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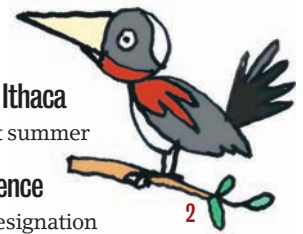
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SUMMERTIME AT CORNELL: A RELAXING SEASON when the sun shines almost every day, there are only a few people on campus, the pace of life slows down, and—as the song says—the livin’ is easy. Not this year.

Summer had not even officially begun when we were jolted by the news of President Jeffrey Lehman’s resignation. Once the shock had passed and we had rushed a last-minute report into the July/August issue, there was a prolonged period of inquiry and discussion in our office. What had actually happened? How should we investigate it, and what should we report? Who were the best people to talk to? Calls and e-mails came in from alumni, faculty, and students, most of whom were just as puzzled and concerned as we were.

In the end, we decided to interview a cross-section of the Cornell community and prepare a retrospective report on President Lehman’s two-year term. We knew that it could not be the last word—it’s too early for that—but we wanted it to be a first step in providing a fair accounting of what he had accomplished and what his presidency may mean for the future of Cornell. We also wanted to speak with Lehman himself, so he could offer his own thoughts. We were fortunate that he agreed to talk with us, and even more fortunate to be able to assign the interview to Scott Jaschik ’85, a talented journalist who was an editor at the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for twenty years and is one of the founders of the well-respected *Inside Higher Education* website (<http://insidehighered.com>).

In early July, as the interim presidency of Hunter Rawlings began, one ongoing controversy continued unabated: the conflict over a proposed parking lot on a West Campus site known as Redbud Woods. Our coverage of this flap stretches back to the March/April 2003 issue, where we ran an opinion piece by Kate Lunde ’84 in which she encouraged the University to consider alternative plans for the lot. (The cover story in that issue, coincidentally, was “A Conversation with Jeffrey Lehman”—our introduction to the incoming president.)

Along with the *Daily Sun*, the *Ithaca Journal*, and other local media, we have reported on the controversy ever since. As we noted in our last issue, the confrontation escalated over the past few months, with students staging a brief occupation of the pres-



MARTIN MAYO

ident’s office in Day Hall and demonstrators, including faculty, blocking construction work. The stand-off was finally resolved on July 18 with the signing of an agreement in which the University made some concessions to the protestors in exchange for their departure from the site (see *From the Hill*, page 8).

The terms of the agreement were criticized by some “Red-buddies,” who felt the University had offered too little in return for an end to the demonstrations, and also by members of the pro-Day Hall faction, who felt the protestors had gotten off too easily. In the end, the trees came down but nobody looked like a winner—and the national publicity generated by the furor was hardly the kind of coverage that Cornell needed, especially in the wake of the Lehman resignation.

On top of that, in late July a group of scientists announced that they did not believe there was sufficient evidence to prove the existence of the ivory-billed woodpecker, knocking the wind out an announcement made by Lab of Ornithology director John Fitzpatrick earlier in the year. It was threatening to be a really glum summer—but then Fitzpatrick presented recordings of the bird’s characteristic “knock-knock” rapping, convincing the skeptics that the ivory-bill was, in fact, alive and well. Let’s hope that was a portent of more good things to come.

— Jim Roberts ’71



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Memorable Destinations, Marvelous Teachers, Mellow Companions

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

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Whither Cornell?

CONSIDERING THE LEHMAN RESIGNATION

AS A LONGTIME SUPPORTER OF Cornell and a former class president, I read with concern about the departure of President Jeffrey Lehman '77 ("Lehman Resigns," *From the Hill*, July/August 2005). I was sad that such an energetic and brilliant person would no longer lead our university, and distressed that his departure was shrouded in mystery.

If, in fact, he left due to disagreements about how the University can best realize its long-term vision, it certainly seems that we are owed a more detailed explanation regarding the substance of this disagreement. If there are divergent views on the University's plans significant enough to lead to the president's resignation, then alumni, students, and the entire Cornell community should have these views made public to discuss and even debate.

The absence of substantive information has caused lengthy discussions among many of my fellow alumni, and the creation of a vacuum has led to a variety of unfounded and unpleasant conjectures. I propose what my husband, Lee Levitt, a noted public relations professional, would recommend to the Board of Trustees: "Transparency!"

*Marian Fay Levitt '59
New York, New York*

IT WAS A MISTAKE AT THE OUTSET TO put into office a specialized lawyer who was weak in general management. Placing his wife in a senior position in Day Hall reflects poor judgment. Losing Inge Reichenbach to the competition at Yale after twenty-five years of service is unconscionable.

The outside search firm involved should be asked for 50 percent of the fee returned and never used again. This firm did a poor job of vetting, as did the search committee, in not discerning the differences between the candidate and the



Board of Trustees' strategy for Cornell's long-term vision.

*Peter Replogle '55
Westtown, New York*

THIS WAS NOT SIMPLY A DISAGREEMENT where Mr. Lehman chose to step down. Everything points to the fact that he was bluntly told he had no future at Cornell. The real question is how he managed to get to that point in two short years. In the men and women comprising the Board of Trustees, Cornell has extremely brilliant people with a diversity of business and educational skills. They deserve to be commended for taking this action quickly and efficiently.

Andrew Dickson White and Ezra Cornell dreamed of a university far different from the Cornell of Mr. Lehman's vision. Anyone who wants to run this great university would do well to look at their unique concepts of an education system and compare it with present-day Cornell. Under people like Mr. Lehman, Cornell's uniqueness will quickly ebb away.

*Jen Gage Sage '83
Etna, New York*

Another Connection

I ENJOYED YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT Cornell connections with Ithaca College and wish to let you know about another ("The South Hill Connection," July/August 2005). In 1980, with the support of fellow students and faculty at both institutions, we developed an exchange program of sorts to benefit meteorology majors at Cornell and communications majors at Ithaca College. The idea was to give prospective weathercasters a chance to develop on-air television skills while acquainting IC-trained journalists with basic meteorology in the event they were ever called upon to give a weather report.

It should come as no surprise that the participants have achieved great professional success: Cornell meteorologists are now reporting the weather in major markets across the country, as well as on national cable networks. And many television careers, including mine, started at Ithaca College's WICB-TV.

*Kevin Williams '81
Rochester, New York*

Ed. Note: Kevin Williams is the director of meteorology for WHEC-TV in Rochester.

Redbud Repercussions

IT IS PERHAPS IRONIC THAT YOUR summary of the Redbud Woods fiasco ("Not Out of the Woods Yet," *From the Hill*, July/August 2005) arrived on the day on which the *New York Times* carried a story accompanied by a photo of Interim President Rawlings signing what should certainly be called the instrument of surrender. That story identified two of the protesters as twenty-two years old; others, being upperclassmen, must be either twenty-one or nearly there. At what age does Cornell feel that these people should be treated as adults and held responsible for their actions, which have cost the University hundreds, perhaps thousands, in security, clean-up, and other costs—money which might have gone for more constructive purposes?

Isn't Cornell saying, by this action, that regardless of laws and other rules, regardless of the rights of everybody else, any small group of "activists"—a polite word

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*David Kopko '53
Nantucket, Massachusetts*

Corrections—July/August 2005

“One Rare Bird,” pages 36–41: Tim Gallagher of the Lab of Ornithology contacted us regarding inaccuracies in our article about the rediscovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker. Some of these arose from information provided by our sources, who sometimes used descriptions and terminology that Gallagher regards as incorrect. The following errors should be noted:

- The Singer tract, where Jim and Nancy Tanner saw an ivory-billed woodpecker in the early 1940s, is in northeast Louisiana, in what is now the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge; the Atchafalaya Swamp is farther south in Louisiana.

- The correct date for the press conference when the bird's recent rediscovery was announced was April 28, not April 29.

- Kevin McGowan is a member of the Lab of Ornithology birding team, but not its captain.

- Van Remsen organized a search for the ivory-billed woodpecker in 1999, but did not lead the search himself.

“The South Hill Connection,” page 43: We thanked Fred Antil '55 for giving us the idea for the article but misspelled his last name, which we greatly regret.

“The South Hill Connection,” page 46: In our profile of Andrew and Nancy Ramage, we wrote, “Andrew even subbed for Nancy at IC during her sabbatical year.” That's backwards; Nancy taught at Cornell when Andrew was on sabbatical.

“Finger Tips,” page 93: We wrote that Dr. Alejandro Badia '85 is an alumni brother of Alpha Phi; that should have been Alpha Sigma Phi.



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Last Stand

PARKING LOT BATTLE ENDS

ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER INTERIM PRESIDENT Hunter Rawlings announced that the University intended to proceed with the razing of Redbud Woods, Jeff Purcell '05 lay belly-down in the dirt, his arm locked into a steel pipe buried in the ground. "We did everything we could to avoid this," he said.

In July, the battle over a 176-space parking lot to be built on two acres of a wooded slope along University Avenue reached its conclusion, with the student-led Redbud Woods Working Group extracting a series of concessions aimed at reshaping Cornell's parking and transportation policy. In return, the University would get its new parking lot.

The agreement, signed by Rawlings on July 18, ended years of escalating legal

conflict over the disputed territory, once the back lawn of the Robert Treman estate. The City of Ithaca Planning Board had attempted to block Cornell's plans by denying approval for the lot in 2001, but the University successfully appealed the decision in court. A redesign that incorporated more extensive landscaping and an improved storm-water retention system failed to stem a growing tide of student and community opposition, a movement that climaxed in this summer's standoff between the University and dozens of determined protesters. Using tactics borrowed from West Coast environmental activists, students erected tree stands and fastened themselves to "lock boxes" sunk into the earth in an effort to stymie construction. Some 380 faculty

members joined the fray by adding their names to a list assembled by the Redbud Woods Faculty Working Group, and more than 500 alumni signed a petition of support during Reunion weekend.

The confrontation entered its endgame on Wednesday, July 13, when plastic fencing was erected around the woods in anticipation of an announcement from Rawlings, who was then meeting with faculty members. The area soon filled with students, faculty, residents, and onlookers, and Cornell was faced with a public relations nightmare as camera crews arrived and protesters dug in. By Friday, police began ticketing individuals for trespassing, and a chain-link fence was erected to seal off the perimeter. Negotiations between student leaders and administrators continued over the weekend.

An accord was reached on Monday that incorporated a number of the Working Group's demands, including the formation of a faculty advisory committee on environmental issues and the continued hire of an intern to work on sustainability issues. Cornell also agreed to provide free bus passes for all new students who do not request parking permits and granted legal amnesty to student signers of the agreement, including those charged with trespassing in an April occupation of the president's office. But the student group's key request—a six-month moratorium on construction while alternatives could be explored—was rebuffed.

After the amnesty deadline passed on Monday, a handful of activists continued their vigil, but by the end of the week it was all over: both the trees and the tree-sitters had been taken down, and about forty of the site's eponymous redbud shrubs sat in pots, free for the taking, by the side of University Avenue.

Committee Named

DIANA DANIELS '71 TO LEAD PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

ON JULY 1, HUNTER RAWLINGS MOVED BACK INTO THE corner office in 300 Day Hall, taking over as Cornell's interim president. Rawlings, who had served as president from 1995 to 2003, subsequently issued a statement noting that he had met with senior administrators and trustees, and they had "agreed upon the need to maintain and indeed to enhance Cornell's current academic priorities during this interim period, and to build momentum for Cornell's coming capital campaign."

Four days later, Peter Meinig '61, chair of the Board of Trustees, announced the formation of the search committee that will nominate a successor to Jeffrey Lehman '77. It will be chaired by Diana Daniels '71, who is vice president, general counsel, and secretary of the Washington Post Company. She has been a trustee since 1995. The other trustee members are Ezra Cornell '70; C. Morton Bishop III '74; Robert Blakely III '63, BME '64, MBA '65; Elizabeth Earle (faculty-elected trustee); Michael Esposito, MILR '03 (employee-elected trustee); Samuel Fleming '62,

BChemE '63; Blanche Savin Goldenberg '74; Paul Gould '67; Robert Harrison '76; Myra Maloney Hart '62, MBA '81; Joshua Katcher '06 (student-elected trustee); Robert Katz '69; Peter Meinig; Doug Mitarotonda '02, MEng '03 (student-elected trustee); Elizabeth Moore '75; Edwin Morgens '63; and Jan Rock Zubrow '77. The non-trustee members are Antonio Gotto Jr. (dean of the Weill Cornell Medical College); Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94 (vice president for student and academic services); Juris Hartmanis (Read Professor Emeritus in Engineering); and Laura Brown (Anderson Professor of English). One-third of the members served on the search committee that selected Lehman, which was chaired by Morgens, while the others are new to the role. The committee has three advisors—former board chairs Harold Tanner '52 and Stephen Weiss '57, and trustee emeritus Sanford Weill '55, who is also the chair of the Weill Cornell Medical College Board of Overseers—and will be assisted by the national executive-search firm Korn/Ferry International. Information about the committee and its work is available at www.cornell.edu/presidentsearch. The committee encourages all alumni to send recommendations and suggestions; messages may be sent to: Presidential Search Committee, P.O. Box 4380, Ithaca, NY 14852-4380; e-mail: CU-pres-search@cornell.edu.

Up, Up, and Away

BETTER DAYS AT THE ITHACA AIRPORT

LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, AIR TRAVEL TO and from Ithaca seemed on the verge of a crash landing. US Airways, then the city's only carrier, had entered Chapter 11 for the second time in twenty-five months and cut its daily flight schedule at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport. Faced with few choices and high ticket prices, Ithacans headed for airports in Syracuse, Binghamton, or Elmira about two-thirds of the time, according to the Tompkins County Air Service Task Force.

Since then, the picture has brightened considerably. Northwest Airlines began service to Ithaca in May, with direct flights to and from its hub in Detroit. This immediately boosted daily traffic by 17 percent, but the real advantage is better access to the West Coast and Pacific Rim, says airport manager Robert Nicholas. And US Airways, now on more solid financial footing, continues to offer flights to Philadelphia and New York City's LaGuardia Airport.

To further enhance customer service, a new website—www.flyithaca.com—was established to help travelers search for and



TONY RUDY

Fly Big Red: Northwest Airlines began service at Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport in May.

book the lowest fares. The site also provides comparisons to out-of-town flights, calculating the mileage expense, parking fees, and other costs associated with driving to competing airports.

The flying public seems to be

responding. During the first month of service, Northwest's flights were 72 percent full, exceeding projections by 17 percent—and in June passenger traffic at the airport was up by 30 percent compared to the previous year.

On the Job

NEW ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED DURING THE LATE SPRING AND summer include:

- Michael Johnson, dean of the School of Hotel Administration, effective July 1, 2006. Sheryl Kimes, professor of hospitality facilities and operations, is serving as interim dean.
- Harry Katz, dean of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.
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The bigger the serving, the more preschoolers will eat, reports David Levitsky, professor of nutritional sciences and psychology. His findings, published in the June issue of *Appetite*, indicate that parents and caregivers are largely responsible for controlling children's weight by over-seeing portion size.

New evidence of a dusty torus, a ring of gas that surrounds active galactic nuclei, has been discovered by Lei Hao, research associate in the department of radiophysics and space research. The study, which verifies the unified theory of active galactic nuclei, was published in the June 1 issue of *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

Organic farming of corn and soybeans produces the same yields as conventional farming methods, but uses 30 percent less energy, less water, and no pesticides. David Pimentel, PhD '51, professor of ecology and agriculture, published his findings in the July issue of *Bioscience*.

The ability to digest milk depends on whether one's ancestors were able to raise dairy herds, according to a study by Paul Sherman, professor of neurobiology and behavior. Of the adults he studied who were lactose intolerant, most had ancestors who lived in climates that can't support dairy herding, such as Africa and China. The findings were published in the July issue of *Evolution and Human Behavior*.

Violent teenage boys who grow up in unsafe neighborhoods are less depressed than counterparts living in safe neighborhoods, according to Raymond Swisher, assistant professor of policy analysis and management. The study, published in the *Journal of Community Psychology's* May issue, posited that their aggressiveness is an adaptive strategy to preserve a sense of control in a volatile environment.

Justice at Last

LONG-AWAITED CONVICTION CLOSES A PAINFUL CHAPTER

FORTY-ONE YEARS AFTER MICHAEL "MICKEY" SCHWERNER '61 and two other civil rights workers disappeared on a summer night, a Mississippi jury convicted Edgar Ray Killen of manslaughter for orchestrating their deaths. Killen, an eighty-year-old sawmill operator and preacher, was sentenced in June to sixty years in prison, twenty years each for Schwerner, James Earl Chaney, and Andrew Goodman.

In 1964, Schwerner and his wife, Rita, moved from Manhattan to Meridian, Mississippi, to join the effort to register African-American voters. Chaney was one of Schwerner's colleagues and a close friend; Goodman—the son of Carolyn Drucker Goodman '36 and Robert Goodman '35—had arrived in Mississippi the day before they disappeared.

Local police arrested the trio, allegedly for speeding, and jailed them while Killen gathered twenty other Ku Klux Klan members and directed them to kill the men after they were released. Forty-four days later, FBI agents found their bodies buried in an earthen dam.

In 1991, the Class of 1961 dedicated a stained-glass window in Sage Chapel that honors the men for their sacrifice. Schwerner's widow, Rita Bender, as well as relatives of Chaney and Goodman, joined Schwerner's classmates at the ceremony. After the Killen trial, Bender emphasized that the conviction only begins to address the State of Mississippi's complicity in decades of race-based crimes. "The Klan, law enforcement, and government officials were often one and the same," she says. "It is a horrifying example of government run wild. We need to understand what occurred if we hope to prevent repetitions." Killen is appealing the conviction.

Going to Town

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IN AUGUST, MORE THAN 300 CORNELL EMPLOYEES—THE majority of them from Alumni Affairs and Development—relocated to Seneca Place, a new hotel and office complex in downtown Ithaca. Cornell is the anchor tenant of the \$30 million project at the corner of Seneca and Tioga streets, occupying 71,000 square feet of office space on the second, third, and fourth floors of the nine-floor building. A Hilton Garden Inn is the primary tenant on the first floor; its 104 hotel rooms are located on the top four floors. Seneca Place also houses a Smith Barney office and several not-yet-determined retail tenants. At 121 feet, it is the tallest building in Ithaca—one foot higher than the Holiday Inn across town.

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These Cornellians in the News

Simon Levin, adjunct professor of ecology and systematics and director of the Center for Biocomplexity at Princeton University, winner of the 2005 Kyoto Prize for his work in establishing the field of spatial ecology, which uses mathematical models to describe the biosphere as a complex adaptive system.

Leah Ward Sears '76, sworn in as Georgia's first female chief justice.

Don Randel, former Cornell provost and president of the University of Chicago since 2000, named president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Robert Ramin '82, MBA '85, named executive director of the National Aquarium in Washington, D.C.

Carol Anderson, professor emerita of human development, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for her work in human and family development.

Steven Grinspoon '83, the 2005 winner of the American Federation for Medical Research's Outstanding Investigator Award for excellence in biomedical research.

Marianella Casasola, assistant professor of human development, awarded a Presidential Early Career Award for Science and Engineering for her research on infant language and thought.

Colleen Clancy, assistant professor of physiology and biophysics at Weill Cornell Medical College; **Brian Crane**, assistant professor of chemistry and chemical biology; **Erich Mueller**, assistant professor of physics; **Camil Muscalu**, assistant professor of mathematics; and **Anders Ryd**, assistant professor of physics, each awarded a Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship.

Michal Lipson, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, recipient of a National Science Foundation Career Award for new faculty to support her research in photonics.

Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee, recipient of the 2005 Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony for its contribution to furthering the ideal of the university community while respecting the values of racial diversity.

Elisabeth Becker '06, awarded a Harry S. Truman Foundation Scholarship for graduate study in public service.

Lauren Donovan '03, Julia Guarneri '02, and Jaffa Panken '05, each awarded an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for doctoral study. Donovan will pursue research in the classics, Guarneri will study history, and Panken will work in gender studies.

Kevin Joon-Ming Huang '06, awarded a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for further study in materials science and engineering.

I Hear You Knocking

IT'S OFFICIAL: THE IVORY-BILL LIVES

THREE PROMINENT ORNITHOLOGISTS WHO CHALLENGED the rediscovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker announced by Cornell researchers in April (see "One Rare Bird," July/August 2005) have changed their tune. After listening to audio recordings made in January and provided by the Lab of Ornithology, the dubious experts acknowledged that they had heard a pair of birds exchange characteristic double-knocks and nasal "kent" calls and were therefore convinced that at least two specimens of the ultra-rare woodpecker still lived in Arkansas's White River National Wildlife Refuge and Cache River Refuge. "We were very skeptical of the first published reports and thought that the previous data were not sufficient to support this startling conclusion," Yale ornithologist Richard Plum said in a statement. "But the thrilling new sound recordings provide clear and convincing evidence that the ivory-billed woodpecker is not extinct." Plum withdrew a critical paper he had been preparing with Jerome Jackson of Florida Gulf Coast University and Mark Robbins of the University of Kansas. "It's all moot at this point," he told the *New York Times*. "The bird's here."

Cheers!

NEW YORK OK'S WINE SHIPPING

THE LENGTHY BATTLE OVER DIRECT SHIPPING BY NEW York State wineries ended in June, when the state legislature approved a bill allowing wine producers to send their products to retail customers in other states. Regulations had previously allowed shipments only within the state's borders, but a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in April forced the legislature's hand, requiring New York to either allow both intrastate and interstate shipping or neither.

New York winery owners had been pushing for the change, arguing that the restriction was harming their businesses; liquor wholesalers opposed it, claiming that it would lead to tax evasion and underage purchases. It would also, of course, cut into their business. Peter Saltonstall '75, the owner of King Ferry Winery on Cayuga Lake, was one of the most outspoken producers, and he risked the wrath of the wholesalers by challenging their position. Now that the law has changed, he says, there are still some bad feelings. "But I'm hoping that, over time, [the wholesalers] will see that this will help everybody—it will help every segment of the industry."

The new law allows a winery to ship up to thirty-six cases of wine to an adult customer each year, although producers will need to obtain permits to ship into some states and a few, including New Jersey, have banned both intrastate and interstate shipping. "It's confusing," says Saltonstall, "but everybody is getting orders, and we're all scrambling to keep up with the changes. I'm excited, though—there's a lot of interest, and I've told people that in a short period of time I should be able to increase my sales by 10 percent."

BANNER YEAR The 2004–05 academic year was one of the best ever for Cornell athletics, with Big Red teams winning a school-record eight Ivy League titles. Cornell squads captured championships in men's ice hockey, wrestling, lacrosse, volleyball, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, and women's indoor and outdoor track and field. In addition, men's polo won the national championship, the baseball team won the Ivy League/Gehrig Division title for the first time, and the softball, golf, and men's basketball teams all had strong years to finish in second place. The eight Ivy titles moved the Big Red up to fourth place on the all-time Ivy League championship list, with 156.

INDUCTEES Eleven new members will be welcomed into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame during the twenty-eighth annual induction ceremony on October 7. They include seven new members who earned All-American honors during their collegiate playing careers: **Bob DeLuca '66**, men's basketball; **John Sponheimer '69**, football and men's basketball; **Joe Mui '76**, men's soccer; **Adley Raboy '80**, men's track; **Bob Cummings '87**, men's lacrosse; **Caroline Hahn '87**, women's polo; and **Laura Woeller Baker '95**, women's cross country and track. They will be joined by **Dave Thomas '62**, football; **Joanne Powell '80**, women's lacrosse and field hockey; **Allison Goldwasser Blunt '88**, women's soccer; and Mike Teeter, who has volunteered his time to Cornell athletics for more than 40 years. Among other things, Teeter has served as an equipment manager and goal judge for the men's hockey team, an equipment manager for the men's lacrosse team, and a sideline official at home football games since 1973.

MORE HONORS Hockey great **Ken Dryden '69** was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Academic All-America Hall of Fame in Philadelphia on July 6. Dryden joins fellow Cornellians **Joseph Holland '78** and **Ellen Mayer Sabik '84** in the CoSIDA Hall of Fame. **Norman Engelke '81** will be inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame on November 12. Engelke was a two-time second-team All-American at Cornell before winning four national club championships with the Long Island Lacrosse Club and four United States Club Lacrosse Association all-star honors.

ROYAL ROWERS After going 8-1 during the regular season and finishing second in the nation at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta, the Cornell lightweight men's crew earned an invitation to the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta in London. The Big Red opened its Henley trip with a win over Dublin's University College in the first round, and then beat Abingdon School by a boat length in the second round. In the quarterfinals, they lost to Oxford Brookes by three-quarters of a length. It marked the Big Red's first appearance in the Henley Royal Regatta since 1992.

SPORTS INFO



Big Game

JULY 15, 2005



PAUL HANNUM

In the World Series of Poker's No Limit Texas Hold 'em Tournament, held in Las Vegas, **Brad Kondracki '03** surpassed the efforts of 5,610 other high-stakes players to reach the final table. Kondracki, who majored in computer science on the Hill and is now a law student at the University of Pennsylvania, finished in eighth place overall, taking home a cool \$1.15 million. His \$10,000 entry fee was paid by the Pokerstars.com website after Kondracki won an online tournament that he had entered for \$160. Highlights of the tournament will be broadcast on ESPN in November.



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Hall of Famers (left to right): Bob DeLuca '66, Allison Goldwasser Blunt '88, and Adley Raboy '80

ON THE AIR Cornell football fans will once again have a chance to watch the Big Red on television when the YES Network telecasts Cornell's October 29 game with Princeton. YES will air five Ivy League games during the 2005 season, and there's a chance that the November 19 finale against Penn could also be picked up by the network. The YES Network is available on cable systems throughout New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, as well as parts of Pennsylvania. It is also available on DirecTV (channel 622).

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Sasha Pokulok

DARL ZEHR

FIRST ROUND Defenseman **Sasha Pokulok '08** became the first Cornell hockey player to be selected in the first round of the National Hockey League entry draft when he was chosen 14th overall by the Washington Capitals. "It is a great honor for Sasha and a great accomplishment for our program for him to be drafted that high," said head coach **Mike Schafer '86**. In 26 games last year, Pokulok scored three goals and had seven assists.

NEW HEAD COACHES Chris Wilson has been named head coach of women's crew after serving as interim coach, and Iryna Dolgikh has come to the Hill as head fencing coach after serving as an assistant coach at Penn State. Wilson had previously served as assistant to the athletic director for special projects and freshman rowing coach at Cornell. A native of Kiev, Dolgikh was the 1976 women's foil world champion and won a gold medal in the 1977 World Cup competition. While at Penn State, she helped guide the Nittany Lions to a pair of national runner-up finishes.

AQUA MAN John Kenny '02 keeps on swimming and swimming and swimming. The holder of Cornell's second-best mark in the 1,650 freestyle, Kenny won the U.S. National 25K Open Water Championship on June 2 in Fort Myers, Florida. Kenny covered the 25-kilometer Gulf of Mexico course in 5 hours, 29 minutes, and 44 seconds, finishing more than four seconds ahead of his nearest competitor. Kenny won the 1999 25-kilometer national title and was third in the world championships that year; he also won the national 10-kilometer title in 2001.



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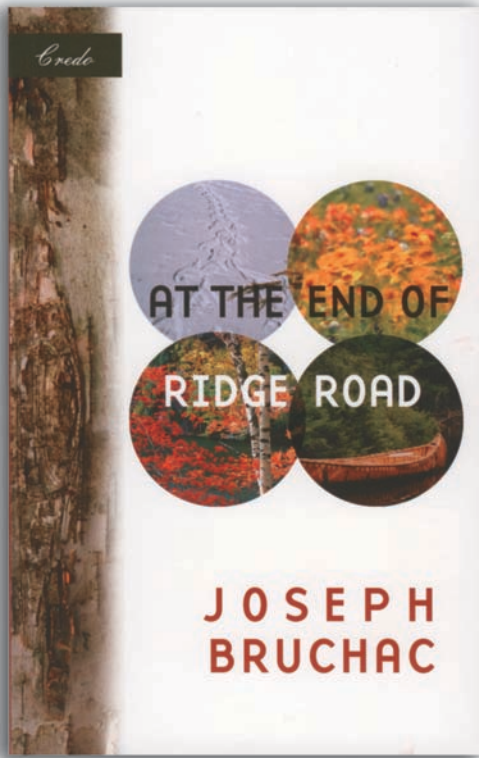
Mr. Toll has won numerous accolades and awards. Most recently he was named one of *Barron's* Top 30 CEOs worldwide; in a related article, the magazine called him the undisputed king of high-end housing. Another recent award was *Builder Magazine's* CEO of the Year.

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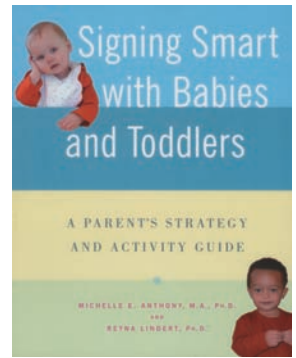
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In Brief

AT THE END OF RIDGE ROAD by Joseph Bruchac '64 (Milkweed Editions). “Some circles are so large that you have to walk a long distance before you realize that you’re returning to the place where it all began,” Bruchac writes. His memoir moves full circle from his childhood near Saratoga Springs, New York, to his first poetry at Cornell to teaching in West Africa and back to his grandfather’s house. Storyteller, novelist, poet, and editor of the Greenfield Review Press, Bruchac shows how the stories of his Abenaki ancestors and other Native Americans can teach us lessons in social justice and responsibility to place, and remind us that we are meant to be keepers of the earth. (For more on Joseph Bruchac, see page 29.)

SIGNING SMART WITH BABIES AND TODDLERS by Michelle E. Anthony and Reyna Lindert '94 (St. Martin's Griffin). By using sign language to communicate with a hearing child, parents can eliminate much of the frustration and missed communication that comes as children’s speech develops. Signing children eighteen months old know an average of seventy-nine signs and 105 spoken words, compared to the developmental norm of ten to fifteen words. Developmental psychologists Anthony and Lindert show how signing brings the added benefits of building language skills and enhancing closeness.



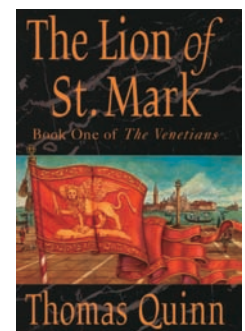
EMPIRE OF NATIONS by Francine Hirsch '89 (Cornell University Press). Before the Bolsheviks seized power in 1917, they advocated national self-determination for all peoples in the Russian Empire. But when the Bolsheviks were faced with building the Soviet Union, they reconciled their anti-imperialist position with their desire to hold onto as much territory and as many resources as possible. Hirsch, an assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, examines how ethnographers from the former tsarist regime conducted censuses, drew up internal borders, and helped shape the formation of the Soviet state.



RESPONSIBLE MEN by Edward Schwarzschild '86 (Algonquin). In Schwarzschild’s debut novel, Max Wolinsky, a salesman and small-time swindler, returns to Philadelphia on the eve of his son’s bar mitzvah in an attempt to be a good father and son. As he tries to pull off one last scam to help out his father and uncle, he meets Estelle, a woman who just might keep him honest.



THE LION OF ST. MARK by Thomas Quinn '73 (St. Martin's Press). This historical novel begins in 1452, one year before the fall of Constantinople, as two powerful Venetian noble families vie for supremacy. The conflict between Captain Giovanni Soranzo and volunteer marine commander Antonio Ziani plays out against the backdrop of Venice’s fifteenth-century war against the Ottoman Turks, who are intent on crushing the city’s power and wealth. Both men must learn to put aside their animosity when their republic’s survival is at stake.



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The Thirsty Owl Wine Company & Bistro in Ovid, which was founded in 2002 and produces about 6,000 cases annually, enjoys some of the oldest Riesling vines on Cayuga Lake. According to winery owner Jonathan Cupp, they were planted a quarter-century ago by Dr.



Robert Plane, an educator and viticulturist who served as Cornell's provost from 1969 to 1973. Older vines tend to be, among other things, lower yielding, which is widely thought to have a positive impact on wine quality. Therefore, it's not surprising that while Thirsty Owl's wines are solid across the board—thanks to the winemaking talents of Shawn Kime and Nancy Newland—the Rieslings are indeed special.

The 2004 Thirsty Owl Dry Riesling (about \$11) possesses forthcoming, peach-laden aromas, ripe, round flavors, and good but not overbearing acidity. A touch of citrus on the palate complements the wine's peachiness, and the finish is clean and lengthy. Try it with stir-fries, smoked trout, chicken in a creamy sauce, or pheasant. Saving some for the owl is optional.

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1. Roger Abell '30, wearing his original Cornell baseball uniform, lines a single to center during the alumni baseball game.
2. Ginny Buchanan Clark '61 and Willis Clark '60 go 'round and 'round to the sounds of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra on Saturday night.
3. Ed Wardwell '40 and Bob Wood '40, MD '43, catch up on old times at the Class of 1940 luncheon at Barton Hall.
4. Everybody smiles . . . well, almost everybody . . . for the Class of 1990 group photo.

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MBA candidate Justin Grimm leans back in his chair. “The technology's pretty neat,” he admits. And the CEO, based in New York State, has forty years of indus-

try experience and a handful of blue-chip clients. But he lacks a sales or marketing background—and, perhaps, is overly optimistic. He predicts that the company will rake in over \$200 million in revenue in four years. “If it hits on all cylinders, OK,” Grimm concedes. “But, I mean, that's a lot of money.” Fellow Johnson School student Mike Ye agrees. “Yeah, it's inflated.” And how would the company manufacture such different media as credit cards and billboards at the same time? “Are they going to do it in-house?” Grimm asks. “How much capital does that take?”

It's all in a day's work for BRV managers, the only MBA students in the country who run their own venture capital firm. While about six other universities

have VC funds, none but the Johnson School hands full management responsibility to its students, says fund advisor David BenDaniel, professor of entrepreneurship. “It's a practicum of the highest order.”

With \$500,000 in start-up capital provided in 2000 by Rob '69 and Terry Wehe Ryan '69 and Rich Marin '75, MBA '76, BRV has invested its fund in five companies in exchange for part ownership. In June, it put \$40,000 into NovaSterilis, a Lansing, New York, start-up that sterilizes biomedical materials, like human transplant tissue, with carbon dioxide. Other investments include Sight-Speed, whose technology turns any computer into a videophone using software

Crunching the numbers: MBA candidate Mike Ye discusses venture capital investments with other members of Big Red Ventures.

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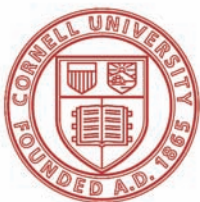
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Rouzan Agadjanian

The venture capital game is notoriously risky. One-third of all VC deals fail and another third break even, according to the National Venture Capital Association. But the rest make money—sometimes a lot. Microsoft and Federal Express, for example, were originally backed by VCs. So far BRV's holdings have, at least on paper, earned a 24 percent annual rate of return; most funds earn 15 to 26 percent in ten to twenty years.

After BRV invests, the real work begins, says Sam Tingleff, MBA '05. "We come in and provide capital and some labor—maybe have an intern help write a marketing plan—and take them to the point where they can take their products to market and seek another round of funding." Rouzan Agadjanian, MBA '05, developed a marketing plan and analyzed the competition for Medical Care Corporation, whose test detects early signs of memory loss due to Alzheimer's disease with 98 percent accuracy. And as a board observer, she witnessed the company's

inner workings firsthand. "That's an experience that I would not have had until ten or twenty years out of business school," Agadjanian says.

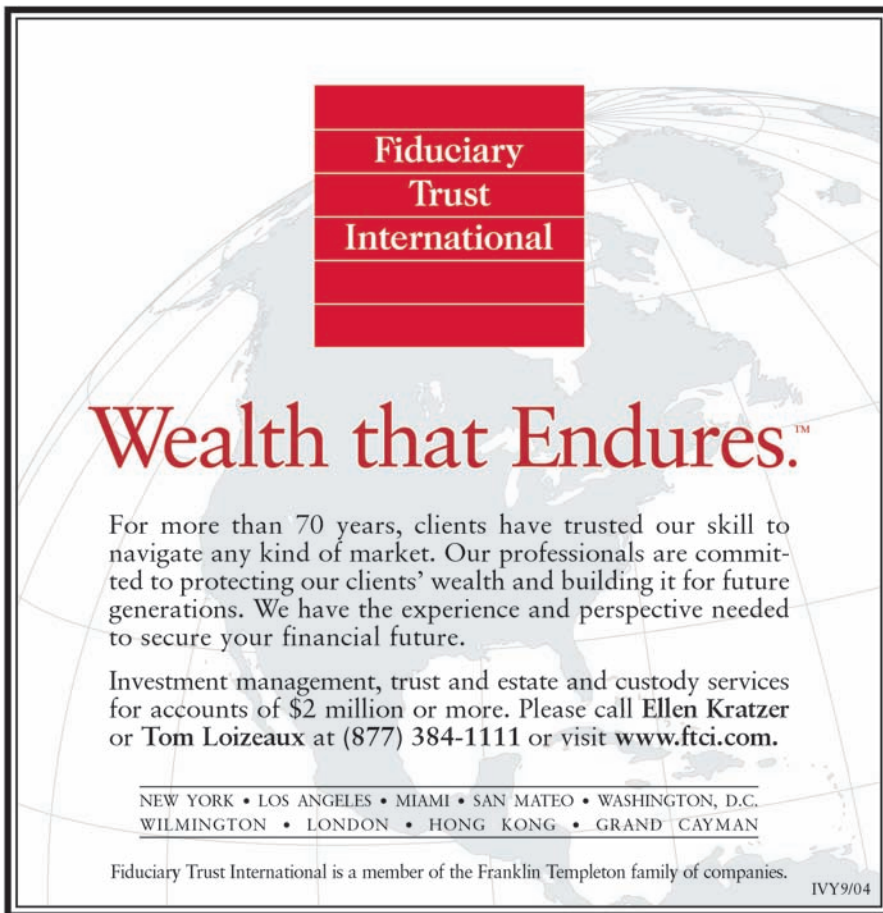
Ten to 15 percent of the Johnson School's 500 students participate in either BRV or BR Incubator, a rate that has changed the school's culture significantly, BenDaniel says. "Students are talking about this deal and that deal. This is stuff that no other business school has." The Johnson's MBA applications have jumped by about 9 percent for the past two years, while those at many peer institutions have diminished, says Ann Richards, acting director of admissions and financial aid. "Is it exclusively because of BRV? No. But was it a factor? Definitely."

That said, BRV isn't a perfect replica of a "real world" venture fund. First, BRV managers have day jobs—as students. "Sometimes I would have rather focused on this rather than on Core Accounting," says Agadjanian. Second, while most VCs help run their start-ups for five to ten years (if the company stays afloat that long), BRV managers do so only for a year, with the aid of advisors including benefactors Marin and Ryan.

But the biggest difference is the size of BRV's fund. It not only prevents students from participating in later, more expensive, rounds of investment, it also puts them at the mercy of richer funds. (In 2003, the average venture fund was \$145 million.) "A guy that's coming to the table with a million dollars can control the valuation and can sometimes urge or require rewriting of the initial terms," BenDaniel says. "It's frequently referred to as the Golden Rule: 'He who has the gold makes the rule.'" Students are attempting to raise another \$5 million, which, like the initial \$500,000, would be donated to the Johnson School. Two alumni recently kicked in \$450,000. Any gains will go into the fund—not donors' or students' pockets—preventing lawsuits should the investments go south.

Nonetheless, managing even a modest fund gives students a thrill that they can't get at the chalkboard. "You can take something away from any class," says MBA candidate Alan Christensen. "But when it's real money, it's different."

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mITCHELL VAN Yahres '49 has been a liberal stalwart throughout nearly four decades of political life in Virginia. To make a point about inadequate housing to his constituents, he once had a home from the slums moved to a shopping center parking lot. And last year he challenged his fellow lawmakers in the Virginia House of Delegates to live for two weeks on the same amount of groceries allotted to food-stamp recipients. Now his long political career is about to end: Van Yahres has announced that he will step down later this year, saying it is time for "new blood" in the Democratic Party.

The veteran legislator, who turns seventy-nine in October, says he never planned on a political career when he enrolled in the College of Agriculture to become an arborist. "I had no [political] aspirations whatsoever," he recalls. His father owned and operated a tree service on Long Island, and "Cornell was about the only place I could go" to study for the family business, he says. After graduating, he headed to Charlottesville, Virginia, where his dad already had a few clients, to set up a branch of the Van Yahres Tree Company.

Almost two decades later, in 1968, after Van Yahres had built the business and raised a family with wife Elizabeth Franklin Van Yahres, MS '49, he ran for a seat on Charlottesville's city council. "It



COURTESY MITCHELL VAN YAHRES

Man on a mission: Virginia legislator Mitchell Van Yahres, an advocate for the poor since 1968

was kind of a quick thought at the time," he recalls. "Being a liberal, I didn't figure on winning." To his surprise, he was elected, taking a seat as the only Democrat on the five-person council. He quickly became an advocate for social justice issues, especially low-income housing. In 1970 two more Democrats won seats, and Van Yahres was elected mayor of Charlottesville by council vote. "It was quite a baptism," he says.

As mayor, Van Yahres helped to diversify participation in city government, naming many women and minorities to

serve on boards and commissions, and improved relations with the University of Virginia. After he was elected to the state legislature in 1980, representing Charlottesville and part of the surrounding county, he made use of his background and education to serve as chairman of the agriculture committee. In that role, he helped tobacco farmers transition to alternative crops and brought them together with members of the health-care community for a series of forums.

Throughout his long career, Van Yahres has been an advocate for those with little power or influence, championing such causes as establishing a public defender's office and restoring the voting rights of felons whose convictions were long in the past. Van Yahres says that what he has always tried to do, especially when publicizing what others may believe to be an insignificant prob-

lem, is "plant a seed." His challenge for his government colleagues to try a welfare diet, for instance, was later picked up by local churches and an interfaith council. "All of what I'm doing is trying to sensitize people," he says.

For his efforts, Van Yahres has earned the admiration of colleagues on both sides of the aisle. "Nobody can quibble with him sticking by what he believes in," fellow delegate Rob Bell, a Republican, told the *Charlottesville Daily Progress* in March. "He has been true to his core principles, both when they were popular and he was

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in the majority and when they were unpopular and he was in the minority.”

A devout Catholic, Van Yahres has openly integrated his faith with his political beliefs. “The housing was the thing,” he says. “Working with low-income people and building those units, that was the beginning—unconsciously, I would say—of my melding politics with religion, or ‘values,’ as the buzz term is these days.” Van Yahres says it wasn’t hard at first to reconcile his faith with his political beliefs, but it became more difficult later when he had to work out his stand on abortion. “I took the position that I, as a Catholic, have a commitment against abortion,” he says, “but I also felt, as a legislator, that I had no right to inject my moral values on my constituency.”

What does Van Yahres think of his legacy? “My candor was one thing,” he says. “People understood exactly where I stood. I was willing to take a stand, and I

didn’t back off from unpopular stands.” Van Yahres sadly notes that such openness has become rare as the political atmosphere has changed in recent years. “We’re losing the Jeffersonian concept of government,” he says. “Politics is an honorable profession, but people are trying too hard to [retain] their incumbency, to become professional legislators—those for whom it’s a full-time job, making it their source of income. They are trying to satisfy too many people. I think you have to stand for your own values and let the chips fall.”

Van Yahres hopes his seat will be filled by David Toscano, a lawyer and law professor who also served on the Charlottesville city council and as the city’s mayor in the 1990s. Toscano won a three-way primary earlier this year and is the Democratic nominee in Van Yahres’s district. “There will never be another Mitch,” says Toscano, who notes that he feels hon-

ored to think that Van Yahres is passing the torch to him. “He has served this area for so long as a principled fighter for causes he feels are important and that will advance the goals of equality and social justice. I will seek to carry on his legacy of approachability while recognizing the challenges in doing so.” Van Yahres, Toscano says, was viewed by his fellow Democrats as the conscience of the House. “It is hard to imagine who will emerge to take this role,” he says, “but someone must—it’s too important a function to ignore.”

While Van Yahres is leaving the legislature behind, he plans to remain active in the community. “I’ve considered myself [as having had] four careers, and I’ll be looking for a fifth,” he says. “I don’t know what it’s going to be—although my wife suggested that I’m perfectly qualified to be a greeter at Wal-Mart.”

— Joe Wilensky



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JOSEPH BRUCHAC '64 IS GIVING A tour of his back yard in Greenfield Center, New York, a small town near Saratoga Springs. With one massive hand, he points out the garden where his maternal grandfather, Jesse Bowman, found an arrowhead when Bruchac was a boy. "He didn't really say anything about it," Bruchac recalls. "Just handed it to me. I didn't know what it was, but I just kind of felt that it was a connection to something much older than me."

In fact, it was a remnant of his and his grandfather's Abenaki ancestors, whose tales and history are now Bruchac's life work. But it wasn't until he was a teenager that it dawned on him that his grandfather was part Abenaki, Bruchac says. "I knew my grandfather acted different and looked different—he had dark skin—but when you're a kid, your grandparents are just your grandparents. It didn't really make an impact on me until I was old enough to make comparisons."

Since then, Bruchac has celebrated his Abenaki heritage in 108 books (with five more on the way) of contemporary and traditional American Indian stories, many of them for children, that often revisit conventional history from the Native American perspective. With that output of non-fiction, poetry, tales, and novels, he may be the most prolific author to come out of Cornell, says James McConkey, professor emeritus of English, who taught Bruchac fiction writing. "Many well-known writers have attended Cornell, either as undergraduates or graduate students in our MFA program, but I doubt if any of them have sold as many books as Joe."

Bruchac's prose has been strongly influenced by Nigerian author Chinua Achebe, who was Bruchac's dissertation advisor at Union Institute and University's distance-learning PhD program during the early 1970s. Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*, the subject of this year's New Student Reading Project at Cornell, depicts the Igbo people's take on British colonial rule in Nigeria during the late nineteenth century. "He used the language and the point of view of his people," Bruchac says. "He used stories and proverbs to tell the other side of a story that had been portrayed very badly."

Bruchac's novel *The Winter People* uses

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JOSEPH BRUCHAC '64 REVISES AMERICA'S HISTORY, ONE TALE AT A TIME



SUSAN KELLEY

Digging deep: Author Joseph Bruchac, pictured here with Toni, draws on historical and modern sources for his stories about Native American life.

a similar approach to portray the Abenaki version of Rogers' Raid, when British troops attacked Odanak, Quebec, in 1759. Like most of his work, the book is based on historical records and interviews with descendants of survivors. "It's a 180 from the typical Indian captivity story," Bruchac says, "where white people are taken captive by Indian. In this case, Indians are taken by white—and that did happen." His novels *Dawn Land*, *Long River*, and *The Waters Between* depict Abenaki life before European colonization, while *Code Talker* tells the Navajo side of the World War II secret message corps.

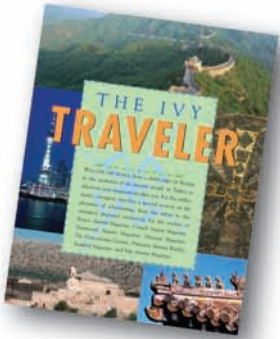
Bruchac also disseminates American

Indian culture as a professional storyteller, performing at forty to sixty schools and festivals each year. And through the Greenfield Review Press, the small publishing company that he and his wife, Carol Worthen, started in 1971, he's put out the first books of several other influential American Indian writers, such as Leslie Silko and Linda Hogan. The press stemmed from the *Greenfield Review*, their multicultural literary journal. In 1998, Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers named him both Writer of the Year and Storyteller of the Year. A year later, the Native Writers Circle of the Americas, an international literary

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association, awarded him its Lifetime Achievement Award. “When you look at the scope of what he’s done on so many different fronts, he is not just one of the leading scholars but I would say also translators of American Indian culture to mainstream America,” says Laura Donaldson, professor of English and American Indian studies at Cornell.

Equally as important, Bruchac’s work combats stereotypes by putting native stories and spiritual traditions in context, says Donaldson. “You can’t always go out and

live in a native community, but through his fiction, you might be able to get at least a sense of what that means, and in my mind that’s definitely a form of activism.”

Bruchac agrees that his work is political—“How can it not be?” It’s an approach embedded in his family’s history. For three generations, Bruchac’s maternal family hid their Abenaki ethnicity, with varying success. (His father’s family is of Slovak descent.) His grandfather called himself French-Canadian as a matter of survival, Bruchac says. “Some people were physically

Power Play

HOTELIE CATCHES FLACK ON MTV

hotel school grad Ali Zweben comes from a long line of New Jersey restaurateurs—her grandfather owned eateries along the Jersey shore, and her father, Robert Zweben ’71, runs the famed Shadowbrook banquet facility in Shrewsbury. So what’s she doing schmoozing with P. Diddy on MTV?

In October 2003, Zweben ’02 started work at Lizzie Grubman Public Relations (LGPR), the New York City PR firm whose founder became infamous in 2001 after she backed her SUV into a group of Hamptons clubgoers. The incident injured sixteen people and landed Grubman in jail for thirty-eight days in 2002. Post-incarceration, Grubman rebuilt her business and re-emerged as a reality show star. Early in 2004, MTV began production of “PowerR Girls,” featuring Grubman as the Trump-esque mentor of four sexy young flacks, including Zweben, who tackle various camera-friendly PR tasks.

The “PowerR Girls” shoot was filled with “things I never thought I’d do,” Zweben says. She baby-sat the teenage Gotti boys, filled in as a swimsuit model at a party for rapper Fabolous, kicked back in the Florida Marlins’ ballpark hot tub during a trip to Miami for the MTV Video Music Awards, and coached an up-and-coming pop group on red-carpet etiquette for a *Teen People* party. Eight months of filming were distilled into the show’s six episodes, which debuted in March 2005 (to predictably hostile reviews).

Outside the watchful eye of MTV cameras, Zweben juggles a modest roster of less-glitzy corporate PR clients, including a wallpaper company and a porn star. She also keeps her hand in the hospitality industry by handling LGPR’s restaurant business. Ultimately, Zweben has aspirations of one day transitioning from flackdom to food writing. “If [former *New York* magazine restaurant critic] Gael Greene is looking for a protégé,” she says, “I hope she watches MTV.”

— Peter Bronski ’01



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harmful for being Indian. Murders took place in the Adirondacks and in New England and no one was ever prosecuted for them, not just in the 1800s but even into the 1900s. The Abenakis had several choices. One was to leave. The other was to try to blend in—hide in plain sight—and that's what a lot of people did and continue to do."

Bruchac was raised by his grandparents, who ran a gas station and market adjacent to the house where Bruchac and Worthen live now. He had a close relationship with his grandfather, who taught him to hunt and garden. His grandmother, Marion Bowman, who was one of New York's first female lawyers, gave him a taste for poetry. Those interests deepened at Cornell, where he first majored in zoology, eventually switching to English, and was a varsity heavyweight wrestler. As Bruchac grew as a writer, he also discovered political activism. He marched in Mississippi for civil rights, gave public poetry readings against the Vietnam War, and protested a speech at Bailey Hall by ambassador-at-large Averell Harriman, who was defending the U.S. government's actions in Vietnam. After graduation, Bruchac earned a master's degree in English at Syracuse University, studying with Grace Paley.

While at Syracuse, he began to actively embrace his heritage. He often rode his Harley motorcycle to the Onondaga Indian reservation in Upstate New York. "An Onondaga elder named Dewasentah—Alice Papineau—would say, 'Let me tell you a story, because the kids aren't listening to the stories, but I know that you'll pass them on.' And I have."

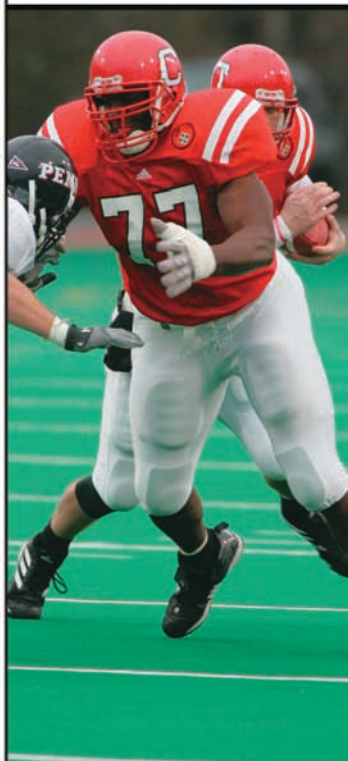
He's also passed them on to his sons. He has co-authored several books with Jim, thirty-seven, who teaches traditional outdoor skills like animal tracking at the seventy-acre Ndakinna Wilderness Education Center across the road from his parents' house. Jesse, thirty-three, a Web designer named for his great-grandfather, is the family's most fluent Abenaki speaker.

"I think a lot of what I've done in my adult life is seek out the stories my grandfather never told me," Bruchac says. "I made sure that what I passed on to Jim and Jesse was passed on very clearly."

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Matthew Urbanowicz was the son of Polish-American parents and a native of Buffalo, born just after World War I. He became a star high school athlete and then worked several part-time jobs to pay his way through Cornell. A member of the ROTC, Urban was called to active duty five months before Pearl Harbor, reporting to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 60th Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division.

He began as a morale and special services officer, but by 1944—when his seventh severe battlefield wound finally sent him home—he had risen to the position of battalion commander and military legend. During twenty months of front-line action in six major campaigns in Europe and North Africa, Urban's reputation for bravery was such that even the Nazi soldiers knew him well. They called him "The Ghost," presumably because no matter how many times they thought they

had killed him, he always returned to fight another day.

There was the time in Renouf, France, for instance, when Urban grabbed a bazooka, exposed himself to enemy fire, and destroyed two tanks that had been raking his unit's position. His company moved forward, routing the Germans, and it wasn't until later that evening that Urban was evacuated for treatment of the tank-gun shrapnel in his leg. He was shipped back to England, but within six weeks he was back at the front, having limped out of the Army hospital and hitchhiked his way to St. Lo. There he resumed command of his men, who were pinned down by enemy fire. Urban ran across open ground, dodging bullets until he reached an abandoned American tank. He climbed in, returned fire, and again helped turn the tide of battle.

A couple of months later, Urban and his unit were in Belgium, trying to secure a crossing point on the Meuse River, when he received a serious neck wound. He couldn't speak above a whisper—and, indeed, would be raspy voiced for the next fifty years—but Urban refused evacuation until the river crossing was secure.

"The one through my neck finished me," Urban would later say, meaning his combat career was over. It was a stint that brought him twenty-nine combat ribbons and a chestful of medals for valor—including seven Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, a Legion of Merit, France's Croix de Guerre, and the Belgian Fourragere. The only thing missing: a Congressional Medal of Honor, America's highest decoration for valor.

Only forty-nine Medals of Honor were awarded to soldiers from World War II, and a letter recommending one for Urban was sent to 9th Division headquarters some six decades ago. Somewhere along the line, the letter got lost in the bureaucratic shuffle. It wasn't until 1980 that the oversight was discovered and President Jimmy Carter draped a Medal of Honor around Urban's neck. The citation concludes: "Urban's personal leadership, limitless bravery, and repeated extraordinary exposure to enemy fire served as an inspiration to his entire battalion."

After the war, Urban got married and settled in Monroe, Ohio, where he became

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As an animal science major, Vanessa Spero '00 never thought of herself as a people person. That changed once she volunteered for two years in the Peace Corps in Niger, then moved to the rainforests of Uganda to intern with the Jane Goodall Institute, where she taught natural science to schoolchildren. "When you start to work with the kids, you meet their families," Spero said. "We spent a lot of time with the women, and they were incredibly motivated." To help pay for their children's school fees, mothers had organized a cooperative through which they wove grass baskets, purses, and table mats and sold them piecemeal.

But they lacked a building in which to market their work to tourists. "I was trying to find a way to get the women funding," Spero says. "But as one person, no one was going to give me any money."

Inspiration hit when she returned home to Pomona, New York, and saw an advertisement for Ideas Happen, a contest sponsored by Microsoft and Visa for young people's ideas. Spero entered, proposing that the prize fund a market in Uganda. "We are ready," she wrote in her essay. "We just need a building."

Then she persuaded everyone she knew to visit the contest's website and vote for her idea. She convinced her running group to post an announcement on its website, and contacted the local newspaper, which published a story about her quest. "I was a waitress," Spero says, "and I would slip the newspaper article into my customers' checks."

The gambit worked. Spero's idea beat out 19,000 entries, winning \$25,000. But she didn't stop there. With the prize money, Spero has created a nonprofit organization, Education Creates Opportunity, which aims to foster economic opportunity for Ugandans through environmental education in crop rotation, business, ecology, and park ranger skills. "Something changed in me after I started working with people who don't have the opportunities we have," says Spero, who is now pursuing a master's degree in environmental education at Florida Institute of Technology. "It became so simple and so gratifying to try to effect change, on even the smallest of scales."

director of the community center. He moved to Michigan in 1962, living first in Port Huron and then Holland. In 1989, the year when Urban retired as the city's recreation director and published his autobiography, *The Matt Urban Story*, the *Guinness Book of World Records* identified him as "The Most Combat-Decorated Soldier in American History," a title more often associated with Audie Murphy. Sources differ on who actually won more medals, but Murphy clearly received more acclaim, even starring in a Hollywood movie about himself. In 2000, twenty-nine years after his death, Murphy was honored with a commemorative stamp from the U.S. Postal Service.

That's where Urban's supporters come in. They think he deserves a stamp, too, and soon after his death in 1995 his friend Richard Pearch wrote to the postmaster general. Pearch's efforts came to the attention of Anthony Bajdek, president of the Polish-American Congress of Eastern Massachusetts, who has since collected some 60,000 signatures on a petition—not to mention many passionate letters from men who served under Urban. "Had it not been for the misplacement of his records, he would have gained as much notoriety as Audie Murphy," says Bajdek.

Postal regulations state that a person must be deceased for at least ten years before he or she can be considered for placement on a stamp, making 2005 the time for action. Bajdek says that a U.S. Postal Service advisory committee—which usually recommends only about two dozen new commemorative stamps out of thousands of suggestions it receives each year—appears somewhat uninterested in the movement, so he is also spearheading an effort to introduce a joint resolution in the U.S. Congress.

"As the memory of World War II gets dimmer and dimmer, and as the number of living participants in the war diminishes," says Bajdek, "it's not going to be too many years now when we won't have anything left except memorials. Matt Urban deserves to be remembered."

— Brad Herzog '90

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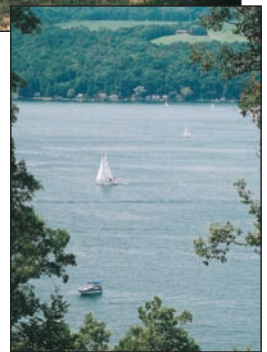
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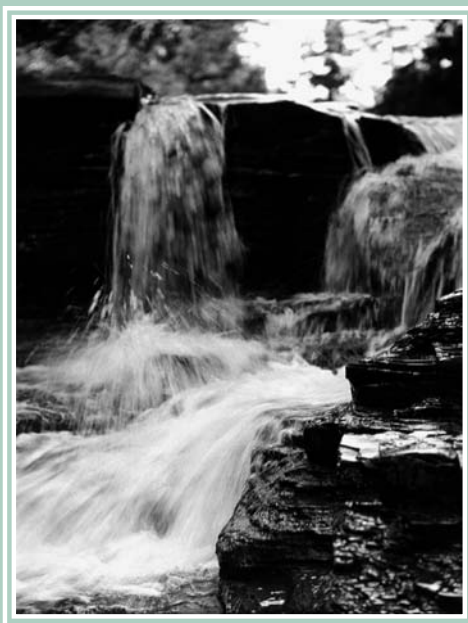


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**The Early Photography of
Margaret Bourke-White**

By Ronald Ostman and Harry Littell

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Foreshadowing: The aesthetic of Margaret Bourke-White's mid-1920s Cornell photographs, such as the Cascadilla Creek shot on the facing page, was echoed in later industrial images like this dramatic 1928 photo taken in Cleveland's Otis Steel mill.

Photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White '27, renowned for her *Fortune* and *Life* magazine work, became a serious photographer while at Cornell. During her time on the Hill, she experimented with style, perfecting motifs she returned to throughout her career. New research and little-known images from the Johnson Museum of Art and Syracuse University's Bourke-White archives have shed light on the development of her early work—and the photographs on these pages show how Bourke-White's Cornell images influenced her later work.

Margaret White was born in 1904 in New York City, the second daughter of Joseph and Minnie White. Her father, on whom she doted, was a taciturn mechanical genius who tinkered with printing presses and automobiles. He was also an avid photographer, and young Margaret assisted him in composing and developing many of his images. Throughout her life, Bourke-White seemed reluctant to reveal the origin of her interest in photography, apparently wanting others to think of her talent as the natural expression of an inborn gift.

After high school, Bourke-White began art studies at Columbia. During her first year, her father suffered a fatal stroke, leaving the family in a precarious financial condition. There was just enough money for Bourke-White to complete the spring semester, during which she took a course from Clarence H. White (no relation), a leader of the Photo-Secession movement that propounded pictorialism—artistic effects rendered in gauzy soft focus and with moody atmospheric. White taught her that good photographs were meticulously planned and controlled, that abstraction and patterns mattered, and that artistically successful photographs required balance: dark against light, shape against shape, solid against void.

Bourke-White transferred to the



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University of Michigan in 1922, initially intending to study herpetology. But she soon drifted back to photography, taking pictures of campus buildings for the yearbook and working in the darkroom for the university museum. Chronically depressed, Bourke-White suffered a nervous breakdown in the summer of 1923. She began therapy and returned to Michigan in the fall, but

suffered several relapses. She found temporary happiness when she married Everett "Chappie" Chapman, an engineering student whose serious demeanor and mechanical interests reminded Bourke-White of her father. Chapman was a photographer of considerable technical ability, and for a time the couple worked as a team. But by the time Bourke-White was twenty-two, the couple had separated and she had enrolled at Cornell, chosen because she had read that it had waterfalls on campus.

"Striding across the old campus quadrangle . . . she wore a magenta hat, a crimson coat with fuzzy fur, and she swung along the crosswalk with her left arm waving behind her like a rudder. . . . I saw her eyes . . . deep Irish, capable of going into Scotch mists of tenderness, and they surmounted a wide smile." This was the way Sam Horton '27 later described her in a radio broadcast. "Starting with me," he said, "Peg captivated plenty of men on the



BERENICE ABBOTT

Rising star: This publicity photo of Bourke-White was taken by Berenice Abbott around 1930.



Two towers: Bourke-White's hazy shot of McGraw Tower in winter (left) exemplifies the "pictorialist" style of her Cornell work. While she later rejected this style in favor of a more hard-edged approach, its influence can still be seen in this photograph of Cleveland's High Level Bridge and Terminal Tower.



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Behind bars: Bourke-White shot the image of Cayuga Lake on the left from the top of McGraw Tower, contrasting the distant lake with the iron grillwork in the foreground. Her 1928 photograph of the Terminal Tower in Cleveland featured a similar approach.

campus, and none of these affairs lasted long, because to Peg White, the job, the art she had in her mind, always transcended the interest she had in any individual male. . . . She took pictures of the campus that knocked the spots off anything that photog-

‘Here I was in the midst of one of the most spectacular campus sites in America,’ said Bourke-White. ‘Surely there would be students who would buy photographs of scenes like these.’

raphers twice her age had achieved.”

To help pay her way through school, Bourke-White sold her campus images. “Here I was in the midst of one of the most spectacular campus sites in America,” she wrote in her autobiography, *Portrait of Myself*, “with fine old ivy-covered architecture and Cayuga Lake on the horizon and those boiling columns of water thundering over the cliffs and down through the gorges. Surely

there would be students who would buy photographs of scenes like these.”

The range of Bourke-White’s Cornell images showed the promise of a budding professional. The photographs boast the strong composition and control of light essential to her aesthetic—and she made no bones about her reliance on soft focus. “In those days,” she wrote, “to be artistic, a picture must be blurry, and the exact degree of blurriness was one of the features over which I toiled during the long nights in the dark-room, diffusing, printing. . . . When I opened my little sales stand outside the dining hall in Prudence Risley Dormitory, my pictures on display looked as much like [the work of French painter Jean-Baptiste-Camille] Corot as my old cracked camera lens plus some sheets of celluloid had been able to make them. And if I heard some admiring student murmur, ‘Why, these don’t look like photographs at all,’ I took it as a compliment.”



Light and shadow: In a photograph of West Campus (top), Bourke-White used an archway in the foreground to frame the view looking west. Another of her 1928 shots of Cleveland's Terminal Tower (bottom) featured a similar compositional approach, placing the tower within an arch of a railroad trestle.



Bourke-White was adept at marketing her work. Prices ranged from twenty-five cents for a small contact print to three dollars for an 11x14. In time, she hired a sales staff to hawk prints to the students. And she found additional outlets, including the *Cornellian* and the *Cornell Alumni News*.

Fresh from Cornell in 1927, Bourke-White moved to Cleveland, where both Chapman and her mother were living, and pounded the pavement on the trail of professional connections. She owned little photographic equipment and developed film in the kitchen sink of her tiny studio apartment. Eager to succeed in a profession dominated by men, she counted on admirers and friends for technical assistance and financial support. After her separation became a divorce, she created her professional identity by adding her mother's maiden name to her own.

Bourke-White's Cornell portfolio opened doors and helped her to obtain her first commercial assignments. She gradually abandoned architectural and garden images and turned to a love inspired by her father: industrial photography. Bourke-White did not invent industrial photography, nor was she the first to explore the subject matter; she followed like-minded artists in creating an aesthetic to celebrate the machine age. In less than a year, she would be a successful professional photographer, selling her images of Cleveland industry for \$100 apiece.



Bourke-White's break into photojournalism came courtesy of *Time* publisher Henry Luce. He was impressed by her Cleveland photographs, particularly those of the Otis Steel mill; they were exactly what he had in mind for his new business publication, *Fortune*. Within a decade, Bourke-White would shoot the famed inaugural cover of Montana's Fort Peck Dam for Luce's newest creation, *Life* magazine.

As Bourke-White's career unfolded, her style evolved from soft-focus nature shots to hard-edged, crisp industrial subjects where men were creating wealth and abundance by taming massive structures and machines. Her mature photojournalistic work for *Life* depicted the human face and form with a humanitarian sensibility. She captured images of people, famous and obscure alike, that were sometimes newsworthy, often dramatic, and always brimming with human interest.

By the mid-1950s, Bourke-White was afflicted with Parkinson's disease and increasingly unable to use a camera. Her life ended quietly in 1971 in Stamford, Connecticut. Now, when we look at her photographs—and there are nearly a quarter-million of them—we realize they are inseparable from her sensibilities, from the interior landscape of an audacious mind. ●

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The Lehman Legacy

Assessing the Short, Surprising Term of Cornell's Eleventh President

By the CAM Staff

The speech—the second Commencement address of his young administration—was vintage Jeff Lehman. As a crowd of some 40,000 faculty, graduates, and family members in Schoellkopf Field shaded their eyes beneath a spring sun, President Lehman '77 stood in his carnelian robe and delivered a serio-comic reverie on the slippery nature of good and evil. Weaving pop-culture references and philosophical inquiry, he embarked on a literary analysis of two works by Thomas Pynchon '59, played a sound clip from “The Simpsons,” and talked at length—and with what was clearly an aficionado’s grasp of the material—about *Star Wars*.

This, by now, was a familiar formula. Lehman’s first public speech on campus, the Convocation address in August 2003, was built on an extended riff from *The Big Lebowski*, and Cornell’s

president wasted few opportunities to remind students and young alumni that he was one of them—a wide-eyed former freshman who grew up to run the place, a big kid brimming with enthusiasm about the world and Cornell’s place in it. But even veteran campus observers were struck by the curious intensity of this year’s Commencement address. Behind his Yoda impression, Lehman clearly had serious things on his mind.

He began with a question: “How can you be sure that you do not go over to the Dark Side?” After a thorough explanation of the term in the George Lucas cosmology, he added his own definition. “Think of it not as evil, but as good people run amok. Yielding to a certain kind of wholly understandable temptation, in a way that ends up . . . damaging to the larger community.” Lehman went on to further refine the notion by raising the issue of “fanaticism’s much milder cousin: tunnel vision.”

“People afflicted with moral tunnel vision recognize a good, something that carries a positive benefit for the world,” he said. “They see a path to the good. And they become so committed to pursuing that path that they lose sight of the costs to other values that might be associated with going down that path. These are the kinds of blind spots that can undermine communal life and collective progress.” He gave several examples—soldiers who use torture in wartime, businessmen who ignore workplace safety in pursuit of profit. “The temptations of moral tunnel vision are everywhere we look,” he said. “Think of the university leaders who are tempted to deform their institutions in hopes of rising in the magazine rankings.”

Less than two weeks later, Lehman gave another speech, and his cryptic statements at Commencement took on more significance. In his State of the University address during Reunion 2005, Lehman stood at a lectern in Newman Arena and reiterated many of the ideas he had expressed throughout his presidency—his vision of his alma mater as both “revolutionary” and “beloved”; his now-familiar definition of Cornell as a “transnational” university. He praised Cornell for its accomplishments during the first 140 years of its history. And then he announced that because he and the Board of Trustees had “different approaches to how

Full house: President Lehman presided over his second—and last—Commencement at Schoellkopf Field on May 29.



the University can best achieve its long-term vision,” he was resigning as president, effective nineteen days later.

The announcement drew a multitude of questions from stunned alumni, faculty, students, and staff about the reasons behind Lehman’s abrupt departure. Some of those reasons may never be revealed, hidden as they are behind a legal separation agreement that binds both Lehman and the trustees to silence about the specifics of their dispute. But since then, a clearer picture has gradually emerged: Lehman’s term was cut short by a group of trustees whose differences with the president—over issues that ranged from personal chemistry to achieving the mission of the University—proved too intractable to overcome. By the time Lehman delivered his Commencement speech, his resignation was a foregone conclusion, and he seized the opportunity to indulge in some thinly veiled commentary on the forces that had doomed his presidency.

Still unanswered, however, is a larger question, one that we will begin to address here: how will Jeffrey Lehman’s term as the eleventh president of Cornell be remembered? Some presidential legacies, like that of Andrew Dickson White, involve lengthy lists of academic initiatives and physical improvements—colleges and programs started, faculty members hired, buildings constructed, quadrangles created. Others, like that of James Perkins, have been defined by a single event. Today, only a few months after Lehman’s departure, the substance of his presidency is all but overshadowed by its troubling conclusion. But there was more to it than a resignation. Only time will provide the full picture, but to get a better sense of what Lehman accomplished and how his ideas and actions will affect the future of Cornell, we polled faculty, administrators, students, staff, and alumni—some in lengthy formal interviews, others in informal conversations.

When asked about President Lehman’s legacy, many members of the Cornell community mention two things: the Call to Engagement and Lehman’s characterization of Cornell as a “transnational” university.

The Call to Engagement grew out of the inaugural address, in which Lehman asked a series of questions about Cornell’s mission. Those inquiries became codified in a set of eight questions that Lehman posed to his fellow Cornellians. “He will definitely be remembered for the Call to Engagement,” says Rolf Frantz ’66, ME ’67, president of the Cornell Alumni Federation. “I enjoyed getting his request and thinking about the questions, as well as the time I spent jotting down some thoughts and participating in discussion sessions. Other alumni have told me that they also appreciated being invited to share their thoughts, opinions, and suggestions, and some suggested that it was precisely because Jeff was an alumnus that he was asking other alumni for their ideas.”

Lehman catalogued and collated the hundreds of responses to the Call, and in his October 2004 State of the University speech on Trustee-Council weekend, he announced that the suggestions he had received had led him to formulate a plan for addressing the three great challenges he saw facing humanity, which he

defined as “life in the age of the genome, wisdom in the age of digital information, and sustainability in the age of development.” He concluded by saying: “For each of these challenges, I have asked Provost Biddy Martin to work with deans and faculty members to develop a long-range strategic plan.”

Lehman’s challenges became known on campus as “the three

themes,” and they proved to be both a stimulus for inquiry and a source of confusion. “In some of the early discussions with faculty, the humanists said, ‘What has this got to do with us?’” reports Charles Walcott, PhD ’59, dean of the faculty. “But after an hour of discussion, they began to see what it had to do with them and became interested and in some cases enthusiastic about thinking through the issues that these themes posed.”

Stewart Schwab, dean of the Law school, notes that Lehman proved a persuasive advocate for his causes. “He was a good listener, and patient,” he says. “You need buy-in from the faculty

for a new initiative, or it’ll just be a bureaucratic pain in the neck. The whole academic side of the university was becoming comfortable with these three themes and where they figured into them. Part of it was the idea that these [themes] were not the whole university.”

Similarly, Lehman’s characterization of Cornell as a “transnational” university produced both animated debate and puzzlement. “I would give him credit for identifying the transnational role,” says Austin Kiplinger ’39, chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees. “It’s not unique to Cornell, and it’s not new—Cornell has been in this business since I was an undergraduate. My roommate was the son of the Chinese ambassador. But Jeff gave it a new kind of packaging concept, of what it means to be transnational. It means a whole new structure that looks out over the world as a unit.” Others found the concept of Cornell as a university that transcends national boundaries intriguing but hard to grasp, and Lehman spent a great deal of time explaining it, even writing an article called “Why ‘Transnational?’” that was published in the January/February 2005 issue of this magazine.

“He not only talked about it,” says Walter LaFeber, the Tisch University Professor and a member of the history faculty since 1959, “he did a lot to implement his vision for what Cornell should be, internationally.” Lehman’s advocacy of transnationalism led to joint academic programs with Tsinghua University and Peking University in China, and to new agreements in Singapore and India as well as the ongoing development of the medical college campus in Qatar.

Lehman also sought to improve Cornell’s image in the world. One of his first moves as president was to dissolve the Division of University Relations—removing its head, Vice President Henrik Dullea ’61, even before taking office—and divide it into two new divisions: Communications and Media Relations (later renamed



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University Communications) and Government and Community Relations. The communications division, under Vice President Thomas Bruce, undertook a sweeping remake of Cornell's image. The "Big Red Box" logo installed under President Hunter Rawlings was dumped in favor of a more traditional design, the University's website got a top-to-bottom redesign, and key publications such as the viewbook sent to prospective students were revamped. More than one observer has noted that many of these changes were driven by the recommendations of the student-run Image Committee, but Lehman gets credit for making the makeover a priority, says committee leader Peter Cohl '05. "He was very responsive to the Image Committee's concerns regarding Cornell's ranking and its place in the world. Lehman gave Cornell a huge shot of really vibrant energy. I think he really inspired us."

To enhance media relations, Bruce reorganized the Cornell News Service, with former News Service director Simeon Moss '73 heading the newly created Press Office and veteran science writer David Brand taking over as News Service director. A plan to expand and redesign the *Cornell Chronicle* was initiated, and much greater emphasis was placed on rapid electronic dissemination of news, with a steady stream of press releases and news summaries flowing out of the Press Office daily.

The increased emphasis on press coverage was accompanied by an internal outreach effort that sought greater involvement with faculty and students. "There was genuine intellectual engagement with the faculty," says Walcott. "Every time I went to a party with Jeff, he was talking with faculty—and it was talk with some kind of substance. As a result, I think many faculty felt he was interested in their work and interested in the academic side of the University."

Student leaders largely echoed these sentiments. "Jeff was very engaging," says student-elected trustee Doug Mitarotonda '02, MEng '03, a graduate student in economics. "He asked a lot of good questions, and you could tell that he was really trying to make the effort to learn more." Interfraternity Council president Alex Deyle '06 lauded Lehman's approachability. "He was very accessible," he says. "It's an expectation that students from here on will have." Alex Shapero '06, president of the Jewish Student Union, recounts how the president once showed up unannounced at a Latin-Israeli dance practice—"he put more energy into it than I could have"—and had "a strong interest in what students were doing and what they really cared about." Not every student leader was impressed, however: former *Daily Sun* editor Andy Guess '05 characterizes Lehman as a "lovable dork with big ideas" who failed to follow through on the schemes in his "grandiose speeches."



Clarification: Provost Biddy Martin (right) told the Faculty Senate that President Lehman's "three themes . . . are the way in which [he] feels universities can make transformative contributions."

Lehman stumped tirelessly for those schemes, traveling widely in his first year to meet with alumni at both domestic and international events—again, in the name of outreach and engagement. "Jeff was well-liked by just about every alumna and alumnus I've met," says Frantz. "He was 'one of us,' and because of that people were willing to give him a little extra time."

This, too, led to criticism, though: Lehman was accused of being out of Ithaca—and thus out of touch—too frequently. The demands of his daily schedule and frequent campus absences were such that some faculty noted a lack of personal communication with Day Hall. "Looking back," says Schwab, "it might have been nice if there had been more direct contact between the deans and the president."



Austin Kiplinger '39

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As Lehman began his second year as president, it appeared that many of his initiatives were moving ahead smoothly. Cornell's transnational role was taking shape in the new academic agreements with universities in China and elsewhere. The three themes were being coordinated with existing programs such as the New Life Sciences Initiative and helping to spur plans for new programs and facilities in a wide range of fields, from computer science to the humanities. And Cornell was embarking on the "quiet phase" of a major capital campaign that would seek to raise more than \$3 billion over the next seven years.

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Exit Interview

Jeffrey Lehman Reflects on His Presidency

By Scott Jaschik '85



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If Jeffrey Sean Lehman '77 is bitter about the conflicts that cost him his job as Cornell's eleventh president, he's not letting on. A week after leaving the position, he was full of enthusiasm during an interview to discuss his presidency, the first by a Cornell alumnus and the shortest in the University's 140 years.

During his two years in office, Lehman was rarely at a loss for words. The issues about which he spoke with passion—Cornell's international role, race relations, science and technology, a university's obligations to better the world—are subjects on which Lehman remains eloquent. And he can't talk for more than a few minutes about any of them without talking about Cornell's many accomplishments, praising this researcher or that student group. The only hesitation comes when he corrects himself on tenses, realizing that he's said "we are doing . . ." or "my goal is . . ." and then remembers that he needs to speak in the past tense.

The last sudden departure for a Cornell president was in 1969, when James Perkins quit in the wake of the Straight takeover. At that time, there was no question that the University was divided and in crisis. Lehman's departure shocked the campus precisely because there is no apparent crisis. Looking at the measures by which college presidents tend to be judged—fundraising, applications, research awards—Cornell has been setting records, not faltering.

So why did he quit? Lehman won't answer—at least not in any detail. He says that there were differences of priorities with key trustees and that they related to the capital campaign that was in the planning and start-up stages during his presidency. "Even though different members of the board embraced different parts of the strategic direction I pushed," he says, "I failed to persuade the board that the full priorities would produce a [successful] fundraising campaign."

Lehman realizes that his vagueness makes people all the more anx-

ious about what really happened. But he fears that providing specifics about those differences might make it more difficult for a future president. "I have stayed away from a public discussion of the details of the disagreements," he says, "because I honestly think that a new president might find it more difficult to follow the approach I was advocating if the board has been put into any kind of defensive posture." The other thing he'll say is that when board leaders and a president have a split, there's no question about who needs to take the high road and leave: the president. And so Lehman will decamp in the fall to Washington, D.C., where he will spend a year at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

If Lehman is hesitant to talk about his departure, he has no such reluctance in talking about how he was recruited to the presidency, his Call to Engagement, and his priorities as president.

"I remember it quite well," he says, recalling the day when he realized he might be a candidate to lead Cornell. "I was on vacation on Long Island and was looking at e-mail, and there was a message from one of the members of the search committee," he says. "I was asked if I was willing to talk about the search." Lehman was intrigued and a bit puzzled, trying to figure out if the committee just wanted to brainstorm or whether it was an invitation to become a candidate.

He had been approached about other presidencies, Lehman says, and he had always said no. "This was different. This was my alma mater calling, and I was thrilled," he says. "This was my school, my university. This was the campus where I started down the road toward adulthood."

He had "fourteen or fifteen hours of very intense conversations" with the search committee. Those discussions, he says, were based on the idea that Cornell was "fundamentally healthy and sound," and that the new president would be called upon to help it realize its full potential. The topics on which Lehman says he remembers spending the most time in the selection process were those he spent the most time on as president: international education, integrating different disciplines, race relations, scientific developments, and promoting cooperation between the medical school and the Ithaca campus. "I certainly sensed in the room a great deal of agreement and excitement," he says.

After becoming president, one of Lehman's first moves was to announce the Call to Engagement, in which he asked students, faculty, alumni, and anyone else who cared to participate to submit ideas about the future direction of Cornell—either by responding to a set of detailed questions or by offering up their own vision. "One of the things I perceived [early on] was that it had been a long time since the entire community was given the opportunity to pause and to look up from their desks and to think together about very large questions of institutional priorities," he says.

From the Call, Lehman says he gained a better sense of the way Cornell's departments and units could work together to truly reshape ideas. He cites the many scholars who work on issues of sustainability as an example. "There is a deep, humanistic impulse here—the idea that the real purpose of this great university is to serve humanity." Less noble issues also became top priorities, in part because Lehman heard so much about them in the Call. Many alumni felt that the University didn't get its due in the

media, and Lehman made public relations a priority, even noting Cornell's increased press coverage in his resignation speech. As for the priorities he had going in—international education and race relations, among others—Lehman says that the Call helped make his plans more specific, but didn't really change the course on which he and the trustees had agreed.

International education is an issue on which Lehman devoted considerable time. He started his inaugural in Qatar, at the medical school's campus there. He visited China twice as president, negotiating exchange agreements and joint-degree programs. His major project for the next year at the Wilson Center is to research and write about the transnational university, one of his favorite concepts.

Being a transnational university means more than just having campuses abroad, Lehman says. Citing Thomas Friedman's book *The World Is Flat*, Lehman says that the world has indeed been flattened in culture, science, and economics. "Our children today move around the world and will work and play with people from other countries in ways that were almost unimaginable when I was growing up. So what should a great university be doing to prepare this generation for their adult lives?"

There are two main things, according to Lehman. First, "we should be nurturing within every one of our students a transnational perspective on the human condition, and by that I mean that they should understand their own national identity and they should cherish it, but they should not be afraid to move easily across national boundaries, to immerse themselves in other cultures, to see the human endeavor as a shared global endeavor everywhere." Second, he says, "great universities need to embrace the idea of working in close, multilateral partnerships with a set of peer institutions worldwide in order to facilitate the easy movement of people and ideas from institution to institution. It's important because the great work that is being done today in so many different fields is collaborative work and is being done across national boundaries, whether it is in agriculture or nanoscience or information science." Lehman sees these goals as closely related, so he talks about the exchanges with Chinese universities and also about the importance of making a key hire in Ithaca to teach Chinese history.

At Cornell, as at many large universities, presidents don't do much hiring of faculty or organizing of courses—deans and faculty focus on these issues. Lehman describes the president's role as one of starting and encouraging a discussion, not dictating specifics. "Cornell is highly decentralized, so this notion of a transnational university needed to be assessed by the faculties of each college," he says. "My role was to put forward an idea, and each school and college would then have the discussion about how that fits." Lehman says that he's proud of the extent to which the various colleges have in fact done so, noting discussions currently taking place in the Engineering college about the issue, on top of more obvious examples of transnational activity like the growth of the Qatar program.

Another area where Lehman frequently spoke out was race relations. As the dean of Michigan's law school, he played a key role in successfully defending that institution's admissions policy, which used affirmative action, in a crucial Supreme Court case. Cornell has its own history with race relations, not all of it positive. As a result, Lehman's willingness to talk about issues of race frequently won him praise from those who believe that too many college administrators would prefer to stay away from the issue.

Lehman says that one of the qualities about Cornell he most admires today is the willingness of more people to talk about race, but he acknowledges that the University's past is both a help and hindrance. "I think the legacy of the Straight takeover in many ways enables Cornell to confront issues of racial tension in ways that are more direct and forthright than many other institutions. That's the potential that's there," he says. "The flip side is that there is a sense of anxiety about that aspect of our history, and that causes people to be afraid and to back away from conversation."

Cornell is also hurt, he says, by its history after the Straight takeover,

in the 1970s and '80s, when diversity was increasing as measured by numbers but many alumni of all races don't remember true integration on the campus. "But if you talk to students today," he says, "there has been a great deal of progress—and there's more progress to be made." He adds: "When I have spoken on campus, I talk about an ideal, which is that every student of every race, every day, would experience an ebb and flow between communities where they feel comfortable and safe and surrounded by people who are similar to themselves, and communities that are new and exciting and where they feel like a true minority; that kind of daily movement back and forth is what a Cornell makes possible. I think the culture here values that kind of movement, and that is the thing I am most excited about. But that is not to say that the ideal has been realized."

One of the most striking things about talking with Lehman is that many of his priorities do not translate obviously into categories of a multi-billion-dollar capital campaign. Like any college president these days, he spent countless hours on financial matters—but he makes a point of questioning that role. "I spent a huge amount of my time focused on budgets, on fundraising, on working with the State of New York on appropriations," Lehman says. "But I believe that if universities come to be described by their presidents and understood by the public as being first and foremost about dollars, then we will have lost one of the great institutions of human civilization."

He adds: "I think we always need to be financially responsible institutions, we need to deal with the resources we've been entrusted with in careful, responsible ways, and we need to do everything we can to secure the commitment of resources that enables us to do great things in the world. But in order to do that, we have to articulate a vision of higher education that is compelling, that is worth investing in. If we say that the purpose of the university is to raise money, we will not raise money."

That of course poses the question of where Cornell fits in the world of higher education. Lehman says he wants Cornell to be known to its alumni, faculty, and students (current and prospective) as both "beloved" and "revolutionary," the two qualities he spoke of in his inaugural address. Looking back, he says that his vision for the University was very much based on that idea. "It's a commonplace, especially among graduates, that Cornell is a beloved institution. My heartfelt belief is that Cornell's beloved quality is deeply intertwined with its revolutionary quality. Part of why so many people treasure Cornell is that it opened the door for them that other institutions might not have been willing to open. Cornell, from its founding, was committed to this notion of 'any person, any study.' And 'any person' was something that was way ahead of its time."

That "any person" quality comes out, he says, in Cornell enrolling a higher percentage of lower-income students than the handful of U.S. institutions that are wealthier. Likewise, he says the "any study" concept separates Cornell from universities that are more strictly practical or more strictly theoretical.

Advances in science, Lehman says, are the perfect illustration of why the Cornell model works. "Many of our Ivy League peers have always wondered why we are proud of our land-grant tradition," he says. But with the genomic revolution, the combined strength and approaches of Cornell's scholars in engineering, scientific disciplines, agriculture, medicine, and veterinary medicine "makes us the envy of the others."

As Lehman goes on about how Cornell compares favorably to this university or that, it's hard not to wonder if he's really at peace with his resignation. "I am sad that my presidency did not last longer than two years," he says. "I love this university. I really do. I think that the opportunity to serve as its president was one of the greatest gifts I could ever receive, and that is not something to be bitter about."

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But behind the scenes all was not well. What follows is an account of the events that led to Lehman's resignation, compiled from interviews with multiple sources, all of them highly placed and well-informed members of the University community. Almost all spoke on the condition that their names not be used in the story.

Board of Trustees Chairman Peter Meinig '61 and other trustees were growing troubled about Lehman's stewardship of the University and losing confidence in his leadership. Their concerns revolved around a perception of the way he was making decisions and the effect those decisions were having on both day-to-day operations and the capital campaign. Lehman did not agree with this perception.

Publicly, little evidence of these concerns emerged until Inge Reichenbach, vice president for alumni affairs and development and a highly successful fundraiser during her twenty-five years on the Hill, announced in April that she was resigning to accept a position at Yale. Reichenbach was close to many of the trustees, whom she had cultivated for years as major donors; in return, they enjoyed her company and greatly admired her skill as a fundraiser.

Many of the trustees were shocked by Reichenbach's resignation, and according to reports several traveled to Ithaca to try to persuade her to stay. Lehman also asked her to reconsider. She refused.

Reichenbach did not respond to inquiries from CAM and has refused to comment on the reasons behind her departure when asked by the *New York Times* and other publications. And, as noted, the terms of the separation agreement prevent Lehman and

Controversial role: President Lehman's wife, Kathy Okun, was named "senior university advisor," which reportedly caused friction with some other administrators.



the trustees from airing the reasons for their disagreement. But it's clear from discussions with campus observers that the Reichenbach resignation was the "defining moment," as Austin Kiplinger put it, in a deteriorating relationship between Lehman and the trustees who eventually forced him out.

Insiders attribute Reichenbach's departure to two factors. First, as Lehman brought new people into his administration, her role changed from what it had been under Hunter Rawlings. Lehman had his own way of working with senior administrators and a different decision-making style. More important, Reichenbach's personal relationship with the president grew increasingly strained—a matter of "chemistry," according to one source.

The tension was heightened by Reichenbach's discomfort with the part that Lehman's wife, Kathy Okun, was playing in the administration. As one person close to Lehman commented, "She didn't like it." Okun had been an associate vice president for development at the University of Michigan. After she came to Cornell, she was named "senior university advisor," a position created for her by the Board of Trustees in recognition of her previous administrative experience. Although Okun focused largely on faculty recruitment and community relations, Reichenbach was reportedly unhappy about her presence in Day Hall.

Reichenbach's displeasure finally reached the point where she decided to accept an offer from Yale. That Lehman would allow her to leave Cornell early in a major campaign was deeply disconcerting to many members of the Board—although Meinig denies that it was the reason for their dispute.

The trustees also believed, according to Kiplinger and other sources, that Lehman was relying too much on a small inner circle of key administrative associates. This "kitchen cabinet" included his wife and Barbara Krause, JD '86, who had served as Cornell's judicial administrator, associate university counsel, and executive secretary of the search committee that had selected Lehman. Krause had come to know Lehman well while overseeing the transition between the Rawlings and Lehman administrations, and in September 2003 Lehman named her "senior advisor to the president." To Lehman's consternation, the trustees forced him to diminish Krause's role in April.

Some trustees were troubled by what was seen as Lehman's excessive emphasis on Cornell's transnational role and the effect it was having on his schedule. They reportedly told him that his journeys abroad were distracting him from more pressing issues in Ithaca, including initiatives that were key to the capital cam-

paign, such as nanotechnology and the life sciences.

Similarly, there were questions about how the three themes fit with the campaign—especially “sustainability in the age of development,” which reportedly left some trustees perplexed. At a Faculty Senate meeting on April 13, Provost Biddy Martin announced Reichenbach’s resignation and then responded to a question about the direction of the campaign. “You think . . . that the three themes are sort of the guiding principles of the campaign,” she said, according to the minutes of meeting. “That, I think, is something that many people have worried about, including our trustees.” Martin went on to tell the senate that the three themes “are the way in which, I think, this particular president feels universities can make transformative contributions beyond the traditional ways in which we organize our disciplinary knowledge . . . but they are by no means the bulk or the dominating focus of our campaign strategy.”

The relationship between the president and the trustees bottomed out shortly before Commencement. A deal was struck: Lehman would resign, in return for which he would receive compensation and both sides would agree to a non-disparagement clause—they would not reveal the reasons for their dispute or speak ill of each other.

Lehman’s announcement of his resignation did not offer any reasons beyond a vague statement about “different approaches.” The official University statements have not expanded upon that. Hunter Rawlings, in an e-mail sent to alumni after the approval of his appointment as interim president, stated: “President Lehman and the Board of Trustees have agreed that his and the institution’s best interests will be served by foregoing more open discussion.”

Many in the Cornell community disagree—not only because the silence makes it difficult to come to terms with the resignation of a leader who appeared to be succeeding on many counts but also because it has fueled so much speculation, some of it outrageous. The wild rumors are unfounded, says Austin Kiplinger. “There wasn’t anything dishonorable,” he emphasizes. “That needs to be said over and over again. All parties acted in good faith.” Kiplinger characterizes the dispute as “not so much a difference between the president and the Board of Trustees as between the president and the ongoing structure of the University.” He believes that Lehman did not develop the necessary “symbiotic relationship” with the institutional structure of Cornell.

Another chairman emeritus, Stephen Weiss ’57, says, “The obvious question is: should we have had a more experienced person? Hunter Rawlings had run the University of Iowa, and Frank Rhodes had had a significant position at Michigan [as vice president for academic affairs] before coming to Cornell. Jeff ran the law school very well at Michigan, but I don’t think anyone would argue that that’s a major administrative position.” President Emeritus Dale Corson concurs: “While Jeff was eminently qualified for the position, he came from a deanship, and it’s a fairly big step from a deanship to being president of an institution—and Cornell is a very complex university.”

Looking beyond the possible reasons for the resignation, many are asking if the lack of information about Lehman’s departure will be a problem in the search for Cornell’s twelfth president. “I would think every candidate would want to know what he or she was getting

into,” says Kiplinger. “You’ve got to know if you’re coming into a hornets’ nest.” The role of the Board in overseeing the president is sure to be a topic of discussion, and there is general agreement that candidates will want to know more about the specifics of Lehman’s disconnect with the Board. “People who are serious candidates will want to talk about what the issues were—and they will want to talk to [Lehman] about that, as well as to the trustees,” says President Emeritus Frank Rhodes. Even so, he adds, “Cornell remains an immensely attractive university, capable of recruiting really top-notch players, world-class players, into that role. It’s an enormously challenging position but also a very attractive position.”

There is also a need for reassurance about the adequacy of the search process itself. “There are a lot of faculty and alumni who are not clear about what’s happened,” says LaFeber. “It seems to me that all this makes it doubly important that the Cornell community has confidence in the search process.”

Even with the uncertainty that still hangs in the air, Meinig is optimistic that Cornell can find a strong candidate who will continue the initiatives now under way, be an effective leader for the capital campaign, and clearly articulate the University’s mission as it approaches its sesquicentennial in 2015. “The institution is strong and will survive this unforeseen and unfortunate departure,” says Provost Martin. “It is sad that Jeff’s tenure ended up being shorter than expected, but he made enduring contributions while he was president. If you think of it historically, consider the ongoing involvement of other former presidents, and take into account the contributions that Jeff made, we can look forward with a great deal of confidence.”

Others are less sanguine about Lehman’s future role at Cornell. “I hope that the University gets the value out of him that we get out of our other three emeritus presidents,” says Schwab. “We’d lose a resource and opportunity if we’re not able to convince President Lehman to play a similar role. He’s talented, articulate, and very committed to Cornell—we should take advantage of that.” Lehman remains a tenured faculty member, though his immediate post-presidency plans involve a year-long appointment at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. Schwab says that he has discussed the possibility of Lehman’s return to campus to teach at the Law school in 2006. “We could certainly use him,” he says. “But he’s weighing his options.”

Many feel that Lehman’s legacy will be more fully appreciated as time passes and the controversy over his resignation fades. “I think it would be a tragedy for Cornell to write off his two years because of his resignation,” says Weiss. “Jeff worked very hard, he loved the place, and he did a lot of good things. . . . I don’t think this is a good guy/bad guy situation, but one where the chemistry didn’t work for a lot of reasons. He’s a good guy and will be better in his next position than he was here—and Cornell will select a great president.” ●



Inge Reichenbach

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AFTER THE CRASH SHE DIDN'T SEE COMING, ABBY JOSEPH COHEN IS STILL ONE OF WALL STREET'S MOST POWERFUL PROGNOSTICATORS. IS SHE PLAYING IT SAFER THIS TIME? DON'T BET ON IT.

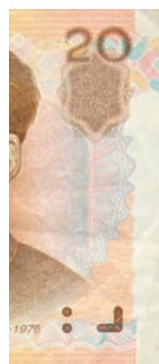


BY SUSAN KELLEY

It's been a few months since investment strategist Abby Joseph Cohen '73 moved her office from the forty-seventh to the forty-fifth floor of 1 New York Plaza, a skyscraper balanced on the southern edge of Manhattan. Cohen, a partner-managing director and chief U.S. investment strategist at Goldman, Sachs & Co., glances around her office. "I don't know where my business cards are," she says with an accent that offers more than a hint of her Queens upbringing. Fifty-three years old and solidly built, she stands about five feet tall, dressed in a conservative black pantsuit, turtleneck sweater, and sturdy lace-up shoes. She points to a tidy stack of cardboard boxes. "They're somewhere in there."

Not so long ago, she practically didn't need them. In the late 1990s, with the stock market roaring, the unpretentious economist became something of a media star when she predicted America's longest bull run since World War II. With her uncanny ability to pull meaning from a chaos of economic statistics and gift for plainspoken investment advice, she was a familiar face on the financial pages and on television. But when the bubble burst in 2000, she, along with other high-profile pundits, were caught in the backlash.

Though she spends a lot less time in the spotlight these days, Cohen is still an influential financial authority who advises the world's largest institutional investors, corporations, and governments where to invest their billions. She has met in recent months with officials in Washington, Tokyo, London, Beijing, Jerusalem, Kuwait City, and Canberra to discuss subjects ranging from pension reform to capital market structure, accounting, and economic policy. *Forbes* recently named her the nineteenth most powerful woman in the world, citing CNBC and Reuter's assessments that her 2003 and 2004 equity market forecasts were the most accu-



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rate provided by any of the major investment firms. “She’s at least as good as the very best, over and over again,” says Charley Ellis, founder of Greenwich Associates, a research consulting firm for financial institutions.

Cohen tends to brush off such praise, just as she brushes off the headlines that once heralded her as an “oracle,” a “guru,” and a “soothsayer.” She prefers “data wonk”—which is a little bit like saying Alan Greenspan is “good with numbers.” She says she has succeeded in the financial industry because she takes her work

seriously, but doesn’t take herself seriously—for a reason that any parent can appreciate: “I have children.”

And in a male-dominated industry rife with flash and brashness, Cohen remains unassuming. “She is cordial and gracious to everyone. She has no airs whatsoever,” says Lauren Rublin, an assistant managing editor at *Barron’s*, where Cohen has been commentator on an annual roundtable since 2000. One of the most powerful women in American business is also a nice lady from Queens.

In 2000, the *New York Times* ran a tongue-in-cheek column that wistfully imagined Cohen extending her influence to a world “badly in need of her guidance.” (Teen pregnancy rates would drop. She’d win the World Series of Poker. Taiwan and China would reunify.) Such was Cohen’s perceived sway in the late ’90s, when an energetic economy was rocketing the stock market to dizzying heights. Throughout the bull market’s ten-year run, from 1990 to 2000, most financial pundits misread the economic data and insisted that the party couldn’t last. But Cohen, then co-chair of Goldman’s investment policy committee, read the tea leaves differently. Factors like the low rate of inflation, investment in new technologies, and gains in corporate productivity and earnings all indicated to her that the economy was strong and the market would maintain its screaming pace. It did.

And the media noticed. In 1998, *Fortune* named her the ninth most influential woman in corporate America (although the magazine also said that her power within Goldman suffered because she hadn’t yet made partner—a status that she acquired in 1998). *Institutional Investor* ranked her the number-one strategist from 1997 to 1999. For twelve years running, from 1990 to 2002, Greenwich Associates would rank her the top strategist as well.

Cohen was forecasting—as she still does—for financially savvy Goldman clients with long-term investment horizons, but novice investors grasping for a daily stock pick were also listening. At the time, employers were shifting their retirement programs into 401(k) plans, allowing employees to make their own investment decisions. As the stock market soared and cocktail-party talk turned to the killings that could be made in upstart Internet companies, neophyte investors dove head-first into the market.

Enter Cohen, who could translate sophisticated economic concepts into easy-to-understand language. She compared the U.S. economy to a supertanker—a big ship on an established course that can only be turned or stop slowly. She described interest rate increases as flu shots—medicine that would hurt at the time but in the long run protect against inflation. “They are deceptively simple metaphors that make her work accessible to people who are not professional investors,” says Rublin.

Her influence grew to the point that her word could move markets. When she urged her clients to increase the amount of stocks in their portfolios in October 1997, the Dow Jones Industrial Average shot up 337 points. She became a regular on television news programs such as “Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser,” which inducted her into its hall of fame in 1997. In 1998, *Business Week* plastered her face on its cover with the head-

line “The Prophet of Wall Street.”

In March 2000, the market turned south, just as Cohen urged her clients to reduce the stocks held in their portfolios—but not by enough. Some criticized her for being too optimistic. Others charged that her sell signal had actually catalyzed the downward spiral—and lost billions for technology- and stock-heavy investors. CNBC, under its ticker, called it “The Abby Effect.”

“Look, she had a rough spell,” says Steve Einhorn, Cohen’s former boss at Goldman and vice chairman of Omega Advisors, a multi-billion-dollar hedge fund. “She stayed constructive on the market in 2000, 2001, and 2002, and the market was down in every one of those years.”

Cohen downplays the criticism. “It is unrealistic to expect forecasts of any type to be perfect,” she says. “In financial market projections, getting the direction right is often a notable accomplishment and extremely valuable to investors. In March 2000, on the day the S&P 500 peaked in price, we advised our clients to sell some stocks and to be especially wary of the highly priced technology stocks. In retrospect, we should have rung the alarm bell more loudly.” And her 2001 projections, she says, were scuttled by the September 11 terrorist attacks. In the summer of 2001, she told clients that the recession was ending and therefore much of the decline in the stock market was over, she says. “We now know that the economy and profits had indeed begun to improve that summer, but that growth came to an abrupt end in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.” Cohen also contends that the media often oversimplified her 100-page reports into sound bites, sometimes with the wrong message.

Professionals in the field, while conceding that Cohen made mistakes, say that she was also a victim of excessive hype.

“I know Abby well enough to know that she didn’t want the media attention when it was going up, and was a big enough person to swallow it when it was coming against her,” Einhorn says. “She did her work, she presented her views, and most intelligent users of market research understand that at times a strategist will be wrong. As long as they represent themselves fairly, analytically, and clearly, that’s all you can ask for.”

While Cohen lost a little cachet on Main Street, she’s still held in high esteem at Goldman, where her job and responsibilities have grown, especially in the past two years. In May, she addressed a conference at the United Nations with Al Gore and Ted Turner on the role of institutional investors in environmental matters. Some people, clearly, still have confidence in her analyses.

People in Abby Joseph Cohen’s position typically require an estate in the Hamptons and another in Greenwich. Not Cohen. What’s the one thing she cannot live without? “Well, *that’s* a personal question,” she says. She pauses. “Intellectual stimulation. For me, the thrill of the chase, the puzzle that I get to solve on a regular basis, is just very exciting.”



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STATE OF THE UNION

We asked Abby Joseph Cohen for her assessment of the U.S. economy. Here's what she told us:

I would describe the United States as being “in the middle,” using several different perspectives. First, the U.S. economy is now in the middle of an expansion. Although we are well past the last recession, we are still a considerable distance from the next recession. I also believe that the financial markets are in the midst of their adjustment to economic fundamentals that are encouraging stock prices to rise further and bond prices to decline (that is, interest rates are expected to rise).

Second, the United States is “in the middle” in terms of our relative position in the world. We are central to much of what is happening elsewhere, given the size of our economy—the world’s largest—and the size of our capital markets—also the world’s largest. There are few developments here that don’t affect other nations. The United States is also affected, directly and indirectly, by conditions elsewhere.

Third, the global economy is currently in disequilibrium, and because that is not sustainable in the long run, we are in the midst of changes. Specifically, the U.S. economy is growing well, yet many other senior economies are not. There is a notable gap in the growth rates of the major industrial economies, with the United States growing about twice as fast as Europe and Japan. Our corporations are enjoying solid profits, have repaired their accounting and their balance sheets, and have cash to hire more workers and invest in new equipment. The contrast to the weaker picture in other major economies is worrisome, and it has implications for foreign trade and currencies. The United States is the world’s largest trading nation, and to the surprise of many, is usually the world’s leading exporter. However, other industrial economies are our primary customers and, if they are growing slowly, they won’t be actively buying our exports. This impedes our growth as well.

That puzzle is also diabolically complex: predicting the long-term performance of the global economy. She tries to solve it with a muscular intellect and a healthy skepticism of the economic indicators that others accept as gospel.

Although she oversees nine employees in Goldman's global investment research department, she herself spends several hours each week poring over statistics such as inflation rates, gross domestic product, and labor productivity published by the Congressional Budget Office and Federal Reserve Board. "I find that with my experienced eye," Cohen says, "I may pick up trends or patterns that other people who don't have the same number of years in place may not pick up."

Rather than take those statistics at face value, Cohen, who has a master's degree in economics from George Washington University, factors in how the sampling and surveying techniques on which they are based might skew outcomes. It's her way of fighting "the tyranny of a lot of data," as she calls it. "There is often a

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presumption that just because there is a data item and it's published—heaven knows, if it's on a computer—it must be right," she says. "The data, number one, are not necessarily all that precise; number two, are subject to revision; and number three, might be irrelevant."

She learned the value of skepticism at her first job after graduating from Cornell, at the Federal Reserve Board's research division. The team on which she served as a junior member tried to identify ways in which the Fed's sophisticated econometric model would not work. They discovered that its forecasting ability was seriously impeded during periods of high inflation because it had been developed before the worrisome inflation of the 1970s, she says. "So, if you relied only on the model, you didn't get quite the right answer." She applied that lesson at Goldman in the 1990s, building her own projections of corporate earnings from scratch by analyzing every quarterly earnings report of every company in the S&P 500—rather than relying on data published by public companies.

To get an accurate read on the economy, Cohen also examines what she calls "critical variables," like the health of the labor markets, corporate accounting and governance, and the Bush administration's budget deficit. Increasingly, she also delves into the economic health of other countries. "We are the world's largest trader," Cohen says. "Everybody forgets that. One of the critical variables that emerges from that is, well, how is Europe doing? How is Japan doing? They are major customers for our products."

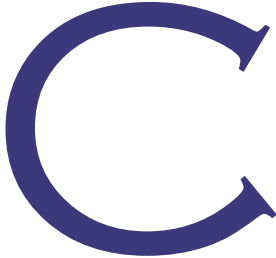
She also integrates Goldman's research on specific companies and industries. "Often we'll pick up trends in company information before we'll see it in the governmental data." Cohen's outstanding memory for facts and statistics and her formidable command of economic analysis enable her to speak with authority on a range of financial topics, Rublin says. "She's ferociously intelligent and she works extremely hard."

Cohen typically arrives at her office at 7 a.m., puts in a twelve-to-fifteen-hour day (and often works on the weekend), and gets 200 to 300 e-mails each day. Lately, she's cut her travel down to seventy-five days per year. "The days are frenetic, so I do a lot of my reading, thinking, and writing either in the evenings or on the weekends," she says. "I also work on long airplane flights. I find flights to faraway places to be very productive, because there is no telephone or computer."

Cohen bolsters her analytical powers with diverse interests. She and her two daughters often visit the Museum of Modern Art (she is a Paul Klee fan). She will devour two or three books at a time—recent reads include *Wedding of the Waters*, Peter Bernstein's chronicle of the Erie Canal ("It was good, but it needed more maps"), and Brian Greene's *The Fabric of the Cosmos*. She and a group of Goldman women meet monthly with a rabbi to study European history. A trustee of the Jewish Theological Seminary, she facilitated a panel there discussing the inclusion of women in the rabbinate. She is also a Cornell trustee, serves on the Board of Overseers of the Weill Cornell Medical College, and often speaks at the Johnson School.

Her wide-ranging interests can inform her work, she says. "Sometimes the biggest insight comes from looking at something totally different from what you look at during the course of the day."

All this helps Cohen advise people how to make money—lots of it. Since she joined MOMA's investment committee (which includes such financial luminaries as Leon Black, Pete Peterson, and Robert Menschel) in 1999, its endowment has grown from \$200 million to \$475 million. "People really respect her judgment," says James Gara, MOMA's chief operations officer, "and you're talking about the key titans of the investment world who sit on this committee and look forward to hearing Abby's point of view and are often swayed by Abby's point of view." Should she find herself in a disagreement, Cohen is loath to give ground, Ellis says. "Abby is always gracious and thoughtful without ever backing away—she never talks down, and never soft-pedals."

ohen still lives in Queens, near the house where she was raised. Her mother, Shirley Joseph, emigrated from Poland in the 1920s with her family, leaving behind relatives who would later be killed in the Holocaust. At a time when few women worked outside the home, Joseph held a position at the comptroller's office of General Foods, but left shortly before Cohen's elder sister, Sharyn, was



The budding economist: Abby Joseph, 1973 Cornellian

born. Cohen's father, Raymond Joseph, was born in Brooklyn to parents who had recently come from Poland. He became an accountant with the firm J.K. Lasser, now part of Deloitte & Touche, and eventually worked for one of its best clients, *Essence* magazine. Both parents encouraged their daughters to cut their own paths, just as they had.

At her public high school, Cohen thrived in an honors science program that was two-thirds boys. She chose to attend Cornell for its Nobel Prize winners in physics, the breadth of its courses—and its pioneering role in co-education, she says. “I thought, the world is co-ed, the workforce is co-ed. This is something I need to do.”

She entered Cornell as a physical chemistry major, but became increasingly intrigued by the new field of econometrics, which used computers to apply mathematical and statistical concepts to economics. She also studied computer science and operations research, subjects that, in the early 1970s, weren't available at most universities. In her second year, she switched her major to economics. (It was in her Economics 101 class that she met her husband, David Cohen '73, who is assistant vice president for administration at Columbia University Medical Center and was previously Columbia's labor lawyer.) Cornell offered the opportunity to learn both economic principles and applications, she says. “For me, the fact that I was able to do my theoretical work in economics and then walk over to the Engineering Quad and implement what I was studying the-

oretically was critically important. At the time, it made me part of a very small group that was able to do that.”

Of that small group, few were women. She doesn't remember many in her electrical engineering courses or in the economics department; some buildings even lacked ladies' rooms. “In a way, my Cornell experience prepared me for my career because the gender mix was similar when I got to the workplace,” Cohen says.

With her background in mathematical economics and computer science, she began to hire herself out to graduate students, building databases and doing econometric analyses for their dissertation research. After she graduated, Cohen was flooded with job offers. She and her husband moved to Washington, D.C., where she joined the Fed and got her master's degree. In 1976, she signed on as an applied economist with T. Rowe Price, a research-oriented money management firm.

It was only then that she encountered the undisguised gender discrimination of the corporate world. On several occasions, she was initially refused entry into meetings at clients' offices because she was mistaken for a secretary. When she hosted a luncheon at a private club, she was given a tiny room without air-conditioning and told that women were not allowed on the other floors until evening.

In 1978, she was named the youngest vice president at T. Rowe Price at the time—and then denied health insurance for her husband. “I was told that men, not women, were the primary wage earners of their families, and only they were entitled to the benefit,” she recounted in a Harvard case study of her career. The firm reconsidered when Cohen's husband gave her a case that showed the policy was illegal. When a senior male executive found out that Cohen had a daughter and then told her that he thought mothers shouldn't work, she let headhunters know she wanted out. In 1982, she and her family returned to Queens, near her parents, and she took a job as an equity strategist for Drexel Burnham Lambert. In 1990, Drexel collapsed in a scandal. That year, Cohen joined Goldman.

Fifteen years later, she's still the exception to the male rule. At Goldman, she is one of about 200 female managing directors out

of 1,150. But Cohen is typically understated about her role on the financial world's gender frontier. “My way of approaching change has been to be the best professional I can be,” she says.

It's a strategy that has paid off handsomely. In a business

that makes cruel distinctions between its winners and losers, Cohen has made a name for herself by getting the “right” answer on the market time and again. Although she is fastidious about laying out the assumptions behind her forecasts, and although she appreciates the absurdity of trying to be 100 percent accurate 100 percent of the time, in the end, clients still want to know the most likely outcome. “The joke about an economist is that the most dangerous thing is, ‘. . . but on the other hand,’” she says. “Harry Truman said what he really wanted more than anything else was a one-armed economist. And that's what we try to do.”



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By the CAAAN Advisory Committee

When a high school student approaches the Cornell table at a college fair, the first University representative that she encounters is often a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteer. More than 6,900 CAAAN alumni around the world assist the Cornell admissions community in recruiting superior undergraduate students. Each year, they staff hundreds of college fairs and conduct more than 12,000 informal meetings with applicants.

Even more important is the personal introduction to Cornell that they extend to prospective students. CAAAN's mission is to provide local, helpful guidance to students navigating the application process and to offer insight into the benefits of life at Cornell. Volunteers offer a human and calming touch to this stressful time in the applicant's life. Their personal introduction to Cornell and the talks that follow can be the deciding factor in the student's decision to attend.

That was the case in a story related by Marcia Goldschlager Epstein '64, who has served as CAAAN's general chair for the Philadelphia metropolitan area for more than two decades. A professor of behavioral sciences at Com-

munity College of Philadelphia, Marcia recalls an anxious student who approached her one day after a class. The student had just been invited to apply to Cornell and sought Marcia's guidance by inquiring whether she knew anything about the school. In the best CAAAN tradition, Marcia shared

her excitement for her alma mater and encouraged the student to apply. The student eventually became a 2000 graduate of Cornell, and Marcia is now proud to call her a colleague on the faculty at the community college.

Marcia began her leadership in CAAAN as chair of the Southern New Jersey committee in the mid-1970s, when CAAAN went by a different name and had a different mission. After moving to Philadelphia in 1979, she continued to lead the local CAAAN organization. During her tenure, metro Philadelphia has grown to comprise fifteen individual CAAAN committees and receives up to 700 freshman applications a year. Marcia speaks with pride about the accom-



Marcia Goldschlager Epstein '64 and Jeff Lee '89, ME '90

plishments of greater Philadelphia's CAAAN network, and the leadership of such alumni as Connie Case Haggard '58, Jim Lansing '53, Amy Norr '82, and the other twelve committee chairpersons who all keep the organization going at full speed.

Besides providing a rewarding experience, serving as a CAAAN ambassador can help promote personal and professional development. When Jeff Lee '89, ME '90, arrived at Cornell as a new computer science student from the Bronx High School of Science, he was "a bit shy" and "almost nervous meeting new kids." (The "almost" is significant, because he met his future wife, Debbie Squires-Lee '91, at his
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CEN/New York City, Oct. 25—Guest speaker Renee Siegel, the Cornell Club, at 7:30 a.m. Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-6412.

School of Hotel Administration, Nov. 14—Cornell Hotel Society reception at the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show, Bryant Park Grill, New York City. Contact Ilya Cherepakhin, ilya.online@gmail.com.

Northeast

CC/New Hampshire, Sept. 18—First annual Merrimack Valley family picnic and potluck, Bedford. Contact Dan and Tracy Atlas, ccnh_atlas@comcast.net, 603/880-0607.

CC/Boston, Sept. 20—Club membership appreciation party, Jimmy's Harborside Restaurant. Contact Paul Hayre, pnh4@cornell.edu, 781/772-1778.

CC/Rhode Island and Bristol County, Sept. 24—Club membership appreciation party, Newport Dinner Train. Contact Mitchell Edwards, medwards@haslaw.com, 401/457-5122.

Northeast Regional Office, Sept. 24—Concert by the Sherwoods 12-man a cappella singing group, Boston. Contact Laura Little, LBL2@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

Office of Alumni Affairs, Sept. 24—Cornell celebration at Yale with President and Mrs. Hunter Rawlings. Contact the Northeast Regional Office, 617/557-4168.

CC/Berkshires, Oct. 2—Millbrook Vineyards and Winery tour. Contact Toby Levine, toby@tobylevine.com.

CC/Cape Cod, Oct. 5—Luncheon. Contact Judith Carr, judith_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

CC/Greater Hartford, Oct. 11—Human Ecology speaker. Contact John Eckel, john.eckel@pinninvest.com, 860/651-1716.

CEN, Oct. 11—CEN forum featuring Jill Tarter of the Arecibo Observatory. Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-6412.

CC/Greater Hartford, Oct. 15—Hike to Heublin Tower, Talcott Mountain State Park. Contact Amy Fairchild, amymfairchild@gmail.com, 860/693-1317.

CC/Boston, Oct. 16—Annual bus trip to Cornell. Contact Jeff Lee, JCL148@cornell.edu.

CC/Greater Hartford, Oct. 24—Board meeting. Contact John Eckel, john.eckel@pinninvest.com, 860/651-1716.

Cornell Annual Fund, Oct. 24—Boston Cornell Annual Fund Phonathon. Contact Jeff Lee, JCL48@cornell.edu, 781/749-9990.

Cornell Annual Fund, Oct. 25—Vermont Cornell Annual Fund Phonathon. Contact Walt Bruska, waltb@surfglobal.net, 802/985-4121.

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CC/New Hampshire, Nov. 5—Cornell football vs. Dartmouth in Hanover. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 978/373-5728.

CC/Cape Cod, Nov. 9—Board meeting, Thirwood Place. Contact Judith Carr, judith_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

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CEN, Sept. 29—Robert Strudler of Lennar Corp. on "Real Estate Development in Miami: Where It's Been and Where It's Going," Hyatt Regency Miami. Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-6412.

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fraternity's first party of the year.) Two years after earning his master's degree, he joined CAAAN's Committee #34 in Queens, New York. In 1998, Jeff and Debbie moved to Boston, where he transitioned from a committee member to committee chair, eventually rising in the ranks to become the general chair for Eastern Massachusetts and a member of the CAAAN Advisory Committee.

In that time, meeting and interacting with young people who are applying to Cornell has honed his "people skills," which he uses every day in his position with Citigroup, Jeff

says. CAAAN involvement has also increased his self-confidence and leadership skills, which are evident in his related Cornell activities: coordinating the Cornell Book Awards, the Freshman Send-Off, and the Cornell Club of Boston's annual bus trip to the Ithaca campus. He has also chaired the Boston Cornell Fund Phonathon for several years.

Jeff's involvement in CAAAN also provides him with a way to give back to the University, he says. "I feel like I owe a lot to Cornell." Not only did his Cornell degrees (and a Cornell connection) land him on Wall Street and in Boston with Citigroup, but his

son Jesse was born at Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York, delivered by Joan Kent '80, MD '84.

CAAAN ambassadors like Jeff and Marcia are enthusiastic, informed volunteers who put a personal face on Cornell by answering applicants' questions and providing them with information about the University and its strengths. Their work benefits students and Cornell—and the rewards benefit them as well.

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Reports of Reunion Classes

CRC There have been Cornell reunions when snow fell on the exurban hills of Ithaca, but this wasn't one of them. June busted out with roasting hot dog days of spring '05, and when the rains came by Friday for the mandatory reunion appearance, they were actually welcome. None of the 100 or so Continuous Reunion Club members who turned up for our 99th Reunion objected to a break in the global warming of Ithaca.

CRC returned to its North Campus home, the Holland International Living Center named for **Brud Holland '39**, a hotbed of good conversation and the merriment of convivial old (and new) buddies. Some checked out the Savage Club Thursday night at the Statler Auditorium. Others visited friends in neighboring classes. The Arts Quad tents don't open until Friday these days, but you could hear our **Dave Dingle '50** at the piano in his nearby 55th Reunion headquarters. Or you could hear pianist **Tom Foulkes '52** and clarinetist **Lou Pradt '53** jamming, or rather, rehearsing, at Holland. They don't get together often, but when they do, a groovin' sound is made. At HILC, they were preparing to cut a tape. It will become available. Stay tuned.

There were early bird walks at the Laboratory of Ornithology, a golf tournament, an engineering breakfast, and classes Friday morning. Most of CRC found its way to the Statler for the annual lunch with Director of Athletics Andy Noel and his coaching staff. There it was revealed that ten bottles of beer had been delivered to us at the beginning of the weekend. That was one for each case ordered. (The situation was rectified.)

Retired Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame baseball and freshman football coach Ted Thoren helped the revelers ease into the spirit of the weekend with his own Thoren-y wit and wisdom. "I'm glad we brought football coach **Jim Knowles '87** home," said Ted.

The members learned that the new holder of the Cornell Tradition Fellowship named for the late **Joe Driscoll '44**, MBA '49—**Kelsey Dow '09**, of Bristol, PA—was settling into the life of a Cornellian. CRC announced a gift to the men's and women's squash teams, coached by Mark and Julee Devoy. "We want athletes to have a positive experience," Julee told the members. The men's team beat Princeton for the first time in 39 matches and finished sixth in the nationals with two All-America players. The women were ranked 10th nationally.

Andy Noel reviewed an athletic year in which the Big Red's three-year total of Ivy League championships reached 22. Knowles took the football team from a 1-9 record in 2003 to second place in the Ivy League last year. "You

are our strength. You are our heart," he told the friends of Cornell football present. Noel introduced the new women's rowing coach, Chris Wilson. "Cornell is an exciting place for woman athletes," she said. Vice President for Student and Academic Services **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, "makes us feel important."

Gerry Grady '53 gave the financial report, then called for a moment to honor the memory of CRC members lost in the past year: **Frank O'Brien '31**, **Chuck Sweeney '42**, **William Hagar '41**, **Roy Unger '43**, **Robert Smart '57**, and **Sam Bookbinder '57**.

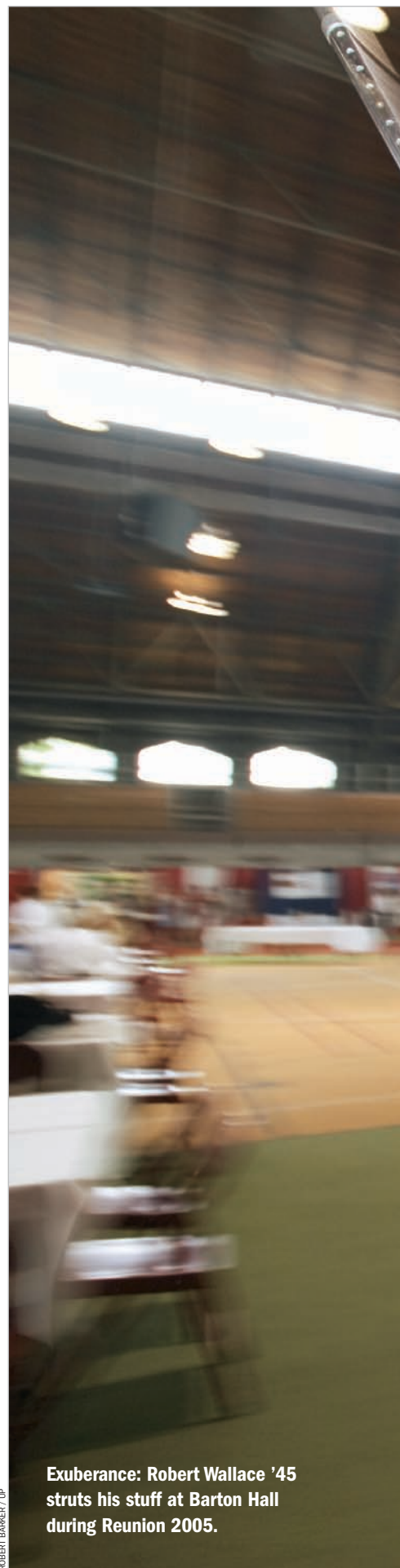
In the afternoon, some heard former President Frank H.T. Rhodes's Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Foundation lecture. Others gathered at Schoellkopf Field for the Cornell Football Association reception. The rain drove them indoors, but they did see the inside of the new Schoellkopf Memorial Hall, home of a state-of-the-art locker room, new office space for Knowles and his staff, a rebuilt Hall of Fame Room, and a Tradition Room, where recognition will be made of the great days of Cornell football.

In the evening, many took our own **Stan Rodwin '50** and his class up on the offer to dance to the music of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra (as interpreted by Buddy Morrow) at Barton Hall.

Many were drawn to President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**'s State of the University address after Grady's ice cream social at Class of '55 headquarters Saturday morning. Others went to the tenth annual Alumni Baseball Game, put on by Thoren and current coach Tom Ford, at Hoy Field. **Harry Merker '51**, **Pete Plamondon '54**, and **Art Kesten '44** suited up. They call Art the owner, but he goes beyond George Steinbrenner, depositing cash money under the bases. If you hit a triple, they pick up the bag and you pick up the money. Public address guy Dave Wohlhueter read out the name of your correspondent while announcing the lineups before the game, so I trotted out along the first base line with the team in white to hear the umpire sing the national anthem. An unforgettable moment: **Roger Abell '30**, aged 97, came out in his vintage wool uniform on a 96-degree day, stroked a sharp line drive to right field, and ran safely to first.

Leaving Hoy Field, your correspondent encountered **Jim Hazzard '50**. "Did you hear the news?" he asked. I hadn't. "Lehman quit," says he. "You're always pulling my leg," says I. "I'm not," he goes, and he wasn't. That provided the subject for considerable conversation throughout the rest of the weekend, including a healthy exchange of misinformation.

CRC enjoyed superb country cuisine at Dempsey's, out Route 34, Saturday night. Singers



Exuberance: Robert Wallace '45 struts his stuff at Barton Hall during Reunion 2005.

ROBERT BARKER / UP



of the Alumni Hangovers, led by **Kenyon Erickson '81**, serenaded the diners. And so to the tents, or Cornelliana Night.

Once again CRC relished the kind of Cornell quality time that keeps its members coming back every year—or almost. And once again, that's thanks to the efforts of Margaret Gallo, Cathy Hogan, Kelly Woodhouse, and many others of Alumni House, and Noel, John Webster, and Kathleen Bolton of the Athletics department. This time, there are extra thanks for the Reunion clerks for efforts far above and beyond the call of duty. So thank you kindly, **Alyssa Simon '05** and **Amanda Magee '08**. ♦ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 First Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

35_R The weather in Ithaca was hot and muggy, unlike June days you may recall. All of our breakfasts and dinners were held in the Statler Hotel and our sleeping rooms were also pleasantly air-conditioned. The only cost of Reunion for classmates with one companion was their travel to and from Cornell. It was the best bargain in 70 years. We had a lively group of 19 classmates, with 21 or so family or companions. As usually happens, there were last-minute cancellations, for which we were sorry.

Lunches were nearby in sun-baked Barton Hall, where iced drinks hit the spot. Our first official event was a combined reception with the Class of 1940 in the Statler Ballroom, at which I was asked to introduce President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and his wife, Kathy Okun. After that, the president and his wife made the rounds of the room, greeting the alumni, who were pleased to meet them. Less than 48 hours later, in a talk on the State of the University, Lehman shocked the audience by announcing his resignation as president of the university at the end of June.

We were fortunate in having as Thursday dinner guests President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes and his wife, Rosa. They knew many members of the class and it was a pleasant evening. His words of wisdom were outstanding, as was the chocolate dessert prepared in his honor. One of the cappella groups opened the meeting with the Alma Mater. **Florence Nusim** Greville played the piano, when it finally arrived, for the "Evening Song," which ended the meeting. President Rhodes was scheduled to deliver the Olin Lecture on Friday afternoon and was planning on "burning the midnight oil." At 7 a.m. Friday, as it would on Saturday and Sunday, the Statler started serving a beautiful breakfast buffet unlike anything seen at any previous 1935 reunion. We were really living.

The cocktail hour and dinner on Friday were well attended. **Wilfred Kelly** from Vergennes, VT, brought **Jeff Rehbach '75**, MA '82, who is in the music department at Middlebury College. He helped Florence Greville with the piano. Wil Kelly and **Mike Cantor** (Scarsdale, NY), who had arrived with his daughter Jane Kauffmann, helped with the singing of Cornell songs. Everyone present had an opportunity to reminisce or describe what they have been doing in the last 70 years or part thereof.

Ellen Albertini Dow, MA '38, of Woodland Hills, CA, was attending her first reunion on only her second trip to Ithaca since graduation. She talked about her work at Cornell with Prof. Alexander Drummond and her continued devotion to the dramatic arts—with conspicuous success. LCL **Bill Barden** of Falls Church, VA, brought his daughter Bette and his son **Bill Jr., MBA '75**, who celebrated his 35th Reunion at the business school. (*Sadly, the university received word that Col. Barden died on July 22.—Ed.*) **Esther Major** Batchelder, who recently moved to Doylestown, PA, and has been "downsizing" for six months, came alone.

Helen Berdick Freedman (Catonsville, MD) was accompanied by her daughter Marianne. **Reeve Dean** (East Aurora, NY) was with wife Mary, son Reeve Jr., and daughter-in-law Jeanette. **Elizabeth Williams** Stavely (Mendocino, CA) was met by her son Keith and daughter Kathleen. Dr. **Tevis Goldhaft** (Haverford, PA) was accompanied by his daughter **Judith '61**, who lives in California. The dean of the Vet college had asked Tevis to speak at their banquet Saturday night, so he missed our gathering. **Kitty Morris** Lockwood (New Rochelle, NY) had daughters Katherine and Barbara as her guests.

Alvin Mintz, MD '38, and his wife Beatrice live in Morristown, NJ, where Al is a retired pediatrician. **Murray Socolof** and wife Joan are retired in Franklin Lakes, NJ. **Ruth Harder** Dugan (Hamburg, NY), who still plays tennis with a contemporary group, brought her son, **Dirk '72**, an orthopedist, who keeps the Cornell hockey team healthy. **Lucy Schempp** Jacoby (Hastings, MI) brought her daughter Jennane Pelon. **Virginia Yoder** Briggs, MEd '66, who lives in Ithaca, was with us on Saturday night. She recalled that when we were at Cornell, the women had a separate entrance for Willard Straight Hall.

Wil Kelly spent Saturday morning on the Inlet, where he pulled number two oar in an alumni shell without making any mistakes. He left for Vermont happy. **Viola Henry** Miller-Mullane was very much in evidence during Reunion and has been working with Alumni House for the last year. We all owe her a great vote of thanks. Her son **Robert Miller '61**, MBA '63, was with her Saturday night.

A class photo was taken during the cocktail hour, followed by a short class meeting at which the undersigned was reelected president, Viola Miller-Mullane was elected vice president and treasurer, and **Florence De Remer**, who has been very helpful in class matters requiring a secretary, was elected secretary. It was a pleasure to have longtime honorary class members President Emeritus Dale Corson and his wife Nellie with us for Saturday dinner. Dale described to us some of the problems he faced from alumni after the return of the university to stability.

At the Cornelliana Night celebration later, Ellen Dow was honored for attending her first reunion, her 70th. The Class of 1935 set a 70th Reunion record for number of donors to the Cornell Fund, and a record for the percentage of class participation in the Fund—59 percent! ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr.,

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Our 65th Reunion was indeed a HOT affair—both figuratively and literally! Ithaca poured on the heat and humidity, so we were indeed grateful to be headquartered in the air-conditioned and convenient Statler Hotel. Unfortunately, the large events like the All-Alumni Lunches and the big lectures ended up in Barton Hall, and the Newman Arena in Bartels Hall (a new athletic building with large basketball courts). Those venues are so huge as to be totally un-air-conditionable! But we all survived and enjoyed the many Reunion offerings. Our good chairmen **Bumper Baird** and **Toni Saxe** Stewart and the university did a great job!

Thirty-four stalwart members of the Class of '40 attended, along with a few spouses and/or offspring. That's not a 65th Reunion record, but above average! Unfortunately, **Carol Petrie**, at the last minute, had some health problems and was unable to attend. Hence, I was abruptly drawn into the task of writing this column—and I apologize for its inadequacies. Carol feels her health problems may persist and, besides, that it's time for a change. She's been doing our class columns more years than anyone can count. So, PLEASE, someone volunteer! A man would be especially appreciated! There are only six columns a year, and the alumni magazine staff is very helpful. Anyone willing to try can contact me or Adele Robinette at the magazine (401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850).

Our opening event was a joint reception in the Statler for all the "senior" classes housed there, and was attended by President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and his wife. The Savage Club program and Cornelliana Night were wonderful old-time pleasures. Cornell's former president Frank Rhodes gave a very interesting Olin Lecture, and President Lehman surprised the whole group in his State of the University address when he announced he was stepping down at the end of June, as covered elsewhere in this magazine. At our class dinner, '40's longtime trustee **Chuck Stewart** and his trustee wife **Pat (Carry) '50** gave us some interesting insight into life on that board. Our own **John Thatcher** entertained us at a couple of dinners with his still elegant tenor voice. Bus tours of the Plantations and around the campus let us get some feeling for all the changes. There were many who commented, like **Larry Cook**, MEd '51, that with all the new buildings it's hard to find one's way around! But I can report that the Arts Quad is not much changed and Andrew White and Ezra Cornell still face each other across its middle!

We are still an active group. **Bob Wood**, MD '43, once again participated in the All-Alumni Run through the Plantations on that hot Saturday morning. **Paul Fox**, BArch '47, and his wife continue to live in their home on Lake Ontario at Sodus Bay, wintering in Naples, FL, in their camper. At Sodus Bay, Paul owns considerable acreage, which he's developing into small lots—a hobby, he says! He's looking forward to our 70th and 75th reunions! **Toni and Jack Stewart**

'38, JD '40, tend four gardens while enjoying life at the Kendal retirement community in Ithaca. They also celebrated the arrival of their third great-grandchild as our Reunion was starting, and were looking forward to their fourth later in the month. Others with great-grand news were **Bette Limpert** Mayhew, whose first one arrived in July '04; **Edna Isaacs** Lowe, whose first arrived last January; and **Jeanne Titterton** Lewis, who has two. Jean did not attend Reunion, but sent a very informative letter. In other news, **Betty Russell** Owings has moved from sunny California to sunny Florida (1473 Goldrush Ave., Melbourne, FL 32940-6501).

That's all for now! If you have any news, reunion or other, please send it to me. Don't forget we need that VOLUNTEER if you want more columns! And, like Paul Fox, start looking forward to our 70th! ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., Apt. 416, Winchester, VA 22603.

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Our 60th Reunion is history and those who attended enjoyed making it so, thanks to superlative planning and constant attention to detail by co-chairs **Gloria Urban** (Maspeth, NY) and **Stan Johnson** (Mantoloking, NJ). We numbered 108, not a bad percentage for over-80s, given that university records claim we started with 1,681 freshmen, and a tad more than 500 have died. Our headquarters was Hurlburt House, a rejuvenated facility with air-conditioning—most welcome in view of the 90-degree temperatures. It's at the far northern end of Ithaca, off Triphammer Road, and the start of bus service for reunion events, meaning that there were always seats. In addition, we had two of our own vans, always available for any side trips or reasonable requests, driven by our most helpful and cheery young reunion clerks. A large tent was set up in the yard behind, where we enjoyed excellent daily continental breakfasts and our supper on Thursday night, with guests President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and his wife Kathy Okun. He delivered a short speech praising the "greatest generation" and other such complimentary remarks. This made an interesting prelude to the bombshell he dropped on Saturday in his State of the University report at steamy Bartels Hall, when he announced his departure. During the afternoon a tour of new campus facilities was followed by a reception at the Johnson Museum, with a viewing of the modern art collection donated by **Bill Berley** (NYC).

Friday luncheon was in another tent, this time at Cornell Plantations, pet project of **Wayne** and **Maralyn Pritchard Winsor Fleming** (Ithaca), with good musical entertainment and director Don Rakow, who gave a brief talk on changes that had occurred (some funded by our class) and raising a few eyebrows when he mentioned some that had happened "way back in the '70s." That evening we had a first-rate dinner at the Hotel Statler, where former chimesmaster **Bob Frankenfeld**, MD '47 (Long Beach, CA) led us in a few songs, ending with "Don't Send my Boy to Harvard." Our honored guest and speaker, former president (and now interim president) Hunter Rawlings III, said, in his short talk, that

he loved that song and had never heard it before, so co-president **Maxine Katz** Morse (Rye, NH) led us in an encore.

Saturday was the annual All-Alumni Luncheon at Barton, where once again we were the only class to march around the perimeter, led by a fine band playing suitable military marches. During the afternoon, most fraternities and sororities held receptions (the largest fraternity contingent was four Betas: **Robert "Smoke" Adair** (Calgary, AB), **Roy Hughes** (The Woodlands, TX), yours truly, and **William Hoffmann** (Annapolis, MD), whose boss, **Mary Lib (Mershon)**, gave him a liberty pass), and that evening we again enjoyed the superb cuisine at the Statler, with the beautiful piano accompaniment of **Thelma Emile Hunter** (St. Paul, MN) to the violin of **Ernest Gosline**, MD '47 (Clinton, NY). Co-president **Tod Knowles**, MBA '49 (Annapolis, MD) was page-turner. A short business meeting elicited the information from treasurer **Mort Eydenberg** (Roslyn Heights, NY) that we are solvent, and was followed by a presentation of mementos of appreciation to our co-chairs. I sat with **Jerrier Haddad** (Briarcliff Manor, NY) and his wife Carol, looking great after a recent illness, and was able to thank him for taking on the job of class webmaster. If you haven't seen his still-in-progress handiwork, go to <http://classof45.alumni.cornell.edu> and send any suggestions to Jerry, which he will welcome.

Sunday morning we enjoyed a full, hot breakfast and held an "election" (aka railroad) at which all current officers were re-elected, except VP **Dick Frost** (Cranberry Township, PA), who declined and was replaced by former Engineering dean and president of Worcester Polytechnic Inst. **Edmund Cranch**, PhD '51 (Ithaca). Secretary **Ann Lynch Pape** (Garden City, NY) could not serve again and the post is open. Volunteers, please!

Not too many of us oldsters went tenting until 1:00 AM, but a lot took advantage of other events, like the Savage Club show, Olin lecture by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes, a Sage Chapel concert by the Cornell Chorus, dancing in Barton Hall to the "Tommy Dorsey" orchestra, Cornelliana Night in Bartels, the university memorial service at Sage Chapel, and trips during the day to places such as the stunning 2-year-old Lab of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods.

We had plenty of time to look over the memorabilia organized by class historian **Elizabeth "Libby" Hemsath** DeProse (Ithaca) and to socialize with old friends; I was particularly pleased to see **William Rothfuss** (Greenville, SC), who lost his wife a few months before I did, a year ago, and to discuss with him the handling of widower status. Bill had his son **William "Will" Rothfuss** '72, BA '75 (Stroudsburg, PA) with him, whose big claim to fame was beating out the late **Christopher Reeve** '74 for a part in a major play while at Cornell. After returning home, it was wonderful to hear from **Richard T. Stacy**, BS ME/BS ORIE '49 (Hilton Head, SC) that his loneliness has ended with marriage to a recent widow, Natalie, and that they are "blissfully happy," as also appeared to be recently married attendees **Bob**, MD '45, and **Sherry Madison** Devers **Wallace** (New Hartford, NY, and Tucson,

AZ). One slightly sour note was struck on Saturday night when an ambulance transported **James Monroe** (Covington, KY) to the sick bay to be treated for what, fortunately, turned out to be an intestinal infection, which affected him briefly until the antibiotics took hold. He stayed overnight and went back home the next afternoon.

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Hats off, or something similarly congratulatory, and genuinely thankful, to **Stan Rodwin**, our class officers, and anonymous others who planned and superbly contributed to the success of our 55th Reunion last June. Also, sincere thanks to the five delightful students who, with significant competence, patiently dealt with the idiosyncrasies of our advancing dotage—who ran the office, transported us in the vans, told us when and where we had to be, and, with captivating charm, answered the same dumb questions over and over: **Latoya ("Toya") Schultz '05**, **John ("Bruno") Bruno '07**, **Kassandra ("Kassie") Frederique '08**, **Caroline ("Carrie") Richards '05**, and **Tanya Bachniak '05**. Also, the other students who waited patiently for us to return from evening events to serve us the only three flavors of ice cream we knew as kids—chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry. All of these good people good-naturedly helped 105 classmates and 57 spouses or friends adapt to the unusually high temperatures and humidity.

Latent images. The Savage Club of Ithaca show with the emotional reading of John Greenleaf Whittier's poem, "Barbara Frietchie," the stirring rendering of "Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera, and other unique and entertaining acts. The new Imogene Powers Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, appropriately named for its chief donor, **Imogene '52**, wife of our beloved **Sam Johnson**. The big picture of Sam in our class's reception area, inscribed with the irrefutable truth, "I'm still with you." The class gift of over \$7,000,000, which maintains our class's all-time record giving. The in-the-round seminar, "Classmates, Rewired not Retired," with fascinating and poignant personal reports of how so many of us have ably jumped across the retirement line into new and different challenges and accomplishments. The new book by **Marion Steinmann** and the Women of the Class of 1950, *Women at Work: Demolishing a Myth of the 1950s*—the myths that for college-educated women of the '50s, life was gray, dull, and bland, the options limited to nursing, teaching, the convent, or housewifery and childrearing. The State of the University address by President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, in which he reported on how the university has chosen sustainability as a 21st-century goal and then announced his sudden departure from the presidency, to be replaced July 1 by former President Hunter Rawlings.

Thanks also to those who patiently informed this correspondent: **Newt Thomas**, track team manager who substituted for athletic director **Bob Kane '34**, BS '36, and took the track team to

Oxford, England. **Carl Strub**, who taught me that Mackinac, as in Mackinac Island, is pronounced Makinaw. **Harry Merker '51**, Las Vegas lyricist who thanked us for inviting all classes to the Friday night dance with music by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. **Walt Bruska** and **Joe Dwyer**, JD '52, who identified the three unnamed players in the front row of the yearbook football picture as **John Jaso**, **Paul Girolamo '46**, BS Ag '50, and **Henry Drost**. **Tom Burke**, avid handball player, who taught me about surviving cancer. **Bob Bitz '52**, who taught me about vertically integrated farming with half a million turkeys. **Dave Dingle**, pianist and conservator of the good old Cornell songs of long ago, who produced a collection of the songs in print and on compact disc. And, especially, banquet-mate **Arthur Kahn**, Manhattan resident, who knew that Iowa is more than mere space on a US map, but rather a forward-looking state with high-tech industries and nationally leading finance and insurance institutions, and represented in Congress by two influential senators from opposite ends of the political spectrum.

‘The surprising heat and humidity and occasional downpour served as a reminder of what one classmate called “the fickle Ithaca weather.”’

JUDY BRYANT WITTENBERG '60

News of other attendees for whom we had news cards on hand: **Ed Kinne**, MS '55, Pittsburgh, PA, is a part-time consultant to the Society of Automotive Engineers and says, “Age is only two numerals.” **George Casler**, MS '59, Ithaca, NY, with wife Pat, enjoyed a two-week grand tour of Italy. Returning from dinner one evening, George heard from the back of the bus a familiar “To the tables down at Morey’s . . .” and discovered **Tom Bryant**, JD '53, Bend, OR, whom he had not previously known.

Dave and Susan Dingle have moved to New Suffolk, NY, in the friendly, rural area at the eastern end of Long Island. **Richard Prybyl**, Ithaca, NY, is using retirement to travel by land, air, and sea. Just prior to Reunion he and wife Flo cruised the Amazon River. **Lawrence Greenapple**, JD '52, reports that he and Emily are retired and living in Berkshire County, MA. **Jim Tregurtha**, San Diego, CA, says his number is in the phone book and invites classmates to visit him in “America’s Fun City.”

Nelson Schaenen Jr., MBA '50, Madison, NJ, with wife Nancy, took the *Sea Cloud I* ship on a bird-watching excursion in the Caribbean, sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. They also enjoyed three weeks in Southeast Asia, mostly in Myanmar (Burma). **Bob Wood**, Pacific Grove, CA, retired last June as professor of aeronautics at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. With wife Cheri, he plans to keep his home in Pacific Grove and to spend summers at Harvey’s Lake in West Barnet, VT. Class president

Ralph “Cooly” Williams, MD '54, Santa Fe, NM, received the Gold Medal Award, the highest honor bestowed by the American College of Rheumatology, for his 50 years of investigative work on the causes of lupus and rheumatoid arthritis and also for training 30 department heads in the US, Europe, South America, and Japan. He and wife **Mary (Adams)** attended the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1955 of the Weill Cornell Medical School.

Short reports from other classmates: **Abe Schweid**, MD '53, Seattle, WA, sent in a news card but had no news to report. **Arlene LeBeau** Branch, Saranac Lake, NY, celebrated her 75th birthday in June 2004 and is still working as a dietitian. **William McCullough** reported only that he had a new address in Monroe County, NJ. **Eva Potter Lee**, Cape Elizabeth, ME, still enjoys living in Maine, especially with lots of golf and the activities of four grandkids. **John Keeffe**, Somers, NY, with wife, Fran, has an “all-Westchester County family” of three married daughters and spouses and eight “perfect” grandchildren. He says he is still vertical!

At the Saturday night banquet and business meeting, class officers were elected for the next five years: President, **Richard Pogue**; Vice Presidents, **Jo Kessel** Buyske and Stan Rodwin; Vice President of Words, **John Marcham**; Treasurer, **Ben Williams**; Class Correspondents, **Paul Joslin** and **Marion Steinmann**. The positions of Cornell Fund representative, Major Gifts chair, and reunion chairs will be filled by appointment later. The Class Council consists of **Bruce Davis**, MBA '52, Dave Dingle, **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84, **Jack Rose**, MD '54, and Marion Steinmann; it will be expanded to 15 members. If interested in serving on the Council, please volunteer to Jack Rose or Dick Pogue. For addresses, contact one of the correspondents. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; or **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

55 Our 50th! Can you believe it? Excitement was running high on Thursday afternoon as classmates began arriving at Court Hall to check in. Some went directly on the wine tour or on the Cayuga Lake cruise, while others settled into their rooms. Drinks and dinner were served in our tent, and afterwards the warm weather kept many people outside to sit around in casual groups and catch up on the last five years’ news. Spotted pulling their chairs into a circle were **Joe** and **Vera Simon**, **William** and **Patricia Doerler**,

Anne Morrissy Merick and her husband Don, **Robert**, MBA '57, and **Vanne Shelley Cowie '57**, and **Hilly McCann** Dearden.

Friday morning our Class Forum drew a big crowd, and that afternoon many classmates visited the Johnson Museum to view the collections of **Jay Hyman**, DVM '57, and **Dan Nadler '54**. From there to the Olin lecture, where hundreds of alumni braved the heat in Bartels Arena to hear President Emeritus Frank Rhodes talk about “Terra Mater,” the earth on which we all depend. Friday night we were back in our tent outside Court Hall, enjoying a barbecue and the foot-tapping music of a Philly-based jazz duo. We were honored to welcome President Lehman and his wife, who joined us for dinner. A wave of nostalgia washed over the crowd when Cayuga’s Waiters from the classes of the '50s serenaded us once again. **Fran DeSylva** Barry was spotted cheering in the front row of fans. Thanks to all, including our own '55 Waiters **Carl Fuchs**, **Dave Schmidt**, and **Charlie Wolf**. You can own their newly remastered CD (22 tracks taken from two albums) for just \$10 plus postage. Also, we have some Cornell '55 jackets (\$33) and umbrellas (\$12) left and available for purchase. E-mail me for details.

Were you up for the Ice Cream Social (aka milk punch party) that the indomitable **Gerry Grady '53** put together for us on Saturday morning? Lethal as ever! Afterwards we enjoyed a delightful catered lunch at the Plantations, followed by a tour and the Alan Hosie Treman Memorial Concert. Waiting on line for their box lunches were Ithaca High School classmates **Larry Phillips** and **Charles Shipman** and some of the Tri Delt contingent (**Sue Spooner** Olsen, **Libby Milliken** Klim, **Ruth Clarke** Hawkins, and **Pat Van Mater** Wheeler). Saturday evening began with an elegant reception in the atrium of newly completed Duffield Hall. **Carl Young** and **Bill Boyle**, MBA '56, former Phi Kap brothers, tried to top each other’s stories of life as expatriates; Carl and **Lynne (Waller)** lived in Ireland, and the Boyles were in England for many years. **Dave Findlay**, MBA '57, told us about his gallery in New York City, **Ginny Wallace** Panzer and husband Hal Wiener checked in with friends, **Gerri Sobel** Katz reported that she’s working on her bridge and tennis in Boca Raton, and **Renie Adler** Hirsch brought us up to date on life in Israel.

Tall classmates—for example, **Dick Mathewson**, **Ned Arps**, MBA '57, **Don Maclay**, **Dick Strazza**, **Max Mattes**, **Bob Malatesta**, **Joe Silverman**, and **Fred Antil**—were easy to find in the crowd! Among those looking not a day older were **Sue (Streeter)**, MS '57, and **Clark Phillips**, MS '57, **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff, **Peggy Blackburn** Robinson, **Frank Hano**, and **Marggy Doorty** Richenburg. Spotted in the dorms were **Mary Lu DuPuy** Whitlock, **Toni Eaton**, and **Mary Ann Meyer Adams**, who was on campus for the second 50th Reunion in a row; last year, husband **Bob '54** celebrated his 50th. On the elevator we ran into **Art Yelon** and saw **Al Brezinsky** strolling through Collegetown. **Bill Moyer** turned up at the tents, as did **Janet Senderowitz** Loengard and **Norm Nedde**. Some couples captured on film by Don Maclay were **Rob** and **June Stotz**, **Ted** and **Donna Wilcox Buckenmaier '57**, **Larry Way** and

Barbara Ramsey Adsit, and **Norm Harvey** and **Barry Hart**. You guys still look great!

We moved on to dinner at Barton Hall, everyone doing their best to be good sports about the oppressive heat and humidity. Class president **Joan Steiner** Stone welcomed the class, and paid a graceful tribute to her co-president **Otto Schneider**, who died just months before. Otto, you were missed. The dinner was excellent, and so was the live band playing Tommy Dorsey's music from our favorite Big Band era. My good-sport husband Ed agreed to a few turns on the dance floor, as did the Urbans, Pfanns, Cernys, Lents, Harveys, Mullikens, Peltzes, and many others. We enjoyed catching up with the Simons, Rooneys, Petersons, and Van Burens, who were seated at our table.

Liz Rothermel Hopwood wrote to comment on the beautiful flowers in class headquarters and in Barton Hall, which were given to the class by **Sue Hurd** Machamer. "She started each plant from seed, and planned the blooming especially for our weekend," Liz explained. Buses waited outside Barton to whisk us to Bartels Arena for Cornelliana Night, at which our class brought home the big awards for both attendance and giving. **Dick Estey**, MBA '60, did us credit with his solo in the "Song of the Classes." His verse went like this: *Oh, we are the 70-year-olds, a-taking our pills / When Cornell comes calling to be remembered in our wills / We ask your indulgence, we enjoy being alive / And proud to be part of Cornell '55.* The hardier souls among us continued singing on into the night.

Sunday morning we began to say goodbye, but not before enjoying a wonderful breakfast at our class tent, during which we tuned in to Fred Antil's program on the local radio station. His guest was our own Joan Stone, who brought us back to our undergrad days on the Hill, with references ranging from houseparty weekends to the floats on Beebe to curfews and "minutes." Joan felt that the freshman beanie requirement was "not a bad idea," as it helped foster class unity. Thanks to everyone who participated in the memorial service to honor the memory of the many classmates now gone from us. At the class meeting closing out the weekend, our slate of class officers for the upcoming five years was approved, and we welcomed Hilly McCann Dearden's daughter Laurel Gardiner as an honorary member of the Class of '55. Laurel was a tireless dynamo all weekend, pitching in to lend a hand wherever needed.

Finally, and most importantly, well-deserved kudos go to **Phil Harvey** and **Dick Estey**, our reunion co-chairs, and to the members of their committee, **Joan Weisberg** Belden, **Bill Doerler**, **Hilly McCann Dearden**, and **Ann Overbeck**. You gave us a wonderful weekend we will long remember. *Joy to all we love the best / Love to thee, our fair Cornell.* ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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More than 200 classmates and guests gathered to celebrate our 45th Reunion, and it was enthusiastically judged a great success by all who attended. Though the surprising heat and humidity and occasional downpour served

as a reminder of what one classmate called "the fickle Ithaca weather," the group was comfortably housed in the air-conditioned Townhouse Complex on North Campus.

The Reunion Committee members did yeoman's work overseeing the complex arrangements for the weekend and were all on hand by Wednesday, hard at work on last-minute details and ready to welcome the classmates who began turning up around noon on Thursday. New arrivals were also greeted by the startling sight of two mannequins wearing clothes of the late 1950s such as saddle shoes, cashmere sweaters, and a Class of '60 blazer. Dinner Thursday night was in the class tent at the Townhouses, and the food was excellent, as always, thanks to the highly competent oversight of **Bill Fisher**, PhD '68, whose long career in hospitality management has benefited the class during several reunions. The evening's entertainment was provided by **Bob Cohen**, who has now spent more than a decade as a successful cabaret singer, and **Joy Wells** Coombs.

Friday was filled with stellar events, beginning with a morning lecture by Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, who described life on campus while we were students there and how the dissension of the late Fifties, such as the 1958 riot over the cancellation of apartment privileges for women, led to the much more violent demonstrations of the Sixties. That was followed in the afternoon by former president Frank Rhodes's excellent "state of the earth" lecture, which emphasized the need to maintain the world's fragile balance with great care. Classmates were also privileged to have a special late afternoon tour of the Johnson Museum, which featured the art collections of **Alan Siegel**, well known for his acquisition of photography by major figures such as Arbus, Adams, Penn, and Weegee, and of Les Stern.

Although Saturday will be forever remembered for President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77's stunning announcement, during his State of the University lecture, of his resignation and imminent departure, the day included other memorable events, such as lunch on Libe Slope and a lecture on James Joyce held at the Kroch Library, where the endowment from our 25th Reunion gift has supported the preservation of works in the extensive Joyce collection, one of the finest in the world. Saturday evening's highlights were a gala reception at the new Alice Cook House, followed by a fine dinner that was accompanied by a performance by the Cayuga's Waiters alumni that included classmates **Kevin Seits**, JD '63, **Bob Cohen**, and **John Smith**. Nostalgia was abundant as the Waiters energetically sang several old favorites.

At Sunday's farewell brunch, the business meeting focused on the election of class officers for the next five-year term. We're happy to welcome several new faces on the Class Council: vice president **Carl Johnson** and members-at-large **Dan Bidwell**, MBA '61, **Emil Cipolla**, MBA '63, **Willis Clark**, **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62, **Alan Garfinkel**, and **Dick Penny**. They join returning officers **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd '62, president; **Bill Fisher** and **Phyllis Pugatch** Schecter, VPs; treasurer **Frances Pennisi** Giruzzi, class correspondent **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, class historian **Gail Taylor** Hodges, and members-at-large **Carolyn Carlson** Blake,

Gale Jackson, **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63, **Irene Kleinsinger**, **Carrie Warnow** Makover, **Margaret McPhee** Miano, MS '61, and **Ginny Seipt**.

A special welcome was extended to several classmates who were attending reunion for the first time. These included **Merrill Burr** Hille, who came all the way from Seattle, WA; **Renee Sack** of Woburn, MA; **John Smith** of Far Hills, NJ; **Sydney Reeve** Leach of Morris Plains, NJ; **David Friedman** of New York City; and **Ralph Miller** of Berne.

The Class of 1960, under the leadership of fund-raising committee members **Dave Wechsler**, **Tom Pedulla**, **Ted Donson**, **Carl Johnson**, and **Peter Giles**, managed to raise \$13,416,673 in this reunion year, which is a record amount for our class! The officers were also pleased to report that 60 percent of our class members have been active participants this year as either donors or duespayers or both.

Look for a complete recap of Reunion 2005 in the *Sounds of Sixty* newsletter, which will arrive early this fall, replete with photos and the annual request for News and Dues. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

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I'm sure that our reunion chairs **George Arangio**, MD '69, and **Grace Hershberg** Morgenstein and registration chair **Myron Jacobson** didn't plan quite everything that occurred at Cornell the weekend of our 40th Reunion. It turned out that our 40th had a little more excitement than we had expected—and that was beyond the hot, muggy weather we experienced while we were in Ithaca. For the approximately 160 classmates and another 100 attendees, we very likely will never forget how we learned that President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 had announced his resignation as president of the university. Thanks to cell phones, the word spread quickly from the site of his announcement to the lobby of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, where many of us were waiting for lunch following a program at the museum in the morning. More on this later. After lunch, President Lehman was scheduled to address the class, so there was a great deal of interest during the meal as to whether he would join us—and he did. Following a short address, which featured the experiences and events during our time on the Hill, he and his wife Kathy Okun joined us on the Johnson Museum lawn for the class picture.

Although President Lehman created the most excitement over the weekend, it was the outstanding work of our co-chairs that made this reunion something to remember—the traditional way. It was truly a great weekend, beginning with the Italian dinner Thursday evening under the courtyard tent of our headquarters at the Balch Bed and Breakfast—also the site of our Friday night bash with the the Backtalk Band. The Class of '65 showed the younger classes, as they headed to the campus, that they knew what to do on the dance floor. Among the highlights of the weekend was the program at the Johnson Museum, where on display was Matisse's Jazz series, donated to the museum by our classmate **Bruce Eissner** and his

wife Judith. **Andrew Weislogel, PhD '00**, assistant curator and master teacher, explained to us the unique technique that Matisse used to create this series. Reunion came to an end on Sunday morning at brunch when we approved our Class Constitution and elected a slate of officers for the next five years. Leading the class will be co-presidents **Barry Cutler** and **Sharon Hagerty Williams**.

The football team had a very good turnout at the Class of '65 Athletics Reception. The following classmates were present: **Monte Estes, ME '66, Joe Ryan, Jack Rentz, Bob Baker, Lou Ferraro, Dave Mellon, Walt Gadowski, Dave Miles, George Norman, Joe Schneider, Duke Grkovic, Clarence Jentes, MBA '67** (captain), and, of course, George Arangio.

Now, some news from classmates who made it to Ithaca in June. Shortly before Reunion Weekend, the Cornell News Service issued a press release about a project that **Maddy Gell Handler** and husband **Phil '62, MArch '65**, have been working on. For the past six years Maddy and Phil have come up on Reunion Weekend and presented "unique, personal films about alumni." These films have thrilled reunion participants as well as campus historians. For this year's Reunion Weekend they had prepared two videos: the first, a 30-minute film called "True Big Red," was about **Donald Greenberg '55, BS C&E '58, PhD '68**, the Jacob Gould Schurman professor of Computer Graphics; the second, "Journey from Sibley," was a 20-minute film profiling recently elected trustee **Jill Lerner '75, BArch '76**, a principal at the firm of Kohn Pedersen Fox Assoc. Jill had been a student of Prof. Greenberg.

Ron Schendel, BS ChemE '67, ME '68, and **Dan Stern, PhD '71**, shipped their motorcycles from Manhattan Beach, CA, to northern New Jersey, where they visited Dan's brother, then rode the bikes to Ithaca for Reunion. They planned to drive the motorcycles back to California by the northern route. Dan is retired, while Ron, who happened also to have been my classmate at PS 87 in Queens, NY, is semi-retired. **Asher Levitsky** and Sharon, his wife of one year, live in Manhattan, where Asher is still practicing law. He became a grandfather for the second time last September. Sharon, an avid runner, was the only woman in her age group that competed in, and completed, the five-mile run on Saturday morning. **Dianne Zimet Newman** and her husband Martin live in Providence, RI. Dianne is attending Roger Williams U., working on a master's degree in public administration as she switches careers from the corporate world to the world of nonprofits.

One member of our class looked the role he now plays. **Ernie Berger**, on whom we reported in this magazine's Nov/Dec 2004 issue, still sports a white beard and a full head of white hair in his position as president and executive director of Santa America Inc., a not-for-profit service company that recruits, background checks, trains, and refers real bearded Santas in 34 states and three foreign countries. Funding for Santa America comes from grants and contributions, and Ernie's Santas serve children and families in hospice care, children with chronic pediatric illnesses, and children of parents serving in the armed services who have been wounded or killed

in active duty—those least likely to receive a visit from Santa. If you would like to learn more, please visit their website at www.Santa-America.org. I did, and it's a good one.

Finally, **Joan Elstein Rogow** and I would like to welcome the newest member of the Class of '65 correspondent troika, **Terry Kohleriter Schwartz**, and personally thank our retiring class correspondent **Dennis Norfleet** for the great job he did over the past five years—many thanks. Joan, Terry, and I look forward to serving you for the next five years. To do that, we need your help. Please send your news with the annual News and Dues notice, or contact us directly. ♦ **Ronald Harris, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; Joan Elstein Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; and Terry Kohleriter Schwartz, 36 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534; tel., (585) 383-0371; e-mail, terryks7@aol.com.**

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Ours was a hot Reunion Weekend, with air conditioning scarce in the older buildings on campus. And far too few fans could not conquer the heat in Barton, the Memorial Room, or our weekend home, Cascadilla Hall. Regardless of the weather (it was, after all, Ithaca), a good time was had by those attending our 35th Reunion. Reunion co-chairs **Sandy Schorr** (and her husband **Chuck Breckheimer, MA '69**) and myself arrived at Cornell on Tuesday evening to prepare the headquarters for the arrival of reuners. **Carole Peck Fishman** was a fantastic registrar and worked tirelessly before Reunion. **Jeff Haber**, our class webmaster, worked on the class website (<http://classof70.alumni.cornell.edu>) before and after Reunion to keep us updated. We had four wonderful student clerks to help us throughout, **Morgana Carter '07, Emory Mort '05, Diane Rodriguez '05, and Sabeen Virani '05. Robyn Meyer '97** came to Ithaca to volunteer her time and assistance for our reunion, too. Our HQ was in the heart of Collegetown and right next to Cascadilla Gorge.

Susie Labarre Brittingham '71, widow of our classmate **Hank**, joined us on Wednesday to help with the decorating and organizing, and it was great to have her with us for the weekend. Folks started arriving at noon on Thursday and kept coming in a steady stream through Saturday. Thursday afternoon and evening were a casual time to greet old friends and meet new friends, too.

After breakfast on Friday our classmates and the Class of 1965 joined together for Part One of our Reunion Forum. Demographer Brad Edmondson spoke about what we can expect in our immediate (and distant!) baby boomer future. Next, after lunch at Barton Hall, Part Two was a talk by Carol Kammen, author of *Cornell, Glorious to View*, about the history of Cornell. A lively discussion followed about our years at Cornell, and the takeover of the Straight in particular, and the effect those times had on us as individuals and on the Class of '70 as a whole.

The highlight of Friday afternoon was the Olin Lecture given by President Emeritus Frank

H.T. Rhodes, who spoke about our planet and our relationship with her. As President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** said, Frank is one of the great orators of our time and it is a great privilege to hear him speak on any topic, especially geology and Mother Earth.

There was NO tent on the Engineering Quad as advertised; rather, our Friday night events were held in the cool, air-conditioned atrium in the new Duffield Hall. Rosa and Frank Rhodes joined us. Frank graced us with extensive remarks about our class, both as alums and undergrads. He even reminded us that our graduation was the only time that the Cornell mace was used for the purpose for which it was intended! **Martin Tang**, one of the four Cornell trustees from the Class of 1970, reported that our class had raised over \$5,290,000. We have some 620 donors from the class, of which 39 are Tower Club members (giving at least \$5,000 per year). Congratulations to the class, and many thanks to the campaign committees headed by **Kevin McGovern, Cindy Johnson O'Malley, Julie Mather Schnuck**, and **Martin Tang**. Next, the Class of 1955 celebrated their 50th Reunion by hosting the Tommy Dorsey Big Band at Barton, where **Bill, ME '71**, and **Gail Post Wallis** were sighted dancing up a storm.

Saturday started out cooler, but things heated up on campus, figuratively and literally, by late morning. At the State of the University address in steamy Bartels Hall (near Lynah Rink), **Jeffrey Lehman**, Cornell's 11th president, announced that he would resign effective June 30. He dearly loves Cornell and loved being the university's president, but cited unresolvable differences between himself and the Board of Trustees. It was a stunning and surprising announcement.

Our BBQ Luncheon later that day honored the memory and life of **Hank Brittingham** and other classmates who have died. Various people spoke about Hank, as well as about **Jeff Baer**, our very own Cornell Big Red Bear. We were visited by the Big Red Bear himself (or was it herself?) and were all delighted to see the new bear costume that our class had funded for the Cornell mascots.

That evening we celebrated at the Straight on the Terrace (as advertised!) with dinner in the lovely and warm Memorial Room. Our own **Ezra Cornell** gave a talk from his heart about freshman year and before and beyond. It was wonderful and appreciated by everyone present. Then Ezra was joined by fellow trustees **David Croll** and **Kevin McGovern** for a brief discussion about the resignation of President Lehman. The event was completed by a challenge pledge of \$100,000 to the upcoming Cornell Fund Scholarship Campaign by our classmate **Mike Waters**.

Reunion festivities ended on Sunday after we were serenaded by the Sherwoods at Okenshield (the cool equivalent to the Ivy Room) at our brunch. The group sang to Susie Brittingham—a fitting tribute to her and to Hank and a great ending to our 35th Reunion. You can see the list of attendees on our website and the new slate of class officers and class council members, too (anyone interested can let me know).

P.S. Our reuniting classmates who traveled the furthest were **Eileen** and **Toby Marion** and **Martin Tang**—all from Hong Kong—and **Nick**

Alexandridis from Athens, Greece. Our youngest reuner was Susan Perry's adorable 2-year-old daughter Sarah, whom she adopted from China. Have a happy and healthy fall. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

75 For most of us, our 30th Reunion roughly marked the beginning of the last third of our lives. There's a thought. And it's probably not a coincidence that of all six of our reunions, those attending this one cared the least (by far) about their classmates' money, job status, or achievements. These were prime, almost driven areas of attention at earlier reunions. The focus this time was much more on sharing life experiences and current views with old friends and new acquaintances (210-plus classmates and 130-plus guests).

This is not to say that the stories were all rosy. Many were, but many were not. The Class of 1975 is not immune to divorce, estrangement, death, and job loss. Those telling these stories, however, really connected, and were obviously glad to be there. So, for those of you reading this who didn't come because you weren't happy with where you were in your lives, and didn't want to have to talk about it, you both stayed away unnecessarily and missed a great time. The camaraderie was fantastic. Three decades of years melted away. Before the advent of PCs, I described Cornell to those who asked as a hard, wonderful place with enormous pressures (scholastic, social, and environmental) that shaped much of who I am now. Talking with classmates, as well as hearing a discussion panel of eight of our College of AAP'ers on "How Cornell Life Influenced Where We Are Today" (among 30 who came), confirmed that in feeling this, I was not alone. Put in more modern terms, Cornell hard-wired us.

However, as we stunningly found out on Saturday, Cornell may not have hard-wired President Lehman. Those of us in the lunch tent by Beebe Lake thought our legs were being pulled when classmates came back from his State of the University address and told us that at the end of it he announced his resignation (including something about a trip to Bali, if I recall correctly). Only the night before, at our dinner reception at the new Alice Cook House on West Campus (think U-Hall 2's location), he told me what he most hoped to say he had achieved after 15 or 20 years in office. As one classmate said, only partially amused, "We enjoyed being up here for the quitting of the president."

Someone who definitely did not quit is **Cindy Johnson Giambastiani**, married to husband (and four-star Admiral) Ed. Cindy described having raised her kids alone while Ed was on months-long submarine duty or otherwise assigned, as well as having packed and moved her family numerous times. It was clear from talking with her, although she was far too modest to admit it, that without her efforts Ed would never have risen to (at this writing) having been nominated for Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the second-highest post in the US military. Cindy's story illustrates for undoubtedly many Cornell women that devotion, effort, and success

(along with an evident sense of fulfillment) isn't demonstrated or achieved solely in the workplace.

Steve Sauter, recently married to Leah and now the proud stepfather of Christy, Michelle, and Kim, lives in Needham, MA, and is administrator for Parkwell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Steve looks great and still plays serious basketball at 52, an amazing feat. **George**, ME '76, and **Joanne Roller** live in the Rochester area, with George working for Xerox and Joanne a headhunter par excellence. Every year they vacation in Maui, which, if you've never been there, is to die for. **Todd Teitell**, wife Betsy, and daughter Heather (one of their three children) came from Dallas, where Todd works at his insurance firm and prays daily that all of his children choose colleges with in-state, non-private tuition. (Can you believe that when we started, total tuition for freshman year in ILR was \$850?)

The Honorable **Jan Adler**, recently appointed a Federal Magistrate in San Diego, looked far more relaxed than he ever did when he was practicing hard-core, big firm, l-o-n-g hours civil law. "I'm also making a lot less money," Jan noted, "but it's definitely worth it." Wife Karen and daughters Rachel and Aliza are doing well, he reports. **Jamie Duke**, JD '79, is married with one daughter and working as general counsel for Account Solutions Group in Amherst, NY (near Buffalo). Jamie remains the ultimate optimist, wishing the Buffalo Bills will soon (some day? ever?) win the Super Bowl. **Loretta Graziano** Breuning came from Oakland with husband Bill, and ready to start her second career after 22 years teaching international business at Cal State East Bay. Having last year published her book *Greaseless: How to Thrive Without Bribes in Developing Countries*, Loretta is an expert on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and looks forward to doing training and conducting anti-corruption workshops for business, government, and NGOs. Bill works in heavy ion fusion at Lawrence Livermore Lab.

Wendy Roxin Shinay and **Gary Wicks**, BS AEP '77, PhD '81, came from Rochester, where both now work for the U. of Rochester. Wendy's daughter Britney is a superbly graceful ballerina—we saw her in the *Nutcracker* last year. **Joanne Werntz** came from Winter Park, FL, where she practices hand microsurgery, along with children Sarah and Raymond. We commiserated about having three hurricanes go over our houses in six weeks last year, with Joanne losing power for days and Winter Park losing fully one-third of its tree cover. **Kimberly Christy**-Gordon lives near Albany and brought five daughters, two sons-in-law, and one granddaughter to Reunion. Kimberly still has that southern accent that slayed the president of my fraternity freshman year. A nicer family you'd be hard-pressed to find. **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure '74, who our class has clearly adopted because she knows so many of us, lives in Natick, MA. Kope, now a fantastic-looking grandmother, works for her dad's company and is Vice Chair for Synchronized Team Skating with the US Figure Skating Assn.

Great lines heard at Reunion, sans names, reflecting memories and current events: "Freshman year I lived with a suiteful of psychotic women." "It was like *Cinderella*; every night right

outside NC 9 we watched him open the car door of his white Mustang on her side so she could get home just before midnight." "We experienced a return to dorm life—we'd prefer not to repeat it" (re: our class being put in Highrise 5 with no AC, generators going outside for construction, and 85- to 90-degree weather; at our 35th we WILL have AC). "What I would want to be able to say is that Cornell played an active role in becoming an even greater part of an increasingly interconnected world." "Every year we would vote on two things, whether to allow alcohol in the sorority, and whether to allow men above the first floor. Every year, these votes had to be unanimous. Every year, they were." "To the scoring judges at DG, thanks for the 12."

Howard '74, **MBA '75**, and **Randy Friedman Freedman** laughingly recounted how Howard had to settle both himself and his fraternity brother wanting to go out with Randy—via a coin toss. Howard lost and his brother went out with Randy for a year. The day after they broke up, Howard called—and they've been married 30 years.

More on the stories of who was there in the next column. Check our class website, <http://classof75.alumni.cornell.edu>, for a list of (most of) those who were there, and the events of the weekend. ♦ **Mitch Frank**, mjfngator@aol.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu.

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It was a hot, hazy day—a day like no other that we remembered at Cornell. Group by group we assembled at Mary Donlon Hall to celebrate our 25th Reunion. At the time, I thought that all we would remember from the weekend was the oppressive heat, a torrential downpour, and the surprise resignation of university president and alumus **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. Actually, though, the overwhelming memories were the good times, and the weather only made them more memorable! Many thanks to **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead and **Jodi Diehl** Nestle for organizing a super weekend. They tirelessly manned the registration desk and were our graceful hostesses.

I caught up with my old roommate **Sue Poschmann** and her husband Joe. And I had to laugh when we met up with one of our old High Rise 5 friends **Keith Cunningham** and his first question to me was, "Where's Sue?" (Some things never change.) Keith is still working at ConEd as customer project manager after 20-some years and had convinced his cronies **Mark Galezo** and **Bob Rossi** to make it to Reunion also. Mark married **Alice Akin '82** and has three daughters. Bob and his wife Debbie have two daughters and reside in New Jersey. I have to agree with **Kirsti Wastrom** and her girlfriends—they ran into Keith at Bartels Hall and unofficially voted his hair the best at the 25th Reunion!

It was great to also see our old suitemate **Kathy Horning Greenberg** with her husband **David '79** and daughter Becky. Glad we had this excuse to get together because I had forgotten just how enjoyable they are to be around. Sue also got to see the old EE crew **Dan Simpkins**,

ME '81, **Lenny Sanders**, and **Rob Tucker** and their families. All look great!

Nayla Rizk made the trip from California with her son Peter, who took advantage of the weekend to check out the campus. Hard to believe that we have kids ready for college! The popular consensus was that, as a rule, none of us looked our age (much younger, of course). Nayla ran into old OR&IE classmates **Denise Rempe** and **Phil Leinbach**, ME '81, MBA '82, and Tri Delt sisters **Barb Rae**, **Lynda Hershey** Spalding, **Christin Sparagana** Marcatili, **Joann D'Emilio**, **Gail Collins** Khosla, and Nancy MacIntyre Hollinshead. Tri Deltas that were missed were **Kathy Leskovec** Splett, ME '81, and **Kathy Biondolillo** Valliere. **Chuck D'Angelo** arrived with his family from Texas. They made a vacation of it and all participated in the Challenge Course, among other activities. Glad they survived—the course sounded a bit intense, especially in the heat.

Miriam Leeser made the trip from Massachusetts, as did **Beth Silverman** '79, even though she graduated a year ahead of us. Miriam is an engineering professor at Northeastern U., and Beth is working with hybrid electric vehicle drive system technology for Azure Dynamics (formerly Solectrica), north of Boston. I reconnected with **Eileen Gelblat**, who seems happy with both career and family, and **Joyce Rosen**, who agreed that it would have been nice to see **Jeannette Lurier**. Maybe next time.

I was glad that **Ivan Lustig**, ME '81, MBA '82, could make it, after he threw the big pre-

pointless whining, but **Chas Horvath**, ME '81, still has a few years to go, although his two boys may worry him to death before then, as they are attracted to dangerous sports and activities. One of these activities is playing the bass (the real kind, not the cool kind), which you might not think of as dangerous until you try to cram one into Chas's car. Chas, a wood-chipper would let you put that sucker in the glove box. **Tom Berg**, who just retired from the Navy, couldn't attend Reunion because he has a real job now and they made him work. He, too, would have spent the weekend skipping rounds and pleading poverty because his daughter is off to college in the fall, so it's probably just as well."

I'm not sure if **Karen Kennan** made it back to the Hill, but she wrote to say that she was looking forward it. She has been living in California for the past 25 years and has twin girls. She is the director of fund development for Pacific Autism School for Education in Sunnyvale, CA. **Neil Weinstein** reports that he and his Danish wife are living on a houseboat in Sausalito, CA. Neil is a lawyer, but has been traveling on volunteer assignments in Zimbabwe, Thailand, and India. **Glen** and **Shirley Chin Bassett** write that their daughter is in her second year in the Arts college, as well as the AAP college. Their son is in high school. **Lynne Hewitt** is married with two daughters. She recently received tenure as associate professor of communication disorders at Bowling Green State U. in Ohio and credits her Cornell undergrad degree in linguistics as an "invaluable asset" to her career.

The unseasonably balmy weather in Ithaca didn't stop the Class of '85 from catching up with some familiar faces. **Lindsey Wickham** climbed to the top of the "Vine" in the Central New York wine scene, but now represents the farming community in Albany politics. Lindsey is notoriously dismissive of e-mail and phone calls, and prefers to meet face-to-face. At reunion, alumni saw firsthand how Lindsey's easygoing charm and affable personality never goes out of style. The Class of 1985 had an impressive author's table set up at headquarters, and in person were **Katharine Fiduccia** and **Jon Miller**. Jon, practicing law in Albuquerque, NM, reports that his new legal thriller, *Volcano Verdict*, should be out by the end of the year. His last novel, *Crater County*, has sold very well.

Some classmates made a great effort to be present: **Rosemary Stasek** won the "farthest distance traveled" award, coming all the way from Afghanistan; and **Donald**, ME '86, MBA '87, and **Christiana Halopoulos Staffin** '88, MBA '92, bravely brought their triplets, along with little sister Ariel. **Paul Faber**, MS '86, of Orlando, FL, recently left engineering to become a consultant. Paul was overheard saying to fraternity brother **Steve Bloom**, "I don't remember these hills being so steep 20 years ago."

John Ramsey enjoyed the weekend, and courageously ran five miles each morning, despite closing down the tent parties each night. **Ken Islehart** and wife Adrienne especially loved the class dinner at the Plantations, and report that their two children couldn't bear to leave the Cornell Kids Program when the weekend was over. **Mike Greenberg** and his wife **Joyce (Kottick)** '87 were fascinated by the grandeur of Cornelliana Night, and even brought Josh, 9, and Emily, 11, to the show. Afterwards, they were surprised by a visit from Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brother **Mike Riley** '87, who has worked at Cornell for the past 15 years.

Chris Jordan, along with wife Andi and children Meghan, Matthew, and Rachel, used Reunion as the first leg of their East Coast tour. Chris has spent the last dozen years in Lake Oswego, OR, after retiring from the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, DC. **Jim Joseph** and **Dave Bloom** surprised all their classmates with their last-minute, unexpected appearance at the Saturday night tent party. "We just couldn't stay away," laughed NYC marketing guru Jim. The wild women of Mary Donlon reunited, as **Suzanne Alexander** Romero, **Toniann Melodia** McKeown, and **Lisa Bluestein** were inseparable again, enjoying Collegetown, tent parties, and everything in between.

Greg Schneider, who hasn't missed a reunion yet, says the whole family had fun—wife **Kristen (Daly)**, MBA '94, daughter Katarina, and son Garrett. **Linda Kao** and **Erin O'Connor** loved staying in the new Alice Cook House, but wistfully missed the "old days" in Balch Hall. **Kenny** and **Melissa Lattimore Entenmann** left their children in nearby Auburn, and Kenny surprised himself by winning the class golf tournament. **Allen Wong** led the class on an amazing winery tour. **Mike "Boomer" Bloomquist** and Annie celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary during

'I don't remember these hills being so steep 20 years ago.'

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reunion party in NYC this spring. I also ran into **Tomás Kadala**, and we wondered what ever happened to his buddy **Karim Mrowa**. Tomás happened to be sitting near **Nate Weiss** and his wife in Uris Hall to hear Prof. Squyres talk about the Mars Rover program. He reminisced about falling asleep in Econ class. As a matter of fact, Nate had to get up and take a breather to prevent his recurring soporific state brought on by the locale.

I talked to **Nancy Twombly**, **Nancy Brass**, and **Karen Vecchio** Simons at breakfast. Glad to see the posse is still going strong and everyone looking so happy. Lauds to **Mark Brozina**, who traveled from Pennsylvania with his wife. He has been spending his spare time sitting on numerous Cornell councils and boards. **David Ayers** arrived solo, leaving his wife **Laura (Day)** '78, MBA '86, and daughter at home to finish high school finals. **Peter Henry** and his wife were able to attend the festivities, and he reminisced about ROTC. **Esther Elkin** Mildner traveled upstate and we got a chance to talk over old times in Low Rise 7.

From **Dik Saalfeld** (one of our new correspondents): "**Jim Dake** bemoaned the cost of sending kids to college, a common theme of the weekend. **Peter Aufrechtig** seconded this line of

On a sobering note, one of the hardest things to do as correspondent is to publish sad news. Along with all of our Reunion memories, I am sorry to report the passing of one of our classmates, **Damon Simonelli**, PhD '87, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack in December. His sister Danelle writes, "He had been serving as a senior research associate at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. His most recent work as a planetary scientist focused on the Cassini spacecraft's mission to Saturn and the planning of a future NASA mission to Pluto. Several of his friends from Cornell spoke at his memorial service in California in December." A second service was planned at Cornell in the spring. I am sure that all who knew him join in mourning his loss. ♡ **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; and **Tim O'Connor**, tvoc0744@optonline.net.

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As you can imagine, with the Class 1985 celebrating its 20th Reunion, we have an abundance of news, as well as a special Reunion Report.

Reunion Weekend, along with daughters Katie and Meghan. Class president **Mark Sheraden**, MBA/ME '92, did it all during the weekend—everything from introducing speakers to teaching his three daughters a little Cornell history.

Margaret Gnegy and **Jennifer Cornelissen**, after diligently masterminding such a wonderful reunion, were looking forward to either bathing in the afterglow of alumni school spirit or collapsing from exhaustion. Retiring class co-correspondent **Ed Catto** dragged his daughters to Reunion—Lacy, Tessa, and Cassie, the oldest, who afterwards studied extra hard for finals, having been bitten by the “Cornell bug.” Also present was fiancée **Kathe Day**, who hadn't been back to campus in 15 years. **Bill Catto '59** stopped by Sunday morning to celebrate Father's Day early. Also retiring, after 15 years on the job, is class correspondent extraordinaire **Risa Mish**, JD '88. Risa was recently promoted to a new position at the Law school. Everyone repeat after me: “Thanks for all the columns, Risa!”

In other news, **Eileen Bartol** is living in Thousand Oaks, CA, and loves being a mother—so much so that she just resigned as an executive sales representative for GlaxoSmithKline to be a full-time mom for her 2-year-old Genevieve Paige. **Jim “Tyz” Tyznik**, VP and CFO of Telling Industries in Cambridge, OH, tells us “life is good,” especially the time he spends with wife **Bridget**, son **Colin**, and daughter **Chloe**. He's also stayed in touch with **Steve “Walt” Garrison**, **Bill Goldy**, **Steve Dadourian**, **Mike Jones**, and **Jaan Janes**. **Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz is spending all her time keeping up with family activities, from 7-year-old **Brent's** sports to 10-year-old **Sonia's** fencing and Hebrew class. She also finished her second year as president of the school's PTG. She recently was surprised by a visitor to her Passover Seder: **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi. Your class correspondent can't help but note what a terrific fencer **Roberta** was freshman year.

Jim Ritchey celebrates “hope over experience,” as he recently married **Nathalie Buchet** in January '05. He still enjoys traveling to Europe and central Asia for pleasure. **Jim** is also a marketing manager for Instron Corp. **Liz Dolinar** moved to Harrisburg, PA, to work as a gardens director for a resort. It's owned by a private couple, so it seems more like working on a private estate, notes **Liz**. More recently, **Liz** has adopted a pet rabbit, **Sophia**, that keeps her hopping. **Michele Sherman-Kalish** recently traveled to Dublin to see a U2 concert. She just moved to a 100-year-old house and is renovating it in hopes of attracting some Cornell visitors!

Deborah Shondorf Novick is happy to announce the arrival of **Jenny** in February 2004, who joins siblings **Rebecca**, 6, and **Emmett**, 3. After 20 years on Wall Street, **Deborah** has retired to begin a new entrepreneurial career with “Showcase Your Space.” This business helps consumers prepare their house for selling. It seems like just yesterday to **Stephen Garrison** that he was married in Sage Chapel, but it was actually 19 years ago. Since then, he and **Lisa** have had two beautiful daughters, **Carly**, 14, and **Kristy**, 9. They live in Orlando, where **Stephen** works for Marriott Vacation Club with several other Cornellians,

including **Dan Autiello**, **Brian Miller**, **Damiano Albanese '86**, and **Derek Baum '88**.

Anne Aberbach recently left her law practice to join her husband as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker. They also raise two children together, **Jordan**, 9, and **Olivia**, 6. **Paul Ivans** chaired the e-marketing Pharma Conference in June. His son **Paul**, 5, loves T-ball, and **Heather**, 3, likes to draw—just like their freelance artist mom! **Alejandro Badia**, MD, is chairing the Int'l Handsurgery Arthroscopy and Athroplasty Conference in Miami.

Bruce Rubin and **Kim Mussman '90** teach humanities together at the Professional Performing Arts School in Manhattan. They recently won a grant from New Visions for Teachers to travel to Tibet and India to study the Tibetan Buddhist diaspora. They'll also hike to base camp at Mt. Everest. **Andrea Kling** is general counsel of First Data Merchant Services, a division of First Data Services. She also enjoys time with **Ariel**, 15, and stepdaughters **Brittany**, 18, and **Megan**, 15. **Jean Darlington** writes in to tell us that she loves her job as a high school math teacher in New Hartford, CT. **Robert Monteiro** notes he has become a “soccer dad” to his 10-year-old son **Malachi**. **Sally Rubins** Kenler keeps busy with husband **Adam Scott, MD '88**, as well as **Madeline**, 11, and **Michael**, 7. ♦ **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu. New correspondents: **Leslie Nydick**, lnydick@aol.com; and **Joyce Zerkowitz** Mingorance, JMMingorance@covenantretirement.org.

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Ah, Reunion! This past June, 173 classmates returned to reminisce, reacquaint, and brave tempestuous weather. For those of us who liberally used the word “Ithacation” during our time at Cornell and recall not-so-balmy weather, the record-breaking heat was novel, but the rain was not.

Friday night's reception started off with a bang (literally) as the shindig had to move inside to stay out of a sudden lightning storm. However, the rain provided welcome relief from the heat, especially for the many classmates staying at **Ujaama** (Low Rise 10), which, despite the modernization of the nearby and newly constructed North Campus housing, is still not air-conditioned. The reception was a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, as well as put our Reunion goodies to use: a few classmates managed to smuggle some beers out of the reception in the very snazzy cooler backpacks that were part of the class Reunion package. Thanks to Reunion co-chairs **Carolyn DeWilde-Casswell** and **Nadine Magac**, MBA '01, for the thoughtful planning.

Registration chair **Elinor Langfelder** Schwind brought her family with her, including her new daughter **Haylee Brooke**, born on May 26, 2004. Big brother **Matthew** is 4-1/2. Not surprisingly, she was not the only classmate with children in tow. In fact, 81 children, 64 guests, and 30 non-class alumni made an appearance on campus over the weekend. With so many children joining in on Reunion, organizers thoughtfully arranged for a kid's refuge, one of the few air-conditioned

areas that we enjoyed during the weekend. The room was well stocked with toys graciously donated by **Scott Whitney**, who works for Hasbro. **Scott** was unable to make Reunion, but requested that all the toys find “good homes” after the weekend wound down.

Saturday morning, the class enjoyed a pancake breakfast in one of the new buildings, Appel Commons, with former Cornell president **Frank H.T. Rhodes** and his wife **Rosa**. **Rhodes** reminisced about the breakfasts that he used to sponsor while we were students. Meanwhile, some of our more athletically inclined classmates and spouses participated in the Reunion Run, which started at Barton Hall. The Class of '90 made a fine showing, with four classmates taking home more than a T-shirt in the 30-39 age category. In the men's five-mile race, **Val Sribar** led the pack in first place, followed by **Alex Ruiz**. In the men's two-mile race, **Melanie Rebak Schwartz's** husband **Stephen '91** ranked second; and in the women's two-mile race, **Lisa Scibetta** also ranked second. Congratulations, runners!

During the day, the class gathered in tents on the Arts Quad for “Fun in the Sun,” which included circus-style entertainment, face painting, and other amusements for the children. Despite the wilting sun, the bulk of the group stuck around for the class photo, many with strollers parked in the shade. **Eric Hagburg**, ME '92, was sporting a double stroller for his twin girls. **Eric** and wife **Anke** welcomed **Charlotte** and **Kristina** on January 6.

Saturday evening, the class enjoyed leisurely cocktails and dinner at a “beach party” by **Beebe Lake**, and some diners braved canoe trips through the murky waters. During the festivities, we discovered that **Scott Hayes** and his wife **Rachel** recently opened the first **Carvel Ice Cream Shop** in Los Angeles in **Torrance, CA**. **Scott** assured us that **Cookie Puss** has a different mold from **Fudgie the Whale**. **Cookie Puss** and **Fudgie** are listed separately as “spokescakes” on the **Carvel** website, supporting **Scott's** claim but raising other questions. While **Scott** has kept his day job, his wife is now devoting her full efforts to their budding ice cream empire. Good luck!

Jennifer Sipple married **Nathaniel Binzen** on June 26, 2003. Still seeking creative ways to combine the two names, they are taking any and all suggestions. **Paul Rudick**, in keeping with family tradition, still does not have any girl babies. Keep trying, **Paul!** **Brad Herzog**, who shied away from reporting any news because of frequent appearances in the **Class Notes**, held a book signing at the **Campus Store** for his recent travel narrative. He has also written four children's books, and he and wife **Amy (Hillsberg) '91** have two children.

Sunday, the remaining group got together for a farewell brunch and concluded the weekend by singing the **Alma Mater**, or at least as much of it as they could remember. Kudos to those who remembered that there was a second verse.

While many of us were gathering on campus, we received news of fond thoughts of Cornell from **Dmitry Oleynikov**, who is now an assistant professor of surgery and director of minimally invasive and robotic surgery at the **U**.

of Nebraska Medical Center. "Although I will not be able to attend Reunion, I will break out the class yearbook and reminisce about old times!" He moved to Nebraska four years ago, after completing fellowship training in minimally invasive surgery in Seattle. He and his wife Sonja, who is an ob/gyn at the medical center, have children Maxim, 6, and Nina, 4. Dmitry reports enjoying life in the Midwest, although he still travels frequently to both coasts to visit family. "As we are exactly in the middle of the country," he says, "no one is claiming that we are playing favorites" ❖ **Tamiko Toland**, stmouag@yahoo.com; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; and **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net.

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When you think of Cornell, what comes to mind? Cramped U-Hall dorms with shared bathrooms? Hanging out with friends outside the dorms till the wee hours? Hot Truck? The seemingly interminable trek up Libe Slope? Wine tasting? Listening to the a cappella groups sing on campus or at the Plantations?

For some, these are just memories from a somewhat distant past. For roughly 500 others who attended our 10th Reunion, June 9-12, they are far more recent. From Tompkins County to Africa, our classmates came to share in the festivities, rekindling old friendships and reminiscing about how young we all once were. **Ellen Leventry** only had to travel a few miles down the road from her Ithaca home, where she is a freelance writer, while **Tulio Hochkoeppler** made the journey all the way from Uruguay, South America, where he works for Four Seasons. One stop was made on his trip—in New York to meet up with dad, **Axel '55**, headed up to the Hill for his 50th Reunion. Tulio might have set the record for the longest distance traveled had **Elizabeth Leff** not come from Egypt, where she works for Booz Allen Hamilton on a consulting project for the Ministry of Finance.

At Ruloff's bar night and Collegetown Bagel breakfasts and barbecues at our class headquarters and in numerous other places, I had the opportunity to hear all the diverse things our classmates are doing and meet their significant others and children. Among them: **Barbara Ruhs** owns a nutritional consulting company in Cambridge, MA, where she is also working on her PhD in psychology at Harvard. **Claudia Trujillo** works for Colgate and lives in Westchester, NY, with husband Peter Steed, with whom she is celebrating six years of marriage. **Alissa Kozuh** lives in Seattle, where she does Internet marketing for Nordstrom. **Rhonda Stewart** is a journalist for the *Boston Globe*. **Virginia Emily Applegate** is a fourth grade teacher in Saratoga, NY.

Alan and Cindy Shafer Feiler, DVM '99, live in the mountains of North Carolina and have two beautiful daughters, Julia and Logan. **Matthew and Lisa Powell Fortna** also enjoyed introducing their newest addition, Jack, born August 23, 2004. The couple keeps busy with Jack and their twin daughters Julia and Jane, and Matthew is in his final year of an orthopedics residency at Penn. Other Philadelphia-area

residents spotted pushing a stroller around campus were **Brett and Jen Blum Feldman**, showing daughter Talia the wonders of Cornell. Lastly in baby news, **Andrew Slocum** and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Jane Anne, on January 14.

I also learned of some neighbors in my own place of residence, the Washington, DC, area, including **Chester Fung**, who works for ICF Consulting; **Demetrios Kotsikopoulos**, employed with Gartner; and **Joseph Capuano**, at SAIC. As a consultant myself, it's always interesting to note the number of classmates in our nation's capital who do this kind of work, particularly as it relates to the government. Then, of course, there are the lawyers for the government, such as **Troy Barsky**, who lives in nearby Silver Spring, MD, with wife Sonia, who is pursuing a nursing degree at Georgetown U. Moving north, **Lisa Fried** is also a lawyer, but for the firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in New York City. Nearby, **Susie Su** does events for a Manhattan wine retailer.

Eric Christensen, DVM '99 (coryfan@aol.com), with whom I caught up at our "Taste of the Nations" class dinner, had sent me news earlier this year that on September 18, 2004 he married **Cory Murphy**, MILR '03, just outside of Hanover, NH, with more than 40 Cornellians in attendance (Eric, I think you broke Matt's and my record!). The couple honeymooned in Belize and now lives in northern New Jersey. Eric also shared that in March he had a "pre-reunion" of sorts in Vermont with **Chip Rollinson**, **Steve and Alexi Grenadier Conine '96**, **Mike O'Hara**, and brother **Ken Christensen**, MBA '02, and sister-in-law **Susie (Welgos)**, MILR '02. After watching Cornell outplay Harvard for the ECAC Championship, the group created an "ice Jacuzzi" out of frozen Lake St. Catherine. According to Eric, "All who jumped in survived!"

Another highlight of Reunion was our Saturday reception with former President Frank H.T. Rhodes and his wife Rosa. Warm and charming as ever, the Rhodeses took the time to meet and greet nearly every classmate in attendance, taking group photos and reminding us how close they feel to our class, having "graduated" together.

Alas, some classmates were unable to join us, but all with good reasons. **Jeff Diener** (jdd5@cornell.edu) recently moved from L.A. to Tokyo, where he still practices law, now focusing more on finance. Writes Jeff, "My son Jack is having a blast, but he wonders where the beach went!" Another alum unable to attend was **Anne Catlin** Johnson, who gave birth to Natalie Grace on May 25. Anne reports that Natalie was 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches long and is so cute, "her Dad is already worried!" **Seth Traum** was also otherwise occupied—with his 15-month-old son Zachary in New York City, where he (Seth, not Zachary!) works at Smith Barney as director of product management for a group called Stock Plan Services.

There is, of course, plenty more news from classmates who attended Reunion, but, unfortunately, the old memory is not as sharp as it used to be and fails to retain everything all of you told me—particularly when it happened during one of our open bar events! But I do encourage everyone to send in their updates because there

are always more columns coming up!

Also, in the last bit of space left in this column, I would be remiss not to offer a huge THANK YOU to our class officers and reunion committee who made such a fabulous time possible, particularly our reunion chairs **Dana Yogel**, **Allison Halpern**, and **Peter Quagliaroli**. Thanks are also due our outgoing class president, **Eva Loh**, who worked tirelessly these past five years for our class. Congratulations to **Shawn Hecht**, our incoming president. Please see our class website for the complete slate of officers for the next five years (and, yes, Abra and I will be continuing as your class correspondents!), as well as to see pictures from Reunion. If you would like to become more involved in the planning for the 15th or in any efforts over the next five, please let us know via e-mail—and, of course, keep sending in that news! ❖ **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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I am thrilled to report that our dear alma mater is just as we left it (well, almost)! With the exception of some new dorms and more parking, our lovely Cornell campus is just as green and hilly as we remembered . . . and the most unchanged were the beautiful faces of our classmates, who made being at Cornell the most memorable four years of our lives.

Let me first congratulate our newly appointed class officers, who have volunteered to dedicate the next half a decade to serving our class. Our fearless leader, class president **Emanuel Tsourounis**, JD '03, is a real estate attorney for Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. And when Eman isn't counting his billable hours, he is decorating his fabulous apartment in New York City! **Betsy Stein** Kelder is our VP of internal operations, and **Sarah Striffler**, my previous partner-in-crime, will be executive VP. Since Sarah is no longer writing the column with me, she has found tons of spare time to train for the NYC Marathon—Go Sarah! Go Sarah!

Judy Seltzer will be continuing as our class secretary; after many years of schooling, she is finally a full-fledged vet! Other returning officers are the super, hard-working Cornell Fund representatives: **Barrett Yates** (Executive Chair), **Rebekah Gordon** (Major Gifts), and **Nina Lee Torkelson** (Participation), who have diligently raised a phenomenal amount from our class! And who can forget our remarkable reunion chairs **Andrea Wasserman-Marbach** and **Melissa Bersofsky**. They planned a fun-filled weekend for us with events such as a Welcome Back BBQ, dinner at RPU, and awesome after-hours featuring Mama T's and Flavor Ice! As for me, I will be continuing as your class correspondent and Class Council member. I'm in my third and final year at Brooklyn Law School, and trying to enjoy life before the Bar!

On behalf of all us old-timers, I would like to welcome the newest additions to our crew: **Elizabeth Kang** (membership contact), **Elizabeth Kronk** (treasurer), **Christine Jensen Weld** (my new co-class correspondent), **Jennifer McGowan**

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(Cornell Fund volunteer coordinator), **Philip King** (webmaster), **Howie Goldsmith** (historian), and **Philip Ballard**, **Aimee Hua-maw Hsiung**, and **Erick Lavoie** (Class Council members). Phil King is working at eBay in San Jose, CA, as an interaction designer. Phil Ballard is doing anti-terrorism/force protection for the Missile Defense Agency in Washington. And last but not least, Howie and his fiancée Jennifer Ossakow will soon be leaving my neighborhood (Brooklyn Heights) to study in Jerusalem. I'll miss seeing you two in Starbucks!

But let's not forget the hundreds of other classmates who attended Reunion this year! **Jason Satran** drove a caravan of our classmates up to Ithaca, including his fiancée **Waina Cheng**, **Julie Rodriguez**, **Linda Nicoll**, and **Evan Grossman**. **Jeremy Brauer** is finishing up his third year at Penn for medical school, and often gets to see the cute couple **Manny Porat** and **Gail Burstein** in Philly. Manny is an orthopedic surgery intern at Jefferson, while Gail is in her second year of residency at Temple. **Scott L. Weiss** also entered his second year of residency, but at Children's Hospital in Boston. **Dave Feldstein** just graduated from Fordham Law and even attended a Bar class during Reunion. Now that's dedication! **Jeff Ng** and **Jill Lustbader** were the king and queen of volleyball at Reunion, even with Jill's broken arm! Balch girls **Jon Tom**, **Airani Sathananthan '99**, **Megan Wolfe**, and **Alexia Burnett** were hitting all the Reunion events! And **Lillian Rokhsar Nerayoff** introduced us to her husband Steven, whom she married in November 2004. Another adorable couple, **Gogi** and **Seana Richardson Gupta**, were caught ordering DP Dough after a late night in Collegetown. So yummy!

I also ran into a bunch of people shopping for Big Red paraphernalia! At Bear Necessities, I was happy to bump into **Sara Richey**, **Dave Chipurnoi**, and **Howie Katzenberg**, who will be finishing up his graduate degree at Wharton. And then at the campus store, I spotted **Liz Mahler**, ME '01, **Dave Cohen**, **Pat Murphy**, and **Carrie Vicens**. Carrie looked better than ever—married life must be treating her well! I also saw **Kristen Keesee** and **Paige Goodman** picking up some Cornell gear at the CU store. Speaking of Thetas, **Meg Cavanaugh**, **Kate MacKenzie**, **Ryen Dy**, **Jen Smith**, **Lara Gelbwasser**, **Erica Allgyer**, **Corrine Keane**, and **Andrea Sharfin** enjoyed drinks at Ruloff's Friday night, while **Stephanie Gutleber** and **Tracey Lubin** were at my personal favorite, Dino's. The bar itself looks different, but all the regulars were there, such as **Caroline Eichberger**, who recently moved to NYC, **Lindy Van Dalen**, **Ishika Majumdar**, **Mandy Krauthamer**, and **Sarah Zornetzer**, who is still living and working in D.C. (And for those who haven't been back to Dino's, Pendo is gone, but Nick is still there!)

Before I finish, I would like to thank **Bill Vanneman '31** for his inspiring words at our class meeting, and the Class of 1931 for their generous donation to our Reunion. We couldn't have done it without you! And on behalf of myself and new correspondent Christine, we love hearing from you and we love writing for you. See you in 2010! ♦ **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

31 It is pleasing to see the names of our departed classmates live on at Cornell and in its activities. For many years we have had the “**Sy Katz Parade**” down Fifth Avenue in New York City after the Columbia football game (through the enthusiastic support of the Katz family); and tennis coach **Laura Glitz**'s position is named the “**Carl H. Meinig '31** Head Coach of Women's Tennis” (through the generosity of the Meinig family). Our own **Hal Craft** is being remembered in the retirement of his son and namesake, **Hal '60**, PhD '70: 34 years of service to Cornell, early on supervising the construction or rehabilitation of buildings and facilities worth nearly \$1 billion (from the Arecibo radio telescope to Duffield Hall), and subsequently as vice president and chief financial officer of the university.

“. . . and now there are four”—class officers remaining, that is (not that it matters very much, as our duties have largely been taken over by the Alumni Office). Back in April, **Peggy Gordon '60** advised us that her father **Len Gordon**, our longtime vice president, associate reunion chair, and faithful attendant at CACO meetings, had finally lost a bout with the old man with the scythe. Peggy said Len had “suffered a heart attack in Nov. 2003, and his doctor had put him in a hospice because of his condition.” That was no problem to a tough '31der like Len. Ten months later he took a “vacation” from the hospice and went on a Caribbean cruise—and then on a second one! The second time out, according to Peggy, “he tripped, fell, and broke his hip.” He survived the surgery to repair the hip, but apparently he could not dodge a pulmonary embolism. Before retiring to Florida, Len had extended his criminal defense legal career by taking on a traffic violation judge's job in New York City. He once told me he was waiting for a classmate to be brought before him, so he could “throw the book” at him. I am sure the “book” Len would have thrown would have excused the violation, and the judge would then have quietly suggested that the miscreant classmate send the amount of the fine normally due—or a multiple thereof—to Cornell University.

I attended Reunion 2005, staying at the Continuous Reunion Club headquarters. With a lot of help in transportation (without which my arthritic knees would have stranded me several times), provided by **Margaret Gallo '81**, MBA '81, and her cohorts in the Alumni Office, I joined the Class of 2000 at their first quinquennial reunion, and the 40th Reunion of my son **Bill '65**. I am very pleased to report that our donation to the Class of 2000, to help finance the promotion and functions of this initial gathering

as alumni/ae, was very clearly money well spent. There was a large, lively crowd present, and they were obviously having a good time with each other. They were extremely grateful for our help. This class is off to a good start, just as we intended. At their class meeting I was privileged to tell them that they were already a distinguished class, as it would be 995 years till the next “triple 0” class, but that it was up to them to add to this distinction by working with the Alumni Office and the Cornell Fund to become “the Great Class of 2000” during their tour as alums.

You '31ders will remember that at our 65th Reunion, ours was the first stop for the then-new President Hunter Rawlings and his wife Elizabeth. On Saturday morning it was announced that former president Rawlings will act as interim president until the appointment of a new CEO for the university. Let us hope it is a good omen that their first visit to a class reunion event in their renewed capacities was to that of the Class of 2000. It was exhilarating to watch the exchange between them and the class officers at the table. This latest generation of alumni is ready to carry on the tradition of the truly GREAT CLASSES of Cornell!

The 40th Reunion of the Class of '65 was headquartered in Balch, and was a classic nostalgia trip for a '31der—**Has Forman**'s son had just sent me a slide photo of Sy Katz's teepee set up in the Balch Courtyard at our Reunion there. It was great fun watching these still very vigorous 60-year-olds carry on like they were half that age, just as we had done in our day. One of their dinners was held in a big tent on the Beebe beach, and the big difference I observed was the lake-full of wine that was consumed vs. the hard stuff in our time. Cornell reunions are still very stimulating events—and GREAT FUN! ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 No. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

35 The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 64.

36 My apologies to **Ruth Fisher Rosevear** (527 McAlpin Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220) for not being able to include her news in a previous column. For over 25 years she has been giving demonstrations of pairs of experimental rats showing the effects of good diets and junk food diets. When an article about her and her rats that appeared in her local newspaper included her age, “requests to show the rats fell to zero.” Not fair! But she still continues to write

weekly for her church's *Nutrition Gazette*. Here's an edited version of the article that appeared in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*:

"Ruth Rosevear specializes in nutrition and rats. She enjoys taming and raising rats, but Rosevear, a licensed dietician who will be 90 in December, is not doing it for fun. The rats are part of her decades-long effort to teach people the importance of good nutrition. She always has a pair of rats, and they're always named Goodie and Junkie. Her husband, **Francis '33**, PhD '37, drives her to schools and health fairs where she shows the rats and tells how Goodie thrives on healthy food, while Junkie's junk food diet—white flour and sugary foods—makes him a sickly shadow of his roommate. The Goodies always grow bigger, with better fur, muscles, and bones. Junkies have ratty fur and they're restless and not at all healthy." After 12 weeks the Junkies get good food so they won't die and are given away as pets. She has been doing this since 1979, and she is now on her 108th pair. She has traveled the world studying nutrition, including ten days in Copper Canyon, Mexico, in 2002 studying an Indian tribe known for its excellent diet and health. Wonderful story, Ruth, and I'm sure many people are better off because of your work.

‘Ruth Fisher Rosevear specializes in nutrition and rats.’

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In the same vein, Dr. **Ralph M. Heinicke** (1124 Rostrevor Cir., Louisville, KY 40205) is still working hard selling us his "magic juice," Noni. "At a talk I gave in Mexico, I was blinded by the spotlight and walked off the stage. After bouncing a few times, they led me back to the stage, where I told the audience that this was a feat I only performed for special audiences. This convinced them that Noni actually works." Ralph, are you offering free samples for those of us who make our 70th? **Wendell J. Wheeler** (211 Woodbury Ave., Mount Dora, FL 32757) writes that his wife of over 60 years passed away about four years ago and he is now remarried to Wilma Vogt. They live in Waterman Village, a "premier retirement community" about 30 miles northwest of Orlando, where there are several other residents with past connections to Cornell.

Sally Clark Shumaker, networking VP for the Class of '71, has sent us this report on her mother, **Helen Harding** Clark. "Our family had a wonderful 90th birthday party for her at the home of my nephew and his wife, who live in Whitney Point, NY. All four of my mom's daughters were there, and four of her grandchildren and four of her great-grandchildren, as well as her brother, age 82. It was a fantastic family event. My mom has lived for the past five years at Garden House, an adult home in Binghamton, NY. She sends her best to all Class of '36ers!" We also have heard from Marcia Crockett, who tells us that her mother, **Sarah Jane Wilder** Silcox,

passed away last April. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Hampton G. III. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, and got her nursing degree from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, where she was a night nursing supervisor and then a graylady at Abington Memorial Hospital for over 35 years. **Robert C. Winans** has moved to the nursing home at Shell Pt. Village, 15071 Shell Pt. Blvd., Room 328, Fort Myers, FL 33908. His son and wife live nearby "when they aren't cruising."

Now for some brief class business. I received a letter from the editor of this magazine, saying that the price of the alumni magazine will be increasing by one dollar. As you know, our magazine subscriptions are paid through our annual class dues, the level of which is set by our class administration. I wrote our president, **Dorothy Greey** Van Bortel, MS '41, suggesting that we keep our dues the same as they have been for some time and let our class treasury "eat" the additional \$1 cost. At this writing I haven't heard from her, so apparently she agrees and everything will stay as it is.

One final personal note. Just as so many of you have done before me, I have lost my wife. After 38 years of marriage, she passed away only

a week before this was being written. She had been in intense pain for almost two years due to a badly repaired broken hip, with no prospect of improvement, so she had nothing but pain in her future and her heart finally decided it had had enough. In that sense it was a true blessing for her. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@SBCglobal.net.

38 Mable Levy Gerhart, MA '39, writes from Perkasio, PA, that she keeps busy attending to a three-acre property in the woods with two acres of lawn and landscaping—she loves gardening and her flower beds. Reporting on the wet summer of 2004 with an abundance of weeds: "I'm not a friend of chemical weed killers, so it seems I was weeding by hand every day somewhere." Unlike this year, that summer was too cold or rainy to use the swimming pool, and she missed her daily water exercises. She did, however, take two trips: to Madrid and Malaga in April, and to Munich last fall, arriving there just as Oktoberfest was ending. "I had studied in Munich at the university right after graduation in 1938, and though I've been to Munich several times since then, I did a more thorough sightseeing this time, visiting the house where I lived in 1938 and the university buildings again, and reminiscing. How Munich has changed in the intervening years. Of course, so has the rest of the world. Sometimes I wonder whether it is all for the good." **Lucille**

Howard Jarvis has also been traveling—to Hawaii to visit her daughter; to Barcelona, Spain, to visit her granddaughter; and to China to produce a TV documentary covering 30 years ago to the present, "China, Then and Now."

From last fall in Los Angeles, CA, **Helen O'Brien** Cyran reported "heavy, heavy rains and wonderful flower growth—over 50 stems of orchid buds!" Another source of delight: two great-grandchildren. Helen serves on the board of the Assistance League of Southern California, enjoys art at L.A.'s great galleries, and sends greetings to all. **William and Elsie Harrington Doolittle** write from Glastonbury, CT, that they never gave a thought to being "greats," despite granddaughters' weddings in 2001, 2002, and 2003, but they now have a new great-grandchild, born in April (bringing their clan up to 21). Their youngest child lives in Connecticut and runs a retirement home for elderly horses. Bill still builds ship models (which superseded mini-railroads), and Elsie is in her 19th year as a docent at the Wadsworth Athenaeum of Art in Hartford. They plan a trip to California, Michigan, and Peru, NY, this summer.

We sadly report two deaths. **Roy Lockwood** died in February 2004. Roy was a civil engineer and worked at Mobil Corp. from the mid-1940s to the mid-'70s. He worked briefly on the Shasta Dam construction project in 1938, helped bomb-proof the Panama Canal locks in anticipation of hostilities in 1939, and worked on government building projects supporting the Norfolk Naval Station during WWII. Roy's other activities included being a communicant at his church and membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Nassau Club of Princeton, NJ. He also had a strong interest in genealogy and could trace his roots back to 1630.

Coleman D. Asinof's son Robert wrote that his father died last December in Quechee, VT. A veteran of WWII, Coleman made landings in North Africa and Italy early in the war, and later saw combat in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany, including the Battle of the Bulge. Coleman participated in many Cornell alumni activities and loved golf, downhill skiing, squash, and tennis. He was also an avid reader and Boston Red Sox fan.

Robert C. Hickey, MD '42, and his wife Rose, a well-known sculptor, have five children and five grandchildren. Two of their daughters live in Scotland. While at Cornell, Robert worked at the NY Ag Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, helping to develop a test for water contamination. This technique is now being used in Iraq to test the waters of the endangered Tigris River. **Evelyn Thomas** Wood reports in from Roanoke, VA, and **Mary Nardi** Pullen sends greetings from Orono, ME.

William A. Kumpf, MS '50, says he is getting used to having moved from Rochester, NY, to Elk City, OK, except for the food: "From haddock to catfish and sweet corn to okra—ugh!" **Robert A. Shaw** observes, "When the Motor Vehicle dept. issues an operator's license to an 87-year-old for another eight years, they have already received their legacy! However, I am looking forward to the time when I can renew again! We are fortunate to have a daughter residing in the Washington, DC, area, so that we could visit the WWII

Memorial, which took so long to become reality.”
 ❖ **Class of '38**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

39 Reunion Weekend 2005 has come and gone. It was notable for two things: one, the hottest, driest weather I can remember, and two, the surprise resignation of President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. The alumni, the campus, and the town buzzed all day Saturday, June 11, and the speculation still goes on. I doubt whether we shall ever find out the real story because so many people on campus are gifted with the evasive language of academe, but I do know he was very popular with the students. I think the shock waves will go on for a long time.

Ithaca's first really tall building is almost finished. It was built with the help of Cornell, which will use the bottom floors for several hundred office workers from campus, and house a hotel on the top floors. It's a cooperative effort between Cornell and the City of Ithaca to boost the local economy. As usual, there were many complaints about the height of the building—typical of a town of highly vocal people—but now, I think, it looks fine and fits in very well.

The news letters which some of you sent with your dues are petering out. While you are doing your end-of-summer activities, why not send me a note to help me out, please?

Jane Davison Fast claims she doesn't see or walk well or drive, but she manages to do a lot with the help of family and friends. She goes to church and AAUW and eats out “a lot.” She helps with her church newsletter and works her phone for good causes. She finds audio books and satellite TV a blessing and says since nothing hurts, she can't complain! She sent a photo of her granddaughter's wedding party and looks very good to me, even though she calls herself “a tired old lady.” Can't imagine why!

Evelyn Wilson Monroe's daughter Elizabeth asked me to remind you that, though she has lost vision, she loves to get e-mail at ckit1@comcast.net, so all you computer-savvy women, gather 'round! **Virginia Hoyt** Hammond still walks, still drives, still maintains a vegetable garden. That seems to be the magic word—STILL.

Another active classmate is **Margaret Dole Chandler**, who, with her husband **Webster, MS '40**, walks a mile daily. Webster was recently honored for 20 years' service to “Meals on Wheels.” They both volunteer at the local hospital, and Peggy is still in music, singing and playing two-piano concerts and organ-piano duets in church. Obviously, she's another classmate who has no time to grow old.

Our Reunion Chair **Elizabeth Luxford Webster** writes regularly, which I appreciate. The saga of the amount of traveling she and **Bill '42** are still doing is amazing. Last year, they drove to Stratford, Ontario, for the theater; to Baltimore for piano camp for Bill (Leezie says she has no talent); to the Adirondacks, where she found out she could still get into a canoe—but not out; and to Maine, Wyoming (where some of her kids live and work), and Vermont. Seeing America is something they do well.

We send our sincere good wishes and condolences to **Evelyn Zimmerman Linowitz** (Toni to us) and her family, whose husband **Sol, JD '38**, passed away March 18. Sol was a gifted man, CEO of Xerox, US Ambassador to the Organization of American States, international diplomat, co-negotiator of the Panama Canal treaties, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and much, much more. His life of service to our country should make every Cornellian proud.

Be well, be happy, and don't forget to write!

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Phil (Lawrence P.) **Young** and his wife Wyona will celebrate their 60th anniversary in July. He only attended Cornell for one year and then went with Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Detroit. He retired 42 years later, including spending three years in Australia with the Signal Corps. He was brought up in Trumansburg, NY, but now lives at 10810 Old Charley Rd., Gravette, AR 72736.

John Hull and his wife Astrid do a lot of traveling, in spite of both having limiting health problems. They got caught in a snowstorm near Steamboat Springs, CO, last winter, and then visited Naples, FL, and Charleston, SC, on their way home to Dewittville, NY. Later this year they plan to be in Sweden. Rev. **Frederick Turner, JD '41**, started off studying law, then became a Methodist minister, initially serving at several churches near New Albany, PA, until his retirement in 1980. He and his wife now live at Bethany Village in Horseheads, NY. He is currently compiling a book about his father and his life in the Canadian/American Old West. **George DeWitt** lives in Lino Lakes, MN, but didn't send any additional news this time.

Glenn Robinson, a Sp Ag student in the mid-'30s, has moved to 21 Tudor Road, still in Brockport, NY, to the home of his daughter and son-in-law. He'll be living in a specially designed “pad” that had been used by his grandsons during their high school and college years, with living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bath. A chairlift to the upstairs will mean he can help with meals. He writes, “This is a perfect arrangement as I move into my 90s.” ❖ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

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*It is our sad duty to report the death on July 20, 2005 of **Ralph Antell**, the good-spirited, steadfast, and tireless correspondent for the *Men of the Class of '41*. As **Ralph** was always conscientious about supplying your updates to us, no matter the deadline, his news reports will continue to appear in the next couple of issues. He wrote the following column late in the spring. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife **Anne** and their four children.—Ed.*

To get in the mood, I am playing a Benny Goodman CD—real swing music, like “Let's

Dance,” “Avalon,” and “It Had to be You.” **Elton Borden** lives in a house on his brother's farm. His second home is a travel trailer—he spends weekends with his camping club. The trailer serves as home in the Orlando, FL, area December through February. “We are in fairly good health. We still square and round dance and have traveled in Europe.”

Malcolm Vail retired in 1995 and spends six months in Ephraim, WI, sailing out of the local Yacht Club. He is a director at Delnor Hospital. His three children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren are all in good health and doing just fine. “Betty and me? At age 86, we're still quite active and in pretty good shape for the shape we're in.” Class president **Bill Webber** has a new address: 408 Stoutenburgh Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534. “After major surgery in 2003 and 2004, I sold my house and moved into a new home located in a multi-care facility. I travel to visit four children and grandchildren. I look forward to the 65th Reunion.”

Robert Haase and wife Arlene moved into Villa Medici, Apt. 110, 9534 Ash Street, Overland Park, KS 66207. “We have a beautiful backyard with a large patio and a stream for fishing. The yard is cared for by the community, including snow removal. I am still a courier at the bank twice a week and enjoy it.” **Jack Sterling** and wife Hil downsized to a villa at 76 Jillian Circle, West Hartford, CT 06107. They plan a trip to China, as well as a fall reunion with **Tom** and **Barb Shreve** and **Dave** and **Sally Ketchum**. **John** and **Mickey Borst** also went through a similar experience. They sold their home of 25-plus years in Hamilton, NY, and moved to a lifecare community in Leesburg, FL. “Our greatest loss was the passing of **Bart Bartholomew**, a beloved friend and Theta Delta Chi brother. Our sympathy and prayers go to his wonderful wife **Eddie (Burgess)**.”

Fred Rosekrans and wife Mary moved to Naples, FL, in September 2004 and love it. They were in New York City for the wedding of their oldest grandson, and Fred hopes to have dinner with his cousin **Jean Way** Schoonover. Sad note from **Anthony Pennock**: “My wife died last year after 59 years of marriage. She had diabetes and Alzheimer's. I've been going on Elderhostel trips.” **Robert** and **Elsie Harley** have been married 61 years. Robert writes, “I wish I could walk better. Elsie is a fantastic caregiver. So much energy and ability.”

Businessman, engineer, loyal Cornellian, and active classmate **Chuck Lake** died on June 7 in Hinsdale, IL. I received a long and informative obituary last summer and will share more about Chuck's life in the next issue. ❖ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225-5233.

Eleanore Wearne Holderman, of Orange, CA, is well and lives happily in a retirement home. She has family nearby, and two daughters live in Northern California. She is proud to have ten grandchildren. **Dorothy Newman** Seligman and husband **Donald** live in Somers, NY. They are well and healthy, keep busy, and have a full and interesting life. Donald still works part time, but they play tennis and golf. Dorothy does volunteer

work and is on several boards and committees at the condominium where they live. She and Donald travel often; this year they are going to Barcelona and surroundings. Her children are both Cornellians, and the children and grandchildren all live nearby.

Martha Perkins Melfi of Liverpool, NY, reports she has no health problems. She takes lots of bus trips. She took two trips to Europe last year—one to France and Italy and one to central Europe. She plans to go to the 756 Tank Battalion Reunion with her daughter. Three children live close by in Liverpool, Syracuse, and Cato. She does a lot of reading and makes rosaries as a hobby. **Ruth Kessel** Butterly lives in New York City and is still very active as a volunteer at the New York Public Library. Among her various jobs are cataloging the menu collection, which is extensive and dates from the mid-nineteenth century, filing various gallery notices and articles of the art and architecture division, and serving at the information desks. This work gives her good contact with various fields.

Betty Bourne Cullen is moving to an independent living facility in Fort Collins, CO, with family close by, lots of activities, and no more cooking. She says it will be wonderful to be near children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We received word that **Maja Cavetz** Stamp died in Vienna, VA, on April 13, 2005 after a long illness. She majored in Floriculture and enjoyed working in her beautiful gardens when she lived in Ithaca. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggans, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

42 A *Cornell Alumni Magazine* story reminded me of the job I had as secretary of the History department during WWII. One of the professors I worked for was Mario Einaudi, who became the first president of Italy after the war. His nephew **Franco Einaudi, PhD '67**, is now president of the American Meteorological Society and director of the Earth-Sun Exploration Division at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. So don't fail to read the interesting articles in every issue.

Doris Stone Hanrahan (Montauk, NY) called with news of her military family. Her son-in-law is a Navy commander stationed in Bahrain, and her son is an Army general stationed in the US. Her Florida home, unfortunately, is in Punta Gorda, an area that has made the news for not getting the houses repaired following last year's hurricanes. Stonie's house still lacks its roof. She believes that **Jim Goodwillie** (York, PA) might also have a home there and she'd love to hear from him. She also states, "I have always felt I must finish reading any book I start, and that was put to the test regarding *The Trial*. To put it succinctly, I hated it—and with no apology for my lack of appreciation." Stonie, please send your Montauk address.

Evelyn VanTyne Morrison (Nedrow, NY) belongs to the Cornell Women's Club of Syracuse and enjoys spending time at her home in the Thousand Islands near the bridge to Canada. She also takes part in activities and classes at her local

senior center. "Tyny" is proud of her grandchild Mike, who made the National Honor Society for Outstanding Academic Achievement at Clayton, NY's Thousand Island High School.

Here's some old news: **Virginia Stockamore** Henry (Albany, NY; gingerhenry@mailstation.com) volunteers at the AMC Hospital, the Red Cross, and the Albany Inst. of History, but hasn't traveled outside the US recently. **Gladys McKeever** Seebald (Wyomissing, PA) reminisces with her former roommate **Kathryn** "Kiffie" **Fiske** Weikel (Pottstown, PA) and they hope to get together. Gladys and Henry attended his veterans' reunion, and she keeps busy with bridge, crossword puzzles, and solitaire on the computer.

Sadly, we report the passing of **Glenn Botsford** (Ithaca) the day after his 86th birthday. Glenn took graduate studies at the universities of Wichita and Washington. He learned to fly in Ithaca and enlisted in the Navy in 1942, where he qualified as a naval aviator. He flew with TWA and was later a test pilot with Boeing, retiring as an aeronautical engineer in 1984. He and his brother Hal climbed Mt. Rainier in 1967. He was a charter member and docent of the Seattle Museum of Flight. He and Margaret moved to Kendal in 2002 with plans to attend all the university events, but his health interfered with such pleasures. His large family will miss him, as shall we all.

We also regret the passing of **John Hogg** (Grove City, PA), who was awarded the Purple Heart for the loss of his arm in WWII. And he still played golf. He is mourned by Louise, his wife of 62 years, and his five children, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grands. Jane **Holub** sadly reports the passing of her husband and our classmate **Edward** (Media, PA) last July. Our sympathies to all.

It was reported to me by a Penn graduate that Cornell is the "last Ivy League school to have what we remember as a 'marching band.' The rest have raggle-taggle outfits of mismatched boys and girls straggling around as their spokesperson spouts censored words in tune with their marching and tooting." Cornell's teams are reflecting this good spirit. And did you know that you can go to Cornell in NYC to receive a master's degree? A *New Yorker* magazine ad promotes this accommodation.

Amazing fact: May 19, 2005 marked three years and eight months after 9/11—the same distance of time between the attack on Pearl Harbor and the end of WWII. That war seemed to last forever, and time since 9/11 has just flown by. And the last word: Name two men who changed the world with a mouse. Walt Disney and Bill Gates. Don't forget to send news, pictures, etc., for our class website, <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu>, and also for this column. Write or e-mail me. ♦ **Carolyn Finneran**, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.

43 Dept. of Splendid Decisions. **Patricia Rider** Huber (Cromwell, CT): "As you can see from the address change, I have moved to the Covenant Village retirement community in central Connecticut. I hated to leave beautiful Cape May, but I am much nearer my offspring,

so it was a wise move. Stop by when you are in the area." **Robert** and **Doris Lee Zabel** (Webster, NY) were happy to be moving to a cottage in a newly built retirement community in early summer. "We are busy clearing out our home of many years." **Jean Hammersmith** Wright (Shelburne, VT): "I sold my Heritage Hills condo in Somers, NY, to the first prospect (lovely lady) who entered, and I moved to Shelburne in July 2004—my 17th and final move! I am extremely pleased. Wake Robin is a really fantastic place, now ten years old and modeled after the residential care units of Kendal at Ithaca. Situated on Lake Champlain, 20 minutes from Burlington, its breathless views of the Adirondacks are just one of its many virtues. I watch magnificent sunsets from my third-floor apartment. Come see, one and all, and you'll agree I made a good decision!"

Mary Jo Borntreger Ray (Dallas, TX): "Just before Christmas 2003, I tripped over a suitcase at the airport [bad decision] and broke my neck (the odontoid C3—the same one Christopher Reeve broke). By some miracle, I had no paralysis, and after three months in a very uncomfortable collar, I bounced back and resumed all my usual activities. We recently sold our home of 30 years and are enjoying life in a lovely apartment in a Hyatt residence here in Dallas, not far from our former home. What a job of down-sizing!" **John A. Vanderslice** (Valencia, PA): "We've moved to the Woodlands at St. Barnabas, a retirement center for independent living. We look forward to the 65th on the Hill." **Bob Hutton** (West Grove, PA): "My wife **Sue (Cassedy)** '46 and I have sold our home in Somerset, MA, and sometime in early December will move to Jenner's Pond, a beautiful retirement community located near our family. Reason for the move is two-fold: I was no longer able to perform the minor repairs in our home [In all those years you never taught Sue?], and we missed being close to our family. Our friends tell us we made the right decision and we agree."

Mary Honor Crowley Rivin (Santa Fe, NM, red state): "I have recently learned to play Mah-Jongg. Two or three tables of us at our retirement center play one morning a week. Husband Arnold and I don't travel abroad anymore, but still do stateside trips to visit family and friends. I am active (fairly so) in the local League of Women Voters, mostly in voter registration and education. Last fall, of course, was extremely active."

Hope Ritter (Athens, GA): "Linda and I visited son Michael (Princeton '03) in Greenwich Village [blue state] a couple of months back. Michael hopes to enroll in Cornell Law's special program—two years Ithaca, two years in a Paris international law firm. He speaks French fluently, so it would be an ideal arrangement—if his LSATs measure up. My first contact with **Knox Burger** since our 60th was by telephone and failed to reach face-to-face because our stay was too brief. Sounds like he's been through the mill, a challenge he is handling with sheer Knox guts."

Sim Gluckson (New York, NY): "Have just finished my tenth year of teaching political science at Marymount Manhattan College in its Center for Living and Learning; I should have taken more liberal arts at Cornell. Have been asked to return next fall, and I will give it a try. I just received the

distinguished service medal from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, their highest award for a volunteer. My first grandson, Dan, son of Cornellians **Carrie (Gluckson) '73** and **Ron Gale '72**, ME '73, arrived this fall. Deeply distressed over **Roy Unger's** death. He was a fraternity brother, a friend, and an all-around great guy. As for 150s, with two new hips and a laminectomy in the last ten years, I wouldn't dare suit up. It would be a helluva lot of fun, but impossible. I still see **Stan Levy**, **Arnie Rosenstein**, and **Jerrold Lieberman**, MD '46. Thanks for the column. Keep it up."

Charles Harris (Island Heights, NJ): "My children are as old as I used to be. I'm busy leading a sheltered, selfish life—like a second childhood—trying to understand now what I learned at Cornell, but didn't understand then. My travel is currently confined to the Internet, a container holding all the information in the world—what a tool! I have 1,000 remaindered copies of a book I wrote and Harper & Row published 30 years ago. The prison system said they had a loading dock—I would ship at my expense; but when they discovered it was hardcover, they refused—prisoners make weapons of hardcover books. I'd appreciate any constructive ideas." [Armor for Humvees?] ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 Seven loyal '44s—**Hugh Aronson**, **Doris Holmes Jenkins**, **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten**, **Jerry Levitan**, MBA '48, **Don Middleton**, and **Mort Savada**—braved a blizzard in New York City on January 22 to attend the celebration of the 100th anniversary of CACO (Cornell Association of Class Officers). Dotty then sent a two-page report on class business to all classmates. Art continues to add to the website. He loves doing it and says classmates are funding his effort.

This is being written in June—the end of the news and dues year, and time to wrap up last year's communiqués. **Virginia MacArthur Claggett** describes her ride home from Reunion with **Dunbar King** in his 1926 Ford. He shifted gears, worked floor pedals, and, in the rain, hand-turned the windshield wipers. She spent two days, eight hours a day, "sitting in a comfy seat, enjoying the bucolic countryside, mooing at the cows, and waving at teens getting off buses in the middle of nowhere." **Andi Capi**, MD '46, and **Sherrill** flew from Reunion to their summer home in Portugal. There they stayed for their usual two months, deciding to sell Casa Capi, which they had built 34 years ago. An English couple who wanted to use it only in fall, winter, and spring, snapped it up. The buyers are allowing them free use of it every summer. Says Andi, "You can have your cake and eat it, too!" **Bill Felver**, BA '47, MA '50, of Isle of Bute, Scotland, has a daughter who is an opera singer. He has heard her in Berlin, where she sang as a Valkyrie in a Wagner opera (four performances), and in Dortmund, as she performed 16 times in the title role in Puccini's *Turandot*. As she awaits contracts, he calls it a "precarious profession."

Ruth Caplan Brunton sends a detailed Christmas letter describing family accomplishments.

Husband Bob was recorded six hours on Phoenix TV by Arizona State U. and City Managers Oral History Program, telling of his work in six cities—Minot, ND, Milton-Freewater, OR, Elgin, IL, Chicago, Ft. Collins, CO, and Phoenix. Rudy was honored by 60 Arizona mothers at their annual American Mothers Association meeting last year. The Bruntons have three daughters, who are successful teachers, and a son, a financial planner, all with happy families active in community affairs and causes. Rudy and Bob claim eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. **Tom Dent** of Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, hasn't been able to cruise with Club '44 because of health problems with his legs. He does volunteer work as a statistician for the Tarrytown affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of America. Wife Geraldine is Director of Tutoring Programs for non-English-speaking immigrants. "This is our way of trying to retain English as the official language of our state and country." **Dan Morris**, BA '76, reports from Ithaca that football coach **Jim Knowles '87** asked him to coach kickers at the summer sports camp. "Great feeling to know I can still do it." His son **Gregory '87** is editor-in-chief of a new magazine, *Greens*, slanted toward minorities who play good golf and enjoy good living. Daughter **Misty Morris** Fearon '89 is the physical therapist for the city of Ithaca's Special Children's Center, and son **Christopher '96**, a maritime archaeologist, coached Cornell women's rugby while on furlough.

‘Football coach Jim Knowles '87 asked Dan Morris to coach kickers at the summer sports camp.’

NANCY TORLINSKI RUNDELL '44

Jacqueline Graff Courtenay has been dancing for several years, taking ballroom lessons and entering competitions each year. She has done shows on cruises, one from *A Chorus Line* and one from *Chicago*, and is having a great time. **Priscilla Young** Waltz of Sea Cliff, NY, still paints, has shows, and gets to Maine for her annual fly-fishing adventure, despite problems with post-polio syndrome. **Lucille Jones**-Grey Halifax of Venice, FL, says she isn't a big donor to Cornell because the three other colleges she attended (U. of Miami, Rollins, and U. of Florida) and her four children's colleges keep her on their lists. She enjoys Cornell alumni meetings in Sarasota. She's still living independently and often sees **Jean Quick** Bryant '43 and husband Dr. Henry who live nearby.

Charles Williams writes from Scottsdale, AZ, that he and Barbara will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, 2005. A daughter now works for Frontier Airlines, enabling them to fly anywhere in the US—standby, of course. They have already taken one happy trip and plan on many more. **Lew Mix** of Virginia Beach lost six trees to Hurricane Isabel, but his house was not damaged. He and **Connie (Avery) '48** attended

two grandchildren's college graduations. **Don Crandall** lived in the Walsh Hotel in Medina, NY, for almost a year while his sons worked on winterizing his house. He had all the equipment, but says he was too old to do the work himself. **Herb Eskwitt** invites everyone who lives in or visits the Berkshires to join the Berkshire Cornell Club. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

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Kathryn Foote Shaw, BS HE '45 (Penfield, NY) added a sixth grandchild last July. The only girl, she joins her brother, age 10, plus four other grandsons. The baby's parents are also Cornellians: **Brian, JD '88**, and **Marjorie Hodges** Shaw, JD '91. I also heard from frosh friend **Louise Carmody** Wiley (Naples, FL). Lou has four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She enjoys going to her home in Florida for three months in the winter. **Jan Basset**te Summerville (Sackets Harbor, NY) reported on three grandsons: John became an Eagle Scout last December; Bryan graduated from Oklahoma State and is working in Oswego; and Garrett is a senior at the U. of South Carolina.

I got a newspaper clipping of our past Prez and Reunion Co-chair **Mavis Gillette Sand** (East Aurora, NY) about her award from the United Way: the Community Hero Award for Services to Families. Mavis worked for 16 years with the Aurora Healthcare System as a dietician at the nursing home. She presently serves as food pantry manager for FISH (an interdenominational Christian ministry) and is chairperson of the Mission Commission of her church. **Seaward "Sandy" '45**, BA '47, PhD '55, and she has six children. Their daughter **Natalie Sand '76** is working on her master's in philosophy at the U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Grandson Raymond Miller was married last year in Laredo, TX. Mavis wrote that she, class president **Lloyd Slaughter**, and Alumni Fund chair **Dick Turner** attended the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) in New York City. (Next year's meeting will be in Philadelphia. Maybe more of us can make that one—I'm hoping to, so join me.)

September kick-off meetings will be held in Ithaca for next year's reunion. Past Prez **Louise Greene** Richards, BS HE '45, PhD '65, Treasurer **Ruth Critchlow** Blackman, Reunion Co-chair **Bill Farrell**, Dick Turner, and Mavis plan to be

there. In the meantime, Bill is working on our updated reunion website. Louise wrote from Ithaca that she enjoys being near classmates and other Cornellians who live at Kendal (**Carolyn Usher** Franklin, BS HE '45, **Marion Moulton** McPheeters, and **Nancy Stephenson Bond** '45), and also Binghamtonites **Dottie Tinker** Powell, BA'45, MD '50, and **Rayma Carter** Wilson, and Waterlooite **Bea O'Brien** Contant. She wrote, "I enjoy driving through campus and seeing students scurrying around—and am glad I don't have to scurry anymore." Bea taught locally from 1946 to 1980. Since the 1990s she has been the village historian and has helped plan a horse-and-wagon tour on Memorial Day Weekend. Bea's quote: "Waterloo is recognized as the birthplace of Memorial Day." Harry and **Mary Lou Rutan** Snowden (Madison, WI) moved to a retirement community and love it. They have three daughters and five grandchildren. "Living in a university town makes me nostalgic for Cornell, and I might take some courses next year. I'm interested in hearing of any Cornellians nearby." ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565.

We arrived on the Hill with the country at war / Saw entries and exits, a revolving door / There is no disputing that front lines are hell / But near purgatory's mech lab at Cornell.

The verse above is from a '46 parody of the "Song of the Classes." It may have influenced the late **Bob Nagler** '50 to create a tradition. He initiated Pi Lam's combined reunion of classes from '41 through '55 in New York City. But before long, the attendees were nearly all from the "revolving door" classes of '43 through '52, when brothers were leaving for and returning from armed service commitments and bonded in their efforts to keep the house going. To my knowledge, of the brothers listed below, only **Larry Lowenstein** '43 graduated with his original class.

'We needed four to five formal gowns for all the dances then—not just blue jeans.'

BARBARA EVERITT "BIMBY" BRYANT '47

After several reunions in New York restaurants and hotels, Bob and Larry changed the venue to the New York Cornell Club. Bob began with annual reunions in the early Eighties that attracted brothers and their wives from all over North America. Bob retired from chairing the reunions in 1991 and they lapsed. Shortly before he died in 1997, he fanned the flame of renewal and passed the torch to **Rick Diamond** '50.

Rick's successful "last hurrah" in 2000 created a demand for more "hurrahs" by the brothers. **Bob Asher** '48 chaired the 2005 edition. He shared credit with Rick, **Barry Cohen** '47, **Stu Sherman**, Larry Lowenstein, and **Shelly Joblin** '48, BA '47, MBA '48, whose contributions were crucial. Those assembled voted not to wait five years for the next gala. They decided the odds

avored brothers being more mobile and/or alive in three years than in five.

Robert J. Nist (Trinity, FL; bobnist@msn.com), who was known as Joe at Cornell, sent sad news. His son Robert A. Nist died suddenly in December 2004. "Dr. Bob, a Phi Beta Kappa, practiced endodontistry and was a professor of endodontics at Ohio State U. We often look back to the times his mother would hug Bob and proclaim, "You will not be an engineer like your father and struggle in the workplace as a Cornell-trained engineer." Joe hopes to reunite with us in 2006.

Our class historian, **Pat Kinne** Paoletta (Lake-wood, NJ), is sequencing all of Elinor's and my articles to display at our "60th in '06" and add them to the '46 cache at the main library. Pat and Sal are thrilled to finally rate the Statler for reunion and would hate to miss that. They are getting used to their "adult residence" life, which frees them from many household chores.

Let's keep working for a mammoth "60th in '06" reunion turnout and each of us call a classmate and ask him or her to join us on the Hill in June of '06. TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail it to me. Include your name and city and state of residence. Send news to: ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pbl22@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 I am sorry to announce the death of **John Ayer** on June 11 in Ithaca. John and **Helen (Allmuth)** have always been active with the university and our class. John was class president and a Cornell Fund representative, and both he and Helen helped with reunions. **Barlow Ware** and **Margie Schiavone** Berens attended the memorial service. If any of you would like to make a donation in his honor, John and Helen's children have requested that donations go to the

Cornell Fund and that they be mailed to Barlow Ware (55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850). The family will decide later how to allocate the donations. Our class also recently lost **Allen E. Dekdebrun**, who lived in North Fort Myers, FL. Many of you will remember Dek's mighty skills as a CU quarterback.

Thank you for all the blue forms loaded with news! I can picture so many of you as I read them and remember shared experiences from long ago. I will dole out the news over the next few columns, so don't be concerned if your news isn't included this month.

It seems that a few of our classmates were at graduation last spring. **Alan Markham** was there to see granddaughter **Joanna Britten-Kelly** '05 graduate. **Robert Flickinger** (rdf7324@aol.com)

was also there to celebrate his granddaughter **Whitney Patross** '05's graduation. **Robert Loeper** will likely be there soon, as one of his grandchildren will start Cornell this fall, while the husband of another granddaughter will earn a doctorate at next spring's graduation. **Robert Olney**, BA '46, has surely spent many a May afternoon in Schoellkopf, since he has had three sons, two grandsons, and a granddaughter graduate from Cornell. **Jane Johnson McCombs** and her husband **Bob** '51 also squeezed in a graduation during a two-week trip through Texas, where they attended the wedding of their oldest grandson, the 23rd birthday of their oldest granddaughter, and another grandson's high school graduation. **W.R. "Bill" Davies** (SpudandBill@pacific.net), who lives in Ukiah, CA, reports that his grandson, who just finished San Diego U., is applying to Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Congratulations to **Robert Haggerty**, BA '46, MD '49 (robert_haggerty@urmc.rochester.edu), of Canandaigua, NY, who was recently honored for his life's work with children's health care. Robert was the chair of the U. of Rochester's Medical School's Dept. of Pediatrics for more than ten years and served as president of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the executive director of the Int'l Pediatric Association. He was also the founding editor of *Pediatrics in Review* (and served as editor for 25 years). In addition, he wrote more than 150 papers, 200 book chapters, editorials, and abstracts, and also edited three books. He has been described as "likely the most prominent leader in pediatric medicine in the second half of the 20th century." Robert was a pioneer in facilitating access to medical care for low-income families, including migrant workers. In recognition of his work, he received the Alfred I. DuPont award for excellence in children's health care. In addition, the Robert J. Haggerty Child Health Services Research Laboratories have been dedicated at the U. of R.'s Strong Memorial Hospital. Many congratulations to you!

Others in our class have had careers in higher education and some continue to teach. **Harry Rubin**, DVM '47 (hrubin@berkeley.edu), teaches cell biology of cancer to upper division students at Berkeley and also writes review articles in his field. **Israel Milner** (izegmilner@ieee.org) is an adjunct professor of environmental science at Temple U. **Barbara Everitt** "Bimby" Bryant (bryantb@umich.edu) is working with the U. of Michigan Business School as an adjunct research scientist.

Bimby sent a funny story with her news form. "Several years ago there was an article in the *Cornell Alumni News* about students using scrapbooks from the '20s and '30s as research resources. The article ended, 'Apparently after the '30s, nobody kept scrapbooks—but the rare books library would like them.' Well, I made a scrapbook for each of my four years. I reviewed them one last time—including pictures of men I didn't marry—and shipped them to the library. Imagine my surprise last June when the Cornell Women's Chorus came to perform in Ann Arbor. One of the chorus members let out a cry when she saw my nametag. 'My roommate used your scrapbooks for a term paper!' She quickly called her roommate, a member of the chorus—who

had never expected to meet the author of the scrapbooks. Her term paper was about college students in wartime. I asked her if she hadn't had a good laugh over all the pressed dried corsages. She admitted she had. We needed four to five formal gowns for all the dances then—not just blue jeans, I told her.”

Thanks for help on this column to my daughter **Beth Anderson '80**, who called me from her 25th Reunion in June to tell me the news of President **Jeffrey Lehman '77's** resignation. What a shock! ♦ **Arlie Williamson Anderson**, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **Harold Vroman**, MS '52, Cobleskill, NY: “Retired. Always lots to do. Going to Florida with the help of my sons. Problem is staying alive and keeping ‘up-to-date.’ Friends help. The world’s problem is knowing what’s right and wrong. Solution is to read the Bible every day. Have recently discovered that the ‘right way’ is better.” **Claire Girard** Peterson, Sunnyvale, CA: “Exercise at spa, help son, travel.” **Vincent Greci**, Olympia Fields, IL: “Retired. I talk to three children about their investments, watch the tube, golf, and take care of my wife (brain aneurysm, but doing better now). Interesting to see that ‘values’ was the major factor influencing the last election. I’d like to see more 18- to 30-year-olds get involved in American politics. The world’s problem is to love and respect one another every day, regardless of faith difference, worth, political persuasion, etc. I read the book *The Purpose-Driven Life* by Rick Warren. I recently learned that it’s a waste of time being mean, jealous, or envious.”

James Bostwick, Lakewood, CA: “Trying to close down a business I’ve been active in for 53 years. Enjoying life as a grandpa—six kids, 11 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and still counting. All grandchildren are now in college or graduated. Can’t believe I made only \$5,000 my first year out of college. Now trying to make \$5,000 a month to retire on. Settled for 15 cents more than I could spend. Took up coin collecting. They are pretty and still seem to increase in value. I’ve tried to encourage the children and grandchildren to do things on their own, make their own decisions, follow through, help others, learn from mistakes, always finish what you start, be responsible for what you do, and don’t forget to thank those who helped you. Problem is to find enough time to do everything I should. Solution is to tackle most important and difficult items first. The rest comes easy.”

Carmel Along Fischer, MPS '49, community activist and volunteer in Cinnaminson, NJ, was honored and given the key to the city by the Township Board of Education for her more than 40 years of service to the township. She is a founding member of her church and a two-term member of the Township Committee, and pushed for creation of a senior program with workshops on the Federal Discount Prescription cards, grief counseling, personal finances, and computer training. She also worked with the Sheriff’s Academy. **Robert Fogel**, professor at U. of Chicago, Nobel Laureate in economics, and on the list of

100 Most Notable Cornellians, was on campus for a public lecture last October, followed by a celebratory dinner attended by about 40 faculty members from around the campus.

Tom Trafzer, El Dorado Hills, CA: “My job is trying to master conversion of vinyl records to CD, golfing handicap chairman, and general home factotum. Would rather be relaxing in Florida. Problem: Iraq. Solution: *Illigitimus non carborundum*. Have learned at a trust seminar that tearing a document into two pieces is an accident, into four pieces is a revocation.” **John G.** and Dr. **Marilyn Baron Woods**, Philadelphia, PA: “We are pleased to report that our grandson **Michael Lis '08** is in Cornell Engineering. Other Cornellians in our family: John’s sister **Mary '52**, our daughter **Anne '73**, and Anne’s husband **Neil Sonenklar '73**.”

Sidney Law, Ormond Beach, FL: “Church choir, rental home in Palm Coast, Zone Net MLM, keeping in touch with large family in US, Holland, Finland, and Germany all keep me busy. Spent a week in a Florida hospital (lots of good-looking RNs). Spent last July-Sept. in Northeast. Have three time-shares in Tennessee and one in Florida. Today’s world problem is price of gasoline. Solution: more public transportation, like Europe.” **Ed De Gasper**, Williamsville, NY: “Practicing retirement. Reading up on it. Plan to spend four months in Florida pool. One son, five daughters, five grandsons, 13 weddings, eight divorces. (The girls keep getting re-singled.) Problem: staying on top of the daisies. Solution: keep breathing and start getting ready for our 60th Reunion in 2008. World’s problem is understanding grandsons. Solution: give up and stop buying green bananas.”

Greta Adams Wolfe, Lake Stream, WA: “Keeping up old house, old garden, old self. Nap ‘after hours.’ Would rather be hibernating from holidays. ‘KOKO’ (Keep on keeping on). Dr. L. M. MacDaniels’s motto: ‘DIP’ (Die in peace). Mine: ‘HIT’ (Hang in there). Today’s problem: too many people; too many cars; greed. Don’t know solution.” **Jim Rea**, Forest, VA: “Keeping my virus scan up to date. Caught a snook (fish) in Naples, FL.” (Photo of Jim, fish, and son-in-law was enclosed, all three looking good.) “Have four great-grandchildren, two in Houston, two in Brazil. World’s most pressing problem today is respect. Solution: offer it. I’ve learned that each day is a new experience and you catch more fish using son-in-law’s tackle and bait. Problems happen, but not to worry. My mother always told me, ‘It will be all right, Jim.’” ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel., (516) 767-1776.

49 To celebrate Independence Day (as I write this column), we took our red pill, our white pill, and then our blue one. Spring and early summer have been a wicked combo of rain, heat, and humidity here, so we packed up and went to Reunion with the Class of 1950 for their big one (Ithaca has to be cooler, was the thought). So I followed wife **Joan (Noden)** and became a Pi Phi with what is billed as the “Class of the Century”—a bit of puffery that we never fully

understood and were pleased to hear questioned by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes in his remarks at the class banquet in the Statler. The cocktail hour was held in the new Statler Atrium, and we wandered into the Richard Brown Lecture Hall and shared a Banfi with him in spirit. I told him how much we miss him. He responded with his famous “honk” and I felt better.

Reunion weather was extremely warm and continued to be so, long after the last SUV left the MEWS. In fact, the high was 90 degrees on June 13, matching the record set on June 13, 1949, which happens to be the day we graduated as a class. Barton Hall was hell on earth and many stories have been told about the clothing (or lack of) worn under gowns that day. We will not go there, but 1950 might reconsider its positioning. Fortyniners remain the “hottest” class to graduate!

Time was spent with classmates **Bill Eldred**, LLB '53 (Princeton, NJ), and **Ken Murray** (North River, NY) (who also married into the Class of '50), and we saw **Don Sutherland** (Wilmington, DE) and **Don Roberson** (Niagara Falls, NY) at CRC (Continuous Reunion Club). Of course, the biggest moment was seeing **Char Bullis Pickett '47**, nicely recovered from a minor stroke and giving me “what-for,” as always.

Strange conversations occur at reunions. A group was trying to recall the names of the movie theaters of our time. They did very well with the State, Ithaca, and Temple, but had trouble with the other one and retreated to the “Near,” “Far,” “Far Far,” and “Armpit.” Movies bring to mind that another sequel to “Barber Shop 3” should be filmed in Ithaca at the Community Corners Barber Shop, where we understand that three '49ers in sequence filled barber Al Thornton’s chair recently. **Bob Dean** was followed by **Jack Gilbert**, who preceded **Barth Mapes**. The conversations were lively, and the tonsorial results were a thing of beauty. Other classes of the era are challenged to put three male members in a row in the same barber’s chair—all of them needing a haircut!

Just before Reunion, **Helen Hoffman** Casey (Old Saybrook, CT) informed us that the class had no website at cornell.edu. We passed this on to Class Prexy Jack Gilbert with understandable pleasure. Can’t blame me anymore! Besides, Jack has retired as treasurer of the Tompkins County Library Board so he and Inger can enjoy Big Red football and all the theatre opportunities in Ithaca. We recall that at this time last year they were viewing the fireworks display in Newport, RI, while aboard the *QE2*. Now they have returned from their Norway trip.

Ned Bandler (Bridgewater, CT) ended a 45-year career with Unilever and US affiliate Lever Brothers Company by retiring as a senior VP and director. **Chris Larios** (Hurley, NY), who will be remembered as chair of Spirits and Traditions and for a number of sorties to renew Cornell spirit in the post-war era (such as painting statues red at the US Naval Academy and changing the direction of signs “to Ithaca” from Hamilton following a football game—lots of “late” minutes were chalked by coeds and WSGA), has son **Dennis '76** and granddaughter **Sarah '03**. We will save some of his other news for the future, as it is personal.

One of the pleasures of being back on the

Hill was to visit the Lab of Ornithology (known variously in our time as Sapsucker Woods or Seer-sucker Woods). The new lab is wonderful and the viewing much easier. We do miss the bird sounds being piped in, however. Now, there is a class gift!

A favor, please. We have found some buried items for the next column, which may have had a long life before I got my hands on them. To be somewhat up to date and save red faces, we suggest that you can make life easier for all if you just e-mail a few words to the address below. Do it today!

Current Obtuse Observation: Most people don't know what they're doing and a lot of them are really good at it. We just read the *Cornell Widow* again from April 1949. Hey, if we paid a quarter for a magazine, we didn't throw it out! The ads, both local and national, are interesting, and the editorial staff was either brave or crazed for notice because the humor elements were signed. For example: *There was a young maiden—a Sioux / As tempting as any home brioux. / She displayed her cute knees / As she strolled past teepees / And the braves they all hollered, Wioux, wioux!* Signedr dog.

Could this have been Red Dog? Oh well. Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

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George S. and **Linda Evans**, Norwalk, CT, renewed their wedding vows at the "Little Church Around the Corner" in New York City to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Then they were off to Naples, FL, for three months in the sun. "It beats working," he says. George managed international government relations for General Electric while working.

Mary Osborn Galloway, PhD '58, divides her time between her former home in Pullman, WA, and her new-to-her home in Seattle, doing yard work in both. She's planting a bamboo barrier for a Chinese garden in Seattle, and reports three pears from an Asian pear planted in spring 2004. February blooms, however, provide hopes for a big crop this year. She's still raising money for the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington Foundation. "People are very concerned about the erosion of civil liberties under 'W'." Contact with **Joan Falconer** brought news of **Gloria Brooks** Degling, and it turned out that the ex-mother-in-law of the chef whose restaurant they use for "homeless cooking" is **Patricia Steele** Wilson. "Small world! We're now feeding over 200 people from preschoolers, in a family shelter, through teenagers, and on to men and women of all ages!"

Bill McKinnon, Michigan City, IN, is still working with a literacy volunteer group. He reports sending pictures of **Ralph Gasparello** (Hingham, MA) and **George Vlahakis** '52 taken at a resort where they all worked one summer to **Ernest Sofis**, also of Hingham, MA. Ralph is married to **Joan (Circola)**. **Leonard Feldman**, LLB '54, checks in without news from Syosset,

NY. **Bill Messina**, Maitland, FL, checks in with a change of e-mail address, but no news.

Mary Ann Doutrich Seipos, Harrisburg, PA, and Sanibel, FL (winter) writes that she's off to New Zealand via Elderhostel on October 22; back November 6. "Anyone want to join me?" she asks. **Paul S. Jones**, Atherton, CA, is trying to put his life back together after the death of his wife **Nancy (Francis)** '52 ended 53 years of marriage. Paul took his seventh (the first by himself) CAU trip, to Armenia and Georgia, in May. **Theodora** "Todi" **Frizzell** Frick, Charlotte, NC, says she's fighting her way into old age with a second hip replacement and looking forward to reunion next year.

Leonilda Altman Farrow, Highlands, NJ, is letting us know why we haven't heard from her lately. "Some years ago, I sent news of my continued professional work, including a scientific publication. All of this was carefully ascribed to my HUSBAND (!), thus reinforcing the sexual stereotypes I have had to combat all my life. So please do not expect any more news from me." It's hard to say where, in the process of writing and editing the class column, this error occurred, but all I can say is sorry, and it wasn't me. I haven't heard from Leonilda in the four years I've been doing this. She majored in Engineering Physics while at Cornell.

Frances Goldberg Myers writes that her husband **Nat** '49 died of complications after surgery due to emphysema. Frances is keeping active in Asheville's College for Seniors and the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement and volunteering at the Asheville Art Museum (daughter **Pamela** '78 is the director). Son **Kenneth** is now Curator of American Art at the Detroit Inst. of Art. Son **Chip** '82, DVM '87, is an internist-veterinarian in Pittsburgh with partner **Dana Kellerman** '85, DVM '90. Frances enjoyed a winter break on St. John, VI, and plans to travel to Berlin with the Asheville Art Museum tour in September. She visited NYC with **Marjorie Tucker** Sablow, Hartsdale, NY, and **Shelley Epstein** Akabas.

Rudy '52 and **Florence Jessup Beaujon** continue to live in Maineville, OH, near Paramount's Kings Island (Cincinnati area), while their six children are scattered among six states: Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, and Maryland. They have seven grandchildren, ages 13 to 25. When they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Ithaca several years ago, Florence was returning to where she grew up. A note to **Dottie Hull** Sturtevant, Ithaca, recalls a summer in Vermont and their senior year in high school. She also reports enjoying visits with **Jim** '48 and **Sally Bame Howell**, Post Falls, ID, and **Arnold** '52 and **Betty Ann Brundage Huntress** '54, Midland, MI, in the summer and fall of 2004.

Charles and **Dorothy Ahrend** report that a daughter and her husband recently retired from 24 years in the US Air Force and have moved back to the Singers Glen, VA, family farm. A second daughter lives in Raleigh, NC, and their son is a chiropractor in Morgantown, WV. Charles is in his 18th year as an elected county supervisor and is active in county affairs and cooking—pork, beef, and turkey. "See you all in June 2006 at Cornell," he says.

Howard L. Hyde, Clarks Summit, PA, writes that he has "reached the grand old age of 84 and is still in good health." Helen and he report three children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Howard retired as a partner after 40-some years with Burkavage Design Associates. Now he participates in Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, choral singing, hiking, and sculpture in his spare time. He'd like to hear from his fellow classmates.

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

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First, news from those not heard from before. **Judith Rosenberg** Bernstein, MA '54, Albuquerque, NM, writes that she has "traveled all over the world in the last 15 years in conjunction with international library conferences and physics conferences." In 2004, she and husband **Daniel Finley** spent two months in Ireland, Scotland, and England, and four months on sabbatical in Madrid. Active members of the Cactus and Succulent Society, growing and showing, they travel by camper throughout the Southwest and Mexico. They have six children scattered across the US. Judy retired as director of the business library of the U. of New Mexico a few years ago and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Special Libraries Association.

Bob Jensen, Catonsville, MD, writes, "After nearly five years living in the Charlestown Retirement Community, I was able to locate four other Cornellians among the 2,300 retired residents here." **Helen Berdick** Freedman '35, **Mildred Phillips** Ramsdell '41, **Mary Close** Bean '43, **Dean Tuthill** '49, and Bob met for a get-acquainted lunch in March and hope to get together again. Helen Freedman planned to attend her 70th Reunion with her daughter.

We travel and keep in touch. **Aliza Goldberger Shevrin**, Ann Arbor, MI, writes that her husband **Howard**, PhD '54, was taking his furlough year before retirement from the U. of Michigan, as follows: December to May '05 in New York City; and September to February '06 in Cambridge, England. They had just spent five weeks in Italy. Aliza was about to start another Sholem Aleichem translation. She reported a great visit with **Winnie Wallens** Siegel in San Francisco. **Lewis B. Ward-Baker**, Rochester, NY, writes that a large group of alumni from the Tau Epsilon Phi house, from the late Forties through the mid-Fifties, spent an October weekend at Saratoga Springs organized by **Bernard Schapiro**. "He summarized our discussions about the future of the university in a fine letter to President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77."

Mary Alice Newhall Mathews, MD '56, Newton Center, MA, is busy with family, work, and other things. When she wrote in October she was in rehab, having fallen off a ladder cleaning the gutters. "Usually I go out the window." She still works two days a week and seriously gardens. She takes two vacations a year to do underwater photography in Southeast Asia and was aiming for the Great Barrier Reef and Wakatobi, Indonesia, in 2005. Further, she and **Deedy Sargent** make

annual visits to the Boston MFA. Last year they saw **Ann Woolley Banks '53**, whom Mary Alice had not seen in 50 years. "Wow," writes Mary Alice. "Wow," say I. If you're inclined to see where your old friends are, the online Alumni Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>, accessible to all Cornell alumni, is a good bet. You'll need your Cornell ID, which is on most mailings from the university, to access the site.

Richard C. B. Clark, Osterville, MA, and wife Sandy were in Portugal and Spain in October. The trip included seven days on the M.S. *Duoro Prince*, a 46-passenger ship that cruised the Duoro River. They returned to Bermuda for their 12th Christmas there and were looking forward to February in Palm Springs, CA. Rik wrote, "Volunteer responsibilities continue to keep us busy and involved, but we also work hard to save time for kids and grandkids, travel, golf, biking, and other satisfying activities." **Arthur Reader**, Arden, NC, volunteers as webmaster for the Cornell Alumni Association of the Blue Ridge Mountains (<http://caabrm.alumni.cornell.edu>). Art would be happy to help with a class website, computer graphics, and so forth. He writes, "Otherwise, thanks to an excellent medical establishment in the Asheville, NC, area, I am still ticking three years after a 'sudden cardiac death' episode." **Walter Bortko** and wife **Rosemary (Manno) '55**, Bonita Springs, FL, are "busy with what most 70-year-olds do. Volunteer work, travel, golf, exercise, tennis, and doctors appointments." Walter remains super-enthusiastic about their first grandchild, Ethan, and feels Cornell should recruit him for Class of 2024 football.

Still working is **James H. Ward**, Washington, DC, who has moved his information technology business, Symbiont Inc., to 1320 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD. Bud reports that 2005 marks Symbiont's 20th anniversary. Congratulations, Bud. In Lancaster, PA, **John** and **Elizabeth Hunsberger Craver** are both busy. Jack as chair of the Research and Professional Grants Committee of the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation, and Lib as an instructor with Lancaster County Therapeutic Riding Inc.

Ina Perlstein Loewenberg asked that I mention the death of her friend **Martina Feist** Broot in Brussels in 2004 after a yearlong struggle with brain cancer. Some of you may remember Martina, who did not graduate from Cornell. She lived in Brussels with her family, where her husband taught physics at the university, and is remembered as a good wife and mother. Sadly, I must also mention the death of **Peter Schurman**, the husband of my sorority sister **Judy (Calhoun)**. I ran into Peter during the 1980s when—in addition to everything else he did—he was active with the New Haven Local Education Fund, an organization that worked hard for better public schools. Pete was an all-around good guy and is missed. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 What is so rare as a day in June? Well, there are 30 of them every year. What is so rare as a day in June when a university president ends his Reunion State of the University address, generally viewed as rosy, with a declaration of

irreconcilable difference with the trustees—his resignation? That is rather less common. A representative assemblage of '53 classmates were at Bartels Hall for **Jeffrey Lehman '77's** fare-thee-well. The 99th Reunion of the Continuous Reunion Club (est. 1906) attracted **Jim** and **Sandy Blackwood**, **Ernie**, PhD '69, and **Jane Little Hardy**, **Bill**, MBA '58, JD '59, and **Nancy Bellamy**, **Clark** and **Claire Moran Ford**, **Gerry** and **Sue Grady**, **Bill Sullivan**, **Lou Pradt**, and moi one more time. Gerry presided over the Class of '55's 50th Reunion Saturday morning ice cream social.

"Although long in the tooth," **Martin Ginsburg** submits briefly, "I continue full-time teaching (tax courses) at Georgetown U. Law Center. I am also counsel to the D.C. office of a large New York firm, where I practice a little of what I preach at school. In December 2004, the 38th edition of *Mergers, Acquisitions, & Buyouts*, an exciting four-volume treatise I co-author with a smart non-Cornellian from Chicago, was published by Aspen. I am currently without hobbies." Daughter Jane teaches law at Cambridge U. in England. Son James has received Emmy nominations for bassist music CDs he produces. "Spouse **Ruth (Bader) '54** is occupied full-time in the judging business." **Bob Ashton** (NYC) returned (in 2002) from a nine-and-a-half-year circumnavigation of the globe in his 40-foot sailboat. "I did not race." He's become involved with a large retiree study group doing such things as history and philosophy, "items largely absent from the Cornell mechanical engineering curriculum. I also bike, walk, ski, and travel as time and money permit." **Ray Handlan** (Greensboro, GA), whose wife **Scharlie (Watson) '47**, MEd '58, died a day short of her 78th birthday, married Kathryn Medley, "a southern lady whom I met here at Reynolds Plantations," last spring.

"Maybe I'll retire next year," says great-grandmother **Ruth Christoff Landon** (Indianapolis). "This year I've been teaching a CDA class and three parenting classes in addition to everything else." (There was a Christmas conclave of 20 family members under the Landon roof—so "husband **Bill '52** and I went to the Hilton nearby.") If she did retire, Chris would join Bill, "who is semi-retired and finding lots of things to do around the house. But I find work and little children fun." On the other hand, **Marguerite Goetke** Larsen (Middletown, NJ) is growing accustomed to retirement with, for instance, a cruise to Europe via Greenland, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, and Greece, and courses in creative writing. Now that she's no longer practicing medicine, she says she's "getting used to the 21st century as a patient."

Claire Nagel (North Cape May, NJ) is "involved in Federation of Democratic Women, helping to produce a forum on Social Security" last spring and serving as campaign manager for a local woman. She's been participating in "anti-war demonstrations and vigils" besides continuing as a New York Life agent and registered representative. "In my spare time," she says, "I garden, manage my rental units, and enjoy watching the dolphins in the bay." Retiree **Rosemary Smith** (Palm Springs, CA), is "enjoying leisure (by) helping a friend produce a book on the memories of an early aviatrix and her contributions to aviation," besides volunteering at

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the local public library and information center. **Hilary Levin** Mindlin (Pembroke Pines, FL) rejoices in grandchildren ("at last"). Grandson Jared arrived on her 50th wedding anniversary. A little girl was born last March. "We live two doors away, so we get to share in all the fun."

Good news for **Julian Aroesty** (Lexington, MA): Last son Adam was accepted to the U. of Michigan bioengineering program. Also: "He has informed me that he intends to go on to a PhD or MD afterwards (at \$40,000 a year). No wonder I am still working. Still doing research, practicing cardiology at Harvard Med. Mainly cycling for exercise, 10-15 miles at a time. Knees will no longer tolerate downhill skiing very well, so I did not even try this year. Otherwise mainly in good health, looking back on the wonderful years at Cornell, but also the effect of my military service in Korea, when I decided on medicine and had to return to the U. of Rochester to take pre-med courses. I never would have thought it as I was going through it, but my two years in the USAF was also a positive experience . . . it was instrumental in my decision to change my life work from research chemist at Eastman Kodak. I have never regretted it for a moment." **Leo Buxbaum** (Whittier, CA), when most recently heard from, was continuing the practice of gastroenterology.

Sheila Olsen Chidester, MEd '54 (Madison, NJ) lost husband Lawrence to a stroke last fall. "Children are all well, deo gratias. I was able, during his final illness, to do what needed to be done and enjoy the days and the friends. That's a major

gift." The pursuit of knowledge still sends '53 classmates all over the world. In the not too distant past, Cornell's Adult University (CAU) took **Bob Abrams** to Sicily, **Jim** and Nancy **Bowman** to Alaska, **Jay Brett** to NYC to see what was happening in the theatres of Broadway, and **David**, MD '57, and Nancy **Gluck** to Provence.

Fletch Hock forwarded the *New York Times* notice of the passing of documentary filmmaker Charlotte Kempner **Beyers**, **Bob's** widow, in March. Her works were among the first to introduce students to the realities of AIDS, the *Times* said. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 News was low in early summer as I sat to write the column for this issue, so let me take this opportunity to encourage you to return the annual News and Dues forms as quickly as possible—pay your class dues and send in some news. Don't know what to write? How about giving us an answer to one or more of these questions: What is your present "day" job? What are your "after-hours" extra-curricular activities? What have you been doing recently . . . and is there something you'd rather be doing? What do you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?

The News and Dues letter should be arriving in your mailbox in a few short weeks and I look forward to getting your updates. E-mails directly to me or to the online news site (see below) also work well and may mean that you see your name

in print even sooner. Have a good fall! ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Online Class News, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. Cornell Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

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56 When I was a young lad, not too many years ago, my father's very favorite writer was Ogden Nash, who wrote wonderful light verse for the *New Yorker* (one of his most-quoted lines is "Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker"). An old friend of mine from my freshman year, **Douglas Parker**, LLB '58, has left the law and moved to South Orleans, Cape Cod. After settling down, he became active in community theater, and has given lectures and courses on the Supreme Court at local libraries. Most important of all is that with the encouragement of his wife Angela, he set out to write a biography of Ogden Nash. It has been very favorably reviewed. Doug would like to hear from his classmates, and particularly how they liked *Ogden Nash: The Life and Work of America's Laureate of Light Verse*.

Gordon Davidson of Santa Monica, CA, is retiring from his long-held position in Los Angeles as head of the Center Theater Group, which includes the Taper, the Ahmanson, and the new Kirk Douglas Theater for new and experimental plays. He has led this group since 1967 and is a legend in his home city. This is a \$42 million-a-year program, world famous for exciting and innovative theater. **Sylvia Gingras-Baker** of Bloomfield, CT, is a partner at Hartford Family Inst. She is a psychotherapist and is still thriving in her work.

Lyn Thomas Kennedy (Elm Grove, WI) returned to Cornell for her husband **Don '55's** 50th Reunion, as well as the 30th anniversary of Hotel Ezra Cornell in April. Their most recent trip was to Prague and the Czech Republic. **Gloria Specter** Greenberg (Greenbrae, CA) retired last year from the College of Marin in California, where she was professor of learning disabilities. She remarried last September to Peter Marks. The father of two girls, **Joseph Carrier** splits his time between Cape Canaveral, FL, and Little Egg Harbor, NJ. He and his wife love cruises and car trips.

We are sad to report the passing of our classmate Dr. **Leo Rubinstein** earlier this year. He was a clinical psychologist and had a varied and very successful career. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family. We are sorry to learn that **Dan Silverberg's** mother passed away last April. She was a fine lady. Dan and his wife Linda recently took a house in Tuscany with **Don '55**, BS CEE '58, PhD '68, and **Iris Marcus Greenberg '58**, MST '64, and **Ernie** and **Barbara Lang Stern**. They all reported that it was a super time. Dan also took a cruise recently to South America, and splits his time between Cleveland and North Palm Beach, FL.

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The old chimesmaster of the Libe Tower from our class is still continuing his interest in chimes. **John Hoare Jr.**, MBA '57, just moved to a new townhouse in Bridgewater, NJ. **Dick Miller**, MBA '58, has also recently moved—to Rockford, IL. He retired from his consulting practice last year and reunites with the Cayuga's Waiters whenever he can.

Please keep those notes coming to **Phyllis Bosworth** and me. Don't forget that our 50th Reunion is coming upon us. If you want to help, please e-mail me and I will be happy to get the news to Ernie Stern. ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

57 "Hurrying to catch a pan that I had left burning on the stove, I tripped on one of my needlepoint rugs and went flying across the living room, arms outstretched, to land hands-first on the ceramic tile floor." So begins a belated Christmas letter from **Judy Madigan** Burgess. Long story short, it was the day before Thanksgiving and as Judy lay on the floor watching the smoke gather from the heated pan and wondering if it would set the house on fire, her son walked in the door just in time to call 911 and turn off the burner on the stove. Judy wound up in the hospital with two broken arms and rotator cuff injuries, but after treatment was able to be back home the next day to supervise all the family helpers as they prepared the Thanksgiving feast. A few days later she returned to the hospital for surgery, then into rehab and therapy, and finally came home a week before Christmas. Judy is now back on her own again, and in May visited with **Bob '53** and **Susan Alder Baker** on her way to Vancouver and an Alaskan cruise. This fall Judy is off on a 10,000-mile road trip to Atlanta, Nova Scotia, and Tennessee to visit family and friends. She is fully insured.

Linda Wellman Stansfield traveled with a Cornell group to Iran. She describes Persepolis (555 BC) as "glorious and so impressive in its magnificent condition." **Barbara Timen** Holstein visited her daughter in London last year, where she got to see her newest (fifth) grandchild. Then it was on to Prague to see her other daughter, who is producing a movie. **Judy Bird** has left Pawley's Island, SC, to live permanently in Hawaii; and **Bob '56** and **Mimi Hester Ridgley** have a new home in Camas, WA.

On campus in June were a number of classmates whose husbands were celebrating the 50th Reunion for the Class of '55: **Adele Petrillo** Smart, **Grace Wohlner** Weinstein, **Jo Field** Bleakley, **Harriet Merchant** Shipman, **Sue Sutton** Moyer, **Barbara Haglund** Schlerf, **Gwen Barrera** Hart, **Myrna Lacy** Rooney, **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg, **Sue Westin** Pew, and **Vanne Shelley** Cowie, among others. The Continuous Reunion Club (aka CRC) gathers each year to enjoy Reunion Weekend, and among those who made it this year were **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger**, as well as **Connie Santagato** Hosterman. **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger celebrated with the Law school Class of '60 at their 45th. Just two more years and it's our turn to treat the Hill once more. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.

Jim Broadhead and **Paul Tregurtha** hosted a reunion in March for several members of their Chi Psi Class of 1957. Attendees included **Peter Buchanan**, **Tom Criswell**, **Guy Henry**, **Walt Gundel**, **Doug Love**, **Chuck Slater**, and **Clint Walker**. Only **Brad Wright** and **Steve Smethurst** were not able to attend. A Friday night dinner kicked off the festivities, and a Saturday evening reception was held at the home of Jim and Sharie Broadhead. This was followed by a Sunday brunch at the home of Paul and **Lee Anderson** Tregurtha '59. Golf, tennis, biking, and lolling on the beach were high priorities during the day. It seems that no one has changed, and the singing voices were in great shape.

I received a delightful e-mail from Jason Wright, a member of the Class of 2002. He graduated this spring from the Ohio State U. Moritz School of Law, and passed on to me his great respect for **Sheldon Halpern**, LLB '59, the C. William O'Neill Professor of Law and Judicial Administration. Jason took copyright, trademark, and defamation courses from Sheldon, and it was the highlight of Jason's experience at Ohio State. In his 21 years at the school, Sheldon has distinguished himself in many ways, notably in the case of *McFarland vs. Miller*, involving the unauthorized use of the name of George "Spanky" McFarland, the actor in the television show "Our Gang."

Another outstanding teacher was **Sanford Lowe**, who died in March. He taught religious studies at Santa Rosa Junior College in California. Ordained as a Reform rabbi at Hebrew Union College in New York, and having earned a doctorate of ministry from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Sandy became a much beloved professor, known for his expertise and interpretation of the Christian Bible. He taught at Santa Rosa for 30 years, retiring in 2001.

Class president **Bob Watts** has served his country, our class, and Cornell with great distinction, and the following is a quote from **Jeffrey Lehman '77**: "I am very pleased to notify you that the Board of Trustees has elected you to the Cornell University Council for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2005. You were nominated by the Council for membership because of the leadership and outstanding service you have demonstrated in your profession, in society, and especially for Cornell." (Special thanks to **Joe '56** and **Sue De Rosay Henninger** for finding out and forwarding this wonderful news.)

I recently visited **Tony**, MBA '58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** at their farm south of Albany, where my grandson, 5 years old and a lock for Cooperstown, lives. Tony is retired to the point of doing pro bono-only headhunting, and Gail is active in several community organizations. The highlight of the visit was Tony's four-wheeler thrill ride, with the future Hall of Famer hanging on remarkably well. At least two wheels were on the ground at all times. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 I hope that by the time this reaches you, the weather will be cooler and the leaves starting to turn. What a great time to send Dick or me

some news! **Phil Getter** is still an eligible bachelor around New York City, often taking care of his 10-year-old son and four nephews and nieces. During the day he is an investment banker and sits on a bunch of public and private company boards. Nights are spent mostly in the arts and at the theater as one of the administrators of the Tony awards. Another New Yorker, **David Goldstein**, JD '60, underwent brain surgery on Jan. 25, 2005 at Weill Cornell's NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in NYC. He has retired from his public position as the NYC Tax Commissioner representing Manhattan. Before that, he was NYC Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner and chairman of its board. He and wife Rena have been married since 1969. Unfortunately, their first child, Scott, who was born in 1972, passed away in 1988 after a long illness. David wrote "Scott's Memoir" in 1988. He would love to hear from any classmates via cell phone at (917) 886-1920.

Last July, **Michael Isaacs** and his wife relocated to San Francisco, CA. They reunited with their daughters, who both love the Bay Area. **Meyer Gross's** daughter Dana was married last November at the Hudson Theater on Broadway. Both Meyer and Dana sang on a Broadway stage! Meyer and his wife planned to travel last January to Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam with a business/vacation stay in Bangkok. **Byron Golden**, Myron's best friend at Cornell and the person who introduced him to his wife, died last summer. **Peter Klem** also relocated to be nearer to his daughters and grandchildren. He now lives in Durham, NC. He is writing a book to end all books on basic philosophical questions. He keeps in touch with **Arthur** and **Susi Gruen Pfeiffer '59**, who have retired in splendor to San Marcos, CA. **Robert Dunn** is another Californian and just bought the car of his dreams—a Ferrari 355 GTS (still a kid at heart).

Charles Marshall writes, "Our family business, Mr. Stox Restaurant, in Anaheim, CA, was selected to the *Nation's Restaurant News* Fine Dining Hall of Fame in 2004—one of 180 restaurants worldwide to have received this recognition. The restaurant also received *Wine Spectator's* Grand Award for its wine list—one of 84 restaurants worldwide to receive this award." Recently, he has visited with **Tom Tuttle '57**. Tom is retired from the Air Force and is still an outstanding golfer! **Don Alpaugh** recently retired to the South Carolina coast, where he built a new home in a golf community. He is enjoying retirement, travel, and golf, with a little consulting thrown in.

Do keep us posted on your news! ♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; fax, (972) 387-0160; **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Ft. Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com.

59 In May, Publish America released **Joel Goldberg's** first novel, *Misfits*. Joel, who writes under the pseudonym Joshua Grant, notes that his second novel, *Shaman*, will be published in 2006. Next up will be *The Zoo*, in 2007. You can read the first chapters of the novels at www.joshua-grant.com. When Joel retired at the end of 1998, he moved to Alto, NM. (He has

since returned to the East Coast, to Hockessin, DE, to be near his family, including his six grandchildren.) While Joel was in Alto he became involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and “big brothered” a boy who, with his older brother and younger sister, was living in a foster home while their mother was in prison. *Misfits* is based on Joel’s experiences—good, bad, often traumatic—with the three kids. The book, notes the publisher, “is a story about a group of boys who grew up in dysfunctional families; boys whose cries for help went unheeded . . . Forced to be loners, they kept to themselves, refusing to talk about the abuse they’ve suffered. Moved from one foster home to another, there was no love in their lives, only dispassionate provision of the most basic necessities of life. They were misfits . . . They dressed differently, failed every subject, skipped classes, fought, had no interest in girls, and were in trouble with school authorities and the police. These boys formed a bond of friendship isolating themselves from everyone, relying on each other for emotional support and security. They develop a plan—an almost foolproof one—to get even. And they successfully execute the plan.”

Favored retirement activities of **Dick Marks**, MILR ’61, JD ’76, of Bonita Springs, FL, include playing golf—“poorly”—and riding his Harley Davidson—“proficiently enough to have ridden through 41 states to date without a tumble.” He plans to ride through the remaining 9 states by the end of 2006. **Dale Rogers Marshall** and husband **Don ’58** of Piedmont, CA, “love retirement.” When Dale concluded her 12 years as president of Wheaton College in mid-2004, the college honored her in many ways, including raising a million dollars to create the Marshall Fund, naming a building the Marshall Multicultural Center, and giving her an honorary degree at commencement.

Susan Mattison Fraser and husband **Bill**, longtime residents of Greensboro, NC, are active in their church and community and “travel as much as possible.” In 2004 they went to Antarctica, the Canadian Rockies, and Wyoming, and Bill went to Uganda. Motor-sports consultant **Theodore Goddard** of Perkinsville, VT, has cut back on his largest client, New Hampshire Int’l Speedway. “After 28 years I was tired of working 24/7 for 30 weeks of the year.” He continues to be very active in SCCA performance rallying in New England. **Donna Mason** Drummond of Portland, OR, continues to enjoy downhill skiing, hitting the slopes in Canada, Utah, New Mexico, and the “usual” Oregon and California venues earlier this year. During the off-season, she’s “on the bike!”

Sylvia Rich Alderman and husband Edwin of Palo Alto, CA, are both retired—she after 11 years as a middle school librarian, he after a career as an academic cardiologist. Sylvia has discovered the pleasures of quilting, and they both enjoy the outdoor life, including camping, hiking, and birding. Last March, **Dave Warner** of Kiawah, SC, was among the 25 alumni and guests at the first event of the newly formed Alumni Interest Group for the “Low Country” area of South Carolina. The luncheon, held at a well-known restaurant in historic downtown Charleston, featured guest speaker Prof. Joseph Hotchkiss, chairman of Cornell’s Department of Food Science. Classmates

who enjoyed CAU Off-Campus Study Tours this past spring were **Alan Rosenthal** (The Biltmore, the Vanderbilts, and the Nineteenth-Century World of the Superrich, in Asheville, NC) and **William Tafuri** (April in New York: A Spring Theatre Weekend).

Barbara Specht is the town historian of Harrison, NY. “Since our family has a long history in Harrison, this is a ‘natural’ for me. I’m enjoying educating the children about their local history and bringing history alive for them.” Barbara enjoyed a three-week trip to Provence and Brittany last March, delighting in old historic places and the extremely friendly people. **Harvey Weissbard** of Maplewood, NJ, is “still thrilled at the chance to influence the law on one of the busiest appellate courts in the country. Two and a half years to mandatory retirement.” When he’s not on the bench or in Virginia enjoying being a grandparent, he’s “consumed” by his book collecting.

Vic and Diane **Samuelson** moved to Hilton Head Island, SC, last December. “It feels very much like home, since we have been coming here for 37 years and have owned property here for 35 years,” writes Vic. He finished up working for TEC (The Executive Committee), but continues to provide executive advice, consultation, and facilitation service to CEOs and senior executives of small to mid-sized companies. “Enjoying life!” says **Carol Rafferty**, who retired from *Parade* magazine, where she was VP Human Resources, and moved from Manhattan to Wayne, NJ. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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As president of the Senior Executives Association, **Carol Bonosaro** heads up an organization that advocates for the interests of current and retired federal executives and promotes ethical public service. At the association’s annual banquet honoring recipients of the nation’s highest civil service award, she was reunited last spring with US Energy Secretary **Sam Bodman ’60**, who dated and married her freshman roommate, the late **Betsy (Little)**. Sam was the principal speaker at the event.

Henrik “Hank” Dullea, former vice president for university relations, is running as a Democrat for the Tompkins County Legislature. Hank, who has held several governmental positions, believes that he can make a major contribution to the Legislature. The primary is being held on Sept. 13. **Debbi Robbins** Wolf just published the 5th edition of her *Garden State Golf Guide*, which gives information about all of New Jersey’s golf courses. She says she’s learned a lot about both the book and golf businesses in the last ten years.

Cliff Wagoner and his wife Meg moved from the Bethlehem, PA, area to Davidson, NC, near Charlotte. Cliff tutors engineering students, and continues to dabble in his favorite activities, including ham radio, singing, and playing golf. **Herb Altman** and his wife have a permanent residence in Stratton, VT. Semi-retired from a

career that involved trading securities and commodities, he sails in the summer and winters in Florida. Herb has been a private pilot since taking his first flying lessons at the Ithaca Airport as an Air Force ROTC cadet.

Bill Eaton and his wife Phyllis have ten grandchildren, one of whom graduated from Cornell. Bill is president of Cini-Little Int’l, a food service consulting firm. He spends about 25 percent of his time on Cornell-related activities, including working with the new dean of the School of Hotel Administration, assisting in Alumni Affairs and Development, and serving as president of the corporation rebuilding Delta Chi. In June, the Eatons hosted a crab feast for the Cornell Club of Maryland at their historic farm on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. A number of Broadway entertainers helped **Bobbi Horowitz** celebrate her 65th birthday at a rooftop “Senior Prom” party in Manhattan in June. **Arthur Kroll** enjoyed a mini-reunion with **Barry Protage**, his Cornell roommate. Barry, who lives in California, was in the NYC area to visit his daughter. The two reminisced about how Arthur dissected animals as part of his pre-med lab experience while Barry was enrolled in a wine-tasting lab.

Ed Furtick is selling music at Borders in White Plains and taking in lots of jazz shows at the new home of Lincoln Center Jazz at Columbus Circle in NYC. His big dream still is to open a jazz “nite spot” in downtown White Plains. **Gerald Fleming** and his wife Judith enjoyed a CAU tour of Alaska from Fairbanks to Glacier Bay. **Steve Frauenthal** teaches math at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY. During the summer, he was director of a children’s summer camp in the Adirondacks.

Marshall and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank** traveled to Caracas, where Marshall taught a one-week course on petrochemicals. The Franks attended the 45th Reunion of the Class of ’60 along with other ’61ers (with their ’60 spouses). These included **Ginny Buchanan** Clark, **Jan Powell** Bidwell, and **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder. The Franks were fortunate to be housed in the air-conditioned townhouses on North Campus during a steamy Ithaca weekend. They came away with a list of reunion “do’s and don’t’s.”

Walt, MBA ’63, and **Jeannie Springer Cottrell ’63** recently returned from two weeks of hiking in the Czech Republic. The Cottrells were impressed with the hilly terrain and green forests, the beautifully restored medieval villages, and the Czech hospitality. The castles and cathedrals were spectacular as works of art and as engineering marvels, Walt reported. Since the end of Communism, the Czechs have been restoring their cities to their original appearances of centuries past. **Charlie Hecht**, LLB ’63, was in Beijing in the spring as a sculptor-in-residence. One of his works is on exhibit in the famous Pickled Arts Center.

A pre-45th Reunion planning session will take place on October 28-30 in Carefree, AZ. Designed as both a working and a fun vacation, the weekend will feature receptions, dinners, and outdoor activities, as well as planning meetings. *All classmates are invited to participate in what promises to be a fun-filled event.* Residents of the Boulders Resort, Pat and **Dick Tatlow** and **Mike ’60** and **Lassie Tischler Eicher**, have offered to

host events. Information about the schedule and motel accommodations will be sent upon request. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://www.cornell61.org>.

62 “I have just celebrated 40 years of marriage to **Ethel (Hoffman) ’63**,” writes **Julian Decter** (jdecter@yahoo.com), “and continue to live in Montclair, NJ, dubbed by the *New York Times* as the ‘far West Side of New York.’” Two children and four grandchildren later, the Decters regularly commute to Los Angeles to visit son Ben (Harvard ’91), a musician and composer, and his wife Jackie (Harvard ’90), a horse therapist and attorney, and their two children. “Daughter Cathy (Brandeis ’93) lives in Montclair with her husband Ed (Harvard ’93), a venture capitalist in New York. They have children Lucas and Skylar, who live a few blocks from us.” Ethel is a clinical therapist at the Montclair Counseling Center. Julian has been practicing medicine as a hematologist/oncologist for 30 years and has just moved his practice to Weill Cornell Medical College at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital as a member of the clinical faculty. “This has been a wonderful and reinvigorating change. The fact that it is part of Cornell makes it all the more glorious and provides a nice bookend to my career.”

Also celebrating a 40th wedding anniversary are **Paul ’60** and **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder** (anbinders@verizon.net). “I was afraid retirement would be boring. NOT!” In 2004, they took a Caribbean cruise to celebrate; traveled through Scandinavia, including a six-day Norwegian coastal voyage on a combination cargo/passenger ship; flew to Seattle for **Phil Bereano ’61**, MRP ’71’s son’s wedding and flew from there to Calgary to take a bus and train tour through the Canadian Rockies; visited Paris (“a favorite haunt”); and took a barge cruise through Burgundy. Two of the other 16 passengers on the barge were another couple who met at Cornell in the ’70s: **Ray ’77** and **Sue Cady Bryant ’76**. This year Paul and Helen sailed on the *QM2*, visiting different Caribbean ports, and, for Paul’s 65th birthday, traveled through northern Italy, including the Lake District. From their Dobbs Ferry home, they enjoy bike riding, reading, and attending opera, ballet, concerts, theater, and museums. Their son **Jeff ’94** is graduating from Cardozo Law School in June. Son **Mark ’89** lives in Ithaca, now ensconced in his own home, and is part of Cornell’s Core Technologies Group in CIT.

The New Single Woman by **E. Kay Trimberger** (ktrim@berkeley.edu) is due to be published by Beacon Press in September. Col. **Donald Boose**’s new book, *US Army Forces in the Korean War*, was published in April. He’s been teaching at the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA, for 15 years. Don (boosed@pa.net) and Lil visited Kazu and **Bob Smith, MA ’51** (prof. emer. of Anthropology Robert J. Smith) last fall. They often see **Betsy Lockhart Wood ’84**, co-owner of a Carlisle bookstore, **Susan Rose, PhD ’84**, and **Lars English, PhD ’03**, who teaches at Dickinson College. **Bob Crites ’59** and I have just returned from Washington, DC, where we attended the ceremonies honoring our daughter Valerie Fowler as

a “distinguished graduate” from the National War College. Val and Chip are off to their posting in Singapore, she as public affairs officer at the US Embassy there, he as head of the Naval Research Lab’s Asian focus. Our passports are ready!

In one of those serendipitous coincidences, **Don Juran** (drj5@cornell.edu) stepped into the batter’s box in an April senior softball game and the catcher asked Don if he was Cornell ’62. He introduced himself as **Andy Duymovic**. “Andy and I have played against each other for several years now, but we had not been aware of each other’s identities. Softball players barely know their teammates’ last names, let alone those of

their opponents.” Andy and Don had not seen each other since 1959. From Castleton, NY, **Enny Spieske Dufur** writes that she and William are both retired. They traveled on the CAU trip to Sorrento with Judy and **David Hill**. The Dufurs’ two daughters and their families both live on the East Coast. As of this writing, they have three granddaughters.

Marion Balsam retired from the US Navy as a Rear Admiral, Medical Corps (pediatrician) and is now working at NIH (in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development) on the National Children’s Study, a study of the effects of the environment on child health and development. She’s back in Bethesda, MD, “enjoying the

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D.C. area and all it has to offer. Three of my children and my three grandchildren are well and living in various parts of the US. Sadly, my son Cliff died in a mountain climbing accident in May 2004. It's been a hard year." Marion would love to hear from classmates at karokedoc@aol.com.

A note from **Sam Fleming** included an obituary notice for **George Agle**. George died suddenly on April 1 of a pulmonary embolism. Hundreds of George and Diane's friends and business associates, including many Cornellians, attended a service for him. **Carl Volckmann '60**, **Bob Williams '60**, **John Foote '74**, and Sam were the Sigma Chi in attendance. The notice described George's life and accomplishments as a leader in business and community service, most recently as chairman and CEO of Stonebridge Financial Corp. and Stonebridge Bank. A devoted family man, he and Diane have sons Grant and Gregory and granddaughter Gabrielle. The Agles live in West Chester, PA. The obituary also noted how important Sigma Chi was in George's life; a "Significant Sig," he was recently named Man of the Year by the fraternity. ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

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I am writing this column while the temperature in Tucson is 104 degrees. This is our first summer here, but we won't be here for long. We leave for our Telluride summer home next week and return to Tucson in October. We

just spent three weeks in France and England. The first part of our trip was a visit with John and **Bonnie Simonson** Suchet at their French farmhouse, "Tardan," located in southwest France and an hour's drive from the Pyrenees. Since John's retirement last year, they divide their time between their flat in London and Tardan. John and Bonnie have five sons between them. Bonnie's oldest, Alec, lives in London and raises money for charities. Her youngest, Hereward, lives in Grantham, Leicestershire, with his wife Peta Jane and 9-month-old Finn. Hereward manufactures and exports men's shirts. John has three sons: Damian, who is in audio-visual work, is married to Holly and has a 1-year-old daughter, Lily; Kieran and his wife Dorota ("Doris") are teachers in Oxford; and Rory lives in Atlanta and works for CNN. John is a retired television and news correspondent and anchor, and has broadcast on radio and TV and published books on the life and music of Beethoven. He continues to do research on the composer's life and work and gives talks around England about Beethoven and his own life as a globetrotting reporter. He hopes to develop a new talk on Johann Strauss and Vienna.

After our visit to France, we spent two great weeks traveling around England and visiting with friends. We had dinner a month ago with **Dave '62** and **Ginny Hoffman Morthland**. Ginny promises to e-mail me some detailed news after she settles back in the Portland, OR, area for the summer. They are thinking about doing a sailing

trip in the San Juans this summer. The Cornell Club of Tucson recently had its annual picnic and board meeting at the home of **Jeff '62**, MBA '63, and **Karen Manning**. About 30 people attended the potluck held in the Mannings' backyard—complete with pool. Some alumni went as far back as the classes of '47 and '48.

I got an e-mail from **Nancy Flanders** Lockspeiser. She and husband Les, a cardiologist, spent time biking in France in April. After returning from that trip they went to son Brett's graduation from Stanford. Nancy is now an artist, designer, painter of murals, writer, and massage therapist. Catamount Publishing just released her book *Flexible You: A Cat's Quick Guide to Stretching and Self-Massage*. Jean Marzollo, author of the *I Spy* books for children, wrote, "This little gem of a book is fun! You feel relaxed as a cat while you stretch in natural ways. The book is so small and light that you keep it in your purse and also you can pick it up easily to consult between moves. The artwork is charming and the instructions user-friendly." Nancy and Les plan to compete in the World Masters in cross-country skiing in Turin, Italy, in 2006, one week before the Olympics begin there.

Jim "Josh" Billings, MBA '64, e-mailed a few months ago with all kinds of news. He sold his seed business in 1998 after 30 years of living in Buffalo and moved to Sarasota, FL. Instead of retiring he began working as a consultant to many of the multinational companies engaged in plant biotech. One of his assignments included a six-month stay in Sweden. In March of this year, Josh got remarried—to Karin Schluter—at the home of **David** and **Carol Costine**, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean in Newport Coast, CA. His son **Jay '98** acted as best man, though he was doing double-duty holding his 16-month-old during the ceremony. Both of Josh's children and spouses attended. Josh and Karin are in Sarasota for eight months of the year. They spent three months in Germany and will be spending the month of September in Canada. As he was writing his e-mail, classmate **Charlie De Rose** and wife Kelly were coming for dinner.

Frederick Craver has written his first book, *Courageous Healing*. It shows people how to fully and quickly recover from the after-effects of a traumatic experience, or how to put angry feelings behind. He predicts that it will be a blockbuster. Frederick lives in Watertown, MA. Please keep the alumni magazine in mind and e-mail me some of your news! That's all for now. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@msn.com.

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Autumn is almost here and will bring a variety of falling leaves. Fittingly, here is a variety of news from our classmates. **Peter Jessel**, MS '66's two children now have a total of four degrees from Cornell. Daughter **Rebecca** just earned a BS in Economics with honors in Arts and Sciences, while her brother **Matt** got his third, an MBA from the Johnson School. Matt began his Cornell trek as a member of the Class of '03 (CEE), then earned a master's in Engineering the following year. Peter, you may now retire! Peter lives in Scarsdale, NY.

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Marshal Case spent last April 29 with President Bush. The occasion was an Arbor Day planting of the first American chestnut tree to grace the White House lawn. Marshal is president and CEO of the American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), a conservation group that sponsors research to develop strains of chestnut trees that resist a disease that has killed most of the species in the US. Each president chooses a tree species to plant, and Bush selected this one. For the ceremony, Marshal and the President were accompanied by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns and the President's two "first dogs." The tree was planted on the north lawn. A full story of the occasion, with pictures, is posted at the TACF website: www.acf.org. There also was an op-ed piece on the ceremony in the April 30 *New York Times*. Marshal said of it all: "It was a great day for [the foundation] and for me personally."

Marian Levine Steinberg, who lives and works in White Plains, NY, writes that she's in her 23rd year of teaching social studies to emotionally handicapped adolescents, grades 7-12, at an alternative school on the grounds of Cornell's psychiatric hospital. Marian also told of seeing **Arthur Groten** and his wife Marge at a party honoring the birth of the first of the Steinbergs' two grandchildren. She also had a reunion with **Sonia Kosow** Guterman, MS '67, last December—at New York's Carnegie Hall no less. Both were there for Sonia's violinist daughter Beth's debut. Marian and Sonia hadn't seen each other since our undergrad days, when they formed a strong bond in Clara Dickson VI. The two got together again last February at Beth's master's degree recital at Juilliard. Marian reports, "Grandparenthood is all that people told us it would be, and more!"

Nathan Herendeen, MS '69, who has never been in this column, has nevertheless been noticed by Cornell. Nathan received an Outstanding Alumni Award from the Ag college alumni association last winter and was given an extensive write-up in the CALS magazine. He is a lifetime member of the ALS Alumni Assn., having served on its board of directors and as its president in 1998-99, was a member of the CALS Advisory Council, and is a current member of the University Council. He works as a field corps extension associate for the Northwestern New York team of the Cornell Cooperative Extension. In this position, Nathan provides education, advice, and recommendations to farmers in northwestern New York, and organizes educational sessions throughout the state on agricultural topics. He has more than 34 years' experience in field crop problem solving, integrated pest management training, stored grain management, manure nutrient management, cultural practices, and water quality issues. He also is annual meeting chair of the National Assn. of County Agricultural Agents conference held in Buffalo this past June. Nathan and wife Burniece live in Gasport, NY, and have three daughters.

Soon after I sent in the May/June column, **Robert Strudler** wrote that he was promoted last December to Chairman of the Board of Lennar Corp. Congrats! Bob and wife Ruth live in Houston, TX. **Robert** and **Anne Snouffer Cochran** '65, on the other hand, moved from Houston last

year to Campton, NH, where they spend their time enjoying the mountains. Bob is retired, but spends winters teaching math at the ski school in Waterville Valley, NH.

Susan Margolin Lory, MAT '67, who is making her first-ever appearance in this column, retired from her private practice as a psychotherapist four years ago. A year and a half ago, she and second husband Earl, also retired, moved from New Jersey to Waymart, PA. Susan now has the time to enjoy reading, writing, gardening, their dogs, and music. **Elliot Gordon** opened his own consultancy on toxicology and graphics (advertising, copywriting, and photography) when he chose to stay in the NYC area after his company moved to Raleigh, NC. He still lives in Princeton Junction, NJ.

Charles Witherell, who was last in this column 17 years ago, is owner-director of the Windridge Tennis Camp in Vermont. He writes, "After 34 years, I still enjoy the 300 kids and 30 college-age counselors that make each summer exciting." He encourages all to "take a look" at the club's website, www.windridgetenniscamps.com. Wife Pam is the camp's business manager. The Witherells, who have two grown sons, live in Johnson, VT—on a street named for them. While tennis is Charles's main interest, he enjoys playing hockey and skiing during the winter and managing his farm year-round, which activities include raising beef cattle, sugar-making, and logging. In April, Charles received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Vermont Camping Assn.

Roger Skurski just retired from his position as a professor of economics after 36 years at the U. of Notre Dame. He now does expert witness testimony as a private economist and is active in the local Kiwanis service club. Roger and wife Maureen, who still live in South Bend, recently went to New Zealand for their 40th wedding anniversary. **Jean-Noel Posner** is a retired French customs official. For the last several years, he has been living in China and studying Chinese at Yunnan U. in Kunming, Yunnan Province. In his free time he enjoys biking and jogging. He recently traveled back to his native France and to Brazil. **Evelyn Hall Tracy** sends word that she and husband **Ben** '63 are now both fully retired. She says, "We find the laid-back Florida lifestyle to our liking." The Tracys live in Hudson, FL, which is north of Clearwater. She writes that while two of last year's three hurricanes passed directly over them, they incurred little damage.

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

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Hello, people! Here's some of the latest information coming to me from our classmates. Let's hear from more of you. It's really fun to get mail and e-mail from everyone.

Jeffrey Collins is in Chapel Hill, NC (jjcollins@ampappas.com), and is VP, Transaction Advisory Group with AM Pappas and Assoc., a life-science focused venture capital and consulting firm. He is traveling a lot, for both personal and professional purposes, and has been to India twice. **Michael Davidoff** writes from Rock Hill, NY, that he helped celebrate the 60th birthday of **Randy Sherman** at a party at the Gramercy Tavern in New York City.

Classmates **Hugh** and **Erin Fleming Starr** are living in Makawao, HI, on Maui. They have had their own real estate firm there for over 30 years (www.MauiRanchLand.com). "We don't travel much," they write. "Why would we leave Maui? Erin has written several books of a metaphysical nature and is going to step into the work of publishing. Aloha." **Charlie Rappaport** is in Kingfield, ME, and has been retired for five years. In the summer of 2004, he visited Ithaca for a session at Cornell's Adult University (CAU); during the Maine winter, he went through 14 cords of wood!

Jerry Bilinski, DVM '69, is still practicing veterinary medicine on horses in North Chatham, NY (drbilinski@aol.com). He is the former chairman of the Racing and Wagering Board for New York State, and, as deputy to Senator Bruno, is a member of the Cornell Board of Trustees. **Jeanne Brown** Sander is living in Burke, VA (eps17@cornell.edu) and was the 2004 president of the Cornell Hotel Society ("only the fourth female to have this honor"). Jeanne reports that she sang the Cornell Alma Mater on the Great Wall of China as part of the Asia Regional Meeting of the CHS. The next president of the CHS is also a '66er: **Leif R. Evensen**, based in Oslo, Norway (Ire4@cornell.edu).

Pete Salinger, MBA '68 (pas44@cornell.edu) is in Bethesda, where he and **Ruth (Dritch)** '67 are both enjoying retirement, busy doing volunteer work, and traveling to small towns and villages in Wales, Scotland, and Northern England. "Beautiful land; nice people," they write. **Martin Schwartz**, ME '67, is in Cupertino, CA (RandMSchwartz@comcast.net), where he has been retired since April 2003 as president and CEO of Therma-Wave Inc., a semiconductor equipment manufacturer. He is volunteering, exercising, traveling, and taking art classes ("generally enjoying 'stress-less' free time"). He wants to volunteer in a ChemE plant design course next year.

Stanley Sterenberg writes from New York City (sterenberg@chapin.edu) that he is teaching math at an all-girls independent school in NYC and has a son who is 9 and a daughter who is 6. **Elinor Sverdlík** Kron is in Bloomfield, CT, working as a radiologist, and has been married since last spring ("It's never too late to be in love!"). She is the only female radiologist at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT (ladyrad@comcast.net). Don and **Sue Rockford** Bittker's son Aric and his wife Bobbi are now the parents of Shoshana Leia, born June 1, 2005. Older brother Harry is 8, and sister Jordana is 4. Shoshana is Sue and Don's fourth grandchild.

Jeffrey Konvitz lives in Beverly Hills, CA (jkonvitz@aol.com), with one daughter who has graduated from NYU and another daughter in nursery school. **Ronni Barrett** LaCrouté, from

Yamhill, OR (rlacroute@willakenzie.com) is divorced from Bernard, but they are partners in the Willakenzie Estate Winery. Some of the best Pinot Noir in Oregon, people. She travels for the winery (there was a tasting here in Washington, DC) and spent a week kayak camping in the Gulf Islands of Canada, carrying a week's supply of food and water, along with the tents and kayaks.

Our 40th Reunion is coming soon! See you in Ithaca in the month of June—2006, that is. Please send us YOUR news, and make sure to check out the Class of '66 website, <http://classof66.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Roy Troxel** really does good stuff! ♦ **John Miers**, john_miers@nih.gov; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com, and **Bill Blockton**, bill@rbsfabrics.com.

67 It's time for a quick wrap-up of classmates who've been continuing their studies through CAU—Cornell's Adult University. Three of us went on study tours in three sparkling venues: **Donna Walker Batsford** (with **William '65**) of New Haven, CT, chose *For the Birds: Landscapes and Habitats of San Diego* and the Southern California Coast, while for **Robert Kuchinsky, LLB '67** (Flemington, NJ) it was a jaunt to Asheville, NC: The Biltmore, the Vanderbilts, and the Nineteenth-Century World of the Superrich, and **Ross Williams, MIL '67** (Milan, NY) pursued *Natural History of the Hawaiian Islands*.

Meanwhile, back on the Hill, quite a few people participated in summer 2004's CAU program: **Rae Andre** (World Ecology); **Richard Bailyn, MD '71**, Highland Beach, FL (Wines); **Lon Benamy '65**, BS Ag '67, Brooklyn, NY (Outdoor Skills); **Bruce Bender**, Gasport, NY (World Ecology); **Arnold Hoffman** (Film Noir) (with Donna, Eclectic Ethnic); **Michael Nolte**, Ann Arbor, MI (Bookbinding) (with Glenina, Massage); **Donald Rosenbaum**, Tenafly, NJ (Wall St.) (with **Lee (Flasterstein) '70**, Dostoevsky); and **Pat Minikes Siegel** (with **Lawrence '64**), Great Neck, NY (Elections).

David Burak, MFA '80, Santa Monica, CA, was back at Cornell in April to co-chair a gathering at the Tompkins County Library's Borg Warner Room marking the publication of two new books by and about the late, great poet and Cornell teacher A. R. Ammons: *Bosh and Flapdoodle*, the first posthumous collection of his poems, and *Considering the Radiance: Essays on the Poetry of A.R. Ammons*, co-edited by Burak and Roger Gilbert, Cornell professor of English. Both titles were published by Norton in March 2005. "Archie had been a close friend, an adviser, a mentor, and an inspiration to me and many others," Burak commented at the program. "The reading helped to keep the Ammons spirit vibrant."

The panel also included **Ken McClane '73**, MFA '76, Cornell's W.E.B. Dubois professor of Literature; **Alice Fulton, MFA '82**, the A.S. Bowers professor of English at Cornell; Minfong Ho, author; **Cory Brown, MFA '84**, Ithaca College professor and poet; and Ingrid Arneson, an English language teacher at Cornell. Phyllis Ammons, wife of the legendary bard, joined an audience of about 50, who included James McConkey, the Goldwin Smith professor of English Literature emeritus; Alison Lurie, F.J. Whiton professor of Literature

emerita; and Roald Hoffmann, the Frank H.T. Rhodes professor of Humane Letters. Ammons died in February 2001 at 75, having won virtually every major prize for poetry in the United States.

Please join in sending heartfelt condolences to our class president **Margie Greenberg** Smith and her children **Robin '96** and **Brian '95** on the sudden and untimely death in June of her husband Paul. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 I hope you have had a good summer. Like many of you, I was surprised to hear of the unexpected resignation of Cornell President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. By the time this column appears, I imagine there will be more information and the search process will be well under way.

Turning to some class news, **Bill Amon** reports that he moved to the Washington, DC, area during the Vietnam War era, as a Coast Guard officer, and decided to stay upon completion of his reserve obligation. Bill completed a master's in computer science at George Washington U., and has worked as a government contractor providing information systems and network support to many agencies and commands. Bill says, "Unlike Al Gore, I can actually claim I helped build the Internet." Bill married his college sweetheart, Jinx, who attended Elmira College, and they have three children.

After 20 years as a litigation partner at Paul, Weiss in NYC, and four years as chief corporate counsel at Tyco, **Mark Belnick** has opened his own law firm in Manhattan. Mark concentrates on complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense, and litigation consulting. Mark and wife Randy have three children, and their two daughters graduated from the Arts college. Their son attends Syracuse.

A note from the university informs us that classmate **Jay Waks, JD '71**, has been elected chair of the Cornell University Council, an important body of the university, second only to the Board of Trustees. The council advises the university on a number of areas and consists of alumni and friends who are leaders in service to Cornell. Jay is the first ILR alum to hold this important position, and his election serves to recognize his many contributions to both the ILR and Law schools. I know firsthand of Jay's dedicated work for Cornell and it is a pleasure to congratulate him.

Alan Altschuler has stepped down as CFO of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and is attending acting school in NYC. This is obviously a career change. Alan intends to pursue an acting career and is also writing short stories. He says, "I am in no way 'retiring.'" **Herb Fuller** reports his second mystery novel, *Film at 11*. This follows his previous book, *It's a Wrap*. Herb lives in the Boston area. **Susan Selton Benjamin** and her husband **Bob '67** have both recently retired and still live in Los Alamos, NM. Sue continues her educational consulting in math and science. Their daughter Alana graduated from Princeton and is a medical student, and son **Josh '99** is applying to med school. Sue and Bob see **Jane Frommer Gertler** and her husband **David '67, ME '68**.

Sally Best Bailey lives in Colorado Springs and is director of college counseling at Fountain Valley School. She also enjoys her four grandchildren. **Tom Gibbs** lives in Ormond Beach, FL. Another Floridian is **Martin Solomon**, who is an attorney with offices in Delray Beach and Boca Raton. **Paul Chiu** lives in Fremont, CA, and had lunch with Alpha Delta classmates **Gordon Evans** and **Dave Teeters, MAT '69**. **Jim Gutman** and his wife Kathy live in Laurel, MO. Jim is an executive editor and officer with Atlantic Information Systems in Washington.

Mike Melamed and his wife Ellen O'Donnell live in Ithaca. Mike has retired from his position with the school system in Binghamton. **Emily Perlinski** Friedman and husband Charles live in Los Angeles. Their son Jon is entering Cornell in the Class of '09, and daughter Sarah graduated from UCLA. **Julius Gall** lives in Somers Point, NJ, with wife Mary Wisniewski. Julius has been named a "Top Doctor of New Jersey" and the same of Philadelphia on several occasions. He is in family practice. Their daughter **Elizabeth** is Cornell '07.

Jeff Donahue and wife Anne live in Potomac, MD. Jeff retired as CFO of a large public real estate company and took over as head of the Enterprise Social Investment Corporation, a major private funder of low-income housing. Anne is assistant attorney general and general counsel of two state universities in Maryland. Jeff reports that **Tom Horn** is a psychiatrist in Massachusetts, **Jim Hanna, MBA '69**, retired from the World Bank, **George Waldner** is president of York College in York, PA, and **Todd Kiplinger** is vice chair of Kiplinger Washington Editors. I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

69 For 25 years, **Gerald Appel** has been a professor of clinical medicine at Columbia U. Medical Center and in charge of clinical nephrology (kidney disease). He says, "My job is getting interesting." Since the Sydney Olympics, he has been caring for Alonzo Mourning—the center for the US gold medal team and a seven-time NBA all-star—after he suddenly developed kidney disease. Jerry helped him get back onto the court, and ultimately play in another all-star game. Alonzo recently had a kidney transplant at Columbia and is playing in the NBA once more. Jerry reports that he has also been treating a baseball club owner and three former NFL players. "A rather exciting basketball and baseball combination keeps me tuned to the sports pages," says Jerry. "Nephro-sports is an important part of my life," he adds. Jerry's son Jacob is at Columbia studying medicine after earning a degree in law a few years ago. His second son, **Seth '00**, married last year and practices law in San Francisco.

Another doctor with a sports connection, **John Mitas** worked with the Duval County Medical Society in Florida to prepare for a potential bio-terrorism threat at Super Bowl XXXIX. Previously, John was the medical director at a biotech company, designing trials for vaccines against bio-terrorism. For the past year, however, he has been deputy executive VP and COO of the American

College of Physicians, the largest medical specialty organization in the world, with 118,000 members. Along with a change in career, John has changed his address and now lives in West Chester, PA. **Suzanne Sacks** has also made a move. She is back in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, after six years in Colorado and a ten-week around-the-world trip that emphasized the Far East. Suzanne's son David lives in Florida, where he is embarking on a graduate degree, and her daughter Elena recently graduated from NYU law school.

"Director, Corporate Advisory Services," reads the business card of **Edmund Belak**, who works for Laidlaw & Co., a New York investment bank. However, Edmund wrote to tell us that he was elected to the board of trustees of the New Canaan Nature Center. **Alan Cody** has joined the advisory board of ACCION New England, a micro-lender to moderate and low income small business owners in the US and the developing world. **Kenneth Kohn** works as a financial professional with the Mony Group, an AXA Financial Company and member of MDRT. Kenneth and his wife Patricia have three children. **Jonathan** is a Cornell '05 graduate, Kimberly was married last year at Oheka Castle in Cold Spring Hills, NY, and Scott resides in Charlotte, NC. In 2004, **Malcolm Tom** left his job as deputy managing director for the city and county of Honolulu and joined St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii to be their COO.

Harvey Leibin, president of Du Bose Associates Inc., tells us that his firm won two national awards for the Two Rivers Middle Magnet School for Science, Math, and Technology located in E. Hartford, CT. They won the top overall prize in the 2003 Metal Architecture Competition and grand prize in the School Planning and Management's Educational Design and Showcase Competition for 2004. Harvey also keeps us abreast of his family's activities. His son Brad, Washington U. '02, started a Master of Architecture graduate program at U. of Pennsylvania after working in the industry for a time. Kate, American U. '04, is in elementary education, teaching fourth grade, and Kara is at the U. of Wisconsin. Harvey's wife Florence teaches at Noah Wallace School in Farmington, CT.

Several classmates have continued their education by enrolling in Cornell's Adult University (CAU). They include **Frank Casciano**, JD '72, and his wife **Diane (Jones)** '70, **Gary Gartenberg** and his wife Deborah, **Susan Burlingame** Le Vangia and her husband Peter, **Iles Minoff**, and **John Reilly**. A flyer published by the Government department at Cornell advertised the lecture "Reinventing the Transatlantic Alliance" given by **Richard Burt**. He has had a distinguished career in diplomacy and national security and now serves as chairman of Diligence, a business intelligence and risk advisory firm, as well as being the international director of the government affairs firm Barbour Griffith and Rogers and an advisor to the Carlyle Group. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031.

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71 Yes, classmates, it's time once again to think about reunion. So mark your calendars accordingly—June 8-11, 2006. More information about reunion planning is included later in this column. First, we should catch up on some classmate news that is still fresh enough to print. And more refreshingly, much of the news this month comes from folks we haven't heard from in a long time.

In the leadoff spot is a news item about a '71 classmate, **James Shannon**, who made a difference to a recent Cornell graduate. Each spring the deans of the seven undergraduate divisions honor 36 graduating seniors as Merrill Presidential Scholars because they have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement, strong leadership ability, and potential for contributing to society. The scholars in turn honor the teachers who have inspired their scholastic development. Merrill Scholar **Paul G. Bakken '05** said this in his nomination essay: "From the first week of AP Chemistry class, Jim Shannon knew how to keep his students' attention . . . Far from being gimmicky, Mr. Shannon's innovative teaching techniques prepare his students excellently . . . Mr. Shannon's most lasting impact on my life is not the course material he taught me, but rather the unbridled enthusiasm he has for scientific discovery and the art of teaching . . . Though my

children and four grandchildren. Michael presides over a thriving congregation as pastor of the Living Water Community Church. An avid long-distance cyclist, he is planning to bike across America when he retires. In the meantime, Michael reports that his travels have taken him to Kenya several times. Africa also beckons **Darlene Rugis** Heller. Citing her personal goal, "to work in Africa," Darlene reported that she has been to Malawi several times to do mission work. She is still In-service Educator at the Clinton County Health Dept. She and husband Paul have three grown children in Plattsburgh, NY. Surprisingly, the Hellers also found time to travel to Norway in the past year to visit friends and hike in the mountains.

Infectious disease expert **Robert Capparel** is an epidemiologist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, GA. Bob wrote that he was named one of the "Best Doctors in America." When he isn't dealing with epidemiology, Bob loves to golf and play poker. He and wife Sandy have two children. Independent filmmaker **Linda Harrar** is hard at work on a new PBS "Nova" global health project titled "Rx for Survival." Linda writes that it will air November 1-3, 2006. Linda won a Cine Golden Eagle Award for her "World in the Balance" (also for "Nova") that was released in 2004. She and her fiction writer husband George live in the Boston area.

‘Michael McFarren is planning to bike across America when he retires.’

MATT SILVERMAN '71

major, Development Sociology, is a far cry from chemistry, Mr. Shannon's exuberance and passion for learning have been an influence on my decision to pursue an academic career." Thanks go to **David Beale** for forwarding the story, Joe Wilensky of the Cornell News Office for forwarding the essay, and Paul Bakken for allowing me to use it here.

Karen Erskine Biddle writes, "After 30 years in the wonderful world of advertising and marketing in New York and London, I am actually using my mathematics degree by teaching math in the Center City Philadelphia public school system." Karen and husband **Anthony '70** are enjoying life in Philadelphia with three children. With her eldest a Cornell undergrad, the Biddles are among the legion of classmates enjoying the delights of offspring who are attending or have graduated from Cornell. Vermonter **Deborah Gale** says that she is still an admissions officer at the U. of Vermont. Deborah's mission is diversity recruitment. She coordinates relationships with partner high schools in New York City and provides college awareness opportunities for students, starting in the 9th grade. After hours, Deborah is involved with a group in central Vermont called Reading to End Racism.

Michael McFarren wrote in from Dalton, OH. He and his wife Robin have three grown

Flora Kuykendall Parker checked in from Mesa, AZ, having moved from Washington State. She is currently indulging her passion for reading, dancing, and music. Another Arizonan, **Joanne Trifilo** is still practicing immigration law. She met up with **Kristin Vandenberg** Whitfield in Boston last spring at a collaborative law convention.

Finally, here is the planning information I promised about Reunion 2006. **Kathy Flaxman** (kmf11@cornell.edu) is our reunion chair. She is ably assisted by **Naomi Katz** Mintz, as well as **Gilda Klein** Linden, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, and **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas. **Dale Cohen** (dalec@lagcc.cuny.edu) will coordinate publicity and design work. Those who want to help with publicity are welcome. Class historian **Marsha Ackermann** is compiling results from a class survey. It was distributed this year. Co-presidents **Jerry Day**, MBA '78 (jday@daylar.com) and **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu) are planning a pre-reunion event at the Yale-Cornell game in September. Cornell Fund chair **Mike Kubin** is ramping up for our class gift. And **Rick Furbush** (rfurbush@aol.com) is planning to get the entire football team back for a game in June 2006. As always, we look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; and **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

72 Congratulations to the Cornell Athletics department for the excellent performance of our sports teams this past spring. The Big Red hockey team won Ivy League and ECAC titles and came within one goal (in overtime) of advancing to the NCAA Frozen Four. The baseball team won the Lou Gehrig Division of the Ivy League with some outstanding pitching during the final two weeks of the season, before dropping two close decisions to Harvard in the Ivy League division playoffs. The men's lacrosse team won the Ivy League championship and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the third year in a row. The most impressive performance may have been by the wrestling team, which finished fourth in the NCAA championships (missing third place by only one point). It was the best finish by any Ivy League wrestling team in 50 years. The athletes and coaches of these championship squads deserve a hearty "Well done!"

'Just look for a dragon sliding down Libe Slope with a can of paint.'

PHYLLIS HAIGHT GRUMMON '73

After an eight-year tenure as a real estate manager for Home Depot, **Stephanie Harris Morgan** resigned to take a position with a new company, Life Time Fitness (LTM), based in Minneapolis. After going public last summer, they decided to expand to the East Coast. Stephanie will open an office in New Jersey as the senior director of R&D, covering the New England and Mid-Atlantic markets. Her husband Joel has a thriving neuropsychology practice in Madison, NJ. Daughter Freddie, 14, just entered Millburn-Short Hills High School. Her favorite sport is basketball. Joel's favorite sport is to upgrade the family's home electronics. Stephanie is trying to locate **Mimi Schneider** Trudeau '74, MPS '93. Mimi, if you read this, contact Stephanie at sharris@life.timefitness.com. **Donna Muffoletto** Campbell writes from Winchester, MA, that daughter Katie is a freshman at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, where she plays on the tennis team. Son Brian made the varsity tennis team as a freshman at Winchester High School. **Barbara Wood** Wages of Amelia Island, FL, reports that son **Braden Wages** '05 graduated from the Hotel school, and daughter Page graduated from the North Carolina State vet school. Barbara proudly announces the birth of her first grandbaby, Caden Albert Wages, on April 5, 2005.

Keith Friedman and wife Elizabeth reside in beautiful Santa Barbara, CA, with children Sarah, Phillip, Chelsea, Ari, and Ian. **Corrine Meredith Cummiskey** worked one year for Key Bank in a management training program after graduation. She then moved to Denver to take graduate courses at Denver U. After moving back to Syracuse to attend nursing school at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Corrine worked as a registered nurse at University Hospital, Crouse Hospital,

and now at Tecumseh Elementary School as a school nurse. She and husband Joe are extremely proud of son **Ryan Joseph Cummiskey** '09, who entered the College of Engineering this fall. Ryan loves sailing, boating, skiing, and driving cars.

Lee McDaniel of Darlington, MD, is chairman of the board of trustees of Harford Community College, as well as serving as VP of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts. **Richard Neubauer** reports that despite suffering from peripheral neuropathy from amyloidosis, he continues working and enjoying his work for the American College of Physicians (ACP). He started a three-year term on the ACP Board of Regents in April. Son Julian graduated from U. of Montana, and daughter Erin finished high school at St. Michael's U. School in Victoria, BC. She is attending Colorado State U. in Fort Collins, CO.

The Philadelphia intellectual property law firm Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow Ltd. announced that ten of its partners were

named to this year's "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" list, including **James J. Kozuch**, who was named in the intellectual property law section. The list was compiled by *Law and Politics* magazine and was published in the June 2005 issue of *Philadelphia* magazine. James joined the firm in 1998 and focuses his practice on litigation, client counseling, and patent prosecution in the fields of mechanical engineering and business methods. A licensed professional engineer, he is on the National Roster of Neutrals of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). In addition his BSME from Cornell, James received his JD from Temple U. and an MBA from Lehigh University. **Mark Dickerson** is working as a project manager with NASA at the Dryden Flight Research Center near Lancaster, CA. His son Jonathan completed his MBA at Syracuse and now lives and works in Denver. Daughter Keisha just turned 8 and loves to read. Mark says he keeps in regular touch via e-mail with **Clyde Hanks**, MS '76, who generates excellent Web humor.

Several classmates participate every year in Cornell's Adult University (CAU). During the recent spring session Nitza and **Avery Ellis** experienced Cultural Crossroads: A Walking Tour of Western Sicily, while Pauline and **David Harding**, PhD '83, viewed Landscapes of the Last Frontier: Alaska from Fairbanks to Glacier Bay.

Ann Freedman and husband Robert Spoot practice dentistry together in Boca Raton, FL. Ann's specialty is pediatric dentistry, while Bob does general dentistry. They also have an orthodontist and three other dentists working for them. Son Josh is at U. of Florida College of Law, Adam is at NYU, and Ben is at Duke. Ben plans to follow in the family footsteps and become a

dentist. Daughter Malka is in third grade at Hillel Day School. **Donald Kovalevich** reports that wife Barbara Garrity won election to the school board. Son Nick, who graduated from Columbia in 2004, is in China teaching at a university while mastering Mandarin. Son Alex is deciding whether to attend the Cornell ILR school, and daughter Karen is a junior in high school.

Dr. **Nancy Kollisch** reports the sad news that **Karen Bier** passed away on Jan. 5, 2005. She is survived by her parents, Ruth and Bud Bier, 14 Holly Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. **Gail Povar** is in private internal medical practice in Bethesda, MD, and serves as a preceptor for students and residents from the George Washington School of Medicine. Husband **Lawrence Bachorik** '71 is still at the FDA, but has moved into the area of international affairs. Son Justin is a junior at Brown, and daughter Alexandra, 16, attends high school while trying to decide where she wants to go to college. **Walter Molofsky** is chief of pediatric neurology at Beth Israel Medical Center in NYC. Wife Brenda is a pediatric endocrinologist at NYU. Daughter Danielle graduated from Columbia in 2004 and worked under Dr. Judith Folkman at Harvard Med School, performing cancer research, before starting Tufts med school. Daughter Nicole is a junior at Barnard and worked this summer for Bear Stearns in a fixed-income internship. Send news to ♦ **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov; or **Gary Rubin**, gkrubin@aol.com.

73 As I prepared to write this column, word reached me that President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 had resigned.

Choosing to leave an institution, especially one that is close to your heart, is wrenching. Of course, we'll never know the private reasons Jeff left, and the public ones have been thin, murky, and couched in politeness, as perhaps they should be. How well does each of us think we'd do as president of Cornell? What banners would we carry, what ones let drop, what ones fold into our knapsack in hopes of a better day? As the trustees, all 64 of them, ponder and interview, I hope they listen to all of us and not just the big donors. We probably all have ideas of what it takes to deliver on the multiple demands of the job. What we'd want in a president . . .

First, have a sense of humor. Honestly, the more years I have under my belt, the more I appreciate folks who keep life in perspective through laughter. A president with a sense of humor would look great as the Green Dragon, would have paint for the Quad footsteps, and would find a way to go sledding on Libe Slope, even with a ban. Second, remember what it is like to be a kid and especially an undergraduate. Put yourself back in your old sneakers. The world is right out front waiting and nothing is behind you. Terror and joy mix on a regular basis as dating, studying, and intellectual challenge arrive daily. Your sneakers are filled with emotion and experience; treasure them. Third, have plenty of friends who let you keep your hair down. Privacy is required no matter how public the life. Friends who remind you which leg to put in your pants first are invaluable. Your friends are there for what you want and need and what you give them—those are the exchanges that last.

Of course, presidents also have to do all those tasks listed on the job description, just like the rest of us. What are the chores of a presidency? They must include raising money, making peace among warring factions, keeping Cornell on an even keel through managerial magic, balancing the books, lobbying the legislature, shaking countless hands, and keeping a very public face in perfect order, no matter what. Oh, and perhaps being an intellectual leader who keeps faculty and students pointed toward the future. Impossible even to think of all those jobs without the humor, perspective, and the friendships that come first. I just want to tell the trustees to find someone who is real and authentic, and who maybe isn't at the top of every headhunter's list. Just look for a dragon sliding down Libe Slope with a can of paint.

Well, our lives have all continued to blossom and here's the proof in my news pile. **Michael Stein** lives in Miami, FL, where he's joyfully engaging in simply growing older and watching his children graduate from universities and begin their professional lives. Michael moved from Hilton Int'l to Korn Ferry Int'l as managing director of their Miami office. The Wisconsin Society of Certified Public Managers voted **Mark Evans** the 2004 Wisconsin Manager of the Year. He enjoys time with his wife, Robin Bloom. Mark's stepson is a graduate of Case Western Reserve and now a customer consultant and software developer for Epic Systems. His stepdaughter is in a doctoral program in sociology at the U. of Texas, Austin. **Janine Jamieson** Huff suffered the death of her husband five years ago. Her children Douglas, Reedy, and Ira remain a light in her life, as does preserving the Seneca language. Janine teaches Native studies to K-5 students while working on her doctorate. She's also godmother to **Jonnise Marsh** Conanan's daughter Courtney, who is now a public school teacher.

Rich Isaacman sent plenty of "fodder" for this column. He writes, "Our older son **Sibren '05** graduated this spring with a degree in Physics, which I guess makes me officially over the hill. We attended graduation in Ithaca." Sibren's staying Ivy, though; he'll begin graduate studies in electrical engineering at Princeton this fall. Rich's younger son Gabriel continues to flourish at Wesleyan U. as he finishes up his sophomore year with a double major in chemistry and environmental science. Rich and his wife fell in love with Costa Rica on a visit a few years ago, and just returned from their second trip. They scuba-dived and visited Arenal volcano and the Palo Verde National Park. The highlight was a literal rush on a zip line rainforest canopy tour, gliding over treetops on quarter-mile-long cables, 200 feet (yes, that's two hundred feet) above the forest floor. Quite an unforgettable experience!

Please keep writing us with your experiences—they're all unforgettable when you read them here! Send your news to ♦ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823, or phg3@cornell.edu.

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A US District Court jury agreed with **Eric Roth's** client that the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center were two separate incidents,

at least in the wording of the insurance coverage documents, awarding WTC leaseholder and developer Larry Silverstein as much as \$4.6 billion in insurance (pending appeal), \$1.1 billion more than if the attacks were a single incident, and giving Silverstein more leverage in redeveloping the site. **Joseph Boardman** was nominated by the White House in March to head the Federal Rail Administration. He is now commissioner of the NYS Dept. of Transportation; Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) called Boardman "an excellent pick to re-energize the slumping [FRA]."

Kendall Minter, JD '76, of Stone Mountain, GA, was appointed general counsel of Fo Yo Soul Entertainment, the record and entertainment company of Grammy Award-winner Kirk Franklin ("The Nu Nation Project"). Kendall is also president of P-19 Media LLC, a new faith-based media and ad agency that's a joint venture with the Loomis Agency in Dallas. In Anchorage, AK, pilot **Jacqueline Dolat** reported "spending my spare time this winter rebuilding my 1977 [Piper] Super Cub."

John Arnold of Southwick, MA, says, "I spent most of 2004 building and establishing a new shade leaf [tobacco] processing company in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The operations got started on time, and all is going well." Reporting in from Reading, MA, is **Christine Schleck** Exner and husband Paul. They are proud of their younger daughter Natalie for winning a full scholarship to Boston U., which she will attend this fall. They are going ahead with a long-planned backyard patio landscaping project to avoid getting "empty nest" syndrome. (Plus they may have a little more time on their hands.)

Nancy Newcomer Vick of Bedford, NY, has kids Jane and Charlie, now in ninth and tenth grades. She reports, "Next spring break will be college visits; in fact, we have had dueling Big Red and Carolina Blue sweatshirts in this house since birth." From Columbus, OH, **Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte writes, "**Lynn** is off to Cornell next year and will be going into Arts. **John '06** is there in Engineering. **Lisa '04** graduated from Arts last year. Paul will be a high school senior and is determined to follow a different path. Lauren will be in fifth grade. I am on the long-term program of parenting!"

At the other end of parenting, **Mark** and **Wendy Zurn Allen** announce that their oldest son **Chris '98** (who's 29!) is getting married this fall. Chris was a free safety at Cornell (a football position to those in the know). Wendy manages a chiropractor's office, and Mark is VP Sales for Magid Glove and Safety Mg. Wendy adds, "I know this is one year late, but it was GREAT seeing everyone at Reunion last year. I just didn't have enough time to talk to everyone! **Jack Corrigan**, former football player and fraternity brother of Mark's, and his wife Lisa are still enjoying life in the mountains of Aurora, CO. He's now in his third year of broadcasting Colorado Rockies baseball games, after 17 years in Cleveland with the Indians. Jack notes that he has written a newly released baseball-related novel, *Warning Track*.

Daniel Fried of Washington, DC, announces that he has taken a new position as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

Saide Altinsan of Reno, NV, is a psychiatrist at the Mojave Clinic; her husband Joseph Bovill is an anesthesiologist for a V.A. Medical Center. They have two daughters in high school, 15 and 18. Saide hopes to travel to Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia, to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of Kazan.

From Las Vegas, NV, **Michael Milano** writes that he works as an investment advisor for the Girl Scouts of the Frontier Council. He's also active in other councils and boards, such as the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. Michael has children Sarah, 19, at UNLV, and Gabriel, 15, in high school. **Mark Goldstein**, DVM '78, and wife Kristina enjoy living in San Diego, CA, and have been married 26 years. They have daughters Lauren, 23, and Nicole, 19. Mark is president of the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA.

David Wickersham of Mendham, NJ, reports that he "retired from DuPont in 2003 after 23 years to accept a position with Honeywell International as Global Director of Remediation and Evaluation Services." In another slant on "retirement," **Lee Schear** notes that he has become semi-retired after his employer, a private company, was bought out by a public company. He says, "Before, I was barely working but felt guilty; now the guilt is gone." Lee and his wife have four children, three still at home and one son in college. He reports that **Scott Bigelow** is "still hiding out in North Carolina."

John and **Laurie Eastman** Veal enjoy living in beautiful Newburyport, MA. As Laurie wrote it, they "have plenty of time to contemplate its unique appeal as they each sit in traffic for well over two hours each day, but that's a small price to pay in exchange for a short ride to the beach or walk to destination restaurants and shops from their front door. Laurie and John weathered the dot-com downturn by applying their software project experience to in-house programs. Laurie has been working as the assistant chief project manager for an enterprise software implementation program at MIT since 2001, and John is a senior Oracle DBA for Welch's in Concord, MA."

Mary Ready Stanley reports that she and husband Bruce reconnected with the Veals at reunion last year, and have since gotten together for trips to Cape Cod and a visit to the Stanley residence in Middleville, NJ. She notes that her career as a hospital clinical social worker has been enormously enriching, providing her an opportunity "to help people help themselves." Bruce is a social worker for the State of New Jersey, working primarily with veterans and their families. Mary's son Luke, 25, resides with his wife in Pasadena, CA, and attends Fuller Theological Seminary. Her daughter Mary, 23, will begin medical school at Kansas City U. of Medicine and Biosciences, her father **Walter Grote's** med school alma mater.

Michael Delikat was recently appointed managing director of the litigation division at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Michael oversees litigation practice for this firm of 300-plus lawyers and lives in Greenwich, CT. He notes that his daughter **Stacey '04**, who served as one of the on-air anchors for the Cornell Campus Insights TV show, has been promoted to a news staff position at CNN in NYC. **Paul '75** and **Marcia**

Langwell Morris of Oradell, NJ, recently met up with **Frank '73** and **Peggy Cangilos-Ruiz** to see Peggy's nephew perform a set of songs at Manhattan nightclub CBGB.

According to her business card, **Diane Koppelman VerSchure** (Natick, MA) is chair of the Collegiate Program Committee for the US Figure Skating Association. As I recall, she served our class early on as reunion chair. For the past year or so, Diane has been nobly and repeatedly trying to organize a cruise for interested '74 sorority sisters of Delta Gamma and Kappa Psi (now KKG). Although it has proved very difficult to find a cruise time compatible with everyone's busy schedules and their kids' upcoming high school graduations, this combined e-mail list has proved to be a substantial source of updated news items, more of which I hope to harvest for upcoming class columns. If anyone else has an ongoing "chain letter" based on affinity, we class correspondents would love to mine it for news. ♦ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; and **Bill Howard**, wkh2@cornell.edu.

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Greetings! I hope this finds you all well. Getting right to the news from our classmates . . . **Amy Lubow Downs** is living in Brooklyn, NY, with her husband and two sons, ages 11 and 14. She is a customer service representative for a computer software publisher in Manhattan. Her husband is a middle school art teacher and a wedding photographer. She wishes to say hello to anyone from Cornell who may remember her.

Peter C. Di Giulio, ME '77, writes, "I'm delighted to share with you all that I was married this past Dec. 26 to Jacqueline Leurquin. During our Cornell years, I met Jacqueline in Boston while she was visiting from Belgium; she is profoundly the first love of my life. The distance and changes in our lives kept us apart and we lost track of each other some 25 years ago. However, four years ago, my curiosity got the better of me and, with a gentle, persistent nudge of this guiding force that we have come to know as our cosmic angels, I found her in Brussels 18 months ago. It is a long, wonderful story that in so many ways is still just beginning." Peter adds that Jacqueline has a wonderful teenage son.

Carla Holder is working as Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis for Mosaica Education Inc., a small private firm that starts and manages charter schools. She adds that she has joined the Catholic Church, is in the local choir, and sings in a chant group. She has now added ballroom dancing to the Scottish country dancing that she has been doing for years. **Carol Ann Nelson**, BArch '77, writes that she is still working with the Diocese of Providence overseeing a number of large construction projects on churches and schools. She has been with the Diocese since 1997. Her daughter Katherine Read graduated from Lincoln School in Providence and is attending

Brown U. in the fall, where her late husband Larry Read graduated.

Mike Marine is a CPA and CFO of Pre-Cast Specialties Inc. in Pompano Beach, FL. He is working diligently on a plan to quit his day job. Beginning in May 2005, he is putting on a live Saturday morning show for children ages 6 to 11 with an emphasis on exercise and nutrition. Check out his website, www.thepigclub.com. **Steve and Michele Brand Medwin** write from Binghamton, NY. Steve is manager of advanced research at the Raymond Corp., a manufacturer of forklift trucks. He just graduated from the Executive MBA program at Binghamton U. Michele has been the rabbi at Temple Concord in Binghamton for the past four years. Their daughter Rachel just graduated from George Washington U., and their son Dan recently completed his first year of rabbinic studies in Jerusalem at the Hebrew Union College.

Ann Barnes has been labor relations director for the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper for three years. The paper is 70 percent organized, with a very dynamic labor environment—it keeps her on her toes! Ann is also very proud to report that her daughter has been accepted as a Science of Natural and Environmental Systems major in the Ag college. **Bill Belter** lives in Houston, TX, and has been employed in the forest products and paper industry for the last 29 years. He was a bi-vocation pastor of a Southern Baptist Church for five years and active in Wycliffe Bible Translators Associates. He is currently working on his book, "A Walk Through Eternity."

Alain Bertrand writes that he is in charge of finance, administration quality, and organization at Terre des Hommes Foundation, a medium-size NGO based in Lausanne, Switzerland, which develops and promotes social programs for children's rights, nutrition, and healthcare, and is active in 30 countries. He finds this to be very rewarding work. He lives in Lausanne on the Leman Lake (Lake Geneva). His daughter Candace, 14, just started a 10-month educational stage, which includes contributing to a humanitarian project in Senegal, Africa. His stepson Alban, 16, enjoys high school and theater, and looks forward to his technical studies. Alain states that Switzerland is really a very quiet island in this somewhat agitated world. **Barbara Grindrod Warner's** daughter **Elizabeth Barker '08** is in the School of Human Ecology. Her family had a grand trip down memory lane when they moved Elizabeth into Balch Hall (Aug 2004) and visited the campus for Parents Weekend. They survived their first Spring Break and had the pleasure of several "Balchettes" visiting their farm in North Carolina.

Marcia Pechenik McCraw Horwitz writes that she was recently appointed by President Bush to serve a five-year term on the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Council. She also recently joined the Nathanson Group, a law firm specializing in the real estate side of assisted-living care. **Bill Gullickson's** son Eric graduated from the U. of Maine in May. His daughter Emily is at St. Lawrence U. up in Canton, NY, where she had a good first year on the swim team. He and his wife Susan are empty nesters, and he says it is too quiet around their house.

Thanks for writing, folks. Best wishes to all. ♦ **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, krinsk54@aol.com; **Pat Relf Hanavan**, relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@rcn.com.

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Relatively sparse news this month, classmates, but what we lack in quantity we make up in quality.

Stephen Kessinger lives in Oviedo, FL, where he was promoted to group manager of AT&T Government Solutions Inc. in October 2004. Congratulations, Steve. He is a member of the Assoc. of US Army (AUSA), the Int'l Test and Evaluation Assoc., and the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Assoc., as well as on the Board of Directors of the National Defense Industrial Assoc. He has children Michael, 26, Jonathan, 25, and Sarah, 23. When not working, he enjoys sailing, reading, wood-working, and traveling.

Nicholas D'Ambrosio Jr. has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Nick is managing partner of the Albany office of Bond, Schoeneck, and King PLLC, and is a labor and employment attorney who represents employers in anti-discrimination proceedings, affirmative action matters, employment litigation, and other issues. After receiving his BS degree from the ILR school, Nick graduated summa cum laude from the Syracuse U. College of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*, president of the Justinian Honorary Law Society, and awarded the Order of the Coif. Kudos to you, Nick.

Jay Walker, founder of Priceline.com and the man most responsible for William Shatner's career comeback, spoke to a standing-room-only New York audience in April 2005, telling them that the "age of muscle is ending and is being replaced by the age of the mind." Jay was addressing 225 Cornell alumni and guests at the Cornell Theory Center's Manhattan offices. He was introduced by Robert Constable, Cornell Dean of Computing and Information Science, who noted that Jay's innovations include not only Priceline.com, but also one of the world's leading inventions management companies, Walker Digital. Jay made three predictions: that people will widely use the Web for voice communication; that chips able to communicate with the Web will become part of clothing; and that people themselves will become part of the network.

Finally, Cornell President **Jeffrey Lehman's** State of the University address on June 11, 2005 culminated with his announcement that he was resigning at the end of the month. He said: "There is today an important obstacle to Cornell's ability to realize its full potential. Over the past few months, it has become apparent to me that the Board of Trustees and I have different approaches to how the University can best realize its long-term vision. These differences are profound and it has now become absolutely clear that they cannot be resolved." Since, as he said, Cornell is "meant to fly," and because he and the board could not agree on the strategic direction to be taken on behalf of the university, he had decided to step down as president. **Peter Meinig '61**, Chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees, announced that former president Hunter Rawlings III would serve as interim

president until a permanent replacement was hired. Jeff is the former dean of the U. of Michigan Law School and the first Cornell alumnus to serve as Cornell president, a source of pride to all Cornellians in general and to our class in particular. He will continue to teach at the Cornell Law school. We wish Jeff the best in his future endeavors.

That's it for this month. Please forward news and views to either Lorrie or me. ♦ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; and **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, lorrie_b_rudin@fanniema.com or rudin@starpower.net.

78 Robert Sues (rsues2000@yahoo.com) would love to hear from classmates. His oldest son **Jared** is a freshman in Engineering at Cornell. Robert is CEO of Applied Research Associates and has moved to Fairfax, VA, after having lived in Raleigh, NC, for 18 years. **Sharon Cerasoli** (sharon.cerasoli@viahealth.org) is a social worker in the emergency and critical care department of Rochester (NY) General Hospital. She has also been involved with a project to increase the number of organ donors. She urges everyone to sign an organ donor card and "donate life." **Joseph Vidich** (njvidichs@optonline.net) lives in Wall, NJ. He and his wife Leslie have three children. Joseph is a general partner in the Manalapan Oracle Advisers LLC and is a registered investment advisor. He reports that **Mark Halper '77** (markhalper@aol.com) lives in Bristol, England, with his wife and two children.

Mike Schwartz (mschwartz@kpmg.com) and his wife Cass live in Houston, TX, with their children Mitchell, 10, and Lauren, 4. Mike is a principal with KPMG in Houston. **Mary Gallo Tucker** (mgtucker@adelphia.net) and her husband **Clark, MIL '78**, met while they were ILR students in 1978. They married a year later and have two children. Son **Robert '07** is an ILRie and was an RA on West Campus; daughter **Lizzie '09** is also in ILR. Now that is a Cornell family for sure!

Diana "Sunshine" Lorenz Weggler visited her son **Ryan '06** while he was studying in Rome during his semester abroad program. She writes, "I wish I had had that opportunity as an undergraduate, but in some ways it's more fun now sharing the experience with my own child." Her husband **Robert** received a master's degree in educational leadership from Vermont College. He continues to enjoy coaching the Norwich U. rugby teams and would love to hear from former CU ruggers at his e-mail address, rweggler@norwich.edu. The Wegglers contacted classmate **Stephen Cushman** out of the blue via e-mail. He has been an English professor at the U. of Virginia for 23 years. Stephen and his wife **Sandra (Bain) '79** have two sons, ages 14 and 18.

Gary Graziano, BArch '79 (ggraziano@high.net), was promoted to VP of marketing for the High Concrete Group companies (www.highconcrete.com), re-elected secretary to the Altus-group Inc. board, and elected secretary to the board of United Disabilities Services. As if all that doesn't take up enough time, he is president-elect of the Philadelphia chapter of the Product Development and Management Association. Gary and his wife Nancy Ann live in Lititz, PA, with their

son Dan, who studies at RIT, and Liza, 13, who is in high school. **Jeanne Arnold** Schwetje lives in Mattituck, NY, with her husband John. They have a rock band and perform locally. John teaches global studies in high school. Their daughter Katie married an Englishman from Dublin last year. They live in NYC where Katie attends NYU. They did some home renovating in time for all the relatives from across the Atlantic to stay with them for the wedding. Jeanne and John went to Anguilla last winter over the holiday break. They are looking forward to enjoying time together in their "empty nest" and plan to go sailing and play gigs.

Laura Howe Czekaj (lgczekaj@cs.com) reports that her daughter Claire graduated from the U. of Delaware with a BS in mathematics. Her

types of surgery in the office than they could before. Larry and his wife Kathleen had a son, Mitchell David, last year. He joins siblings Tom, 12, and Erin, 10. They reside in Midland, MI.

Our class is looking for volunteers for class officers. It is a great way to reconnect with old and new Cornell friends and keep in touch with what is happening on campus. **Ken Mogil's** death left us without a permanent class president. This sounds like a daunting task, but it is in fact very manageable. We are also looking for a new webmaster. That position gets good support from the Alumni Affairs office and assistance is always available.

We'd like to thank **Eileen Brill** Wagner for her years of dedicated service as a class correspondent.

'Marguerite Blythe says that the best training for being a physician is being a nurse first.'

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daughter Katie is at Rutgers, majoring in English. Laura visited the Cornell campus with her sister Francey and husband **Bill Welker '73**, MBA '75, to hear their son **Stephen** sing with the Glee Club Hangovers. **Gary Holcomb** (gholcomb07401@yahoo.com) and his wife Julie live in New Jersey and have children David, 14, and Mary, 12. Gary has accepted a position as CEO of Coining of America LLC, a manufacturer of specialty materials for the semiconductor industry in Saddle Brook, NJ. **Pamela Savage-Roglich** (roglich@sbcglobal.net) is a vice president at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. in Chicago. She and husband **Marion Roglich, MILR '76**, have two children, Madeline, 9, who plays soccer and softball, and Evan, 11, who plays basketball, baseball, and lacrosse.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Helen Marts** Murphy, who died of complications of cancer. She is survived by her husband Paul and children Keith and Julia. Helen was an IT manager for various high-tech firms in New Jersey. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts and was president and board member of Luna Stage Company in Montclair throughout the 1990s. Helen was a painter, sculptor, and amateur musician and a member of the Hoboken Renaissance Singers; she enjoyed ballet, theater, reading, and travel. Our class mourns the loss of one of our members.

Marguerite Blythe (Blythemd@fuse.net) lives in Cincinnati with her husband Douglas Katchen. Marguerite, who practices psychiatry, was named the Doctor of the Year at Mercy Hospital West-ern Hills. She graduated from Cornell's New York Hospital School of Nursing and went to medical school at the U. of Cincinnati. She says that the best training for being a physician is being a nurse first. **Mary Rose Gallagher** (maryrose.gallagher@mchsi.com) lives in Fairfield, IA, and is working in social services. **Larry Skoczylas** (skocz@chartermi.net), along with his partners, built a new oral and maxillofacial surgery center. It doubled their capacity and will allow the dentists to do more

She has resigned from that position, which leaves just one of us to write the column. Please let me know if you are interested in the job of co-class correspondent. **Diane Elliott** has volunteered to help gather information from e-mails and forward it. You can contact me at the e-mail address below, or Tina Gourley in Class and Reunion Programs at Alumni House (e-mail, tg5@cornell.edu). Thanks for considering the opportunity to serve your class, have some fun, and reconnect with Cornell. ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; **Diane Elliott**, dje35@cornell.edu.

79 Welcome back to fall, and all that it entails. For some of you, it means getting to drop off your kids at Cornell. Please send us e-mails letting us know where your kids are going to school and how they are finding college life.

Wayne Meichner (wtm37@aol.com) of New Canaan, CT, is married to Lisa, and they have children Jared, 9, and Justin, 6. Wayne is the president of retail for Polo Ralph Lauren, which is based in Manhattan. **Deb Doncov** doesn't have children of her own, but loves her involvement over the past 15 years with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. "It is the most unselfish thing I have ever done," writes Deb, and she urges classmates to consider becoming a Big Sister or Big Brother. **Matthew Shapiro**, an orthopaedic surgeon based in Eugene, OR, was elected to the board of directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in February 2005. Matthew will serve as secretary to the Board of Councilors of the 28,000-member organization. He has published articles and authored a book chapter in his field, and has given many scientific presentations both nationally and internationally. President Bush has declared the years 2002-2011 National Bone and Joint Decade. The academy is working hard on global initiatives to raise awareness of musculoskeletal health, to stimulate research, and to improve people's quality of life.

Marcie Gitlin (vbabe214@hotmail.com) is embarking on a new life adventure this fall. She is matriculating as a full-time graduate student at Yeshiva U.'s Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Marcie was accepted with a \$10,000, no-strings-attached, merit scholarship, which was based partly on her Cornell academic record. One of her three references was Cornell professor W. Peter Wetherbee, with whom Marcie studied Chaucer as a freshman. When Marcie completes the two-year master's program, she hopes to work in one or both of two fields: immigrant/international social welfare and/or elder/end-of-life care. Marcie continues to travel to Asia. She has been to Burma twice and hopes to celebrate her 50th birthday—and the awarding of her master's degree—with a third trip to Burma and first-time visits to Laos and Cambodia. While in New York City, Marcie practices yoga daily and is in regular touch with **Judith Sherman**, **Paula Fuchsberg**, **Jane Sabin Sklar '78**, **Peter Coy**, and **Alan Posklensky '77**, MBA '79, as well as her brother **Saul Gitlin '84**, his wife Aviva, and their children Guy and Cali.

Donna Wiesner (donna.wiesner@aol.com) writes that she has married for the first time (to David Keene, chairman of the American Conservative Union) and joined a presidential administration for the third time (second time was at the Dept. of Education). Donna and David's big news is that they decided to rent their Point Mountain house near Snow Shoe in West Vir-

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81 My heart went all a-flutter when I received the white envelope with the yellow Class News forms—you must have some news for us! You will soon be receiving information about our 25th Reunion, coming June 8-11, 2006. I haven't missed any reunions thus far, and I have to say that as the years advance, they are more fun. My kids are even talking about it a year ahead of time!

Jared Aldern is looking forward to reunion, too. He reports that he's still living in Ranchita, CA, with his wife, daughters, and three chihuahuas. He left his public school teaching position to start a nonprofit called the Land Conversation, working on environmental history research and ecological restoration in collaboration with American Indian tribes, natural resource agencies, and universities. He reports that his oldest child is studying microbiology at UCLA, his 13-year-old is the spelling bee champion, and his 2-1/2-year-old is a cutie! **Nat Comisar** had his own mini-reunion and sang with a group of alumni Cayuga's Waiters at Spring Fever in Ithaca this past April. Nat lives in Cincinnati, OH, and recently moved his restaurant, Maisonette, to a more suburban location. You can read up on his new place at www.maisonette.com.

scuba dive and have seen manta rays and barracuda; they even had an uncomfortably close encounter with a 70-foot whale while 90 feet down and 10 miles off the coast of North Carolina. From Boca Raton, FL, **Richard Lovely** wrote that he joined Tyco Int'l in September 2004 as VP Human Resources for the Fire and Security Division, which has 90,000 employees worldwide.

Gabe Diaz-Saavrdra is building a new home on a one-acre lot in Bradenton, FL, near Sarasota. The hurricane season held up the process, but he hopes to move in by early next year. This past February, he accepted a position as South-eastern US regional manager with Nature Safe, a division of Griffin Industries, and is responsible for sales and marketing of meal-based OMRI certified organic fertilizers. Congratulations to **Bruce McWilliams** of Alexandria, VA! Bruce e-mailed to announce that he and his wife Susan had their second daughter, Lindsay Jane, on April 25. Older daughter Madison Grace is 2-1/2. Bruce received his doctorate in economics this past May. **Tyrone Taborn** of Reisterstown, MD, also received an honorary doctorate this past May from Morgan State U. Tyrone is president and CEO of Career Communications Group in Baltimore, MD.

We also received an e-mail from **Jay Ghosh**, who has been working and living in Tokyo, Japan, for the past two years. He works for Open TV Asia-Pacific, deploying software solutions for digital interactive TV. Work has taken him to Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, and Australia. He met up with **Paul Werbaneth '79**, who travels to Japan frequently on business for a semiconductor equipment processing company; Jay also saw **Julie Fernandez '79**, who was able to take two weeks to visit in Japan to view the plum blossoms.

Our class webmaster, **Jordan Strub**, wrote in before a recent move: "I've spent the last six years designing better slot machines in Las Vegas, but some corporate changes have undone most of my work. Meanwhile, my wife Michele has been commuting for three or four years to her office in San Diego (as a regional general manager for Progressive Insurance). We have decided to move back to Colorado Springs, where she can take a new position with Progressive with much less travel, and where we can spend more time together and with old friends. I will hoist my 'Software Consulting, Cheap!' banner once again." Jordan can be reached at jordan.strub@usa.net.

Karen Ansbro Leone '84, from Rochester, NY, wants to put the word out to the group of Hotelies that called themselves HOTEL COLORADO: she is planning a Hotel Colorado Reunion during the summer of 2006. For more information, contact her at kansleo@goandgroove.com, or go to www.goandgroove.com.

For those of you who don't know how to reach us, you can send your news directly to the e-mail addresses below, or use the website <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. Please let us know your news and update your e-mail address. Thanks! ♦ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, RonJenCam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; and **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, Kathleen_lashoto@equityoffice.com.

‘Did you catch Jeff Kidwell singing the National Anthem for the Boston Red Sox this past summer?’

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ginia, and bought a Dearborn River house to match their Missouri river house in Cascade Canyon, MT. They rent the houses for fly-fishing and hunting when they cannot be there themselves with, preferably, a slew of pals. Donna notes, "It's like Texas without my mother!" Donna concludes by noting that politics may not be what the Hotel school educated her for, but that it has been invaluable as a fund-raising resource, and exceptionally helpful in putting together a retirement portfolio.

When you get your dues notices this fall for class membership and for receiving this magazine, please take a few moments to write us a note with your news. Back when we were all in the throes of getting graduate degrees, finding spouses and partners, having children, and starting new careers, we class correspondents received a lot more mail than we get these days. Please send an e-mail or a postcard and let us know what is going on in your lives. You can write us at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: ♦ **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; and **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu.

Ted Halpin lives about an hour from Ithaca in Avon, NY. He trains firefighters nationwide for Cornell in farm rescue and firefighting. Farmedic (www.farmedic.com) is part of the Vet college's Agricultural Health and Safety Program. This program blends Ted's farm and firefighting backgrounds to educate rural fire and rescue crews. During the summer Ted went to Europe to train fire instructors there. After a ten-year teaching stint at the UNAM in Cozumel, Mexico, **Tina Holman** moved with her son Nicholas, now 14, to Fort Lauderdale, FL, where she has lived for the past five years. Tina is teaching ESL and intercultural communications at the Art Institute. Last summer she enjoyed attending Cornell's Adult University (CAU) with her son, and highly recommends it.

Stephen Ward is also residing in Florida, in Keystone Heights with his wife Robin and their three children. He is a sales rep for Consolidated System Inc., a manufacturer of metal decking used for building construction. He also has been a part-time actor on "The FBI Files," "The New Detectives," "Diagnosis Unknown," and "The Prosecutors" TV shows. Steve and his wife love to

82 Happy fall! Did you happen to catch **Jeff Kidwell** singing the National Anthem for the Boston Red Sox this past summer? Jeff writes that his day job is still at Cantor Fitzgerald, but he finds time to present at industry conferences and perform. He even sang with Earth, Wind & Fire last October! You can reach Jeff at jkidwell@cantor.com. Or if you were in Cleveland, did you see **Bill Henry's** photographs? They were at the Cleveland Museum of Art's NEO Show, July 10 to September 4, 2005, the main exhibition for the summer of 2005. Bill's work was one of 80 pieces of art selected from nearly 1,300 applications. Bill writes that the show featured artists working in all media.

In the Boston area is **Kathleen Templeton MacVarish**, who is living in Braintree. She left the municipal public health field to work in academia; she now manages a New England Workforce Development project at Boston U. School of Public Health. Kathleen writes, "My soccer playing days are long over, but I love reading about the team and hearing about how well they are doing." **Mark Hyman** (mark@drhyman.com) is in Housatonic, MA, and the author of *Ultraprevention*, a *New York Times* bestseller, *The Detox Box*, and *The Five Forces of Wellness*. His website is www.drhyman.com, where you can learn more about Mark and his work, including editor-in-chief of *Alternative Therapies*, medical editor of *Alternative Medicine* magazine, faculty and board of directors of the Inst. for Functional Medicine, and advisory board of Food as Medicine and Center for Mind-Body Medicine. His family includes wife Pier Boutin and children Rachel Hyman, Misha Hyman, and Thor and Ace Brantly Boutin.

Mike Marrero writes from Manchester, MA, that wife **Cathy (Caliguire) '84** is doing a great job of keeping him and sons Tyler, Trevor, and Troy "headed in the right direction." Soccer, basketball, and lacrosse keep the older boys busy while Mike keeps busy as president of his radiology group, Advanced Diagnostic Imaging. He has also started a medical billing company with two of his radiology partners and is happy to report that it's "thriving." **Earle Weaver**, ME '83, MBA'84, is president of White-Rogers in St. Louis, an Emerson Climate Technologies company. He writes, "Spouse Becky is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and still enjoying it; Sarah, 8, loves competing in Irish dance; Tommy, 6, plays hockey, soccer, and baseball; Joey, 4, excels in bugging his siblings; and Peter, 2, plays a great game of chase." **Joe Allegro** writes that kids Nadia, 15, Maya, 11, Eric, 9, Serena, 8, and Remy, 6, are interested in sports including soccer, baseball, and karate. **Dorothy Meeker Wolfe** is president of Global Resources Options and is "trying to interest our daughter in Cornell."

Randall Smith (rlsmith3@sbcglobal.net) e-mailed from Livermore, CA, that he is VP of marketing and sales for Aprio Technologies Inc. of Santa Clara, CA, an electronic design automation (EDA) company. Randall writes that he's "been in this industry, including time off during my undergrad, for 25 years now. I've been an officer or founder of three companies that have been sold, the normal liquidation strategy in this

area (plus one other company as director of Japan sales)." He adds that he's been married 21 years and has three children. **Henry Herz** wrote from San Diego that he recently left Computer Sciences Corp. to become the director of technical services at TechFlow, a small Web portal and eProcurement services firm. Also in San Diego is **Peter Linz**, a captain in the medical corps of the US Navy and named chairman of the Dept. of Medicine at the Naval Medical Center San Diego, and **David Knowles** who, after four years as VP of engineering of Cymer Inc., is now VP of marketing for new business development. He writes, "It's a welcome change that brings new challenges and a lot more international travel."

The message from **Lynn Stefanowicz** (lstefanowicz@mac.com) is, "After living in a church rectory for nearly ten years, my husband and I purchased our first home in Old Bridge, NJ." Her husband, David Hermanson, began a PhD program in theology at Drew U., and she began a new position as manager of business operations for behavioral health services for Meridian Health Care in Monmouth County, NJ. Outside of work, Lynn and David spend time with son Noah, 9, playing basketball and baseball. She adds, "To round out the new house experience, we adopted a 3-year-old boxer, named Lexi."

Congrats to **Randolph Hunt**, who was named Civil Engineer III for the New York State Dept. of Transportation, having served as acting civil engineer for the NYS DOT. Randolph is also a member of the board of directors of the Baruch College Alumni Association and NYC Interagency Engineering Council. **Kristan Peters-Hamlin** joined the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski as a partner in their New York office; she had previously been at Pillsbury Winthrop. **Janice Pegels** is in Binghamton, with husband James Jewell and children Adrian and Marcella, where she is a doctor at Complementary Medicine and Healing Arts.

Angelo Alberto, BArch '83's firm, Alberto & Associates, specializes in urban redevelopment and traditional architecture and urban design. He has redevelopment projects in Trenton, Wildwood, Bayonne, and Gloucester City, NJ. He adds that daughter Elizabeth, 16, is the New Jersey state tennis champion (high school). Angelo is in occasional contact with **Richard Economakis**, MS '96, a professor at Notre Dame, **Michael Lykoudis '77**, BArch '80, dean of the school of architecture at Notre Dame, **Jennifer Knapp Crawford**, BArch '83, **Dan Heyden '81**, and **Fred Schmitt**, BArch '83, MArch '87.

Clare Ludgate started her own hedge fund consulting business in London, with clients in Sweden, Austria, France, and Switzerland. She does a lot of traveling and loves it, and also joined the Cornell Club of London, "which does wonderful events, including a Thanksgiving dinner for us homesick expats!" Write to Clare at ludgate@dsl.pipex.com. And on the other end of the spectrum is **Mary Ellen Hawker** Hartwick, who writes, "I retired from full-time work at the ripe old age of 51 and love it. Now I can do whatever—whenever." ♦ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; and **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 It's a wonderful problem to have too much news for one column. Our mail cup runneth over this time, thanks to the myriad of news submissions with your class dues payments, your e-mail updates, and my co-correspondent **David Pattison's** e-mail blast from this past spring. We're still trying to catch up with all the reports from our classmates, so without further adieu . . .

Brad and Dina Wolfman Baker are delighted that their oldest child, **Audrey**, will be making Cornell a family tradition when she enters as a freshman in the fall. Dina and Brad, who live in suburban Philadelphia, look at this as a great excuse to visit campus more often. Proud mama **Kim Leffert** announces the birth of her first child, Daniel Isaac, on February 13. Kim and husband Ed Silverstein "can't wait to bring Daniel to the next reunion!"

Ken Balick writes that he, wife **Eve (Newman)**, JD '87, and their daughters Lara, 8, Julia, 6, and Caroline, 3, recently moved to Kinnelon, NJ. Ken's consulting work focuses on international business development, helping companies expand to Asia and Europe via cross-border partnerships. Says Ken, "I'd love to reconnect and hear from old friends—time goes by like a blink of the eye." Ken can be reached via e-mail at kbalick@optonline.net. **Michelle Wildi** DaValle and husband Dennis are busy raising their three children (Austin, 11, Brandon, 8, and Madison, 5) in Lake Forest, IL, but found time to catch up on old friends **Karen Carruthers**, also raising three kids in suburban Illinois, and **Karen Wright**, who lives in the South of France.

From **John "Ralph" Russek Jr.**, we hear that he was recently promoted to general design division manager at the Pidcock Company, a civil engineering firm in Allentown, PA. In January 2004, Ralph retired from the Navy Reserves as a commander after more than 20 years of service. Ralph and his wife Dawn, a country line-dancing enthusiast, have two children. Daughter Erin, 16, enjoys riding and showing her quarterhorse "Herbie Goes Solo," while 13-year-old Erik is fascinated by Cornell men's ice hockey, in addition to the toughest video games.

Penny Nemzer, DVM '87, confesses, "There is a bit more stress in my life as my 16-year-old son Eric is now driving." Penny and spouse **Dan Taitz**, JD '86, live in Scarsdale, where she is a veterinarian and avid gardener. In December the family traveled to Costa Rica, where they celebrated daughter Sarah's 14th birthday in Punta Islita. Twins Alec and Zachary, 10, round out the Nemzer-Taitz family. **Stewart Glickman** and wife Sarah have children Daniel, 4, and Rachel, 3, and the family is still growing. Stewart works for PricewaterhouseCoopers, and in his spare time serves on the board of the South Mountain YMCA in Maplewood, NJ.

Thresa Mosely Gibian and husband **Stephen '79** have made their home near Ithaca, where Thresa is an interior designer and active community volunteer with organizations such as the Cascadilla Boat Club and Historic Ithaca Inc. They have children Anya, 15, and Galen, 12. **Ira and Sari Glass Langstein**, along with children Samantha, 12, and Joel, 8, live in the Westchester

suburbs, where Ira is a dentist and Sari is an attorney for IBM. Writes **Jesse Hammerman**, "Middle-aged life with a 16-year-old daughter, 13-year-old son, beautiful wife of 19 years, and my own business for 20 years gives me a lot to be thankful for." Jesse lives in Westport, CT, and is president of H&H Woodworking Inc., an architectural and custom cabinetry firm.

After taking off five years to raise Eli, 5, and Reuben, 9, **Ellen Ilivicky** Siegman has returned to the workforce part-time and is now a certified court mediator for Florida's Pinellas and Pasco counties. Ellen would love to hear from her former Sigma Delta Tau sisters at esigma1@tampabay.rr.com. **Laura Berkowitz** Lokker, JD '86, also took a few years off from practicing law to focus on her family and rethink her career. She decided to return to school and is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at Rutgers. Says Laura, "Although the New Brunswick campus is not as scenic as Ithaca, being surrounded by the vitality of a large university has reminded me of the many good times I had at Cornell, both as an undergrad and law student." Laura and husband Brian live in Montclair, NJ and have three children ages 12, 9, and 6.

Steven Ciabattoni, a radiologist at NYU Medical Center and chief of radiology at the Manhattan V.A. Hospital, keeps in touch with several old school chums, including **Susan Ades**, who lives in Washington, DC, with her husband and two daughters and works for the National Zoo; **Katy Keib** Johnson, an attorney in Syracuse and mother of three; and **Andy Hahn**, JD '86, a New York City attorney with two children. Steven has lost touch with some of his buddies and would love to hear from **Mark Morrissey** and **Andy Schrauth**.

Jane Serling is living in San Diego with husband Neil Sjöholm, daughter Naomi, 16, and son Daniel, 2. She is enjoying being a toddler's mom again and works as an epidemiologist for RTI Int'l. Jane interviews Cornell applicants in San Diego and is amused that they always ask her, "Exactly how cold is it in Ithaca?" Jane says she really misses Cornell at times and finds herself thinking about college often, now that she has a daughter approaching college age. **Mark** and **Kimberly Osborn Rhodes** pass along some sports news from Westfield, NJ. Seventh grader Amanda plays on a year-round regional soccer team and was also selected to play on a summer Super-Youth League New Jersey team. Eighth grader Chris was an all-star running back for his league champion football team this past fall and will be playing lacrosse this spring. Mark and Kim try to keep up by playing competitive tennis. This summer, Mark (as Scoutmaster) will join Chris and other area senior Boy Scouts on an eight-day trek through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. In their spare time, Kim is finishing up her fifth year on the Board of Education, and Mark is internal counsel for the mergers and acquisition practice at Citigroup's investment banking department.

From Columbia, SC, **Andrew Walsh** reports that he is happily married to a Boston girl and lives with two Labs whom he treats like children. Andrew works as dispute resolution director for the South Carolina Bar, and in his spare time enjoys organizing and hosting occasional Cornell get-togethers with his fellow South Carolina

Cornellians. **Rebecca Slivka**, MArch '86, has also encountered a number of Cornellians, thanks to her growing involvement in competitive Scrabble events, and hung out with **John Karris '85** and **David Weiss '82** at a tournament in Reno last January. Rebecca has been director of Seattle's Scrabble Club since 2001. After five years as chair of the art department at Smith College, **John Davis** is taking a leave of absence to spend a semester as a visiting professor of American studies at Doshisha U. in Kyoto, Japan. I was also glad to hear from another Texan in our midst: **Andrew Bucki** lives in Dallas, where he is director of design for FedEx Kinko's.

Lindsay Ruth writes, "When I was a student, I never dreamed I'd be working for Cornell Alumni Affairs and Development 22 years later! After a career in public libraries, I have returned to Cornell and am thoroughly enjoying working for the university. Feel free to contact me if I can ever provide any assistance related to Cornell (ldr28@cornell.edu)."

I'm out of space for this column, so if you don't see your news here, please be patient; it will appear soon. Keep on sending your updates to: ❖ **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinah.godwin@earthlink.net; or **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net.

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Since quite a bit of class news comes from East of the Mississippi, the first part of the column hails from such places. **Scott Eskwitt** has been appointed Chief Counsel, River Development LLC in Red Bank, NJ. Scott is a real estate developer involved in redeveloping undervalued New Jersey properties. Scott's family includes daughters Kate and Clara, who play softball and lacrosse. Congratulations to **Stacey Fried**, MS '94, who ran in the More Marathon in New York City's Central Park on April 10, 2005.

Saul Gitlin is an executive VP of Kang & Lee Advertising in New York, putting his linguistic and cultural prowess to work. Saul has also just completed a manuscript for his first children's book, about China. Saul and his wife Aviva, a psychologist, live in White Plains with their son Guy and daughter Cali. The Gitlin family traveled to Aviva's home country of South Africa in March and to China in the summer. I still remember when Saul practiced Chinese on the wipe-off boards on our dorm doors in Donlon! Saul writes that he would love to hear from old friends and acquaintances from Cornell at ssgit@aol.com. **Jose Nieves** was recently promoted to a full professorship in information technology and computer science at Lord Fairfax Community College in Warrenton, VA. Jose is also teaching doctoral-level courses at Capella U.

Marcy Dubroff is in touch with **Esther Rubin '86** and other former *Sun* photographers. Marcy also stays in touch with **Karen A. Johnston**, DVM '90, and they swap kid and dog stories. Marcy is entering her 12th year in Lancaster with husband Steven Ulrich, and at Franklin and Marshall College. When she's not at work, she's busy chauffeuring Ryan and Caroline to their various activities. She's actually thinking of a career change to the limo business! Marcy still

freelances as a photographer and is finally training for her bat mitzvah! **Dennis Mitchell** was recently promoted to assistant dean, Columbia U. School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Dennis lives in Teaneck, NJ, with his wife Bridgette.

Lew Senft writes from Land O Lakes, FL (it's not just a brand of butter!) that he had a very bad accident in 1999 when a steel door fell on him. After four operations he is back on his feet. He moved down to Florida in 2003 and is making contributions to "church, people in need, and getting politicians elected for the good of our society." Lew is working full time for Publix Supermarket. He met President Bush at a campaign rally in New Port Richey and has a position as a precinct representative for the Pasco County Republican Party. Lew has seen **Allen Rolli**, **Michael Vinson**, and **Emil Manzo**, all of whom send their best wishes to the class.

Peter Kaufman just started a new documentary film production company called Intelligent Television. Peter and wife Ellen are raising their children Sophia, Henry, and Charlie in New York City. **Gregory Jamrosz**, DVM '93, lives in Whitesboro, NY, and married Joanne Vassallo on April 9, 2005 in Utica, NY. **Robert Pancotti** worked for 18 years in the journal and book production departments of the medical publisher Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (formerly Raven Press), but is now a senior development editor in the medical book division of McGraw-Hill. In his spare time, Robert takes drawing classes and volunteers at the American Museum of Natural History. **Lisa Rosen Sonck** joined Microsoft a couple of years ago as a business development manager, after 20 years in sales and business development in high tech. Lisa is enjoying the experience of being at such a world-class company. She lives in Lynnfield, MA, with her husband **Greg, PhD '86**, a professor of electrical engineering, and their daughter. Lisa and Greg met at Cornell 22 years ago when Greg was finishing up his PhD.

Michelle Ehrenreich Haigh and I both had sons in the same school here in New Jersey, but Michelle and her family are moving to Cambridge, MA, where her husband John is the new executive dean of the Kennedy School at Harvard. Michelle is taking a sabbatical from the world of employment to help the family of four make the transition to Beantown. **Dan Caloras** wins the award for hardest writing to read! Dan is happily married to a busy physician wife, Sheila Kendrick, and they have two children who came into their lives from Ethiopia four years ago. The family enjoys skiing and gardening. Dan and Sheila practice general medicine together in a rural town in New Hampshire on the Connecticut River. In his spare time, Dan is medical director of a local hospice agency. Dan is also affiliated with Dartmouth, teaching medical students.

News from points West of the Mississippi and from outside the US: **Patricia Shin** Ranunkel lives in Paris with husband Charles and children Olivier and Béatrice. Patricia is a partner in the European equities firm Cheuvreux and enjoys golf, skiing, sailing, and squash. **Robert Geise** thoroughly enjoyed reunion last year. Since then, he has been developing his infectious disease/HIV practice in Monterey, CA. Robert and his

partner Tim welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Gleason-Geise, who was born on Father's Day, June 19. Baby and both dads are doing well. **Norma Poole** is the owner of Wine and Vine Ways, a wine education and customized tour business in the Napa Valley (www.wineandvineways.com). Now that the movie *Sideways* has made headlines, I will bet that business at Wine and Vine Ways will be booming!

Cedric Leighton is still in the USAF and received a Bronze Star for work in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He will relinquish command of the 316th Training Squadron in July and return to the Pentagon, going to the Joint Staff after two years in West Texas. Cedric is married to Amy and they have a young son, Samuel. **Kathy McCullough** writes that **Marty Heebner** is co-writing two craft books, *Beading with Wire* and *Vintage Jewelry Designs*, and is featured in a third *Designers' Book of Wearable Shoes*. Kathy attended the Austin Film Festival in 2004 to head two screenwriting seminars at their screenwriting conference, and another conference in July 2005 in Las Vegas, "How to Beat the Odds in Hollywood." **Keith Friedenberg**, founder and past president of the Libe Slope Tanning Society, 1981-1984, writes that he started a solo practice in gastroenterology in November. Keith and wife Belinda live in Kirtland, OH, with their newest child, Shane, born July 4, 2004, who joins siblings Bryn, Ryan, and Reid. ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com; and **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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When **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster, our class president, asked me to become a class correspondent, I couldn't refuse. I was reminded of so many conversations we had as college roommates, when one of us would invariably convince the other to do something. ("Let's go study up at Uris." "We have to go to that after-hours party." "Let's rent that house on Linden Avenue.") While time marches on, there is comfort in knowing that some things never change and my friend of 20 years can still get me to say yes.

What I didn't anticipate is how great it would be hearing from classmates I have not seen in decades. Your news reflects how well so many of us are doing in our personal lives and careers. All the stories are interesting, and some are even newsworthy. **Gayle Reichler** Mazlish was featured in an article published in the *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences* magazine this winter. Gayle is the inventor of Gayle's Miracles—30-calorie, all natural, gourmet chocolate truffles. Gayle has also authored two books on nutrition, *Active Wellness* and *Active Wellness: Feel Good For Life*, and a cookbook, *Gayle's Feel-Good Foods*. If too many sweets find you in need of a dentist, you can look up **Betsy Mead** Noel, who lives in Ithaca and has joined the dental practice of Richards and McCutcheon. Husband Andy is Cornell's very own Director of Athletics,

and the couple welcomed daughter Amelie Elizabeth last October.

New arrivals to our Cornell classmates include Danielle Epstein, born last year to **Andrew** and Allison **Epstein**. Andrew writes that he has a thriving commercial and civil litigation practice in Fort Myers, FL, and describes his daughter as "the greatest addition to our world." **John Pakutka** spoke with equal joy about his son Noah Alan, who was born this year. According to John, he and his wife Joyce have experienced little but sheer joy since Noah's arrival. John is also busy with his company, the Crescent Group LLC, which works with hospital systems, law firms, and politicians interested in health policy. John says they have developed a sizeable practice helping clients with research in mass toxic tort cases and healthcare organization bankruptcy cases.

Steven Getman is the Seneca County Attorney and is helping the public in a different way.

'No commute or pantyhose! Home office!'

JUNE D. BELL '87

According to a news article published in a local newspaper, Steven's office, in conjunction with other agencies, collected over half a million dollars for taxpayers in 2004. Steven's office is responsible for the prosecution and defense of all civil actions and proceedings brought by or against Seneca County.

Apart from exciting careers, some classmates reported fantastic vacations. **Lisa Korfhage** Pannell wrote about an outrageous Outward Bound trip she made with her husband Phil this year. The pair took a trip in their home state of Minnesota, which included four days of dogsledding and six hours of cross-country skiing. The couple camped in near-zero temperatures and awoke to snow drifts on their sleeping bags. Lisa reported jumping into an icy river through a hole cut in the ice. What does Lisa do on a regular day? She invents new products for the Yoplait division of General Mills. I wouldn't be surprised if we hear about a new frozen concoction in their product line sometime soon! Lisa is also a mom to their 4-year-old son.

Other inventors in our class include **Beth Lucey**, MBA '96. Beth was the leader on the redesign of the French's mustard bottle, which obtained a design patent. After that, she exited corporate America and is now working in real estate and studying to become a soul-focused (energy) healer. Beth also shared the sad news of the passing of her father, longtime Cornell agronomy professor and department chair Robert Lucey. Her family is selecting a tree to be planted in the Cornell Plantations in memory of her parents. Beth lives in Pompano Beach, FL, and gets to see longtime friends **Debbie Goodman** Ferencsik, mom to daughter Olivia, and **Marty and Peg Hall Rauch**, who have four kids!

Denise "Didi" Barcomb Frechette is mother to four children: Hannah, 15, Nate, 14, Laena, 11, and Isaac, 2. Didi writes that she lost her son Luke at age 4 to pediatric cancer. Her family has begun the Lokie's Soul Foundation with the goal

of raising \$100,000 for a teaching classroom at the new CNY Children's Hospital. To learn more, visit the website at www.lukiesoul.org.

In other exciting news, **Eve Seaman** Edwards performed Violetta in *La Traviata* and Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* this May with the Amici Opera of Philadelphia. Eve is a soloist with the Bel Canto Lyric Opera Company and Symphony Orchestra. **Melissa Lea** is EVP, Director of Business Development for Mullen, a top advertising agency in Boston. She recently co-chaired a symposium for the Boston Ad Club, which hosted the global chief marketing officer of McDonalds and the publisher of the *New Yorker*. Melissa is mom to children Kelsey, 4, and Spencer, 1-1/2. She also shared news of **Sharon Longaker** Vibert '87, who is living in a Paris suburb with her husband and three sons. And **Margaret Tockarshewsky** is getting her master's at Columbia in historic preservation.

Other news from Boston comes from my old friend **Kenan Nacar**, who is working as a financial planner for American Express. I caught up with Ken last fall at the bar mitzvah of **Michael** and **Lisa Manaster's** son (a very proud moment for their family and a fantastic party!). Ken was accompanied by his then-girlfriend Stephanie and the pair looked so happy that it was no surprise that their engagement ensued a week later. Lisa and Michael attended their wedding in Palm Beach last weekend and said it was a beautiful affair. Also attending were Ken's fraternity brothers **Steve Georgaklis '87** and **George Gavris '85**.

Michael Wagner reported that wedding bells rang for **Jennifer Braman** last year. Jennifer moved back to Honolulu from Cleveland, where she had spent the last eight years. She practices law at Roeca, Louie and Hiraoka, and just became a mom to son Jack. Michael and his wife **Lori (Spydell)** live in Shaker Heights, OH, and have children of their own. The Wagners keep tabs on a great number of Cornell friends. Lori recently celebrated her 40th birthday with **Carol Getz** Abolafia, **Sidney Solomon** Neuhaus, and **Laura Nieboer** Hine in Miami. Laura lives in Illinois with her twin boys, 12, and daughter, 7.

On a very sad note, Michael reported the death of **Donny Howell '85**. Donny was living in Maui, HI, where he managed the sales end of a vacation ownership project for Marriott. He died of a heart attack in his sleep while attending Jazz Fest in New Orleans. A service was held in Hobart, IN, and was attended by over 20 Cornell friends. Mike shared that Donny was an accomplished sales professional, surfer, music aficionado, cook, and close friend to many. Michael also filled us in on **Martin Schulz**, who works as an international equity portfolio manager for National City Corp. Martin is a major in the Army Reserves and has been deployed in Haiti, Afghanistan, and other Central Asian and Middle Eastern nations. Thank you, Martin, for helping to keep us all safe.

Blues Traveler

DAN DUBELMAN '87

Many musicians in college bands pack up their instruments for good after commencement. However, for Dan Dubelman, Cornell was only the starting point of a long and colorful musical career. For the past six years, he and his wife, Vickie, have toured the country in an RV performing in their band, Betty Dylan. They play more than 100 gigs a year and are currently recording their sixth album, *Don't I Know You from the Future*. The band has played venues from New York to Nashville and even performed at Farm Aid 2004, where the Dubelmans joined Neil Young and Willie Nelson onstage. In each city, the duo picks up local musicians to fill out the band. "We sound different in Lexington, Kentucky, than we do in L.A.," says Dubelman, who defines Betty Dylan's style as "roots-based bluesy rock with country influences, but a little funkier."

The Nashville-based singer-songwriter began to compose and perform as an undergraduate. Although he started out as a theatre major, he soon found that fiction was his calling and switched



to English. His college band, Lay Quiet Awhile, played at Ithaca bars and frat parties. "I used to tell long stories over the music," he says. "We would jam, and I would just start improvising lyrics."

This fall, Betty Dylan will return to its roots with a concert at the Ithaca music club Castaways. For Dubelman, the gig isn't just a homecoming—it's his way of supporting his alma mater. "Alumni think about giving money, but it is important to give back to the culture of Ithaca," he says. "Otherwise, it will be gone."

—Julie Zeveloff '07

Would you e-mail me if you know of any newsworthy Cornellians who are living in Long Island? I am a partner at *Elements*, a regional lifestyle magazine launched three years ago, and am always looking for compelling stories on individuals and businesses of interest on Long Island. My work e-mail is donna@elementsmagazine.com. That's it for now. Please be sure to write me or Hilory with any news. We look forward to hearing from you! ♦ Donna Mandell Korren, dk26@optonline.net; Hilory Federgreen Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

87 Where were you and what were you doing when you first heard that Cornell's 11th president had quit? I actually heard it from my wife, who was in New Orleans, and she had learned the news from a Cornellian in Scotland the day before! How is that for a global Cornell community!

Out here on the West Coast, former Big Red

West Coast friends, especially **Brian Parmelee '86** and his wife **Susan (Stiff)**. I am excited to be celebrating our big birthdays with **Lisa More** Bienstock, **Elyse Harney** Morris, and **Emily Sawers** Berlinghof '86 in Palm Springs in April 2005."

In the Bay Area, **June D. Bell** and husband Neil Mendelson have been married and living in Foster City since 2001. Their son Samuel celebrated his second birthday in March 2005. June sent in her news with a spiffy business card attached. She is a freelance writer for the *National Law Journal*, *Dallas Morning News*, and other newspapers and magazines. What is so great about being a freelance writer, you ask? "No commute or pantyhose! Home office!" is June's retort. In a recent e-mail from **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, I spotted a new job title in her signature block: "'Tis true! I got promoted after my boss's retirement in February. I now have two jobs! I'm responsible for all the institutional research duties I had before, plus oversight of the decision support systems database and tools, two analysts, and a 200-strong user community." Rana is now known around Stanford as Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research and Decision Support. She and husband Bruce are avid ice hockey fans and play in local leagues several times a week. This past spring, as the Big Red men's team was playing in the ECAC and NCAA tournaments, Rana and Bruce hosted viewing parties at their hockey club. Over 20 alumni of different years showed up to root for **Mike Schafer '86** and his squad.

This past summer Rana celebrated turning 40 in style by jetting to Europe with **Sarah Breinig** Saul, **Vicki Davis** Spencer, and **Alexa Coin** Florence. The gals rented a villa in Italy. La dolce vida! And speaking of new jobs, former Seattle resident **Brent Vallat**, ME '89, quit his old job back East on March 11. "Today marks the conclusion of my 14-year career at American Express. I have decided to focus my energies in the near term on pursuing a new career in financial services out on the West Coast." Brent is now senior VP in the consumer credit group of Wells Fargo Bank's strategic risk management division.

In the Rockies, **David Ehrlich** was named one of the 25 most powerful people in Colorado by *5280* magazine. The former executive with Kroenke Sports has branched out: he is an executive VP with the Bonham Group and has formed a new sales company within the firm. David described the new venture as a strategic sales and consulting company focusing on issues that come along only every so often, like a naming-rights deal, for example. Also in the sporting world, Phoenix Suns president **Bryan Colangelo** was honored as the NBA's Executive of the Year by the *Sporting News* in May, after emerging from his father's shadow to engineer the third-biggest turnaround in league history. It was the first time a father and son have won the award. Bryan played for three years on the men's basketball team and earned a varsity letter during the 1986-87 campaign.

Over in the Midwest, **Karen M. Rowehl**, MS '92, of St. Louis Park, MN, has been working as a registered dietitian for the Eating Disorders Inst. at Methodist Hospital since March 2004. In Kansas City, MO, **Allen Wright** is married to

Stacey (Strassberg) '90. Allen wrote about their three children: "Jared, 10, Trevor, 8, Owen, 5, and Eric, 3, now have the coolest parents around. Stacey and I recently opened an inflatable party zone in Shawnee Mission, KS. Stacey has re-entered the work force to run the business while I continue to manage a call center for Ford Credit. If all goes well, the glimmer of hope that is early retirement could become a reality."

Outside of Columbus, OH, fellow class officer **Amy Janower** Weinstein was busy packing up her brood to move back to New York; in May, husband Sam was named chief of pediatric cardiac surgery at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. **Melinda G. Weir** dropped us a note from the Big Apple: "Had a big get-together this April in NYC as my husband **Erik Sorensen** and I celebrated our 40th birthday with a bunch of Cornell friends. Since we met in U-Hall 2 in 1983, we have now officially spent more of our life together than apart! The following classmates joined us: **Ellen Rosefsky** Cohen, **Margot Leffler** Milberg, **Deborah Mei**, **Kathy Taylor** Calhoun, **Gregg** and **Jill Barnett Kaufman**, **Adam** and **Lisa Lederman Kaufmann '92**, **Karen Hirsch '85**, **DVM '89**, **Randy Karmen** Guttenberg, and **Bob Litkovitz** (as well as other Cornellians from different classes). A good time was had by all."

Elsewhere in the Empire State, **Mark Frucht** is married to **Lori (Rothstein) '90.** Mark writes that he joined Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank, as CFO for their US operations in November 2004. "Twins Matthew and Samantha turned 6 in the spring." They live in Plainview, NY. **Amit Batabyal** reported in from Upstate: "I am the Arthur J. Gosnell Professor of Economics at the Rochester Inst. of Technology. I like my job at RIT and I enjoy living in Rochester, NY, with my wife Swapna and daughter Sanjana." Amit also published his third book, entitled *Stochastic Modeling in Range Management: Selected Essays*.

Former state assemblyman **Daniel J. Fessenden** has been named the executive director of the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park (CAFTP) in Geneva, NY. Dan took the helm in September a year ago, having worked for the Carrier Corp. in Syracuse from 1999 to 2004. Ten years ago, he received the ALS Alumni Association's Young Alumni Achievement Award. **Philip Bobbs '05**, the recipient of our class Tradition Fellowship, has established a Tradition Fellowship in his own name and made a contribution of \$500 to the Save the Music Foundation, as part of the senior recognition program under the Cornell Commitment program.

We will have a wrap-up report from Ithaca on the July '39 Again" gathering in our next column. Send falling leaves and your news to ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, tseng@stanford.edu; or **Debra Howard** Stern, dstern39@yahoo.com.

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Hello, fellow classmates. As I write this, the Cornell community is stunned by the news that **Jeffrey Lehman '77** is stepping down from his post as Cornell's 11th president due to irreconcilable differences with the Board of Trustees on how to best execute a strategy for Cornell's future. President Lehman made his announcement

during the State of the University address during Reunion Weekend in June, surprising those in attendance. Needless to say, this has sparked much conversation and conjecture within the Cornell family of students, alumni, faculty, and staff. While I do not want to use this column as a forum for expressing personal views, I believe it is important for classmates to know where they can get more information on this event, the role and responsibilities of the board, and contact information for making their views known.

With that in mind, please allow me to refer you to the website for the trustees at <http://www.cornell.edu/trustees> as a starting point. From this page, you can find links to the university's charter and bylaws, as well as listings of trustees and committee chairs. If you would like to review news about what happened back in June, try the Cornell news site at <http://www.news.cornell.edu>. Use the menu item labeled "News" near the top of the page to get to the "Monthly Index." The index page will allow you to access news by month and year going back as far as 1996.

Now, for classmates news. Let's start in my neck of the woods, the Bay Area. **Marc Cohen** writes that he has been living in San Francisco for 15 years, the past eight of which he has worked as a software instructor for a company called Zephyr-TEC. Marc teaches speech recognition software to students with physical injuries or other disabilities that render them unable to use a computer keyboard and mouse. Marc's work helps these students keep their jobs or return to the job market if they have been out of work. In his personal life, Marc participated in a historic event at San Francisco City Hall last year when he married his partner of five years, Dave. Family and friends gathered at City Hall for the occasion, and a few months later, Marc's brother and sister-in-law in New Jersey hosted a celebratory party. Classmate Shu Costa (née **Shu Foo**) attended the party, and Marc and Shu had a wonderful time catching up. Marc and Dave were disappointed when the same-sex marriages were nullified by the state courts the following August, but they and their families and friends still consider themselves a married couple. Marc keeps in touch with many San Francisco-based Cornellians, including fellow '88er **Nick Daniels**.

Also living and working in San Francisco is **Meea Kang**. Meea is the president of Domus Development LLC, a real estate development company specializing in innovative affordable/sustainable communities. She and her husband of six years, Gary Ahuna, welcomed their first daughter, Alana Tae-Su Ahuna, into their family in November 2004. In keeping with new baby news, we have **Richard Colvin** who has been staying up late with his wife Helen Raynham and their third child, daughter Claire, born in March of this year. Next is a note from **Julie Friedman**, JD '93, who, with husband Bob Negris, brought their second child, Jonah Anthony, into the world on St. Patrick's Day. Julie was taking a six-month maternity leave before returning to her work with the Mental Hygiene Legal Service in Albany, NY. She says that taking care of two small children (son Luca turned 3 in April) makes college and law school "seem like a breeze." Our last

item of baby news comes from **Kristina Lamont** Kramer. Kristina and her husband Scott were excited to announce the arrival of son Aaron in November 2004. Kristina says that Aaron's big brother Alex, who will be 3 in August '05, is very happy to have a playmate.

Back on the Hill, we have word from **Kristin Kroll** Ramsay that she, her Michigander husband, and their children Joshua, 6, and Makenna, 4, moved back to Ithaca in November 2004. Kristin says that Ithaca is the perfect location for her business, Seneca Crunch: The Finger Lakes' Finest Granola! She is also working as a temp in admissions for Cornell while she ponders whether to continue as an entrepreneur or return to full-time formal employment. Another classmate who has gone "independent" in business is **Lauren Potynski**. Lauren became a business owner in October 2004 when she purchased (with her best friend and associate) the Springfield, PA, animal hospital where she had worked for the past 11 years.

One classmate with an interesting combination of professional pursuits is **Delaney Ruston**. Delaney is an academic physician, with a focus on medical ethics. She is also a documentary filmmaker, whose current project is a personal documentary about reconnecting with her schizophrenic father. Interested classmates can visit www.unlistedfilm.com for more information. Delaney is married to Dr. Peter Small and has two young children, Chase and Tessa. Continuing with other classmates in medicine, regular writer **Joel Goldberg** reported that he and wife Hilary left the U. of Minnesota to return to Boston in July of this year. Both Joel and Hilary accepted positions at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Hilary as a pulmonologist specializing in lung transplant, and Joel as a colorectal surgeon. **Cathleen Skelly** Whelan, MD '97, is an "overworked primary care physician." Cathleen wrote in May that she and husband Joseph have a daughter named May, who was 20 months old at the time.

Thomas Bottoni lives in Tidewater, VA, and practices emergency medicine at a busy community hospital. In March, Thomas was appointed assistant medical director for the Port Warwick Emergency Department for Peninsula Emergency Physicians. Thomas has been married to wife Dawn since leaving the US Navy in 2002. Another '88er who served in a branch of the military is **Susan Nyquist** Houston. Susan retired from the US Air Force and now volunteers at her daughter's school and is a Girl Scout Brownie leader. Susan's husband Greg teaches at the AFNORTH International School, which provides education for children of Allied Forces Northern Europe.

That's all the news for now. Next time, my fellow correspondent Suzanne should have some of your responses to the questions she posed in her "We Want to Hear from You!" e-mail from last April. By the time you read this, my wife Ann and I will have attended Cornell's Adult University (CAU) in July. I'm taking a class titled Meritocracy in America, led by economics professor Robert Franks. With the resignation of President Lehman still quite recent, I expect there will be very lively discussion both within and outside the classroom at CAU. I look forward to reporting on the experience, which will hopefully include

contact with fellow '88ers. Until next time, I wish you peace. ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu.

89 Many of us have been celebrating 20th high school reunions this summer and some classmates are already thinking ahead to 2009 and our Cornell 20th! **Stacey Chervin** wrote recently, "Now that we are done having babies, we should make it to the next class reunion." Stacey's now-completed family includes husband Eric Sigda, daughter Lauren, and new baby Caitlin Tess, born last October. Stacey reports that Lauren and Caitlin have already become best friends. Stacey was promoted this year to senior VP and associate general counsel at Sotheby's, the art auction house.

Congratulations to all those '89ers who welcomed babies in the last year! There are several other new arrivals to report. **Dana Post** Adler wrote, "My daughter Eliana Chloe was born on August 13, 2004. She was two months early, weighed a mere two pounds, seven ounces, and spent nine weeks in the NICU at Englewood Hospital. She is now 7 months old, smiling, happy, and big! Her brother Harrison, 8, and sister Caroline, 5, are truly enjoying her." On September 2, 2004, **Rob Lis** and wife Alicia had their third daughter, Sophia Ann. Rob reported from Ambler, PA, "Her big sisters Taylor and Devon are thrilled!" Rob works as the VP of sales and alliances at Synvyg Inc., a Philadelphia-based software company. **Steve Sinaiko** also celebrated a birth in September. He wrote from New York City, "My wife Jessica and I welcomed a son, Nathan Elijah, on September 16, 2004. He is a great joy!"

Josh Gibson wrote this spring from San Francisco, where he's a clinical faculty member in psychiatry at UCSF, that he and his wife **Tanya (Egan)** had a little daughter, Dylan Amelia, on March 9, 2005. **Bruce Zolot** wrote from NYC that he and wife Joan now have two children ages 3 and 1. **Stacy Baskin** Paton kept us updated with the news that she and husband Craig and their daughter Jordan, 7, and son Jeremy, 5, have moved from New Jersey to Glenview, IL, a Chicago suburb.

Tami Seaman is working as a family physician in a group practice in Troy, NY. She and husband Mark Fountain have kids Emma, 5, and Adam, 2-1/2. **Elizabeth Petri** wrote, "I'm very happy to have retired from banking and to have been running my own business full-time for eight years." Elizabeth's business, the Petri School of Irish Dancing, experienced some excitement this year. Her student, Gabriella Wood, 13, won the 2005 World Championships of Irish Dancing last spring in Ennis, Ireland, only the fifth American woman ever to achieve that honor. Elizabeth was the co-chair of the 2004 North America Irish Dance Championships in Philadelphia, a five-day event attended by more than 4,000 Irish dancers from all over the world.

Antoinette LaVecchia starred in two off-Broadway shows in 2004, both critically acclaimed: *Magic Hands Freddy* (opposite Ralph Macchio and Michael Rispoli) and *String of Pearls* (opposite Ellen McLaughlin, Mary Testa,

and Sharon Washington). She's also busy as a professor at NYU's Graduate Acting Program and a member of the Workshop Co. at the Actor's Center. **Jeff Spector** lives in Bethesda, MD, and works for MCI. He was promoted to senior employment counsel in August 2004. His wife Robin continues to work as an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection. When he wrote his news in May, their daughter Ellen was 5 and finishing Kindergarten, and son Avi was 2-1/2. Jeff recently renewed contact with **Dave Scher** through work. Dave works for Kroll Ontrack. Jeff also works with **Jeff Rackow '88** at MCI and keeps in touch with **Dan Goldman '91** and **Randall Singer '91**.

Rounding out the news pile are a couple of marriages. **Susie Kupferman** provided some more details about her marriage last summer to Mike Raskin, mentioned by a friend in a previous issue of the magazine. Their wedding took place on August 1, 2004, in Newport, RI. Mike is a real estate developer from Seattle. Susie finished her urogynecology fellowship and has started her own practice and is making a new home in Seattle. **Karen Kugal** Goodman was succinct about her own marriage, writing, "I got married in October to a wonderful man!" Her news form yields the information that the mystery man is Larry Goodman and they live in East Meadow, NY. Congratulations to both couples, and thanks for sharing your news. Enjoy the fall, classmates, and stay in touch! ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Mike McGarry**, mmmcgarry@dma-us.com; **Lauren Hoefflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; and **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

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91 There is a lot of news, so rather than editorialize about the recent announcement by **Jeffrey Lehman '77** that he has resigned after just two years in office as university president (a big loss), or the recent heat wave that has hit the northeast (too hot for June), or the price of gasoline (getting cheaper), or the war in Iraq (no comment) . . . let's get right to it.

Joel Freundlich and his wife Karen happily announced the birth of their son Kyle Robert. Kyle was born on December 30 and is doing great. Kyle's sisters Grace and Madeleine are very excited to have a little brother. Joel is working as a medicinal chemist at Jacobus Pharmaceuticals in Princeton. His research is focused on novel therapeutics for malaria. He can still be found running on the roads and trails of Princeton early in the a.m. **Chiara Puffer Shah** and her husband **Sunish** celebrated the birth of daughter Kayla on October 12, 2004. Chiara reports, "With her big brother Kiran, now almost 5, our family is complete. We have happily settled in central New Jersey, where Sunish continues to work in the telecommunications industry, and I will be starting graduate school this summer. In two years I should be teaching high school English."

Robert G. Williams and his wife Melissa announce the birth of their son Christopher Louis on April 18. Christopher joins sister Caroline Brooke, who is 20 months old. These days, Rob is putting his English degree to work by developing a writing program for the 160 junior analysts and associates in the Lehman Brothers equity research department. **Jeffrey Zola**, ME '92, is living in Portland, OR, with his wife Julie and two boys Matthew, 6, and Sam, 3. After 13 years as a process engineer in semiconductor manufacturing, Jeffrey recently became registered to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office in patent matters and has started a new career as a patent agent at Kolisch Hartwell PC, an intellectual property law firm in Portland.

Cristos Goodrow and his wife **Elizabeth (Toole)**, JD '97, write of the birth of their fourth child, Eve Elizabeth, on March 5, 2005. **Wendy Fuhr** writes that she is working full-time in family medicine in Collegeville, PA. Wendy is also in an all-female, traditional folk/Celtic/Americana group called Full Frontal Folk, which played in Ithaca on the nationally syndicated radio coffeehouse Bound for Glory, a show that is recorded in front of a live audience in Anabel Taylor Hall. Wendy sends out greetings "to any other former Touchtones reading this."

Jennifer Chuang VanderMarck finished her MBA in May 2004 and was married to a Stanford grad on August 28, 2004 in Sonoma, CA. Cornellians in attendance included: **Kana Muraki**, **Michelle Casey** Krakora '93, **Matt '92** and **Inger Hultgren Meyer '92**, **Randy '92** and **Heather Nelson Koch '92**, **Lisa Lutz '92**, **Ed Barry**, **Liz Flynn '93**, **Eric '92** and **Anne Tevebaugh Baurmeister '92**, **Eric Brinkley '93**, ME '95, and **Chris '90** and **Jennifer King Hartung '92**.

Jeremy Sarachan is a visiting instructor of communication/journalism at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. He and his wife Marie have a 4-month-old daughter Lillian. **Marcia Delanty** and her husband Caleb Brown have graduated (May 2005) from the U. of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. In between caring for their son Darius, born June 2, 2004, both Marcia and Caleb will be taking the Bar exam in July. **Stephen Merz** was recently promoted to VP, Administration at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Stephen's responsibilities include management of most non-clinical operational areas of the hospital, as well as its psychiatric hospital.

Lori Attanasio Woodring writes that she and husband **Patrick '90** were blessed with twin girls on December 12, 2004. Isabella Maria and Tessa Jolee should be graduating from Cornell in 2025. **Dave Koch** and his wife Sara are living in New Canaan, CT, with 2-1/2-year-old son Griffin and 9-month-old daughter Payton. **Therese Duane** and **Jeffrey Tessier** welcomed son Xavier Duane-Tessier on July 1, 2004. Xavier joins brother Luke John, born October 21, 2004. **Stephen Shimony** reports that he and his wife Stacy welcomed their first child, Rebecca Morgan, on September 13, 2004.

Richard Levy is working as a research analyst for the National Multi-Housing Council in Washington, DC. In addition to his job, Richard participates in frequent piano recitals. He recently

attended the wedding of his freshman-year roommate **Marc Bloomstein**. **Ted Mason** and his wife Holly have a 2-year-old daughter Sophia. Ted is practicing otology and neurotology in Springfield, MA, where he is the only specialist of his kind. Ted started a cochlear implant program at Baystate Medical Center, bringing hearing to deaf children and adults.

Lia Belanger Book, DVM '95, and husband **Glen**, DVM '95, have finished a two-year renovation of their 100-year-old farmhouse. They have sheep, peafowl, a donkey, dogs, and cats. In addition to their farm animals, the Books also have two children, Miles, born November 3, 2000, and Avery, born February 16, 2004. **Christine Montenegro**-Okezie writes that she married Tobenna Okezie (a Princeton alum—egad!) in September 2001 in NYC. They have one son, Chinwe Tristan Okezie, born July 9, 2003.

Cristina Moeder Shaul and husband **Matt** moved to Charlotte, NC, in April, where she promptly joined the Cornell Alumni Association. The Shauls have a 2-year-old son James. Cristina writes, "The weather is great and the flowering trees are gorgeous, but I still miss my friends back in Connecticut." **Jean Signorelli** Spiegel has been working for Kohl's department store for nearly seven years. Jean, husband Bruce, and their 3-year-old daughter Lauren recently relocated from Maryland to Albany and are looking forward to exploring the Capital District and surrounding areas and getting to Ithaca and Cayuga Lake this summer. **Michael Maltenfort** reports his wedding last September to John Glover. Michael is teaching math at one of the City Colleges of Chicago and developing his skills as a square dance caller "as a sideline."

And last but certainly not least, I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of **Evan Kanew** and Joanna Cohen in New York City on June 18, 2005. Evan's wedding brought together friends not only from Cornell, but also from summer camp, elementary school, and high school—a true testament to the kind of friend Evan is. It was a wonderful occasion and we wish him the best of happiness in his marriage. Oh, and I left a small crumbled piece of paper behind the third tile to the left in the main room that reads, "EK was here in 2005." I'm hoping Evan will go back and retrieve it around 2030.

Congratulations to all the newlyweds, newly-hireds, new parents, and parents for the second, third, and fourth times. Hope you had a good summer! ♦ **Nina Rosen** Peek, nsr5@cornell.edu; **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; and **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com.

92 Our classmates continue to be busy building their families, advancing their careers, and following their passions. Here's the latest. **Lisa Cindolo** Grace wrote that she and her husband Keith live in New Jersey with their 1-year-old daughter Olivia. Lisa is the managing editor of *Quick & Simple* magazine, a women's weekly that launched this summer. Her husband practices family law. Lisa reports she is still best friends with her two Cornell roommates, **Candis Griggs** Hakim and **Danielle Cleveland**

Sears, who both have children and live in California and Hawaii, respectively.

James '91 and **Christina Ching Skrocki** moved to Flagstaff, AZ, and are enjoying life with their children. **Christine Duncan** married William Wilson on September 11, 2004 on Long Island. In attendance were **Danielle Austen**, **Thomas James "TJ" Lepore**, **Jennifer Miner**, **Shannon O'Barr** Decker, **Andrew Yonteff**, **Christopher Ortiz '93**, and **Alexander Ortiz '93**. Christine is currently practicing ob/gyn in Lake Success, NY.

Can you believe that **Lisa Burton** Radzely forgot to send us news that she had a second son on Jan 2, 2004? Devin and his 5-year-old brother Brendan were among the crowd that cheered on Cornell's hockey victory over Clarkson on Jan. 29 at a D.C. sports bar. Lisa wrote, "My kids get

Brendan is 4-1/2. Christy continues to work at QA1 Precision Products Inc. as the executive VP. The company manufactures high performance shock absorbers and bearings.

Rajiv and **Aaanchal Jain** live in Getzville, NY, and Rajiv is a team physician at the U. of Buffalo Sports Medicine Inst. Also in upstate New York, just south of Rochester, is **Steven Barber**, an associate VP with Wachovia Securities. He wrote that he moved from crowded Long Island to a 25-acre horse ranch. "[I was] last seen driving off in my new tractor." **Sharon Boyle** resigned from Dell so she could follow a new career path. She plans to work in the area of Christian global missions and disaster relief. She lives in Austin, TX. **David Wuosmaa** has a new job as a research associate in the tomato breeding program for Ready Plants in Estero, FL.

'I was last seen driving off in my new tractor.'

STEVEN BARBER '92

credit for being the youngest ones cheering for the Big Red. Brendan screamed for Cornell, and Devin clapped at goals and other good plays. You can never start too young!" **Jody Kraft** and husband **Kevin Mills '93** are raising their boys Joey, 5, Andy, 3, and Sammy, 2, in Torrance, CA. Jody practices family medicine as medical director at a community clinic in Wilmington, CA. Also hard at work, **Michelle Witt** Pattison keeps busy with her husband Scott and 2-year-old Kennedy.

Lisa Everts spent a weekend at Disney World last December with **Karen Miu**, PhD '98, and her husband **Justin Miller '95**, ME '96. She also visited **Vicky Lattone** in New Jersey last summer. Congratulations to Lance and **Amy Bonsall** Harry on the birth of their son Baden on Jan. 5. Amy is a realtor in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and handles local real estate sales. She also helps with relocation placement nationally. Speaking of relocating, **Jeannine Polito** Centanni and her family moved from New Jersey to Charlotte, NC, last spring. "Although the move far from family was a little hard, we really like Charlotte and do not miss the winters in the Northeast!" Jeannine and her husband have daughters Abby, 6, Carly, 3, and Bailey, who was born on March 21. Jeannine is home with the girls for now, but is considering starting a home-based business.

Maher and Candis Griggs Hakim have a daughter Layla Elizabeth, who was born Aug. 16, 2004. They embarked on a two-week trip to Syria earlier this year so Layla could meet her Arab family. Candis said she studies Arabic, and they hope to raise Layla to be bilingual. Currently Candis is on hiatus from her museum contracts as an object conservator. She hopes to get back to archaeological fieldwork someday soon, but for now is plenty busy with her daughter. Chris and **Christy Jordan** King are thrilled to announce the birth of their second son, Collin, who was born on Mar. 21. Older son

Paul and **Amy Osenar** had their first child, Torin Riley, in October. Paul co-founded Protonex Technology Corp. They received a second round of venture capital and are 20 employees strong, focused on building fuel cells for portable military devices. **Sadi Erfani** is finishing his second year of a plastic surgery fellowship at the U. of Texas, Houston. He and his wife Gail have a 2-year-old son Zachary.

If you'd like to see your news here, please send it to us. Just remember that we can't report on pregnancies or engagements, but we do love including info on new births and weddings. We also enjoy sharing most any kind of news about you and our classmates, so send in the news of jobs, vacations, home projects—whatever you think your classmates should know! ♦ **Renee Hunter** Toth, rah24@cornell.edu; **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com; **Wilma Ann Anderson**, Info@WilPowerEnterprises.com.

93 Hello, everyone. Happy September! Thanks to those who filled out their News and Dues update cards and to those who send info through e-mail. Please keep it coming! Now on to the news. **Alison Schroer** writes that she is completing an MS in medical illustration from the Medical College of Georgia in May 2005. Following graduation she will begin a private practice medical and scientific illustration company in Chapel Hill, NC. She recently adopted an Australian shepherd/sheltie mix, Abby. **Ann Wang** writes that she is living in San Francisco and loving it! She is working at Merrill Lynch as part of a wealth management team. She just purchased her first house and first rental property.

Alison Amsterdam e-mailed that she lectured at Cornell for Dr. Parrot's human sexuality class PAM 350 (aka, the old HSS 315) on April 12, 2005. She spoke on "sexuality and cancer,"

and focused on the effects of a cancer diagnosis on sexual function. It went so well that she will be doing another lecture in the fall and hopes to make it an ongoing gig! **Eileen Adamo**, DVM '97, and her husband **Jim Cotter** '92, ME '93, have continued to keep their lives busy with the addition of another daughter, Madeleine Mary, born May 27, 2004. Older daughter Elizabeth Donovan turned 3 in May and is enjoying her role as the big sister. Jim is still CEO of his software company, CNS Digital Systems, though there may be a buy-out on the horizon. Eileen opened "The Cat Doctors," her own feline-exclusive veterinary hospital, in November 2003 in Penfield, NY, with a fellow Cornellian, **Mary Lummis** '81, DVM '85.

VP **Courtney Erickson** came in from Albany. **Elise Rosenberg** came up from downtown Manhattan, and **Pippa Loengard** came over from the East Side, as did **Kathy Nielsen**. **Allison Waxberg** and her husband **Marc Milgrom** '94 also stopped by to say hello. **Brett**, MS '95, and **Fern Weinfeld Silverman** '94 and their daughter made the trip into the city from Long Island. **Lori Denenberg Herz** and husband Eric met up with **Maryann O'Connor Child** and her husband **Rick** '90, MBA '94, who brought their girls. There were a number of other classmates there, as well as Cornellians from the classes of 1990 to 1995. It was a lot of fun and we hope it's something we'll be able to do again!

mother of 4-year-old Elizabeth and 2-year-old Emily: "I am a stay-at-home mom, although I recently started working part-time at a local, independent toy store. I'm accredited as a La Leche League leader, helping other mothers breastfeed their children." In the Boston suburbs, **Jill Levine Bradford** is enjoying her children Adam and Jessica. "They keep us busy, but also help us maintain our sense of humor! After taking a four-year hiatus to spend time with my kids, I am going back to practicing corporate law part-time at a small boutique firm in Wellesley, MA."

Legal eagle **Jeffrey Anbinder** reported his graduation from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City; back in June, he was studying for the Bar exam and job hunting. Another member of the Big Red/Big Apple nexus is **Osman Ali**, who wrote, "After completing my residency at Weill Cornell Medical College, I stayed in the city to do a fellowship and then to build a private practice in psychiatry. I would love to hear from fellow Cornellians in NYC who are interested in career advice or social or professional networking." Also in the medical field is **Jennifer Altamura Namzy**, an allergist at the Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, CA, who is enjoying the mild weather with her husband (whom she wed in Dallas in 2000) and finding time to catch up with her old roommate **Jessica O'Toole**. As for screenwriter Jessica, her handiwork can be seen in the movie *Material Girls*, slated for release next year. The film stars Hilary Duff and Anjelica Huston.

From Phoenix, AZ, **Christopher Alt** and **Christiana Moss** '93 e-mailed to announce the two-year anniversary of Studio Ma, their architecture firm. Some recent clients include the Heard Museum, which showcases Native culture (particularly of the Southwest), and the Arizona State U. bookstore. You can also entrust your real estate to **Derek Bloom**, BArch '94, who lives in Marblehead, MA, with his wife Eliza and son Aidan. He recently founded Derek Bloom Architects.

And now for the latest from the Midwest (sadly, news from the Heartland has been sparse). After graduating from Harvard with a PhD in Romance languages and literature, **Maggie Flinn** relocated to Urbana, IL, with **Patrick Bray** '98 and cats Lucy and Simon. Among the corn and soybean fields, Maggie is enjoying her first year as a tenure-track assistant professor at the U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she teaches in the French and cinema studies departments.

Another career update comes from **Cynthia Bartok**, the associate director for the Center for Childhood Obesity Research at Pennsylvania State U., where she is investigating "the role of early feeding practices in the prevention of pediatric obesity." She and husband Jonathan Olson celebrated their tenth anniversary in July and are the parents of 4-year-old Jordan and 1-year-old Ariana. Also hanging his hat in Pennsylvania is **Greg Lingo**, who lives in Kennett Square with his wife Valerie.

Adam Binder checked in from Florida, where he lives with his wife and son and works as the head of sales and marketing for American Coach Lines. He recently caught up with the **Klugherz** family (**Seth, Jolee (Rosenau)**), and their daughters Rayna and Dara) at Disney World. Hopping

‘Remember that special time in life— pre-mortgage, pre-parenthood, pre-responsibility.’

SHERYL MAGZAMEN '96

She writes that it has been an amazing experience! If you have any cat questions, you can reach them at www.thecatdoctors.com.

David and Shoshana Sperber Baskind '96 e-mailed to say that they welcomed their first child, Jacob Philip, on March 15, 2005. Dave, a 1996 graduate of Cardozo Law School, is an insurance defense litigator with the New Jersey office of Traub Eglin Lieberman Straus LLP, and lives in East Brunswick. **Christine Robillard Isaacs** and husband Jonathan are the proud new parents of daughter Cary Sophia (Cornell class of 2026!). Christine is an ob/gyn, and Jonathan is an orthopedic surgeon. Both are on the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth U. Medical Center in Richmond, VA.

I recently caught up with **David E. Cohen**, who has been working in a new job for about a year. He's now at JPMorgan in their equities research group. David, his wife Janine, and their son Evan are living on the Upper East Side. He told me that **Eric Hausman** and his wife recently had a baby, and I went straight to the new father to confirm it. He did so via e-mail, writing, "Emma Olivia was born on Dec. 8, 2004 and is providing endless fun for Dad and Mom." His old housemate **Neal Stern** also welcomed a baby in the fall of 2004—a girl, Kayla Hannah, born September 15, 2004. She joins brother Aaron who is 3 years old. Neal and his family are living on Long Island, and he is working as a lawyer at Cap Gemini.

In May, our class sponsored an alumni picnic for the classes of 1990 to 1995 in Central Park. We had a beautiful day and I walked over from the West Side to attend. It was a great opportunity to catch up with some old friends. **Lauren Bailyn Sapira**, MBA '94, was there with her husband Valdi and their son Josh. Now that **Dave '92** and **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller** have moved back to the area, it was great to see them and have them at a local event. Our class president **Todd Rethemeier**, MBA '95, was there, and

Have a great fall and keep sending in your news! ♡ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com.

94 This season's column opens with the latest gifts from the stork. In May, **Christina (Dougan)** and **Jonathan Blocksom** welcomed their second son, Amory. According to the proud papa, the baby weighed 11 pounds, 9 ounces, and "was the biggest baby her doctor ever delivered." Also in May, **Scott Behson** and his wife Amy Griffin were ecstatic at the birth of their son Nicholas. Earlier in the year, **Chris** and **Ralane Randolph Bonn** celebrated the birth of daughter Alexandra. **Liza Brown** Somillea, the mother of Noah and a teacher of middle school English and history in South Los Angeles, checked in with more updates of newly minted parents. Congratulations go out to **Sandip**, ME '95, and **Carly Powell Tarafdar**, whose daughter Satya was born in April. Last October, **Laurie Taylor** and husband John McKernan welcomed baby Caroline, while **Jane Gorayeb** Kiernan and husband Tom had a second boy named Alex. Liza mentioned **Kathy Burdette** Shields, who bought an old house in Newton, MA. "They have made some amazing renovations to it—doing lots of the labor themselves!"

Speaking of labor, **Allison Hamilton-Rohe** gave birth to a daughter, Adelia Anne. The new family now has a little extra wiggle room in their new house in Jersey City, NJ. Also in the New York area is **Sanket Akerkar**, who moved from California to Westchester with his wife and daughter Sejal. He now punches the clock at Microsoft. In Manhattan, **Hemda Mizrahi** is busy fixing up her new apartment and running her own counseling/coaching business, Life & Career Choices Inc. If you're looking for job advice, check out www.lifeandcareerchoices.com.

In Fairport, NY, **Eileen Sierk** Adams is the

the pond to Europe, **Todd Beck** and his wife Susanna found time to sail with six friends along Croatia's Dalmatian coast, winding up in picturesque Dubrovnik. **Matt Schaab** crossed several time zones recently, roaming in Cambodia and South Africa. ♦ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu.

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Greetings, 'Sixers! I hope this column finds you well. Tell me if you have recently experienced this thirty-something dilemma . . .

I recently was walking around my apartment and wondering if it was still, for lack of a better interior design term, too "college." There are no posters of rock stars, pithy inspirational sayings, or the periodic table. No overstuffed Seventies couches, dying ficus trees, or well-worn industrial carpeting. I've also managed to graduate from IKEA—woo hoo! However, I still haven't quite gotten my feng shui on. I have things to sit on, there are several pieces of art and tapestries thoughtfully hung on the walls, and I do vacuum once in a while, but the place still has that not-quite-lived-in feel. I would venture to say that maybe it's "shabby chic" (is that still in, by the way?), but if any of you folks with a hankering for design want to write in and give me a few tips, I'm all ears. Otherwise, I'll still wait for one of those myriad home design shows to come knocking on my door. Thanks for letting me share my most recent existential dilemma. Here are your Class of '96 notes.

Andy and **Jessica Brief** received a very special anniversary present this year: daughter **Jordana Ivy** was born on January 2, 2005. **Andy**, **Jessica**, and **Jordana** reside in New York City, where **Andy** is completing his residency in orthopedic surgery at NYU, and **Jessica** is an elementary school teacher. **Gina Saline** Accordino recently wrote, "Here's one from me. After moving from apartment to apartment in NYC, Tom and I finally moved out to the 'burbs. We bought a house in Chappaqua, NY, and honed our manual labor skills doing renovations. We planned on finally moving in on January 17, but instead we went straight to the hospital, as **Julia Mary Accordino** had other plans—our little bundle of joy arrived early! We had lots of fun moving into a new house in snowstorms with a newborn—especially when the heat went out and the pipes burst. Ugh! Now that things have settled down (and **Julia's** been sleeping through the night), we have had a chance to enjoy our beautiful baby girl! It's so weird, though . . . new house, new baby—we feel way too grown up!"

David Rickell is an area VP with Waffle House Corp. and resides in Spartanburg, SC, with his wife **Kate**. **Dave** and **Kate** welcomed a baby boy, **Charles Elliott**, into their family on March 1, 2005. **Kate** wrote, "He's a big, healthy baby; **Terry Koza** has nicknamed him 'Touchdown Charlie'

and is encouraging **Dave** to start conditioning him for Big Red football."

Shoshana Sperber Baskind and husband **David '93** welcomed **Jacob Philip** into the world on March 15, 2005. **Shoshana** might have had the ultimate experience in new-mom training: she received her doctorate in child clinical psychology from NYU in 2003. She is now working as a school psychologist in Marlboro Township, NJ, in addition to seeing children and families in private practice. **Hannah Alessandra Quigley** was born to proud parents **David '95** and **Angela Whitehead Quigley**. And just in the nick of time for the column, **Ilana Preuss** Susskind and husband **Hadar** welcomed daughter **Ana** into their family on July 3, 2005. **Ilana**, **Hadar**, **Ana**, and new big brother **Yoav** live in Takoma Park, MD. Congratulations to all of our classmates on their new arrivals!

Becca Schader provided us with some great column news. She writes, "I am still a writer/producer for HBO, and they are keeping me as busy as ever. I finished last year by working on the 'Six Feet Under' and 'The Wire' campaigns, and begin this year by promoting the show 'Carnivale' (which stars another Cornell alum, **Carla Gallo '97**). However, the best thing to happen at HBO this month was learning that I had won a gold medal for my 'Sex and the City: A Farewell' show at the New York Festival 2005 (an international competition for the promo world). The best thing to happen to me this year—by far—is that the new magazine I work for hit the stands with **Jennifer Garner** as our first cover; I'm the entertainment editor for a new college magazine called *Co-Ed Magazine*, which is now available at more than 1,000 college bookstores (including Cornell!), in addition to places like Wal-Mart, Target, and Borders, etc." **Becca** recently got a chance to catch up with many of her old friends during her 30th birthday party in January. 'Sixers **Elizabeth Rand**, **Christina Cellini**, MD '00, **Gail Rosenberg** Deutsch, and **Susanna Klein**, plus **Marc Levin '95** and **Elise Rosenberg '93** all helped **Becca** ring in her fourth decade.

On a closing note, I just want to make sure that everyone is sufficiently fired-up for our 10th (that's right, count 'em, TEN) Reunion, June 8-11, 2006. It's a fantastic chance to experience Cornell from somewhere besides the confines of Mann Library (oh, I'm just kidding!). Reconnect with friends, visit old haunts, and remember that special time in life—pre-mortgage, pre-parenthood, pre-responsibility in general. (And if you, like me, anticipate still having to show your ID at the door of your favorite C-town spots, just remember that at our advanced age, it's a compliment.) Looking forward to seeing you in Ithaca! ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, slm1@cornell.edu; **Allie Cahill**, Alexandra.Cahill@aol.com; and **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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As fall approaches, it is time to think back to some of our first days in Ithaca. It is also time to look forward. What has the Class of '97 been up to lately? Well, they've been . . .

Getting Promoted! **Jonas Chartock** (jchartock@charterschoolpolicy.org) became president and

CEO of the Charter School Policy Inst., a think tank that promotes quality public school choice legislation, in January of this year. **Jonas** also bought his first house, which he shares with his pit bull **River**, in the great city of Austin, TX. Our class treasurer, **Ken Olsen** (kenneth.olsen@morganstanley.com), is working as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in Garden City, NY. He invites anyone needing help with a 401k rollover or retirement plan to contact him. Thanks, **Ken**!

Getting Married! **Mary Carmen Gasco** (mcg3@cornell.edu) tied the knot in her native Dominican Republic on September 4, 2004. By marrying **Gerard Buisson** at the Casa de Campo Resort, she became **Mary Carmen Gasco-Buisson**. She was also promoted to brand manager at Procter & Gamble, which has allowed for travel to San Francisco, Miami, Los Angeles, New York, and London, to name a few. Sounds like a busy year—but not too busy to keep up with friends. Classmates **Yomarie Socarras**, **Kety Esquivel**, and **Kristin Boekhoff** attended the nuptials, making it all the more special. Also in 2004, **Beth Rothenstein** (bharman526@hotmail.com) married **Matthew Harman** on May 23. Many classmates attended, including bridesmaid **Julie Lefler Schultz** and husband **Andrew**, bridesmaid **Ellen Goodman Stiefel** and husband **Marc**, bridesmaid **Yvette Nick** Montvelisky, and bridesmaid **Samantha Youngman** Meiler. **Beth** has kept busy as a speech pathologist working at Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital (MEETH) and works with some private clients on the side, while **Matthew** runs a hedge fund in the city. **Beth** also attended the wedding of **Marisa Waldman** and **Michael Matays** in October 2004 and updated us that **Julie** and **Andrew** **Schultz** had a baby girl, **Emily Celia**, on September 15, 2004.

The sunny state of Florida was the site of the December 4, 2004 wedding of **Brian Peiser** (blpeiser@yahoo.com) and **Lisa Strunc**. Attending the nuptials in Captiva were classmates **Randall Brater**, **Randall Martel**, MS '98, **Jonathan Kruszynski**, **Robert Del Fierro**, **Kristin Loberg**, **Nancy Doon**, and **Danielle Ledoux**. **Brian** and **Lisa** live in Chicago. **Colleen Zampier** (cjz8@juno.com) married **Michael Casey** in Troy, NY, in December of 2003. Guests included classmates **Heather Rauf**, **Julie Platt**, and **Mindy Shaw-Lund**. **Scott Hatherley** (shatherl@mac.com) and **Stephanie Licht** tied the knot on September 11, 2004. **Scott** reports that the weather was great and perfect for a wedding. Classmate **Brad Hopper** attended the nuptials at the Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, RI. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii for two weeks. **Scott** also passed along news of **Brad Hopper's** recent addition. **Brad** and his wife **Laura** welcomed **Olivia Katherine** on May 21, 2005. On March 26, 2005, **Michael Pine** (michael.pine@organon.com) married **Shari Krumper** on Long Island. Cornellians attending were **Dan Ury** and **Sankha Lahiri '02**. **Michael** and **Shari** live in Scarsdale, NY, where **Michael** is the director of global business development for **Organon Int'l**, a mid-sized pharmaceutical company. **Shari** stays busy as a speech language pathologist doing home care for young children. Congrats to all!

Having Babies! **Shoham Filhart** and **Marisa Dolled-Filhart '00** welcomed their son **Sapir** in

August 2004. Marisa describes him as a lot of fun, with a great personality. He's even been to see a Cornell versus Yale hockey game! Shoham works in finance for General Electric, while Marisa is finishing up a PhD in genetics at Yale. The family enjoyed a vacation to Israel and can't wait to take Sapir up to Ithaca. **Rebecca Cantor Amster** sent in news of the birth of her son Jacob Alexander on February 27, 2005. Rebecca says everyone is doing well and is very sleep-deprived! Husband **Matt '95** is graduating from U. of Miami Law School and will sit for the Florida Bar in July, while brother **Ari '05** was set to graduate from the Hotel school.

Chris Braceland (cbraceland@hotmail.com) and wife Christine welcomed daughter Jacqueline Eleanor into the world on April 14, 2005. Chris says that everyone is doing great. Another future Cornellian is Rowen Nyah Keister, daughter of **Drew Keister** (medstar2@yahoo.com). Rowen entered the world on November 9, 2004 and is thriving, but sad to be far away from Cornell while her parents serve out their Air Force commitment in Omaha, NE.

In the hubbub of putting together this column, information sometimes inadvertently gets left out. This happened last column to my co-correspondent, **Erica Broennle** Nelson. Thus, it is with great honor that I get to announce the birth of Adair Juliene Nelson to Erica and her husband Lathrop. Adair first graced us with her presence on March 21, 2005. Both mom and babe are doing well. Congratulations to all our new parents, and welcome to all the future Cornellians! Maybe we'll see your names on these pages in 25 years!

Reunion is just two years away. Send us your updates when you get your annual News and Dues mailing this fall, and let us know who you'd like to see in June 2007! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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It is the beginning of the summer when we write this column, which means we have just finished watching all the season finales of the latest television series. While we know full well we can't possibly compete with Tivo, here we bring you some snapshots of true reality. Are you ready? Here we go: "Real World 2005: Cornell Class of '98."

The Apprentice(s). **Daniel Cane** started the company CourseInfo while at Cornell. It had its IPO, and it is now known as Blackboard. **Tim Chi**, **John Yang**, **John Knight**, and **Stephen Gilfus '97** all still work with Daniel at Blackboard. Who might the apprentice be? Daniel and wife Debra had a son, Connor, last year. **Teodor Todorov** graduated from Harvard Business School in June 2004, where he was in the same section with **Vik Punwani** and **Danielle Blumberg**. Last July he relocated to London, where he is working for Morgan Stanley. **Jennifer Brokaw** is a financial advisor with Goldman Sachs in New York City.

The Baby Channel. Kelsey Leigh, new baby daughter of **Brendon** and **Cindy Moore Harrington '99**, arrived May 25. A week later Brendon started a new job with UrbanTrans Consultants.

Elyse Weidhorn Everett is married to **Scott '97**, and their daughter Hannah Rochelle was born November 3, 2004. They moved into their new house in Westfield, NJ, on December 13. Lots of Cornellians visited Elyse at the hospital, including **Lauren Israel Segal**, **Joshua** and **Penny Kramer Hecht**, **Alissa Isikoff** Dorfmon, **Aliza Kirshenbaum '99**, **Kevin Ellenwood '97**, and **Matt '97** and **Kara Levy Zlotnick**.

Anoop, MMH '98, and **Bindia Patel** have daughters Arti, 5, and Dharma, 3. **Nathan** and **Barbara Craft Blesy** have been married since 1998. They now have five children: Alexandra, born in June 2000; Ashley, born in May 2002; and triplet boys Matthew, Brett, and Timothy on September 21, 2004. Congratulations! Nathan works on the family partnership dairy farm with his father, and Barbara is teaching biology at a local high school.

Grey's Anatomy. **Christian P. DiPaola** is in his second year as an orthopedic surgery resident at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. He married Cara Lunbasgram, a St. John's grad whom he met while in med school, on Nov. 20, 2004. She is a recent law school graduate and passed the New York Bar. Three other Cornellians were in the wedding party: **Matthew DiPaola** (best man and twin brother), **Kip Melstrom '99**, MD '03, and **Buck Briggs '76**. Matthew is in residency in Philadelphia at Jefferson, and is also in orthopedic surgery. **Ryan Smart** is living in Milford, CT, and is matched at Yale U. for orthopedic surgery residency. Wow, three orthopedic surgeons in a row. No sweat if you ever break a bone!

The Newlyweds. **Kenneth Dai**, ME '99, lives in Baltimore, MD, and is married to **Audrey Chan '97**. Mark and **Sarah Long** Wetzstein were married on October 3, 2004 in Beverly Hills, CA. Over a dozen Cornellians attended the wedding, including **Michelle Nagle Grow** (and husband **Mat**), who had a baby girl, Katie, in May; **Franci Pearlman** Ollard, whose baby Gabriella celebrated her first birthday on January 26; and **Samantha Frankel**, who married Ari Friedman on New Year's Day in Miami, FL, and had about as many Cornellians at the wedding as Mark and Sarah. **Michelle Houle** married Scott Hitz on Valentine's Day 2005 in a small ceremony in their home in Brooklyn, NY. Michelle and Scott met at the Vineyard Theatre, where Michelle is the director of development and where Scott freelances regularly.

Globetrekker. **Jeff Williams** returned to New York this year after completing a graduate program at Oxford and a Fulbright exchange in Oslo, Norway. Jeff is working as a manager of economic and research policy at Pfizer in NYC. **James Roberts** was dispatched by his company to a few cities around the country, and he was excited to share his alumni encounters (thank you!). He started in San Francisco, where he caught up with classmate **Anthony Jones**, a first year Stanford Business School student. In spite of the curriculum, Anthony remains dedicated to the program's social activities. He also had the chance to visit Seattle, Dallas, Miami, Philadelphia, and Boston on his way back to New York. On his last stop (through Boston), he was happy to run into his old friend **Erik Yazdani**, who is in

his second year at MIT's Sloan MBA program. **Agnes Galvez** wrote that she was expecting her MS in nutrition in June 2005 from Cal State U., Northridge. She will start her PhD nutrition program in August 2005 at Oklahoma State U., Stillwater. Last but not least, **Karen Ruenitz** reports that she is living in Oakland, CA.

To be continued. Until the next column, please keep on sending us news and updates on what's going on in your world! ♦ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

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So, I don't have kids or a dog, I did not marry the captain of the football team, and I certainly didn't invent the Post-it Note.

But when I show up for my 10th high school reunion this fall, I can feel victorious because: a) the braces are no more; and b) the word "bangs" is no longer part of my vocabulary (nor is the Rave hairspray that kept them in place). Thankfully, it seems that the past ten years have treated many in the Cornell Class of '99 well.

Maile Goldstein Gilmore, for one, is married and has a dog. Koa, the beagle, is a new addition to Maile's family in Atlanta, where she works for Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the labor and employment group. **Eric Pannese**, too, has adopted Chance, a poodle/sheepdog mix, and lives with his wife in their newly built San Diego home, from which Eric commutes to the MBA program at the UCLA Anderson School.

As far as kids go, we've got 'em. **Benjamin Fish** and his wife welcomed Jacob into their lives this January. Benjamin also kicked his real estate brokerage job up a notch by opening his own firm—and if you're interested, he's giving discounts to Cornellians. Crew-woman **Allyson Spahr** and **Leard Huggins '00**, BS '01, had a little one, Maggie Lauren, in January. I hope Maggie will be learning how to handle an oar soon! **Sarah (Hultquist)** and **Scott Roby** in Orange County are on child numero 2. Natalie Gayle was born in April and is named in honor of "Aunt Rach," **Rachel Gayle** Plasky, MILR '02. **Kate Zutt** Bruno in Charlottesville, VA, has a successful nutrition and fitness company, On Track Nutrition. She and husband Tony have a 1-1/2-year-old, Virginia Elizabeth, who "keeps us very busy and entertained."

We have school "sweetheart" stories, too. After working as an aquatic biologist—driving airboats and wrestling manatees—for the state of Florida, **Lisa Ahijevych** married Cornell sweetheart **Jonathan Griffin '97** in October '03. Their wedding took place at Anabel Taylor chapel, and the reception was held at a local vineyard. Attendees included, but were not limited to, **Annie Koehne** de Gonzalez, **Alison Juozokas**, **Laura Baccash** Franzon, and **Molly Warsh**. After graduating Columbia dental school, **Greg Miller** moved to San Francisco to do a residency at UCSF in orthodontics, where he met and married a fellow orthodontist. Millers, I hope your kids have the straightest teeth on the block.

In my high school reunion registration form, I was asked to buy a "commemorative digitized copy" of our senior yearbook. Really? Who's behind this madness? As much as I fondly

remember my high school Debate Team days, I don't think anyone needs to be reminded how one looks in an oversized suit with shoulder pads. Believe you me.

Missy Globerman, a fellow South Florida debater, would commiserate. Missy has moved to D.C. for the Vilar Inst. for Arts Management at the Kennedy Center, after three years of managing the Alonzo King's LINES Ballet in San Francisco. "In" are the sharp suits for gallery openings and the opera; "out" are the shoulder pads. It seems like **Darcy Partridge** has stayed close to her science honors high school days—through her post-doc, she's researching peanut diseases at Virginia Tech's Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center near Virginia Beach.

Scott Levine hasn't given up the guitar he played in high school. He's working as a Web developer for Staples in Boston, having finished his master's in visual and media arts at Emerson, and can be seen all over the Northeast playing in bands such as the Beantown Project, the Velvet Stylus, the Spacnips, and 7 Coyotes. **Stefan Lawrence** and **Alex Zalben** are still enjoying improv-ing—their sketch comedy group Elephant Larry was reviewed in the *New York Times* as "a hilarious multimedia mix of the deadpan and maniacal . . . they ricochet fearlessly from subtly savvy to aggressively lowbrow." **Carl Winter** writes from Brazil that not only is he fearful of his high school reunion, he's responsible for planning it. How could a reunion in Brazil be dreadful, thought I? But no, he has to leave his tropical paradise to fly back to Kansas for the two-day affair.

While the Post-it line has already been used by Lisa Kudrow, we have some stories that rank up there (and two include chocolate). **Margarita Rodriguez** has moved to Glendale, CA, to continue to work for Nestle USA as a strategic sourcing manager. Her job involves travel through Central and South America. And **Courtney Hodge** is working in the family business, Echo Farm Puddings, which she started with her sister while at Cornell. The puddings are sold throughout the Northeast and just hit the refrigerator section of Whole Foods in Southern California.

But I think my favorite story to tell at reunion comes from **Peter Polidoro**: "Since graduating from Cornell, I fell out of a window in Italy and broke both of my arms, drove an old car to Central America and dumped it in Costa Rica, drove up to Alaska and slid my truck into a lake, hiked to both the highest and lowest elevations in the lower 48, and got chased on Alcatraz Island for camping overnight illegally with fellow Cornell '99er **Greg Aloe**."

There you have it, class. Throw away those scrunchies, cozy up to the 11th grade crush, stay far away from the digitized yearbooks, and go brave those ten-year reunions. Good luck out there. ♦ **Jess Smith**, jessica@fenton.com; **Melanie Arzt**, snoopymel@gmail.com; or **Jennifer Sheldon**, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com.



The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 64.

01 It's hard to image that just over eight years ago the orientation counselors in their red T-shirts were helping us move into our dorm rooms. We will soon have the opportunity again to reside within those halls during our first class reunion, June 8-11, 2006. Until then, take the initiative to get back in touch with classmates you've lost touch with, and if you would like to help in any way with reunion preparations, please contact **Audra Lifson** at ARL8@cornell.edu.

'Angela Bourne continues to try to understand what her husband does for a living.'

TRINA LEE '01

This fall, **Lauren Feldman** began graduate school to study playwriting at Yale. Before participating in the World Interplay this past summer in Australia, Lauren worked as a Downstage Miami Playwright Fellow under the mentorship of Arthur Kopit and Tina Howe. Her recent work in the South Florida theater included playing Catherine in *Proof*, Catherine in *The Memory of Water*, and Rose in *A Bad Friend*. Checking in from Maryland, **Jay Ronquillo**, ME '03, is currently working at the NIH in Bethesda. **Richard Cober** is living in Manhattan, KS, where he is a three-year veterinary student at Kansas State U. College of Veterinary Medicine.

John Kent sends his warm regards from Ft. Benning, GA, where he is currently stationed with the Army and enrolled in officer candidate school. Last August he attended **Ben Ruder's** wedding and saw **Ben** and **Kate McGill McClintic**, **Brian Donohue**, and **Julia Joh**. John would like to hear from people, as letters are an extremely important gateway to sanity in Georgia. He can be reached at the following address: Officer Candidate John Kent, Class 02-05, 3rd PLT, A Company, 3rd BN (OCS), 11th IN REGY 7480 Riordan St., Ft. Benning, GA 31905-4410.

Congratulations to **Steven Engelbrecht** and **Samuel Bradford '02** for winning the *Forbes Online* "Best of the Web" awards. Their company, Sitation LLC, is the Web development firm that created CustomGolfVacations.com, which won the award. They received their award alongside travel giants Expedia, Fodors, Priceline, and Orbitz. Steven was quoted as saying, "It's an honor to see our technology listed with some of the most recognized names in the travel industry." Steven founded Sitation five months after graduating from Cornell's Computer Science program. In 2002, he contracted with Custom Golf Vacations, which sells worldwide golf vacations, to create its booking engine and website. Steve and Sam look to expand Sitation by developing new software and leveraging its existing software to help businesses make better use of the Internet and achieve greater return on their technology investments. Congratulations also to **Laurel Freas**

on being awarded the Physical Anthropology Section's J. Lawrence Angel Award by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences last February. She is a graduate assistant in the C.A. Pound Human ID Laboratory in Gainesville, FL.

Following graduation, **Jim Alves** worked in merchandizing for Abercrombie and Fitch in Columbus for six months before accepting a position with an investment bank in Sacramento. Jim now finds himself working for the Dept. of Finance in the Schwarzenegger Administration,

where he recommends policy actions based on fiscal impact and assists in the development of the governor's annual budget for health and human services. In addition to his demanding employment obligations, Jim serves as the youngest member of the Ag and Life Sciences Alumni Association (ALSAA) Board of Directors, representing the Western US. Jim is also assisting the CALS administration office's recruitment activities in California and looks forward to continuing his relationship with the university.

Unlike most of the Class of 2001, **Laura Lee Peyton** has had the same job since graduation, happily working for Houston's restaurants since September 2001. Last April she was promoted to kitchen manager at Bandera in Brentwood, CA. She has been fortunate enough to be in L.A. the entire time, spending her days off at the beach, and can honestly say that she hardly misses the cold and snowy Ithaca winters. Her Cornell friends inevitably ask about her dog, Thatches, so for those wondering, she still has him and he is as lovable as ever.

Congratulations to **Brad Schmidt '00** and **Angela Bourne** on celebrating their second wedding anniversary on June 21. Brad is pursuing his PhD at Cornell in Electrical and Computer Engineering and recently published a paper in the scientific journal *Nature* titled "Micrometre-scale Silicon Electro-optic Modulator." Angela continues to try to understand what her husband does for a living, and is busy studying for the GMATs. Last October 17, **Natalie Martinez** and **Matthew Leopold** were married at Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, NY. Matthew is pursuing his master's at Cornell.

On April 16, **Timothy Hentschel** married Julie Shandy at Stonepine Estate Resort, Carmel, CA, which is owned and operated by his parents. The couple now resides in Newport Beach, CA, where Timothy is CEO/President of the online company HotelPlanner.com and Julie is a sales manager for the Hyatt Hotel. **Nicole Longanecker** and **Leon Charkoudian** were married June 4, 2005 in San Antonio, TX. Nicole graduated from Vanderbilt School of Medicine and

A Climb to Remember

TAMAR MELEN '03

Tamar Melen was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma during her second semester at Cornell. But she is determined to outlive, and outclimb, the disease. This July, she scaled Mount Rainier in Washington to raise \$10,000 for cancer prevention. Melen and thirty-seven climbers from around the nation participated in Climb Against the Odds, sponsored by the Breast Cancer Fund, a San Francisco-based organization that aims to eradicate the environmental causes of breast cancer.

Melen accomplished her goal of raising \$10,000 by organizing community events, including a screening of a documentary film about an earlier Climb Against the Odds and a presentation on the environmental links between health and disease. The fundraising, Melen said, posed an even greater challenge than the physical preparation.

After her own fight with cancer, she became involved in health activism and began to study the environmental links to disease. Since then, Melen, who is now in remission, has participated in physically challenging fundraisers including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Marathon. This was her first mountain climb. As part of her training, she spent two weeks mountaineering in Alaska with the Cornell Outdoor Education Program. "I've



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always been active and athletic, and I liked the idea of these physical challenges that are metaphors for challenges we face in health issues," she said.

The metaphor extended to her own experience on Rainier. After nearly two days of climbing, Melen was only twenty minutes from the mountain's 14,410-foot summit when a flash thunderstorm forced her team to turn around.

"It would have been nice to have had a beautiful sunny day to hike to the top," she said. "But the reality is, you don't know what is going to happen. You just have to take it one step at a time and deal with what comes up."

— Julie Zeveloff '07

Leon from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. They are continuing their residency training at the Hospital of the U. of Pennsylvania, Nicole in internal medicine and Leon in ophthalmology. Send news to ♦ **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

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After five months of interning this past spring, I finally met Martha Stewart face-to-face last week. She was rushing down the hallway toward me with her entourage and I just couldn't help myself. "I have to stop you; I have been dying to meet you for months!" I exclaimed. "Who are you?" she bluntly, yet somehow politely,

replied. It's funny, every time I've met a celebrity, I am always baffled by the fact that they don't know who I am. And then I remember—oh yes, I'm not famous. Then she hurried down the hall mumbling something about having to make curfew. Still, she was quite radiant in person and it was a thrill to meet her.

I offer up my full admiration to our classmates currently engaged in various global and intensive military pursuits. After graduation, **Phil Godemann** joined the Navy and reported to Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. "That lasted three months," he writes, "after which I was commissioned an ensign." Following OCS, Phil began flight school to train as a

naval flight officer, which he completed in July 2004. Upon graduation he received orders to VAQ-129 at Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA, to learn how to operate the electronic warfare system onboard the EA-6B Prowler. "Wow, what a job!" he exclaims. "I'm loving every minute of it and can't wait to go to the carrier. Joining the Navy was one of the best decisions I ever made! My transfer from Florida to Washington also gave me an opportunity to see a lot of the country, including the Grand Canyon, where I ran into a '92 alumna with whom I shared a picture. I also partied with fraternity brother **David Ladd** in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, and visited with classmates **Pete Ippel**, **Jason Litchney**, ME '03, and **Manny Alvarez** in San Francisco. So far I am loving the Northwest and I look forward to an exciting naval career!"

We should not be surprised at the fabulous and honorable awards recently bestowed upon our classmates. Congratulations to **Richard Bollinger**, who is one of 14 students to receive a John F. Steinman Fellowship. The John Frederick Steinman Foundation selected 14 students pursuing advanced degrees in mental health fields as recipients of 2005 fellowships. These fellowships, which carry a total value of \$48,000, are named for John F. Steinman, former publisher of Lancaster Newspapers Inc. Richard, of Lititz, PA, is working toward a doctorate in clinical psychology at Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola U. in La Mirada, CA. Per the e-mail I received, preference is given to those who obligate themselves to practice their profession for at least the number of years fellowship support is received, in a location serving residents of Lancaster County, PA. Congratulations to **Julia Guarneri**, who was one of 85 students nationwide to receive the 2005 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, awarded by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Mellon fellowships are designed to help exceptionally promising students prepare for careers of teaching and scholarship in humanistic disciplines. It covers tuition and required fees for the first academic year of graduate school, including a stipend of \$17,500. A Brooklyn, NY, resident, Julia will enter a PhD program at Yale in fall 2005.

Some of you are still chipping away at graduate school or have landed outstanding positions since graduating. **Nathan Pettit**, MPS '03, spent the summer between his two-year graduate program at Columbia U.'s Teachers College working at Citigroup in their organizational effectiveness department. "Though wearing a suit every day is no fun, I certainly enjoy the free air conditioning during the summer in New York City," he reports. "Since obtaining my MS in Food Science at Cornell I've been working for Pepsi R&D in Valhalla, NY, as a food scientist, where I develop juice beverages for Tropicana Int'l," writes **Jen Gruner**, MS '04. Jen also wrote in to tell us that **Adam Schoenfeld** is in his last year of medical school at SUNY Upstate in Albany, NY. **Amy Liesenfeld** spent her summer as a law clerk at the Dept. of Justice and entered her second year of law school at William & Mary this fall.

Thanks to **Samantha Buckingham**, correspondent for the Class of '03, for forwarding the

following news from her friend (and our classmate) **Tamera Lee Stover**. Tamera will be attending Berkeley in the fall to pursue a PhD in sociology. She says she'll miss all of her Cornell D.C. crew. She writes, "I was recently promoted to an analyst at the Corporate Executive Board. In March, I visited brother and sister-in-law **Matt '95** and **Sonya Hand Stover '96** in London." Tamera also sent updates on several other classmates: **Mary Lovejoy** will be attending the U. of Chicago to pursue a JD; in her free time in D.C., she sings in the Thomas Circle Singers and teaches LSAT classes at Kaplan. **Jen Chunn** is excited to be working for Cornell U. Inst. for Policy Research in D.C.'s Dupont Circle. **Nina Frant** will be attending Howard U. in the fall to pursue her JD. **Vanessa Ulmer** has been shuttling back and forth between D.C. and Europe, working at the German Marshall Fund. Last, but not least, **Mikush Schwam-Baird** will be attending Oxford U. in the fall as a Marshall Fellow. He's looking forward to vacationing with his family and girlfriend, Vanessa Ulmer, in Italy. ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Elizabeth Richards**, elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com.

03 Summer is in full swing as I write this column. Having just arrived on the West Coast a month ago, I find myself living in Edmonds, WA, working as a food and beverage outlet manager at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel in downtown Seattle. I started my trip by driving from the naval base in Norfolk, VA, to my parents' place in Connecticut for a brief visit before continuing north to Ithaca, where (only after loading up on Wegmans snacks for the car and a new Moosewood cookbook) I said my good-byes to Cornell and formally started my ten-day cross-country journey. Along the way I was fortunate enough to spend a few nights in Las Vegas visiting **Zach Conine**, who graciously let me crash at his place. Zach is working as a manager of strategic planning at the Golden Nugget—he is working hard and planning large, as usual! Another fellow Hotelier, **Molly Hoynes**, is here at the Olympic with me, in the same department, as a manager. She has been at the hotel since graduation and recently met up with **Ilene Wolf** here in the Emerald City.

I recently heard from **Esther Tang '04** about **Keith Menin's** success with his boutique hotel, Sanctuary Sobe, located in Miami, FL. Keith was interviewed about the property by Hotel News Resource. The article lauded Keith's innovative management: "Each suite at Sanctuary embraces modern luxury. Bianca Calacatta marble-countertop kitchens feature glass-fronted beverage centers, microwave ovens, and deluxe espresso makers. A 42-inch, flat-screen plasma TV, custom-designed seating, and CD stereo complete the living room. Bathrooms are mini-retreats, with Lapis Lazuli blue terrazzo tile and Rain Head showers." You can check out the hotel online at <http://www.sanctuarysobe.com/>.

Peter McFerrin writes, "I just finished an MA in economics at U. of Southern California, where I will be staying to begin a PhD in urban planning this fall. After four years in Ithaca, the past 18 months in Los Angeles have been a

refreshing departure, although I probably could have done without being mugged just a month after moving here." Peter can be reached at pam35@cornell.edu. **Carlos Vargas** was married on June 5 on Long Island. His bride, **Karen Lee '01**, graduated from Buffalo Medical School in May and started her residency at Stony Brook.

Thanks so much to those of you who found the time to write and keep me updated with all the changes going on in your lives. I always enjoy the diversity and reading about our shared experiences. Thanks again and please keep contributing! ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu; and **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 First, CONGRATULATIONS to **Vikrant Nanda**, who married Sandhya Kumar in New Delhi, India, on December 30, 2004.

They are based out of the First State working for JPMorgan Chase & Co. **Jiaeh Kim** is a graduate student at Columbia U.'s School of International and Public Affairs. She is specializing in international finance and business. **Sharon Erickson** is working as a manager of destination services at the Pointe South Mountain Resort in Arizona.

Medical school is luring Cornellians. **Yusuke Teraski** is in Ghana teaching science at a local high school. He will be there with the Peace Corps until 2006. Yusuke is also applying to medical school next year, and **Brian Changlai** enrolled at the St. George U. School of Medicine this past January. **Emiley Fong** is attending medical school at Temple U.

Anne Jones writes, "Hi everyone! I'm having a fun and challenging year as a first year student at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Osteopathic Medicine. I think back longingly to the Hill time and time again, but I'm having a great time remembering Cornell through the alumni network here. Now, more than ever, I am fully seeing the prestige that Cornell garners outside of Ithaca, and I'm constantly meeting people who have some familial or friendship tie to Cornell (or have a love of hockey!). Go Big Red!"

Former grad student **John Ngunjiri, ME '04**, writes, "I had previously worked for a smaller company and upon graduating from Cornell last May, it scared me to join a large corporation such as ExxonMobil. While the world out there continually points fingers at oil companies, I decided to join in and find out the truth for myself. Discovery: although working with petrochemicals is a risk in many ways, the lengths to which petrochemical companies go to ensure safety are unmatched the world over."

I hope you all had a great summer! Tell me about it. Send in your updates. Also, join the Cornell 2004 group on both friendster.com and thefacebook.com. ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

05 The class of 2005 kicked off the summer by making running history. With several recent grads cheering them on, **Emory Mort** and **Galen Reeves** finished first and second, respectively, in an Ithaca beer mile. Emory's time was the eighth fastest recorded beer mile in the

world, while Galen's finish places him within the top 20. (For official rules on the beer mile, please refer to www.beermile.com.) Tour guide extraordinaire **Katie Wickham** also went for distance, but rather than run, she drove from Horseheads, NY, to Palo Alto, CA. She is working at an in-house PR office and has given herself the title of "Minister of Free," due to the amount of company-logo-emblazoned pens and pencils she lords over. Although she's currently living in company-provided housing, she'll be moving soon into a posh apartment of her own, which—unfortunately for Katie—also means paying her own rent.

After surviving Reunion and spending two months working with Class and Reunion Programs at Alumni House, **Mike Allen** has also moved to Northern California. He's house-sitting for a family friend while searching for a job in the Bay Area. Though signed up for Cornell's NorCal Alumni list serve, Mike also welcomes potential employers to contact him at mea29@cornell.edu. **Melissa Zgola** and **Julia Meier '04** are also headed west, stopping where there is sun and ice cream. Embarking on a post-baccalaureate road trip, they plan to do some soul-searching, beach-bumming, and pony-farming. While the trip is loosely sketched, the duo would like to visit California, Oregon, and Alaska before settling into their true (see somewhat predictable and tame) "adult" status.

Speaking of predictable and tame, **Matt Tyhach** recently became a working stiff at Raytheon, advancing the company's radar system products, and feverishly maintaining his hard-line conservative stance in the blue state of Massachusetts. When not taking in the summer sights of downtown Boston with his girlfriend Lea, Matt enjoys watching Fox News with roommate and fellow Republican **Kevin Wolfe '04**. **Andy Riesenberg** also made the jump from East Hill to Boston, to join Marketing and Planning Systems, one of the city's consulting firms. He'll be putting his recently earned "research distinction honors," and CPRS background to work as a research analyst. Most likely to be seen bumming around town with Andy (i.e., people who have also moved to Boston) are **Philip Lane** and **Matt Nagowski**. Phil is continuing his atmospheric science studies while pursuing a PhD at MIT. Matt is employed as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Congratulations go to **Dhipthi Devabose** and **Michael Mulligan**, who were recently wed in a beautiful ceremony at the Renaissance Vinoy in St. Petersburg, FL. After the honeymoon, Michael began working on missile systems at Lockheed-Martin, while Dhipthi started studying medicine at the U. of Florida. When not blowing things up, or memorizing infectious diseases, the happy couple enjoys spending time in their ridiculously large house with their equally as ridiculously large home theater system, both on loan from Dhipthi's parents while the couple is in the Orlando area.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all of you to send updates as you finalize your post-Cornell plans, especially if you are attending (or know someone who is attending) graduate school or participating in the Teach for America program. ♦ **Matthew Janiga**, mwj3@cornell.edu; and **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

Alumni Deaths

- '21 **BS Ag, PhD '25**—**Luther S. West** of Marquette, MI, December 1, 1985.
- '28 **BA**—**Dorothy Sloan** Cohen of Oakland, CA, October 1, 1998.
- '28 **BA**—**Eva Effron** Goldin of Morristown, NJ, May 8, 2004; librarian.
- '29 **BA**—**Kathryn Mcguire** Williams of Plainfield, IN, December 23, 1993.
- '33, '34 **BA, MD '38**—**Frederick S. Kinder** of San Juan Capistrano, CA, May 13, 2003; physician. Kappa Delta Rho. Wife, Mary (Mitchell) '35.
- '34 **PhD**—**Harold L. Haley** of Hamilton, OH, August 19, 1997.
- '35—**Russell J. Anderson** of Rochester, NY, September 7, 2002. Beta Theta Pi.
- '35 **BEE**—**Frank R. Conace** of Scottsdale, AZ, January 7, 1995; electrical engineer. Pi Kappa Phi.
- '35 **BA**—**Eleanor Bernhard** Laubenstein of Muskogee, OK, formerly of Scarsdale, NY, July 31, 1998. Pi Beta Phi.
- '35—**Carl B. Whiskeman** of Chesterfield, MO, July 28, 2004. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '36-37 **GR**—**John A. Freeman** of Beckenham, UK, December 1, 2003.
- '36-37 **GR**—**Gerald N. La Grange** of Westport, NY, February 23, 2003; retired headmaster, Rye Country Day School; teacher; active in community and professional affairs.
- '38—**Kenneth J. Clinch** of Vernon Center, NY, November 27, 2003; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.
- '38 **JD**—**Charles W. Sutton** of Loudonville, NY, August 2, 2004; attorney; veteran.
- '39, **BA '40**—**Alice Kennedy** Ahern of Storrs, CT, May 8, 2004; former researcher, Assn. of Nat'l Advertisers. Delta Gamma.
- '40—**J. Winthrop Brown Jr.** of Lakewood, CO, December 31, 2001. Wife, Barbara (Warner) '40.
- '41 **MS, PhD '51**—**Franklin S. Blanton** of Gainesville, FL, April 29, 2004; medical entomologist; professor emeritus, U. of Florida; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.
- '42 **MEd**—**John E. Bills** of Rochester, NY, March 24, 2002.
- '42 **BS Ag**—**F. Philip Hoag Jr.** of Wingdale, NY, June 1, 2001.
- '43 **BA, MA '45**—**Mildred Schulman** Ross of Chatham, NY, September 7, 2003. Husband, Michael Ross '42, DVM '45.
- '43—**Everett R. Schieven** of Webster, NY, February 14, 2004; building contractor; Webster School employee; veteran.
- '43 **BEE**—**Douglas B. Whitney** of Lexington, MA, September 22, 2004; electrical engineer. Theta Xi. Wife, Elspeth (Paterson) '40.
- '44 **BME**—**William S. Brucker** of Baltimore, MD, May 8, 2004. Kappa Delta Rho.
- '44, **BS Ag '47, PhD '55**—**Charles R. Freitag** of Cheverly, MD, January 31, 2002; retired botanist.
- '45—**Franklin W. Broadwell** of Waterport, NY, August 22, 2004. Alpha Zeta.
- '46—**Jerry E. DuMont** of Malone, NY, October 25, 2003.
- '46 **MEd, EdD '56**—**Harold J. Keeler** of New Braunfels, TX, formerly of Jacksonville, AL, February 24, 2004; retired educator, SUNY Oswego and U. of South Florida, Tampa.
- '46 **BA**—**Stephen A. Tower** of Houston, TX, November 7, 2000; petroleum entrepreneur; founder, Ranger Markets; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.
- '46 **MS HE**—**Alice Collings** Ward of Oakland, CA, August 12, 2004.
- '48 **MS, PhD '51**—**Kenneth P. Coffin** of Oberlin, OH, May 9, 2004; retired from NASA Lewis Research Center. Wife, Frances (Dunkle), PhD '50.
- '49 **MS HE**—**Edna E. Busekist** of Mankato, MN, July 4, 1999; home economist.
- '49-50 **GR**—**Donald F. Clapp** of Rochester, NY, August 16, 2002.
- '49 **JD**—**James J. Clinch Jr.** of Westbury, NY, October 24, 1999; retired professor, Nassau Community College.
- '49 **BS Hotel, MS Ag '50**—**Ray W. Hurd** of Boulder, CO, January 29, 1999. Phi Kappa Sigma. Wife, Angelina (Wessels) '41.
- '49 **BME**—**John T. Synnestvedt** of Bryn Athyn, PA, October 8, 2004; patent and intellectual property attorney; active in professional and religious affairs.
- '50 **BCE**—**Roger D. Brown** of Columbus, OH, April 25, 2004; civil engineer; retired exec. vice president, Central Nat'l Bank; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.
- '50 **PhD**—**Norbert J. Foecking** of Chardon, OH, May 16, 2004.
- '50 **BS ILR**—**Robert B. Grider** of Pompton Lakes, NJ, March 21, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '50 **BS Hotel**—**Kenneth O. Short** of Denver, CO, September 5, 1978. Pi Kappa Phi.
- '51 **BA**—**Mary Mundy** Arillo of Allenwood, NJ, December 6, 2002; homemaker; active in religious affairs. Kappa Delta.
- '51—**Robert H. Boynton** of San Mateo, CA, June 9, 2004; food broker.
- '51—**Reo A. Hall** of Williamstown, NY, February 19, 2003.
- '51 **BS Ag**—**Donald M. Robinson** of Hampstead, NC, November 20, 2004; engineer, Borg Warner Corp. and Federal Paper; veteran; bagpiper; active in community and religious affairs.
- '51-52 **GR**—**Philip Shuchman** of Hollywood, FL, November 28, 2004; emeritus professor, Rutgers U. School of Law, Newark; expert on empirical research.
- '51—**Clyde D. Tomboulion** of Lincoln, AR, October 20, 2002; electrician; plumber; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Norma (Lamb) '51.
- '51 **PhD**—**George Q. Williams** of Lewes, DE, August 11, 2004.
- '52 **BS HE**—**Mozelle Rumery** Coe of Norfolk, VA, September 1, 1988. Alpha Phi. Husband, Robert S. Coe '51, BME '53.
- '52, **BCE '53, MCE '57**—**Herman A.J. Kuhn** of Madison, WI, November 5, 2004; forensic scientist; professor emeritus, civil and environmental engineering, U. of Wisconsin; veteran. Tau Beta Phi.
- '52 **MARch**—**Albert L. Williams Jr.** of Montgomery, AL, January 11, 2004; architect; owner, Albert L. Williams Assoc.; active in professional affairs.
- '54 **BS Ag**—**Edward H. Barton** of Eustis, FL, August 27, 2002; district sales manager. Sigma Nu.

'55 BA—**Judith L. Greenfield** of New York City, November 21, 2004; news researcher, *New York Times*; active in alumni affairs.

'56 M Ed—**Angela Delleplane** Block (Mrs. James D., PhD '54) of New York City, November 7, 2004; retired psychologist.

'56 GR—**Carmen Daines** Fredrickson of Logan, UT, January 3, 1983.

'57, BS Hotel '58—**Samuel C. Bookbinder Jr.** of King of Prussia, PA, December 24, 2004; restaurateur; owner, Bookbinder's 15th Street Seafood House in Philadelphia; partner in many seafood restaurants; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'57 MS HE—**Morell Johnson** Darko of Rome, GA, June 12, 2004.

'57 BA—**Lois Ernstoff** Stekler of Bethesda, MD, November 25, 2004; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'58 BA—**Mary Coombs** Florentine of Cherry Hill, NJ, February 25, 2004; worked for Wee Love.

'59 BS HE—**Ann Byrne** Miniutti of Bryn Mawr, PA, November 8, 2004; director, Lehigh U. Centennial School. Husband, John R. Miniutti '58, BME '59.

'59 PhD—**Herbert Rosenkranz** of Boca Raton, FL, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, November 27, 2004; biochemist; pioneered predictive toxicology; former chair, dept. of environmental and occupational health, U. of Pittsburgh; also taught at Columbia, Case Western Reserve, and Florida Atlantic universities; active in professional affairs.

'59—**Richard G. Talboys** of Miami, FL, June 20, 2000. Pi Kappa Phi.

'63 BS Ag—**David W. Nickles** of Ghent, NY, June 13, 2004.

'64-66 GR—**Peter D. Mollemet** of Memphis, TN, November 18, 2004; engineer; national bridge tournament director; manager of internet services, American Contract Bridge League.

'65, BS Ag '66—**Frank C. Brundage Jr.** of Rushville, NY, November 30, 2004.

'66 PhD—**Michael Cohen** of San Francisco, CA, May 19, 2004.

'67 PhD—**H. Lewis McKinney** of Lawrence, KS, February 5, 2004.

'68 BA—**Thomas A. Bodden** of Wailuku, HI, February 29, 2004; attorney. Alpha Delta Phi.

'69, BArch '70—**Joel L. Bostick** of Syracuse, NY, November 8, 2004; professor, Syracuse U. School of Architecture.

'69 PhD—**John L. Edwards Jr.** of Burlington, NC, August 4, 2003; microbiologist; veteran.

'70 PhD—**Frederick C. Drake** of Peterborough, Ontario, June 18, 2002; history professor, Brock U.

'72—**Brenda J. Fitzgerald** of Richmond, VA, November 18, 2004; retired project manager, AVAYA Systems.

'73 BEE, MEE '74—**Richard N. Wilson** of Shelburne, VT, November 24, 2004; electrical engineer, IBM; active in community affairs. Delta Chi.

'73 JD—**Sherwin V. Wittman II** of Colorado Springs, CO, November 5, 2004; attorney.

'74 PhD—**Cyril E. Sagan** of Volant, PA, September 22, 2004; professor emeritus of chemistry, Slippery Rock U.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'79 MS Ag—**Jerry H. Mulcahy** of Crompond, NY, November 21, 2004; owner, Mulcahy's Gardening Service.

'79 PhD—**Kenneth W. Schaar** of Ruston, LA, December 1, 2003; professor, Louisiana Tech.

'81—**David E. Choquette** of Foster, RI, July 17, 2002. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'81 JD—**Joseph T. Rotondo** of Phoenix, AZ, November 28, 2004; real estate attorney, City of Phoenix, AZ.

'86 PhD—**Juan A. Pastor** of San José, Costa Rica, November 29, 2004; associate professor, U. de Costa Rica; expert on high-strength concrete; owner, banana plantation; active in professional affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'87—**Nimish V. Oza** of Houston, TX, September 15, 1994.

'87 BS Ag—**Jonathan S. Weinstein** of Doylestown, PA, November 28, 2004; owner, home entertainment system business; active in community affairs. Delta Phi.

'89 PhD—**Robert J. Carsky** of Washington, DC, November 6, 2004; soil scientist and crop researcher; worked on humanitarian aid in Ivory Coast and other West African countries; former Peace Corps officer; active in community affairs. Wife, Rebecca (Khelseau), PhD '85.

'89 BS Ag—**Jeffrey J. Seymour** of Buffalo, NY, January 15, 1997.

'89 BS Ag—**Philip A. Zach** of Spencer, NY, December 20, 2004.

'03—**Jordan A. Ressler** of La Jolla, CA, November 7, 2004; film studies major; worked for La Jolla Playhouse.

'04 GR—**Nilanjan Banerjee** of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, November 26, 2004; Johnson School graduate student.

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a NIGHTTIME CROSSING OF THE Fall Creek suspension bridge goes a long way toward explaining the mythology that surrounds it. A pair of floodlights casts a web of shadows over the arcing span, surrounded on all sides by darkness. It is a distinctly eerie passage from the Arts Quad on one side to Cornell Heights on the other, steel cables quivering as water rushes 138 feet below. Campus legend has long insisted that a midnight kiss shared here marks a couple for marriage. Rebuffing an advance can be just as perilous. “Everybody knows that if you refuse a kiss, the bridge will collapse,” one coy female student says. “A guy told me that, and I didn’t really believe him, but better safe than sorry.”

This past summer, the bridge received some preventive maintenance to ensure it will remain safe for years to come. Workers replaced rusting cover plates, applied a slip-resistant surface to the deck, and gave it a fresh coat of blue-gray paint. The facelift is the first major work done on the bridge since the late 1970s, according to University structural engineer Gary Kachinsky.

Three bridges have spanned Fall Creek since the University’s founding, the first a low-slung structure sited 500 feet upstream of the current position. Around 1900 it was replaced by a delicate-looking steel suspension bridge designed and financed by Edward Wyckoff 1889, the typewriter heir who was then developing the farmland across the gorge into a resi-

dential neighborhood. (Wyckoff supposedly drew up the plans as a project for an engineering course—which he failed.) While more robust than its predecessor, its height, tendency to sway, and narrow walkway—half as wide as the modern bridge—made for unsettling passages. Henry Jacoby, a turn-of-the-century engineering professor, supposedly refused to cross it, instead trekking to the sturdier College Avenue bridge. Others were less cautious: according to the March 1961 *Alumni News*, an entire ROTC company

once marched across in close order.

By 1959, Wyckoff’s bridge was finally deemed unsafe and dismantled. The current bridge, which opened in January 1961 and cost \$75,000, proved to be a major upgrade. Designed by civil engineering professor Solomon Hollister and built by Bethlehem Steel—the same firm that erected San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge—it was a stout 270-foot span suspended on two-inch-thick main cables from twin forty-one-foot towers, with a concrete walkway wide enough to accommodate snowplows in winter. “I doubt that so much high-level talent was ever spent on such a small bridge,” said engineering professor William McGuire, MCE ’47, an assistant on the project, in 2001.

The modern bridge’s reassuring solidity and safety railings may inspire more confidence, but some of the romance and drama seems to have disappeared with Wyckoff’s old creation, as a *Daily Sun* editorial opined in 1961: “I mean, you *know* you’re going to make it before you start out. So why bother?”

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