in your News Form in the envelope provided. **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, nd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com.

07 It's hard to believe, but in just a few short months we will have reached our fifth year out from Cornell! Could you have imagined, in 2007, what has transpired these past five years? Let's ease into it with some updates from a handful of your class officers, who have volunteered their time since senior year, working tirelessly to provide you with Cornell news, coordinate alumni events, raise funds, and keep us better connected to our noble alma mater.

This fall your class treasurer, **Ethan Greenberg**, began his first year of medical school at Temple U. School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. **Jason Barell**, MHA '08, has been working at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital since he graduated and is now a manager of special projects in the office of the CEO and president. For the past four years Ethan and Jason have spent July 4 weekends in Ithaca, with lots of fellow members of the Class of '07.

Class council member **Elizabeth "Scottie" McQuilkin** was married to **Cooper Wardell** on April 30, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA. **Katie Bang**, MHA '08, served as maid of honor for the wedding and the couple honeymooned in Bora Bora. In New York City, Scottie is an associate investing for Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors' mezzanine debt fund, and Cooper is an investment banking associate in leveraged finance at the Royal Bank of Canada. After graduation, class secretary **Keith Greenberg** moved to Ann Arbor, MI, to attend the U. of Michigan Law School. In 2010 Keith earned his JD, passed the New York and New Jersey Bar exams, and two weeks later married **Amy Jaffe**. A few dozen Cornell friends and family attended the wedding. Amy is a social worker in the Bronx, and Keith is an attorney specializing in labor and employment law in midtown Manhattan. Although the couple currently lives in Hoboken, NJ, Keith says, "We're both excited to see lots of familiar Big Red faces at reunion in June and every day around New York City!"

Reunion co-chair **Alvin Liu** took a year off after his third year of medical school to conduct research. He has now resumed his studies as a fourth year at Columbia U. College of Physicians and Surgeons, and will soon begin his residency in ophthalmology. Previously a digital reporter at

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ABC News in New York City, council member **Nina Terrero** Groth is now a Web producer on a small team responsible for a new Latino-centric site developed by NBC News, slated to launch in early 2012. As a Web producer, she reports and produces topical stories on news, health, culture, family, and food for Latino audiences across the nation. Nina married Jason Groth (Johns Hopkins '97, Columbia Law School '08), a corporate attorney at Covington & Burling LLP in New York City, in September 2010 at Columbia U's St. Paul's Chapel (she had graduated with an MA in political science from Columbia in May 2010). Nina has remained an active Cornell alumnus through the class council and the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). She says, "I can't believe the Class of 2007 will celebrate its 5th Reunion in just a few short months. I look forward to seeing old friends and classmates on the Slope!"

A little more than a year after returning to Manhattan following a stint in London, Annual Fund rep **Justin Henck** is enjoying his new position in the consulting practice at Rosetta Marketing Group. Even so long after returning from London, he says he "cannot help but be thankful for the significantly superior food offerings in New York." Your nominations chair, **Sara Tam**, had a great experience working in art galleries in New York after graduation. In 2011 she enrolled at Fordham Law School. Sara says, "Five years has flown by so quickly. It was a big adjustment going back to school, and getting the hang of law school in particular, but I've met some wonderful people there, including a few fellow Cornellians who were in my first-year section: **Jimmy Zhou**, **Scott Silverberg '10**, **Shannon Edwards '10**, and **Tom Bellifemine '09**." Sara looks forward to catching up with more of her old Cornell friends at this year's reunion.

Please don't forget to mark your calendars for the Class of 2007 5th Reunion set for June 7-10, 2012. Your reunion co-chairs **Shane Dunn**, Alvin Liu, and **Rob Pavlenko** will be sending out event updates and details via e-mail, Twitter (@Cornell2007), and Facebook (Cornell Class of 2007 Alumni), so keep a look out for more information. As always, thank you for sending in your updates for our class column and please keep 'em coming! We would love to hear about your favorite Cornell memories for the upcoming reunion issue. Just shoot an e-mail anytime to your class correspondent: [✉ Marianna Gomez, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com](mailto:MariannaGomez@gmail.com).

08 Wow! I can't believe we've been out of school for practically four years. I don't know about you, but for me, it feels like just yesterday when I was on the Hill . . . and now we have just over a year until our 5th Reunion in 2013! As Elana mentioned in the last column, it just gets closer and closer! Mark your calendars now for June 6-9, 2013. We hope everyone is planning on coming back to Ithaca! In the meantime, a lot of our classmates are on to exciting new adventures in their lives, whether it be working toward new degrees, getting promoted, getting married, or even having children!

Mina Hasman, BArch '08, who has been spending some time in Istanbul, is a graduate student of environmental engineering at the School of Architecture at the Architectural Association of London. In her free time, she's been enjoying photography—including exhibiting her

photos—and horseback riding. She'd most like to hear from George Hascup, a professor at the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. **Richard Lou**, BS '07, has been spending his 18 months in Boston, pursuing an MBA. In his spare time, he writes, "I've been able to hang out on the West Coast in the sun with **Mina Kay**, BS '07, and **Jadey Chow**, catching up and reminiscing about the 'good old days' in the Statler." Richard is graduating in May 2012 and heading back to NYC to work as a management consultant. In the meantime, he and **Hayden Bui** live in Cambridge and "welcome any Cornellians to visit us and crash on our couch!" **Elizabeth Eichling** is a full-time graduate student at Duke Divinity School. She also interns at the Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church. In her spare time, she enjoys road-biking and playing the violin.

Vikas Patel has been promoted to consultant at Mars & Co., a global management consulting firm specializing in business strategy. He joined

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the firm's New York City-area (Greenwich, CT) office as an associate consultant following his graduation from Cornell. Vikas holds two BA degrees (Economics and Mathematics) from Cornell's Arts college. He has worked on a variety of engagements for Mars's Fortune 100 clients on various business strategy topics. He is also active in the firm's college recruiting efforts and has been a key player on the company's softball team. **Nancy Chen** is an expert in inventory management, planning, sales forecasting, and trend analysis. She is putting those skills to work at Quirky, an online consumer products company that uses social networking to empower people to bring their inventions to market. The concept is to collect ideas submitted by the general public, refine them with input from a social network, and eventually bring them to market. Prior to Quirky, Nancy managed planning for the US division of Salvatore Ferragamo, and worked as a buyer for Lord & Taylor.

Rena Gower and **Gregory Stein** were married Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The couple met as freshmen at Cornell. In May, Rena earned a master's in social work from Yeshiva. Greg works in Manhattan as an associate analyst covering the media industry at Access 342, an investment research firm. I'm told that a lot of Cornellians were present on their happy day—congrats to the couple on their nuptials! **Rebecca Sopchak** and **Tyler Coatney '09**, ME '10, were married at Sage Chapel on campus in summer 2011. On November 29, they welcomed daughter Charlotte Elizabeth, who came into the world sporting a full head of dark hair. The couple reported being very excited but (understandably) a little tired. Congrats from the entire Class of 2008 on your beautiful bundle of joy! That's all the updates we have for now. As usual, we'd love to hear from you, so keep sending in your news! [✉ Caroline Newton, cmn35@cornell.edu](mailto:CarolineNewton@cornell.edu); or [Julie Cantor, jlc252@cornell.edu](mailto:JulieCantor@cornell.edu); and [Elana Beale, erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:ElanaBeale@cornell.edu).

09 Hey, Class of 2009! Here is what some of our classmates are up to. **Alex Berg** is an associate producer of video for *Newsweek* and the *Daily Beast* in New York City. In 2010, she earned her master's degree in journalism from Columbia U. Since graduating from Cornell, her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Huffington Post*, and *iVillage*. In her spare time, she mentors young women writers through Girls Write Now. **Jarett Banks** lives in NYC and works at a hedge fund in the real estate/structured credit team. He can be found running in Central Park in the mornings and still plays competitive soccer in various men's leagues around the city.

Since graduating, **Matt Ackerson** has helped start and grow a Web design and development business called PetoVera.com. The core product is the world's fastest (and least painful) design and development process. He currently lives on Long Island. **Neetika Bachlaus** has been living and

working in Japan for the past two-and-a-half years and will be back in the US in 2012. Working in industry has been a big change from being in college and she feels the experience at Cornell prepared her. It has been an inspiring time and Neetika has immensely enjoyed learning about the culture, customs, and practices at both the business and community level. Though taking Japanese lessons late in the evening after work did get quite exhausting at times, language skills have come in very handy in facilitating and understanding the singular Japanese thought processes and barriers to communication. She feels extremely fortunate to have lived in Japan and to have experienced the transition at her company. The past year has been quite a tumultuous one for her—a mixed bag of events. With support from family and friends, as the saying goes, we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and march ahead! And as always, Go Big Red!

To see your news published in the Class of 2009 column, just submit a short blurb to one of your co-correspondents, or fill out the hard copy News Form in the annual class mailing and send it back in the envelope provided! [✉ Caroline Newton, cmn35@cornell.edu](mailto:CarolineNewton@cornell.edu); or [Julie Cantor, jlc252@cornell.edu](mailto:JulieCantor@cornell.edu).

10 *Mamihlapinatapai* is a word from the Yaghan language of Tierra del Fuego. It describes the moment when two people look at each other hoping that either will offer to do something that both of them desire but are unwilling to do. Every one of us surely has experienced this moment, whether when deciding to introduce oneself to a stranger, or choosing to apologize for (for all you budding lawyers) an *in pari delicto* dispute. Fortunately, as Cornellians, we are accustomed to taking risks and stepping out of our comfort zone, so it probably

comes as no surprise when you realize that you are usually the first to act in such situations. Here are a few examples of our classmates who have taken bold steps to push the boundaries of the world around them.

Naushad Kabir is serving our country as a surface warfare officer in the US Navy. He spent the last year doing inspections, certifications, and amphibious/counterpiracy training operations off the Virginia/North Carolina coast as a division officer onboard the USS *Oak Hill* (LSD 51) and is now deployed on Southern Partnership Station 2012. **Natalie Weng** is a fiscal sponsorship program assistant at Public Interest Projects in NYC. In addition, Natalie mentors for the Starting Line mentor program at the Chinese Progressive Association and volunteers with New York Cares doing various activities such as dog walking and revitalizing parks and libraries. Natalie is also studying for the GREs and we wish her much success. In the midst of this hectic schedule, she relaxes by doing yoga and attributes her healthier lifestyle to her time spent at Cornell.

Another confrere who likes to stay fit, medical student **Kojo Wallace** often plays soccer and goes to the gym while studying at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where he has also taken up a student leadership position. He hopes to hear from **Alexandra Swidergal**—Alexandra, if you're reading this, drop Kojo a line. Before joining Kojo among the ranks of our aspiring alumni physicians, **Nicholas Calder** worked as an EMT with the emergency department at Harlem Hospital and as an assistant coordinator for the Gateway Inst. for Pre-College Education. A perennial do-gooder, Nicholas volunteers at a soup kitchen every Sunday and also volunteers at the Northeast Pennsylvania

Senior Residence, between classes at the Commonwealth Medical College. Nicholas would like to get back in touch with yet another one of our classmates pursuing his M.D., this time at Wayne State Medical College: **Danny Lee**, BS Eng '09.

Surely, they are all too familiar with the rigorous application process to medical school, which **Elizabeth Pines** is currently pursuing. In the meantime, Elizabeth works at the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association doing comparative effectiveness research on healthcare-associated topics. She enjoys exploring Chicago with her roommate during their free time, and admits to the difficulty, due to the time zone difference, of talking to **Vanessa Leonard**, who is currently in Qatar "being awesome."

As an associate at HVS, **Preston Puleo** travels extensively throughout the country while on assignment. He is charged with overseeing and executing hotel consulting and appraisal assignments in hospitality markets throughout New England. Preston enjoys rowing on the Charles River with members of the Riverside Boat Club, hiking throughout New England, and working out at a local Boston Sports Club when weather is less than ideal. **Brian Peterson** is a graduate student at the U. of Texas School of Law; he expects to graduate in the spring of 2013, after which he plans on pursuing a career in labor and employment law. Brian looks forward to catching up with fellow ILRie **Steven Church**.

The only thing we, your class correspondents, enjoy more than talking about ourselves is talking about you, so please keep on impressing us with your updates by sending them to either me or Mike. We promise not to get too jealous. ☑ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

11 Around this time of the year, you are probably wishing you were still at Cornell so you could take advantage of Spring Break—that awesome week where everyone goes off on adventures. Well, fortunately, for the last ten months or so, many of us have been exploring different parts of the world and having a variety of new experiences. Some of our classmates are lucky enough to be literally living at the beach.

Alixandria "Alix" Morris, for instance, is working as the guest relations manager at the Westin Maui Resort & Spa. She played a significant role in the creation of a management team video that was presented to key stakeholders and leaders, including John Peyton, Starwood Hawaii general managers, and the company's regional leadership team. Over the past months, she has immersed herself in front office operations and provided support and assistance to both internal and external customers. Alix has been exploring the island, while also finding time to travel and catch up on books and movies. **Choumika Simonis** is also enjoying time on a tropical island: "I am working as an intern for the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti (CNP) in Léogâne (a sleepy town west of the capital, Port-au-Prince). One of my main responsibilities is to supervise CNP's outpatient therapeutic program (OTP). At the OTP, I help monitor and treat malnourished children. If I am not there, then I am in the rural communities of the mountains supervising the work of the health monitors who carry out nutrition education programs." Choumika says the experience has been invaluable thus far.

Another classmate enjoying a warmer climate than Ithaca is **Hilary Kates**. She has relocated to Fort Myers, FL, and is working as a lab technician at Algenol Biofuels. She writes that she has been enjoying her off-time biking and hitting the beach. **Jennifer Keane** is excited to announce that she has designed a new fabric that can selectively trap noxious gases and odors. As an FSAD major, she worked with Prof. Juan Hinestroza and FSAD postdoctoral associate Marcia Da Silva Pinto on the initiative.

Muhammed Sameed's major has contributed significantly to his post-Cornell pursuits as well. After studying Physics and Mathematics on the Hill, he spent the summer working at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. He writes, "I ran computer simulations for proton injections from the Linac into the Proton Synchrotron Booster. The work was, well, a lot of work—and consequently a lot of fun! The overall summer, however, was nothing less than phenomenal! From scaling my first peak at the Jura Mountains to canyoning up a gushing stream with the expertise of the advanced beginning swim class I had taken at Cornell, the entire experience was simply breathtaking. I met more interesting people here at CERN than I had met during the previous 20 years of my humble existence. By conservative estimates, there were more than 400 summer students from more than 60 countries. Add things up and this easily equates to the best summer of my life!"

As you can see, our classmates are having amazing experiences both in the US and around the world. No matter where your post-Cornell adventures take you, we would love to hear about what you're up to. Please send updates on your life and we'll gladly compile them to be published for your fellow classmates to enjoy. ☑ **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu; **Michael Stratford**, MJS465@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu.

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'25 BA—Helen "Happy" Keane Reichert, New York City, Sept. 25, 2011

1930s

'32 Constance Page Daniel, Charlottesville, VA, October 3, 2011

'34 BS Ag—Max Dercum, Dillon, CO, September 30, 2011

'34-36 SP Ag—Harold McEachron, Salem, NY, September 18, 2011

'34—Elizabeth Hershey Royer, Advance, NC, August 12, 2011

'34 BS HE—Gertrude Murray Squier, Rochester, NY, August 21, 2011

'35 BA, JD '37—Myron D. Cantor, Scarsdale, NY, September 26, 2011

'36-37 SP Ag—Donald G. Dean, Fairfield, CT, August 16, 2011

'36—Ethelwynne North Gibson, East Lansing, MI, September 13, 2011

'36—Benjamin B. Rouff, Binghamton, NY, September 25, 2011

'37 BA—David D. Dugan, Boulder, CO, August 10, 2011

'37 BA—Leah Sahn Katz, Moorestown, NJ, August 24, 2011

'38, BArch '41—George F. Dalton III, Willoughby, OH, Sept. 10, 2011

'38 BCE—Richard S. Goodwin, Silver Spring, MD, May 9, 2011

'38—George C. Schempp, Lantana, FL, September 25, 2011

'39 BA, JD '41—Robert Boochever, Pasadena, CA, October 9, 2011

'39 BA—Elfred Plaisted Lilly, Lansdale, PA, October 13, 2011

'39 BS Ag—James C. Plunket, Kingston, NY, August 22, 2011

'39, BS Ag '47—Howard E. Ross, Charlottesville, VA, August 27, 2011

'39 BA, B Chem E '40—John C. Tallman, Wilmington, DE, Aug. 25, 2011

'39 BS Ag—Robert W. Wilson, Latham, NY, October 16, 2011

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'40 BS Ag—Gordon E. Butterfield, Goshen, NY, September 23, 2011

'40 BS Ag, MED '51—Lawrence N. Cook, Binghamton, NY, Sept. 19, 2011

'40 BEE—Albert F. Lotz Jr., Buffalo, NY, May 31, 2011

'40—Glenway W. Maxon Jr., Traverse City, MI, June 3, 2011

'40 BS Ag—Paul C. Merz, Lowville, NY, August 14, 2011

'40 BS Ag—Morris E. Scharf, Rivervale, NJ, August 21, 2011

'40 BA—Henry S. Thomassen, Springfield, VA, September 24, 2011

'41 BA, MD '44—Morton A. Beer, Morristown, NJ, August 12, 2011

'41 BA—Stanley M. Berman, New York City, February 27, 2011

'41 BA—John R. Dowswell, Colorado Springs, CO, September 29, 2011

'41 MA, PhD '49—Ernest P. Edwards, Lynchburg, VA, Sept. 27, 2011

'41—Laurence B. Leigh, Colorado Springs, CO, July 3, 2011

'41—Nell Stiles Mayberry, Christiansburg, VA, May 24, 2007

'41 BS HE—Eloise Crosby Nelson, Southfield, MI, June 18, 2010

'41 BS Ag—Ralph C. Schutt Jr., Fern Park, FL, October 3, 2011

'41 BME—William W. Sorn, Dewitt, NY, October 5, 2011

'41 BA—Roy J. Ward, Henrico, VA, October 7, 2011

'42 BA—Jerome M. Asher, Boca Raton, FL, May 7, 2011

'42 BS Ag—Roy D. Bannister, Kent, NY, August 31, 2011

'42 BS HE—Jean Pardee Cole, Chesterfield, MO, August 29, 2011

'42 BS Ag—Raymond E. Dague, Muskego, WI, October 6, 2011

'42—Richard D. Dunning, Springfield, VT, October 22, 2011

'42 BA—Ormond M. Hessler, Charlotte, NC, August 31, 2011

'42 BA—Ruth Nakamoto Hiraoka, Honolulu, HI, February 15, 2009

'42, BME '50—James R. Robinson Jr., Boulder, CO, September 22, 2011

'42 BChemE—Frederick G. Schumacher, Glen Mills, PA, Aug. 29, 2011

'42—George F. Steinert, McComb, MS, September 17, 2011

'42—Charles W. Stitzer, Southampton, NY, May 21, 2011

'42 BA—P. Richard Thomas, Meadville, PA, August 31, 2011

'42 BS HE—Harriet A. Toan, Perry, NY, September 3, 2011

'42 BA, BME '43, MME '49—Robert H. Underwood, Lenoir City, TN, August 15, 2011

'43 B Chem E—Austen W. Boyd, Morristown, NJ, September 19, 2011

'43, BS Ag '46—Donald C. Carpentier, East Nassau, NY, August 15, 2011

'43 BME—William E. McLaughlin, Philadelphia, PA, September 4, 2011

'43, B Chem E '44—Robert A. Moore, West Deptford, NJ, Nov. 4, 2010

'43 BEE—Charles G. Morrison, Holmdel, NJ, October 20, 2011

'43 BA—Margaret Kirkwood Philipsborn, London, England, Aug. 9, 2011

'43 BS Ag—Robert K. Reeve, Cooperstown, WI, October 9, 2011

'43 DVM—Colin M. Robertson, Madison, WI, September 13, 2011

'43 BME—John E. Slater, Fayetteville, NC, September 4, 2011

'44, BS ORIE '47—H. Sherman Burling Jr., Savannah, GA, Sept. 22, 2011

'44 BA, MD '50—Robert H. Dickson, La Crescenta, CA, Sept. 10, 2011

'44, BCE '46—George L. Fuller, Boiling Springs, SC, August 15, 2011

'44 BCE—Martin L. Gleich, San Diego, CA, September 25, 2011

'44 MS HE—Ruth L. Highberger, Gainesville, FL, September 24, 2011

'44, BS Ag '55—Thomas E. Mahnken Jr., Del Mar, CA, August 31, 2011

'44, BS Ag '47—John Nash II, Tryon, NC, October 15, 2011

'44—Raymond J. Strahan Jr., Friendship, NY, August 12, 2011

'44, BA '46—Betty Timmerman Thompson, Sun City, AZ, Aug. 14, 2011

'44, BCE '47—Robert J. Van Epps, Blythewood, SC, October 18, 2011

'44, BCE '47—Frederick H. Watkins Jr., West Caldwell, NJ, Oct. 24, 2011

'45—Howard C. Clark, Wyoming, NY, September 6, 2011

'45—Clinton D. Combes Jr., Delray Beach, FL, October 8, 2011

'45 BS HE—Betty Leventhal Cramer, Gulf Breeze, FL, October 22, 2011

'45, BA '49—Charles R. Gredler, Culpepper, VA, October 11, 2011

'45, BS ORIE '47—Wilbur O. Gundlach, Concord, NH, October 8, 2011

'45, MD '47—Robert D. Harwick, Wyncote, PA, October 14, 2011

'45, B Chem E '44, BCH '47—Frank K. Hoover, Evanston, IL,

September 22, 2011

'45, BFA '47—Marion Hosie Mosser, East Aurora, NY, July 19, 2011

'45, BEE '48—James A. Paddock, Cocoa Beach, FL, September 27, 2011

'45, BA '44—Ann Mitchell Rogers, Ithaca, NY, October 21, 2011

'45 BA—Leanora Alt Sandmeyer, Jamestown, NY, August 12, 2011

'46—Frank A. Bartlett Jr., Johnstown, PA, August 29, 2008

'46, BS Ag '48—Herman L. Cocchetto, Olean, NY, September 4, 2011

'46—Donald Diamond, Springfield, NJ, July 24, 2011

'46-47 SP Ag—James W. Elliott, New Kingston, NY, August 20, 2011

'46, BME '45—Charles H. Fletcher Jr., Sewickley, PA, Sept. 30, 2011

'46—Nancy Crandall Johnson, Claremont, CA, January 7, 2010

'46, BA '44—Rhoda Naylor Krawitz, New York City, August 17, 2011

'46-48 SP Ag—Wayne L. Luce, Plant City, FL, August 27, 2011

'46—Retha Goddard Wilcox, San Antonio, TX, August 18, 2011

'47 BCE—Lynn B. Curry Jr., Snellville, GA, January 19, 2009

'47-49 GR—John L. Gammel Jr., Los Alamos, NM, October 15, 2011

'47, BA '48—Jay Graber, Rockville, MD, August 29, 2011

'47 BEE—Earle B. Hamilton, Buckingham, PA, July 8, 2011

'47 BME—Carl A. Johnson, Myrtle Beach, SC, August 12, 2011

'47 BA—Mary Lou Barger Landon, Cape May, NJ, October 7, 2011

'47 BA—Hugh O. Nash, Weed, CA, September 15, 2011

'47, BChemE '50—George A. P. Wallace, Salisbury, CT, Sept. 25, 2011

- '47 BA, MD '51—James O. Wynn Jr., Carrboro, NC, February 10, 2011
- '48 BEE—Miles H. Bicklehaupt Jr., Little Falls, NY, October 3, 2011
'48 BS ILR—Eugene T. Brousseau, Clifton Park, NY, August 10, 2011
'48 BS Ag—James L. Chamberlain, Clinton, NY, May 21, 2010
'48, BA '47, MD '50—Leon I. Charash, Plainview, NY, Sept. 14, 2011
'48 BS HE—Doris Corbett Dillon, Naples, FL, October 12, 2011
'48 BS ILR—George H. Fowler, New York City, September 8, 2011
'48 BS HE—Patricia Finley Guinivan, Benson, VT, June 30, 2009
'48 BA, MBA '49—Richard S. Hornung, Swampscott, MA, April 28, 2011
'48 BA—Robert W. Hunt, Winter Haven, FL, April 25, 2011
'48 BA—Katharine Weidman McLean, Phoenix, AZ, August 2, 2011
'48 BA—Theodoor S. M. Ranneft, Houston, TX, September 27, 2011
'48 BS HE, MS HE '50—Helen Baker Stevens, S. Glastonbury, CT, September 23, 2011
'48 BA—Mary Keesecker Sullivan, Portland, ME, August 10, 2011
'48 BA—Stanley Wallach, St. Petersburg, FL, July 24, 2011
'48 MS Ag—Merrill H. Werts, Junction City, KS, September 29, 2011
- '49—John Brady, Getzville, NY, September 24, 2011
'49 BS ILR—Max Finestone, Accord, NY, August 15, 2011
'49 BEE—George B. Fryer, Wellsburg, WV, December 16, 2006
'49 BArch—Murray O. Gibson, New Hartford, CT, August 23, 2011
'49 BS ILR—Ruth Samuels Hanft, Charlottesville, VA, August 28, 2011
'49 JD—Capt. Frederick C. Heiken, West Chester, PA, August 12, 2011
'49, BS ORIE '50—Robert H. Heller, Penn Yan, NY, October 20, 2011
'49 MS HE—Elizabeth M. Kaiser, Pullman, WA, December 10, 2010
'49 BS Ag—Merwin A. Leet, Oconomowoc, WI, July 30, 2011
'49 MEE—Henry S. McGaughan, Ithaca, NY, September 3, 2011
'49—Robert C. Phillips Jr., Sunset Beach, NC, March 23, 2011
'49 BA—Ralph D. Small, Marcy, NY, August 29, 2011
'49 BS ILR—Franklyn L. Snyder, Albany, NY, July 3, 2011
'49—Louise Murray Strander, Tukwila, WA, October 21, 2011
'49 MSE—William Tardy, Burnt Hills, NY, August 23, 2011
'49, '50 BA—Howard Weinstein, Edmonds, WA, September 10, 2011
'49 MEE—Francis A. Wilcox, Utica, NY, August 10, 2011
- ### 1950s
- '50 BS HE—Rosalyn Shapero Alpert, N. Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 27, 2011
'50 BCE—Charles R. Bauerlein, Philadelphia, PA, September 12, 2011
'50 MS HE—Ezell Johnson Birchette, Johnson City, TN, August 15, 2011
'50 BME—Richard P. Conniff, Vero Beach, FL, August 25, 2011
'50 MD—Heinz F. Eichenwald, Dallas, TX, September 8, 2011
'50 BA—John R. Friedman, Naples, FL, September 4, 2010
'50 BEE—Wilson Greatbatch, Akron, NY, September 27, 2011
'50 BA—James D. Hazzard, Ithaca, NY, August 11, 2011
'50 BS Ag—Audrey Leifer Kramer, Columbus, OH, September 22, 2011
'50 MS—Donald H. Lamore, Nevada, MO, October 23, 2011
'50 BS ORIE—Joseph L. McKinney, Ambler, PA, October 9, 2011
'50, BS ILR '51—Rebecca B. Moore, Escondido, CA, December 15, 2009
'50—Conrad A. Rock, Melbourne, FL, September 14, 2011
'50, BEE '51—William J. H. Thoele, Irvine, CA, September 12, 2011
'50 MS AEP—Elmer P. Yates, Ogdensburg, NY, August 14, 2011
'50, BS Nurs '51—Claire Sweeney Ziobro, Chestnut Hill, MA, September 15, 2011
- '51 DVM—John S. Baker, West Lafayette, IN, August 20, 2011
'51 BChemE—Joseph W. Calby, Yarmouth, ME, September 5, 2011
'51 BS Ag, MS Ag '60—Armin Furrer Jr., Sun City Center, FL, August 10, 2011
'51 PhD—William Grierson, Winter Haven, FL, August 26, 2011
'51-53 GR—Marian Orton Hackett, Salem, OR, September 20, 2011
'51 MD—Lyle R. Smith, Kingsport, TN, September 3, 2011
- '52 BA—C. Murray Adams, Brooklyn, NY, March 29, 2011
'52-55 LAW—Milford M. Desenberg, Sarasota, FL, September 12, 2011
'52 BA—Mary Rowley Forthoffer, Middletown, NY, June 25, 2011
'52 BS ILR—Mary Higgins Gibbons, Charlotte, NC, October 3, 2011
'52 BS HE—Bonita Benson Hager, Pittsford, NY, December 12, 2010
'52 MS Ag—James S. Holderness, Boise, ID, September 6, 2011
'52 BS Nurs—Patricia Savage Howe, Safety Harbor, FL, October 15, 2011
- '52 BA, LLB '57—Rudolph G. Kraft Jr., Walnut Creek, CA, Aug. 10, 2011
'52—Nancy Ladd Leet, Lawrence, KS, October 13, 2011
'52-53 GR—Virginia Winger McAllester, Lookout Mountain, TN, August 22, 2011
'52 BA, LLB '55—John H. McDonald, Montvale, NJ, October 10, 2011
'52—Dean K. Minick, Camp Hill, PA, October 10, 2011
'52, BS Hotel '53—Alan P. Rose Sr., Cayce, SC, August 23, 2011
'52 MD—Herbert S. Sacks, New Haven, CT, August 30, 2011
'52, BEE '53—Matthew J. Zak, Rochester, NY, September 12, 2011
- '53 MD—Kenneth C. Archibald, San Francisco, CA, August 24, 2011
'53 JD—Paul W. Beltz, North Palm Beach, FL, September 20, 2011
'53—John Bodner Jr., Washington, DC, September 2, 2011
'53 BS Ag—Foster B. Cady, Nevada, IA, July 13, 2011
'53 MS Chem E—William J. King, Nashville, TN, October 21, 2011
'53 BA—Peter B. McDonough, Simsbury, CT, September 10, 2011
'53—John A. Mills, Mount Hood, OR, September 12, 2011
'53 BEE—David W. Nast, Morristown, NJ, September 9, 2011
'53—Doris Rubin Roland, Teaneck, NJ, September 8, 2011
'53-54 LAW—David Sime Jr., Hilltown, PA, August 10, 2011
'53 BS HE—Nancy Clark Thorkildsen, Scotia, NY, September 18, 2011
'53 BS Ag—James E. Van Derwerken, Esperance, NY, September 9, 2011
- '54, BCE '55, MCE '56—Richard B. Bell, Sun City West, AZ, July 9, 2011
'54, BArch '59—Bruce G. Blackman Jr., Maitland, FL, October 15, 2011
'54 BS Ag—Rose Hammer Boicourt, Los Alamos, NM, Sept. 29, 2011
'54 BA—Emily Bates Douglas, Sanibel, FL, August 27, 2011
'54 BA—Mary Gibian Haggerty, Santa Barbara, CA, October 3, 2011
'54 BCE, MRP '56—Frederick W. Howell Jr., Albany, NY, Oct. 29, 2011
'54 BS Ag, MBA '55—Charles H. Huber, Nassau, Bahamas, Oct. 7, 2011
'54 BA—Ralph W. Jennings, Venice, FL, March 12, 2011
'54—Andrew E. Keller, East Aurora, NY, February 12, 2011
'54 BS Nurs—Lydia Schleicher Larson, Rochester, NY, August 19, 2011
'54 BS ILR—Ronald G. Snyder, St. Augustine, FL, August 15, 2011
- '55—Richard E. Alper, Anoka, MN, August 4, 2011
'55 BS Ag—Charles D. Goldstein, Port St. Lucie, FL, June 8, 2011
'55 BS Ag—Clare I. Harris, Silver Spring, MD, September 6, 2011
'55-56 GR—Robert A. Kelley, Pinehurst, NC, October 21, 2011
'55—Kenneth D. Levin, Hudson Falls, NY, October 10, 2011
'55 MS Ag, PhD '56—Albert M. Smith, Fort Myers, FL, June 15, 2011
- '56-57 SP Ag—James R. Bryant Jr., Charlotte, NC, October 20, 2011
'56 BS Ag—Milton A. Lendl, Galway, NY, September 1, 2011
'56, BS Hotel—Lane P. Montesano, Snyder, NY, August 22, 2011
'56 BA—Sari Arum Rosenbaum, Portland, CT, September 9, 2011
'56 BS ILR—Robert O. Safford, Phoenixville, PA, September 4, 2011
'56 BA—Jerome I. Sherman, Dayton, OH, September 12, 2011
'56-57 GR—Lyndon O. Sikes, Anchorage, AK, September 6, 2011
'56 BCE—Louis D. Williams, Briarcliff Manor, NY, May 13, 2009
'56 BA—Lorna Trencher Zimmerman-Dane, Washington, DC, August 26, 2011
- '57 BA—Richard A. Gross, West Chester, PA, September 17, 2011
'57 BA—Ritalou Rogow Harris, Chevy Chase, MD, October 17, 2011
'57 DVM—John B. Jeffers, Mount Laurel, NJ, October 11, 2011
'57 BS Hotel—William C. Speidel, Macon, GA, September 18, 2011
'57 BA—Margaret Sutherland, Bridgewater, NJ, September 5, 2011
- '58 BS Ag—Richard E. Capra, Greene, NY, September 4, 2011
'58—Luis Cartagena Jr., Caguas, PR, November 11, 2006
'58 BA—Alfred H. Knight III, Nashville, TN, October 10, 2011
'58 BS Ag—Robert H. Kuhlmann, Ellenville, NY, October 20, 2011
'58 JD—John D. Raiford, Pacific Palisades, CA, September 9, 2011
'58 PhD—D. Richard Sears, Sierra Vista, AZ, September 15, 2011
'58—Sosuke Takagi, Tokyo, Japan, November 21, 2010
- '59—Kenneth W. Reynolds Jr., Huntsville, AL, September 30, 2011
- ### 1960s
- '60 MD—James W. Innes, Stamford, CT, August 29, 2011

- '60 PhD—Eugene A. La Lancette, Fitchburg, MA, October 19, 2011
 '60 BA—Barbara Marshall Matthews, Somerton Park, South Australia, January 9, 2011
 '60 PhD—John W. Rood, Marietta, GA, September 6, 2011
- '61—Brenda Soloweigh Adams, Scotia, NY, May 19, 2011
 '61, BME '62—Robert C. Carlson, Stanford, CA, September 6, 2011
 '61 MS HE—Priscilla Horning Crabtree, Philomath, OR, August 25, 2011
 '61 BS Hotel—John R. Hackett, Orlando, FL, September 14, 2009
 '61 BS Ag—John M. Meyer, Delhi, NY, September 22, 2011
 '61 BS ILR—Stephan M. Minikes, Great Falls, VA, September 30, 2011
 '61 BS Hotel—Frank A. Richmond, Marana, AZ, September 1, 2011
- '62 LLB—Arthur W. Braiman, Poughkeepsie, NY, October 8, 2009
 '62-63 GR—Michael J. Costa, Sandy Springs, GA, September 26, 2011
 '62 BS Ag, DVM '65—David B. Hammond, Amenia, NY, Sept. 26, 2011
 '62—William I. Ivey III, Bristol, VA, August 15, 2011
 '62 BS HE—Mary Ellen Watkins Nevin, Niskayuna, NY, Sept. 23, 2011
 '62 MNS, PhD '65—Mark E. Smulson, Washington, DC, Sept. 4, 2011
 '62—Alexander J. Somogyi, Chester, VT, July 25, 2011
 '62 BA—Barbara Dean Stewart, Cold Spring, NY, August 5, 2011
- '63—Susan Lev Miller, Dallas, TX, November 11, 2007
- '64 BS Nurs—Nancy Davison Berry, New York City, September 22, 2011
 '64—Stephen N. Gottesman, East Aurora, NY, September 15, 2011
 '64 MD—John B. Morrison, Dix Hills, NY, September 19, 2011
- '65 BS Ag—Juan Jose Castro-Chamberlain, San Jose, Costa Rica, March 1, 2011
 '65 DVM—Jerome B. Higgins, Setauket, NY, August 14, 2011
 '65 MD—Robert P. LaFiandra, Middlebury, VT, September 3, 2011
- '66, BS Hotel '67—Peter K. Binder, Gardner, MA, September 19, 2011
 '66 BS ILR—Michael T. McGinn, Skaneateles, NY, January 6, 2008
 '66 PhD—William H. Park, State College, PA, September 9, 2011
 '66—Burton I. Weiss, Berkeley, CA, June 19, 2011
- '67-71 GR—Peter R. Caldwell, Norman, OK, August 20, 2011
 '67 BA—David E. Mordovanec, Ithaca, NY, September 10, 2011
- '68 BA—David J. McGee, Edina, MN, August 24, 2009
 '68 PhD—Richard A. Murphy, Montclair, NJ, September 26, 2011
 '68 MBA—Michael A. Urbanic, Naples, FL, August 20, 2011
- '69 MS HE—Evelyn J. Gray, Rochester, MN, September 1, 2011
 '69 MS, PhD '72—Daniel M. Murray, Pittsford, NY, August 12, 2011
 '69 JD—Stevan J. Schoen, Placitas, NM, September 9, 2011
 '69, BME '70—David J. Sommer, Cody, WY, October 1, 2011
- 1970s**
- '70 BS ORIE—John G. Burrough, Hollister, CA, August 3, 2008
 '70-71 GR—James E. Carson, North Platte, NE, September 3, 2011
 '70 BA—C. Barton Reppert, Silver Spring, MD, January 16, 2011
- '71 BS Hotel—Daniel R. Fleck, Jackson Township, PA, March 3, 2011
 '71 BS Nurs—Ann Schnabel Gignac, Schenectady, NY, October 18, 2011
 '71—Christopher M. Owen, Bloomington, IN, October 17, 2011
 '71 PhD—James R. Sweeney, State College, PA, August 21, 2011
- '72, BS HE '77—Carol A. Luckner, New York City, September 6, 2011
 '72 BS Ag—Barbara Schultz Martinez, Clovis, CA, February 27, 2011
 '72 BEP, PhD '79—Anthony G. Nekut Jr., Ithaca, NY, Sept. 18, 2011
- '73 BEE—Tom G. Churchill, Union, NJ, July 20, 2011
 '73 BS Hotel—Jerome Fein, New Orleans, LA, August 27, 2011
 '73—Bettie Cross Godfrey, Pleasant Garden, NC, February 24, 2011
 '73 BA, MPA '76—G. Michael R. Milosevic, Hamilton, ON, July 25, 2011
- '74 BS HE—Nora L. Bredes, Pittsford, NY, August 18, 2011
 '74-75 GR—Robert F. Grondine, Honolulu, HI, October 20, 2011
 '74, BS Ag '75—Richard J. Karlins, Virginia Beach, VA, June 9, 2011
 '74 BA—Stacie Linardos, New York City, August 17, 2011
 '74 BS ILR—Mark A. Wainger, New York City, October 8, 2011
- '75 MS, PhD '79—Tenneille W. Capehart Jr., Rohnert Park, CA, October 26, 2007
 '75 BS Hotel—Graeme M. Cooper, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, Aug. 27, 2011
 '75 BS Nurs—Laurel A. Leach, Ashford, CT, January 7, 2010
- '76 MD—Robert P. Huben Jr., Buffalo, NY, October 25, 2011
- '77 BS Hotel—John H. Gilbert, Arnold, MD, September 22, 2011
 '77 MBA—Patrick W. Jeffries, Pacific Palisades, CA, July 31, 2011
 '77 BS HE—Diane Goldberger Levin, Glenview, IL, August 31, 2011
- '78 PhD—Geoffrey Allan, Richmond, VA, August 22, 2011
 '78 BA—Barbara Shapiro Brown, Atlanta, GA, September 27, 2011
 '78 MD—Dana Giulian, Houston, TX, May 9, 2010
 '78 BA, MBA '80—Irwin M. Kravetzky, Princeton Junction, NJ, August 22, 2011
 '78 BA—Ellen F. Moss, Ann Arbor, MI, May 9, 2011
 '78 PhD—Gerald S. Thomas, Ithaca, NY, August 16, 2011
- '79 BS Ag—Sharon A. Barron, Vestal, NY, September 24, 2011
 '79 BA—Matthew D. Baxter, Huntingdon Valley, PA, Sept. 15, 2011
 '79—Peter P. Herman, Portland, OR, August 25, 2011
- 1980s**
- '80 PhD—Hassan Aref, DeLand, IL, September 9, 2011
 '80 MBA—Felipe Padilla, Edina, MN, August 25, 2011
- '81, BA '96—John F. Cabral, Vestal, NY, September 9, 2011
 '81 BS Hotel—Linda Schechter Giove, Scarsdale, NY, Nov. 6, 2011
 '81 MBA—Ronald L. Olmstead, Dover, MA, September 22, 2011
- '83 PhD—Richard E. Keyel, Sun Prairie, WI, July 23, 2011
- '84-86 GR—William F. Shepherd, Hong Kong, October 2, 2011
 '84 BA—John S. Walker, Cheyenne, WY, May 20, 2011
- '85 BS HE—Susan Hennessy Flood, Ramsey, NJ, June 30, 2011
- '87—Conroy K. Esposito, Jackson Heights, NY, January 13, 2011
 '87 BA—Amy Perez Friedlander, Cross River, NY, October 18, 2011
 '87—Valerie J. Leonard, Ventnor, PA, August 4, 2011
 '87 BS HE—Lisa A. Yuska, Palm Coast, FL, July 7, 2007
- 1990s**
- '92 PhD—Roselyn Brown Hammond, Baltimore, MD, Sept. 5, 2011
 '95 BS HE—Matthew S. Fenster, Bronx, NY, August 18, 2011
 '99 MBA—Gregory Maravic, Raritan, NJ, October 20, 2011
- 2000s**
- '02 MA—Janet Nan Shure, Ithaca, NY, August 26, 2011
 '08 JD—Mary E. O'Donnell-Moore, Paris, KY, August 25, 2011

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Class Dismissed

After nearly a half-century teaching Psych 101, sleep expert James Maas retires



Show and tell: Maas's many memories include the time his students ordered pizza for all of Bailey Hall.

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A few years ago, Marc Weissman '88 toured campus with his faithful bichon, Ezra. But when he went down the metal stairs to the Suspension Bridge, Ezra wouldn't follow. He couldn't imagine why. "Then it came back to me—this is the 'visual cliff' effect," Weissman recalls. "He could see through the steps, and he thought he was going to fall."

Weissman, like some 65,000 other Cornellians, had learned about the phenomenon in Psych 101. In late December, after hearing that Professor James Maas, PhD '66, had retired after forty-eight years, Weissman wrote him to share the anecdote—one of hundreds of e-mails Maas has received since his departure was announced. "I took courses that were much smaller but not as engaging," Weissman notes. "He was like a performer, but he was teaching you higher-order concepts."

For nearly half a century, Maas's Psych 101 course filled Bailey Hall on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings during fall semester. (In all that time he canceled exactly one class, citing laryngitis.) At its height in the Eighties and Nineties—before a renovation removed 700 seats—Maas filled the concert hall to its capacity of 1,948 and still turned people away. It was believed to be the largest live lecture course in the world; running it was a major undertaking, from having prelims copied at the print shop to overseeing forty TAs to fielding some 100 student e-mails per night. "It was a Cornell institution," says Megan Wherry Menner '96, MILR '03, who took the course as a freshman and later served as head TA. "You think you're just one of 2,000, but he took a keen personal interest in his students."

Maas arrived on the Hill as a grad student in 1960; four years later, when he was serving as head TA of Psych 101 and working

on his dissertation, the professor teaching the course left for Penn. "The department chair said, 'We don't have time to hire a real professor,'" Maas recalls with a laugh. "Would you consider teaching the course for a year?" Maas sweated all summer. "I thought, How am I going to talk about psychology for forty-five hours? If I said everything I know, maybe it was three hours' worth." The answer lay in multimedia: Maas employed slides, photos, and film—even episodes of "Candid Camera"—when other faculty were using a few overheads or just the blackboard. "The word got around," he says, "and very quickly my class began to grow."

While students on other campuses were learning about operant conditioning from textbooks, Maas's students were watching volunteers suck lemons on the Bailey stage. Discussing the mental illness that may have plagued Vincent Van Gogh, he'd not only show his paintings but play Don McLean's folk song "Starry, Starry Night." "Jim's passion for teaching is unparalleled," says PhD candidate Rebecca Robbins '09, a former head TA who spent a postgrad year leading the section at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, whose premed students take the course via distance learning. "When he gets up in front of the class, he comes alive."

At seventy-three, Maas isn't just retiring—he's moving on. He and his artist wife, Nancy, are decamping to Florida or Arizona in search of warmer climates and easier airport access for his frequent travels as a sleep consultant. Who will take over Psych 101? On a January day just hours before heading south, Maas sits in his emptying office and smiles a not-my-problem smile. "There are a number of people in the department who'd love to get their hands on the course," he says with a widening grin, "maybe not fully knowing what it entails."



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