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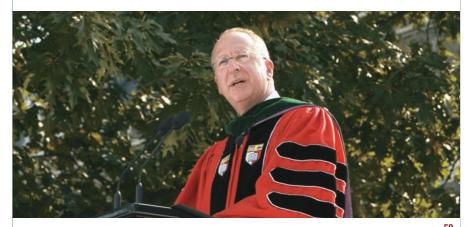
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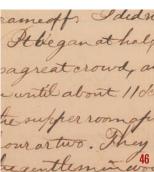
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CAROL KAMMEN



To Cornell historian Carol Kammen, the unheard voices in the University's story belong to the students themselves. So the senior lecturer dug into the vaults of the Kroch Library and unearthed a trove of diaries, scrapbooks, letters, and journals written by undergraduates from the founding to the present. Their thoughts—now assembled into a book, *First-Person Cornell*—reveal how the anxieties.

distractions, and preoccupations of students on the Hill have (and haven't) changed since 1868. We offer some excerpts.

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JIM ROBERTS '71

The inauguration of David Skorton as the University's twelfth president was more than just a day of academic pageantry under Ithaca's late summer sun. The gala events served as both a symbolic close for the difficult chapter in Cornell history that followed the resignation of Jeffrey Lehman '77 and an opportunity for a jazz-loving new leader to set the tone—poetic, tuneful, and above all optimistic—for his own administration.

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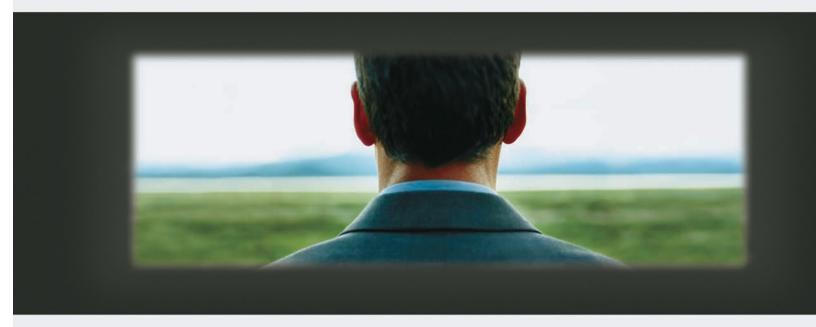
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A TRIP TO FRANCE STIRS MEMORIES OF A REVOLUTIONARY COURSE

MET STEVEN KAPLAN, THE GOLDWIN Smith professor of European history, when I was a freshman, in the winter of 1973. I had espied his History of the French Revolution in the spring catalog, but rather than simply register for the course I had the dubious notion of soliciting a personal audience with him first. Even then, he had a rising forehead and that beakish nose that seemed ready to jab at anyone so foolish as to defy him. I must have sauntered into his office, bedecked in equal parts in denim and naiveté, and casually inquired whether his class was any good.

He stared for a moment, no doubt wondering if some pestilence fatal to sound judgment had overcome the admissions department. Gathering himself, he replied, "I give the best lectures in the University."

He defended his case in the very first class, introducing us to the political and social cross-currents in France that in 1789 were ominously rising against their established contours—its sulking nobles, its hungry peasants, its impatient bourgeoisie, and, most dangerous of all, its intelligentsia besotted with the romantic possibilities of the Enlightenment and the American Revolution.

The finale to his peroration remains implanted in my memory. There was, he went on, a disturbance at the Bastille—a Paris prison whose importance historians have overrated. Some forty-five minutes into the lecture, we were given to understand that the frustrations of the royal subjects, so long suppressed, were such that even a mild insurrection could prove a tinderbox. Professor Kaplan lectured then, as always, without notes. His gaze was steady, but his pace slowed as he related how a courier broke the news to the King, happily ignorant of any trouble.

"Is it a riot?" asked the uncomprehending Louis.

"No, sire," replied his urgent courier. "It is a revolution."

And at that the professor left the hall. I attended every class.

Memories of my teacher, though they had never left me, returned with an intensity this past summer, when I toured Provence and Paris with my wife and discovered that our route was peopled—in its monuments, its named boulevards, its museums—from Professor Kaplan's classes. I knew better than to look for a street named Robespierre—"not one, in all of France," his voice still echoed—but what about my professor had preserved the echo with such clarity?

In 1973, when Watergate provided a suitably political back-



drop to our syllabus, Kaplan was only a thirdyear professor, a trifle precocious, and not so much older than his students. The campus still clung to certain illusions of the Sixties, wherein it was the fashion for some of the younger faculty to affect a kinship with undergraduates. However, no such Jacobin notion tainted Professor Kaplan. In matters academic, the hierarchical distinction was clear: he was my superior. In class, he regarded my contributions with a mocking curiosity, as if my journalistic brashness had doomed me in his eyes as a less-than-serious scholar.

After college I read of his exploits in France, where he adopted part-time residence, teaching and becoming mildly famous as a connoisseur of traditional baking. Four years ago, my eldest son enrolled at Cornell and, naturally, in the History of the French Revolution course. I mused about dropping in on my old professor, but let the moment pass.

When I think of Professor Kaplan now, in his thirty-seventh year at Cornell, it is as an exemplar of the history that whetted my youthful appetite—vivid and sweeping and yet particularized in its detail. Not only, as he intoned, was France's present inseparable from its past but, as I came to believe, all history is inseparable and interconnected. As a writer, even of high finance, I craved to affix events to a historical narrative whose roots, in their murky and indirect way, might be no less remote than the Bastille.

It was in Professor Kaplan's seminar on demography that I was introduced to the notion that history might consist of broad popular currents—of famines, emigrations, and mortalities as much as of generals and kings. He has been parodied as proposing that the French Revolution was merely an agricultural accident—that it was caused by a shortage of bread—but he did not lose sight of the fact that every loaf has a baker. His history had humanity, but it had humans, too. For certain, his Revolution had a shining star. It was not King Louis nor the spouse who followed him to the guillotine; it was not Marat nor Robespierre. It was Professor Kaplan himself.

— Roger Lowenstein '76

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Memorable Destinations, Marvelous Teachers, Mellow Companions

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How Selective?

ANNUAL FUND LETTER RAISES QUESTION

CORNELL ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUtors recently received a thank-you letter from Hunter Rawlings, who noted that "Cornell set a new record in admissions this year, with 28,000 applications for this year's entering class of 3,000," and that therefore the Class of 2010 was "the most selective class in the history of Cornell University." It seems to me that Rawlings's conclusion, while probably accurate, is not justified by the facts presented. If admissions accepted all 28,000 and only 3,000 are coming, that would not be very selective. If they accepted only 3,000—or even 3,100 then their selectivity is very impressive.

> Lonnie Hanauer '56, MD '60 West Orange, New Jersey

Ed. Note: According to Cornell's official "Profile of the Class of 2010," there were 28,098 applicants, of whom 6,935 were admitted, for an admit rate of 24.7 percent—the lowest in the University's history, and thus the "most selective." Of these, 3,238 enrolled. (For more on the Class of 2010, see page 11.)

Not Horsing Around

CORNELL ALUMNI MAGAZINE IS GREAT—but how about a polo update once in a while? As a polo player, I'm always interested in how the Cornell team is doing.

Kenneth Kuscher '71 Boynton Beach, Florida Ed. Note: Our apologies for not including a polo wrap-up in the May/June issue. The men's team was 14-6, ending their year with a loss to Texas A&M in the national semifinal match. The Big Red men (and horses) had won the national title in the previous year. The women's squad suffered a similar fate, falling to Colorado State in the national semifinal and finishing with an 8-13 record.

A Lion Roars

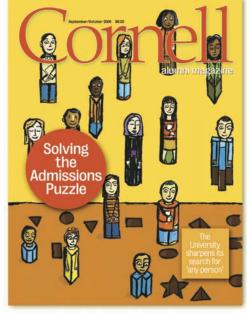
YOU PROUDLY BOAST OF NEW York-Presbyterian Hospital, "the teaching hospital of Weill Cornell Medical College," placing sixth in the nation in *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking of America's best hospitals (From the Hill, September/October 2006). In truth, it is the teaching hospital of *two* Ivy League medical schools, Cornell and Columbia. The strength of this combined institution could perhaps serve as a forerunner of a football

Martin Oster, MD Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons New York, New York

Ed. Note: Dr. Oster is married to Karen Strauss Oster '70.

powerhouse, the Big Red Lions. We Colum-

bia fans could certainly use such help!



Broad Brush

TAGGING THE ISSUE OF RACE AT CORnell with broad-brush terms does not capture a complex situation (Correspondence, September/October 2006). My own experience allows me to illustrate the point, perhaps. During the agitated period of 1969–71, marked by sit-ins and takeovers, I worked on admissions as a faculty member in Arts and Sciences. COSEP [the Committee on Special Education Projects] had been granted a monopoly on minor-

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From the Hill



Koolhaas Connects

FAMED ARCHITECT OFFERS THIRD DESIGN FOR MILSTEIN HALL

"THIS HAS BEEN A LONG JOURNEY," AAP Dean Mohsen Mostafavi told the more than 800 people who attended the unveiling of Milstein Hall: Take Three in Bailey Hall on September 19. He wasn't just waxing dramatic. The new design is the latest chapter in an architectural saga that began in 2000, when philanthropist Paul Milstein and his family gave \$10 million toward a new building for the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. The initial design—a seven-story cube by Steven Holl

Architects—proved unworkable, while a long, narrow structure proposed by a Berlin firm in 2002 faded with more of a whimper than a bang. The new version, by renowned Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas, appears to be on the fast-track for construction: groundbreaking on the \$40 million project is planned for early 2007, with completion two years later.

Unlike its predecessors, the latest Milstein design doesn't require the demolition of Rand Hall; instead, it fills the

rather grim construction-staging area behind Sibley, which Koolhaas repeatedly called "a war zone" during his presentation, and links the two buildings with the Foundry at the edge of Fall Creek Gorge. The aim, Koolhaas told the Bailey Hall audience, was to "create a place where there is no place, create a connection where there is disconnection." The threestory, 43,000-square-foot structure whose upper floors will stretch across University Avenue—will include an auditorium, a vast roof deck, the Fine Arts Library, studios, and a long-desired lecture hall. Its modernist design features floor-to-ceiling windows, a grid of skylights, and a "bump" that both defines the shape of the auditorium and creates a central lobby.

Above & Beyond

CORNELL SEEKS TO RAISE \$4 BILLION

Far Above

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CORNELL

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL College in New York City on October 26—just as this issue of CAM was going to press—University officials announced a five-

year capital campaign with a goal of \$4 billion. This fundraising effort is the largest in Cornell's history.

Co-chairs for "Far Above . . . The Campaign for Cornell" are trustees Jan Rock Zubrow '77, Stephen Ashley '62, MBA '64, and Robert Appel

'53. President David Skorton will play a major role in meeting with prospective donors to explain the campaign's importance to the future of the University. Funds will be raised for both the Ithaca and New York City campuses, as well as for collaborative efforts focusing on biomedical research. The campaign priorities center on three areas: students, with an emphasis on increasing

financial support for both undergraduates and graduate students; faculty, especially with regard to recruiting the "next generation" to replace the many faculty expected to retire in the coming

decade; and facilities, including the Life Sciences Technology Building, Milstein Hall, a new physical sciences building, and an information science campus, as well as planned renovations to the historic buildings on the Arts Quad.

The quiet phase of the capital campaign began two years ago, and nearly \$1 billion has been raised so far. The Board of Trustees approved the \$4 billion goal in September, and the public phase of the campaign is expected to conclude on December 31, 2011. Look for a more extensive report on the campaign priorities in the next issue of CAM.

Undecided

CU PONDERS OPTIONS ON EARLY DECISION

THE SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT HARVARD AND PRINCETON WILL DISCONtinue early decision in admissions as of next fall may have made headlines, but Cornell has been questioning the value of the practice "for some time," says Provost Biddy Martin. Early decision—which offers applicants the chance to settle their college plans months in advance of the regular deadline in exchange for a binding promise to attend the university that admits them—has been criticized as unfair to needler students, on the grounds that it keeps them from comparing potential financial aid packages offered by multiple schools.

"Because of our concerns about the potential for inequities, we have worked to limit the percentage of early decision matriculants at Cornell," Martin says. "We are reviewing the data we have collected over time, comparing our policies to those of our peers, and consulting with a number of constituencies as we consider what would be best for Cornell and the public good."

The exact nature of any changes is still up in the air, but possibilities include switching from binding early decision to non-binding early action, further limiting the number of students admitted early, and ending early decision altogether. The issue is complicated, Martin says, by the fact that each undergraduate college at Cornell uses early decision differently.

Thanks, Gov

STATE FUNDS ANIMAL TESTS AND X-RAYS

GOVERNOR GEORGE PATAKI VISITED CORNELL TWICE IN ONE WEEK IN AUGUST TO announce that New York State had granted the University \$62 million for two projects: Vet college construction and development of the world's brightest source of X-rays.

A \$50 million grant will help pay for a new \$80 million Animal Health Diagnostic Center at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The existing Center, the only facility of its kind in the state, tests animals for such illnesses as West Nile virus and mad cow disease. Another \$12 million will fund the design of the proposed Energy Recovery Linac, scheduled for construction in 2010. The linear accelerator, housed in a 1.3-kilometer-long tunnel, will help researchers capture images of chemical reactions that take place in fractions of a second.

Class of 2010

FRESHMEN ARE A 'WONDERFUL MIX'

THE YEAR 2010, WHICH NOT too long ago seemed like a far-off setting for science fiction novels, will be graduation time for this year's freshmen. The class, which Doris Davis, associate provost for admissions and enrollment, calls "a wonderful mix of bright young people," comprises 3,238 students, 85 percent of whom were in the top 10 percent in high school. It's 52 percent male, 48 percent female; more than 30 percent describe themselves as "students of color," including 15 percent Asian, 6 percent African American, 5 percent Hispanic, and 0.6 percent Native American. Nearly a third of the class are New York State residents.

The admissions office had 28,098 applicants for the Class of 2010, of which 6,935 were admitted; roughly half chose to enroll. They'll pay tuition, fees, housing, and other costs totaling about \$45,900 for the endowed colleges, \$31,100 for the statutory schools if they're New York residents, and \$44,800 if they're out-of-staters.



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The Rating Game

SOME UP, SOME DOWN

CORNELL MOVED UP A NOTCH IN *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S* ANNUAL rankings of the best national universities, tying for twelfth place with Washington University in St. Louis. It also stayed in first place for a second year for the best undergraduate engineering physics program. And Cornell was one of only three universities profiled in adjacent articles, along with UCLA and Virginia's Liberty University.

Among colleges that are "engines of social mobility," Cornell ranked eighth in the *Washington Monthly*'s second annual survey. Although the highest rating among the Ivies, it was a four-place drop from 2005. The *Monthly* weighs indicators of community service, research of value to society, and social mobility factors such as the number of low-income students a school graduates.

The University also dropped in *Black Enterprise* magazine's "Top 50 Colleges for African Americans" rankings. This year, Cornell placed twenty-sixth, two notches down from 2004, the last year the survey was conducted.

Give My Regards To ...

These Cornellians in the News

W. Kent Fuchs, appointed to a second five-year term as the Joseph Silbert Dean of the College of Engineering, and Alison "Sunny" Power, appointed to a second three-year term as dean of the Graduate School.

Jon Kleinberg '93, professor of computer science, winner of the International Mathematical Union's 2006 Rolf Nevanlinna Prize for his contributions to "the mathematical theory of the global information environment." King Juan Carlos of Spain presented the prize in Madrid at the International Congress of Mathematicians.

George Hess, biochemistry professor, named a fellow of the Biophysical Society for his application of biophysics to the understanding of biological processes.

Maureen Hanson, professor of plant molecular biology, recipient of the American Society of Plant Biologists' Lawrence Bogorad Award for Excellence, for her research on how plant genes allow conversion of energy from the sun.

Edward Hackett, PhD '79, appointed director of the National Science Foundation's Social and Economic Sciences Division.

George Archibald, PhD '77, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, the first winner of the Indianapolis Prize, for his work to save endangered crane species. The \$100,000 prize, given by the Indianapolis Zoo, is the largest international monetary award given to an individual for conservation of an animal species.

Steve Reich '57, recipient of the Japan Art Association's annual Praemium Imperiale prize for music. The honor recognizes lifetime achievement in the arts in categories not covered by the Nobel prizes.

Josephine Powell '41, winner of the Textile Museum's George Hewitt Myers Award for her contributions to the study and understanding of Turkey's nomadic weaving traditions.

Jay Waks '68, JD '71, chair of the Cornell University Council, winner of the ILR school's 2007 Judge William B. Groat Alumni Award, which honors outstanding service and support to the ILR school and accomplishments in industrial and labor relations.

Diane Hirschhorn '87, named number thirty-seven in the "Top 100 Women Financial Advisers" by *Barron's* magazine.



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Wanted Man

FUGITIVE 'CREEPER' PLEADS GUILTY

ABRAHAM SHOREY, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN ITHACA IN 2004 FOR A SERIES OF INCIdents involving breaking into women's apartments that earned him the nickname "Collegetown Creeper," pled guilty to sexual assault charges in San Diego on September 8. Sentencing is scheduled for November 8, and Shorey is likely to receive a six-year prison term. His surprise plea deal with San Diego prosecutors came five days before he was to stand trial for the attempted rape of a woman in Ocean Beach, California, on August 7, 2005. Shorey had been picked up on a fugitive warrant on May 5 and was awaiting extradition to New York when a DNA sample obtained at his arrest linked him to the attack. A Tompkins County grand jury indicted Shorey on two counts of sexual abuse and burglary in October 2004, but he fled after posting \$5,000 bail; his profile was twice aired on "America's Most Wanted" this year.



More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu.

Women are twice as likely to develop lung cancer as men of the same age and smoking history, according to Claudia Henschke, professor of radiology at Weill Cornell Medical College. But the disease is far less fatal in women, for unknown reasons. Her team's research was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

T-shirts that light up or beach umbrellas that collect solar energy could be developed from a new type of organic semiconductor that shows electroluminescence and acts as a photovoltaic cell. Since the semiconductors can be made in thin, flexible sheets, they could create displays on cloth or paper. *Science* published the research, by PhD candidates Daniel Bernards and Samuel Flores-Torres, MS '03, and their colleagues.

American-born blacks are more likely to seek a white spouse than are black immigrants from Africa or the Caribbean, according to Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center. His research, which breaks from previous studies that treated the U.S. black population as a monolithic culture, was published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

An absorbent napkin may eventually be able to detect bacteria, viruses, and other biohazards on contaminated surfaces. The wipe,

made from nano-fibers coated with antibodies, proteins, and dyes, turns yellow when it comes into contact with *E. coli*. Potential applications range from detecting bio-terrorist pathogens to sanitizing public spaces. A team led by Margaret Frey '85, MS '89, assistant professor of textiles and apparel, published the research in the *Journal of Membrane Science*.

A purified mixture of human antibodies called intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) has been shown to stabilize or improve cognitive function in patients with Alzheimer's. The study, led by Dr. Norman Relkin, associate professor of clinical neurology and neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College, was presented in Madrid at the International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

A word's sound can indicate whether it is a noun or a verb and affects how humans comprehend it, according to Morten Christiansen, associate professor of psychology. The research challenges the long-held belief that human language is the only form of animal communication with an arbitrary relationship between words and their meanings. His findings appeared in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Small companies that create a family-like atmosphere earn greater growth in profits and revenues and experience less employee turnover than their competitors. Christopher Collins, associate professor of human resource studies, and Matt Allen, PhD '06, found that these businesses hire people who mesh well with the company's culture and trust employees to manage themselves. The research was presented in Atlanta at the Annual Academy of Management Meetings.

Cornell Divests

UNIVERSITY PULLS FUNDS OUT OF SUDAN

IN AUGUST, PRESIDENT DAVID SKORton announced that Cornell will no longer invest its endowment assets in oil companies doing business in Sudan because of the ongoing genocide in the Darfur region. "It is impossible for us to stand by idly and tolerate the complicity of the Sudanese government in this human tragedy," Skorton said. "Given that more than half of the Sudanese government's revenues are derived from oil, the Cornell community is sending an unequivocal message to the oil companies about the impact of their own actions in this crisis."

As of June 30, Cornell had about \$10.3 million invested in oil companies operating in Sudan, according to University Treasurer Patricia Johnson. The University's investment managers were instructed to divest these holdings and refrain from any further investments until the Sudanese government deals with the humanitarian crisis. In his inaugural address, Skorton noted this action and added that "divestment is not enough," saying that he and Provost Biddy Martin will be "pursuing other avenues where Cornell can be a positive force in that and other troubled parts of the world."

Rocket Casualty

DAVID LELCHOOK, 52

THIS SUMMER'S ISRAELI-LEBANESE conflict claimed the life of David Lelchook '78, a Boston-area native who immigrated to Israel in 1980. Lelchook, who lived with his Israeli-born wife and family on a kibbutz north of Haifa, was riding a bicycle toward a bomb shelter when he was struck by shrapnel from a Hezbollah rocket attack on August 2. The son of the late Sidney Lelchook '44 and Doris Klein Lelchook '45, Lelchook studied agriculture at Cornell and had stayed behind at Kibbutz Sa'ar during the conflict to tend to the farming community's citrus orchard.



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Ice Time

LYNAH RINK REOPENS AFTER A \$7.3 MILLION MAKEOVER

LISA FRAN

ESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS after the final home game of the 2005–06 hockey season, Lynah Rink closed its doors to players and athletic personnel and welcomed a horde of construction workers. The \$7.3 million renovation of the hockey haven created a buzz of anticipation among the Faithful: the project would add 20,000 square feet of new facilities and update the well-worn interior of the existing structure, which opened in 1957.

After six months of bulldozing and building, Lynah reopened in mid-October—on Friday the 13th—for the annual Red and White game. In addition to enjoying the traditional intra-squad scrimmage that raises funds for the Cornell Hockey Association, fans were able to take in the improvements to the venerable rink.

A new wing on the south side of the arena boasts new men's and women's locker rooms, with drying rooms and coaches' lockers. The old locker rooms have been renovated and will continue to house visiting teams. The addition also has spacious coaches' offices, study lounges, and video rooms. The two varsity

teams will share a new training room with a view of Campus Road, as well as a multipurpose room for mixers, team dinners, and alumni functions. Project manager Robert Blakeney says, "It was important to the Department of Athletics and the University to provide the same facilities for men and women athletes."

Other improvements were designed to enhance the fan experience while retaining the intimacy of the original building. A total of 431 new seats have been added, divided among three sections: three extra rows of student-seating benches that hug the south side of the old back wall; two rows of bright red luxury seats positioned behind the benches on the north side; and fifty-six seats placed behind the net on a new west-end platform—a mezzanine connecting the north and south sides of the rink on the second level. Additionally, the home-team locker rooms now lead to a tunnel that opens to a bench in the sec-

tion below the press box, bringing players and fans closer as the team enters and exits between periods.

One major complaint about the old Lynah was its narrow walkways along the back walls, often clogged with fans. To address this problem, concourses were constructed on the north and south sides of the building. Aside from easing the crush of bodies, these concourses-eight feet wide on the north side and twelve on the south—add an aesthetic dimension. with freshly painted red-and-white walls that will be adorned with paintings, photos, and trophy cases. Wide doors opening onto Campus Road will also facilitate pedestrian traffic flow. "The quality of life is way improved," says Mike Schafer '86, head coach of the men's team. "Of the facilities used by the sixty college hockey teams in the U.S., we probably went from number fifty-seven to inside the top ten."

— Ben Kopelman '07

Barn raising: A new addition on the south side of Lynah Rink houses locker rooms, a training room, offices, and other facilities for the men's and women's hockey teams. The seating capacity has been increased to 4,267, and a tunnel (inset) now connects the locker rooms to the Big Red's bench, which has been moved across the ice.

Sports Shorts

WORLD BEATER Goalie Kyle Miller '05 helped Canada win its first world lacrosse championship in 28 years this summer, posting a 2-0 record with a 3.67 goals-against average in five games. Miller, who has made a remarkable recovery from bone cancer (see CAM July/August 2005), stopped the only shot he faced in the final moments of Canada's 15-10 title-game win over the United States. Miller also made nine saves in a 27-2 win over Finland and six saves while playing the second half of a 17-9 victory over England. Other former Big Red players at the championship tournament included goalie Joe Solomon '92, who made 11 saves in the Iroquois Nation's 14-6 win over Germany, and Kevin Henneberry '01, who netted a goal for the Irish National Team. Ireland was coached by

former Cornell head coach Richie Moran, who guided the squad to a seventh-place finish.

GOLDEN AGAIN Lindsay

Krasna '08 earned a gold medal for the second straight summer, leading the United States to the women's basketball title at the Maccabi Australia International Games in July. Krasna was the team's top scorer, averaging 18.6 points per game, and she had 25 points and 11 rebounds in the championship game against Israel. Last summer, Krasna was a member of the first-place U.S. team at the Maccabi Games in Israel.



ENSHRINED The Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame will grow to 474 when 11 new members, including five former All-Americans, are inducted in November. The Class of '06 includes All-America honorees Yanaka Bernal '91, field hockey; Tim Daly '82, men's lacrosse; Guy Leach '88, baseball; Ria Tascoe '92, women's lacrosse; and Bill Rathbun '90, men's cross country and track and field. The other honorees are **Paul Beuttenmuller** '78, men's soccer; Joseph DeMeo '64, BSAg '66, MBA '67, wrestling; Olga Itskhoki '96, women's tennis; John McNiff '91, football; James Van Buren '55, MD '59, football; and Athletic Communications mainstay Ellen Harkness, special category. In addition, two Cornellians will join the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame this year. Daniel Mackesey '77 was a three-time All-American and the two-time national goaltender of the year while helping Cornell to national titles in 1976 and 1977. John Phillips '59 is being honored for his contributions to the game; he was longtime general manager of the Long Island Lacrosse Club, which won 18 national titles, and served as executive director of the International Lacrosse Federation from 1995 to 2002.

DEVELOPING SITUATION After earning first-team All-Ivy League honors and helping the 2006 Big Red women's lacrosse team to a share of its first Ivy title, **Courtney Farrell '08** has earned a spot on the U.S National Development Team. Farrell was named to the team after a two-day tryout in August that included more than 130 players. The development team provides a way for players vying for a spot on the U.S. National Team to improve their skills while competing at the international level. The team will play in tournaments during the fall and winter, leaving Farrell plenty of time to help the Big Red prepare for its title defense. She led the team in scoring last year with 52 points on 33 goals and 19 assists.

PUT ME IN, COACH Former Big Red quarter-back Bill Lazor '94 is on the NFL sidelines this year as quarterbacks coach of the Washington Redskins. Lazor, who left the Hill with 26 school records to his name, spent two seasons as an offensive assistant to Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs and was promoted to his new position when Bill Musgrave left for the Atlanta Falcons. (At 34, Lazor is actually younger than two of the three quarterbacks on Washington's roster.) Before joining the Redskins, Lazor had been the quality control coach with the Falcons; he's also held coaching positions at Cornell and the University at Buffalo.

TOP TENNIS Nine former Cornell tennis players represented the Big Red once more as they competed in the Ivy Alumni Challenge, August 27-28 at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York. The Big Red finished fourth, beating Yale in the first round before losing to Princeton in the semifinals and Harvard in the third-place match. The doubles team of George Banta '96 and Dirk Dugan '72 posted a perfect 3-0 record while Bertrand Madsen '98 went 2-1 in the singles. The other doubles teams representing Cornell were Morgan Parker '96 and Bill Gauger '82, and Eric Cruz '87 and John Englander '80. Fila sponsored the event and donated \$1,000 to the Cornell tennis program.

Big Game

September 30, 2006

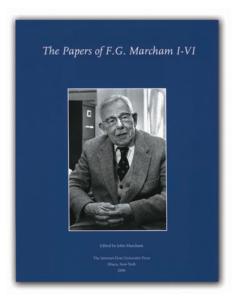
After struggling through two season-opening losses in which they did not score a touchdown, the Big Red varsity football team put together a solid effort to defeat SUNY-Albany 23-21 in the first-ever contest between the two squads. Running back **Luke Siwula '08** had an outstanding game, gaining 162 yards and scoring a TD, and quarterback **Nathan Ford '09** passed for 112 yards. The key play in the contest was a fake punt by Cornell. Trailing the Great Danes 21-20 in the fourth quarter, head



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coach **Jim Knowles '87** called for the trick play on fourth-and-five. It gained seven yards, and the Big Red then drove to the Albany 16 before **Peter Zell '08** booted the game-winning field goal.

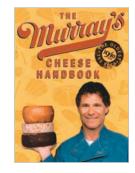
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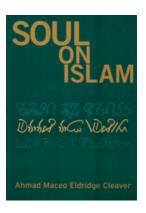
THE PAPERS OF F. G. MARCHAM edited by John Marcham (The Internet-First University Press). Frederick Marcham, one of Cornell's most beloved professors, taught at the University for sixty-nine years. The Goldwin Smith professor of English history emeritus was also a coach, adviser, mayor of Cayuga Heights, and author. His son John Marcham, a former editor of Cornell Alumni *News*, compiled and edited the six volumes of his father's papers. The Legacy of Frederick Marcham (DVD) presents an interview with fellow history professor Walter LaFeber, a video of one of Marcham's last class meetings in 1991, and two audio segments: a Sage Chapel sermon delivered by Marcham, and the Sage memorial service conducted for him in January 1993. The online version of the Marcham materials can be found at: http://dspace. library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/3448.

THE MURRAY'S CHEESE HAND-BOOK by Rob Kaufelt '69 (Broadway Books). The owner of Greenwich Village's famed Murray's Cheese shop guides you through the characteristics of milk varieties (cow, goat, sheep, water buffalo, and mixed), countries of origin, the difference between raw and pasteurized cheeses, and the various types (fresh, bloomy, semi-soft, washed, firm, hard, and blue). Kaufelt



describes 300 of his favorite cheeses, suggests wine pairings, and lists the top ten cheeses to eat before you die.

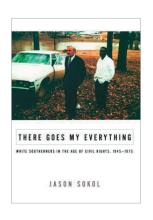
SOUL ON ISLAM by Ahmad Maceo Eldridge Cleaver '92 (Seaburn). With a title that echoes his father's book *Soul on Ice*, Cleaver describes the lessons about social justice he learned from his parents, civil rights activists Eldridge and Kathleen Cleaver. Born in 1969 during his family's exile in Algeria, Ahmad Cleaver now works as a teacher in Qatar. In this memoir, he examines the steps that led him to convert to Islam, explaining the meaning



behind its principles, and attempting to cut through the Western fear and distrust of the religion.

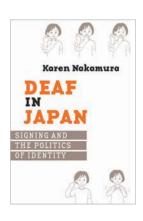
THERE GOES MY EVERYTHING by

Jason Sokol (Knopf). Sokol, a visiting professor of history at Cornell, writes about the experiences of white southerners during the civil rights struggles of 1945 to 1975. While some white veterans who fought alongside blacks in World War II advocated integration after the war, racial customs in the postwar South did not change quickly. Sokol portrays the range of attitudes among whites, both sympa-



thetic and resistant, as African Americans gained political power in the former strongholds of segregation.

DEAF IN JAPAN by Karen Nakamura '93 (Cornell University Press). An assistant professor of anthropology and East Asian studies at Yale University explores the emergence of deaf culture in Japan, arguing that deaf Japanese citizens don't have the same minority identity-based model of social protest as their American counterparts. In the 1970s, deaf activists began to link the international focus on the disabled with modernizing trends in Japanese culture.



Recently Published

Fiction

LITTLE GODS by David L. Hoof '68 (Chiaroscuro Press). When Travis Mather discovers that his best friend was murdered twenty-three years earlier at his New England prep school, it is only the first of many secrets he must untangle in this suspense novel.

DEATH'S WITNESS by Paul Batista, JD '74 (Sourcebooks). A lawyer and commentator for Court TV and CNN delivers a legal thriller about the murder of a criminal defense attorney who had hidden millions of his arms-dealing and drug-smuggling clients' money, and of his widow's attempt to stay alive long enough to uncover the truth.

Non-Fiction

GODLESS by Ann Coulter '84 (Crown Forum). The conservative commentator argues that the blame for what she considers to be today's immorality goes to Darwin and the theory of evolution.

SEXING THE CITIZEN by Judith Surkis, PhD '01 (Cornell University Press). An associate professor of history and literature at Harvard explores the role of pedagogy in subduing male sexuality to form moral citizens during France's Third Republic.

BY THE NUMBERS by Florence N. Greville '35 (Watts Passage Press). Greville, a ninety-twoyear-old mathematician and former analyst in the Department of Defense, provides students with a grounding in mathematics, from arithmetic to basic algebra.

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY GUIDE TO **ATTRACTING BIRDS** by Stephen W. Kress '75 (Cornell University Press). Kress, the vice president for bird conservation at the National Audubon Society and an instructor at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, offers methods on improving land to foster wild bird populations.

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Campus

When visitors step into West Campus houses, they step into important conversations.

WHILE MAKING PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES for a service project one evening at Alice H. Cook House, Simon Frid '08 commented to friends on media coverage of global warming. Meanwhile, Peter Robbins '74, who was a guest that week, stopped in with House Professor and Dean Ross Brann to check on the project.

"Mind if I join you?" Robbins asked the students.

Robbins, an investment firm partner, not only rolled up his sleeves to make peanut butter sandwiches, he threw himself into a wideranging conversation about politics, free markets, environmental pollution, and, ultimately, which points of view stem from Hobbes and which from Locke.

"Is man instinctively good or is he instinctively evil?" mused Robbins. "Depending upon your attitude, how does that affect proactive choices by governments and markets?"

Robbins probed, tested, and challenged. It was an hour into the conversation before students realized that many of the views he presented were not his own.

"He was playing devil's advocate," says Frid, a biological engineering major who thrives on intellectual debate. "But even so, I think he won. He had me stumped."

Robbins says he thoroughly enjoyed the backand-forth and the opinions that were adopted and cast off throughout that evening at Cook House. "Students never change," he says. "They're wonderful. They're vibrant. They're flexible. I can't think of anything that is more enjoyable than talking with them. It's just a pleasure to see when something really works, as it does at Cook House."

West Campus house programs aim to increase social and intellectual community for students who seek more such experiences outside the classroom. Visits from distinguished guests and alumni are a central feature of the new houses, along with opportunities for students to get to know faculty outside of classrooms.

Both Cook and Becker houses host visitors from across fields and professions. Many stay in a guest suite throughout their visit, making it easier for students to talk with them casually.

Students at Carl L.
Becker House met comedian,
author, actor, and A.D. White
Professor John Cleese over
dinner. Afterward he and
psychology professor David
Dunning gave a talk called "How
Well Do We Know Ourselves?

Retired U.S. Ambassador Tom Simons, an active scholar on East-West and Islamic world issues, served as the Provost's Visiting Professor from 2004 to 2006 and spent a week, along with his wife, in residence at Cook House.

"It was one of the highlights of my professorship," says Simon. "Some of our best moments were around Ross Brann's dining and coffee tables with invited students. Questions were sharp; discussion could be intense."

NPR correspondent David Folkenflik '91 says there was nothing similar when he was a Cornell student. "Coming back, it was amazing to see these new houses."

Folkenflik spent nearly a week on West Campus as the





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first Sevin Visiting
Fellow. He gave
a talk on "Judith
Miller, Valerie
Plame, and Lewis
Libby and the
Media," met with
a class on current
issues in the Middle East, and
said his visit was "unalloyed
positive."

During his own days at Cornell, Folkenflik turned to government professor Isaac Kramnick, one of the visionaries of Cornell's house system, as a mentor. More than fifteen years later, he still remembers some of Kramnick's lectures well, but says it was often just as important "knowing there was a guy—not my own age and not a parent—looking out for me."

"The availability of faculty fellows in the West Campus houses makes it easier for students to make those kinds of connections, and I think that's a great blessing," says Folkenflik.

Molecular biologist Mariana Wolfner '74, one of thirty house fellows at Cook House, explains, "West Campus provides something we've never had for faculty and students: a large, broad, and welcoming community that provides an intellectual and social home. You really feel comfortable here no matter who you are and what you may be interested in.

"My conversations with students on topics like the science and politics of stem cells, evolution, and research ethics, as well as on topics farther from



my field, have informed the way I teach. In one-on-one interactions at Alice Cook House dinners, I've found myself suggesting a graduate resident fellow who could help a student understand a subject she found confusing, letting students know about campus resources or traditions—academic or non-academic—and giving students pointers on how to get a research position in a biology lab."

Two trustees emeritae, Barbara Friedman '59 and Ronay Menschel '64, were among those who supported Cornell's initiative to create a house system from the very beginning. Menschel, who chairs Phipps Houses, a non-profit organization in New York City that develops and manages affordable housing for low-income families, talks about her work at Becker House last spring.

"From what I saw," says Menschel, "the house system is meeting the expectations and program objectives beautifully."

Friedman, a longtime Cornell alumni leader who also visited West Campus last year, notes that the diversity of student residents is impressive.

"Not only do house residents come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but they also represent all seven undergraduate colleges. Students and faculty can dynamically shape house life through their shared interests. The community that develops through the house system breaks down barriers between people and offers intellectual stimulation, both of which are very important parts of the college years," she says.

When completed in 2008, the West Campus house system will include five new residence facilities. Bethe House, the third house in the project, is scheduled to open as a residence hall in January 2007, with house programming to begin in August 2007. An all-new Noyes Community and Recreation Center will also open in January 2007. Faculty and students, alumni, and distinguished visitors all come together here to make West Campus living a truly transformative experience.



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Currents



Bailey, Unveiled

HISTORIC HALL REOPENS AFTER LENGTHY RENOVATION

HE OPENING AND CLOSING EVENTS OF PRESIDENT David Skorton's inauguration had another guest of honor: a newly renovated Bailey Hall. The historic building played host to the academic symposium that kicked off the inaugural festivities, as well as the concert—featuring the new president's flute rendition of "My Funny Valentine"—that wound them down.

Many visitors got their first glimpse of Bailey's \$17.3 million facelift, in the works since March 2004. Improvements included the restoration of the concert hall's original eleven-foot-high front doors; a \$1 million audiovisual system; acoustic panels that can be flipped from reflective to absorbent surfaces, depending on the event; and handicapped access throughout. The hard, narrow wooden seats that so vexed the posterior of many a Cornellian have been replaced with seating that's both wider and cushioned, with robin's-egg blue upholstery. (The added comfort came at a cost: seating capacity dropped from 1,948 to 1,324.)

Named for beloved agriculture professor Liberty Hyde Bailey, the hall was designed by Edward Green, a prominent Buffalo architect and member of the Class of 1878. When it officially opened in June 1913, wrote Cornell historian Morris Bishop '14, PhD '26, it "conferred a boon on the whole University." Since then, Bailey has been the setting for countless displays of pomp and circumstance, as well as rock concerts, political events (it hosted a New York State gubernatorial debate this September), and academic lectures, including Professor James Maas's everpopular Psych 101 course.

While planners sought to maintain the building's historic atmosphere, the new Bailey does have a more modern feel: the huge chandelier is gone, and an acoustic apron of sleek, burnished metal curves above the stage. "We have a mixture of old and new," says project manager Rick Gellert, noting that the historic elements that were removed went to a local preservation agency for reuse in other buildings. "The goal was to preserve the basic aesthetics."

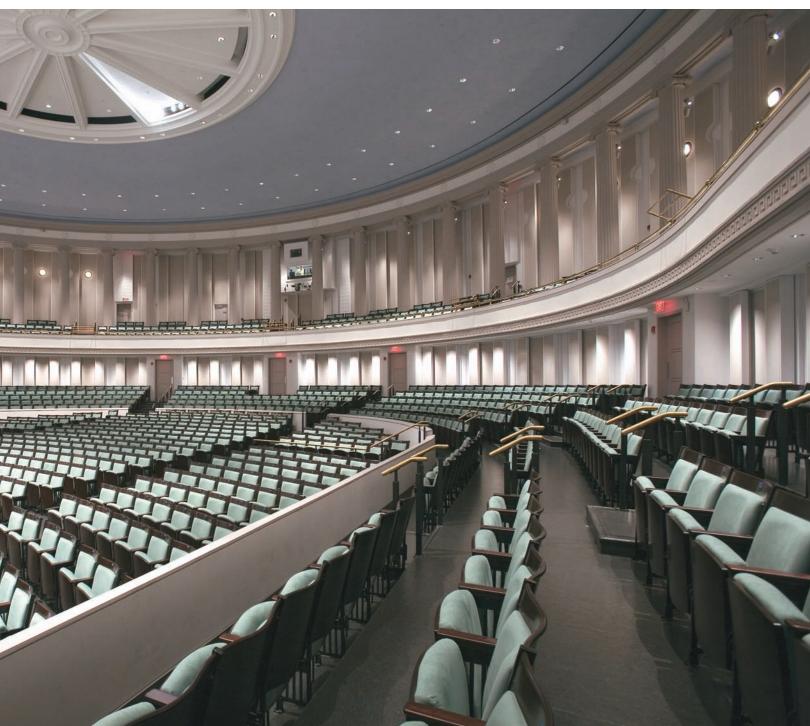
The biggest changes came behind the scenes. An addition at the rear of the building made it possible to install air-condition-



ing—a Bailey first—as well as improvements in heating and noise reduction. And performers, rejoice: you can now exit stage right and enter stage left without running downstairs and through the basement. The addition provides crossing space as well as dressing rooms and a green room, all wired with monitors to observe the action onstage. Also housed in the addition, nestled in a custom storage room, is a new Steinway grand piano. The instrument prompted its own minor renovation: when architects mocked up the building design, they realized that a stairway would block the piano from being wheeled from storage to the stage.

They moved the stairway.

— Beth Saulnier



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Goodbye, wooden seats: Traditional meets modern in the renovated Bailey Hall, which features a blue-gray ceiling with recessed lighting and integrated air-conditioning vents, as well as comfortable seating, a more gentle slope, and safety lighting along the aisles. The loggia (left) that wraps around the theater now has a great deal of natural light, thanks to the windows in the newly installed eleven-foot-high doors. But construction isn't entirely over; in January, trustees approved a facelift for Bailey's front yard. The deteriorating parking lot between the building's front steps and Malott Hall will be replaced with a \$4.5 million, Italianate-style pedestrian plaza, to be funded through the upcoming capital campaign.



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Character Counts

YOU MAY NOT KNOW HER NAME, BUT ACTRESS JANE LYNCH, MFA '84, IS A HOLLYWOOD REGULAR

IKE COUNTLESS OTHER ACTresses, Jane Lynch idolizes Meryl Streep. So when she was introduced to the two-time Oscar-winner on the set of *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* a few years ago, she was understandably anxious—that is, until Streep gave a gasp of recognition, hugged her, and told her she was a big fan.

"It was like I was dreaming," says Lynch, MFA '84, as she digs into an omelet at Le Pain Quotidien on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles. "I couldn't believe I was even on her radar."

Such is the fate of the character actor—not necessarily fame or fortune, but visibility and often unexpected appreciation, particularly if you are one of the busier supporting faces in Hollywood.

You know Jane Lynch, even if you don't know her name. You've seen the slim, six-foot-tall actress on shows rang-

ing from "CSI" and "Desperate Housewives" to "Married . . . with Children" and "Two and a Half Men." On film, Lynch has shared scenes with Arnold Schwarzenegger, taken direction from Mike Nichols and Martin Scorsese, and, with appearances in *Best in Show* and *A Mighty Wind*, established a place in filmmaker Christopher Guest's comic improv company. At forty-six, she's now the consummate supporting actress, a Hollywood go-to gal—which is a long way from Dolton, Illinois.

"I had no support," she says, recalling what it was like to grow up as an aspiring entertainer in a conservative small town south of Chicago. "I don't remember not wanting to do it. It was very much stamped on my DNA. But nobody told me I had something. I look back on it now, and I think, How did I keep going?"

At Illinois State University, Lynch secretly switched her major to theater

against her parents' wishes and earned a few roles on the local stage. "Never any leads," she says. "Never anything that had any meat to it." So she was surprised when she was offered a slot in Cornell's MFA program. It was an intense experience that, she says, made all the difference. "Your back is against the wall. There's no time for doubt. Whatever ability you have has to come to the surface. I thought I was always going to be the wacky sidekick, but here I was in my first two months at Cornell playing leads."

After Cornell, Lynch embarked on a theater career, mostly in Chicago, where she

briefly performed with the Second City National Touring Company and gained a bit of cult renown as Carol Brady in *The Real Live Brady Bunch*. "Jane was the total matriarch, not just because she played Carol but because her comedic command far surpassed all of ours," says Jill Soloway, co-creator of the stage show and a former writer for "Six Feet Under" on HBO. "She is the driest, wryest comedic presence I have ever worked with."

Lynch's film career began with a small role in the body-switching comedy *Vice Versa* in 1988. Five years later, when *The Fugitive* was filmed in Chicago, Lynch was cast as a friend of the title character and suddenly found herself acting opposite Harrison Ford. ("Mind-blowing," she says.)

The life of a character actor isn't all Oscars and entourages, but it's always interesting. In her recent film appearances, she has reinvented herself as, among other things, a government agent (*Collateral Damage*), a coke-sniffing TV producer (*Surviving Eden*), a backwoods mountain woman (*Bam Bam and Celeste*), a homophobic former homecoming queen (*Promtroversy*), and a NASCAR star's adoring mother (with Will Ferrell in this summer's *Talladega Nights*).

Lynch has also appeared in her fair share of television commercials—work that paid off when Christopher Guest, who had directed her in a Kellogg's ad, offered her a role as an ultra-competitive lesbian dog handler in the 2000 "mocku-

That's show biz: Jane Lynch (with Fred Willard) hosts a TV gabfest in For Your Consideration.

mentary" *Best in Show*. Her scene stealing led to a recurring slot in Guest's ensemble, including a stint as a porn-star-turned-folksinger in *A Mighty Wind* (in which she did her own singing and guitar playing). In Guest's upcoming *For Your Consideration*, a send-up of Hollywood Oscar hype, Lynch plays the co-host of a celebrity dish show called "Entertainment Now." Acting in one of Guest's semi-improvised productions offers "complete free rein," Lynch says. "Such free rein that it was frightening. The story is airtight, and he gives us really tasty nuggets to start. But then it's up to us."

Much the same process succeeded in one of Lynch's latest high-profile roles, as Steve Carell's sexually aggressive boss in *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*. Her part was originally written for a man, but Lynch nailed an audition and induced a gender switch—and not for the first time in her career. "I think people automatically write it for a man when it's an authority figure, and then they feel like a creative genius when they realize a woman can do it," she laughs.

Lynch often addresses gay and lesbian themes in her work—from her role as an attorney in a three-episode stint on Showtime's "The L Word" to co-writing a play, Oh Sister, My Sister, that ran at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center in 2004. But she prefers to consider herself an actress, not a "gay actress," she says. Her models in the industry are risk-taking performers like Philip Seymour Hoffman and Frances McDormand who "make huge choices, but keep their feet on the ground."

Lynch finishes her omelet and grabs the leash of her tiny Lhasa apso—she's scheduled to appear in a celebrity pupand-people charity fashion show later in the day. Which is pretty remarkable—not the fashion show (this is L.A.), but the fact that she is now a bona fide celebrity. Not bad for an actress who claims she's never had much career direction.

"I made no grand decisions," says Lynch. "Only lately am I trying to be more conscious about it so I can shape my career a little more, but I can't say I've done anything other than let it happen to me. And I'm very grateful. I couldn't have planned it any better."

- Brad Herzog '90

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Space Shot

STUDENT SATELLITE READIED FOR COMPETITION

uring Spring Break 2007, while many of their fellow students sunbathe on the beach, eighty-five undergrads will be sprinting to finish their entry in a three-year competition to design and build a working satellite. The prize? The chance to see their orbiter launched into space, with the \$3 million tab picked up by the federal government.

Sponsored by NASA, the Air Force, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the University Nanosatellite-4 competition pits eleven student teams in a contest to design a satellite no more than eighteen-and-a-half inches high or wide and weighing less than thirty kilograms. The Cornell University Satellite (CUSat) team plans to field not one but two identical satellites, stacked atop each other. Their goal is to demonstrate that one spacecraft can diagnose damage in another—a subject of great interest to the team's lead investigator, Mason Peck, assistant professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering.

One of the key features of CUSat is a global positioning system algorithm, written by engineering professor Mark Psiaki, that can measure distance to the millimeter in real time, keeping the satellites properly oriented toward each other. Such technology could make spacecraft inspection safer and cheaper, says project manager and self-described "space dork" Kris Young '06. "Whenever you send an astronaut outside the



CUSa

The final frontier: CUSat designed two identical satellites (one is pictured above) that will launch together and separate in orbit.

vessel, there's a huge risk," he says. "With this, you throw it out the window of the space shuttle and it does everything autonomously for you."

The competition ends in March, when aerospace industry experts gather to judge the satellites on feasibility, documentation, relevance, and student participation. Before the winning satellite is launched, it must pass several rigorous reviews, including one by the Department of Defense. "We spend a lot of time at the lab and don't get much sleep," says Young. "But people aren't here just for course credit—they're here to build a real spacecraft."



Flight to freedom: Ethan Hawkes '07 is evacuated from Beirut aboard a heavily armed Marine heicopter on July 19.

Life During Wartime

ONE STUDENT'S SUMMER JOB IN BEIRUT TAKES AN UNEXPECTED TURN

In July, Hotel student Ethan Hawkes '07 traveled to Lebanon for a summer position with the International Executive Service Corps, a nonprofit contracted by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide managerial and technical assistance to developing countries. Hawkes met with hotel owners and government officials to help assess the Lebanese tourism industry, which was finally recovering from a civil war that ended in 1990. One of his fellow volunteer consultants was Doug Fuss '61 of Savannah, Georgia, a former IBM executive. The two alums formed a close friendship during their stay in Beirut, particularly after Hezbollah fighters based in southern Lebanon kidnapped a pair of Israeli soldiers on July 12, touching off a month-long Israeli military offensive that effectively trapped Hawkes and Fuss in the besieged city. They were evacuated by U.S. Marines on July 19. After returning to Ithaca in August to resume his studies, Hawkes recalled the experience for CAM.

N MY FIRST NIGHT IN BEIRUT, I knocked on the door of the hotel room next to mine, and this guy in a Cornell T-shirt came out. Doug and I were the only two Americans on the assignment, and we bonded immediately. He'd been to Lebanon before, which proved to be very useful.

Beirut is a heady mix of East-meets-West. It used to be called the Paris of the Middle East, and the Lebanese were hell-bent on restoring that image. I counted at least twelve construction cranes on the skyline. You could tell that times had been rough—all the buildings more than fifteen years old were pockmarked with bullet

holes. But these places were right next to new apartment buildings. Lebanon was expecting 1.6 million visitors in 2006—a record

I'd been up in northern Lebanon on the morning that the two Israeli soldiers were kidnapped. At first nobody told me anything. We were listening to an Arabic radio station on the drive back to Beirut when they announced the news. I could tell it was bad from my driver's reaction. When he finally told me what happened, my stomach jumped. We arrived in Beirut that afternoon. Already they were putting up roadblocks, checking everyone on the way in. Doug and I decided to wait and see what the situation was in the morning.

That night, I woke up at about 3 a.m.; the windows were shaking and there was this really loud noise—four F-16s flying low over the city. I ran to the window and could see them dropping bombs on the airport—you can see little lights on the ends of the bombs. I ran over to Doug's room. We got out the maps, and he said, "OK, things are going to go downhill pretty quickly."

At first we looked at the roads to Syria—it's the only other viable border—but then we thought there must be a ferry

to Cyprus. The next morning we heard that there was a naval blockade and Israel was cutting off all shipping, so Plan B was out. At that point, we figured the safest thing was to lay low, because the U.S. was blaming Syria for funneling weapons to Hezbollah and we weren't sure we'd get across the border.

Initially, daily life was much the

same—people were out on the streets, restaurants were open, and there was a sense of, We've been through this before. But after Hezbollah started firing Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, the bombs came back. Sometimes we'd hear huge explosions and go downstairs to ask the hotel staff what was going on. They'd say, "Oh, those are just percussion bombs."

One day the bombs would go off at night and then the next they'd hit at 1 p.m., when everybody was outside. It was clearly planned for maximum psychological impact.

For the next six days, we lived on CNN. We'd see the shots of smoke coming up from the city, and you could look out your window and see the same thing. Our hotel was in a Christian area of the city, and it was flooded with Muslim families from southern Beirut because it was safer. We were a bit concerned about stray bombs. And two days after we left, Israel did bomb the district we'd been in.

Doug and I spent a lot of time together that week because we couldn't go to work—they had dropped concertina wire all over downtown and there were military guys with machine guns everywhere. We'd be out having lunch and a bomb would explode in the area. It was good to have Doug around, just to help take my thoughts off it, share stories about Cornell, and figure out what our plan was going to be.

USAID sent in a team from Dubai and offered the option of getting out on a bus to Damascus. The UN also tried to send in a bus, but it was turned back when the eastern roads were bombed. At that point, things were deteriorating quickly, but Doug and I decided that we'd wait for the official U.S. government evacuation. The U.S. Embassy had sent us an e-mail that said they were working on a plan and told us what the bill for our evacuation would be.

By day four or five, all the restaurants had shut down. The American ones—we had a Chili's next door—were the first to close. Every day Doug and I would walk around the block to see what was going on and build up our courage. We'd go to the grocery store, which fortunately stayed open. All the liquor stores were cleaned out the first night. Life on the streets got pretty quiet by the end—everybody was hunkering down, watching their country go up in smoke on TV.

In the hotel we watched the Hezbollah station. It was like watching Nazi propaganda films. The only words I knew were "Israel" and "United States of America," but you could feel the hate. And then tanks blowing up, Hezbollah fighters crouching with their weapons, guys



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marching in the street wearing yellow headbands. Even regular TV news was very different from the Western media it was much more graphic. They would be holding up dead children with their faces completely burned off, one after another.

What struck me about the ordinary Lebanese was how little they felt they could do about the situation. There was a sense of frustration and helplessness. I wouldn't say people were angry. A little dismayed—certainly at Israel but also at the U.S. for allowing them to continue the attacks. It was tough watching CNN in Beirut and seeing the president essentially give Israel the green light, despite the international community's outrage. I apologized to as many people as I could.

Finally, we got a call: "This is the U.S. Embassy and we'd like you to be here in one hour." They told us to take only one small carry-on and bring enough food for three days. We had no idea if we were being evacuated or if we'd just be held there. It was level-one security at the embassy: they'd scan your car for bombs and there were snipers on the buildings. At the front gates there were about forty tourists locked outside, waving their passports. The embassy officials told them to find somewhere safe to sleep. Doug and I later figured out that they prioritized the evacuation. First to go were non-essential U.S. government employees, which included us. We were among the first sixty-four evacuees out of the country, out of about 12,000 Americans. It was hard to see the families with young kids as we breezed by, but at the time we didn't know if we were being evacuated.

When we got inside, the embassy was having a pizza party, with an open bar. We could look out at the Israeli warships in the harbor and see the smoke rising from southern Beirut. It was surreal. Doug and I bought U.S. Embassy T-shirts. On the back they said, "U.S. Embassy in Beirut: the best place to get bombed," with a picture of a martini in a bunker.

After a half hour, we were handed earplugs, helmets, gas masks, and life preservers, and told that the helicopters were coming. We hustled out to the helipad, just like the movies. The helicopter was a CH-53, a well-armored carrier-based helicopter with a huge gun mounted on the back

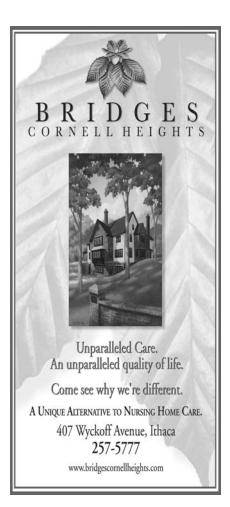
and two machine-guns pointing out the sides. The Marines were ready for action—they had the safeties off. Once we got out over the Mediterranean, the gunners took the metal plates out of their flak vests.

The flight was about an hour and a half. We flew to a British Marine base in Cyprus, on the Greek side. They had buses there that took us to a hotel in Larnaca;

then we were on our own. Someone from CBS News asked if I could stay an extra day to do an interview—they were sending in a team—and they'd pay for my flight home. I called my mom and asked her if I should stay. She said, "No!" So I told them, "That's OK. I think I should go home."

— Ethan Hawkes '07, as told to David Dudley





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Man of Steel

A MOTION-LOVING SCULPTOR GROWS UP



s a high school student in New York City, Joel Perlman '65 was not exactly the academic type. "I was wild and undisciplined, sort of a baby beatnik," Perlman says. "I hung out in Greenwich Village, and I loved motorcycles." When he went to Cornell to study art, it was sculpture professor Jack Squier, MFA '52, who brought him down to earth. "When I saw him, I saw what I wanted to be," Perlman recalls, "and I realized I had to grow up before that was going to happen."

Among other things, Squier taught him to pay attention to detail. Perlman was finishing a steel sculpture one day when Squier extended his long arm, pointed a finger, and said, "That weld offends me!" "Nobody had ever spoken to me like that before," Perlman says. "He meant that the weld was no good—his eye went right to it and it ruined the whole piece. And I never made another bad weld again."

That discipline has paid off—in forty years of monumental yet ethereal metal sculptures. This year Abbeville Press published a monograph, *Joel Perlman: A Sculptor's Journey*, that chronicles the development of his work, some of which is owned by the country's top art institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian's Hirschhorn Museum. Several corporations have commissioned site-specific pieces, like ABN AMRO's *Sky Spirit* (above). Cornell commissioned *Dynamis*, an assemblage of vertical and circular planes now installed near Bartels Hall.

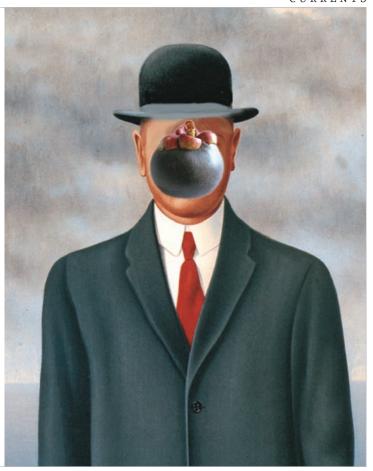
Despite the success, or maybe because of it, Perlman still has a wild side. "My wife says I've been in a mid-life crisis for twenty years." That energy finds its way into his work—especially recent pieces that incorporate a lot of circular forms. "I love 'em. I've got a couple on the bench right now," he says. "They have an enormous amount of motion to them. I've always been interested in things that move fast."

Forbidden Fruit

IS THE MANGOSTEEN THE NEW POMEGRANATE?

INCE THE 1600s, EUROPEAN EXPLORERS HAVE written about a strange fruit they found in Southeast Asia. It has a thick purple rind, juicy white flesh sectioned like an orange, and a taste that inspires something close to poetry. "A delicate, delicious flavour, which recalls that of a fine peach, muscatel grapes, and something peculiar and indescribable which no other fruit has," was how Italian naturalist Odoardo Beccari described the fruit he tasted in Borneo. Centuries later, opinions about the mangosteen haven't changed. *Gourmet* magazine in 2003 described its flavor as "almost unbearably exquisite—a sweet-tart melding of elegance and opulence that had echoes of fruit of every climate . . . mingled into one soft, moist, fragrant mouthful."

Despite the rapture they inspire, fresh mangosteens (which are unrelated to mangos) have not been available in



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the continental U.S. for decades. But not for much longer, if Ian Crown '73 has his way. The U.S. Department of Agriculture forbids importation of the tantalizing fruit from Southeast Asia or Hawaii, for fear of invasive fruit flies. But Puerto Rico and eighteen Caribbean and Central American countries face no restrictions. That's where Crown comes in: his Panoramic Fruit Company in Puerto Rico is poised to become the first producer to ship fresh mangosteens to the U.S., as early as June 2007.

The financial stakes are high. Experts predict mangosteens could initially sell for \$40 per pound at gourmet shops, and Crown estimates he'd easily have buyers for five tons every week or two.

If only he could grow that many. Native to Indonesia and Malaysia, mangosteen trees are a sensitive species of evergreen that require an extremely tropical, humid climate. They're difficult to propagate and when raised from seed take eight

to ten years to bear fruit. "It's called the 'Queen of Fruits'" Crown says, "because it's a royal pain to grow."

Cultivating coffee, not mangosteens, was what

Crown and his wife, Susan Cohen Crown '73, had in mind in the early 1990s. By the time the couple, who spend most of their time in Connecticut, bought a former livestock farm in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in 1994, they had turned their sights to tropical fruit. "We said, 'Let's go with something totally high risk and not sure-fire.' It seemed like a good idea at the time," says Crown, who drew on his background as a horticultural broker turned commodities broker, "If I could succeed where so few had bothered to try, we'd have a monopoly-or at least I'd be the first." They planted rambutan, longan, mangosteen, and durian, eliminating those that didn't grow well.



Mangosteen stuck, almost in spite of itself. Crown spent two years coddling seeds and seedlings collected from Hawaii and Florida. But when he transplanted

them to the fields, about 25 percent died from lack of proper irrigation. A fire destroyed the rambutan plants in 1997. A hurricane damaged much of his farm a year later. After starting over from scratch, he now has 1,000 trees, thirty-five of which are bearing fruit. "I basically approached it with the conviction 'I can do it,'" Crown says. "That turned out to be the case, but it still didn't make it easy. It's a miserable plant."

Tell that to millions of rabid fans in the U.S., from foodies to health buffs. Gourmets drool over the mangosteen's rhapsodic flavor—and the cachet that comes from limited availability. Crown's entire 2006 crop, about 200 pounds, could



have been sold several times over to highend shops in New York City, says Erwan Landivinec, a vice president at International Produce Exchange, a division of Baldor's, one of two specialty food distributors that will carry Crown's harvest next summer. "I could have put it on eBay and gotten \$100 a pound." Mangosteens would offer a profitable return even if marketed solely to Asians and Asian Americans, Landivinec says, since they comprise 11.9 million people in the U.S.

Thirst for the juice, which is legal to import, is even greater. Sales of mangosteen supplements in juice form quadrupled in two years, shooting from \$30 million in 2003 to \$120 million in 2005. Its market is now comparable to that of such nutraceutical all-stars as ginkgo biloba or saw palmetto, says Grant Ferrier, editor of *Nutrition Business Journal*.

The buzz stems from the fruit's supposed health benefits. Juice manufacturer Naturally Thai Mangosteen claims that only prunes have more antioxidants per 100 grams. Although there is little research on the specific properties of mangosteen antioxidants, that isn't slowing sales. Ferrier predicts the market will continue to flourish, perhaps reaching \$350 million by 2010. "Five years ago, you couldn't get mangosteen juice anywhere," Ferrier says. "This year, you can buy it at Costco."

For now, it's the gourmet fresh fruit market that Crown is focusing on. But before he can cash in, he faces several more challenges—like competition from Thailand. The USDA is considering a proposal to allow Thailand, a major producer, to sell mangosteens that have been irradiated to kill insect pests. Crown hopes to fight Thailand's quantity with quality, selling fresher, non-irradiated fruit. If the USDA requires he irradiate his fruit as well—a problematic proposition, since Puerto Rico lacks the facilities—he plans to drop the U.S. market and sell to the Caribbean, Canada, and Europe. Or he could forego the cost and hassle of shipping altogether and sell his entire harvest in Puerto Rico at a handsome profit.

So why bother exporting to the mainland U.S. at all? The answer lies on your tongue, Crown says. "Have you ever tasted a mangosteen?"

- Susan Kelley



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HIV/AIDS PORTRAITS COME TO CORNELL

n 2003, a dozen women in Cape Town, South Africa, drew self-portraits—but not in the usual way. First they outlined their bodies on life-size sheets of card stock. Then they illustrated, in words and pictures, the ways HIV/AIDS had ravaged them—and the ways drug therapy has helped them heal. The resulting "Body Maps" are now housed in South Africa's National Museum, and a traveling exhibit of prints is coming to Cornell in November.

The self-portrait project began as part of an outreach program of the University of South Africa and Doctors Without Borders, to educate HIV-positive Cape Towners about the benefits of anti-retroviral drugs. According to anthropology professor Meredith Small, who organized the exhibit, the Maps have even more to say to the Cornell community about such issues as infectious disease, globalization—and the need to practice safe sex. "It's pretty easy not to think about HIV/AIDS unless someone close to you is ill or dying," she says.

The Maps also demonstrate how culture mediates the spread of the virus, Small says. The World Health Organization estimates that 18.8 percent of South Africa's adults, 5.5 million people, are HIV-positive—the largest number in any nation.



BODY MAPS APPEAR COURTESY OF DAVID KRUT PROJECTS, NYC AND DAVID KRUT PUBLISHING, JOHANNESBUR

However, South Africans often choose traditional medicines over anti-retrovirals. (The country's health minister has touted lemons, garlic, and beets as effective treatments.) For the artists to encourage others to take Western medicine is a courageous act, Small says. "They are cultural revolutionaries."

"Body Maps" will be displayed at the Willard Straight Art Gallery from November 13 to December 1, and at Balch Hall's Tatkon Center Gallery from December 2 to December 15. The Straight exhibit will also include sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which celebrates the lives of people who have died of AIDS. "Body Maps" can also be viewed online at http://bodymaps.co.za/.

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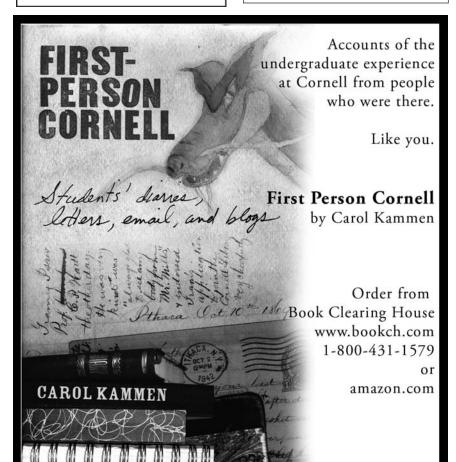
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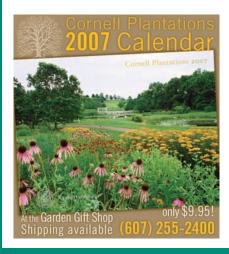
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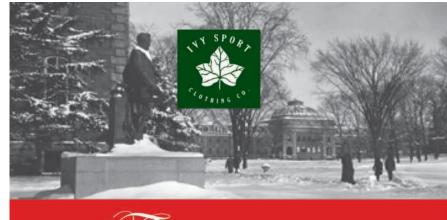
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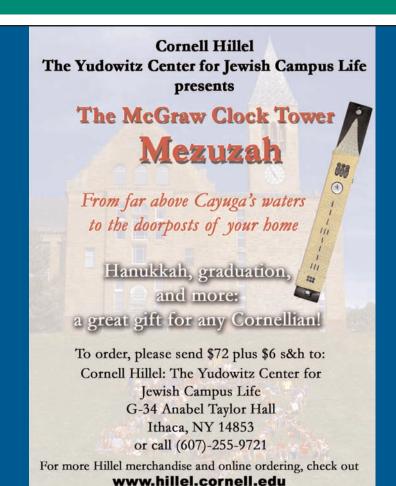
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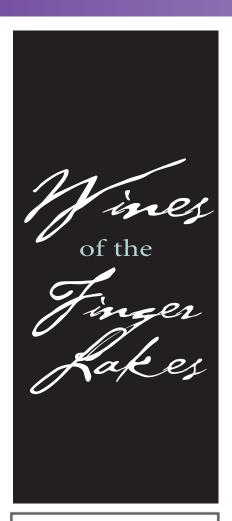
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kabobs, or steak fajitas. – Dana Malley

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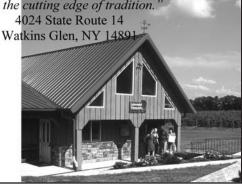
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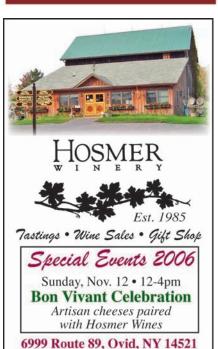
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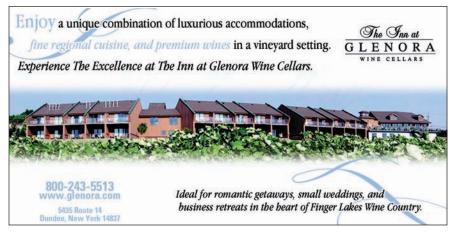
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wenty-two years ago, when Carol Kammen began teaching Cornell students about the history of their university, she realized something was missing. There was a great deal to be learned from such classic texts as *Founders and the Founding* by Carl Becker and *A History of Cornell* by Morris Bishop '14, PhD '26—but these works failed to capture the student experience. What was it really like to be a student on the Hill? How has undergraduate life changed over the years—and how has it stayed the same? Kammen, a senior lecturer in the history department and the Tompkins County Historian, began to search for accounts written by students. Her first discovery was *The Diary of David S. Kogan*, edited by Meyer Levin, which had been published in 1955. (Kogan '50 was diagnosed with lymphoma while an undergraduate and died less than a year after receiving his degree.) "I kept looking," says Kammen, "and I began to find more and more."

Much of what Kammen discovered was available right on campus, in the student diaries, scrapbooks, letters, and journals that have been assembled by the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections in Kroch Library. "It's unique," says Kammen. "Cornell has always been tremendously conscious of its place in history, and I don't think you could find a collection like this at a lot of other schools." As Kammen found more and more accounts for her students to read, she began to realize that she was assembling material for a book. First, though, she had to complete the "standard" history of Cornell that she had agreed to write. That book—*Cornell: Glorious to View*—was published by the Cornell University Library in 2003.

"When they asked me to do that book," Kammen says with a chuckle, "I told them it had to be a two-book deal." And so it was. Her volume of student writing, *First-Person Cornell*, was published earlier this year. It begins with John Y. Davis, Class of 1872, and ends with Peter Greczner, Class of 2009. Between their accounts, we hear from more than fifty other Cornell students. Some of their writing is poetic while others speak of mundane affairs, like the need for money and the difficulty of prelims. There is comedy and tragedy, joy and desperation. And snow—lots of snow.

Much of the recent material is drawn from scrapbooks that are part of the assigned work in Kammen's class, History 126. Her students have written more than 300 of these personal histories, many of them lavishly illustrated, that reside in the Kroch collection. "We have an incredible body of material from the Eighties until now," says Kammen. "What they write is somewhat pruned, because they know I'm going to read it, but by the time the semester is about a third over, they've forgotten. They're quite free and honest."

— Jim Roberts '71

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Excerpts from First-Person Cornell

John Y. Davis, Class of 1872

OCTOBER 9, 1868. On [October 7] we all attended the inauguration exercises in the morning at which President White and the faculty were sworn into office and the president gave his inaugural address. Lieutenant Governor Woodford administered the oath of office and delivered the address. Mr. Cornell also spoke some. In the afternoon we went upon the hill and listened to speeches by Professor Agassiz and George Wm. Curtis and Mr. Weaver the superintendent of public instruction of this state and also to a speech made by a person on behalf of Miss Jenny McGraw who gave the chime of bells to the University. They are splendid bells, the largest one being like the one on the big factory, and eight smaller ones. After the speaking the chimes were rung to play *Old Hundred*, *Hail Columbia*, and other tunes. It sounded nice.

Webb Hayes, Class of 1876

SEPTEMBER 12, 1872. I visited the University buildings this morning. There are five buildings completed and another has its foundation laid. Three of these buildings were built by the University: the North and South University buildings and the Laboratory. The former are large buildings built of stone. They contain the recitation rooms and some of the lecture rooms. The Laboratory is a wooden building and contains the rooms for Laboratory practice and so forth. The McGraw building is situated between the University buildings. It is larger than either of these buildings and contains the Library, Museum and lecture rooms. In the Library are 35,000 volumes.... The Sibley building is situated at the head of the quadrangle and contains the Machine shops, the University press and lecture rooms. The Sage building has its foundation laid.

Martha Carey Thomas, Class of 1877

SEPTEMBER 13, 1875. This morning I drove up to Sage College, found Prof. Russel there & Mr. Kinney, the Steward, Miss Hicks & her mother, a lovely lady, then we all 4 set about the business of choosing rooms. Miss Hicks & her friend want those blue rooms with a partition between on third hall, which were one of my choices, but they are five dollars a week & counting 40 weeks that is \$200, the board \$4, that is \$160 & the tuition \$60 making a total of \$420 a year.

Jessie Mary Boulton, Class of 1883

NOVEMBER 22, 1879. I am the only girl in any of the classes that I am in that will ask a question. The others are too backward. They don't see how I can do it.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1880. Cornell has a daily paper now.

APRIL 30, 1882. I have been appointed one of the editors on the *Sun* board for next year. Mr. Kent has been one of the editors

I am the only girl in any of the classes that I am in that will ask a question. The others are too backward.

Jessie Mary Boulton 1883

this year and very kindly proposed my name. I do not know whether I shall like it or not. I hesitated for a long while about accepting it.

George Kraus, Class of 1893

OCTOBER 1, 1892. There have [been] two football games. Cornell beat Syracuse 58 to 0 and beat Bucknell 54 to 0. Books cost forty dollars this term, so that I will need fifty dollars (\$50) next week.

DECEMBER 4, 1892. I said I would need \$40 and you have sent \$25. Please send \$20 as soon as you can and it will be sufficient for this term

JANUARY 4, 1893. Books and dues this term amount to about \$20 and I also need shoes. I wish to have about \$40 (forty dol-

lars). Please send it as soon as you can.

MAY 14, 1893. Commencement Exercises are held this year on Thursday June 15. Expenses around commencement time and from now on are pretty high, such as class tax \$15, and also the fee for graduation. Will need money.

Adelaide Taber Young, Class of 1899

DECEMBER 17, 1896. All Sage has developed into a mill, which is grinding day and night. . . . Every other door is adorned with a sign "Busy" and "Please do not disturb," are very common. One says "Please make your calls short." My room was filled with Mathematics students the other evening and we hung out, "Don't bother us, we're working."

MAY 16, 1898. Verily, I am becoming a "greasy grind."

W. Forrest Lee, Class of 1906

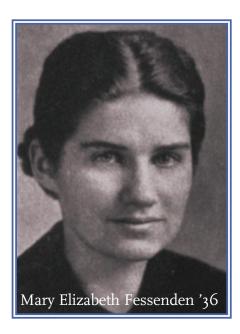
SEPTEMBER 21, 1902. The more I see of this place the better I like it. My, but it is pretty along there. The woods are all wild and full of squirrels. There is a path on each side of a big deep ... gorge at the bottom of which is a little stream running over rocks and little falls. It certainly is great.

Walter L. Todd, Class of 1909

OCTOBER 27, 1907. All of the undergraduates in the order of classes marched to the field from the Ithaca Hotel in a line ten men wide and extending about four blocks. The "Big Red Team" and "Carnelian and White" came out a little stronger than when we try to sing them. In the meantime about twenty streetcars were taking people to Percy Field and I estimate that there were over a hundred automobiles in tow so that when 2.30 came around there were fourteen thousand people at the field including the four hundred from Princeton.... From the time the team came on the field till they left it "Cornell I yell yell was heard from some part of the field and during the second half (neither team had scored in the first) they gave out the locomotive yell continuously. One corner stand came out with a "Cornell" that it seemed as if you might have heard in Rochester, and then the one opposite answered "Yell Yell Yell" and so they kept going right around the field for half an hour. I don't believe you can imagine what it was like. Why, I saw some of these dignified Profs throw their hats into the air and act like a lot of kids—an example of the enthusiasm shown by everybody.

Adelheid Zeller, Class of 1916

JUNE 21, 1916. Here we are graduating in the rain, as we came to Cornell in it. The procession formed about Goldwin Smith, and we marched all around the quadrangle, forming a complete rectangle. It was very pretty & quite solemn. . . . Outside Bailey we formed two lines, and the faculty & trustees passed between. Andrew D. White wore his red Cambridge robe. There were many other beautiful ones. . . . It was very impressive. Lieutenant Thompson called out the candidates for degrees and we got our tassels safely over to the right side. Prexy's address was on preparedness of course, in the commonwealth and in the individual. We all thought it was the best he'd ever given in our days, and it



was a really fine one too. The afternoon we spent downtown and packing our belongings. A number of the girls left in evening trains. How strange it will seem never to see them all again.

Mary Elizabeth Fessenden, Class of 1936

DECEMBER 8, 1934. Don't you think that something is wrong either with the marking system or the method of teaching when the class average is either busting or just above it, especially when the majority of people are taking the course because they want to, I mean as a major or related to their major? Anyhow, I'm getting awfully tired of getting sixties and seventies, when there is nothing much we can do about it.

Arthur K. Wessels, Class of 1941

OCTOBER 28, 1937. The last two days have been dreary, damp, and foggy, rainy, misty, wet days. I can put plenty of feeling in those words. I have to walk all over campus in the rain.

MARCH 1, 1938. We have just gotten over a severe blizzard. Yesterday there was a very high wind, and the temperature was 5 degrees above zero. The wind drifted snow in some places over two feet. Coming to class in the early morning we had a hard time climbing through drifts, and my nose froze.

JANUARY 14, 1940. The weather up here has been horrid. The cold snap is over, rain is falling, and the snow is a slushy mess.

John Hunter Detmold, Class of 1943

SEPTEMBER 27, 1940. The coroner decided it was suicide, which of course it was. She seems to have been a nice girl: graduated with highest honors, and a tennis champion. Shirley Charlotte Slavin, a freshman, and probably scared. She sat on the bridge for more than an hour, before she jumped. And she jumped, all right. Gave her purse and books to a passer-by to hold for a minute. Well, every year someone jumps into Fall Creek; usually a freshman. Maybe the quota is filled for a while.

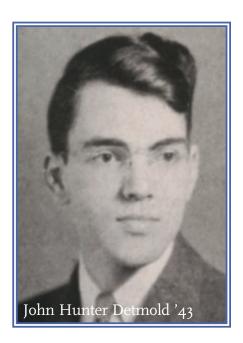
David S. Kogan, Class of 1950

OCTOBER 13, 1946. President Day delivered a thrilling, meaningful, and humorous welcome speech to the assembled Frosh today. He spoke of Cornell's tradition, "Freedom and Responsibility."

OCTOBER 20, 1946. I had thought that my courses would present an opportunity to distinguish myself. This is not so, as I would have to steadily grind to climb from good to excellent. Competition is too keen.

NOVEMBER 20, 1946. My physics instructor wears long hair, is a shabbily dressed young man about twenty-five, doesn't know how to teach and smiles, giggles, or laughs after every word. (It is more of a course in abnormal psychology.) Colleges never pick or promote instructors on teaching ability. They are solely concerned with the amount of original research or the degree of the man in question.

FEBRUARY 1, 1947. Just received my English term paper . . . and found that I received a B. I had belatedly realized that my topic was a difficult one to set down on fifteen pages, that it was vague, non-factual, partisan, argumentative. Nevertheless I learned a great deal. I am in college for knowledge, not numerical ratings.



Janet Hamber, Class of 1951

OCTOBER 16, 1947. Oh, the Cornell traditions. You've heard about the suspension bridge but the tradition goes on to say that a girl isn't a true coed until she has been kissed on the suspension bridge. Another has to do with the statues on the Arts quadrangle. Ezra Cornell sits facing Andrew D. White. There are footprints on the path that connect them. The story goes that one night a virgin Cornell coed passed between them and since it was such an unusual occurrence they got up and met each other in the middle of the Quad. And, so the story goes, they've never done it for a coed since. . . . We do have Frosh Rules. They consist of 1. All Freshmen must wear their Frosh

hats (little red beanies), 2. Freshmen may not smoke on campus or visit Zincks or the Dutch Kitchen (local Ithaca hangouts) and, 3. All Freshmen are to learn the Alma Mater, Evening Song and Song of the Classes.

Stephen E. Appell, Class of 1965

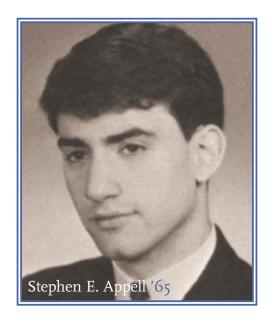
MAY 17, 1965. Today was the ROTC annual Presidential Review. The "Ad Hoc Committee on Vietnam" announced that it would hold a sitdown demonstration on the floor of Barton Hall, to obstruct the ceremonies (marching, presentation of awards, etc.), in protest against foreign policy and against ROTC as an instrument of indoctrination for war which has no place in an academic institution. . . .

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In this country, even at an official military event, [protesters] could demonstrate in peace, subject at worse to catcalls and egg-throwing by a few idiots.

Stephen E. Appell '65

of the hall so that the various companies could not march around, to pass the President at the reviewing stage. Finally, the ceremony began, with presentation of awards. When the band played the Star Spangled Banner, it was quite a sight to behold. Here were all the ROTC troops, with the colors flying, standing to attention, with all the people in the bleachers coming to express their support of ROTC and to disapprove of these demonstrations—and in the middle of it all, up rose the demonstrators in the middle of the hall, to partake in the observance of the playing of the National Anthem. It was quite a thrilling and chilling spectacle. In Russia, in South or North Vietnam, these people would have been clubbed, imprisoned, and God knows what. In this country, even at an official military event, they could demonstrate in peace, subject at worse to catcalls and egg-throwing by a few idiots. Americans one and



all, soldiers, conforming citizens, peaceful dissenters, all honored the flag of their country. Again, it was quite a sight.

Knight Kiplinger, Class of 1969

MAY 5, 1969. Things are pretty quiet here now. The SDS, which seemed to have had so much backing during the [Straight takeover] crisis, has cheapened the legitimacy of some of their more reasonable programs by pushing such ludicrous ideas as "open admission" for the sons and daughters of the "working class." The Trustees' positions and guidelines were greeted well by most students here. Especially appealing is the statement that the campus is "no sanctuary from the law" of society at large.

"Jill," Class of 1984

AUGUST 7, 1983. One gets quite an interesting idea of parental relationships at Whitby [co-op]. Parents are seen as stubborn and difficult people, whom one must visit and placate every so often. Through their ineptitude, they will inflict pain, but one is magnanimous and endures. If one is exceptionally perseverant and fortunate, one may be able to enlighten the old codgers a bit. After the requisite weekend or week of filial obligation, one returns to the Enlightened back at Cornell, where one is greeted sympathetically, praised, embraced.

Justin Manzo, Class of 2003

SCRAPBOOK ENTRY, 2002. In retrospect, I see that the freedom inherent with being a senior at college may come with a price. Some activities that bring people close together are based on going with the group mentality, at least as was the case with my experiences throughout school. Now that I am old enough to be able to break from the group, being in a position of supremacy over a younger generation of brothers, I am starting to drift away from the people I live with. This is a dangerous position to be in, because my new-found individualism is causing a rift between me and my housemates. Oh well, only a few more months until I graduate and simply become a crotchety old alumnus.





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The Inauguration of David J. Skorton

By Jim Roberts

Fresh start: On a glorious, sunny day in September, David Skorton was inaugurated as Cornell's twelfth president in an Arts Quad ceremony filled with poetry,



Rhapsody in Red

ptimism. Beginning with the decision to hold the installation ceremony outdoors—always risky in Ithaca, even in September—and carrying through to the last note of the concert that capped the proceedings, optimism was the theme of David Skorton's inauguration as the twelfth president of Cornell University.

The announcement of Skorton's appointment in January had helped to change the mood of the Cornell community, swinging the focus away from uncertainty about the past—especially lingering concerns about the resignation of President Jeffrey Lehman '77—and redirecting it toward anticipation of better days. Skorton's earliest statements, including an interview published in the March/April 2006 issue of this magazine, did much to assure Cornellians that our new president has a keen intellect and impressive interpersonal skills. He also made it clear that while he is a man of science who holds a medical degree, he cares deeply about the arts and humanities. That was also evident throughout the inaugural events.

In contrast to Jeff Lehman's inauguration, during which the president-elect traveled to the campuses in Qatar and New York City before the concluding events on the Hill, Skorton's inaugu-

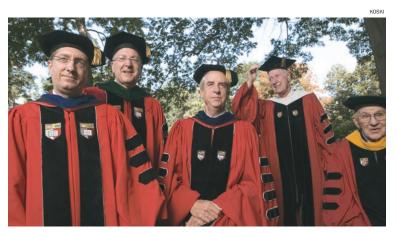


ration focused on Ithaca. It began on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 6, with an academic symposium in Bailey Hall moderated by Provost Biddy Martin. The featured speaker was neoconservative pundit Robert Kagan, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the son of historian Donald Kagan, who taught at Cornell in the Sixties before departing for Yale. The announced theme of the event was "Culture, Identity, Conflict," but Kagan's remarks centered on his assertion that America's tradition of liberalism has been the driving force behind its foreign policy, from the earliest days of the republic until today. His views were strongly disputed by two faculty speakers—Isabel Hull, the Stambaugh Professor of History, and Peter Katzenstein, the Carpenter Professor of International Studies—and there was also a lively question-and-answer session with audience members.

he next day dawned foggy but mild. As the sky cleared, dozens of workers descended on the Arts Quad to make final preparations for the installation ceremony. By 2:40, when the chimes concert began, hundreds of chairs had been arranged before the circular speakers' platform, and an elaborate—though carefully concealed—sound system was operating. The setting, conceived by event planner M. J. Herson '68, used the statue of Ezra Cornell as its focal point, emphasizing the University's history even as high-tech video cameras mounted on booms swung above the onlookers.

Alice Fulton, the Bowers Professor of English, began the proceedings by reading "Triphammer Bridge" by A. R. Ammons, a selection from the small volume of poems, *Like a Fragile Index of the World*, that Fulton had prepared as a keepsake for the inaugural guests. Then the inaugural procession began, with delegates from other colleges and universities, faculty, trustees, and dozens of other robed dignitaries marching from Ho Plaza, past the libraries, and onto the Quad. The processional music was "Automata," written by Cornell graduate student Spencer Topel. A fiercely modern electronic piece, it was a surprising choice (and not universally appreciated), but it clearly set the tone for the ceremony: this wasn't going to be the same old pomp and circumstance.

Leadership: President Skorton (second from left) was honored by the presence of Cornell's four living former presidents (from left): Jeffrey Lehman '77, Hunter Rawlings, Frank Rhodes, and Dale Corson.



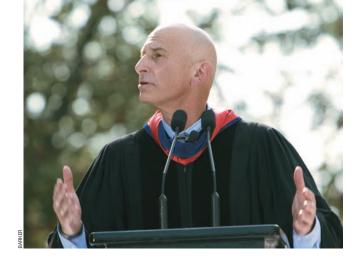


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Before and after: The installation ceremony began with a procession from Ho Plaza (above) and ended with a reception on the Arts Quad that featured Banana Berry Skorton (below), a special ice cream created by the Cornell Dairy.



LINDSAY FRANCE



Center stage: The Inaugural Speaker was David Feldshuh, professor of theatre arts and artistic director of the Schwartz Center. Like President Skorton, he is a physician and a saxophonist.

After welcoming words by Peter Meinig '61, chairman of the Board of Trustees, there were remarks by Antonio Gotto Jr., dean of Weill Cornell Medical College, and Provost Martin. Gotto noted that Skorton is the second physician to become Cornell's president—the first was Livingston Farrand, who served from 1921 to 1937—and predicted that the new administration would forge stronger ties between the Ithaca and New York City cam-

puses. Martin praised the new president's commitment to academic freedom and offered examples of his "wicked sense of humor."

The Inaugural Speaker was David Feldshuh, professor of theatre arts and director of the Schwartz Center. Like Skorton, he is also a physician and a musician. Feldshuh spoke of his introduction to Cornell and his lasting relationship to the University, praising the many ways it has reinforced his own passion for learning. Under Skorton's leadership, he said, he felt sure that Cornell would be "a place of invention and adventure."

Meinig then returned to the dais to formally install the new president. After the presentation of the symbols of authority (see page 112) and a rousing hand from the audience, Skorton began his inaugural address by acknowledging the four former presidents present—Dale Corson, Frank Rhodes, Hunter Rawlings, and Jeff Lehman—as well as his wife, Professor Robin Davisson, and his son, Joshua Skorton, a student at Stanford.

Skorton's address took the form of a poem, using dance as a metaphor for expressing his vision of what Cornell is and could be (see pages 56-60). It was punctuated at three points by

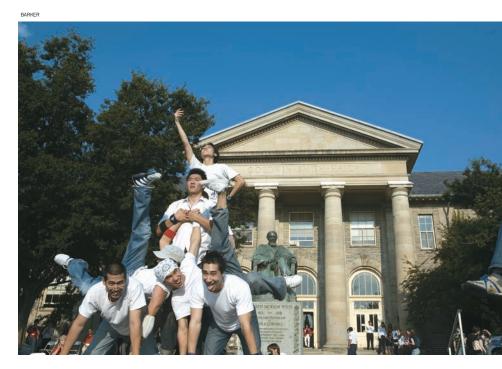
musical selections, reinforcing the new president's stated belief in the importance of the arts. Reflecting on his own role, he said, "What is the president—what role should that person play? The chief, most reliably optimistic functionary—often, as a friend noted, one who is more optimistic than the facts may support."

Near the end of his address, Skorton announced the establishment of the Jeffrey Sean Lehman Fund for Scholarly Exchange with China. He asked Lehman to stand and acknowledge the applause that greeted this announcement, which the former pres-

ident did. While questions persist about Lehman's foreshortened tenure in Day Hall, the creation of this fund—along with Lehman's attendance at the inauguration—seemed to do much to assuage the concerns that have persisted since he stepped down.

After Skorton concluded his address, the audience rose to join the glee club and chorus in singing the alma mater, followed by a recessional played by the Cornell Steel Band. The Arts Quad then became the site of a sprawling reception, with inaugural guests, faculty, and students enjoying performances by musical and dance groups and sampling the fare at an array of food tents. (The Cornell Dairy offered its inaugural creation: Banana Berry Skorton, a chocolate-and-raspberry concoction with strong banana overtones.) Skorton and Davisson—freed of their academic gowns—circulated through the crowd, greeting many well-wishers by name.

Up next for the new president was a celebratory vegetarian dinner in the intimate confines of the Ramin Room in Bartels Hall. After the meal, Skorton was surprised when Davisson produced his flute and urged him to sit in with the Ridgewood Quintet, an undergraduate jazz ensemble. He soloed on flute again at the evening concert in Bailey Hall, where he came onstage to play "My Funny Valentine" (dedicated to his wife) with the Cornell Jazz Ensemble. Skorton then joined the audience to enjoy the per-



Pumped up: The post-inaugural reception on the Arts Quad featured an energetic show by the Absolute Zero break dancers.

formance by Simon Shaheen & Qantara. The choice of Shaheen, a Palestinian-born musician whose work embraces both jazz and traditional Arabic music, emphasized the sort of wide-ranging and inclusive vision of Cornell that is already a hallmark of Skorton's administration. The University is, as he had said that afternoon, "that most improbable and magnificent of compounds."

For more about the inauguration, go to: www.news.cornell.edu/features/inauguration/inauguration.html

Dance

An Inaugural Offering to Cornell University

September 7, 2006

David J. Skorton President, Cornell University

The silent, unknowable rhythm

of possibility

of uncertainty

of doubt

of yearning

of despair

of joy

of predictability

of intention

of realization

of transfer

of reception

of learning

of conception

of attempt

of execution

of the chimes;

- ... of breath passing through lips—in, as the eyes scan screens and pages of Labanotation—out, as the head and arms are held delicately but strongly out, up, at angles never seen—in, and stopped as the mind prepares, waits, signals—and then let out so quickly and joyfully as the step and leap are beginning—now happening, now done;
- ... of the click of the keyboard, causing the electrical signal, causing the word to grow and be realized, the symbols to be born, rearranged, deleted, reborn: the numbers, formulae, words, rhymes, not rhymes, notes scattered across a twelve-tone scale, procedures documented for the drafter's pencil, the planner's screen, the quick, sure, final judgment of the pipette, the silent but powerful flow within the accelerator, the quiet, slow, enthralling reach of the vine, the flower, the newborn pup, the tumor in its sure, precise extrication from the healthy whole;
- \ldots of the soft, wet sweep of the brush through oil onto canvas, through pan onto wall;
- ... of the needle through fabric, subatomic particles through earth, bow along string, finger to skin of drum, lips through conjugation of verb, tongue through sounds, words and syntax pronounced but not yet internalized, of music through mind and heart, of haiku through the morning chill and through the ages;

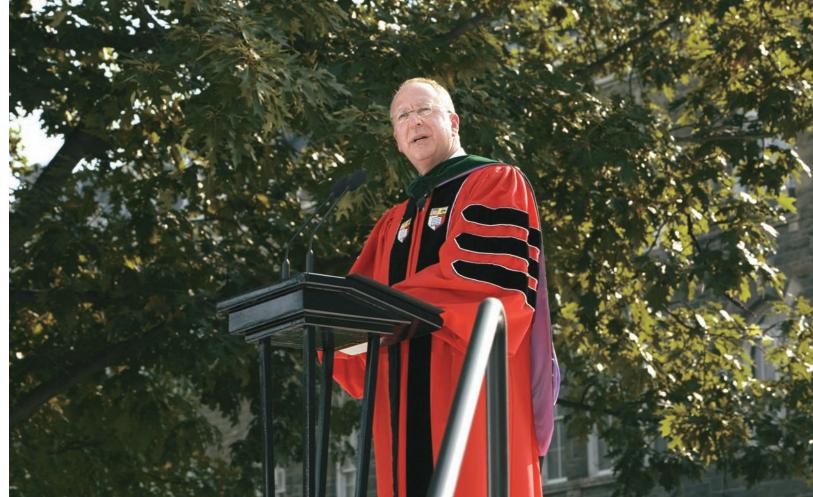
- \dots of the philosopher probing, testing, imagining the argument: modus ponens, modus tollens;
- ... of the Muslim bowed toward Mecca, in silent and spoken reverence of the Holy Qur'an;
- ... of the Jew bowed toward the Torah, in silent and spoken reverence of the ancient word:
- ... of the Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Shinto, American Indian, Sikh, Baha'i; of the secular humanist, bravely defining a righteous path and bravely aspiring to walk along the path with confidence and a steady compass but not or not necessarily with a deity;
- . . . of the noise of the demonstration, of impatience, of profound patience, of a goal in sight, of obstacles in mind, of certainty of purpose;
- ... of return, of evocation of memory and tears at the joining of voices and hearts with the alma mater: "Far Above Cayuga's Waters";
- ... of despair and the end of life: in a bed high above the Upper East Side beneath bright lights and bright sheets; near, quite near to newfound hope and joy at discovery, treatment, and cure;
- ... of problems conceived and solved and then explained;
- ... of first-year students pulled into the heart of the campus, of the family;
- ... of the impoverished child in a rural Upstate school district, hoping for, dependent upon and deserving of the efforts of economic development, of extension, of extending hearts and business plans, and venture capital and the chance of education, no matter the cost;
- ... of steps on dusty road, cobblestone, or pavement in Doha, in Rome, in Arecibo, on Appledore Island, in Geneva, in Beijing, in Albany, in Washington, in New York City, in Singapore, in Upstate counties, towns, cities, schools, vineyards, in Ithaca, in Darfur.

These are the silent, unknowable rhythms of Cornell University. It is a dance, no more, no less, a dance:

... of education and discovery, of serving each other and strongly disagreeing, of "thinking otherwise."

Today, September seventh, two thousand six, on the one hundred thirty-third anniversary of Carl Becker's birth near Waterloo, Iowa, as we near the two hundredth anniversary of Ezra Cornell's birth, as we glimpse the first, hazy outlines of our upcoming sesquicentennial, let us now accept all of the rhythms, music, planning, reconsideration, redrafting, replanning, restarting, and consummation—the dance that is and must be—Cornell.

What is dance?



BARKER

"A series of motions and steps, usually performed to music."

"To move rhythmically usually to music, using prescribed or improvised steps and gestures."

But beyond literal meanings, what are dances?

Symbolic rituals, modes of soulful communication, dance and music connect with our intellectual, subliminal, and spiritual selves. Can the arts and other culture bridge our conflicts, can they help us to know each other in some way, hard to define but undeniably true? Among all the other inquiry, discovery, and creativity in our universities, there is dance, there is music, there is the seed of public culture that transcends the immediate, the routine, that of which we claim to be so sure but from which we are in truth quite disconnected.

In his book *Dance: Rituals of Experience*, Jamake Highwater concludes, "We stand on the horizon of a new century, when dance has achieved an unexpected reunion with the rites of our most ancient ancestry. It has emerged as something ever new and ever old."

What is the relevance of dance to our everyday lives and to our cultural, social, and political milieu? Dance is a primary, not a derivative, expression of our interpersonal aspirations and dreams. As exemplified by the activist dance groups in New York City in the 1920s, '30s, and '40s, documented and interpreted by Ellen Graff in *Stepping Left*, dance has long been an effective political expression. More primal, dance may be viewed as an intimately personal mode of interaction with self and others, based on the most innate and ubiquitous of phenomena: rhythms.

Movement, rhythm, repetition, and predictability, the primeval place of the cycles of our world, of our lives. The mysterious circadian rhythms of our days and nights, the cycles of the cosmos, of the deciduous trees, of our children, our parents, our creativity, our hearts. The science that underlies all of these: this is the stuff of inquiry, done passionately at our dear Cornell. Beyond the science, or perhaps underpinning it in ways not yet clear, are the movement and rhythm of the

poem, the calligraphic journey, the dance, the music written by humans or nature. These rhythms, too, are part of our Cornell.

And the rhythm, the dance must go on . . .

An evening in May, a recital of "early music" at Barnes Hall, a recital for a student about to receive her Doctor of Musical Arts degree. "Early" instruments, too: viol, violone, theorbo, harpsichord. And, even on a rainy, end-of-semester Saturday evening, a small but enthusiastic crowd—lovers of quiet, thoughtful music.

That's the breathtaking symmetry of a university: a few blocks away from the seventeenth-century music is Duffield Hall, a place in which resides twenty-first-century technology and twenty-second-century thinking. All of this seeking, all of this discovery, if you will, under "one roof." Is there any place like a university?

I think not, but how? What are the elements that produce this magic?

Engagement of learners, mostly young, motivated by curiosity and by many things other than curiosity, but highly motivated, particularly here at Cornell;

Scholars of all stripes, attitudes, backgrounds; listeners, talkers, seers, seekers, complainers, calm, terrified, often driven, brilliant, always courageous;

Community people, an essential set of neighbors, colleagues, partners in the town, city, county, and surrounding area;

Merchants, a lifeblood of the community, serving needs, creating opportunities;

Staff employees, scientists, library professionals, custodians, administrators, groundskeepers, planners, secretaries, administrators, carpenters, painters, the human structure that makes all of the education and discovery possible and that reaches out so effectively beyond the campus;

The place, the land, the campus, the topography, the peculiar sky, the same sky gazed at by the newest undergraduate and the grizzled president;

The idea: a concept, sometimes idealized, sometimes quite imprecise and difficult to resolve, the idea of a place of education, discovery, and engagement, a place of dreams, whether those of the parent, the student, the alumna, the alumnus, the trustee, the legislator, the governor, the professor; and

... the most important element: optimism—the belief that there will be a tomorrow and that more will follow and that, somehow, the actions and decisions taken today will affect that tomorrow. Yes, each application by a high school student, each grant application, each fresh, untouched canvas, each blank sheet of music paper, each empty computer screen, each dollar of philanthropic support, each course syllabus—is an act of great and profound optimism. This is, above all, our chief motivator and work product: optimism.



Interlude: President Skorton's inaugural address included performances by Palestinian jazzman Simon Shaheen (above, left) and two other musical groups.

These, then, are the elements. By complex mechanisms, by interactions and catalysis sufficiently obscure to confound even a Cornell chemist, these elements combine to produce that most improbable and magnificent of compounds: Cornell University.

My part in all this? What is the president—what role should that person play?

The chief, most reliably optimistic functionary—often, as a friend noted, one who is more optimistic than the facts may support;

The visionary? More like chief translator and transducer of the faculty's aspirations and vision, of the staff's commitment and creativity, of the students' unceasing and wonderful questioning—a reflection of the university's core. its people.

A translator: someone who bridges different languages, different cultures, sometimes far different perspectives on the same scene. Nowhere is that set of differences more profound and variegated than at a research university at its best, than at Cornell University. An institution whose faculty were so aptly described by Carl Becker as those who "think otherwise." A proud legacy of thinking otherwise within these walls. How fitting to reaffirm the beauty of that marketplace of ideas today, on the anniversary of Carl Becker's birthday. Happy birthday, Carl, and thank you.

The university, a place of differences, of enormous complexity, of traditions deep and proud, of promise. What can one person, what can

I possibly add to this great ship, afloat these 141 years? What can I possibly do to continue and even improve the course of this distinguished, highly valued, prestigious, and bewilderingly complex mix of 21,000 students, 14 colleges, some 10,000 faculty and staff, with footprints in North America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia, this web of dreams and skills and possibilities?

What can I offer? Two things and two things only: a careful listening, translation, and support of the vision of Cornellians, and a re-establishment and strengthening of the optimism that underlies our every action.

But how can one be optimistic in our world? We may speak of multiculturalism, of the marketplace of ideas that is embodied in and by a university, but what can be done to translate that ideal of multiculturalism to a world in which the very differences that we celebrate on a

university campus are often the distinctions that lead to territoriality, resentment, fear, violence, death? Not a new problem, not a new observation, but one that challenges us to find a path, a way toward each other. Is the answer in faith? In a particular view of what may be possible by surrendering to a common belief and a common direction? By surrendering to love?

According to McKenna and Cowan in *Keepers of the Story*, there are repositories of local tradition that may give us ideas, pathways forward. They write, "In every culture, in every geographical place, among every people, there are individuals who are entrusted with the words that belong to that place and group. They hold the heritage, the experiences, and the stories that express who they are and how they stand in the universe. These are the keepers of the Story. Their lives are dedicated to preserving, to keeping true, to guarding and protecting what is not theirs alone, but what has been given into their care by others."

The documentation of these stories and the conclusions and directions that may be derived as well as the constructs, cognitive and philosophical, have been accomplished in myriad ways. These ways responded to the human need for a direction to follow, a context into which to place the bewildering and sometimes painful varying circumstances of life.

To pose the question anew: What manner of paths have been developed to give a notion of deliberateness and of purpose, if not optimism, to life? One common path is that of religion, of belief, of the optimism born of trust and surrender, of belief in love, of a higher purpose and a higher plan.

[Music performed by the combined choirs of Calvary Baptist Church and St. Paul's Methodist Church: "With a Little Love"]

Another path is that of surrender not only to a deity but to an even older tradition, to the long shadow cast by our families who have gone before, the wisdom of those who have learned from joy but also from unspeakable experiences. Those who have learned that life may go one way, or another, but that one must find a way to move forward—even, perhaps, to be happy.

[Music performed by the Cornell Klezmer Ensemble: "Tzi Ozy"]

Yet another path results from the joining of cultures—in musical terms, the fusion—between the hearts of different traditions; in effect, surrendering to the reality that from each tradition, from each ritual, may and must come a fusion of worldviews, a bridge between cultures—an arch—in Arabic, a *qantara*.

[Music performed by Simon Shaheen and colleagues: "Saraab"]

What of those who do not believe, who share the philosophical underpinnings of the major civilizations, but who do not subscribe to a higher power or deity? One representation of this is the secular humanism movement and its seeking to ". . . develop secular and humanistic alternatives to theistic religion," to quote Paul Kurtz. What-

ever one's belief system, the philosophical infrastructure of most societies has as its core the desire to care for one another and to develop a caring community. Can the concept of a mutually caring environment be realized and actualized? A brief perusal of daily headlines casts doubt on the likelihood of this occurring. Yet we in academia, by the nature of our endeavor, are inherently optimistic about our ability to effect a better future.

What is the appropriate perspective of the university? Inward looking? After all, we are a complex, large community of tens of thousands of students, faculty, staff, hundreds of thousands of alumni and alumnae, and millions who depend on our education and discovery, now and in the future, no matter that they have never stepped on the Hill or even heard of our grand institution. At the core of this are the campuses, the very places that comprise Cornell.

But outward, that's where we are surely turned. To the imagination of the high school student, the hopeful parent, the patient, the client, the hungry, the terrified, the poor and the poorer, the refugee, the wounded soldier, the more grievously wounded heart, these, too, are our charges. Do we respond to these needs?

At all universities, we effect change in our world most importantly and most consistently by education of motivated, well-prepared students who will become more critical thinkers and by research and discovery relevant to the science and culture of our world. The chief architects of these contributions? Not presidents but the faculty, staff, and students who comprise the university.

Although all are important, it is the faculty who turn the potential energy of millennia of scholarship and reflection into the kinetic energy of current education and discovery, of research, scholarship, and creative activity. As the dancer turns the potential energy of the choreographer's concept into the kinetic energy of the dance. And make no mistake, the faculty dance is hugely improvisational, not to be constrained, not to be managed, but to be respected, nurtured, supported, and set free. As our own professor of dance Joyce Morgenroth has said in describing the varied approaches of the innovative choreographers interviewed in her book Speaking of Dance: "No philosophy, style, or method unites these choreographers into a common pursuit, except that all are adventurers and visionaries. Their work is as different from each other's as a gurgling stream is from a torrent, as a crossword puzzle is from a poem. Cumulatively they have changed the face of dance precisely because as individuals they have ventured out and invented previously unimagined ways of making and presenting dances."

So might it be said of the physicist, historian, linguist, scholar of gender studies, composer, pediatrician, poet, chemist, mathematician, philosopher, neurosurgeon, economist, molecular biologist, marketing professor, and all of their colleagues. The context of each dance is the same, but the details of each dancer's movements are never the same and never predictable. For it is the unpredictability of dis-

covery and creativity that defines Cornell and that will continue to do so, generation after generation. What a joy, what a privilege, what a dream fulfilled it is to be here among you and to be your colleague—to participate in the choreography.

Of the many humbling aspects of the opportunity to participate in Cornell's leadership, one is surely the legacy of those leaders who have previously served as president. Attention should be paid to their words, in the past, but still timely:

Dale Corson: "Somehow, we must discover new and better ways for more people to live together on earth, to preserve—and to create where they do not now exist—the human values which make life tolerable, to avoid excessive regimentation and at the same time provide adequate privacy and freedom for the individual."

Frank Rhodes: "Unless we honor our national commitment to make higher education attainable by all who can benefit from it, we face the possibility of a nation divided in fundamental ways—by race, ethnic group, educational background, economic achievement, and social commitment. A nation so divided will be unable to serve the great ideals that brought it into existence and unable to realize its hope for the future."

Hunter Rawlings: "Cornell is a place where students are introduced to most everything they're going to meet in global society. It is an intellectual place, a cultural place, a social place, an entrepreneurial place. It is a place that brings together the young and the old. It is a place committed to the advancement of both scientific thought and humane values. It is a place of religious breadth, of racial and ethnic diversity, of academic endeavors that embrace the whole of human thought. It is the most vibrant and most complex of American institutions."

Jeff Lehman: "We must recruit and enroll the most talented students in the world. We must expose others around the world to the research and teaching of Cornell faculty. We must have outstanding faculty who study the histories, cultures, politics, and economies of every part of the world. Our curriculum must be rich with offerings about foreign languages and cultures as well as the many languages and cultures that are found within our nation. We must continue to expand our presence around the globe."

How better to lead the future of Cornell than to honor its past, to ensure the continuity of its leaders' visions? For this reason, it is an honor and pleasure today for Provost Martin, the Board of Trustees,



Stepping out: The Cornell Bhangra dance group showcased their fancy footwork during the reception on the Arts Quad.

and me to announce the establishment of the Jeffrey Sean Lehman Fund for Scholarly Exchange with China. This faculty and graduate student exchange program will fund several projects per year involving substantive interaction between Cornell and the finest higher education institutions in China. It is an honor to so recognize my colleague, friend, and predecessor, Jeff Lehman.

Now, looking forward, and particularly to this academic year, I respectfully ask the campus community to join me in conceiving and notating the choreography that will frame the future of our university. Throughout this year, I will explore with you, the faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, critics, and neighbors of Cornell, how best to express, through our individual and collective movements, the University's commitment to five basic propositions:

1. To continue and accelerate the transformation of the undergraduate experience at Cornell, to achieve our goal of making Cornell the finest research university and provider of undergraduate education in the world.

The goal is a worthy one, the steps taken already including decades of clear focus on undergraduate education, even within the most robust and comprehensive of research programs, conducted by enormously talented faculty engaging in research, scholarship, and creative activity. The creation of the North Campus Residential Initiative, further progress on the West Campus, all are clearly in the right direction. But now, what specific steps should be taken to more meaningfully integrate the research and creative focus of the University into the undergraduate curriculum? Should we mandate a research or creative experience for every undergraduate, no matter their major? Should funds be raised aggressively solely to support those undergraduates who do seek a research experience? And what of our commitment to diversity within our student body? How can we further improve the climate of our campus so that all will feel fully a part of the Cornell family?

2. To optimize the environment for our staff.

The talented non-faculty staff of the university are not only supportive of the faculty's endeavors, but represent the university in many critical endeavors. Whether in administration, extension, research, teaching or many other areas of our academic and programmatic lives, the staff is critical to the university's foundation. Are we doing what is needed to become the employer we aspire to be? Do our administrative procedures result in fair treatment of all employees, including recognition and rewards, professional development and work/life balance? Do we respond appropriately to the needs of dual-career couples? Does our campus climate support employee diversity? Are our employees' voices clearly heard in the dialogue creating the future of Cornell?

3. To draw the disparate geography of Cornell's several campuses into one community—in essence, one campus.

Cornell is indisputably one of the most distinguished institutions of education, discovery, and service in the world. Yet, further improvement and innovation will undoubtedly occur in part at the intersections of disciplines, curricula, colleges, and campuses. Even if a current academic cliché, nonetheless, interdisciplinarity is one of the paths toward the future of critical thought in every discipline. Surely not the only path, but one important one. If we accept this premise, then it follows that more must be done to meaningfully integrate activities of the superb Weill Medical College of Cornell University and its campus in Qatar with the truly outstanding sciences on the Ithaca campus; those of the forward-looking activities of our Geneva campus with those in Ithaca and New York City.

And many other examples might be drawn. Are we putting up or tolerating needless administrative barriers to integration of the campuses? Is a Cornell student an enrollee of a comprehensive university or of a single college? Do our policies and procedures support or inhibit the potential to bring Cornell's many and various strengths together for an even more distinguished future? In the current, difficult funding environment for the sciences, further advancement and true distinction in the near term likely will occur not by growth in the national investment in research and development but by our achieving a greater competitiveness—if you will, a larger market share of those funds. While we do all within our power to effect a sustained increase in the federal investment in science, are we organized at Cornell, managed and led so as to permit our talented faculty to realize the best outcome of its efforts?

4. To appropriately support the arts, humanities, and social sciences on our campuses.

From afar and from within, Cornell's physical and life sciences are superb, universally recognized to be among the best in the nation and the world. Our stated initiatives should and do follow this distinction as do our fundraising goals and capital projects.

But what of the arts, humanities, and social sciences? From afar and within, these disciplines also show present distinction and the prospect of greater growth and improvement. Are we thinking broadly and specifically enough about the future of these disciplines? What strategies might be used to replace those distinguished colleagues likely to retire in the next ten to fifteen years?

In the last several years, enormous effort has been expended to enhance the social sciences, deciding upon key investments and soliciting faculty input regarding needed infrastructure. Are we now moving quickly and decisively to implement plans and generate appropriate funding? Do our aspirations include the value of the disciplines in the arts, humanities, and social sciences as important in their own right?

It is another cliché to say that no institution can be all things to all people, but, if there was ever an institution that continually strives to offer "any person . . . any study," it is Cornell and these offerings and distinction must include and emphasize not only the sciences, but the arts, humanities, and social sciences. These disciplines need greater visibility at the highest levels of the University and, as in all other areas of our institution, they need focus and support.

5. Last and most important from a global perspective: How can Cornell draw inspiration and resolve from its land-grant mission to use its enormous and varied resources and talents to positively impact the world outside our gates?

The academic life of Cornell, as in the case of all institutions of higher education of which I am aware, is largely an inward-looking life. Great attention and effort are required to maintain such broad and deep distinction. Nonetheless, we are most actualized as a faculty, staff, and student body when our efforts affect those beyond our boundaries. Whether the focus is on diversity and the campus climate or on Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York State, the United States, or the global community, Cornell must look ever outward, ever more broadly. Are we the neighbors we must be to those in our region of Upstate New York? Are our myriad resources arrayed appropriately among internal and external opportunities and demands? How can we do our part to improve the environment for K-12 education in our region and elsewhere? How can we be more effective participants in the economic health of our community and region?

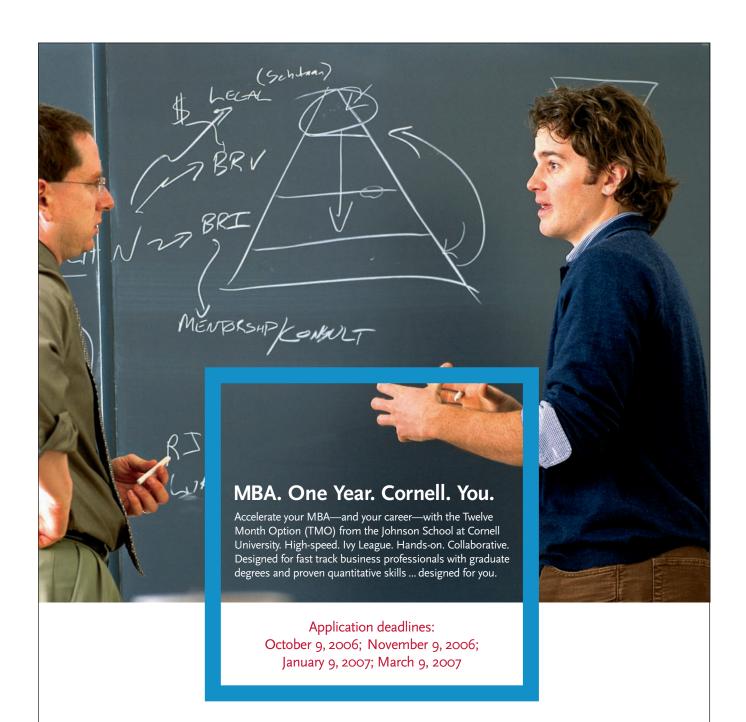
How can the expertise and heart of Cornell be felt in the inner cities of our country and in Darfur? Recently I announced the divestment of Cornell resources in oil companies operating in the Sudan. But as pointed out by wise colleagues in our Board of Trustees and elsewhere, divestment is not enough; Provost Martin and I are pursuing other avenues where Cornell can be a positive force in that and other troubled parts of our world. In the coming months, we will continue to seek the good counsel of our faculty, staff, and students as to ways by which the Cornell community can effectively educate itself about this and other areas of Africa; sponsor serious discussions to include Sudanese academics and other knowledgeable colleagues; and contribute, within our capabilities as an educational institution, to the improvement of the educational and related environment in that country. This is a continuation of decades of carefully planned uses of Cornell resources to work with colleagues and neighbors in developing countries to raise the human capital of their societies.

Dance is a primary, not a derivative, expression of our interpersonal aspirations and dreams. Where is the end of the dance? Need it ever end?

As we work together to create a rhythm of optimism to catch us in our personal and institutional moments of doubt; as we explore ways to calibrate the various cadences that together guide the pace of our movement into the future, we must set our collective vision such that there will never be a boundary to where our imagination may wander, nor artificial limits to what we might accomplish.

One alone, a dyad, more, many, a society of dancers are we.



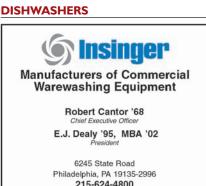




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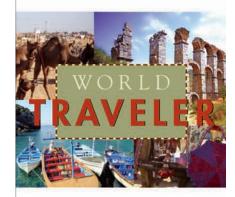
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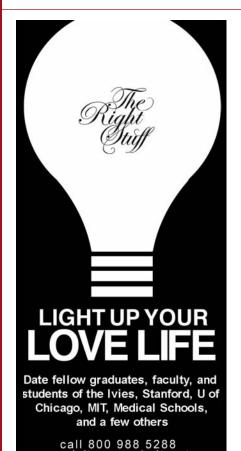
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The Help Line

How one Cornell Club finds—and keeps—its alumni volunteers

By Chuck Schilke, JD '88

unter Rawlings often says, "Alumni are Cornell's secret weapon." But what is the secret to finding alumni volunteers and launching them on a lifelong volunteer trajectory? The experience of the Cornell Club of Washington (CCW) offers some key insights on recruiting volunteers, both one at a time and as a whole slate to fill its board each year.

Big Red Readiness: Finding Individual Volunteers

Mel Zurn '93, one of CCW's vice presidents for membership, tells a story of how the club captured the enthusiasm of one new volunteer. Because last year's phonathon was held in an office building after hours, a security guard had the alumni volunteers congregate in the lobby while waiting for everybody to arrive. "We had a nice animated group milling around and chatting," Zurn says. A fellow leaving work overheard a comment and asked if there was a Cornell event going on. When he was told CCW was holding the phonathon in the building, he said, "I'm a Cornellian—could you use some more help?"

"He turned around," Zurn says, "went back upstairs with our group, and generously donated a few hours dialing for Cornell scholarship dollars."

Finding great volunteers is not always that easy. But this tale illustrates three key principles about successful recruiting: be visible, be ready with volunteer positions, and be immediate.

Being visible means that an alumni organization should call for volunteers

frequently via a variety of media in a friendly, straightforward manner. For example, CCW often advertises specific volunteer needs in its newsletter, with surprisingly good results. Clubs can also get the word out at events. At Zinck's Night, younger club leaders talk to young alumni about volunteering while they wait in line at check-in. Visibility helps to educate alumni about Cornell's volunteer needs, as well as about the sheer fun and personal and professional benefits of volunteering.

Being ready with volunteer positions is absolutely crucial. Nothing frustrates a volunteer more than being willing to donate time but not having a clear role to fulfill. The wise alumni leader always has five or ten unfinished tasks in mind. When she meets potential volunteers, she's ready to steer them into a role suited to their skills and the organization's needs.

Being immediate is closely related. Big Red alumni are busy people making the many contributions to society that Cornell taught them to make. An alum who feels inspired to volunteer now may have other obligations that preclude volunteering in a week or a month. As soon as an alum expresses an interest in volunteering, do everything possible to engage him or her on the spot.

The Role of the Nominating Committee: Finding Unity in Diversity

An active nominating committee is essential to the long-term volunteer health of any Cornell alumni group. Serving on such a committee is itself a voluntary activity—you're volunteering to find volunteers. While the size, tasks, and formality of a nominating committee will vary with the specific alumni unit, having such a committee is vital to eliciting the collective wisdom of volunteer leaders about the interests, skills, and commitments of a broad swath of the relevant alumni group.

A Balanced Committee for a Balanced Slate

To the greatest extent possible, the nominating committee should reflect the diversity that is Cornell-and seek that diversity for the board itself. Diversity includes age. On both the committee and the board, senior alumni contribute institutional history and long-term personal knowledge, while younger alums have recent experience of what is happening on campus and often have friends who make the most enthusiastic and creative young alumni volunteers. For a regional club like CCW, representatives of different colleges and affinity groups insure that all alumni constituencies have a stake in selecting the slate; that makes the process inclusive and also tends to increase membership. Moreover, a diversity of backgrounds gives the alumni unit a broad range of skills that will enable it to make the most of opportunities and handle virtually any problem that may arise.

Start Early. A core principle in managing volunteers is to allow a long lead time. CCW generally starts its nominating process in January, building in four

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CC/Rochester, Nov. 27—WXXI-TV Phonathon, Rochester. Contact Karen Bronson Clark, kjbclark@juno.com, 585/425-9469.

CWC/Cortland County, Nov. 28—"Early Irish in Cortland County," with Mary Anne Kane, Cortland County Historical Society director, home of Marie Spollen, Homer. Contact Marie Spollen, 607/749-4981.

CC/Rochester, Dec. 10-16—Holiday basket project. Contact Ross Lanzafame, rlanzafame@hselaw.com, 585/231-1203.

CWC/Syracuse, Dec. 11—Cookie exchange and CAAAN update. Contact Barbara Richardson, bhrejr2@msn.com, 315/656-3480.

CAA/Ithaca, Jan. 6—Men's hockey vs. Sacred Heart, preceded by dinner with a faculty speaker. Contact Tracey Austin, tracey, austin@verizonwireless.com, 607/227-3000.

CAA/Central New York, Jan. 6—Men's hockey vs. Sacred Heart. Contact Jim Hyla, jfh24@cornell.edu, 315/446-8550.

CAA/Central New York, Jan. 11—CAAAN reception for Cornell applicants, Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church, Syracuse. Contact Jim Miller, jgm27@cornell.edu, 315/422-4818.

CC/Rochester, Jan. 13—Founder's Day lunch. Contact Gilbert Chan, gac2@cornell.edu, 585/272-0734.

Metro/New York

CAA/Princeton, Nov. 17—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Pam Supinski, EPLM@aol.com, 609/799-6384.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Nov. 17—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Wil Andersen, wha2@cornell.edu, 908/642-4682.

CC/Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Nov. 17—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Rich Lau, 973/243-1189.

CC/Fairfield County, Nov. 18—Men's hockey vs. Quinnipiac. Contact Bill Gratz, wfgratz@optonline.net, 203/459-9923.

CC/Long Island, Nov. 19—*Great Gatsby* theme party. Contact Nancy Hollinshead, njmhm@optonline.net.

CC/Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Dec. 1—Members party, home of Shari and Eric Kates, Colts Neck. Contact Lynne Shapiro Smith, 732/671-7812.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Dec. 3—"Coke vs. Pepsi?" with Debra Perosio, extension agent, on the proliferation of supermarket store brands, Taylor Park, Millburn. Contact Alan Fisher, acf9@cornell.edu, 908/218-7046.

CC/New York, Dec. 6—Business breakfast roundtable. Contact Kerry Strassel, k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com, 212/692-1381.

CAA/Westchester, Dec. 8—Second Friday Lunch Club, Valhalla Crossing. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol. com, 914/ 478-5842, or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

CC/Long Island, Dec. 10–Big Red Bear Hug party, to benefit Nassau County Medical Center. Contact Joan Husserl. 516/826-3316.

CC/New York, Dec. 11—"Postcards from Mars: Spirit and Opportunity Roam the Red Planet," with Jim Bell, astronomy professor. Optional dinner to follow. Contact Kerry Strassel, k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com, 212/692-1381.

CAA/Princeton, Dec. 12—"Postcards from Mars: Spirit and Opportunity Roam the Red Planet," with Jim Bell, astronomy professor. Contact Henry Primas, hprimas@nih.gov.

CC/Rockland County, Jan. 6—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Dana Stangel-Plowe, dstangelplowe@yahoo.com, 845/639-3277

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CC/Boston, Nov. 19—Bus trip to Ithaca for prospective students. Contact Jeff Lee, JCL48@cornell.edu.

CC/Berkshires, Dec. 3—Freshman reading project potluck. Contact Hilda Levine, hildaandmarty@aol.com, 413/644-9605.

CC/Vermont, Dec. 5–Open board meeting, home of Walt Bruska, Shelburne. Contact Walter Bruska, waltb@ surfglobal.net, 802/985-4121.

CC/Rhode Island and Bristol County, MA, Dec. 7—Bring-a-Bear dinner, to benefit Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence. Contact cornellclubri@gmail.com.

CC/Cape Cod, Dec. 13—Holiday dinner, Captain Linnell House, Orleans. Contact Art or Georgia Gast, a.f.gast@adelphia.net, 508/888-1836.

CC/Coastal Cornellians, Dec. 15—Holiday party, home of Myron and Barbara Stacks, Old Saybrook. Contact Myron Stacks, mstacks@aol.com.

Regional Office, Jan. 9—Alumnae dinner, the Fireplace, Brookline. Contact Nancy Fisher, fishernancy5@aol.com, 617/739-6382.

Middle Atlantic

CC/Delaware, Nov. 17—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Walter Wujcik, wujcikwalt@aol.com, 610/431-1101.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 17—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Hillel Hoffmann, hjh@temple.edu.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 19–The 12th Man event. Contact Brian Ruhl, brianjruhl@yahoo.com, 215/884-6922.

CC/Washington, Nov. 28—Tour of Smithsonian American

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CC/Washington, Nov. 29—Annual Fund Phonathon. Contact Lauren Hall, ccwprogramming@yahoo.com.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 3—Yuletide feast and tour, Longwood Gardens. Contact Bill Casswell, whc5@ cornell.edu.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 6—Annual Fund Phonathon, Middle Atlantic Regional Office, Eagle. Contact Judy Raichek, jraichek@comcast.net.

CC/Delaware, Dec. 6—Annual Fund Phonathon, Middle Atlantic Regional Office, Eagle. Contact Carolyn Casswell, cdd22@cornell.edu, 610/458-1846.

CC/Washington, Dec. 8—Ivy Singles Social Club, holiday happy hour. Contact Margaret New, Margaret@Middleburg Group.com.

CC/Lancaster, Jan. 6—Prospective student brunch, Continental Inn, Lancaster. Contact Rodney Gleiberman, thescrod@continentalinn.com, 717/299-0421.

Midwest

CC/Minnesota, Nov. 21—Reading group: *I'll Take You There* by Joyce Carol Oates, Caffe Con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Phyllis Richardson, pdr8@cornell.edu.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, Dec. 1—Seasonal wine tasting, Miller Art Gallery, Cincinnati. Contact Justin Stone, 607/316-1584.

CC/Nebraska, Dec. 7—Ivy League cocktail reception, Hilton Omaha. Contact Alexandra Charpentier, Alexandra_charpentier@vahoo.com.

CC/Minnesota, Dec. 19—Reading group: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond, Caffe Con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Phyllis Richardson, pdr8@cornell.edu.

CC/Nebraska, Jan. 4—Student-alumni reception. Contact Stephen Becerra, arreceb@aol.com.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Jan. 6—Cornell Cares Day, to benefit Cleveland Food Bank. Contact Jim Balazs, jabalazs@ netzero.net.

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CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Dec. 3—Champagne brunch, Sarasota Yacht Club. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@ earthlink.net, 941/366-3125.

CC/Suncoast, Dec. 10—Holiday party, Belleair Country Club. Contact Stephan Keller, 727/518-7111.

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CAA/Southwest Florida, Dec. 14—Thursday Lunch Club, Audubon Country Club. Contact Mary LeDuc, mleduc@cl-law.com, 239/649-3110.

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CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Jan. 11—Luncheon, with Ross Brann, professor of Judeo-Islamic studies, Michael's. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net, 941/366-3125.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Jan. 12-Glee Club. Contact Don Feiman, dfeiman@earthlink.net, 239/566-2479.

CC/Emerald Coast, Jan. 12-Board of directors meeting, First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola. Contact Donald Gaertner, 850/494-0911.

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Southwest/Mountain

CC/Austin, Nov. 18-Walk for Diabetes, Fiesta Gardens. Contact David Harap, d.harap@stantonchase.com, 512/ 750-3587.

CAA/Greater Houston, Nov. 30-Tour of animal-themed exhibits, with Doug Antczak, professor of equine medicine, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Contact Jacqueline Forster, iacquelineforster@hotmail.com, 832/326-5385.

CAA/North Texas, Dec. 3-Voices of Change new music ensemble. Contact Theresa Flores, taf6@cornell.edu.

CAA/Greater Houston, Dec. 12-Holiday party, Dave and Buster's. Contact Dave Gilkeson, gilkeson@swbell.net.

Hotel School/Arizona, Dec. 14-Holiday party, home of Keith and Jody Underwood. Contact Keith Underwood, kunderwood@estanciaclub.com, 480/443-3794.

CAA/North Texas, Jan. 6-Cornell Cares Day. Contact Ib Stanley-Ikhilioju, ins3@cornell.edu.

CC/Oklahoma, Jan. 6-Cornell Cares Day. Contact Miranda Pugh, mpugh@y-me.org, 918/695-2921.

CAA/North Texas. Jan. 7-Alumnae iunior-senior women's tea. Contact Stephanie Fox, ssk20@cornell.edu, or Lynne Goldsmith, lyndygold@aol.com.

CAA/Greater Houston, Jan. 7-Cornell Cares Day, to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Contact Jack Mackie, i.mackieiii@worldnet.att.net. 281/496-1806

CC/Oklahoma, Jan. 11-Reception for alumni, current and prospective students, and parents, home of Ellen and Stephen Adelson, Tulsa. Contact Cindy, 918/749-4624.

Western

CAA/Orange County, Nov. 15-Business luncheon, Center Club, Costa Mesa. Contact Georgia Messemer, georgia@ mergonmarketing.com, 949/854-1251.

CC/Arizona, Nov. 16-"Fighting with Dragons? The Deadly Risks of Learning Latin in the Middle Ages," with alumnus Asa Simon Mittman, art history lecturer at ASU. Contact Chris Marchell, christine_marchell@ml.com, 480/837-0103.

CC/Los Angeles, Nov. 18-Scholarship dinner, home of Curtis and Pamela Reis. Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu.

CC/Los Angeles, Nov. 18-Scholarship dinner, home of Richard Stearns and Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns. Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu.

CAA/Northern California, Nov. 19-San Francisco 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks. Contact Alex Barna, abarna@ mail.arc.nasa.gov.

CC/Arizona, Dec. 10-Holiday party. Contact Chris Marchell, christine marchell@ml.com.

CC/Southern Arizona, Dec. 10-Holiday party. Contact Jeffrey Manning, jeffreycmanning@aol.com, 520/546-9427.

International

CC/London, Nov. 25-Thanksgiving dinner. Contact Natalie Teich, nmt4@cornell.edu.

Hotel School/Japan, Dec. 3-American holiday dinner, Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan. Contact Satoko Ban, hisyog@greenhouse.co.jp.

At Your Service



Albert Bean Jr. '43



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Thomas Clark '63, MBA '64







Penny Skitol Haitkin '65

Jay Hyman '55, DVM '57





Benson Lee '63, BEE '64



Jane Knauss Stevens '45, MRA '48

universities in many ways. Perhaps none is more significant than its alumni's dedication and commitment. Alumni play an invaluable role in the life of the University. They lend expertise to advisory councils and regional clubs, plan reunions, execute special events throughout the community, and help recruit prospective students. The unending enthusiasm and energy of Cornellians around the globe keep all of these activities alive and invigorated.

To recognize this outstanding service, the Cornell Alumni Federation (CAF) annually presents the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards. This year, seven devoted alumni who have unselfishly shared their time and talents over the years were honored with the award a Steuben crystal cube set on an engraved base-during Homecoming Weekend in Ithaca.

"Rhodes Award recipients are noteworthy for their long-term service to Cornell, taking leadership roles in a wide variety of alumni activities," notes CAF president Rolf Frantz '66. ME '67. "This year's honorees have clearly demonstrated their loyalty to, and love for, Cornell through their many and varied commitments."

The 2006 award winners are: Albert Bean Jr. '43 of Kansas City, Missouri; Nancy Williams Clark '62, MEd '64, and J. Thomas Clark '63, MBA '64, of Old Chatham, New York; Penny Skitol Haitkin '65 of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; Jay Hyman '55, DVM '57, of Delray Beach, Florida; Benson Lee '63, BEE '64, of Bratenahl, Ohio: and Jane Knauss Stevens '45, MBA '48, of Pittsford, New York.

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months to complete the slate by May. Selecting and assembling the nominating committee itself requires significant time. Telephoning potential volunteers and sounding them out about their interest in specific board positions takes longer than might be imagined. For the most important offices—president, first vice president, and programming vice presidentone or more members of the nominating committee should meet in person with prospective volunteers to convey the commitment expected, to learn in detail about the volunteers' interests and strengths, and to reassure these top candidates that other volunteers in the organization and the professionals at Alumni House and in the Regional Office will give them all possible support.

CCW presents its board slate for the next year at its annual dinner in May. Those present vote to approve the slate, generally by acclamation. In keeping with the principles above, this traditional exercise is useful in making the volunteer leadership visible to the general Cornell alumni population in an immediate way. By letting everyone readily know about CCW's volunteer positions, announcing the slate at the dinner is a big help in finding board members and individual volunteers in future years.

Finally, some regular event like the CCW annual dinner, at which volunteers are recognized and celebrated, is central to mobilizing volunteers and honoring the efforts they are making for Cornell. As serial volunteer Bob Day '56 says, the cardinal rule of volunteer recruitment is this: "No work party without a real party."

Chuck Schilke was president of the Cornell Club of Washington from 2001 to 2003.

Class Notes

In the absence of any fresh news, the following notes are gleaned from responses to inquiries about the intentions of '31ders to return for last June's 75th Reunion. Ralph Carpenter (Ralph E. Jr., 30 Atlantic Ave., Newport, RI 02840-3100) is working on a book on the history of the city of Newport. I understand he has long been involved in the preservation of the historic grand "cottages" in the town. He said that there "was only a 5 percent chance that he could get back to Reunion. That evidently dwindled down to zero by June. Veasey B. Cullen (26348 Arcadia Shores Cir., Easton, MD 21601-7920) was reported to be unable to talk on the phone. A "caregiver" said there was no chance that he could come. (Sadly, there were all too may responses like this.)

From Jim Knipe (James R., 728 Norristown Rd., Apt. D203, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002): "Have had heart problems. Still walking around. Certainly not as strong as I used to be, but hope to see all of you June 8, 2006." In a spring followup phone conversation, Jim still expected to come to our 75th, but still later he decided it was more than he should undertake (not an intentional pun!), and he had to cancel. Gene Maiorana (Eugene E., 15029 16th Rd., 2nd Fl., Whitestone, NY 13050-3117): "Had a heart attack and was in the hospital for an extended period. Have to be careful. Everything in moderation. Will not be able to come to Reunion." (That makes two that were counted on!) Bill Neckerman (William M., 1310 Fifth Ave., Apt. 506, Youngstown, OH 44504): "I moved into a Presbyterian retirement home in 1996. I get excellent care and am kept busy with exercise classes and entertainment programs. Unfortunately, I am unable to travel, so I cannot make the reunion."

Hurray for Rosemary Hunt Todd (200 Alliance Way, Unit 239C, Manchester, NH 03102)! She was one of the five who came to Reunionwith her daughter Sally Solmssen of Summit, NJ. Earlier she had written, "Have an attractive apartment for independent living near one of my daughters. My family gets me from summer spots on Lake Michigan to Chicago to Martha's Vineyard. I now have 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren." Bill Vogel (William H. Jr., 1361 E. Boot Rd., Apt. 111, West Chester, PA 19380) sent me some pictures of himself and two of his WWII "buddies" at a recent reunion. The snapshot of himself shows a 2004 Bill Vogel in his own 1940s dress blue uniform! (Can anyone else make that boast?) In response to my request, Bill sent me a quite lengthy account of his wartime service. I carefully filed it away for this occasion—so carefully that I can't find it right now! However, the essence of his tale was

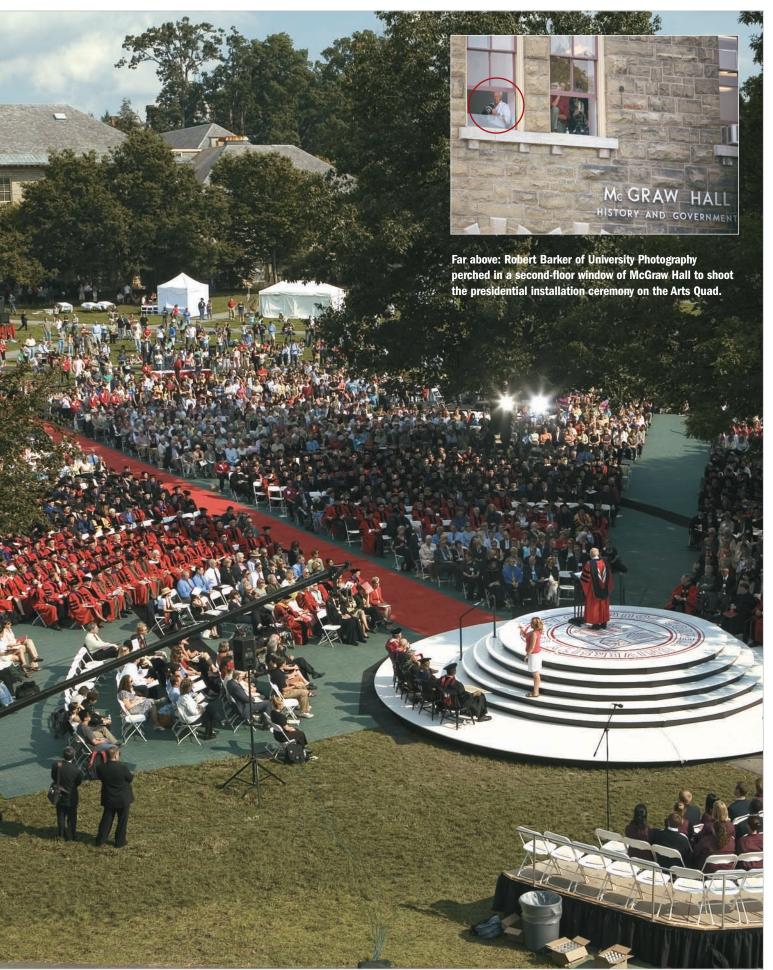
that he was drawn in very early—in 1941— and sent to Iceland, where he spent a long stretch operating one of the very first, newly invented radar units, watching out for German attacks on shipping in the Atlantic, or fearfully on the mainland US. He named one of the positions for the equipment "Camp Cornell." Bill is another of the regulars who was a "definite" for our 75th, but had to cancel at the last minute.

Larry Waitz, DVM '31 (Dr. Lawrence T., 4595 Skunk Lane, Cutchogue, NY 11935): "I can no longer travel because of age (95) and the usual ailments—hearing loss, blood pressure, loss of eyesight in one eye, prostate, etc. etc. I am very fortunate to have no pain and be able to walk around my home and yard. I was an avid sailor for 50 years, both cruising and racing. I have been retired for many years. I took up painting in 1967 and have had many shows and sold many paintings. I believe I am the last surviving veterinarian of the Class of 1931." Reta Maybury Waln (Mrs. James A., 1900 Lauderdale Dr., #D108, Richmond, VA 23233-3942): "I am 99 years old. I am in very good health and still very active. I live independently in a Richmond Baptist lifecare home—a truly wonderful place. Here we have excellent care from the staff and the residents are Main St., Apt. 250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; e-mail, ggrampi@yahoo.com; tel., (508) 760-4250.

Shortly after settling into a job during the summer of 1932 I was told that a group of Cornell alumni met for lunch every Friday at a round table in the Buffalo Athletic Club. Although most of the regular attendees were far older than I, it was my good fortune to make many enduring friendships. One who remains vivid in my memory was H. Halsey Miller'11. In the course of time I learned that Halsey's father, William H. Miller 1889, despite never finding time to finish his studies at Cornell, designed many structures on the campus and elsewhere in Ithaca. Among them is the Andrew D. White mansion. If you have not been back to the campus in a long time, you will be delighted to see how extensive rehabilitation and restoration have brought the old lady back to life.

Morris Bishop '14, PhD '26's A History of Cornell tells how "Jennie McGraw, wealthy and idle, decided to build a great house" and W. H. Miller drew plans for a Gothic pile cunningly adapted to modern use. The site chosen was a fine one situated between University Avenue and Fall Creek, and the house was apparently intended to be the flagship of Ithaca dwellings. Jennie did not live long enough to enjoy its elegance, so the mansion came down and the land was acquired by Chi





Psi. Bishop's ever-present wit shows through in the following quote: "Jennie went to Europe and bought furnishings and works of art, noteworthily (for \$4,000) Randolph Roger's sculpture 'The Pleiad Missing from the Sky' which is now in the Art Institute of Chicago (in the cellar, I suspect)." As to William H. Miller, he had a tremendous impact on the campus, as evidenced by Barnes Hall, Boardman, Lincoln, Stimson, Morse, the Library, and others. Before I leave the subject of buildings I must note an observation Hiram Corson made about Goldwin Smith Hall. He called it "a Greek temple with bungalow trimmings."

must have many reminiscences that would be great to share. We would welcome them.

We have received from the *Buffalo News* the obituary of **Marjorie Block** Friedman, who passed away July 11, 2006. Described by family members as a "word freak," Marjorie was editor for ten years of the *Enigma*, a national magazine devoted to esoteric word puzzles. One of her three daughters, Kitty Goodman, said she was a sports fanatic who never missed "Jeopardy" or "Wheel of Fortune" and read the *New Yorker* faithfully for 65 years. Her volunteer activities included tutoring immigrants in English and working with Planned Parenthood.

Gloria Brown Mithers is "still enjoying life in the slow lane."

SHIRLEY RICHARDS SARGENT DARMER '41

Another senior friend and Buffalonian was Charles K. Bassett '14, who made a significant contribution to the pleasure of being on the Cornell campus, although Charlie's gift arrived too late for us who left in 1932. The original gift of Jennie McGraw consisted of nine bells. The two additional bells, a D-Sharp and an F-Sharp, I am told by people who know more about music than I, increase the tonal range of the chimes. Since then I believe there have been other additions. President White is said to have been impressed by some "changes" he heard one Christmas Eve in London and ordered that the "changes" open each day's activities on campus. I believe they still do.

Discussions on all sorts of topics livened the Friday luncheons and on one occasion it turned to an article in Life magazine that purported to investigate the question of whether it was actually possible to throw a curve ball. There were even stopaction photos, which were apparently intended to establish something or other . . . I can't remember what. One regular with much seniority was Harry Harding, PhD 1910. Sometimes called "Judge" or "Commissioner," I think that Harry held some sort of judicial position, but in any case he was much respected. As the discussion became unpleasantly heated, Harry brought it to an end with the announcement, "This is nonsense. I THREW curves." * Jim W. Oppenheimer, 140 Chapin Pky., Buffalo, NY 14209; tel., (716) 886-1314.

Dear Classmates: I apologize again for missing a recent column because of a lack of news. Hopefully, my fresh supply will last through the year. I don't know that it was missed because the only person who showed concern was a friend from the Class of 1936!

Jack Todd (Blackburn Rd., RD #4, Sewickley, PA 15143) writes that he retired in 1975 and has six grandchildren and seven greats. You will recall that Jack was a longtime president of the Men's Class of 1935 (1937-1955?), following the untimely death of Bill Foote, who was elected president during our senior year. Jack, please let me know if the years I show are not correct. You

Elizabeth Williams Stavely (10961 Gurley Lane, Mendocino, CA 95460) writes that she enjoyed our 70th Reunion very much. She says she has become much more lame than when she was in Ithaca, causing her to cut down on her activities except for bridge. She blames the wet Northern California for the problem. Esther Major Batchelder (555 N. Broad St., Apt. 604B, Doylestown, PA 18901) says she is enjoying senior apartment housing after years of caring for a house and acreage. Her attention is now on her family, particularly her five great-grandchildren in London and Virginia. She has recently visited London, Scotland, and San Francisco. Gaert Gudernatch, MD '39 (17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT 06068) was honored by the Town of Sharon with his picture on the cover of its 2005 Annual Report. He is now partially disabled and housebound, but is taking some interesting history courses.

As I write, the summer here has reached its wonderful phase, so I will wish all of you the best and hope you will send me your news. **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

"I'm gardening my extensive layout here in Sequim," writes Walter Tatum (Sequim, WA; walterbertha@ peoplepc.com). And that's not all. "I also play pool in my rec room, work crossword puzzles, and attend family functions, as well as participate in Rotary Club and do art work. Sold all our property in California to come live in Sequim. I am also class director for the Hotel school for '34, '36, and '38. I'd fish for salmon, but the weather is too hard on us seniors in winter." Walter's favorite Cornell memory is the time he competed in the 100-yard dash against Jesse Owens in the Penn Relays. Jesse, of course, won the Olympic 100 and 200 in 1936.

William Smith II (Big Flats, NY) was inducted into the Steuben County Hall of Fame on April 22. He got the nickname "Cadillac" Smith 40 years ago when he was given money by the federal government to plow under part of his corn crop

and used it to buy a new Cadillac and drive it to Washington, DC, to criticize government waste. Elected to the NYS Senate in 1961, he served as Deputy Majority Leader for ten years. In 1981, he helped write the state's Stop DWI program.

Class co-presidents William and Elsie Harrington Doolittle (Glastonbury, CT) wrote last spring. Elsie volunteers at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art and keeps ahead of the housework. She says Bill's present day job is a "secret." "After-hours" activities for both of them are numerous and varied. In addition, Bill is learning billiards at the town's new community center, and they both help get out the class News and Dues letter.

Arch Petty sent the most recent correspondence. When he wrote in July, he was waiting for hurricane season to hit and taking an aspirin a day. What he said he'd rather be doing is playing golf. Arch remembers the beautiful Cornell campus from his days on the Hill. Sounds like it's time to think about coming back to Ithaca for the 70th Reunion in June 2008! Class of '38, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

There are no messages from our class members this time. This is the first time this has happened in the three years that I've been our class correspondent. However, I received from Cornell an up-to-date listing of all classmates and it seemed appropriate to analyze our performance—since we are all in the 90-year-old ballpark now. Here is what I learned:

1) Of the 677 original graduates for the Men of 1939, 27 percent, or 180, are apparently still alive and kicking. 2) In the three years of my experience, only 62 men have sent in any news items; this is only 34 percent of those apparently able to do so. 3) In other words, there are 146 men I'm waiting to hear from.

So how about you fellows taking a pen and paper and sending in some news, or tell about some of your experiences for the past 90 years. You can send it directly to me at the following address (by US Mail or by e-mail) or return the News Form from our annual News and Dues fall mailing in the envelope provided. � Phil Twitchell, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

Phil Twitchell describes some interesting statistics in this issue regarding our male classmates. Statistics, of course, rely on some common characteristics that permit classification by groups, and these groups also apply to my female classmates. However, following are some uncommon characteristics of these women that perhaps defy statistical analysis. Not having obtained permission from any of these wonderful friends to portray their unique accomplishments, I take the liberty of using only their initials as a hint of identification and to add verisimilitude to these remarkable tales. Of the many such tales I could recite, here are just a few examples.

DRS piloted B17 bombers to England during WWII. As if these rare acts of courage and skill were not enough, she flew her aircraft upside

down at frequent intervals, righting it for meals and other necessary interludes. This uncommon practice had the advantages of confusing enemy fighter planes and anti-aircraft gunners, keeping a nourishing supply of blood to her brain, and preventing the onset of varicose veins in her legs. Two of these advantages are still evident to all who see DRS at reunions.

EFB built a magnificent home in Blue Hill, ME, with her own hands. It overlooks a huge bay occupied by seals and other sea creatures. A powerful telescope is permanently mounted in the living room to see them at close range. Nearby, EFB tends a garden that provides vegetables and fruits, some of which she cans for winter consumption. The basement houses a complete woodworking shop, where she turns out artistic and useful items of professional excellence. From her vineyard, she makes wines and liqueurs of astounding taste and power.

ELW wears tennis shoes as she lobs her well-directed shots against her husband Bill, but she is far from the "old lady in tennis shoes." You can spot her racing around Hamburg to her daily assortment of worthwhile activities, a continuation of her undergraduate days at the same enthusiastic pace. She deserves great credit in avoiding expressions of wifely concern for Bill's safety as he pilots his plane.

EPA has devoted a lifetime of dedication to education, sometimes of an unusual sort. She has, for instance, undertaken the teaching of visiting foreign businessmen, as well as encouraging high school students to avoid the use of "I mean, y'know, man" and other interjections of popular speech. Her ideas of education would go far in stemming its decline and ultimate fall.

If you can't guess the identity of the classmates mentioned here, send some news of your own and I will seek permission to reveal their names. **A Ruth Gold Goodman** (with assistance from **Bernie '41**), 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, BG11@cornell.edu.

Happy Holidays to all—even if it is still hot summertime as this

is being written. Since news was running low, it seemed a good idea to tap the class officers—with pretty good results. Like most of us, **Bob Schuyler** finds his days full in spite of the lack of newsworthy events. **Ellen** "Toni" **Saxe Stewart** and her husband **Jack** '38, JD '40, are still enjoying life at the Kendal retirement community in Ithaca, although Jack has had some serious medical problems, so Toni has been doing all the gardening. She mentioned, too, that **Wilma Mehlenbacher** Dondero, MS '52, also lives at Kendal and gets around pretty well in spite of osteoporosis.

William "Bumper" Baird and his wife are resisting the idea of a retirement community and are staying in their golfside house with a lot of help, especially from their children, for the heavy chores. He brags about his cooking skills! Bob Wood, MD '43, keeps busy with lots of family and volunteering. Marge Baker Tummons says she just keeps busy, while Bob Johnson says that keeping up with 18 great-grandchildren and their birthdays and other holidays is a madhouse! He still lives in

Ormond Beach, FL. As for me, I stay healthy—thankfully!—keep active, and still enjoy driving, although this year it's been only for short trips.

In other news, **Sig Kriegsman** reports he's still in Menlo Park, CA. He plays a little golf, but lots of bridge and Dominoes. Sadly, **Bob Brennan** died in July. He was well known for his sports activities, especially lacrosse, having been chosen for an All-American team in that sport. **Bill Mogk** keeps busy in volunteer and family affairs, and he and his wife celebrated their 68th anniversary this past year.

That's all the news for now! Please let me hear from you soon—what you did last summer and/or what you're doing this fall and winter. It doesn't have to be world-shaking! Your classmates just like to hear a bit about you and your life. Again, Happy Holidays to all. **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., Apt. 416, Winchester, VA 22603.

The new Men's class correspondent's wife Willie Ann flew to Ithaca last summer for a week to attend Cornell's Adult University (CAU). While she was gone, I had dinner with class officer Eddie Burgess Bartholomew. Having lost her husband Bart two years ago, Eddie had just moved into the place where I live, a Boca Raton continuing care retirement community. After dinner, we went to Boca's Florida Atlantic U. to see a student production of Cole Porter songs. Eddie loved it. She must have felt a bit proud of FAU; she had previously served for ten years as their associate director of public relations. I might mention that I, too, had been on staff there, teaching in the engineering college for 14 years. This followed 32 years at the Grumman (Aerospace) Corp., founded by Leroy Grumman '16.

On to the mailbag: There seems to be no end of stories about Henry Heimlich, MD '43. Here is one sent in by Allene Cushing Knibloe. Hank attended a dinner recently in Buffalo to give one of his annual awards to a young man who had used the Heimlich maneuver to save his teacher. The teacher had saved his life with CPR seven years earlier! Fred Munschauer and his family and friends joined Hank at the dinner. These included Dr. Rick Munschauer '45 and his wife Penny, John Kirschner '51, LLB '53, and his wife Mary Alyce, Jay Brett '53 and his wife Marcy, and Allene Knibloe and husband Wells.

As for Floridians, we have news from several. Bill Van Atta and wife Trudy moved back to Binghamton four years ago after having spent 14 years in Hobe Sound. Edward Steinfeldt, DVM '41, was to depart Cortland, NY, this spring to fly back to his condo in Siesta Key. Hartley Martin, MS '54, and his wife still "snowbird" back and forth by autotrain between Lehigh Acres and Northville, NY. They continue to volunteer in both places. **Jack Weintraub** finds it very satisfying tutoring kids in Sarasota. He says his supervisors keep giving him more and more advanced studentshe's concerned about being able to handle fifth grade next! **Donald Robinson**, MS '54, alternates between Leesburg and Castile, NY. He depends on daughter Connie Robinson Weaver '66 for transportation. Don reports that he is the oldest living ex-prez of the Ag Alumni Association. John Borst and wife Lucile (Heise) '42 are happy in a lifecare community, also in Leesburg. They were recently visited by daughter Pam Borst Bland '67 and their new great-granddaughter. What joy!

More letters next time. **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

When this issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* arrives, the Florida contingent (female and male) will either be basking in the sun already or heading for winter residences. My cohort, **Warner Lansing**, PhD '49, can keep you posted on male happenings from his home in Boca Raton, but I will have to rely on your "dues" notes to the frozen North, thanks to those forwarded from **Dot Talbert** Wiggans's files. Christmas letters will be most welcome!

It was a delight for Ken and me to have Elsbeth Hartman Button and husband Tom at our table at the last reunion dinner. According to Elsbeth's news notes, she and Tom had planned to take the autotrain from Florida to Washington, DC, only to find it would be delayed and they would miss most of reunion. Undaunted, they drove instead and made it on time. The only other classmate at Reunion from Florida was Allene Cushing Knibloe, without whom we might not have reunions—she is probably already planning our 70th!

Other Floridians (mostly permanent) include Audrey Bernichon Glacken, who is "comfortably retired with grandchildren nearby"; Barbara Schnapp Eisen, who enjoyed a family reunion in St. Augustine and a grandniece's wedding in the spring; Sylvia Margolis Kaufman, who has moved from White Plains, NY, to Boca Raton; and Charlotte Adelman Kotzen, enjoying her condo in Sarasota, which keeps her busy both physically and mentally. She and her husband belong to the Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club.

Other members of the class have headed west to sunny California. Carol Ogle Woods is a permanent resident with her husband and is two doors away from their son. A granddaughter is completing a degree in art, and their daughter lives in Seattle. She and her husband are both in good health and enjoy California living. An Ogle family reunion prevented their attendance at our reunion. Alta Adams Romo and husband Ralph, MS '42, lived much of their 64 years of marriage in the Pasadena area, near their son Michaelan area they find almost as lovely as the Finger Lakes. Gloria Brown Mithers is "still enjoying life in the slow lane," with no complaints. She swims laps, is active in two groups, and continues to be a feature writer for her community papers. Some slow lane! Her yearly reunion with Norman '42 and Lil Strickman Hecht, of Walden, NY, still revolves around memories of Cornell.

To conclude, there are ten additional classmates in Florida and nine in California from whom I would love to hear. The next issue will feature another area of the country. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to all. **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, KID12054@aol.com.

Pres. Liz Schlamm Eddy (NYC), VP Jim Kraker (Gouverneur), and 65th Reunion Chairs Don, MD '45, and Madelaine Ring

Kent '45, BA '44 (Palm Gardens, FL) met at Cornell to make plans for all of us for 2007. They had a good meeting and a good time with university alumni officer Deanna Quvus. We will hear all about it soon.

Sally Rudolph Drachman (Auburndale, MA) has moved to a very special retirement community in Lesall Village, "where all residents must take courses at Lesall College (keeps the mind working)." She is taking The Fog of War and American Musical Theatre. Sally has stayed in touch with Eslyn Parnes Banks (Washington, DC) and Estelle Mulwitz Barrett (Sarasota, FL). Her four children are making her proud: Virginia, now head of the history department at Tufts U.; Susan, who left the Great Harvest Bread Store in Larchmont to move to Saratoga Springs; Josh, who spent seven years in Japan and now runs an Aikido School in Boca Raton, FL; and Dori, an environmentalist who helped start a charter school in Asheville, NC.

Tom Flanagan still plays golf with Bob Edmunds in their native Norwich, NY, several times a week. He keeps in touch with Pres. Liz and is looking forward to the 65th Reunion. Roy Tunison (Bradenton, FL) is a member of the very active Sarasota Cornell Club. He enjoys yacht trips on the Gulf of Mexico, polo matches, the theatre, and bar-hopping in Sarasota. Avoiding hurricanes is his major sports activity. Joe Kandiko (Appleton, WI) advises us, "Life is like a garden—what you plant is what you harvest." He had a good year, despite not much of a harvest. His own fault, he says. His life is very full and he tries to ride the tides of change. His health is good, and he walks, talks, and plays bridge.

Virginia Stockamore Henry (Albany, NY) volunteers with the Albany Medical Center Hospital, the Red Cross, AARP, and the Albany Inst. of History and Art. She attends local Cornell activities and has traveled to Cape Cod, Mackinac Island, and Russia. She likes to swim and belongs to a health club. Paul and Greta Wilcox Leighton '44 (Scottsdale, AZ; gingerhenry@mailstation. com) are too busy to travel. He is still working as a management consultant, and they volunteer with Christian Services—the church, Gideon, and missionary support. "We praise the Lord each day for our good health."

Bertram King (Aventura, FL; bertking1920@ webtv.net) is a retired optometrist serving as VP of the Retired Optometrists Assoc. He also volunteers with Subnormal Vision. Bertram and wife Beatrice have a son who is a clinical professor of gastroenterology at Vanderbilt U. Richard and Aileen Hanson (Corvallis, OR; rhanson@proaxis. com) recently traveled to Crater Lake and Frenchglenn. Richard is into fly-tying for trout midges, nymphs, and flatwing and ocean flies for striped bass, ling cod, salmon, steelhead, and red fish in the Gulf of Mexico. He was a delegate to the World Poultry Congress for US Breeders in 1948 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and works to restore streams to higher quality water. He enjoys his six children and grands.

Jean Pardee Cole has moved to a life-care community in Chesterfield, MO, and would love to hear from you. She took her whole family—children and grands—on a Caribbean cruise last Thanksgiving. And I'll have enjoyed the same on a four-day Carnival cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, by the time you receive this. My granddaughter Myra dances in the shows, so almost all of my kids and grands will see her perform nightly. About 35 of us will share her experiences.

Chris Haller, DVM '42, although retired, takes classes to update his emergency medical activities, as he serves on an ambulance squad. He and Esther had a great career and life, "thanks to a veterinary faculty board that in '38 decided I was worthy of a veterinary education. Thanks, too, to Norm Sonju and Stork Sanford for giving a short guy a chance on the rowing squad." Lloyd Peelle (Rock Stream, NY; 1peelle@sttny.rr.com), who was the first of three generations of Cornellians, takes CAU trips, including one to Bermuda, and is a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow.

Jim and Dorothy Dodds Kraker's grandson Jeremy '07 now represents his family at Cornell. Dotty's funeral was held this past spring. She will be long remembered and missed. Sadly, Julia Papez Wood (Omaha, NE) lost her husband of 63 years, Harold, and is consoled by nine children, 27 grands, and nine great-grands.

Keep writing to me and use the e-mail addresses you find here. Mine is carolynfinn@comcast.net. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618.

This from Leon Schwarzbaum (Valley Stream, NY): "Dear Miller, Your pathetic screed arrived today and my wife said, 'Send the old geezer the money; he'll probably spend it on gruel for your needy classmates,' and I said that you would probably spend it on foolishness like compression hose or deodorant. I want to assure you that it was only your groveling that affected me enough to send the enclosed check. Happily equipped with two implanted lenses, a pacemaker, and an artificial aortic valve, I expect to be around for a long time. Wishing you the same." [Well, Leon, it looks like I'll make it at least through another column.]

Here's a quote from the *New York Times* obit for the late, great A.M. Rosenthal: "From inkstained days as a campus correspondent at City College through exotic years as an editor and columnist of the *New York Times*..." Dear *NYT*: That was then. This is now. What with computer composing et al., the only way a *Sun* writer is gonna get ink-stained is cleaning a squid.

"Spent last fall traveling the Rhine, Mosel, and the Memorial to the Battle of the Bulge, etc.," writes Jane Adams Wait (Saratoga Springs, NY). "Granddaughter Sascha, sired by son Charles '73, is a member of the Cornell Class of '10. She knew her horse would also be welcome because he's made so many visits to the School of Veterinary Medicine. Smiley face here." Another rollingstone-no-moss, Constance Austin Misener, one-time basketball/hockey/volleyball star, spent last Thanksgiving in Manhattan with daughter

Jerilynn and her husband of 38 years, **Guy Cohen** '66, and their pediatrician son **Daniel Cohen** '91. Christmas in Arizona: Tucson with son and family; Mesa with daughter and family.

"Aging as slowly as I can, but faster than I want," writes Renaissance man Lou Mihalyi (Glenfield, NY). "Still an important part of my life is the weekly column I write and have written for the Watertown Daily Times for 25 years. This has spawned two books with several more possible if ever I am motivated. For a number of years I sang bass with the Watertown barbershop chorus and edited its monthly bulletin. I continue to get satisfaction from my garden—lots of vegetables, lots of color. I also kept bees for nearly 50 years—interesting and profitable; eased meeting the budget when the family was young. My helpmate and I walk or cross-country ski every day, religiously. We live in a 60-acre, 75-year-old forest, which provides fauna, flora, and woodland management experience. Life is good. I plan it remaining that way for 10-20 more years."

Dorothy Krisher Phillips (Jenkintown, PA) writes: "We continue to enjoy our home and this Philadelphia suburb. Continue to return to Cape May in June and September, but miss Pat Rider Huber, who moved to be near her Connecticut family. We like firehouse suppers in Bucks County, where for 40 years we had a summer home on the Delaware." "All is okay, considering," writes Karin Engel Danby (New York, NY). "I can't believe it's 63 years since graduation. Still love the Big Apple and do appreciate that I have friends with whom to enjoy a busy life in the big city." Bob Ladd (Poolesville, MD) reports: "Retirement leaves me exhausted. Still active as newly elected member-for-life of the Cornell Council, Technology Transfer Committee with a project so classified even I am not cleared." Greek to me too, Bob.

"Since having retired," writes Annette Jackson Young (Washington, VA), I've become involved in every environmental and civic organization focused on issues for which I stand, as the current administration does not. Oh, you know: global warming, opening Alaska's oil fields, etc., ad nauseum. Dubya's appointee to the Smithsonian wanted to close nearby Rappahannock Conservation Area, gateway to Shenandoah National Park, and sell it to developers. We won! They lost! Am on Town of Washington Planning Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals, and involved in projects promoting agriculture and land conservation. We have no industry here other than B&Bs and the world famous Little Inn. My home is on the National History Registry. This is a great place to live and enjoy a cultural life as well: two theaters, ten art galleries, good eats. Come see for yourself."

Good news. Contrary to my recent erratum, **Bob Clement** is alive and well in Virginia. Here's word from **Priscilla Alden Clement '46:** "When I read that Bob had 'checked out,' I felt like Mark Twain must have felt when he read his own obit. A hurried call to Lynchburg proved that 'my' Bob Clement was still with us and doing just fine. His brother **Gordon '44**, my husband, did die in 2001." Bob hisownself reports that Priscilla ain't too far wrong: he and wife **Jan (Sutherland) '46** are just fine, "enjoying the Virginia Blue Ridge,

still in our own home of 45 years, and doting on our five children, 18 grands, and four greats."

Harris Wilcox (Churchville, NY, and Astor, FL) turned 87 and is still running and riding. Riding his Tennessee walking horse Bayboy; running auctions. "I'm chairman of Harris Wilcox Inc. Son Craig is doing a great job as CEO. His two sons are also active in our business—auctioning real estate and antiques." Alack, Dear Reader: I'm going, going, gone! ❖ S. Miller Harris. PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

The horrible heat wave (the worst since 1930 in the D.C. area) has cooled a bit. Not enough to think of Christmas and snow, but Class Notes deadlines dictate that I write this in August, so here's '44's report.

Some of us are still gainfully employed (earning money). Ralph Clemments, MD '46, writes from Westwood, NJ, that he's still practicing psychiatry part-time ("love it") and celebrating his Cornell med school 60th Reunion. Howard Evans, PhD '50, is teaching an elective course in Cornell's Vet college on Natural History and its Books. Next year he will teach the Natural History of Grenada and the Caribbean at St. George's U. on Grenada. Peg Pearce Addicks is "still busy daily at the Gunnery—some archival work, some teaching etymology, and lots of conversations with like-minded colleagues." Her latest vacation was in Mexico's Yucatan.

Tom Eschweiler, BArch '50, continues his daily activity in Wisconsin's Architectural Archives. Weekends he spends at his country place cleaning up the limbs and brush from 600 trees. Friends are invited to share the work and the firewood. William and Helen Sutphen Elkins closed their abstract title business in Burdett, NY, six years ago, but Bill is still working as a clerk for a county judge and enjoying it. "I thought I was approaching middle age, but now I wonder if it passed me by." Both are still active in church, grange, and the Conservative party. He recently lectured at Cornell for the Eagle Forum Collegians Summit. A fourth of his audience were Marxist students who, he writes, think that the US caused the poverty of the rest of the world. He said they surely didn't learn that at home, and that they learned that nonsense at college. "This troubles me. Cornell wasn't like that when I was there (1940-43 and 1946–49)." He adds quotes from encouraging letters received from previous Collegian Summits attended by students from Kansas State, U. of Missouri, and Georgia Inst. of Technology, among others. He has received hundreds of "glowing comments" from students nationwide. Elaine Smith Feiden of Mamaroneck, NY, is still in the rare book business. She recently exhibited at the New York Antiquarian Book Fair. She claims five grandchildren in college, but none at Cornell.

Other classmates are busy in worthy causes. **Curt Beck** writes from Storrs Mansfield, CT, that, armed with a PhD from Harvard in 1950, he spent 45 years as a professor of political science at the U. of Connecticut, retiring in 1992. After his second wife Althea died in 1997 he remarried in 2002. His new wife, Ina Ruth Kutz Sarin, graduated from

Queens College, taught for many years, and ultimately earned an MA from U. of Penn in folklore. Her research was on the folk tales of Ethiopian Jews. Curt has been involved with mental health, serving as president of Connecticut Alliance of the Mentally Ill and as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services. He is also active in local and state Democratic politics. A grandson is a recent graduate of Princeton. Jane Knight Knott reports from Durango, CO, where she is busy, particularly this past summer when she was involved in many anniversary events: 100th for Mesa Verde National Park, 50th for Fort Lewis College, the 20th season for Music in the Mountains, and the 10th for its conservatory attended by students worldwide to study with renowned artists in Durango for the festival. "These mountains are for sure alive with music."

Alumnus Award for his research on the cause of death of "blue babies." Bob, one of the presenters, observed that John had developed from a shy intellectual into one of our top scientists and teachers, amassing honors from all over the world, but is also a classical pianist, gourmet, oenophile, raconteur, and standup comic—and adds, "Only on a good day can I keep up with him in tennis."

Ruth Boyd Wilson (Hume, VA) recalls with pleasure her fun swimming in the gorge, but also likes her summer home in Maine. She is enjoying life on her horse farm with bridge, garden club, church activity, and her four children, eight grandchildren, and three greats.

Occasionally those of our still-working classmates include a business card with their news forms. One is **Frederick Williams** (Frederick, MD), president of Coakley Williams, a real estate

Avoiding hurricanes is Roy Tunison's major sports activity.

CAROLYN EVANS FINNERAN '42

Birthday celebrations are being reported. Fred Allen, who resides in Stamford, NY, wrote that he had a great time on Club 44's trip to Jamaica, Costa Rica, Panama, and Aruba, then spent ten days in Tampa with his son and family in the Riverview area. He celebrated his 84th birthday there, which included a "cliffhanger" baseball game—Tigers vs. Yankees. "Imagine being able to get a beer and a couple of hot dogs for less than five bucks. No wonder the stadium was filled!" Many more of us will be hitting 84, but Joe Flynn said his entire family gathered to observe his 85th. "We spent much time making plans for my 90th. I can hardly wait!" He lives in San Diego.

This is the holiday issue, so Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and the best in the New Year 2007 to all! **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

It's been years since we've heard from Richard Saville, BS '49 (Dunkirk, NY), but he has informed us that he retired in 1987. Retired from what, we know not; if Dick will give us a bit more information, we will be able to amplify our report. From Bozeman, MT, Alan Iddles, MD '48, also reports retirement, but with few details. He does say that he enjoys music and photography, but has given up gardening and has fond memories of his days at Sigma Chi. Another short note, from Barbara Schminck Bayer, informs us that she has moved from one unit in Kendal at Ithaca to another.

Our distinguished medical chimesmaster Robert Frankenfeld, MD '47 (Long Beach, CA) is still practicing internal medicine 30 hours/week and regrets attending too many funerals of friends (not patients). He forwarded an item from the med school about its bestowing upon John Clements, MD '47 (Tiburon, CA) its Distinguished

developer. Fred says he is still trying to keep up with his 20-years-younger wife Leslie Rose and would love to catch her. Good luck! Another Williams pops up in our news: Patricia Moore Williams from Davis, CA. Patty is an advocate for the mentally ill; 20 years ago she and Bill, PhD '51, started Pine Tree Gardens, a residence for mentally ill adults. Patty still serves on its board and is active fundraising for it and increasing awareness in the community of their needs. Good for her! From personal experience I can attest to the problems of adults who have left the sheltered life of special children.

Another attractive card—with a photograph of a lighthouse—came from Dorothy Scott Boyle (Eastport, ME), who is keeping busy at the Quoddy Crafts/Marine Museum and as an artist, working four hours a week and selling her work. Scottie still remembers fondly the Household Art lectures and lab by Nancy Roman. In her spare time she keeps her thumb green as a 26-year member of the local garden club and goes to New Jersey to visit Rick '76, MS '77, and wife Margaret Boyle Delello '77, her daughter, who is working hard as global quality control manager at Bristol Myers Squibb despite two serious bouts with cancer. Scottie doesn't recount any distant travels and says that she is having a great time right where she is. No business card, but still doing consulting is N. Bruce Weir (Glenside, PA), who prefers flying and sailing to his recent activities, attending memorial services. He still remembers his explorations of the Finger Lakes region. Who wouldn't?

It is helpful when we receive an updated address, telephone number, or e-mail address, which we pass on to the gnomes in Ithaca who keep files of such. Our classmate Marilyn Potter Withiam, widow of Charles '40, sent her new one in McLean, VA, for which, thanks. John '44 and Carolyn Jean Hendrickson Cummings (Binghamton, NY) report recent activities as

"same old, same old" and would rather be cruising, but remember with joy the friendships they made on the Hill, as well as the parties.

It's also interesting to receive specific comments, which we attempt to pass to those who may be able to take some action. One such is from James Rodgers, who lives a hop, skip, and jump from Cushing Street in Hingham, MA (named for my forebears). Jim opines that an aloofness prevails about our V-12ers and chastises me for not having more mentions in my columns. I plead not guilty. I have reviewed my records and find that during the 18 years I have been writing this

combined and submitted their joint effort to Scott Tucker, Cornell Glee Club director, for possible Cornelliana Night performance. Prof. Tucker selected one of their verses and coaxed the authors to sing it before the assemblage. Retiring president and Mrs. Rawlings and incoming president and Mrs. Skorton enthusiastically cheered the parody's last line, "Let's help alma mater before our obits."

Of 31 men attending Reunion, six had not reuned nor been mentioned in the class column for over ten years. Welcome back! **Alexander** and Peggy **Brede** (E. Lansing, MI; alexb@voyager.net) found Reunion a very special event. Campus

Most recently discovered that all my descendants can fix my computer.

BARBARA BORDEN FLOYD '48

column I have mentioned 239 males, of which 45, or 19 percent, were V-12ers. Per the best class alumni records I can locate, we had about 851 males, of which 141 (17 percent) were in V-12. I can only mention those who send news and now Jim is added to the list. When Ed Cranch, PhD '51, organized the WWII reunion in April 1993, he sent notices to all of our classmates who are shown as such in the university's file. Ed kept a list of responses, which I still have, and which does not record Jim. He also says that he is unable to get information to contact former classmates, but doesn't appear to have Internet access, so obviously can't get into the online Alumni Directory. He did mention one member of '48, who is therein and I have sent Jim the information. If he, or anyone, would enlighten me further as to what they'd like, I'll try to help. **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

Our churning class of '46 began with 581 men and 51 women. By fall 1946, we were 974 men and 247 women, mostly by adding 198 V-12 men. By 1955, after transfers and class year changes, we numbered 502 men and 504 women. Our 1:1 ratio resembles recent Cornell classes, not bygone coed-heaven days of 3-plus:1. Today, 263 men and 306 women survive. Indeterminate are 69 men and 89 women the Alumni Office can't reach. 31 men and 43 women attended Reunion.

Dignified, thought-provoking memorial services were held at Sage Chapel for departed members of reuning classes. Lloyd Slaughter, Pat Kinne Paolella, and Paul Levine represented Class of 1946 leadership. Raymond Duffy came to pay tribute to V-12 roommate Rubin C. Gause, lost when the heavy cruiser *Indianapolis* sank late in WWII.

In addition to **Bob Nist**'s entry covered in our last issue, **David Day**, **Ray Hunicke**, Mavis Sand, and Paul Levine submitted memoirs. Their reading sparked many other tales of college days. "The Song of the Classes" parody contest drew two entries. **Dottie Taylor** Prey and Paul Levine

walks on the old Engineering Quad and good conversations over good food set a wonderful tone. For nostalgia, he visited the Crew House. Raymond Duffy (Kingston, MA; admlray@swfla. rr.com) regretted he no longer could bring his bride. Nevertheless, he thought Reunion was outstanding, as did Ray Jr. Philip Gisser (New York, NY; philgis@worldnet.att.net) had a great experience in his first social encounter since his wife's Alzheimer death. He marveled that a group of strangers reached out to him.

John Hallam '47, BCE '46 (Rockville, MD) planned Reunion with Pierre "Pete" Lundberg, Oscar Fuller, and Al Cornish. Because Oscar and Al's wives were ill, John and Virginia arrived in Ithaca with only the Lundbergs. John said everything about Reunion was great except the weather. Pete and Mary enjoyed Reunion and time with Brendan O'Hara and John and Virginia. Arthur and Melicent Whinston (Portland, OR) enjoyed good vegetarian fare. Arthur still works at patent law. He is very proud of Melicent's prowess at weightlifting. She is women's world champion in two categories for her weight and age. � Paul Levine, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, PBL22@cornell.edu.

First, I would like to thank my friend, Catherine Ashman Reid (Bucknell '40), who prepared the June article on our 60th Reunion. I told her that her granddaughter **Vickie Roberts '02** would be proud of her temporary Cornell status. The reunion article was too long, so I am continuing it now with the first event held on Thursday, June 8. Here are some things we learned on our campus bus tour:

We saw the North Campus residential area, built 11 years ago, learned that about 20,000 students were on campus this year (including 3,000 Frosh), saw old dorms that had been gutted for reuse (Dickson Hall), learned that our Risley is now a residence for Performing Arts students, determined that the suspension bridge doesn't swing like it did in our day, and observed all the building cranes on West Campus (the newest residential area). We asked about tuition—\$32,800

in the endowed colleges sans room and board (mine in Arts and Sciences in 1942 was \$1,000 all-inclusive). Other tidbits: a movie at the Straight only costs \$3.00; the \$400 million Life Sciences hall near Lynah Rink will be finished in 2007; Schoellkopf Field now has two sides to the football field; and parking is almost nil, but free passes are available on the campus bus.

The women from New York State made up the largest contingent of reuners. Some Ithaca classmates joined us at the Statler for a bus tour to see the buildings erected since our last reunion. Joining us were Hazel Brill Brampton, Carolyn Usher Franklin, BS HE '45, and Marion Moulton McPheeters, BS HE '45, both of Kendal at Ithaca, and Louise Greene Richards, BS HE '45, PhD '65. Some live during the summer on one of the Finger Lakes: Dottie Van Vleet Hicks, BS HE '45 (State College, PA) and Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith, BS HE '45 (Bedminster, NJ). Others on the bus tour included AOPi sorority sisters Nancy Aungier Beveridge, Rosemary Blais Cashin, BS HE '45, who has the most grandchildren (20), my faithful news source Leah Smith Drexler, BS HE '45, our reunion co-chair Mavis Gillette Sand, BS HE '45, former class correspondent in 1946, Jan Bassette Summerville, and Priscilla Axtell Van Valkenburg (her husband told one of the "true stories" at our Saturday dinner).

New Yorkers joining us later were **Frances** Goheen Hofler and Charlotte Cooper Gill, who came together from Hurley, where the Gills have a huge corn farm (including several roadside stands), plus Ithacans Evelyn Call Brumsted, BS HE '45, and Jean Gallagher Welch, and Mary Morris Kelsey of Dryden. Dorothy O'Donnell, BS HE '45, came with Amelia Streif Harding '47. Amelia told me that her family bought shoes at Baier's shoe store in Buffalo in the 1930s. Joan Waite Martens came for her first reunion in Ithaca, but she had hosted a pre-reunion dinner in New York City for our 50th. The men also had a first timer, Phil Gisser. Other reunion attendees to be included next time. (If I made an error, let me know.) Hope you all received your official Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

Your new News Forms are great. I enjoy keeping up with those who write every year, and I'm delighted to hear from those of you who write only occasionally. When you send in your dues and news, Cornell keeps the dues (and the dues form) and sends me the news. This is why we ask you for your name, etc., on the form. Someone who may not have understood the process sent news with no name on the second form. He tells of a good life: retired, enjoying golf, traveling, and a 3-year-old granddaughter. His son Tom is chairman of the art department of the U. of California, Chico. His wife Nancy is also an artist. His daughter Gail is head of intramural sports at Southern Oregon U. in Ashland, and also coaches their women's tennis team. Last year they flew to Stockholm, then cruised on the Baltic, with stops in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Riga, Latvia. They ended the trip in Germany,

spending several interesting days in Berlin and were surprised at how much of "the Wall" still stands. It all sounded great. Who are you?

Page Skylstead Kidder, who lives in Frederick, MD, and is retired, was in Phoenix, AZ, to visit Barbara Pond Shepard. I hope they will come to reunion. I remember last seeing Barbara at our 35th. It's time to do it again! The same goes for Lois Stamey Spear (lois-spear@verizon.net), who lives in Bethesda, MD, and says she is thinking about it. It has been a long time. She reports playing tennis, painting, gardening, volunteering, and traveling. She tells me of her trip with husband Moncrieff '46 to Scottsdale, AZ, to see Barbara "Bimby" Everitt Bryant and of their visit I reported previously. Lois and her husband have led an interesting life, as he was a member of the US State Dept., and was assigned to various posts, including Vietnam.

June White Irwin is enjoying her carefree life in the Willow Valley Lakes Manor retirement community in Willow Valley Lakes, south of Lancaster, PA. She says it is five-star-hotel living in the center of a botanical garden and she loves it. She suggests all come to see it. Over the last several years she has traveled to Spain, Portugal, Shetland, Orkney, and Ireland and previously had multiple trips to England, Scotland, France, and Italy. She has "great memories." So many of you travel! Alvin Silvey (as202@cornell.edu; teleline@aol. com) and his wife Estelle have been to China, East and West Europe, Chile, and Communist Europe when it was "Red." He was active in the Cornell Club of New York for over 15 years and now, as a resident of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, belongs to the clubs of Palm Beach and the Gold Coast.

Jeanne Schmidt (jursula1@comcast.net) tells a remarkable tale of survival. After two lung cancer surgeries in 1998, a recurrence in 2000, remission with radiation, recurrence in 2005-06, partial remission, and still working with chemo, she says she is "still alive and kicking." I'm glad. She writes music and directs a men's chorus at a delightful retirement community called The Fountains at Lake Pointe Woods, to which she moved last year after selling the home she had designed and built in 1994. She would love to come to reunion if possible. Jeanne, please plan on it. Richard Greenfield (rkggps@comcast.net), another traveler, has been to Scandinavia, Russia, England, Scotland, Wales, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and the Mediterranean. A resident of Lafayette, CO, he is on the City Planning Commission, does community service, plays golf, exercises regularly, reads avidly, and enjoys retirement. Having been to our 50th Reunion, he hopes to return next June.

Arlene Thomson Morey, BS Nurs '48, and her husband John, PhD '60, reside with their youngest son James, PhD '90, and his wife Barbara and their four children in Atlanta, GA. Jim is a professor of medieval literature at Emory U., so it is a stimulating intellectual household. Arlene enjoys reading this magazine and especially likes news of hall-mate friends of 1943-44 in Balch 4, including Margaret Newell Mitchell, Bimby Everitt Bryant, Charlotte Bullis Pickett, and more. The family sometimes has excursions to North and South Carolina and Georgia, where they do occasional day-sailing.

Barbara Lucas Thatcher, BS Nurs '47, of Worthboro, MA, is retired from nursing, having taught health at Health Career Vocational School, grades 9-12. She has also been a registered antique dealer for 30 years. I sometimes wonder what happened to other friends who were on campus with us for their first two years, then went to NYC for nursing-like Mary Snell Martin, BS Nurs '48, and Sally Gibson Noel. It would be nice to know of them and see them again. Another traveler is **Alan Wilson** (abwilson@berkeley.edu), who has been to China, England, France, Malaysia, and Russia. Arthritis now inhibits his mobility, so he is investigating genealogy and reading history, mostly medieval. He sees Betsy Rannells Wood '49, MS '51, who lives in the San Francisco East Bay area. Betsy lived next door to me her freshman year, and the last time I saw her was in the bowels of Boulder Dam where we, two NYC travelers, were each on tours but going in opposite directions. Small world! It's nice for me to learn of her again.

Are you all reading the freshman book, *The Great Gatsby*? Enjoy! **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

Leon Hammer, MD '52, Gainesville, FL: "I am president of Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine, where I teach, design the program, and write—seven days a week. Also play tennis, which I would rather be doing right now, along with kayaking and sailing. Fondest memory is the campus and companionship." Julia Marzec Cacavas, Buffalo, NY: "Retired from 31 years with the government. Son Martin is World Karate Champion and in three halls of fame. Daughter Eleanor is a judge in New York and also has the honor of being advisor to the law school dean at U. of Buffalo. Retired due to arthritis, but have learned that a positive attitude brings positive results."

Lee Rothenberg, Longboat Key, FL: "Town commissioner (non-paid); first appointed, then elected. I play tennis four to five times a week and am team captain for league play, 75s and 80s. Great luck—had no hurricanes here. Traveled to Leicester, U.K., to cheer stepson who received his PhD, then to Paris to celebrate." Constance Avery Mix, Virginia Beach, VA: "Very interesting mission trip to Turkey. Family keeps expanding, with weddings of four grandchildren and 11 more to go!" Greta Adams Wolfe, Lake Stevens, WA: "Can't imagine so many pages following our '48 news column in the alumni magazine. I don't like to look at the necrology, but do like to look at what others are doing. We follow a 'pattern.' I enjoy looking at Web news of Ithaca.'

Gerald Starr, Old Westbury, NY: "Gardening. Moving to my first home 50 years ago was fun. Now it's just plain work. Went to India for a month. Now moving boxes and following Ronda's commands on setting up our new home in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Enjoying recently acquired interest in golf. Most pressing problem is death among the military in Iraq. We must train the indigent Iraqi police and armed forces and make sure they understand that in one year we will leave only advisors, not soldiers. The differences

in people seem more apparent today. Life means birth, procreation, good deeds, self-education, and departure (for the next guy). Looking back, my time spent at Cornell looms over much else that I've experienced. It seems to be taking on more importance in my memory. I wish I could locate my roommate Lester."

Vivian Hoffman Miller (aka Vivian Grey), Haverford, PA: "I flunked retirement. Do not intend to retire. Present 'day job': 1) lecturer at the U. of Pennsylvania in creative writing courses ('Write your life story'; 'Writing for the children's market'; and 'Jumpstart your creative writing'); 2) workshop leader at various colleges on the topic of writing; 3) editor of various articles; 4) author of a book for younger readers; 5) consultant on writing topics; and 6) founder, one-on-one writers conference (in its 32nd year), sponsored by Rutgers U. My latest book, Moe Berg: The Spy Behind Home Plate, is under option for a movie. I'm an active doubles tennis player, in widow/widowers groups, play duplicate bridge, and take R&R at a summer home on Long Beach Island, NJ."

Barbara Borden Floyd, Cherry Hill, NJ: "Tutoring in chemistry and math; bridge, theatre, lunch with the girls. Am also being tutored on my computer by five children and grandchildren. They try, but I am hopeless. I've been to Prague, Slovenia, Romania, the Black Sea, the Jersey Shore, and Key West. Last remember getting the furnace filter out and going for some tape. I think that was yesterday, or was it . . .? Plan to go to Florida in January and check in on friends in Naples and stay with friends in Fort Myers Beach (if it's still there). Took some of the family to my grandfather's grave. He fought in the Civil War, 33 Co., 2nd Batt., 24 Regt. Most recently discovered that all of my descendants can fix my computer."

Shirley Ringholm Longstreet-Platt, Jupiter, FL: "Spouse Jim Platt passed away in 2003. Went to the 'Lake Country' of Italy with Cornell alumni last September. There were 45 travelers. Wonderful time-simply gorgeous! We all waved to George Clooney's villa on Lake Como. My fondest memory of Cornell was the Tri-Delt house on the gorge (Beebe Lake)—now Alumni House. Also, hearing the Libe Tower chimes count the hours, and the friends I made and still have." Dana Keller, Ralston, NE: "I have a Nebraska professional electrical engineer's license and do electrical plan review for electrical contractors and some job site observations. Active in ballroom dancing and golf. Travel extensively, most recently to Ireland. As an Elder in my church, I married grandson Jason Agnew in August '05 to his girlfriend of long standing. Early in 2005 Beverly entered my life, a lovely, intelligent lady who challenges my outlook and habits. We do much together, including golf. Lots of activity causes me to get younger." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

Travelers. Gabriel "Gabby" Rosenfeld, JD '51 (Chappaqua, NY; gablou@optonline.net) has been cruising extensively in the Caribbean and Europe. "Cruising Bahamas in 53-ft. Hatteras motor yacht as captain; also lecturing on WWII, building model ships, gardening, and

public speaking. Just retired as chairman of the Newcastle Zoning Board of Appeals after 30 years, making me the longest-serving town official ever." Gabby's civic activities don't end there. He's been a board member or past president of more than a half dozen other organizations, including Rotary, a women's shelter, the local art museum, and a Holocaust education center. Anne Dickinson Murray (West Grove, PA; Annepvfarm@aol. com) took a trip to Italy, Sicily, and the Greek Islands—"with a solar eclipse. Wonderful!" Anne's day job and after-hours activities: "Teaching poetry at the Academy of Lifelong Learning at the U. of Delaware. I'm responsible for a writing class and a reading appreciation class. I prepare with lots of reading. Also have frequent grandchildren visits; there are eight, and four are close by in Wilmington. Plus, concerts and films in Philly."

Jacques Zakin (Worthington, OH; zakin.1@ osu.edu) has traveled to China, Mexico, and Israel. A professor emeritus at Ohio State U., Jacques is still teaching and doing research. After-hours activities include tennis, softball, jogging, jazz concerts, opera, and ballet. Martha Merrifield Steen (San Francisco) took a trip to Chicago "to see art and architecture. I did 'Lincoln country' in Springfield, IL, and went on to St. Louis and Kansas City." She is the librarian for the retirement home where she and husband William live. "We are given around 60 books a month from residents. I'm also active in flower arranging for the public rooms." Martha enjoys reading plays, and when she sent her update in early summer, she was looking forward to being back in Maine for the month of August. Norman Merz (Morristown, NJ) and wife Patricia went on an Elderhostel bike trip in May 2005 from Berlin to Prague. "This May [2006] we will bike in Sicily. Served as an AARP tax consultant again this year for the elderly. Plan to take the entire family (wife, three children and spouses, and five grandchildren) to Disney World for a week over Thanksgiving."

John Dodd (Sacramento, CA), retired and happy with his present activities, has been traveling on a limited basis, watching sports events, and attending the San Francisco Opera. He'd like to hear from Howard Loomis, MBA '50. William Feinberg (Bayonne, NJ; joanfeinberg@verizon. net) is still a practicing attorney, as well as an outdoor writer and fisherman. His list of things he'd like to be doing appears to be exactly what he has been doing: practicing law, traveling, fishing, and writing. He would like to hear from Jerry Alpern, MBA '50, and George Mack '50, and misses the many classmates who have passed on.

Golfers and more. Robert Engelbert (Rbt Engel@sbcglobal.net), retired from Republic Steel since February 1984, lives with wife Georgia (Ganson) '47 in Rocky River, OH. What he's been doing recently is "playing nine holes of golf three times a week in a riding cart—and shooting under my age of 83." Also retired, Richard Reynolds (Tavernier, FL; RerePops@aol.com) travels and plays a bit of golf ("not well"). "Somehow wife Freddie and I seem to keep busy. We are in Florida seven months, split between the Florida Keys and Naples, then Stamford, CT, for the late spring and summer." Irving Hirschberg (Amagansett, NY; irvphyl@optonline.net) plays both golf and tennis when he's not tutoring ESL

students in the local high school, and calling seniors up in the morning as a volunteer with RSVP. He writes that there's nothing he'd rather be doing. "I'm happy, as everyone is healthy."

Earl Murray (St. Petersburg, FL) writes that he is a golfer ("not what you see on TV!"), a volunteer (St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen and Daystar outreach), and a member of the Olympic cocktail team! In June he had just returned from the Cornell graduation of granddaughter Cailin Wilke '06 (heading to U. of Michigan for MS/PhD program in cell immunology) and was already planning for a return trip in two years for the graduation of grandson Colin Wilke '08 from Cornell Engineering. "Cheers for their parents!" Earl would like to hear from Hotel grad Bud Callis.

Favorite Cornell memories. "Finding my wife of 56 years, Louise (Passerman) '50" [Gabby Rosenfeld]. "Early morning bird walks with the Ornithology class" [Anne Murray]. "Big weekends" [Jacques Zakin]. "Friends in the DG house and my professors in Sociology" [Martha Steen]. "Engineering classes at the old Lincoln Hall building and four good years at Alpha Delta Phi fraternity" [Robert Engelbert]. "Induction into the EE Delta Club—a beer contest" [Irving Hirschberg]. (Irv adds that he would like to hear from William Hershleder.) "Working as the business manager of the Cornell Daily Sun" [John Dodd]. "Watching the sunset over Cayuga Lake while the chimes played the 'Evening Song'" [William Feinberg]. Oh, yes.

Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er!
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Please get out your new calendar for 2007 and mark in the following date: January 19. This is the date of our annual Class of 1950 dinner, which will again take place at 6:30 p.m. in the elegant Lincoln Room at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street. Our annual dinner, you'll recall, has always been held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) because a nucleus of class officers would be in town-and in 2007 CACO meets again in Philadelphia (as it also will in 2008). As an added attraction this time, we will be joined by members of other classes of the early 1950s. To make a reservation for the dinner, write a check for \$75 each, made out to me, Marion Steinmann, and mail it to me at the address listed at the end of this column.

We will again be able to stay at the Union League itself. At our 2006 Class of 1950 dinner last February, a number of us stayed at the League, and we all enjoyed some good conversations over breakfast the next morning. To reserve a room, call the League at (215) 587-5570 and ask for the Cornell block.

Also, on Saturday night, January 20, ALL Cornellians—not just CACO members—are invited to a celebration of Ezra Cornell's 200th birthday at Citizens Bank Park (the home of the Phillies) in South Philadelphia. Transportation from the Marriott in Center City (where CACO is meeting) will be provided, and there is also ample parking. For more information, contact Carolyn De-Wilde Casswell '90 in Cornell's Middle Atlantic

Regional Office at (610) 458-1846. We hope to see you in Philadelphia!

James Layne, PhD '54 (jlayne@strato.net) has had a long career as a vertebrate zoologist. From 1963 to 1967, he was back at Cornell as an associate professor of biology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Then for 26 years, from 1967 to 1993, Jim was on the staff of the Archbold Biological Station near Lake Placid in southern Florida, where he became executive director. Over the years Jim has done field research and published books and articles about such varied backboned creatures as marine mammals, rodents, and Audubon's crested caracara. He is currently research biologist emeritus at the Station.

Michael Geduldig (geduldig@earthlink.net) earned his MD from NYU and became a gastroenterologist. He reminded me that in 1957 we ran into each other at a pension in Florence when he was a medical officer with the US Army stationed in Germany. Michael is now an emeritus professor of medicine at the Hershey Medical School in Hershey, PA. He grows orchids in his greenhouse and has also been taking history courses at Dickinson College. Michael keeps in touch with David Eisenberg, MD '54 (Rochester, NY), who has retired from internal medicine and gastroenterology, and Dick Willner (rwill71129@aol.com), who still practices cardiology in California. Civil engineer Charles Bauerlein (Philadelphia, PA; oldliberalcharlieb@verizon.net) was president of an engineering company that designed municipal recreation facilities such as pools, parks, and playgrounds. Charles is currently an associate in a small construction company specializing in residential swimming pools. "This is done part-time and is seasonal," he explains. He has also become interested in poetry and recently earned a master's degree from Villanova. Charles and his wife Agnes have 11 children, 27 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Eve Weinschenker Paul (New York City; evewpaul@aol.com) was recently widowed. After graduation Eve went directly to Columbia Law School and earned her JD in 1952. She raised a son and a daughter and became vice president and general counsel of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, as well as a Cornell trustee. Edward Jedrzejek of Little Valley, near Salamanca, NY, taught agriculture at the Wilson, Little Valley, and Ellicottville central schools for 21 years. Then for seven years he was the principal of BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) in Cattaraugus, Erie, and Wyoming counties. Jules '45, DVM '46, and Mary Holcomb Haberman now live in Bethel, ME. "Our newly-completed house is lovely, comfortable, and minutes from the village and one child's family," Mary writes. "Everyone here skis, kayaks, rock climbs, hikes, fishes." The Habermans previously lived in Hereford, AZ.

Dr. Bob Feller (Oxnard, CA; bobfeller107@ earthlink.net) this year celebrated the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the School of Dental Medicine at the U. of Pennsylvania. Richard Hudes (Flushing, NY; heyrichard@aol. com) took a "wonderful movie course" at Cornell's Alumni University (CAU) this past summer. "Taking a course in such an informal manner with other CAU'ers is a sociable and rewarding

experience," he writes. "And walking around campus always gives me a warm feeling." Richard is a retired CPA with an MBA from Pace U.

A healthy chunk of our classmates-95, to be exact, or eight percent of the class (according to Susan Doney, our class contact in the office of Alumni Affairs and Development)—now live in the state of Florida, and Betsy Alexander Weis (Osprey, FL; eaweis@comcast.net) has volunteered as this column's Florida Correspondent. Betsy, you may recall, is a lawyer who first raised eight children and then went to law school, finishing her JD in 1990. Betsy has gathered news about the following classmates. Miriam McCloskey Jaso (mcjaso@aol.com) is still a realtor in nearby Sarasota. Jo-An Miner Webb (Holmes Beach) was about to travel to Hawaii for a family reunion, then to Scotland with a grandson. Cornell football Hallof-Famer Frank Bradley volunteers driving people to the hospital and to doctor's appointments. He lives four months of the year in Florida and the rest of the year in Brewster, MA, on Cape Cod. Frank Zurn, former head of Zurn Industries, told Betsy that he was about to move from Venice, FL, to Chickamauga in the mountains of northwest Georgia near Chattanooga, TN. Frank was looking forward to learning more about the Civil War Battle of Chickamauga, which took place in September 1863 only six miles from his new home.

Betsy also contacted Bill Schickler (Sarasota), who was formerly assistant general manager and chief engineer of the Suffolk County Water Authority on Long Island, NY. Bill was recently installed as an officer in the Manasota Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. An infantryman in WWII, Bill was captured near the French-German border in December 1944, a few days before the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge, and spent four months in a POW camp—"Long enough," he says. "One of the worst things was that we didn't have enough to eat—the German soldiers didn't have enough to eat either—but I'm alive!"

Charles Deakyne (Severna Park, MD; charles. deakyne@gte.net) telephoned to tell us about his friend Selleck "Jack" Carpenter, who died late last year. During WWII, Jack was a co-pilot and navigator in the Army Air Force, flying the India-Burma route—the Hump—into China. At Cornell, Jack earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree and also a "C" playing football. Jack was president of Carpenter & Skaer, a general contracting firm, which did work on the Buffalo Convention Center and Buffalo's Roswell Park Cancer Inst., among many other projects. "Jack was very popular," says Charlie, "among the football players, the CE school students, and our fraternity brothers at Acacia." * Marion Steinmann, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; Paul H. Joslin, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

Barbara Bell Jutila writes from Morristown, NJ, that she was so sorry to miss reunion! "I was hospitalized for two months (!) with a nasty infection, but I am back home now and doing well. I

look forward to a visit tomorrow with Perry and Carolyn Thelander Gittelson (Short Hills, NJ) and Keith Seegmiller, who will catch me up on all the news." Thomas '52 and Julia Ann Schaenzer Whelan have enjoyed 21 years of retirement on Hilton Head Island, SC, with travel to 169 countries and all the continents. They celebrate 54 years of marriage with six children and 14 grandchildren. One daughter and son-in-law have triplets, plus twin boys adopted from the Ukraine.

If any of you have read Bill Bryson's account of walking (some of) the Appalachian Trail (*A Walk in the Woods*, 1998), you may recall Chicken John (pp. 205-8): "Chicken John was forever losing the trail and ending up in the most improbable places. I asked him what was the most lost he had ever been. 'Thirty-seven miles,' he said almost proudly. 'I got off the trail on Blood Mountain in

and was Construction Resident Architect for a new university in Baghdad, Iraq, for two years before retirement. Although now a widower, he and his wife traveled to Europe, Thailand, Athens, and Japan while in the Mideast. Two daughters, graduates of Northern Colorado and Northern Florida universities, have traveled to South and Central America and Europe. William O'Hara, Pittsford, NY, reports recently adding a "beautiful new 92-seat dining room to our Williamsburg, NY, restaurant (Orbacker's)." Bill still works as president of the corporation, with his son as general manager. Doris and Bill have four grandchildren, ages 1, 2, 6, and 7. They just returned from a Caribbean cruise to six islands and still like St. Maarten's best, where they own three timeshares. Another island cruise is scheduled. Bill says that James Paul has moved to Mesa, AZ.

William Feinberg's list of things he'd like to be doing appears to be exactly what he has been doing.

DICK KEEGAN '49

Georgia—still don't know how exactly—and spent three days in the woods before I came to a highway. I thought I was a goner that time. I ended up in Tallulah Falls—even got my picture in the paper.' Is it true that you once walked three days in the wrong direction? 'Two and a half days to be precise. Luckily, I came to a town on the third day, and I said to a feller, "Excuse me young feller, where is this?" and he said, "Why it's Damascus, Virginia, sir," and I thought, well, that's mighty strange because I was in a place with the very same name just three days ago."

Chicken John was our own John Carl "JC" **Huttar**, Gainesville, GA, who spent his entire work life in the chicken business. Macular degeneration explains losing his way. That hike was in 1996. In 1998 he canoed along the Erie Canal from Niagara Falls to the Hudson River, going through 38 locks in 28 days. Can't get lost there. In 1999 he did the entire Lewis & Clark trail from St. Louis to the Pacific, mostly by car, canoeing the 105 miles downstream of Great Falls, the wild and scenic stretch of the river. In 2004 he flew to Skagway with friends and climbed the 33-mile Chilkoot Trail, "the most dangerous hike I have ever made. The third day requires a climb of 3,000 feet in 1.6 miles—crawling over rocks. It rained the whole day, and I have a fear of heights. So with my 45-pound pack I was worried about falling over backwards. My two companions (58 years old) were ready to kill me when I made it to the top of the pass (Canada) two and a half hours after they did. The rest of the hike was gently downhill to Bennett, where the Klondikers built boats and rafts to go down the Yukon River to Dawson City and the gold." JC took the train back to Skagway in 2-1/2 hours.

William Volk turned his architecture degree into managing construction observation for TAC

Jacqueline Goldberg Eisenberg, Windsor, ON, writes that her grandson Stephen is in his last year at Waterloo & Laurier Universities majoring in economics and math. Granddaughter Alexis graduated from Havergal College and continues studies at the U. of British Columbia this fall, and Emily is starting her academic career in Hamilton, ON, in JK (Junior Kindergarten) in September. Don and Ann McNamara regret that a family reunion with four children and six grands in Williamsburg, VA, took priority over the June reunion. Don chatted recently with Ed Coene, John Dyson, Don Auty, Jack Hollis '50, and Marty Horn '50, and also reports a visit with Fred and Marge Eydt '52 in Ponte Vedra Beach "for a few days of sunshine and golf."

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.

Here's a reminder that our 55th Reunion is scheduled for June 7-10, 2007. Alas, we still won't make it into Statler, but we will be there. You should be, too. Mark your calendar. Make plans. That said, it's on to the still very full mailbag from our retired, semi-retired, and not-retired-at-all classmates. Much of this mail dates back to fall '05.

William Schneider, Middle Island, NY, retired, spends his time with chess, family activities, and doctor visits. He claims to be supporting half the doctors in Suffolk County and would rather be vacationing in the Hawaiian Islands. Richard C. Smith, Moore, SC, is also retired. He works out at the YMCA, gardens, and is the family cook and shopper. He and his wife and daughter traveled

to Ambergris Caye, Belize, and did a lot of snorkeling. He returned to Cornell for Seal & Serpent's 100th anniversary. **Elaine Rose** Ruderman, San Diego, CA, volunteers with public relations and publicity for local non-profits. She spends spare time with bridge, travel, and water aerobics. Of her trip with Elderhostel and friends to the national parks and monuments of Utah, she writes, "Challenging trails at high altitudes, but worth the effort. Awesome!"

Dick Dve, MPA '56, Pleasantville, NY, still works. He is an international educational development consultant and serves as chair of the Association for Int'l Practical Training. In January, he'd just returned from a month in Peru assisting the USAID mission with its basic education program. A similar assignment had taken him to Central Asia for six weeks in the spring. Helen Pellman Marsh still lives in Middlebury, VT. **Hank Borys** reports his present day job as "keeping up with the struggles and strife of the world." After hours he reads (mostly history) and writes (mostly e-mail and some autobiography). As of October he had been traveling (European river cruises and visiting relatives in Utica) and busy with family affairs. With ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, he reports "lots to celebrate." Bernie Schapiro, Flemington, NJ, works part-time as senior research analyst in his son's firm, Condor Capital Management, and is adjunct instructor in physical diagnosis at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers. He also plays bridge,



golfs, skis, gardens, travels with Cornell's Adult University (CAU) and Elderhostel, and works out at the fitness center. As of October 2005, he was planning for the 2006 CAU trip to New Zealand and Namibia.

Joan Cruthers Flood, Raleigh, NC, whose husband Bud '49, PhD '54, died in 2003, writes, "You could say I'm retired, but as the owner of a large house with lawn and gardens, you never 'retire." Joan is a member of NARFE, a federal employee's association that keeps seniors abreast of government activities that affect them. She also does flower arranging for the local classical music station, WCPE. John L. Brown, MD '55, Missoula, MT, is retired, but he is on the library board and the Board of Medicine and Humanities. He stays busy with church activities and had recently spent a week in the East seeing friends and museums. Clifford Eddy, Webster, NY, is retired from Xerox. He is active with the First Unitarian Church, plays tennis, and skis. He attends two Kilbourne chamber music series and also lists RPO and GEVA. I know not what they are, but he enjoys dinner with friends before GEVA.

Bob Messner, Warren, VT, is retired, but does some flight instruction in gliders. After hours he flies, skis, hikes, gardens, and boats. Last November, he had recently met with Chem E classmate Martin Simon and his wife Gloria for "a delightful few hours in Los Angeles." Gerhard '49, PhD '55, and Ina Perlstein Loewenberg are still in Iowa City, IA. Ina teaches a class called 20th Century Short Stories by Women, leads a reading aloud group in poetry, is trying to learn to draw, and has given up photography after almost 20 years. She gets lots of exercise and was anticipating a partial knee replacement early in 2006. Edwin '50 and Carol Singer Greenhaus live in Mamaroneck, NY, and winter in Palm Beach, FL. Carol writes that she is "enjoying life." She reads, plays tennis, and walks. As of October '05, the couple was just back from a cruise.

Honey Moscowitz Kuhl, Merrick, NY, participates in international and Israeli folk dance classes three or four times a week. She also had been attending a history class as an auditor at a local college. Peter C. Shuster, Seneca Falls, NY, is a square dancer. He is back to full-time farming and is "raising a 4-year-old adopted great-grandson to be a 'Future Farmer of America.'" At leisure, he enjoys photography and sailing. William '50, ME '54, and Gertrude Strong Neef, MS '54, Prescott, AZ, had been traveling: two weeks in North China, one week in California for a grandson's wedding, and one week in Ohio visiting relatives. As of October, she was beginning to think about having the whole clan to Arizona for Christmas.

That's it for now. I hope next time to get in the news from the rest of you from whom we hadn't heard since 2004. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

"Never volunteer," we've all been told, but **Chuck West**, MBA '56 (Carolina Beach, NC) isn't buying it. The gift of time to church, political, and social service causes helps prevent idle hands, says he. There's also that pull to faraway

places. He tells of a trip to Israel not so long ago. "Fascinating," he says, particularly because his visit fell during elections. "Such intractable problems in the Middle East," he observes. "Getting through Sharon's wall into the Palestinian-controlled area was an experience! That is a WALL!" He answers a question with a question. The reporter asked: "What would you rather be doing?" The philosopher's reply: "In retirement, why do anything other than what you WANT to do?" Okay, good question. The most unforgettable character (or experience) at Cornell? "The WHOLE experience." And, he adds, "getting out from under Mom and Dad—an Army general" (who maybe occasionally appointed volunteers?).

Paul Makosky (St. Michaels, MD) follows many tracks in the arts and sciences and the scientific art of finance. He produces concert series at the county arts academy, revamped financial reporting and organizational structure of a regional chamber music festival, advises a county economic development commission, and provides hospice patient care. Paul and wife Linda follow the open road to satisfy curiosity about transportation, archeological, railway, and textile interests. There are five grandkids. "After 20 years of retirement, I've filtered out the things I didn't enjoy. What remains (above) is both enjoyable and satisfying." Favorite Fifties folk? "V. Nabokov—lectures in European literature. Fred H. 'Dusty' Rhodes, PhD '14, of Chemical Engineering—unit operations."

Herb Neuman (NYC), a frequent traveler to Israel, is chairman of the Board of Regents of the International Center, under the umbrella of the Hebrew U., and as such presided at the annual Jerusalem meeting of the board. He recalls skiing on Libe Slope for physical education credits. You never know into whom you'll bump in places like that. Herb won't forget the time he sledded through the legs of a skier ascending the incline. How the other snowbird came out of it is not divulged.

Paul Bomze, MBA '54 (Haverford, PA) has been practicing law for 46 years and is a managing partner in his firm. He remains competitive on senior division tennis courts, too. Two Cornell professors live in his memory: Prof. Shannon, who taught accounting in the Business school (Paul earned an MBA from Cornell in finance and accounting in 1954), and government giant Clinton Rossiter '39. Mel Atwater (Olympia, WA) sees how elections work, first-hand, as a part-time county election department employee. He's been at it for 16 years, "making sure that every valid vote counts. It's been very satisfying and helps to keep this senior citizen's mind reasonably alert and productive." Mel has six kids and seven grandchildren "scattered around the country." That is conducive to travel and he'd rather be doing more of it. His best old day on the Hill was "seeing Cornell beat Michigan in that memorable football game." We may not experience that again right away.

Beatrice Furnas Thurston (Durango, CO) checks in, "self-employed with husband William, running a ma-and-pa gas company. (This is a full-time task.)" She reports on a trip from the southernmost point of Japan to the northernmost spit. The Thurstons visited national parks, wildlife preserves, and bird refuges. "My husband was a

naval aviator during World War II, flying torpedo bombers over Japan. When he came to Japan, two days after the peace was signed, everything was flattened," says Mickie. The Thurstons were hugely impressed by the new Japan that has arisen since.

You may recall Joan Kanel Slomanson's first big story. It was she, a Daily Sun freshperson, who revealed that Mater was photographing all freshperson women au naturel to help them straighten out their postures. Joan (NYC) says she's busy "publicizing my latest book, When Everybody Ate at Schrafft's," but she'd rather be working on her next book. Deborah Cornell Henderson (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) is writing, "mainly essays for local papers and Water's Edge magazine," besides frequent gym workouts and, oh yes, "general housekeeping." If she had the choice, she maintains, she'd be doing "exactly the same! Life is good." Sociology lectures are her favorite memories of school days among the Silent Generation. As for Helen Teschner Greene (Great Neck, NY), she, too, is happy doing "just what I'm doing," such as "lots of golf, bridge, Pilates, yoga, and aerobics, and a little painting and drawing."

An e-message from Isabel Huacuja '05, onetime Class of 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellow, reassures recipients that she wasn't harmed in the disastrous terrorist bombings of eight trains in Mumbai (Bombay) last July. She was in the city at the time, though, as part of an extended, thorough visit to northern India. Tourist buses she had been riding in Srinagar the previous week were the target of grenades during the attacks.

Our 55th Reunion is sooner than you think—just over a year and a half away. So it's not too soon to begin to taper on with friends who knew us when. Plans are afoot for a truly class mid-winter bash at the Union League Club in Philadelphia. Joyce Wisbaum Underberg and counterparts from contemporary classes have negotiated a dinner date for Friday, January 19, 2007, the first day of Jane Little Hardy's Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). We hope many who are not necessarily involved in the CACO business will join class officers to celebrate the pleasure of each other's company with fine dining in elegant surroundings. It's a good excuse to reach out to old buddies for a top-drawer night on the town. Stay tuned. **Im Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

Does any one else out there feel the weight of too much paper in their lives? For your correspondent, it is cause for a mea culpa a year overdue. Hidden in my zoo files between pandas and sloth bears were e-mails I received last August when I sent out a plea for news. I have been searching for them for a year knowing I would not have shredded them with old bills and checks, nor would I have deleted them without printing. No, I just misfiled the printed e-mails, and thus they spent the year in my computer (in good company, though) instead of in my column, which was their rightful locale.

Dana Dalrymple, MS '56, wrote in August 2005 that he was with the US Agency for Int'l Development, where he serves as senior research

advisor and agricultural economist in the Office of Environment and Science Policy. Whew. When he wrote, he was writing a paper on the use of qinghao or sweet wormwood, a Chinese plant used for years in traditional medicine now being used to fight malaria. The plant is also known as artemisia. Dana referred me to a New York Times article on its economic impact in China, which was extremely interesting. Dana became a grandparent for the first time last year, which might have set a class record. James Symons, still happily retired in Florida, does a good bit of traveling and then uses his trusty Mac to pop the pictures onto the Internet or make DVDs to archive these adventures. Bruce Boselli, MD '57, continues working on various boards, including his favorite, the county Regional Arts Council, which we mentioned earlier in the year.

Emily and Charlie Bibbins, MBA '55, spent May enjoying their tour through Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia, Africa does continue to be an amazing adventure for most of us. Allan Griff's travels are always of note. Last year he took a working vacation to Bulgaria, where he helped plastics extrusion companies. He also spent some time at the Black Sea beaches and heard some great folk music at a once-every-five-years festival in Koprivshtitsa. He wrote me on a computer that kept jumping from Latin to Cyrillic letters. It was a strange and wonderful e-mail to decipher. Allan researches and writes on many popular issues such as nutrition, recycling, health, and the environment, endeavoring to present as factual a discussion as possible. **Phyllis Hubbard** Jore took up her career of teaching to coincide with her son's schedule and found she liked it-i.e., a captive audience for corny jokes and a bit of a power trip. She is now working part-time at the local community college teaching the math that should have been taught in high school. She plans on attending our next reunion, but as a Floridian of many years she would like Ithaca to provide warmer weather.

I picked up the Washington Post Magazine this past May and was puzzled to see a bride and groom on the cover that looked very familiar. They were indeed. The happy couple was Beverly Billinger, MD '58, and Jim Deane, circa 1956. The inside story told of Beverly's marriage to Jim in 1956 and his subsequent disappearance when his US Navy plane was shot down off the coast of Shanghai during a Cold War spy mission that same year. Jim was presumed lost and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Beverly went back to finish the third year of her medical degree at Cornell and a few years later married Jim Shaver, a surgical resident she had met while a pediatric resident in New Orleans. It wasn't until she was scanning through a book in 1992 that doubts began to arise in her mind about what really happened when Jim's plane was shot down. Beverly has spent the years since trying to find answers. The story in the *Post*, written by Beverly's daughter Katherine, recounts the long and tortuous journey they both have taken to gather the facts. They have not only had to work with our own government departments, but those of China also. It is now 50 years later and the story is without an ending. If you would like to contact Beverly Billinger Shaver, her address can be found in the Alumni Directory; her e-mail is shaver@cox.net. You can also find the entire article by doing a search on Google (keywords: Deane Truth and Lies). **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/. Alumni Directory, https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/.

Hotelie Rick Hort of Sierra Vista, AZ, declares, "Retirement is great; I highly recommend it!" The Horts have been retired about 14 years. "Summer finds us traveling north in our motor home, and we usually head over to San Diego to enjoy the beach in January and February." Jay Hyman, DVM '57, reports, "It's time for a change"—which means Jay and Anita will be dividing their time between their new condo in Jersey City ("for the culture and energy of New York City") and Costa Rica's central Pacific coast, "to enjoy the climate and the beautiful mountains, ocean, and rain forest." Bill and Pat Doerler spent four months at their condo in Florida and while there, had lunch with Tom Fricke, who's promised to be at our next reunion. Several of the old AGR bunch get together in Lakeland, FL, for lunch; Hal Fountain and John Elderkin, M Ed '65, were among the attendees last time. Hal is chairman of the board of directors of Rhinebeck Savings Bank in Poughkeepsie. The Fountains also show draft horses and have had some thoroughbred racehorses.

Arthur Yelon writes that, with two colleagues, he published a paper in *Reports on Progress in Physics*. If you need some clarification on Art's subject matter (multi-excitation entropy) you'd better ask him and not me! **Gerald Gordon** reports that many of his former students are currently starring in TV shows and films in Hollywood. Jerry's short film *Happily Ever After* won Best Romantic Drama in the New York Independent Int'l Film Festival. Congratulations, Jerry. Also kudos to **Jim Van Buren**, MD '59, who's been named to Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame.

John '54 and Laura "Lolly" Treman Almquist '56 of Tucson had a great time with Bob and Barbara Malatesta and C. Alan MacDonald recently. Alan has just joined a start-up private equity firm in New York City, the Dellacorte Group, and shares the good news that he's totally healed from back surgery—"and my golf is improving!" Ruth McDevitt Carrozza writes that she, too, has regained her health and is keeping busy as a board member of an abused women's haven and president of the local Camellia Garden Club, and continuing to travel. Also off the disabled list, Miles "Gene" Marsh says he's "fully recovered" from the leg surgery that unfortunately kept him from our 50th Reunion, and planning a return to his condo on Maui for another Mai Tai.

Barbara Burg Gilman missed reunion (enjoying their 50th anniversary party instead), but she and husband Mike, DVM '56, attended his 50th Reunion from the Vet college this past June. Successful knee replacement surgery for Barb has enabled her to keep dancing and riding their horses. Pat Hewson Mason sings the praises of her hometown, Ogunquit, ME—"a lovely seaside town"—where she serves on several town

committees. She also writes a food column for the local paper, and her 1,000th column was the occasion for a full-page story. The Masons get together with **Don '53** and **Cindy McCormack Williams** each year when they vacation in Ogunquit. **Rona Kass** Schneider and her husband Martin took their grandsons to the Spy Museum in Washington, DC, "which we'd never heard of, but apparently every kid in America has!" Rona says grandchildren are really a reward—"all the fun and none of the work."

I particularly enjoyed Ron Ollstein, MD '58's thoughtful note. Now retired, he is chief emeritus of plastic surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan, and clinical professor of surgery at New York Medical College in Valhalla. His book, Mission, Matrix and Money: The Modern History of St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, 1960-1995, was published last June. Ron's advice is to "work as hard as you can to keep your old and true friends," and he cites Robert Frost, who said, "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on." And lucky for us it does. Hope the voyage is going well for you! � Nancy Savage Petrie, 6 Inkberry St., East Hampton, NY 11937; e-mail, nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

As I am writing this column, it is some two months since our 50th Reunion and seeing all of you face-to-face. Such a fleeting few days to celebrate our class, ourselves, and our memories of Cornell. Class president Ernie Stern wanted me to tell you that any volunteers to upcoming and ongoing class activities can please contact him via e-mail at ELStern56@cs.com.

Sandra Albert Wittow, Englewood, CO, wanted all to know that her artwork is exhibited on her website, www.sandrawittow.com. She will have an exhibit in Denver in spring '07, which will then tour in Las Vegas, NV, later in the year. If any classmates know of curators in museums, she would like to gain more venues for her work. One of her subjects is our late professor Vladimir Nabokov. Roslyn Grinberg Aronson, Berkeley, CA, organized a mini-reunion at the Berkeley Marina Doubletree on July 30 for Northern California Cornellians, Celebrants were Cmdr. Rudolf Bredderman (Fremont, CA), Susanne "Sanne" Kalter DeWitt and husband Hugh, PhD '57 (Berkeley), Sharon and Foster Kinney (Redwood City), Michael Sack (San Francisco), Bob Schermer (San Francisco), and Gloria Greenberg Specter (Greenbrae, CA) and husband Peter Marks. Roz described the event this way: "Although most of the group did not know each other, it was a lively gathering with a mixture of sharing Cornell memories and sharing life experiences." For anyone interested in future Northern California events, please contact Roz at rosyfutur@yahoo.com, who would be pleased to organize.

Nancy Hencle Abbott (Baldwinsville, NY) was a Home Ec teacher from 1957 to 1960 at Cato-Meridian Central School, then a stay-athome mom, farm wife, and roadside market manager from the 1960s to the 1990s. Nancy now helps her son and his wife with greenhouse sales, apple grading, and grounds maintenance. She has

volunteered her time as a 4-H leader, Farm Bureau press rep, Bible study leader, and church librarian. Nancy says she finds time to garden, read, collect cookbooks, do simple quilting, and entertain family and friends. News from **Steve** and **Miriam Mattinen Shearing** of Las Vegas: Miriam retired as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court last year and is now serving as a senior judge in courts all over the state. Steve is busy with his real estate investments. Dr. **Rose Goldman** Mage (Bethesda, MD) is still at the NIH after 42 years, working on immunogenetics, boosting the Rabbit Genome Project, and developing a rabbit model of lupus. Rose adds that her hobby is "Middle Eastern belly dancing."

Classmate Shaun Seymour (New Holland, PA) is looking to locate classmate **Dwight Rath**, MBA '57. Shaun is working as a part-time building inspector and is also building a 22-foot boat. This from Marlene Grass Paikoff (Syracuse, NY, and Boca Raton, FL): "I still do taxes for H&R Block during the winter season in Florida." And from classmate Joe Fitzsimmons (Ann Arbor, MI), a very long list of distinguished awards from his community. From Carol Skidmore Cuddeback (Front Royal, VA): "We are retired on 350 acres in the Shenandoah Valley surrounded by family. What more could we ask? We feel blessed." As we reported, Lorna Jackson Salzman was a candidate for the Green Party presidential nomination in 2004, and continues her work to warn us about the effects of global warming. Robert Winship (Topsfield, ME) retired in 1997 after 18 years working on the development of small hydropower projects. He is currently serving on the board of a land trust in Maine and has volunteered his time on the Town Finance Committee.

Lots of news from John "Pete" Haynes (Sarasota, FL): "We are enjoying life in sunny Sarasota. Great seafood restaurants, superb medical care, and lovely weather punctuated from time to time with a selection of nature's best hurricanes." Pete says he often sees Jack Miller '55, MBA '56, and Paul Johansen and their wives, and saw Dave Amsler '36, who is active in the local Cornell Club at age 92. From New York City, classmate Virginia Brooks Hochberg, MA '61, writes that she is a professor and head of production in the film department at Brooklyn College. She directed a feature-length documentary, The Nutcracker Family: Behind the Magic, that was screened at the Dance on Camera Festival this past January at the Walter Reade Theater, Lincoln Center. Information on her films is available at www.brooksdancefilms.com.

John, MCE '62, and Marilyn Steffen Merkle (Knoxville, TN) co-authored an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) manual explaining a new standard for measuring the fracture resistance of structural and pressure vessel steels (published in 2005). Marilyn is a retired registered dietician and is involved in church activities and Friends of the Knox County Library. Bob Howard is a real estate broker in Reston, VA, and active in the Reston Rotary Club and Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. Bob and wife Mary are active bikers. Norman Some (Cherry Hill, NJ) is involved in business consulting, CAU, and many family events. Katherine

Weigt Huberth (Auburn, WA) is a professional artist/teacher (water media) and had a painting included in the Northlight publication, *Splash 9*, this year. Norman Miller (Tiburon, CA) retired in January 1999 after 31 years of urology practice and as chief of staff at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco. Art Hershey continues his teambuilding sessions for Calabasas, CA.

Three AEPhi sorority sisters, Sonia Goldfarb, Anita Hurwitch Fishman, and Charlotte Edelstein Gross, live in the same garden apartment complex in South Orange, NJ! Steve Katz (Denver, CO) retired from the Colorado U. faculty and has a new novel out this year called Antonello's Lion, from Green Integer Press in L.A. There was plenty of enthusiastic news from Rabbi Howard '57 and Lenore "Lenny" Brotman Greenstein, who see many Cornellians at their residences in Naples, FL, in the winter, and in the Berkshires in the summer. Watch for Lenny's nutrition update in Naples in January. Larry Brown (Highwood, IL) retired in 1989 after a 31-year career with the Northern Trust Company. From Ridgefield, WA, classmate Anne Jackson writes that she is a retired immunologist with two dogs and two acres to tend!

Watch for Phyllis Miller Lee's (Dorset, VT) art exhibit currently at the Southern Vermont Art Center. Carol Criss Ramsey (Marion, NY) has been retired from teaching for ten years and is very involved in family genealogy, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int'l, volunteering in literacy events, and the Alpha Xi Delta society. Martha Bentel Lovell (Roseville, CA) tells us that she is retired from teaching and has a lot of interests. Martha is a volunteer for the Roseville Kaiser Hospital emergency room, and occasionally scores California state tests for teachers. News from Patricia Brodie (Concord, MA): "I am semi-retired as a clinical social worker with a small private practice. In the past few years, as I cut back on my practice, I've immersed myself in poetry classes, workshops, and readings. I have recently won a few poetry prizes and had over 70 poems published in literary magazines."

Correction: Please note that we printed the incorrect date of the passing of our classmate Martin Wunderlicht Pel-Or. Martin passed away on November 20, 2005, not November 2000. We note with sadness the sudden passing of our classmate Dr. Peter Haritatos Jr. of Rome, NY, on April 24, 2006. Peter was a partner with the Internist Group of Rome and served on the medical staff at Rome Memorial Hospital. He retired from private practice in 1985 and became director of Court Street Clinic in Utica and medical director for the Oneida County Dept. of Social Services. Peter is survived by his wife Maris, a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, and a close extended family. **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

After returning from his 50th Reunion in June, Bob '56 and Susie Howe Hutchins got the golf clubs out for some rounds in Longmeadow, MA—when the July Northeastern heat wave didn't interfere. Since their kids have all settled in the area, they are able to see the

grandchildren and attend lots of baseball games where the older two play. And this past year Susie has taken up playing the piano again. "I had forgotten how much I enjoy it," she writes. The Hutchinses plan to be at our 50th. August brought some cooler weather to New England, and Sally Ann Blake Lavery decided to make use of her screened porch in Amesbury, MA, instead of traveling this summer. Sally did go out west in February to visit relatives in Phoenix, Sedona, and the Gold Country. She is involved with historic and community organizations and ushers at the Firehouse Center for the Performing Arts in Newburyport. Sally also serves as a docent at the Historical Society of Old Newbury and the John Greenleaf Whittier Home in Amesbury. "Looking forward to seeing everybody at our 50th. It's coming too quickly!" comments Sally.

Updates came in via e-mail from Eleanor Meaker Kraft and Virginia "Jinny" Elder Flanagan. Ellie passed on her law genes to some of her children, with a daughter practicing law in Eureka, CA, and her oldest son, Rudy '78, a lawyer in San Luis Obispo, CA. Her other children are all on the West Coast making it possible for Ellie to see her seven grandchildren. She is still working in the area of criminal appeals and reports that there is no retirement in sight. But she does have her sights set on flying east for our 50th along with her sister Virginia Meaker Kleinhans. Jinny Flanagan also has seven grandchildren and just celebrated a super 70th birthday with good friends on an overnight in a cabin at Bear Mountain. She is practicing psychotherapy three times a week. "And yes, I will attend reunion."

Barbara Flynn Shively started her choral career at Cornell and is still going strong with the Morris Choral Society in Morristown, NJ. In June she participated in a Summer Sings program sponsored by the Masterworks Chorus with about 150 other singers from various choruses across the state of New Jersey. Barb describes one rehearsal: "The conductor was the eminent David Randolph, 92, who had the pianist play a few chords from the very beginning of the Brahms Requiem. The phrase sounded like, with a slight tuning, the beginning of 'Far Above Cayuga's Waters.' Mr. Randolph stopped the pianist, looked up at the choristers, and said, 'I think Brahms must have been a Cornellian.' There was a ripple of appreciative laughter. I think there are a lot of Cornellians in the choruses who 'got it' as well. A wonderful moment!" Perhaps Barb will be joining Mary Hobbie Berkelman and Marj Nelson Smart, among others, at the reunion Chorus/Glee Club concert next June when we "tread the Hill once more." **Solution** Judith Reusswig, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCReuss@aol.com.

and a few returned e-mails, we can update classmates on some recent happenings. Frank Russell, MBA '60, writes: "I retired as a federal administrative law judge on June 28, 2006, and my wife Cynthia retired as a school principal June 30. No, we do not plan any immediate world travel, but are watching Cornell alumni travel to such places as Alaska and Europe. I continue to work 50-plus

From the last News notes in hand

hours a week as an ambulance medic and as a member of the Chimes Advisory Council since its inception (ca. 1990). I am the president of the ambulance company and of one of the local fire companies. Our daughter Kimberly is an assistant director of residential life at Colgate U., and our son Jeffery is in paramedic school in Jacksonville, NC. I have to say I am tempted to join him in paramedic school, but I must be more realistic!" Gail Glueck Bernstein (gailbernstein@att.net) and husband Ralph '57 still reside in San Francisco, where Gail spends three days a week in marketing for the Oakland Museum of California. But, she says, "her favorite day every week is Grandma's Day, when she takes her two local g-kids on adventures." Gail and Ralph had "two wonderful weeks in Provence, where Ralph drove like a true Frenchman." They feel that life is good—there is nothing Gail would rather be doing now.

students, professors, and townspeople. I wonder if anyone else remembers our Sunday afternoon classical concerts at the Straight under the direction of Thomas Sokol. I remember auditioning for the Cornell Chorus as an alto and getting turned down because I couldn't sight-read well enough. I went right back and auditioned as a tenor and was accepted! Our first concert was in Bailey Hall, and Maestro Donald Grout arranged us by the height indicated on his roster, not by who we were. As a result, I ended up standing on stage right in the middle of the men's section. Lesson learned. I later joined the New York Choral Society as a tenor and married the guy singing next to me!"

Steve Bank writes that he and wife Judith moved from Cary to Morrisville, NC, and he's still working part-time for the Cary Library. He says, "I'll work until they throw me out. We went to Wellington, FL, in June to celebrate my son

In our day, the Cornell Chorus was made up of students, professors, and townspeople.

IRENE LAZARUS SOSKIN '58

Philip Dattilo Jr. fly-fishes all over the world, his last experiences in N. Australia, then N. Quebec, a year ago. He and Linda spent two weeks in Tuscany on vacation from Phil's work as a court attorney referee in upstate New York. Cardiologist Howard Semer continues to practice full-time, specializing in cardiac ultrasound. He'd like to have more time for golf and digital photography, but does get free to enjoy Lincoln Center concerts with wife Shelley. Howard wants to hear from classmate Bob Evans, JD '60, who can reach him at hsemer @aol.com. A final News note from last year says that Betty Ann Fong Zuzolo continues her work in NYC as lab director of the Chambers Lab for cell micromanipulation and as visiting adjunct assoc. professor at the City College of New York. She and husband Ralph enjoy dinner dates with "old friends and relatives," she writes, "along with attending the Met and museums, etc., in NYC."

From recent e-mails we have a few updates. Larry Kaufman (known as "H" at Cornell because we had another Larry ("S") in our class) writes, "I'm approaching my 70th birthday in September and am still writing about transportation public policy issues for several publications. Had a history of BNSF Railway published last September ('05) and now am working on a history of Norfolk Southern. Any who are in the Denver area should feel free to get in touch with me in the foothills west of and 2,500 ft. above Denver. In recognition of advancing years, I am doing more traveling and returned in midJuly from a trip to New Zealand and Samoa." Larry's e-mail is LKauf81509@aol.com.

Irene Lazarus Soskin writes about some of her fond memories back in our days and since: "I continue to conduct our community chorus and sing in classical vocal groups, using some of the music that I still have from the Cornell Chorus. In our day, the newly formed chorus was made up of Larry '88's 40th birthday. Can't believe I have a 'child' of 40 and a 'child' of 43." Larry's new e-mail address is spyder59@bellsouth.net. Barbara Wood Gray (bleewzg@cs.com) sends greetings and writes that her husband Bob (CSU '55) and she moved full-time from Jackson Hole, WY, to Tubac, AZ, in 2004. Barb says, "It's like going from Paradise North to Paradise South. Between us, we have 17 grandchildren now—from ages 23 to 9 months. They are scattered far and wide and for some reason, since most of them live in the North, we are seeing more of them in Arizona than we did before. It is terrific."

Kudos to Doris Dickerson Coward, Austin, TX, who received the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Cornell-New York Hospital School of Nursing in May. And to Nancy Green Dickenson, Santa Fe, NM, who has been busy as executive director of two documentaries. Her first project, Home of the Brave, was released in 2004 and has received numerous awards, including recognition by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences as "one of the outstanding documentaries of 2004." Writes Nancy: "It is the story of Viola Liuzzo, a housewife and mother in Detroit, who in 1965 was so moved by the injustice she saw in the news reports, that she went to Selma, AL, to participate in the voting rights march. She was murdered by the Ku Klux Klan and then vilified by J. Edgar Hoover and the

mainstream press. Her story haunted me for many years and this film was my attempt to correct that injustice and honor her memory. With the help of a great film crew, especially Paola di Florio, director, writer, and producer, and Viola's children, I produced a film that accomplished my goals. The film is being used in schools and has received wide distribution. It has screened in theaters, appeared on Court TV, and is available in DVD or video format. Viola is now recognized as a true heroine." Nancy, who for many years has collected and promoted outsider art, is currently working on a documentary about a Cleveland folk artist.

active in East Bay Citizens for Peace, a grassroots organization committed to peaceful solutions to conflict and to social and economic justice. She stands in peace vigils, chairs the steering committee's monthly meetings, and participates in forums and other programs.

Bartley Frueh, Ann Arbor, MI, is phasing into retirement. Professor of ophthalmology and director of eye plastic and orbital surgery at the U. of Michigan, he celebrated this milestone by going to eastern Turkey for three weeks in August, followed by a week of meetings in England, then a two-week narrow-boat trip on English

retired as chief scientist of his division at TRW Systems and works on National Academy of Sciences committees. With both of them now semi-retired, says Carol, "we have lots of time for fun, and enjoy pétanque, tennis, and cross-country skiing, as well as traveling." The Marcuses' two children both live in the Los Angeles area, where their daughter is an architect (married with three children) and their son is a lawyer with two daughters.

Another California classmate in the medical

world, David Stevens of Saratoga is a professor

of medicine at Stanford. David has been awarded the Lucille Georg Medal from the Int'l Society for Human and Animal Mycology in recognition of outstanding scientific achievement in medical mycology, or fungal disease. David received his award in Paris at the opening ceremony of the international congress on June 25. Will Clark reports from Fort Wayne, IN, that, along with fulfilling a series of civic responsibilities of the sort that often come with retirement, he has discovered a new avocation: sculpture. "My sculpting work is now becoming my main focus," he says. He began casting in bronze in the late 1990s after studying the sculpture he saw in museums and discussing the process with a neighbor who is also a sculptor. Will's pieces are mostly of the human figure, dancers, and 20th century notables such as Robert

Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and Ronald Rea-

gan. "To see what I have been up to," he says, "you

can visit my website, www.willclarksculpture.com."

After a long career in higher education as a faculty member and administrator at Corning Community College and at the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, Alan Krech, MA '63, is now enjoying his involvement in the world of dance-both round and square. Alan and his wife Lou now dance several times a week and served as vice chairs of education at the National Square Dance Convention in June in Charlotte, NC. They say, "We hope to see some dancing classmates [at the convention] in San Antonio this year or in Charlotte next year." Carolyn Carlson Blake reports from Allendale, NJ. "I'm enjoying my first year of retirement from serving as the licensed clinical social worker for two adolescent group homes in Bergen County. I celebrated with a threeweek tour of Japan with friend Jen Tesar '59." Carolyn reports also being busy with a wide variety of activities, from singing in a women's choral group and serving as president of the Pi Phi Alumni Club to keeping up with her 12 grandchildren, ages 2 to 16. "Our 45th Reunion was great fun," she says, particularly because four other members of her freshman corridor in Dickson V were also there: Alys Chew Yeh, Beth Heazlett Kury, Carol Sue Epstein Hai, and Lois Lundberg Carter.

Judith Eyles Male of Lunenberg, MA, has now answered the question she posed in our "Classmate Update" of 2000: "What to do in retirement?" Since John '58 sold his electrical/industrial supply business a year ago, they have been driving around the country in a motor home. "We are enjoying seeing new sights and having no schedule to keep," Judy reports happily.

Our very deepest sympathy to **Fred Block**, who lost his son Christopher in 2005 to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy at the age of 38. A graduate of Lehigh, where he was a star basketball

Sylvia Cottingham Smyth yearns for a 100-hour day.

JOANNA MCCULLY '61

To **Mimi Petermann**, our congratulations and best wishes! She and her companion of four years, David Tarr, a U. of Wisconsin professor of political science, were married on the beach in Sanibel Island, FL, on Valentine's Day. They are at home in Madison, WI. Charles and **Christine Hengesch** Popper have moved to Bonita Springs, FL, but continue to spend summers in beautiful Ouechee, VT.

While in Italy to attend the Winter Olympics earlier this year, Carl Leubsdorf, Washington, DC, made a side trip to Florence to visit his *Cor*nell Sun colleague and friend David Engel. "David, who retired from the Foreign Service, and his wife Alma, who retired from the Consular Service, decided to stay in Italy and live in a wonderful house that overlooks the city," writes Carl. "We had a great time reminiscing about our Cornell days (and discussing the foibles of the Bush Administration). While I was there, we got a phone call from another close friend and former Sun colleague **David Simpson '60**, who was my successor as Sun associate editor but then went astray into the legal profession." Before heading to Italy, current and past colleagues joined Carl to mark his 25th anniversary as Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News.

Also at the 2006 Winter Olympics was Hans Lawaetz, who attended as the Chief de Mission for the Virgin Islands Olympic team. "Volunteering for the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (VIOC) for the last 30 years certainly has its perks," he says. As the secretary general of VIOC for 20 years and its president for the past ten years, Hans has marched in the opening ceremonies of five Winter Olympics and seven Summer Olympics. "My highlight was at the '85 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, marching behind my daughter, swimmer Jodie A. Lawaetz-Mays, who was carrying the Virgin Islands flag."

Volunteer activities command a significant part of classmates' lives. **Joan Travis** Pittel, Boynton Beach, FL, is a volunteer usher at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. Similarly, **Jean Finerty** Wandel, Falmouth, ME, ushers at the Portland Stage Co. and Maine State Music Theater. **Joanne Mattson** DeVoe, Warren, RI, is rivers. Another recent traveler to Turkey was **Pearl Woody** Karrer, Palo Alto, CA. In addition to working as a piano instructor, Pearl edited a recent *California State Poetry Journal* and had monotypes in several juried art shows. **Anne Townsend** Salisbury, Branchport, NY, traveled to five South American countries earlier in the year and "did the North American west coast from Vancouver to San Francisco." When not traveling, she handles public relations and advertising on ethnic programs, primarily in NYC, Philadelphia, and New Jersey cities—all via the Internet, phone, and fax.

Mary Gail Drake Korsmeyer continues to practice law as a partner in Peacock Keller in Washington, PA, doing mostly health law and trial work—defense of medical cases as well as defense of architects in asbestos cases. Her husband Jerry, brother of our deceased classmate Cecile Korsmeyer Cotten, retired from Westinghouse, where he was a nuclear physicist; he received his PhD in theology and now studies the interface of religion and science. With best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year! ❖ Jenny Tesar, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

much on the move these days, dividing her professional time between Tufts U. in the Boston area and the National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC. Toddy says, "I enjoy my work very much, although it involves a lot of commuting." She was sorry to have missed the wedding of Anne Rothenthaler Vendramin's son, which took place in Venice in January, but says that Tina Van Lent Radler attended "and had a swell time." When not at work or on the road, Toddy can be found in Jamaica Plain, MA. Carol Silber Marcus, PhD '64, though retired from her administrative position

Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer is very

though retired from her administrative position as associate chief of nuclear medicine at UCLA Medical Center, continues on the faculty there, teaching radiopharmaceutical therapy to residents. "I am also active," she adds, "in emergency response, with a specialty in—what else?—dirty bombs!" Carol's husband **Bruce '58**, PhD '63,

player, Christopher was an insurance underwriter and the father of two children. Tragically, Fred lost his other son Eric, known as Rick, in an aviation accident in 1994 at the age of 32. Fred and his wife Nikki, who live in Lake Bluff, IL, and their daughters Lisa and Amy manage a memorial alumni basketball game in honor of Rick and Chris, and have given a scholarship to a student athlete for the past 12 years. Fred serves as the chairman of the Rick and Chris Block Scholarship Foundation.

Beth Hooven Morsman recently sent along the sad news that Sandra Dickson "Dicki" Speiden of Somerset, VA, died in February, after complications subsequent to knee replacement surgery. An environmentalist honored for establishing a moratorium on uranium mining until its safety could be demonstrated, and a recipient of the governor of Virginia's award for her efforts to preserve an ancient Paleo Indian site in Warren County, Sandra also received a Lakota Indian award in South Dakota for returning a spiritual artifact to the family of Sitting Bull. Her survivors include her husband Bill '59 and two sons, Leith of Roanoke, VA, and Robert of Christiansburg, VA. Send your news to **\$ Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

Doug Fuss was fortunate enough to be one of the first 64 Americans evacuated from Lebanon. When we submitted this column in mid-August, we knew that Doug had left Lebanon safely. He had arrived in Beirut a few weeks earlier on a consulting mission involving Beirut's software firms. His wife Sue had remained in Paris with plans to join Doug at a later date. On July 13, Doug heard the sounds of bombs dropping on the runways of Beirut Int'l Airport. Four days later he was evacuated to Cyprus. Doug has the highest praise for the US State Department and the US Marines.

Our sincere thanks to Dave Kessler, who loyally served for ten years as our class correspondent. He did a magnificent job! At our 45th Reunion, Doug Fuss and I, Joanna McCully, volunteered to relieve Dave and become your new class correspondents. Dave has spent a relaxing summer in his tranquil home in Jewett, NY (in the northern Catskills). He relates that "the area featured many cultural events, including New York Met Opera performances, the New York Philharmonic players, and NYC actors in a crowded summer of concerts and plays." After successful knee replacement surgery last spring, he will have a second surgery on the other knee on November 7. All the best to Dave for a successful operation and a peaceful recovery.

Larry Wheeler, our new webmaster, has revamped our class website (http://www.cornell 61.org). A great job, Larry! Thank you.

Jerry Davis, president of Alice Travel in Fairfield, NJ, travels extensively to Europe, South America, and Mexico. He also enjoys photography and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Barbara Cain Parker says hello to us from Burlington, VT. Donald Coleman of Weatherby, MO, is vice president of a railroad construction company, Coleman Industrial Construction. He was director of a levee district in

Riverside, MO, and recently completed an \$80 million levee construction project. He enjoys flying, sailing, racing, and diving. He remembers concerts in the Straight with the "Stump Lifters."

Richard, GR '55-60, and Sylvia Cottingham Smyth live in Asheville, NC. Sylvia is a freelance designer and yearns for a 100-hour day. She is working on two different branches of the family tree, preparing for a mural project, and resurrecting block printing for book illustrations. In her spare time, Sylvia sings in a small ensemble specializing in medieval and Renaissance music, dances with an NIA group, and does dramatic readings with her husband. Sylvia says, "This is my dream life come true—in a beautiful place with a wonderful person." She remembers sliding down Libe Slope on a tray with Richard and opening her eyes to see she hadn't died in the process. She also remembers the Cornell Dramatic Club's production of The Boyfriend, where she and Richard first met.

William Magee of Cazenovia, NY, is a member of the NYS Assembly, serving as the chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee. "After-hours" activities find him as an auctioneer. Dr. Barbara Jacobs Mitnick completed a book entitled *The Hyde and Watson Foundation: A History*. Her book, she writes, "deals with the Hyde and Watson Foundation, which is a highly successful private foundation serving the capital funding needs of nonprofits within a 50-mile radius of New York." Barbara's son John, an attorney, works in the Bush Administration as a White House counsel, and her daughter Jane has changed careers, becoming a certified gemologist specializing in estate jewelry in New York.

Your class co-correspondent, Joanna McCully, of Lady Lake, FL, enjoyed a three-week tour of Thailand. The Thais are extremely friendly, the landscape lush, and the elephants amazing. She joined her son Rick Bernard in NYC, where they enjoyed the Westminster Dog Show. She traveled to Ithaca for Reunion and in August participated in the Mensa World Gathering in Orlando. Attention, Sylvia Smyth: If you find that 100-hour day, would you share the secret with me? My new business cards read, Joanna McCully, Storyteller / "Let me entertain you" / my logo. I do an amusing presentation of my travels to many lands and experiences of life in the restaurant business. My audience now consists of the local clubs and organizations in my community, The Villages.

We would love to hear from all of you—by e-mail, land mail, or passenger pigeon. We will print any news you care to share. *** Joanna McCully**, joannacelticlady@aol.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net. Class website, http://www.cornell61.org.

Since leaving Cornell 44 years ago, we've had eight great reunions, giving all of us the opportunity to see how time has progressed in each of our lives as we've pursued various educational/business/medical/legal/international/governmental/military ventures, expanded our families, enhanced our educational resumes, and broadened our travel experiences. Now we are entering a time to refocus, rejuvenate, and reflect,

as well as reclaim old friendships and set sail on new ventures that will carry us through many happy times in our "retirement" years. So how do we launch this vessel with a major splash? WE ATTEND THE CORNELL '62 45TH REUNION JUNE 7-10, 2007! Our 40th was a huge success. We can make our 45th a reunion to break all Cornell records. Put the dates on your calendars and look for sign-up materials coming your way early in 2007.

Your reunion team has been working behind the scenes to make this the best ever. The very popular "Backtalk Band" is ours for the Friday gala! Evelyn Eskin has planned our symposium, which will feature Prof. Walter LaFeber. Don Juran will be our experienced registration chair again, and John Lowrie is our master marketing guru. Alan Flaherty should have the Web page up and running by the time you read this. Call reunion chair Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler at (603) 795-9912, or e-mail rzb3@cornell.edu to volunteer your help in the planning stages or during the reunion. We also want to hear your ideas! More to come . . .

A major feature of Reunion last summer, especially for the Class of '56, was a video on the world-renowned architect Richard Meier '56, produced by our own Phil Handler, MArch '65, and his wife, Maddy (Gell) '65. Cornell's influence on Meier's life and work hasn't been recognized until now. "People will be surprised to learn there's a large Cornell story about him, a rich vein that has run through his career," said Phil, who, with Maddy, spent more than a year making the 35-minute video in honor of Meier's reunion. The video is the 41st in a series on AAP graduates produced by the Handlers and donated by them to the University Archives and AAP's Fine Arts Library and Visual Resources Facility. "We really believe in this series of videos," said Phil. "We think what happened in the history of this college is so important. People relish the memories, the connection, the recollection."

After leaving Cornell in 1960, Phyllis Kramer (Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Wilton, CT; phyllis kramer1@att.net) got her BS and MBA elsewhere. Phyllis is married to Gary Gumbrecht, with one stepson and one grandchild. She retired from IBM, where her final position was as business consultant, with responsibility for designing client image processing systems. "Now I'm into genealogy-my way of contributing. I'm the VP for education for JewishGen.org and I'll be chair of the PC laboratory at the August conference in NYC. I've developed classes and taught at Norwalk College, the Savannah JCC, and the NYC Museum of Jewish Heritage." Neil Schilke, ME '64 (neroschilke@aol.com) retired from GM in 2003, taking on responsibility for forming a consulting organization for the Society of Automotive Engineers. "The business model is to make it easy for retirees to become consultants. The goal is to retain expertise and experience for the industry and enable people to extend and expand their careers." Wife Ro retired in June. Son Kevin was married in May. Daughter Karen and grandsons are doing well. "All is good with the Schilkes."

A note from **Karl Wagner** (karwag@earthlink. net) tells us that he is slowly winding down his active commercial real estate developing, but still

putting in part-time efforts in two areas: "1) teaching advanced real estate investment and market analysis courses nationally and internationally for the CCIM Inst. HQ'd in Chicago (I've also recently taught in Canada and Russia); and 2) as a founding director of a real estate investment fund, I am periodically involved in searching out and analyzing acceptable investments for the fund's money. Other than that, I continue to play golf as often as possible and have added woodturning as another hobby." Karl and his wife live in Richmond, VA.

After 40 years of general dentistry in downtown Philadelphia, Mickey Langsfeld (mickey4@ comcast.net) retired in 2003. "Grandfather, father, and I had our family practice continuously since 1902. Three kids not interested, and grandkids (two) too young to wait. Enjoy tennis, golf, and skiing for sports, photography and genealogy for indoor activities." The Langsfelds have lived in the same suburban Philly house since 1968. Mickey sees Dick Stern and Ken Kershbaum '63 often. They also see Joe and Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer '63. Mel Siegel (mws@cmu.edu) refers us to a website for his news: http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~mws.

An interesting note comes from Mary Van Vleck (MVVLincoln@aol.com). Mary has been in Lincoln, MA, for 16 years, teaching school and then working to conserve land, and she is preparing to move back to Burlington, VT. "The chief attraction is that my daughter and her family are there, but the other attraction is a cohousing community that is now under construction, where I will be living. When all units are sold, we'll be 26 households, ranging in age from 1 to 90. The cohousing movement has gathered a lot of momentum in the past two decades, and there are already two in Ithaca! The idea is to live close together in small, energyefficient homes, either attached or free standing, and then share a 'Common House' where people share meals together, with extra facilities such as play rooms, computer or exercise rooms, and meeting rooms. Each resident must agree to contribute a certain number of hours per month to the community. I imagine my main contribution will be in helping with the group meals. Someone else will do the plowing and raking when necessary. We have purchased 125 acres and will build the 26 homes on 10 acres. The remaining 115 acres are already conserved (the only way the town of Charlotte would allow us to build in the first place)—to garden, raise animals, or leave as forest. Look us up at Champlainvalleycohousing.org or for more general information: cohousing.org.'

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season—and don't forget to send along a copy of your holiday letter to be shared with your classmates! *** Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

As I write this column, the weather all over the US is hot, hot, hot! Warren and I are enjoying our summer, as usual, in cooler Telluride, CO. You can't beat the mountains for more moderate weather. We have also had a lot of rain in the afternoons—with an occasional thunderstorm. News from classmates is needed. Please e-mail me with news if you haven't sent a News Form in with your dues this calendar year!

Doris Grayson Kitson lives in New York City and has a seasonal job (tax season) as a tax preparer with H&R Block. **Robert Oaksford** writes from Groton, NY, that he studies astrology and math and is reading English lit and history. His present day job is taking time to cook dinner for his wife, who works at Cornell. **Edward Hoerning** retired from the US Dept. of Agriculture in July 2005 after a career of 42 years. He and his wife Carol have taken a number of trips that include places like Cape Cod, New York, New Jersey, and Florida.

Stephanie Tress de Pue has recently started doing book reviews for Amazon.com. She used to do them professionally, but now that she is doing them for Amazon, she is eager for votes from readers. She was discouraged that no one has given her a rank yet, so she would like it if classmates would get on Amazon.com and read and rank her reviews. The books include: My Brother Brendan by Dominic Behan, Devils Corner by Lisa Scottoline, Single and Single by John LeCarre, and The Angel Maker by Ridley Pearson. Chuck '62 and Diana Steele Love recently retired and moved to Prescott, AZ. Diana was a certified financial planner and Chuck was a business broker. They plan to attend Chuck's reunion in 2007.

Paul, PhD '66, and Francine Geber Buckley, MS '66, are in Saunderstown, RI. Both of them have retired early and "are learning how to relax and enjoy leisure time." Francine is finding more time for reading and gardening and is completing a book on the birds of Barbados with several other authors. The Buckleys also travel to Arizona, Nevada, and California. Kandis Vengris Scott will spend the school year 2006-07 teaching at Johns Hopkins-Nanjing U. Center. This is an interdisciplinary master's degree program for Chinese and American students. She declined a Fulbright Scholarship to China for this full-year program. She'll also be teaching law courses. She mentioned that Cornell government professor Steven Muller started the Nanjing Center when he was president of Johns Hopkins.

My most faithful correspondent, **Madeleine Leston** Meehan, still splits her time between East
Hampton, Long Island, and St. Thomas, USVI. She
is drawing and painting musicians, dancers, and
moko jumbies in performance. She does this in
many places, from world-class venues to Caribbean
carnivals, from around America to China, and has
worked as a "ship's artist" on cruises—transatlantic
and in the Caribbean. She is involved with "covering" the Spoleto USA Festival in Charleston, SC,
and accompanies concerts with her Mostly Music
Art™ on St. John, USVI. She'll be at a festival near
Avignon, France, in October. Madeleine keeps in
touch with classmates **Richard McKee**, **Janet Saltzman** Chafetz, and **Judith Hirsch** Stoikov.

Laurence and Nancy LeVine live in Pough-keepsie, NY. Larry is financial service representative for MetLife Resources. He likes to cross-country ski, hike, golf, and fish with grandson Gavin. Larry would like to hear from classmates Rex Dimond and Peter Vogelson. Aaron Norman Buzzelli is pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Youngstown, PA. He is also administrator of St. Cecelia Church in Whitney, PA. Barbara Hartung Wade is retired from teaching after 30 years.

She and her daughter Kim travel a lot. They own three weeks of timeshares in both the Melia Vacation Club and Sheraton Starwood program. Barbara is also an avid golfer. As she wrote, she was playing in her club championship.

Bill and Frankie Campbell Tutt have a busy fall planned. They will be traveling in late October to Slovenia and Croatia and then to Bermuda in November to visit family. Frankie is hosting a President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) meeting at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO, in early October. She also runs Tutt Travel and is touring southern India in September, taking in coastal resorts and Ayurvedic spas in preparation for hosting several groups to India. Bill had cancer surgery in February and was doing well until he had an accident on the golf course necessitating rotator cuff surgery. Bill and Frankie's son Ben '97, MMH '97, and his wife Ady had their first daughter, Tori, in March. Ben and his family live in Bermuda, where Ben manages the Reefs Resort. That's all for now. Please send news whenever you can. E-mail is such a good way to communicate. * Nancy Bierds Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@msn.com.

Quite a variety of news this month, from updates to news of exciting trips to what amounts to different opinions of what constitutes retirement. George Ecker, MA '70, is an independent consultant who recently worked on the NASA Safety Initiative, but in what capacity, he does not say. George and wife Ruth live in Wellesley, MA, with their 16-year-old son. George is still an active ski patroller in New Hampshire in the winter, enjoys sailing in the summer, and participates in organized singing in all seasons.

Michael Galiszuski writes that both he and his third wife, whom he married last October, are fully retired. Or is he? Mike writes that he mentors two 7th and 8th grade brothers and volunteer teaches what he calls "messy" science in an afterschool program. He says of his work: "It's like being 'Mr. Wizard.' I love it!" All five of Mike's children are grown and gone—the last one graduated from college this year. He's an avid golfer and bowler, and adds: "My number one rule in life is—show up! And give back whenever possible. Life is good." Hans Weishaupt and his wife Arenda Weishaupt-Spiele, MS '60, who live in Rehetobel, Switzerland, are also both fully retired. They have a grown son and daughter (Stefanie '92).

Margaret Badger Magno retired from US Airways, then went back to being a real estate agent in Lockport, NY, where she lives. Micki previously was a realtor in Florida and Virginia. She says she belongs to a "Dragon Boat" team, an organization of breast cancer survivors who travel mostly to Canada for various international events, ". . . and have a blast!" Micki has two grown daughters, and adds, "Life is good!" Robert Simpson writes that he manages a foundation, is guardian and trustee to four family members, and is a digital photographer—but otherwise is retired. Robert and wife Marcella have three grown sons and live in Tulsa, OK.

Jody Hutchinson spends her time crewing on a sailboat, most recently in the Caribbean, having

visited Montserrat, St. Christopher, and the Leeward Islands. She wrote about getting hot ash and cinders dumped on their boat (some burning holes in the sailcloth) by the still rumbling volcano as they cruised by Montserrat, but that they nevertheless got great video and still pictures. She also wrote of a fun "dinghy drift" in St. Lucia and of visiting a couple on the island of St. Eustatius, near St. Martin, who sold their house outside Washington, DC, and moved to the island, where they set up a self-sufficient home and farm, including cashew, coconut, papaya, mango, and lime trees—and even planted wheat

Oncologist/hematologist Jerome Rubin recently moved into a new, self-built office. One of Jerry's partners is his physician daughter Nancy, also an oncologist/hematologist. Jerry's wife Suellen (Safir) '65 also works in the practice leading support groups. The Rubins, who live in Carmel, CA, recently celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip through the Canadian Rockies. Jerry writes that he still runs and plays tennis, and continues to enjoy all music. Artist Valerie Jesraly Seligsohn last year was the featured artist at a show at the Ormond Beach (FL) Memorial Museum of Art. Valerie is an associate professor of art at nearby Daytona Beach Community College. She and husband Melvin, who have a grown daughter, consider their Ponce Inlet, FL, home their permanent address, but as of this last September, will be back in Philadelphia for half the year. They recently traveled to Israel and Wyoming.

According to the Cornell website, last April several classmates attended Prof. Walter LaFeber's lecture in NYC: Martin Amdur, Jason Gettinger, Joe Robinson, Ellen Goldensohn, Jill Slater, Fran Stillman, Steve, JD '64, and Sue Mair Holden, and Lowell Willinger. Also, according to the July/Aug Cornell Alumni Magazine, three classmates have children that enrolled at Cornell last fall in the Class of '09: David Beattie, MME '66's daughter Alice, Carey Rosenthal's daughter Sara, and Thomas Kahn's daughter Victoria. John Fatherley sent an addendum to our report about his work on President Rutherford B. Hayes: seems four of the president's children attended Cornell.

That's all for now. Please keep the news flowing. You can send it via e-mail or snail mail—your annual News and Dues mailing should arrive soon—and all contributions are gratefully accepted. Bruce Wagner, MEE '66, has added a link to our class website for an easy way for you to send news, so please be sure to visit it (http://classof 64.alumni.cornell.edu) for that and other fun stuff. **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

April of this year brought a special evening for those of us fortunate enough to hear Prof. Walter LaFeber in NYC at the Beacon Theatre. He gave his last public lecture before retiring this past June. Among the more than 2,000 attendees were David and Linda Lomazoff Roitman '66, Liz Gordon and her son Matt Lowenbraun '02, Penny Skitol Haitkin, Arnie Rabinor and his wife, Robert Einhorn, Bob Kessler, Judy Kellner Rushmore, and Phyllis Weiss Haserot, MRP '67.

Marge Sussman Davis writes from her new location in Massachusetts. She retired in Dec. '04 from her primary career and has been teaching ESL and volunteering with the local symphony orchestra. Dave Bridgeman lives in California. He has also retired and spends much newly acquired free time traveling. Dave took a cruise to the Mexican Riviera and has enjoyed taking his travel trailer to Death Valley, Canyon Lands, Bryce Canyon, and Valley of Fire. Attorney Nick **Kass**, MPA '67, has been spending "after-hours time" involved in the operation of a large farm in Forestburgh, NY. Llamas, alpacas, and cashmere goats are raised for their fibers. Over the next few months, he plans to add other alternative livestock, such as yaks. As a former "city kid," he has developed a great appreciation of the hard work involved in operating a farm.

Nancy Levine Castro is still in private practice as a psychotherapist. She finds time to be on the board of directors of Crestwood Children's Center. Nancy is also involved with Atheneum,

Na concert. Now that **Christy Reppert** Sacks has retired from Bank of America, she and husband Stephen are moving from Connecticut to Brooklyn. When Christy is not sifting through 33 years' worth of accumulated material, she finds time to sing in a choir and exercise at a local gym. In January '06 the Sackses attended the wedding of son **Jacob '97**, MS ORIE '98, to Roshni Ravindran in Bangalore, India.

Peter Malanchuk writes from Gainesville, FL, where he is a university librarian for the U. of Florida. He specializes in Africa and in political science at the university, where he has been working on completing major African collections for use by researchers. The U. of Florida African studies program is considered one of the top five in the US. Peter and wife Iona watch college basketball, football, and women's soccer in their spare time. He writes that he would very much like to hear from Wayne Graf and Peter Sperber. Pediatrician Larry Menzer is still practicing in Van Nuys, CA. In his spare time, he is enjoying

Nick Kass has developed a great appreciation of the hard work involved in operating a farm.

JOAN ELSTEIN ROGOW '65

taking courses at a life-long learning center for the over-50 crowd. Since husband **Peter '64** has retired, they have spent lots of time traveling. Their itinerary has included Morocco and Spain, plus three delightful weeks in New Zealand. Another retiree is **Alvon Macauley**. He and wife Pamela live in Cambridge, NY, where Alvon has been a volunteer fireman for 38 years. Last fall, they returned to Cornell for Homecoming. The Macauleys spend part of each winter enjoying the weather of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Being a professor and director of the graduate program in urban and regional design at New York Inst. of Technology keeps Jon Michael Schwarting, MArch '68, busy. He still finds time to be a partner in the architectural firm of Campani and Schwarting in Port Jefferson, NY, and had an exhibition of his work in June (as well as in the fall) at the Hartell Gallery. William Vanneman flew with Angel Flight into Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. He still practices medicine in Winchester, MA. Rick and Linda Cohen Meltzer '64 welcomed their third granddaughter, Ella Meltzer, of Breckenridge, CO. When Rick is not practicing medicine in New Jersey, he is golfing in the summer, skiing in the winter, and traveling. Last year, he and Linda traveled to Peru.

From Santa Monica, CA, we hear from Ron Greene, a partner in the CPA firm Gumbiner and Savett. Leisure time finds Ron and wife Elaine enjoying fine food and wine, both collecting and indulging. Ron also finds time to engage in world-class white-water rafting. From Carmel, CA, Dr. Leona Fass writes that she frequents the local art festivals and recently attended a Sha Na

his new grandson and playing golf. Just addresses from **Thomas Griff Dixcy**, who resides in Connecticut with his wife Margaret Ann, and from **Al Londino**, who resides in New Jersey.

Richard Rosen is very busy practicing law and managing his law firm in Jericho, NY. Free time finds him watching his son and twin daughters play high school football, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, and track. Richard coaches a youth track team and he competes in masters track. Meri Klorman Schreiber teaches a mixed first and second grade class in Massachusetts. She is on the board of directors of a local children's museum and, with husband Paul '62, spends lots of time traveling and visiting with their five grandchildren, all of whom are under the age of 3.

As I close the column, I want to extend the invitation to all of you to send us any news—and to reach out to classmates by telling us whom you would like to get in touch with. We have had numerous people reconnect after many years and reestablish friendships. Send news to: � Joan Elstein Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; Ronald Harris, 5203 Forestdale Court, West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; or Terry Kohlereiter Schwartz, 36 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534; tel., (585) 383-0731; e-mail, Terryks7@aol.com.

As the Class of 66's newest class correspondent, I look forward to learning and writing about the activities of class members.

Please e-mail or write to any of the three of us

and let us know what is going on in your lives and/or the lives of other classmates whom you may have seen or spoken to recently.

Stuart Mitchell has been named to the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School governing board of trustees in Rochester, NY. In addition to this new board position, he is president and CEO of ROI, a private, not-for-profit regional community development and human service organization that provides services to low-income families and economically depressed communities throughout New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, and Puerto Rico. Ellen Bravo lives in Milwaukee, WI, and is teaching women's studies at the U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She has just finished a book, Taking on the Big Boys: Reflections from Feminist Trenches. In addition, she is finishing a novel, entitled Standing Up, about four friends who work in an airline call center and give each other support to change their lives at work and at home. Ellen says she would like to hear from Judith Cramer Fendelman.

Judy Kurtz Polcer has left her day job and is concentrating on singing. Judy is touring the country with her husband's band in a presentation called "When Broadway Meets Swing Street." Her other activities include completing a certificate for teaching English as a Second Language at Long Island U. and serving as president of her building co-op in Brooklyn, NY. Rich Stuebing writes from Zambia, where he and his wife Kathy (Winger), MS '67, have been teaching since 1970. Rich teaches New Testament Greek exegesis, African church history, and leadership at a degree level seminary. Kathy does community development and research. Rich keeps active playing tennis two to three times a week, but says his basketball is "pretty awful now." At Cornell he played on a championship intramural basketball team.

Peter Smith, MS '74, continues to manage Columbia Futures, a futures brokerage he started in 1990. He lives in Bellevue, WA, but has managed to get back to campus several times in the past few years—once for an ILR dedication honoring his deceased friend Kevin Becraft '73, and once when he was on his way to a submarine reunion. In September 2005, he joined 17 Cornell fraternity brothers, whom he had not seen in 39 years, in watching a Notre Dame and U. of Washington football game. Stuart Peterfreund writes from Cambridge, MA, that he is a professor of

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English and associate dean for curriculum and faculty affairs in the Adult and Continuing Education Division at Northeastern U. His wife, Chris Sieber, is a ranked jumper with her horse Georgie Girl in the New England Horsemen's Association standings. We hope Stuart has recovered completely from the back surgery he wrote about.

Gary Crahan spent 30 years in the Navy on nuclear submarines and then worked for a defense contractor. He has now retired for the second time and lives in northeast Florida, where he and his wife are building their "dream home," designed by their daughter. He writes: "Life in northeast Florida is wonderful, with frequent hours spent on the beach, especially watching the full moon rise. I nicknamed my construction company 'Paradise Builders' to capture the sentiment of our lifestyle." Also enjoying retirement is John Deasy, MPS '72, of Doylestown, PA, who likes working on and spending time at his retirement camp in the Adirondacks and restoring his airplane, a 1951 C-35 Beechcraft Bonanza. He is looking forward to time to do things he could not do while working.

Kenneth Dormer lives in Oklahoma, where he is an initiator of the Oklahoma Nanotechnology Initiative at the Oklahoma U. College of Medicine and Hough Ear Inst. Kenneth's research team is experimenting with targeted delivery of therapeutics using magnetic particles. Nancy Emerson Lombardo (one of my corridor-mates in Dickson freshman year) is enjoying her appointment as adjunct research assistant professor in the Department of Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center at Boston U. She writes, "While I still do some policy research, the focus of my work is on healthy lifestyles (nutrition exercises, cognitive stimulation, stress management, acupuncture) to treat Alzheimer's disease. In 2004 I developed the memory preservation diet." See Nancy's website, www.healthcareinsights.net. Nancy's son Nicholas was ordained a Roman Catholic Dominican priest in 2004, and daughter Suzanne graduated from Harvard Business School in 2005 and is now working in Manhattan.

Please send your news to any of the class correspondents or to Rolf Frantz (raf22@cornell. edu) or Alice Katz Berglas (akb66@aol.com). Deanne Gebell Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; Peter Salinger, pete.sal@verizon.net; and Susan Rockford Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

Our 40th Reunion is six months (or so) away—June 7-10, 2006! Contact Reunion Chair Dave Darwin, daved@ku.edu, to help with the planning and the doing.

Meanwhile, back on the class news front: "Larry Lese, JD '70, and I plan to attend the 40th Reunion," reports Richard Hayman (richard. hayman@1800gotjunk.com). "I retired again because I wanted a three-day workweek to have more time to enjoy our seven grandchildren in our new 'mountain' retreat not too far from D.C. and near several state parks. On the top ridge, we have ten wooded acres complete with swing sets, playhouse, and basketball court. Another reason for building it was to create 'ham heaven': I've been an amateur radio operator (ham) for nearly 50 years and I couldn't erect my 120-foot tower at my home in

Potomac, MD. This summer we are spending lots of time at the beach in Ocean City. My golf game is coming back. I now work part-time for my daughter and son-in-law. After working for me for nine years in the family business, she learned to be a pretty tough boss. I guess this is payback time. I see Stu and Ruthye Lewis often. Stu's dad owned Irv Lewis Men's Shop in downtown. They had other stores: Stuart's in Collegetown, Parajay's and Holly's in downtown, and a store in the mall. Cornellians visiting suburban Maryland and looking for a golf game should send an e-mail."

And from David Gutknecht, '67, MD '71 (davedon@earthlink.net): "I am beginning my 30th year as an internist and medical educator at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, where I've been a longtime member of a large regional chorus, the Susquehanna Valley Chorale. My wife Donna '69, BS Nurs '69, shares my love of music and has been active as a piano accompanist at nearby Bloomsburg U. But really new and different is that this year I became a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Qualifying has involved a lifetime of study and the passing of some really challenging exams. The guide service is a unique operation overseen by the National Park Service. More information can be found at www.gettysburgtourguides.org."

Phyllis Goodman (pgoodman@worldnet. att.net) moved to Cincinnati to become vice president, marketing and communications, at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She "enjoyed reconnecting with Lynn Baxter Blaine, who also lives here in Cincinnati. Hadn't seen each other for more than 30 years and agreed that we both looked exactly the same!" Phyllis Bell Jonas (Atlantic Beach, NY; phyllisjbj@aol.com) is "teaching in a new Hebrew immersion pre-K program at the Brandeis School, where I have taught for 23 years. I occasionally see Myron Kaufman when he comes East to visit his mom who lives nearby. My son Barry '97 lives and works in Las Vegas, and a third grandchild has joined my family, Emma Gabrielle, born to my son Seth and daughter-in-law Rochelle." Longtime readers of this column will recall that we offer a continuing prize for news of sightings or whereabouts of the peripatetic Mr. Kaufman, who apparently can now be found in Marina Del Rey, CA (myronkau@earthlink.net).

You may have noticed the frequency this election season that the major media, focusing on the Lieberman-Lamont contest in Connecticut, have turned to the resident Nutmeg State political expert and chair of the U. of Connecticut political science department, Prof. Howard Reiter (howard.reiter@uconn.edu), for sagacious analysis of the Senate race and a good quotable line or two—all of which he has generously provided. Richard B. Hoffman, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

I hope you all had a great summer. Bruce Carlson and his wife Kathleen (Schmidt) '69 live in Celebration, FL. Bruce is involved with real estate investments. He recently competed in a fishing tournament in Pennsylvania. His son Brian '98 lives in London, and son Brad in L.A.

Fred Scholl, PhD '76, is a manager for information security with Nissan North America. Fred and his wife Gladys live in Brentwood, TN. They have two young sons and a daughter attending Oberlin College. Elizabeth Cadbury and husband Arthur Borror live in Pittsfield, NH. Betsy retired from teaching in 2005 and enjoys gardening, fishing, serving on various condo boards and Audubon steering committees, and always singing. She sings professionally at the Basilique Notre Dame in Montreal. Betsy would like to hear from Mary Jane Ferguson. Linn Jensen Smyth and her husband Jack '69 live in Spring, TX, and Linn is the owner of A Cottage Industry and M'Lady's Chocolates. It sounds interesting, but she didn't give details. Linn is active with the local museum of fine arts and a number of other community groups, and has worked on creating a water re-use project for landscape irrigation in her water district. Linn asks for news of Astrid Madea Loranger.

MJ Herson's event planning firm has worked on the inauguration of Cornell's new president, as well as campaign launch events for the university. He lives in Penn Yan, NY. Ken Miller is president of Pegasus Research Corp., a manufacturer of respiratory products. Ken and wife Melinda live in Costa Mesa, CA. Ken sailed from California to Florida in his own boat, which is now for sale. His current project is building a beach house on the island of Guanaja, Honduras. Ken is in touch with John Wright. Andrew Droitcour reports that his daughter Amy '00 received her PhD in electrical engineering from Stanford. Jim **Ponsoldt** is a professor at the U. of Georgia School of Law. He enjoyed a cameo appearance in the upcoming film Off the Black, starring Nick Nolte, which was a project of his son Jamie.

Felicia Ackerman (formerly Diana Ackerman) is professor of philosophy at Brown U. and also writes short stories. Rick Beck lives in Baggs, WY, and works as a cowboy and occasional carpenter. He enjoys fishing, renovating a house, and "branding about 700 calves." Rick says, "Anyone interested in horseback pack trips with fishing in the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness of Colorado, feel free to call. I mean it." Edward Becker, DVM '72, is a veterinarian in Guilderland, NY. His daughter Alexis '05 attends the Vet college at Cornell.

Jerry Kreider, MArch '71, is an architect in Malvern, PA, with the firm of Cathers & Assoc. In his spare time, Jerry is involved with Habitat for Humanity in Philadelphia. Jerry asks about Sam Roberts, who he hears from occasionally. Steve Hamilton lives in Sutton, NH. He recently retired from American Airlines and says that he went from being "Captain Hamilton" to "boy who works for Betty" (his wife). Steve is adjusting to retirement and is enjoying skiing and sailing. He asks for news of Ken Downing '67, PhD '74, and B.T. Bentley '67.

Peter Smith, JD '71, and wife Debbie (Kates), MA '71, live in Naples, FL. Pete retired from his law firm partnership and now does some work negotiating health care contracts for large companies. Pete and Debbie spend the winter in Naples and summer in Long Beach Island, NJ, and they keep an apartment in Manhattan for visits to the City. Debbie retired from a senior position in human resources. Margit Maakestad Coltvet lives

in Berlin, Germany, with husband Ben. She is an associate missionary at the American Church in Berlin, where Ben is pastor. They are enjoying life in Europe. Margit enjoys teaching violin, playing piano, and singing in a choir. They have five children and six grandchildren who visit.

Dave Kilbon and wife Judy live in East Granby, CT, where Dave is First Selectman, the chief elected and administrative official for this town near Hartford. Dave is involved in a variety of regional government activities including airport board, regional health district, etc. In the past year, Dave and Judy have had interesting trips to Peru and Panama with other Cornellians. Jeff Gorwit is a cardiologist and lives in Escondido, CA. He had a trip to Andalusia this year, and enjoys tennis and skiing, as well as travel. Jeff asks for news about Arnie Gould and Dan Fink, two of his Engineering classmates. Susan Clark Norwood and husband Woody live in New Orleans. Susan works as a mediator and educational consultant trainer. She is director of the Juvenile Mediation Program and director of the Family Mediation Council of Louisiana. When she sent in her news, Susan had plans for a bike vacation with classmate Harrell Hunter Scarcello and husband Paul '67.

David Weber is retired. He reports the marriage of his son Mathew last year and the graduation of his daughter Stephanie from Duke. She is headed for Stanford for graduate work in biology. Elaine Elinson lives in San Francisco and works as an editor and communications consultant. Elaine is writing a book on the history of civil liberties in California. She received an MFA degree last year, and her other activities include marching for immigrants' rights. Elaine has memories of her acting experience at Cornell with Al Gingold, MFA '71. I look forward to hearing from you. Gordon H. Silver, 2 Avery St., #26, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

Looking back at her Cornell days, Judy Epstein, MAT '75, recalls "Desolation Row" from her freshman year in Risley, as well as friends Judy Greig Archibald, Ann Kibbey, and Rosemary Slowiak. Judy writes that these are the people she would most like to hear from. Since Judy teaches health and home economics at DeWitt Middle School in Ithaca, she still gets to "hang out at the Royal Palms." Richard Hagelberg remembers playing in the Big Red Band and would like to communicate with Jim Stafford. Today Richard is still involved with music, singing in the NW Indiana Symphony Chorus and playing French horn in area musical groups. Fifteen years ago, Richard, founder and CEO of Kidstuff Playsystems Inc., started the company to manufacture commercial playground equipment. Laura Muggleton Higgins, MS '71, proudly tells us that her son Edgar "Gar" **Higgins III '06** is a current member of the Big Red Band and is studying Engineering.

An attorney with Independence Blue Cross, Managed Care Group, **Benita Fair** Langsdorf has moved to the Washington Square area in Center City Philadelphia and says that she loves city life. Benita also mentions that she would like to hear from **Lynne Goldstein** Silverstein '71. Another attorney, Meg Peterson Mathewson is raising a teenager, looking after parents, and fundraising for her causes. She would like to see an end to the debacle in Iraq, the Bush Administration, the disease of AIDS—especially in Africa—the growing chasm between the wealthy and the working poor, and the cavalier attitude toward the explosive pet population. Her most fond Cornell memory is of her freshman roommate Jane Pettis Wiseman, and one of the people Meg would most like to hear from is Ron Nehring.

George and Merle Ladd Silverman '72 live in California, where George is a flight test captain for United Airlines. He reports traveling a lot, most recently to China and Korea on business, and wishes he could be traveling to Australia and New Zealand for pleasure instead. When not in the sky, George rides his motorcycle as often as possible. His fondest Cornell memory is of traysliding on Libe Slope, and he would like to get in touch with Doug Jones and Rick Williams.

Laura Purnell Krich, MAT '71, retired from classroom teaching and says, "Retirement is too new for me to have settled into any lasting patterns." She also writes that the free time permits flexibility and exploration. Recently, Laura and her husband Steven '66, PhD '72, saw their son Jacob married in Toronto. At Cornell, they visited their daughter Abigail '04 and attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Seal and Serpent over Homecoming weekend. Laura fondly remembers tranquil moments between classes, and especially between prelims, in Miss Minn's Garden near the Big Red Barn. After retiring from JP Morgan Chase, Marion Morgenthal is building a consulting practice in leadership and project management training and coaching, as well as raising two children, ages 19 and 15, with her husband Lance Lyford. Another retiree, Lee Stone left federal government service to travel around Europe and do genealogical research in the UK. He completed an MA in history at the U. of Essex, Colchester, UK, in 2005 and is based in London temporarily. Lee says that he is thinking of doing railroad history research, particularly on the New York, the Ontario & Western, and the Unadilla Valley railroads. About Cornell, Lee remembers looking across Cayuga Lake as the chimes in McGraw Tower played the "Evening Song." \diamondsuit Arda Coyle Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

As I write this column in mid-August, the temperatures around the country have been in the 90s and above, and I am thinking about the coolness of late autumn and the coldness of early winter. Best wishes to everyone for a good end to 2006 and a wonderful holiday season.

At the U. of Michigan, Flint campus, where he is a professor of sociology, Charles Thomas Jr. (cbthomas@umflint.edu) won the 2006 faculty Distinguished Service Award. Charles recently went to a family reunion in San Francisco. Steve Meyerson (docsjm@aol.com) is program director of the hospitalist program at Baptist Hospital of Miami. He and his wife Linda live in Miami. Their son Eric was promoted to vice president of Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, and daughter

Tina has completed her medical internship in Chicago and started a fellowship in radiology at UCSF in July 2005.

Neil Murray (Niskayuna, NY; nvm@cs.albany. edu) stepped down as chair of the Dept. of Computer Science at SUNY Albany on September 1 after seven years in the position. He has been treasurer and ex-officio trustee of CADE Inc. since 1993. Along with the School of Information Science and Policy and the interdisciplinary PhD program in information science, the department is joining a new College of Computing and Information. In May 2005, Neil was the symposium chair for the Int'l Symposium on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems (ISMIS 2005) in Saratoga Springs. With co-authors, he had two papers there. He also presented a paper at TABLEAUX 2005 in September 2005 in Koblenz, Germany, where his co-author, Erik Rosenthal '57, MD '61, was an invited speaker. Neil and Erik also have a paper in the Journal of Automated Reasoning.

John Squires wrote in 2005 that he was selling residential real estate in the Port Washington, NY, area and adjusting to new family arrangements as he and his partner, Diane Wolfe, melded their families. They met while performing at a local community musical theatre and discovered a mutual interest in ballroom dancing. They jointly performed in a Cancer Care fundraiser. Diane is a thyroid cancer survivor, and her husband died in 2002 of pancreatic cancer. John's exwife, Hinda Frankel Squires Levy, died in October 2004 of lung cancer. John says he knows it is sobering, but it has made them more conscious of the small stuff that can grow (like a cancer) if we let it. He sends best wishes and says to smileit's catching! In 2002, Rodger Beck (Cortland, NY; rbeck@twcny.rr.com) started his own company. He works with companies to help them become more effective in the areas of strategic thinking and business planning, as well as organizational development in the areas of leadership, management, sales, customer service, supervision, time strategies, and executive coaching.

Ken Gilstein (k.gilstein@gmail.com) and his wife Paula (Fairfield U. '75) have been living on the Hawaiian island of Kauai for over two years. Ken is working as the clinical psychologist for Waimea High School, the westernmost high school in the US, and at Kekaha Elementary School, the westernmost school in the US. Ken also has a small part-time private practice in clinical and neuropsychology. He is collaborating with the Children's National Medical Center, the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Dartmouth College in doing research on concussions in children ages 6 to 15. Ken says it is definitely warmer in Hawaii than it was in Ithaca! Joan Parker, PhD '74 (Haverford, PA; JoanParker@aol.com), continues in her active career as an arbitrator and mediator of labor and employment disputes. She is thrilled to report that her son **Tommy Felix '10** is a freshman in the ILR school.

Anthony Biddle III (ajdbiddle@aol.com) is a financial advisor for the Red Cross in Washington, DC. Tony and his wife Karen (Erskine) '71 live in Philadelphia, PA. Karen is a math teacher in the Philadelphia school district. In 2002, Steve Gorbos (sgorbos1@hotmail.com) retired from

AT&T after a 32-1/2-year career and is currently employed by CTC Communications in Philadelphia. Steve and his wife Rita-Ellen live in Bethlehem, PA. Their son **Stephen** is a doctoral candidate at Cornell in Music Composition. **Stuart Kendall**'s son **Tyler '98** is in a PhD program in linguistics at Duke U. Stuart lives in Oak Bluffs, MA, and his e-mail address is stuart@vineyard.net.

Edward Zuckerman (Manhattan Beach, CA; ezucker199@aol.com) is still "hacking around at various TV jobs." He spent six months as executive producer on "Killer Instinct," "a cop show that ran on Fox last fall, although no one seemed to have noticed." Ed is now an executive producer on "Runaway," a new drama that premiered this fall on the new CW network. Sandra Savard Goodling (sgoodling@earthlink.net) works parttime as a visiting nurse. She and her husband Rodger live in Carlisle, PA, and spend the winters in Bonita Springs, FL. They have four children and three grandchildren. *Connie Ferris Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; email, cfm7@cornell.edu.

Greetings! We are still receiving lots of news from many classmates who attended Reunion. If you were not able to join us at our 35th Reunion, remember, there are only 4-1/2 years left to our 40th! Plan to be there. You'll hear great lectures by outstanding professors, the campus is magnificent, and you'll have the opportunity to see old friends and make some new ones along the way.

Sally Clark Shumaker, one of our very capable and enthusiastic class officers, enjoyed reunion this year, dividing her time between our reunion activities and those of her mother, Helen Harding Clark '36. (Let's hope that in another 35 years, we will all be back in Ithaca for our 70th reunion!) Sally is the manager of business development for an international consulting firm. In addition to travel to Ithaca this year, Sally also attended (and helped organize) pre-reunion parties in New York and Philadelphia. Sally would love to hear from you at scshumaker@aol.com.

Last spring Squire Junger, MBA '72 (jsquirej @yahoo.com) hosted a pre-reunion party at his home in California that was a huge success. In addition, Marc Cohen and Steve Scheck '72 and Squire hosted a fraternity reunion party in November '05 for about 20 "Sammies." Norman Rafelson was to be a host of the SAM reunion, but he took a job as general manager of a new hotel in Shanghai so he was unable to be involved. Sammies who attended included David Beale, Joel Glasky, Ken Goldman, Alan Cantor '70, Dennis Cooperson, Mark Greenwald '70, David Schwartz, Aaron Rubinstein '72, Stew Kobritz '70, David Schiff, and Ed Fisher '70.

On a professional note, Squire reports that he stayed at Arthur Andersen "until the bitter end" and then established Insight Consulting LLC, where he provides the same services he led at Andersen, including mergers and acquisitions, financial diligence, and post-merger integration expertise, as well as transaction litigation support. Marc Cohen (mcohen@kayescholer.com) is an attorney and partner at Kaye Scholer in Los Angeles. This year Marc was honored by the

Century City Bar Association as Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year. In a volunteer capacity he has enjoyed his work with the L.A. fire department. Two of Marc's children attended Cornell, **Jessica** '01 and **Amanda** '03.

Many classmates who are Cornell parents contributed to our column this month. Among them is **Peter Gilman** of Wynnewood, PA, who is the father of three boys. **Benjamin '10** is a freshman in Arts and Sciences, **Andrew '04** was a Government major, and **Jon '05** majored in Economics. **Mark Jose** and **Barbara Covey** are the proud parents of **Dylan '10**, who also began his freshman year at Cornell. You may contact them at covjos@adelphia.net.

Another Cornell parent is Margaret Speer Bank, mother of Nathaniel '05. Her son Christopher graduated from the U. of Michigan in 2006. Maggie works at Honeoye Family Practice LLP in Rochester, NY. She is a family nurse practitioner, providing health care to folks from birth to old age. Her particular areas of interest include women's health, adolescent health, and mental health. Maggie's brother **Tom Speer '68**, BEE '73, and niece Lindsay '04 are also Cornellians. Maggie was recently in touch with David Cofrin '70 and would like to locate Maggie Hochfelder, Laura Katz, and Patti Rosenberg Connolly. Contact Maggie at mbank@rochester.rr.com. Ted Urban writes that his daughter Claire graduated with the Class of 2000. Ted enjoyed attending Prof. Walter LaFeber's final lecture in New York last spring with many classmates.

Robert Glenn Staehle is the general manager of Bonita Bay Club, a private golf club in southwest Florida. After more than 30 years he reconnected with Diane Goller '74, to whom he was "pinned" in 1971. They are now happily married. What a nice story of Cornell romance!

Please keep in touch with us and send us some news for our upcoming columns. Our mailbag starts to empty out by this time each year and we would love to hear from you. **Linda Germaine**-Miller, lg95@cornell.edu; and Matt Silverman, mes62@cornell.edu.

Joel Friedman writes, "My family and I were one of the fortunate few who lived in the one area of New Orleans that was not affected by the looding associated with Hurricane Katrina. Our

flooding associated with Hurricane Katrina. Our home suffered only minor wind damage and other damage associated with a leak in the roof, but that was all repaired during our four-month exodus to the friendly confines of Pittsburgh. We stayed with my sister's family there and I taught two sections of Evidence at the U. of Pittsburgh Law School. We (my wife, our 9-year-old daughter, and our 7-year-old twins-boy and girl) returned to a devastated New Orleans in mid-December. I cannot really describe the extent of the damage; you have all seen a narrow angle lens view of it on television. But, again, fortunately for us, the area where we live and where Tulane U. is located was largely spared, and by now our neighborhood has returned to what passes for normal. On the professional level, I was able to get a lot done while in Pittsburgh during the fall semester and then here during the recently completed spring semester. I

finally completed my authorized biography of the late US Circuit Judge John Minor Wisdom (a towering figure in civil rights law) and saw the publication of *Employment Discrimination Stories*, a book that I edited. I also completed and saw the publication of the second edition of my casebook *The Law of Civil Procedure* and the 2006 Supplement to my casebook entitled *The Law of Employment Discrimination*. I continue to go across the country speaking at federal judicial conferences on behalf of the Federal Judicial Center. So, all in all, my family and I have absolutely nothing to complain about and much to be thankful for."

Salim Chishti of Knoxville, TN (formerly David Adler), writes, "After converting to Islam eight years ago, I have now become an Imam and lecture frequently on Interfaith dialog, Sufism, and dream interpretation." John Dennis, PhD '87, and Minfong Ho '73, MFA '82, have been back in Ithaca for more than ten years. Minfong writes children's books. John is writing a biography and renovating historic buildings. Their oldest child, Danfung '05, is embedded with troops in southern Afghanistan as a photographer with World Picture News. Their middle child, Meimei (UC Santa Cruz '06) is heading to Beijing (where Danfung is based) to study Mandarin. Chris, 15, is a sophomore at Ithaca High School. James **Nelson**, Bethesda, MD, retired in February 2006 after 30 years at the US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, most recently as the associate general counsel for crosscutting issues. He hopes to spend more time bird-watching and traveling.

Diane Spanier Linker wrote in May: "In August 2006, we will be taking our youngest child, Annie, up to Ithaca to start her Cornell career. We have had kids in the house for the last 30 years and are looking forward to the next stage with enthusiasm tinged with nostalgia and a little sadness." Diane retired a year ago from her job as a lawyer with Verizon Communications and planned to take an extended vacation until the fall, "when I will decide what my next career will be." Robert Efron, DVM '75, has a veterinary practice in Cromwell, CT, and lives happily in West Hartford. Bob tells us, "My children have left the nest and are both teachers (i.e., not living in the basement waiting to find themselves). My wife Sharon is the best! I'd love to hear from my now old fraternity brothers/friends from Phi Sigma Epsilon. Jeff Glantz '71, where are you? If I'm not running, biking, or kayaking, you can find me at bobak2@aol.com." Mitchell Sudolsky is director of Jewish Family Service of Austin, TX, and teaches at the U. of Texas, Austin. His daughter Claire entered Cornell in the fall as a graduate student in art history.

Patricia Guy has completed two years as the US consul for public affairs in Munich, with two more years to go. Last summer she participated in programs involving the World Cup, in addition to more usual subjects. She says Munich is "quite a change after the challenge of postings in the former Soviet Union." Maxine Roeper Cohen writes, "I am serving on the Class of '72 council and look forward to seeing many friends at our reunion next June. The reunion chairs, along with the class council, are busy preparing what promises to be a wonderful roster of events. On a personal note,

I continue to work for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County as an educator. I celebrated 30 years of marriage last August with my husband Larry (Wharton '70). Youngest daughter graduated from Penn in May and will continue there in grad school. Middle daughter **Dana '01** is in a psychiatry residency program at Upstate in Syracuse. Oldest son just finished a neurosurgery residency in Pittsburgh. Two furry children remain at home on Long Island. I keep in close touch

a year. Husband **Tom**, **PhD** '79, took early retirement from Rich Products in Buffalo and has joined Well's Dairy in LeMars, IA. They currently live in an apartment because their house will not be ready until December. Kay says Iowa is quite a change from western New York, but the people are very friendly. Their son Chris is at the U. of Guelph in Canada but spent the summer at Cornell in the ten-week Summer Scholars program in the food science department, so Kay and Tom

I now provide the couch-potato perspective on our village's recreation activities and expenditures.

PAMELA S. MEYERS '73

with classmates **Shelly Rothenberg** Nyman, **Carolyn Jacobson**, and **Stan Fish**, DVM '75."

Daniel Fenti of Kissimmee, FL sent us a one-word message: "Retired!" ❖ Gary L. Rubin, glrubin@aol.com; Alex Barna, Alexander.Barna-1 @nasa.gov.

The absolutely coolest news that I ever have reported in this column: Howard Milstein and wife Abby have made a \$7.25 million gift to Weill Cornell Medical College that will establish the Abby and Howard P. Milstein Chemistry Core Facility and the Abby and Howard P. Milstein Program in Chemical Biology. "Together the Program and Core Facility will expedite the discovery of new drug treatments; foster unique and innovative collaborations; and bolster the fight against disease, with an initial emphasis on infectious diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis, which are particularly challenging problems in Africa. The gift, which is part of the Medical College's recently completed capital campaign, will support the creation of the Core Facility and provide operating funds for the Program in Chemical Biology." Howard, a Cornell trustee, is chairman of New York Private Bank & Trust, as well as co-chairman, president, and CEO of Emigrant Savings Bank. Abby and Howard were both classmates of my husband Gerry Greenberg and me at Harvard Law School, Class of '76, where I am sure both Howard and Gerry got a lot of grief for dating classmates back in the day when female law students were still an object of some derision.

Class president **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75, recently sent me a lovely e-mail alumni post-card with a super picture of McGraw Tower to request that I remind everyone of the dates of our 35th Reunion: June 5-8, 2008. Also, I suggest you visit our class website at http://classof73.alumni. cornell.edu for updates and to assist us in finding missing classmates. Many thanks to Marty for supplying and drafting most of the rest of the news in this column.

Kay Fountain Aurand, MS '78, finally moved to the Sioux City, IA, area after commuting back and forth between Iowa and New York for almost had a nice trip to Ithaca to drop him off at Balch. (Hey, I thought only women could live there. Did I miss the breaking of the trust news?) Kay saw Sylvia Perez-Hardy, MBA '76, a sorority sister and freshman corridor friend at RIT, when she was visiting the campus with the Aurands' other son, Kyle. Sylvia is now a professor at RIT.

Ron and Lorraine Palmatier Skalko are enjoying living in the Atlanta area after years in Syracuse. They have adapted well to not having to plan extra time to shovel out the driveway before heading to work! Lorraine still works at Delta Airlines, with most of her flight time on the international routes. Ron works as a tax preparer during the tax season, but the rest of the time he spends managing their party rental company and traveling with Lorraine. They enjoy taking their granddaughter to fun places such as Disney World and the beach, but then also manage trips to exciting locales. Marty has gotten postcards from them from Spain and Provence, and probably received one from Prague, where they were headed for a week in August when this column was written.

At the end of April, 12 DGs (Delta Gamma for you non-Greeks) from the classes of 1973-75 got together for a "girls only" weekend in Charleston, SC. Karen Broten Sieburgh and Marty represented '73 and roomed together so they could catch up on news. They had not seen each other since our 30th Reunion. While there, they looked up Bob Seidler at the Wentworth Mansion, a delightfully refurbished bed and breakfast hotel. Bob has been living in Charleston for several years now, and as his wife hails from there, he figures his days of moving around from hotel to hotel are over. Karen and Jules '72, MBA '74, spent several months living and working in the Bahamas, but have recently returned to their home in Bethesda, MD.

Rick, MBA '74, and Lynn Rosenbluth Saltz '75 attended the May graduation of their younger daughter Marcy '06. Marcy has been living at home while job hunting. Their older daughter recently graduated from Tufts with her master's, and son Ted is a sophomore in high school. Judy Katz Cates was installed as the first woman president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association at

the group's annual convention in Chicago. Judy was former assistant state's attorney in St. Clair County and has been active in the Bar associations in Illinois, Missouri, and Florida, as well as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

My best friend from Cornell, Sheila Kojm, MILR '75 (Bedford, MA), has completed her Cornell family sweep: daughter Emma Stuhl '10 started Cornell this fall in the Arts college. Emma's enrollment completes the tradition that commenced with Sheila's undergraduate Arts college degree and master's from ILR, husband Louis Stuhl's PhD in Chemistry ('78), and older child Benjamin Stuhl '05's Physics degree. The family visited Benjamin earlier this year at the U. of Colorado, Boulder, where he is in the second year of his PhD program in physics. After a year off from those New York State roads, the route from the Boston suburbs to Ithaca remains genetically ingrained!

Not much new to report from the Ohio Valley. Picking up a tennis racquet for the first time at age 51 is not recommended, but I finally can

the year. **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phyllis.grummon@scup.org or phg3@cornell.edu.

John Powers has recently taken over as president and CEO of Stanford Management Co., which invests the Stanford U. endowment. Brad Buchanan is the project engineering manager for Biogen Idec in Cambridge, MA, where he manages the construction of their pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities. "I am an avid Harley rider and have just returned from my annual motorcycle tour, traveling 3,000 miles throughout the Canadian Maritimes." David Ring checked in from Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, CA, where he is a professor of philosophy. Dave taught in Texas and North Carolina before moving permanently to California in 1995. He and his wife own three dogs and two horses and live in La Habra Heights. He has been in touch with Linda Mariani and Neil Romstedt, and recently had visits from Fabio Saturni and Bruce Rothstein.

president of GUARD Insurance Group, was one of four named as 2006 "Women of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council.

Donlon floormate **Dan Vlock** has been named VP, clinical research at Ariad Pharmaceuticals, working on cancer drug development. **Ed Kilbourne**, MD '78, is doing a one-year tour of duty at the US Embassy in Baghdad as director of the Scientist Redirection Program. His job is to guide former WMD/weapons scientists and engineers into projects that promote redevelopment and peace. Judge **Sandra McLean** was inducted into the Chico Public Education Hall of Fame. After practicing law for 25 years, Sandra was appointed to the Butte County Superior Court by Gov. Schwarzenegger in 2005.

Mary Berens, always a good source of news for us, reported a great turnout of classmates for a party following Prof. Walt LaFeber's last public lecture, which was held at the Beacon Theater in NYC. 2,500 Cornellians and friends attended the lecture. Present from our class were: Len Shapiro, Jeff Sabin, Kris Rupert and John Foote, Chuck Kerner, MBA '76, Jim Irish, Moira "Dolly" Hearne Hintsa, Eric Haas, Don Flagg, Cris Cobaugh, Alice Brown, Jessica Bram, MRP '79, Randee Mia Berman, Brian Beglin, and Renee Alexander.

From Macon, GA, comes news from Richard Kunz, who wrapped up a 15-year career in Utah as a rocket scientist and is in the process of returning to academia at Mercer U. Claudia Benack, MS '75, recently joined Mitretek Systems in Falls Church, VA, as senior principal in the Center for Science and Technology, working on chemical and biological protection programs. Larry Pape, MBA '75, retired from Hewlett Packard last year and is enjoying the transition. Son Michael '04 recently married, and Larry reports he's been in touch with Michael Jacobson, MBA '80. Anne Marie Kiander Mann started her own meeting planning company in 2003 and reports business continues to grow.

Arnie Olender manages the multi-discipline architect/engineering office of Burns & McDonnell. Last year, he and his wife went to the wedding of Doug Johnstone's son Brian in New Jersey, which Gary Dufel also attended. On a recent vacation, John Ramsay and family stayed in Ithaca for a couple of days and "went for a swim at Treman Park—I love that place. We ate 'al fresco' at the Mahogany Grille down on the Commons. It seems that's where the action is now. Next day we went to Watkins Glen, did Cap'n Billy's Boat Tour of Seneca Lake, hiked the glen, and ate at the Station Restaurant at the foot of Seneca Lake."

Bob Markes, MILR '95, continues to enjoy work as the superintendent of the carpenter shop at Cornell. He completed his degree as part of the employee degree program and has served on the building trade's council management team during labor negotiations. Wife Maggie is program manager for an assoc. vice provost at Cornell dealing with animal research facilities. Bob thoroughly enjoys working in Ithaca and can't imagine a job that could get him to leave campus. They've got a wealth of children—one each a grad of Cornell, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, and U. of Maryland—and Bob reports he's a grandpa four times.

Doug Block founded The D-Word (www.d-word.com), a worldwide online community of documentary professionals.

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hold my own in a match, and was inspired by all this physical activity to join my village's Recreation Commission. I now consistently provide the couch-potato perspective on our small village's (approximately 3,000 residents) recreation activities and expenditures. Son David Greenberg '05 has started his second year at NYU School of Law, and spent this past summer in New York working for two law school professors. Daughter Allison Greenberg made us all proud at her Princeton graduation this year, having survived her senior thesis in molecular biology. We enjoyed hearing NPR humorist David Sedaris at Baccalaureate, as well as former President Bill Clinton on Class Day. Allison began a research training fellowship at an immunology lab at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD, in August and is adjusting to city life in her Bethesda garden-type apartment. Her current plans are to work at the NIH for two years, followed by medical school and a career in disease research. My husband Gerry philosophically stated that although any early retirement options from his law firm now seem dim, the timing is good because David will be finished with law school two months before Allison starts medical school! When you receive this Nov/Dec issue, we will have returned from a two-and-a-half-week vacation trip to Italy, our fifth annual emptynester fall vacation. Viva Italia!

Send your news to your class columnists! For your convenience, you can use the News Form that comes with our annual News and Dues mailing in the fall, or write us via e-mail any time of

Shelly Porges, MPS '77, reports that after a year in the D.C. area, she and the kids are settling in. She remarried a D.C. local, Rich Wilhelm, and moved east from San Francisco, where she had been for 18 years. Son Stephen transferred to UVA, and daughter Ariel is at Georgetown Day School as a junior; she is co-captain of the volleyball team and a Cornell aspirant. Shelly does management consulting with large financial institutions and also serves on some new nonprofit boards including the National Museum of Women in the Arts, where she is on the Business and Professional Women's Council. A brief note came from Erik Perry that he's still working for the plasma physics lab of Princeton U., building nuclear fusion reactors. He was in Ithaca last July for the wedding of oldest son Dan '03 and Frances Spalding '03 in Ithaca last July. Dan also works at the plasma lab, and Frances is getting her PhD in computer science from Princeton.

Deborah Dodenhoff Purcell maintains her youthful exuberance raising son Willy, 7, who's just entering second grade. Her "old bones" are holding up (sort of), but she does occasionally feel how weirdly out-of-synch she is with peers. Deb recently visited with Gretchen Dorfner Frank and spent a glorious Easter with Mary Vane '73 and her partner Keith Pierce in Wilmington, DE. Ruth Fattori was named to the Board of Governors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, sharing that position with the likes of Denzel Washington and Ken Griffey Jr. Ruth is also EVP, human resources for Motorola. In a somewhat related group, Susan Weiss Shoval,

Raymond Lange reports that a two-year assignment to build sewers and pump stations north of the Giza pyramids in Egypt turned into 14 years there, in the UK, and in Perth, Australia. He recently moved back to the States to work with MWH Constructors on a wastewater project in Tacoma, WA. Pamela Lea, DVM '78, has been a practicing veterinarian for 28 years, operating her own business in Exeter, MA. Pam raises old-style, black Morgan horses. She keeps in touch with Ivy Oretskin '75. Dennis Langley sent in a photo of his daughter Kelly '06 graduating from the Hotel school this year. On the home front, I recently visited with Bob Murton in Pittsburgh and we had a wonderful time catching up. Still hard to believe we're adults, much less approaching retirement age.

Please send in your news to: **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net; or **Betsy Moore** at emoore@cazenovia.edu.

I recently enjoyed an evening with fellow Delta Gamma sister Laura Day Ayers '78, MBA '86. Laura is married to Dave '80, a member of Phi Gamma Delta who played lightweight football—now called "sprint football." Dave's dad, brother, and sister are also Cornellians. Laura now lives in Chester, NJ, but recalls growing up with Gilbey Kamens Campbell '76 and Pam Coulter Mason '76. Laura serves as a CAAAN ambassador. Their daughter is now a senior at Mendham High School and truly enjoyed attending Cornell's Summer Program for high school students. Like many of us in the New York area, we regularly hear Pam give the Washington, DC-area news on WABC 770 AM radio. My work has put me in contact with other fellow Cornellians. Warren Leeds '84 is president of Dartcor Services, a food management company; his son is a high school senior at Pingry. Kim Caesar '00 is a development officer at Seton Hall U., and Eliot Krause '60 is a professor of biology here at Seton Hall as well. Fellow ILRie Norman Solomon '73 is dean of the Charles Dolan School of Business at Fairfield U.

Roberto Wirth (gmoffice@hotelhassler.it) was named Independent Hotelier of the World by HOTELS magazine. Roberto is president and general manager of Hotel Hassler Roma in Rome, Italy. The hotel has been in his family for over 100 years, but he is now the sole owner. He expanded his interests in the past several years by building and founding an international wine academy close by. Robin Wolaner recently published Naked in the Boardroom, a book on strategy and tactics for women in business. Robin rose from office temp to become president and CEO of Sunset Publishing before moving on to write, consult, and serve on private corporate and nonprofit boards. Renowned author Tom Peters reviewed the book and anointed it a "Top 5" business book for the last couple of years. Robin lives in San Francisco.

Doug Block had his documentary 51 Birch Street premiere at the Toronto Int'l Film Festival. At Cornell, Doug established a student-run theater in Risley with **Dana Polan** (who is now a professor of cinema studies at NYU). Doug is currently president of Copacetic Pictures in NYC, and

one of his previous films was Emmy-nominated *Home Page*. In 1999, Doug founded The D-Word (www.d-word.com), a worldwide online community of documentary professionals, which has grown to over 1,500 members in 73 countries. **Steve Levine** (snlevine@yahoo.com) is executive VP of Bel-Arts Products, a laboratory products manufacturer. He and wife Laura live in South Orange, NJ, with their children Justin, 23, **Zachary '07**, 20, and Cassie, 18. **Christine Marchell**, MBA '81 (camarchell@aol.com) is president of the Cornell Club of Arizona, serving Cornellians in Phoenix, Scottsdale, and northern Arizona. Christine lives in Fountain Hills and is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch Foundation.

In 2005, the NYS Maple Producers Association asked Cornell for help in its quest for technologies to temper the consequences of Mother Nature on maple syrup. There to help out was **Stephen Childs**, MS '76, a maple specialist for the Cornell Maple Program in Ithaca. Stephen is responsible for increasing maple production and enhancing sales nationwide. He was influential in developing Maple Weekend, a statewide marketing program that attracts consumers into the sugarhouses and links consumers to producers' online sales (www.mapleweekend.com).

On June 26, 2006, the board of directors of Kraft Foods Inc. announced the appointment of Irene Blecker Rosenfeld, PhD '80 (IBR10@aol. com) as chief executive officer. Irene came to Kraft, the world's second-largest food and beverage company, following a two-year stint as chairman and CEO of Frito-Lay. Prior to heading Frito-Lay, Irene spent 20 years with Kraft and General Foods, leading the integration of the \$19 billion Nabisco acquisition, along with the restructuring and turnaround of several key businesses. She has been a regular speaker at the Johnson School in support of the student-run Hispanic-American Business Leaders Association and the Park Fellows program.

Carlos Corti, MBA '75 (cacorti@adinet.com. uy) is managing partner of ECM Financial Services in Montevideo, Uruguay. Michael Motes (mjmotes@verizon.net) is an associate professor at U. of Maryland University College. He lives in Chestertown, MD, with wife Linda. Gordon Paik (nhpaik@edaeyang.co.kr) is president of Daeyang Technoventure Inc. in Seoul, Korea.

I recently went to our new and improved class website (http://classof75.alumni.cornell. edu), which is really worth looking at, and a section for '75 class stories. We may have always had this feature, but I just found it and chuckled at the following entry by Jim August (jkaugust@ msn.com): "In spring of '72, during the Collegetown riots, I was in NROTC. We all (e.g., my other Navy cadets and I) were just a bunch of college kids, so we hung out with everyone else checking out the relatively tame standoff with the Ithaca police one warm spring weekend evening. Well, our Gunny Sergeant (whom we knew as 'Gunny') did likewise, and next week we got a stern reprimand from Major King (a really great guy and Marine officer) on how we Navy officers were expected to hold a higher standard than watching (or encouraging) riots.

"Well, my roommate Marty (last name withheld) brought back a canister of pepper gas as a

souvenir to our dorm room in Class of '17 Hall, which he attempted to clean up (another story) to no avail. He did manage, however, to give all our clothes a good stiff shot of pepper gas deodorizer that lasted through finals. So here I am in ROTC Thursday afternoon the next week, as we all denied our participation to Major King (all 25 of us) following his stern lecture, while my uniform reeks of pepper gas. Gunny is across the drill floor, looking at me with a big smirk on his face. I suspect everyone in our unit knew where I spent my time that week! (Big deal—everyone else was there, too, including the Major's daughter!) Funny part about it was, I went on to do a couple of tours in the Navy, and if you think this story is outrageous, you need to quaff a couple with me down at the Chapter House again! (Gunny could have quaffed my career that day!)"

Jim now lives in Colorado and is a manager at Core Engineering. There is an aftermath story also on our website that continues the saga, so go to the site and enjoy! Thanks, Jim, for reminding us what those days were like.

That's about it. Laura Day Ayers and I reconnected when Laura sent me an e-mail after reading a class column. So think about following her lead and send a line or two to one of us below. The mailbag (paper and electronic) is running dry and we all benefit from keeping connected. **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

Although cold weather approaches, we still have news to share from the hot summer. Those new class forms with creative questions about what we remember, what we'd rather be doing right now, and so forth, elicited a wild variety of answers. What has Carla Holder been doing? She writes that she attended our reunion in June: "Fun, but cold. Singing the old songs with the chorus and Glee Club was a blast." She fondly remembers Sage Chapel Choir and Risley from our Cornell days. Carla works in financial planning and livens things up with ballroom and Scottish country dancing. As of July she was getting ready to move to a new home in Hartsdale, NY, and wishing for a job with a shorter commute. She wonders where her old friend Ann Garden is these days. Anyone know?

Susan Sussman writes, "I am so sorry to have missed our reunion this year, but I am very involved in my husband Scudder Parker's campaign for governor of Vermont. As the Democratic candidate running against an incumbent Republican, we are fully engaged (and this on top of my immigration law practice!). It's an exciting time. I hope everyone had a great time at Reunion."

California news: From Berkeley, **Kari Weil** writes that she enjoys horseback riding, and if she had her druthers she'd be doing dressage right now. In fact, she is taking care of family, animals, and work—she's a professor of humanities at California College of the Arts. In Burbank, **Robyn Zucchino**, MBA '81, is field sales director for Clinique. She also enjoys horseback riding and recently has been "traveling everywhere!"

Donald Vita is a landscape architect in San Rafael. In his spare time, he coaches basketball.

In July, Bruce Reisch, a grape breeder for Cornell, announced three new grape cultivars at the annual meeting of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture. Attendees had the chance to taste those new grapes, which were developed especially for the eastern US wine industry. Leslie Sheldon Mawyer, MBA '78, and husband Stan live in Lutherville, MD. Leslie is operations director for Verizon Wireline and Global Order Operations for Lucent Technologies, based in Baltimore. She has worked for the various incarnations of her company for almost 28 years—from Western Electric to AT&T, Lucent, and their upcoming merger with Alcatel. Leslie says, "I love working, but I'd rather be sipping on a cocktail, enjoying the weather, and boating in Cabo San Lucas."

These days Jeffrey Grudko is an attorney, though if he had a choice, he says he'd rather be "romping with the carefree abandon of days gone by." (He should have seen us at Reunion.) But he does play tennis and facilitates same for his children. He and wife Paula live in Medford, NJ. Sue Gebo and Joe Vasile live in Avon, CT. Sue is a consulting nutritionist in private practice in West Hartford and serves as part-time faculty for U. of Connecticut–St. Francis Hospital's family medicine residency program and at St. Joseph College. She taught her first online course last spring. Last March they vacationed in Sedona, AZ, and in spring 2005 went to the Costa del Sol in Spain. "Gorgeous!" she reports. What would she rather be doing right now? "Building a log cabin for retirement in Virginia or Idaho!" She thinks back fondly on late night chats with her roommate at Cornell, and most wishes she would hear from our classmate Laura Kush.

Ann Rosovsky Beaton is associate professor in the biology department at the SUNY College of Optometry in NYC. She and her husband Neal live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Ann serves as secretary of her condo association and is on the board of trustees of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, where she chairs the religious school and college committees. Andrew O'Neill is business development director of American Appraisal Associates in NYC. He and wife Carolyn live in South Orleans, MA.

Here in the Midwest, Arden Handler and husband Robert Carlton live in Evanston, IL. Arden is associate professor of community health sciences at the U. of Illinois School of Public Health, and she serves on the board of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition and the school improvement team of Washington School in Evanston. She spent last summer as a visiting professor at Cornell's College of Human Ecology. From our Cornell student years, Arden especially remembers the "res," the Blue Bus, apples from the apple machine on the Ag Quad, the beauty of Ithaca, and the rigor of the education we received. Arden says the Cornell friend she would most like to hear from is **Donna Flax**.

Dan Greenberg is controller for La Gorce Country Club in Miami Beach and is working on his MBA in the Kellogg-Miami Executive MBA Program, finishing in December 2007. Dan says, "Went to the number one hotel school in the country, now am going to the number one MBA program in the country." If he weren't busy studying, he'd rather be drinking rumrunners on the beach in Fiji. Dan remembers the beautiful views from the gorge bridge and the top of Libe Slope, and most wishes he would hear from old Cornell friend Mark Hu '75, MBA '78.

As so many of us have dreamed of doing, Keith and Paula Griffin Davis live in Ithaca. However, in April of this year, Paula was appointed director of institutional grants at St. Bonaventure U., which involves commuting 150 miles a week, staying at St. Bonaventure three or four days of the week, and then telecommuting the rest of the week. What would she rather be doing? "Painting landscapes in soft pastel in New Mexico (I'm an artist who has exhibited in several local shows in the Ithaca area)." She remembers—and, in fact, still enjoys—Ithaca sunsets seen from Libe Slope or the Straight's patio. "They're still as beautiful!" Paula reports. She would most like to hear from old friend Patty Van Buren.

As I write, my old roommate Sandy Widener and her husband John Parr are at home in Denver, preparing to send their older daughter Chase off to her freshman year at Wesleyan U. in Middletown, CT. Chase's sister Kate should be starting her college shopping process soon. Perhaps we can lure her to Cornell. Bill Hanavan and I have our older daughter Louise at home in Michigan for just a moment during her move from Bellingham, WA, to Halifax, Nova Scotia. She's driving her diesel Jetta, which Bill had adapted to burn waste vegetable oil. Rumors are true: it does smell pretty good. Our younger daughter Emily spent the summer working in Boston and will also come home for a moment before returning to Oberlin for her junior year.

Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard to make our 30th Reunion such fun. I'm already looking forward to our 35th; these five-year spans seem to be picking up speed for some reason. • Pat Relf Hanavan, relf@tds.net; Lisa Diamant, Ljdiamant@rcn.com; Karen Krinsky Sussman, Krinsk54@optonline.net.

Hello, Classmates! The planning for our 30th Reunion on June 7-11, 2007 is in full swing. "Embrace the Spirit!"

Mike Murray and I are planning a wonderful weekend of something old, something new, and something Cornell for all of you! The campus has changed some since we were undergrads, yet many of our old favorites remain alive and well. We believe we have created a weekend that blends some of the newest venues with some of the old and will not only bring alive our fond memories, but also create some special new ones.

Our Class Headquarters is in the Robert Purcell Student Center on North Campus, and we will be residing in High Rises 1 and 5. Here is our proposed schedule:

Thursday: An open day to explore campus, Ithaca, or the surrounding countryside. Light snacks and beverages will be available throughout the day, with an informal dinner in the Robert Purcell Dining Room.

Friday: Continental Breakfast in our Headquarters lobby or tented courtyard. An open morning to explore campus, join one of the scheduled reunion events or tournaments, or attend a theatrical staging of the 1969 Student Takeover of Willard Straight Hall. The All-Alumni Luncheon at Barton Hall is optional, and the afternoon is also open for later arrivals. Our Friday reception and dinner will be in the spectacular Duffield Atrium. University President Dr. David Skorton will stop by to say a few words and join some of our classmates in a musical performance! After dinner, enjoy an Ice Cream Social, stargazing at Fuertes, dancing on the tented Arts Quad, a short walk to Collegetown for a visit to Collegetown Bagels, Ruloffs, the Royal Palms, Stella's, the Nines, or the Chapter House, and, lastly, an Afterglow Party in the Penthouse Lounge of High Rise 1.

Saturday: Hot or cold breakfast at Headquarters, more tournaments, and faculty breakfasts. For the adventurous, try climbing McGraw Tower for a Chimes concert and spectacular views, or canoe on Beebe Lake or drive to Taughannock Falls. Be sure to return to campus for lunch on the Arts Quad and a guided tour of the Johnson Art Museum. Dinner will be back on North Campus at Appel Commons. After dinner, return to the Arts Quad for dancing and Hot Truck, then back to HQ for a final Afterglow Party.

Sunday: Awake for our getaway breakfast and a last chance to reminisce with old friends.

Please visit our class website, http://classof 77.alumni.cornell.edu, take the pre-reunion survey, and send us your reunion suggestions. We look forward to seeing you on June 7-11, 2007. Until then . . . * Joseph Reina, jtr25@cornell. edu, and Mike Murray, MichaelL.Murray@itt.com, Reunion Chairs.

Jamie Colgin lives in Moorpark, CA, and is an associate director for Global Clinical QA. She enjoys hiking and sightseeing and has relocated her family from southeast Michigan to sunny Southern California. Jamie reports that she is having the time of her life and is "grateful for it every day." She would like to hear from classmates Larry Fiori and Phil Cirulli. Morris Wallack (morriswallack@nc.rr.com) is the director of presales support for Hewlett Packard. He has moved to Chapel Hill, NC, after 26 years in the San Francisco Bay Area and enjoys cooking, golf, and gardening. Richard Ellenson and his son Thomas were featured as ABC's "People of the Week" in July. Thomas has cerebral palsy and is non-verbal, and Richard and his wife Lori have developed a higher level voice recognition system for Thomas and other non-verbal children to use.

Paul Metselaar (pmetselaar@ovationtravel. com) is the chairman and CEO of Ovation Travel Group. He lives in NYC with his wife Lisa. At the invitation of Dr. Bill Carroll, Paul was a guest lecturer at the Hotel school on the subject of travel distribution. He writes, "It was a fantastic experience." Lori Rothman (lrothman@kraft.com) is a consumer research manager for Kraft Foods and lives in Oak Park, IL. She spends her "free" time being a mom. Her favorite Cornell memory

is getting greased for the Fiji Island Party. She is looking to hear from **Roberta Fisher**.

Famous classmate Mark Rust (markrust@ markrust.com) lives in New Paltz, NY, with his wife Terry, where he continues to promote his career as a singer/songwriter and recording artist. He and Terry have daughters Siena, 6, and Christina, 4. He says he'd rather be sailing Cayuga Lake right now! His fondest memories of Cornell include "first class people" and "beers at Rulloff's." Larry Skoczylas (skocz@chartermi.net) lives in Midland, MI, with his wife Kathleen and their children Mitchel, 2, Tom, 14, and Erin, 12. Larry is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He and his wife traveled to Hawaii for their 15th wedding anniversary, and Larry would rather be sipping Mai Tais right now in Hawaii than suffering through another Michigan winter! Jan and Brenda Angyal Harris (jan@libertyeng.net) live in Virginia Beach, VA. Jan is a self-employed structural engineer and Brenda is the office manager. Son Dave attends Old Dominion U., Mark is in high school, and Andrew is in elementary school. Jan is chair-elect of the Old Dominion U. Civil and Environmental Engineering Visitors Council. It's hard for him to imagine advising college faculty. Brenda is taking on the Tidewater CAAAN chairmanship. Volunteers are needed, especially in the Hampton or Newport News areas. Jan's fondest Cornell memory is of his fraternity brothers at Rockledge, and he would love to hear from them.

Craig Dunham, MBA '79 (cdunham@ verizon.net) lives in New Jersey with his wife Joanie and two teenagers. Craig is the president and CEO of Dynasil Corp., which manufactures optical components, and he enjoys running, tennis, and traveling. His fond memories of Cornell include traveling for ski meets with the Cornell ski team and the social activities at Chi Phi fraternity. Lynn Levidy Adams is a senior consultant of strategic and business planning for RW Beck, a management consulting and engineering firm. She is based in Denver. Kathy Stuerzebecher Johnson (KJohn750 @aol.com) has her own home-based business called Healthy and Free. She markets health and nutrition products and "teaches other people how to make a six-figure income doing the same." Kathy sings in the church choir, paints ceramics, and likes to read. She is also caring for her mother, Margaret W. Stewart '55, who has Parkinson's disease. Kathy lives in Tennessee with her husband Jack, and would like to travel the US to help more people be healthy and health conscious—with the addition of being financially free. Her fondest memory of Cornell is singing in the Sage Chapel Choir. Kathy would like to hear from classmate Mary Maxian Faulkner and Kris Anderson '76.

Cindy Fuller, PhD '92 (cjfuller@mindspring.com) lives in Seattle and is writing and doing research in cardiology at Swedish Medical Center. Her hobbies include "attempts at herb and vegetable gardening and curating the cookbook collection from hell." She traveled back East and saw numerous '78 Cornellians, including Nina Silfen, Jeff and Suzanne Tougas Snedeker, and Roger Cohen. Her fondest Cornell memory was "wide-ranging bull sessions, even without alcohol." James Kafura (jmk92@cornell.edu) is an electrical engineer and lives in Binghamton, NY,

with his wife Debra. Janet Bilton Reyes (Highland, CA; edjanreyes@sbcglobal.net) is a parttime geographer at Aerial Information Systems. She says that she and husband Ed spend too much time worrying about their two teenage boys. Janet is a member of a children's writers group as well. Her fondest Cornell memories include walking around campus, especially in the fall and on winter nights after a snowfall.

John M. Taylor (john.taylor@issproxy.com) lives in Washington, DC, with his wife Takako Nagata. He is a principal researcher in international governance research services for Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS). **Kathleen Raynor** Meschisen (kathymeschisen@aol.com) is the R/D

His daughter **Meighan '03** works for Apex also, focusing on the sports performance business. In July, she ran the Lake Placid Ironman. In his spare time, Brian enjoys skiing, golfing, and camping and is looking forward to becoming an active member of the Cornell Club of Charlotte.

Susan Shiebler MacDowell of Littleton, MA, writes with sad news that her mother, Sandra Cestari Shiebler '55, passed away in July. Our condolences go out to Susan and her family. Also in the Boston area, Karen McIntosh Daniels (kdaniels@cs.uml.edu) reports that she has recently received tenure with promotion to associate professor in the computer science department at the U. of Massachusetts, Lowell.

Larry Skoczylas would rather be sipping Mai Tais in Hawaii than suffering through another Michigan winter.

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manager for Philips Medical. She works with low acuity monitors. She and husband Don make their home in Acton, MA. Kathy likes landscaping, golfing, and real estate, and also enjoys sailing in the summer. She has started a small property management company in Florida. Kathy and Don have two children, Michael, 21, who attends the U. of Delaware, and David, in fifth grade. Kathy's favorite Cornell memories are "Straight breaks" and chocolate chip cookies with friends.

Thanks for keeping that news coming in. It makes writing the column a breeze for us. **Pepi Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; and **Chip Brueckman**, jcb58@cornell.edu.

First, I want to thank those of you who responded to my e-mail blast. This column is written for you, and your class correspondents need your news to make it happen. It's really very simple. Submit your news by logging onto our class website at http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu or e-mail me, Kathy, or Cynthia. What are you up to right now? What are your plans for celebrating the BIG 50? We want to hear from you!

After 13 years in Philadelphia, **Jackie Webb** (jacqueline_webb@mail.uri.edu) has accepted a position with the U. of Rhode Island as professor and coordinator of the marine biology program. Jackie moved to Kingston, RI, over the summer and would love to meet Rhode Island Cornellians! Brian Hackett (bih23@cornell.edu) has recently relocated to Charlotte, NC, from Garrison, NY. Brian owns and runs the Leadership Network and is a founding partner, along with two West Point graduates, of Apex Performance. The Leadership Network is a network of senior executives who share best practices in the areas of people strategy, organizational effectiveness, and innovation. Brian began his HR advisory career in 1980 at Towers Perrin and is a member of the editorial board of the HR Management Journal.

Fern Chin Murtagh (fern@cs.williams.edu) and her husband Tom, PhD '83, live in Williamstown, MA. Fern is a special education teacher for preschoolers, and Tom teaches computer science at Williams College. "Our oldest daughter Lindsey is a first year law student at Harvard U. after working in the field of public health for two years. Middle daughter Shannon graduated from Yale U. in May and is continuing graduate studies in environmental education on Bainbridge Island in Washington. Our youngest, Heather, is a sleepless architecture student at Syracuse U. In September 2005, Tom and I were at Paul and Eileen Nelson Kraeger's son's wedding. Since Eileen and I were freshman roommates, I had the honor of being her 'oldest' friend at her son's wedding."

Lori Glass Citak (lgconsulting@aol.com) sends us news about her trip to the Greek Islands this past summer. "It was so beautiful and special that I didn't want to return home." Lori is a human resource consultant, specializing in executive search and recruiting. One of her clients is classmate Nancy Sverdlik's company. Her son Jordan Citak '08 is a junior in CALS and will be spending the spring semester studying in Australia. Daughter Carly is a junior in high school and is starting the college search process. "I certainly hope that Cornell will be at the top of her list!"

Nancy Kaplan Tancer (ntancer@optonline. net) and husband Steve have been busy with family and professional activities. "We celebrated the bar mitzvah of my oldest son, Jason, in fall 2005 and it was a wonderful occasion. Jason is playing guitar and working on starting a band. Middle child Matthew is a basketball player, and Lauren, the youngest, is riding ponies and loving it. As for my psychiatry practice, I work around the kids' schedules. I moved my office into town so I can run back and forth without wasting time. Jason and Matthew attended sleepaway camp, so Steve and I enjoyed a quieter than usual summer. Overall, I am feeling rested and happy."

Janice Smith Yensan (nasney@aol.com) lives in Columbia, SC, with her husband of 21 years, David, and sons Brad, 18, a freshman at the U. of South Carolina, and Matt, 13, a high school freshman. Janice is a part-time speech pathologist, and David is an architect. "We enjoy the boating, the beach, and the overall mild climate. I still keep in touch with Cornell roommates Paula Stelluto and Sheila Dimon Ballinger." Elizabeth Rakov Igleheart (eigleheart@aol.com) is president of the board of the Community Action Center in Atlanta, GA. The center focuses on preventing homelessness and helping people get back on their feet after an unforeseen financial or medical crisis. "My daughter Alex is a freshman at SMU in Dallas, and my son Austin is a freshman in high school. Austin plays the acoustic guitar and soccer. In fact, I have just signed on to be the team manager for Austin's new soccer team. Our getaway is our mountain house in Sky Valley (north Georgia). The golf is cheap, the cell phones don't work, and the temperatures are ten degrees cooler than Atlanta!"

living community in Honolulu. Terence is active in community affairs with the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, Hawaii Hotel Association, and Aloha United Way fundraising. Enjoy the holiday season! � Cindy Williams, cew32@cornell.edu; Kathy Zappia Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; and Cynthia Ahlgren Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com. Class website, http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu.

Weeks after graduation you got your first alumni magazine and read reminiscences from members of the Class of 1930 and sardonically marveled at what a distant world they came from. But now you have more in common with them than with today's freshmen. Is this your comeuppance? Once you were immortal, now your knees pop and you wonder what half the commercials on television are about, and what's the deal with all these tattoos? As I write this, I'm listening to a Grateful Dead concert I went to 30 years ago, and I have 20 more Dead

Remember the pictures from the Phi Psi 500 you attended dressed as a condiment? You need to share.

DIK SAALFELD '80

Kathryn Browning Hendrickson (kbhen drickson@lycos.com) won the Democratic primary for the Commonwealth's Attorney for her circuit in Maysville, KY, and will run in the general election in the fall. "I learned an enormous amount from grassroots politics-door to door, chili suppers, parades, county fairs. It has been a tremendous experience. My husband Doug has started a new phase in the development business—buying and overseeing the rehabilitation of historic residences and buildings in downtown Maysville. Our five children are spread across the US. Adair graduated from the U. of the South and is working in the D.C. area. Our goddaughter Moira O'Neill graduated from Holy Cross and is working in Worcester, MA. Zoe is a junior at the U. of Colorado, Boulder and spent the summer learning to rock climb. Laura is a senior at Emma Willard in Troy, NY, and spent the spring semester at High Mountain Inst. in Leadville, CO. And Alex is a sophomore at Foxcroft in Virginia. As for Doug and me, we are going to Florence this fall for a belated celebration of Doug's 50th birthday."

Moving west, **Dawn Itin** Goode, MPS '80 (dawn@goode.com) and her husband Dave moved their company, Goode Ski Technologies, to Ogden, UT, in April 2005. They compete in snow and water-ski events together. They have three children in college and their youngest child is a senior in high school. **Gary Weiss** (gweiss@orrick.com) recently became head of the intellectual property group at Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe in San Francisco. Gary manages a group of 120 attorneys in a 900-attorney firm. **Terence Fowler** is assistant executive director of Kahala Nui, a lifecare senior

shows in my iPod—and I used to be jealous of my sophomore year roommate's speakers, now known as "furniture," which played music from what was essentially an electric Victrola.

Freshman year I met a man from the Class of '07—the first '07, not the new one—and all I could think to say to him was, "Dang, beer must have been cheap in aught seven, but probably not very cold." I remember thinking that given the gift of such long life, would I have any regrets? I hope I still have a long way to go, but I already know the answer: Yes. Here they are, in order: I wore too much polyester, I spent too much time trying to figure out the words to "Louie, Louie," and where the devil did I put that Don Mattingly rookie card?

A Gatsbyesque North Shore mansion fronting Long Island Sound is the site of a party being hosted by the Class of '80, in honor of this year's New Student Book Project, on November 19 at the Nissequogue Golf Club. You should go. There will be live jazz, dinner, flappers, and a guest speaker. Bathtub hooch will be served, and there will be valet parking for period automobiles. Nancy MacIntyre Hollinshead is organizing the festivities, in conjunction with the local Cornell Club of Long Island and the Cornell Agriculture and Life Sciences alumni of the area. The registration link is at http://classof80.alumni.cornell. edu/. I told Nancy to make sure there is a lifeguard at the pool, because I know how that book ends.

Steve Benjamin, ME '81, MBA '82, reports that he is recovering from a heli-skiing injury, and is undergoing much post-surgery rehab in an effort to get back on the chopper and the slopes. He and wife Sheri are proud of daughter Megan,

the current American equestrian vaulting champion, who represented the US at the World Equestrian Games in Germany in August. Steve is a cancer survivor and grabs life with both hands. Linnea Peterson Linderman reports that she and husband Richard, ME '81, live in Rome, NY, and have two sons at Cornell. Rich does electrical engineering research for the Air Force, and Linnea is a pediatrician. They were on campus in April for Chi Phi's Parents Weekend, and enjoyed gorgeous weather as well as a wonderful party. She writes that she would love to hear from Sue Stalzer, MD '84, and Helene Wassermann-Bloodworth.

Ellen Detmold Frankhouser's twin sister Jennifer Detmold Roberts, MBA '83, contacted us with the sad news of Ellen's death from breast cancer on November 15, 2004.

Matt Moeller writes that he is a health physicist specializing in radiation protection. His business, Dade Moeller and Associates, is in Richland, WA, where he and wife Catherine have two daughters, Katie and Kelly. He would like to hear from Denise Dodero, Reggie Durden, Doug Henderson, MBA '88, and Lily Chu, MBA '82. Caryn Krause Kaplan and her husband of 25 years, Keith, are raising three daughters. Jessica '07 is at Cornell, Amy is in high school, and Stephanie is in middle school. Caryn is the director of accreditation and regulatory affairs for Virtual Health in southern New Jersey. She writes that she would like to start spending more time at the beach.

John Verderber and wife Maria own Verderber's Landscape Nursery, which consists of a garden center in Aquebogue, NY, and a wholesale nursery in Southampton, NY. John says his extracurricular activities include fishing, scuba diving, free diving, and hunting. Someday John wants to free dive the Great Barrier Reef. Free diving, as you probably know, involves holding your breath and swimming straight down. It's just like holding your breath at the pool, only without the comforting cement walls and ready access to oxygen. And instead of exuberant children, you are surrounded by great white sharks. John says he would like to hear from Nick Potenza. Nick, don't let John talk you into anything.

Tom Murphy, one of our class officers, is soliciting pix from our Cornell years; e-mail them to harwich37@msn.com. Especially welcome are photos showing campus events and landmarks. Remember the pictures from the Phi Psi 500 you attended dressed as a condiment? You need to share. Tom will present the submissions in an entertaining fashion enabling you to blow off whole hours at work surfing the Class of '80 website, http://classof80.alumni.cornell. edu/. It's okay, you're the boss! You deserve some Dana Jerrard, dej24@cornell.edu; Tim O'Connor, tvo2@cornell.edu; Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu; and Leona Barsky, leonabarsky@aol.com.

Who can believe that it's Thanks-giving/holiday time again! Time sure does fly by quickly. I have fabulous news! My husband Russ and I now have a baby girl, Ella Paige Levine, who joined our family on August 23, 2006. She is simply

beautiful! We hope one day we can send her on to Cornell. Now what year would that be?! It seems like yesterday that Russ and I shared with you a fabulous weekend in June—our 25th Reunion. It still brings fantastic memories to mind—from that weekend and from years gone by. It was great to reconnect with old friends! The planning for the next five years is already in full swing and the new officers are developing a communications and membership plan to help everyone keep in touch with what is going on with the class and with each other. Help us by logging into Cornell's online Alumni Directory, https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu, and updating your information (and e-mail address!).

Bert and Karen Prescott Dalby just brought their son Brian up to the Hotel school for his freshman year. They cannot believe it! In July Steven Ritchey gathered with friends on Long Island for the 10th Annual Ira Block Memorial Golf Tournament. In addition to a few sports celebrities playing, Cornellians at the event included Justin Block '84 and Ben Frick '82. I'm still working with Junior Achievement of Palm Beaches Inc. and enjoying my time as their director of classroom education. Florida is a good place to be able to do a lot of outdoor activities, which I love. Between swimming and boating, I have become a lover of water!

Michael Maring writes that he is a landscape contractor in Lowville, NY, and owner of North County Landscape & Nursery Inc. He'd love to hear from Tom Sutcliffe '78. Rosalee Charpentier practices public interest law in the Hudson Valley-Catskills region of New York State, although she'd rather be sipping champagne in Reims, France. She would love to hear from Kurt Edelman and Lolli Gaines. David Friehling is a CPA and president/owner of Friehling A. Horowitz CPAs PC. He is a member of the board of trustees of the JCC-Y of Rockland, NY, and president-elect of the Rockland County chapter of the NYS Society of CPAs. He also plays basketball and softball and runs daily. He would love to hear from Dickran Kazarian and Clifford Kirsch.

John McConnon of Houston, TX, works on contract in the information technology field. He would love to hear from Keith Olbermann '79. Jay Kimmel and Wendy Grolnick live in Longmeadow, MA. Jay is an orthopedic surgeon in Hartford, CT, and Wendy is a professor of psychology at Clark U. They spend time watching over their two teenage girls, who play tennis and field hockey. Linda Koski Geevers (Princeton Junction, NJ) was elected to the West Windsor Township Town Council in May 2005 and is serving a four-year term ending June 2009. She previously served for six years on the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education. She hopes someday to get elected to the State Legislature.

Stephen McGovern, PhD '93, lives in Haverford, PA, and is an associate professor in the Dept. of Political Science at Haverford College. He would love to hear from **Lovell Camnitz**, **PhD '86. Edgard Nau** is a podiatrist in NYC. He would like to hear from **Claire Card**, DVM '86, PhD '89. **Fran Hoffinger** is a partner at Hoffinger Stern & Ross LLP, specializing in white-collar criminal defense. She has started the college

search with her daughter Rebecca. What a difference from when we looked at colleges! Peggy O'Sullivan Conway is a full-time mom with four children. She made a big switch when she moved from Bronxville, NY, to Hershey, PA. Gladys Margarita Diaz-Jardain, MArch '82, lives in Coral Gables, FL, and is the owner of a real estate investment firm. She purchases properties and renovates them. She recently designed a retrofit solar-powered property as a prototype for hurricane-resistant construction. She would love to hear from Elrica D'Oyen Gebert '80.

Adriana Gormly Silver is an assistant superintendent for business in the Locust Valley, NY, school district. From across the pond, Elise Kuebelbeck Johnson is an acupuncturist in Essex, England. She would love to hear from Donna Gunther '80 and Michael Frawley '80. Gail Henry Katz is executive VP/general manager of Lorn Henry in Hartsdale, NY. She would love to hear from Stephanie Goldpin Dowdle '80. Ellen Ruck Perry and her husband have been co-owners/ partners in Colony Farm Antiques of Chester, NJ, since 1987, specializing in 18th- and 19th-century fine antiques in farm settings at trade shows on the East Coast. Ellen also opened a museum shop for fine gifts and reproductions in fall 2005 in the 1794 John Prall Jr. historic-registered house in Stockton, NJ. She says she would love to have more time to develop another side business—detailing luxury sports cars for serious collectors and owners of fine automobiles for Concours D'Elegance. She would love to hear from Gail Yager.

Please tell us your news! It's wonderful to hear from our classmates. **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; Jennifer Read Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; or Kathy Philbin LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com.

62 Christopher Hanson is working for Boeing in southern Italy, coordinating design work by Alenia Aeronautica for the horizontal sta-

bilizer for the new 787 airplane. Chris reports that his main extracurricular activity is trying to get enough time off work to sightsee in Italy with wife Katherine and his family and to ride his bicycle. Mary Ellen Plubell Miller, husband Danny, and son Skyler, 4, live in Johnson City, TN. She has just changed jobs, recently becoming the "first-ever executive editor of Marquee Magazine," a regional publication that caters to the Mountain South area, and "working like crazy" as she goes straight from her position as law firm marketing director into the new position. Mary Ellen says, "See where those 'Comm Arts' degrees lead?" She is also especially happy with "being a mom." The fond Cornell memory that she reported on the news form resonated with me and brought to mind my own fond recollections: Mary Ellen loved "walking through campus during the quiet times—late at night or early on Sunday morning." The Cornellian from whom she would most like to hear is Sara Klein Brill, her "Kappa big sister and former College Ave. roommate. Sara, how are you? Where are you?"

Joseph Allegro, wife Etty, and family live in Jamaica Plain, MA. Joe has started his own company, Allegro Construction Services, and is busy

building up backlog and client base. The company provides construction management and dispute resolution services. In his spare time Joe coaches youth baseball and soccer. He fondly remembers his friends at Psi Upsilon and would like to hear from Mike MacHikas. Hearing from Joe reminds me that his twin brother Steve Allegro lived across the hall from me freshman year in good old U-Hall 5. I can still hear his cries of "Go you Red Sawks!" during the days leading up to Mr. Dent's fateful swing in the playoff game that fall. Also reporting in from the Boston area is Mindy Jane Roseman of Cambridge, who is the academic director of the Human Rights Program and a lecturer in law at Harvard Law School.

Martin Markiewitz is living in Wilmington, DE, and working in Elkton, MD, at W. L. Gore and Assoc. Inc. (developers of Gore-Tex), for whom he is the procurement administrator, working in filtration technologies. He also spends time as treasurer of his homeowner association, remodeling his home, and "helping my kids with homework." He fondly remembers swimming and hiking in the Ithaca gorges. On the other side of the country, Elizabeth Smith checks in from Eugene, OR, where she lives with spouse Mike Lambert and her 12-year-old daughter and is director of social services in the China Program of Holt Int'l, an adoption and children's services agency. She travels to China at least once a year and also spends time gardening, volunteering at a local school, and "taking care of my daughter's activity and social schedule." She would love to hear from Karie Huttar, Ann Connors Kedia, and Agnes Liptak '83.

No column would be complete without hearing from the doctors, and this time we have five correspondents. Physician Raymond Victor and wife Carol live in Windermere, FL. Edwin Williams III is a facial plastic surgeon in New York who also enjoys farming, foxhunting, skiing, and spending time with wife Cherie and family. From Atlanta, GA, anesthesiologist Roland Pinkney tells us he also spends "precious" time with wife Lisa, family, and friends when not at work. He also spends time running, playing golf and basketball, and traveling. He fondly remembers the "competitiveness in both academia and sports" (he played football) and the lifelong friendships established at Cornell. He would like to hear from Joseph Holland '78, MA '79.

Lynn Levy Senderoff lives in Milford, CT, with husband Ned and two sons. She is an adjunct professor of anatomy and physiology and is also home-educating her son. Lynn "loves being a mommy, wife, and occasional professor." She looks back fondly on playing rugby at Cornell and being on the rugby selection committee, and would love to hear from classmates Lori Penner Hurwitz, Penny Borenstein, Stephen Kagan, and Art Flatau. Recently returned from a six-month deployment in Kuwait is Michael Panosian (Dayton, OH). While overseas, he supported Operation Iraqi Freedom as medical group commander, charged with keeping deployed troops healthy. He was responsible for safely aeromedically evacuating sick and injured troops back to the US and flew as a C-130 flight surgeon, for which he was awarded the Air Medal. He is now commander of the 88th Surgical Operations Squadron and chief of surgery for the 88th Medical Group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. He occasionally keeps in touch with **Alan Tucker**.

By the time you read this, the big 25th Reunion will be only months away! It is hard to believe that we've been away for longer than it took us to grow up and graduate. So let's all get together to celebrate and/or commiserate. Please look for news and registration information in the mail and plan to return to Ithaca in June! **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

This round of class news included a good amount of submittals from classmates who responded when they paid their class dues. We were given a few boilerplate questions to kick-start our thinking processes, such as what is your current position, what you would rather be doing now, your fondest memory while at Cornell, and which classmate you'd most like to hear from. Many took the fill-in-the blank format too literally and responded in kind with short, bare-bones responses. Believe me, I'll take any news over no news, but for the sake of variety, don't ever hesitate to personalize your responses with a revealing detail or two, or short anecdotes. It makes for a very interesting read. Now, if you will excuse that little bit whining and preaching from your humble class correspondent, on to the news.

From Portugal we hear from Susan Corte Lomega, who is enjoying her position as a sales representative for an artists' cooperative. Besides that job, she has also been very enterprisingshe organizes and chaperones specialized tours for small groups (six to eight people) in Portugal and Spain, markets upscale estate wines, and does English/Portuguese translations for technical manuals. Susan also keeps busy developing a virtual gourmet shop specializing in regional products: smoked meats, nuts, olive oil, and cheeses. And she is planning on opening a small restaurant. (Whew!) Susan remembers all of her time at Cornell very fondly and keeps up with most of her friends, but she would like to hear from Jane Lee and Susie Eilers Craig.

While preferring to be lying on a beach in Hawaii, **Penny Nemzer**, DVM '87, is enjoying her life as a small animal veterinarian in Scarsdale, NY. Married to **Dan Taitz**, **JD** '86, and mother of four children, Penny says she enjoys gardening and doing alumni interviewing for Cornell in her spare hours. She also has been busy trekking all over the country looking at colleges with her son Eric. Penny remembers fondly the long walks she took at the Cornell Plantations with her dog Rebecca. She still gets to see her favorite Cornell friend **Liz Meller** Alderman often. "She is very important to me!"

Alan Krueger would prefer to be swimming in his pool, but maintains his day job as professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton U. Laconically, he puts down on his class news form that he has been kept busy doing a "lot of writing." (A quick Google search reveals that Alan Krueger was a regular economic columnist for the *New York Times*, but now is working on a textbook.) He enjoys unwinding playing tennis,

traveling, and going to the movies. His most fond memory of Cornell was meeting his wife at the Straight—Lisa (Simon). (She said they met while he was nibbling on a roommate's salad and she scolded him.) Lisa is teaching high school math in Princeton as well, and they have two teenagers, ages 14 and 16. Both have been to Ithaca as prospective Cornellians. Alan says the Cornellian he would most like to hear from is Bob Jones '81.

From Abbie Bookbinder Meyer, who serves as our class historian with Omar Saldana, we hear that she is CEO of Meyer Family Enterprises. Current job description and responsibilities, according to Abbie, involve "driving people, cooking, and picking up three kids and a husband." She recently had a great time attending a taping of the "Oprah" show with freshman-year roommate Tracev Taslitz Kritt. Abbie says she remembers most fondly the longtime friends she made at Cornell. From Short Hills, NJ, we hear from class officer Susan Wasserman Guerin, who along with coreunion chairperson Andy Sosa is beginning the planning phase and the gearing up for our big 25th. She will be looking for volunteers. If you have special skills that you think would be helpful, or you just want to be first in line to volunteer, please contact Susan at susan.guerin@paxar.com. Susan is president of America's Apparel Group, a division of Paxar Corporation. Her children's activities—soccer, horseback riding, wrestling, lacrosse, and baseball—occupy the rest of her busy Pattison, dpattison@earthlink.net; and Dinah Lawrence Godwin, dinah.godwin@earthlink.net.

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Mike Schiumo reports that he and his wife Kristin Schaefer '93 had their first child, a baby boy named Michael, in July 2005.

Also, he was recently appointed the assistant dean of alumni affairs at Fordham Law School in New York City. They reside in Manhasset, NY. Earl Kim is the superintendent of schools in Verona, NJ. He is also a trustee for the Foundation Academy Charter School in Trenton, NJ; trustee for the Policy Research Inst. for the Region, Princeton University; and a Sunday school teacher at Calvary Lutheran in Verona, NJ. His favorite memory from Cornell is "wrestling practice at Teagle Hall and hanging out over Winter Break with the wrestling team." The Cornell friends he would most like to hear from are: Jeff Gilbert, Michi Yukawa '85, and Carol Hubbard '85.

Celeste "Celia" Shin is working at the Barl Restaurant and doing real estate. She has been busy setting up a new home in Sonoma County, CA, and taking care of her six dogs, including a special needs dog. Her favorite memory from Cornell is "how much I enjoyed taking Carol Greenhouse's Anthropology class." Robert Feinberg is VP, general counsel for Prism Business Media Inc. in NYC. He is also an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School. He's been spending most of his time recently raising his kids James, 8, and Lily, 5. His favorite memory of Cornell is "the beauty of the campus." He would most like to hear from Steve Valk.

Emily Sherman Brooks is a gynecologist who spent the past year retiring from obstetrics,

skiing in winter, swimming in summer, and walking her dogs year-round. She and her husband Allen have daughters Laura, 11, and Julie, 10. Her fondest memory of Cornell is her friends. She would most like to hear from Austin Duell Booth and Ted Jonas, JD '91. Dorothy Pelovitz Frank and her husband Andrew Hollander, JD '91, have toddler twin boys. Dorothy is going back to school to get her master's degree in teaching. For the past year she has been getting acclimated to their new town, fixing up their new house, and taking care of their twin boys. Chris Read, MS '86, and his wife Melanie (Lundry) '92 have twin baby boys and two older boys. Understandably, all of Chris's time is spent either running his startup consulting business or taking care of the kids.

Amy Allen Moorman and her husband Robert live in Nebraska. Amy was recently appointed chair of the Division of Economics and Business at Doane College in Crete, NE. She writes, "I am pleased to be working with another Cornellian, Jonathan Brand, JD '96, who was recently inaugurated as president of Doane College." Nelly Silagy Benedek and her husband John have two boys. Nelly is director of education at the Jewish Museum in NYC. Recently, she has been teaching in museums and developing resources for educators on art and museums. Her fondest memories of Cornell are "my art classes and my friends." Nelly would most like to hear from Naomi Levy.

Anne Parks Wolf does obesity research. She is also a black-belt Nia instructor and loves gardening and being with her family. Recently, she has been working on creating a beautiful home. Her favorite memory from Cornell is "the quiet reading on Libe Slope the week after graduation." She would most like to hear from Elizabeth Sprague Petrie. Leah Levy Soltas is an at-home mom, married to classmate Scott. In her spare time, she does marketing and lots of parent council activities at the boys' school. Recently she has been helping an artist friend, Suzanne Osterweil Weber, market her custom portraiture. Leah has also been dabbling in "house staging." Her fondest memories of Cornell are of her dearest friends in their Transfer Center dorm rooms, the former Psi U. She would most like to hear from Julie Stockholm Kleinert.

Jeffrey Watts is a principal for Deloitte Consulting in Los Angeles. In his spare time, he volunteers at the L.A. Music Center Education Division, sails, and does indoor rock climbing with his son. His fondest memory of Cornell is Cornell hockey. He would most like to hear from Scott Greene and Suzanne Bricker Sullivan. John Toohey is the chief meteorologist for NBC/Telemundo. He started guitar lessons last summer and continues to fly his Cessna 210. This past spring, he made another appearance on NBC's "Weekend Today" show as meteorologist John Morales. His fondest memories of Cornell are friends, views, and weather forecasts! Alison Clark Levy teaches 8th grade social studies at Essex Middle School and loves it! She received her master's in education from the U. of Vermont in 2003 and has kept busy teaching and spending time with her husband Max and four teenage children. *** Karla** Sievers McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; Lindsay Liotta Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, http://classof1984.alumni.cornell.edu.

You have answered our call for news, so a Big Red thank you to everyone who wrote. There is much news to share, so I will get right to it. Dawn Viapiano Bierschwal wrote from West Chester, OH, where she owns the Becoming Mom Pregnancy Spa and Imaging Center, which she will soon be franchising. She also just finished writing a screenplay with Jeanne Veillette Bowerman, and they are working on their second. From her time at Cornell, Dawn most remembers being a little sister at Chi Phi. As a former class correspondent, Ed Catto knows that we are sometimes in desperate need of news, so we are grateful he continues to stay in touch. Back in June, Ed was busy sketching and painting in preparation for an art show. Ed definitely remembers our time at Cornell, and wrote, "Other than Roberta Zwiebel Farhi in fencing class? The brilliant ideas and big dreams!" Jim Sears, if you are reading this, Ed would love to hear from you.

Liz Dolinar is busy as the director of gardens for an ever-expanding 60 acres at a resort in Harrisburg, PA. She also volunteers for a rabbit rescue organization and is active in Pennsylvania politics. The person she would most like to hear from is "fellow Aggie and all-around good guy John Sheeley." Alicia Hallock Terry is the director of planning for Schoharie County, NY. Recently Alicia developed a response and recovery plan for the potential failure of the Gilboa Dam, to protect the 9,000 who live nearby. She is kept company on her farm by 80 hens, ten cows, one donkey, and a Paso Fino horse. If that doesn't keep the family busy enough, Alicia's 11year-old son stays active by playing baseball and basketball. Alicia hopes to hear from Sue Robin Reiter, DVM '88, and Marie "Moe" Melodia.

Lynn Marshall and her husband Spiros Koyanis are enjoying their eighth year in Portland, OR. Lynn is assistant professor of medicine, public health, and preventive medicine at Oregon Health and Science U. She conducts research on osteoporosis in men over 65. Lynn also teaches and trains in Aikido and in Iaido (Japanese sword drawing and cutting). She fondly remembers enjoying bagels with Jon Plissner '84 at Anabel Taylor, and weeknight dinners with her housemates on Cook St. She would love to hear from Lucrezia Herman '76, Gayle Green, and Andrew Hall. Phil Otis is a 767 First Officer with United Airlines, flying to Europe and South America. He just moved from California to Severna Park, MD. When he isn't busy traveling to any sailboat racing opportunity that he can find, he is keeping up with his 7- and 9-year-old daughters. Jim Joseph recently sold his advertising agency and is now enjoying the "unbelievably fun restaurant industry" as VP of marketing at the French Culinary Inst. Jim enjoys spending time with his children JP, 11, and Alicia, 13. He lives part-time in NYC and in New Hope, PA.

When **Betsy Daniels** Graseck and her husband Chris aren't busy renovating homes or taking care of their daughter Maggie, 2, Betsy is a managing director at Morgan Stanley in NYC. Betsy has seen many of her fellow Pi Phis during this past year. She saw **Dave** and **Judy Marlinski Doyno** in Japan late last year. Then there was

Wonder Wear

ROB MOON '85

ob Moon describes the genesis of his online clothing company, PureHero, as "a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup moment." Like the serendipitous meeting of chocolate and peanut butter, Moon's business sprang from the fusion of two complementary worlds: sports and superheroes. Founded in June 2005, PureHero sells high-performance shirts and jerseys that bear the insignia of Marvel Comics characters such as Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four. The twist, Moon says, is that the clothes don't show the characters themselves but echo the look of their costumesyou don't wear the likeness of a superhero so much as become one.

PureHero's line includes short- and long-sleeved cycling jerseys, as well as T-shirts for everyday wear. This isn't child's play—the jerseys are made from the same fabrics worn by Tour de France racers, and are priced accordingly. "Our stuff is very adult-oriented," Moon says, noting that a kids' line may be added in the future. "We wanted to establish ourselves as serious performance apparel."

After studying operations research and industrial engineering on the Hill, Moon earned an MBA from UC-Berkeley in 1990 and spent eight years helping Nike improve its global supply chain—experience that proved useful when he started PureHero in San Francisco, where he now lives. The company



got a PR boost in August, when its products were included in the gift bags given to celebrities at a pre-Emmy party at Spago in Los Angeles; they were also doled out at the 2005 Radio Music Awards. By 2007 Moon hopes to expand beyond online retailing and sell his gear in comic book stores and cycle shops. His personal favorite hero? Captain America. "He's emblematic of apple pie and motherhood, that kind of stuff," Moon says. "He's a great character, fighting the forces of evil."

— Christina Bosilkovski

Lorah McNally Perlee and Kari Pedersen Dooley during another one of Bill Perlee's excellent dinners. In NYC, she saw Molly Tschang. In Pittsburgh, Betsy enjoyed dinner with Sue Brode and her four energetic kids, who are all under 8. In Minneapolis, she met with Laura Clark and her son Jack. Last but not least, Betsy got together with Jill Gaydosh Kafka in NYC.

Ilene Friedman had been enjoying the last six years as a stay-at-home Mom, but this past summer, she returned to medical practice at the Northport V.A. on Long Island. While at Cornell, Ilene enjoyed her time singing with Nothing But Treble, and she is happy to be singing again with a women's a cappella group. When she isn't busy doing a lot of school activities with her children, Ilene enjoys swimming, tennis, and yoga. She is very content with her life and wrote, "There's nothing I'd rather be doing." Ilene would love to

hear from **Marjorie Mosick**. Frederic Johnson and his wife Joyce are living in Chicago, where Frederic is a telescope interpreter with the Adler Planetarium. One of his after-hours activities is star-watching, so it seems that Frederic is a lucky one—his work and his personal interests are one and the same.

Michelle Sherman Kalish and her husband Geoff live in Westchester, NY, where Michelle enjoys being a mom and a fledgling interior designer and being in training as a yoga teacher. She wrote that her after-hours time is spent "imbibing wine, watching baseball games, and emailing friends." Her fondest memories of Cornell are at Ruloff's, and she would most like to hear from Lenny Goldstock. Eileen Bartol and her husband Paul were busy earlier this year moving back to New Jersey. Now that they are settled in, Eileen can focus on being mom to Genevieve.

Some news didn't make this column so you can look forward to reading more updates in the next one. Please keep the news coming so we will continue to have a lot to share with you. **A Leslie Nydick**, LNydick@aol.com; **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, jmcornett@bellsouth.net.

Hello! We're your new class correspondents: Susan Seligsohn Howell and Laura Nieboer Hine. We're sitting on lovely Shelter Island, NY, attempting to write our first column together. Neither of us lives on Shelter Island. Susan is in Boxford, MA, north of Boston, and Laura is in Wilmette, IL, just outside of Chicago. Our families have met on Shelter Island numerous times since our Cornell years, thanks to the hospitality of Clark and Sue Joyner Hine '61, parents of Laura's husband Clarkson '85.

needed to conquer the world of high finance. Sudip Thakor is managing director at Credit Suisse and lives in Riverside, CT. Christian Bergmann is in London working for Alegro Capital. He spends his free time skiing in Austria and Switzerland, but he'd rather be surfing south of Biarritz, France. Phil McCarthy is at Merrill Lynch in New York City. Phil attended Reunion and reported that the House of Shalimar is still in business on the Commons!

Erik Codrington married Tracey (Reynolds) '85 (our Kappa sister). They met on Erik's 20th birthday at a Christmas formal, "just like 'Some Enchanted Evening,'" says Erik. He's at Citigroup Global Markets in NYC raising debt financing for energy and industrial projects in North and South America. He and Tracey live in Chatham, NJ, with their 13-year-old daughter Victoria. When not working, he's busy in their local

Boston, she is now in her fifth year as an assistant professor in the Dept. of Mechanical Science and Engineering at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She and her partner of 17 years, Robin, have two great sons, Jessick, 6, and Doren, 2.

Mike Millette lives in Westchester with wife Joy and their five children: Henry, 13, Sophie, 11, Lilly, 8, George, 6, and Claire, 2. Mike works at Goldman Sachs as a manager of the Catastrophe, Life, and Entertainment Securitization businesses. Glen Dake lives in Los Angeles, where he is a landscape architect. He just finished a four-year term as a deputy to a member of the L.A. city council and helped to found the nonprofit L.A. Community Garden Council for the benefit of community gardens and the South Central Farmers. Zach Shulman, JD '90, has been living in Ithaca and loving it. He is a managing partner at Cayuga Venture Fund and teaches at the Johnson School while his wife Angela pursues a PhD in Indian religion. Julie Zimmerman and husband Adam Ratner also wrote from Ithaca—while they were visiting Pam Bleiwas with their two boys Will and Andy! When not visiting old friends and our alma mater, Julie and her family live in Princeton, NJ.

Jill Eskin Major HaLevi is spending this academic year in Jerusalem with her husband Andrew while he teaches high school English and she stays home with their two daughters. Jill gave up her position as a public defender in the Charleston, SC, federal public defender's office to spend this year in Jerusalem. Joanne Cappucci Penne, MBA '93, lives in Chicago with husband Jake and 2-yearold son Matt. Joanne has been working at Unilever ever since completing her MBA at the Johnson School in 1993. Since graduation 20 years ago, Scott Holter has been in the Cleveland area employed with several manufacturing and consulting companies. Scott currently works at a midsize public accounting firm concentrating in manufacturing systems consulting, ERP planning, etc. Married for 16 years, Scott and his wife Mary have three daughters, ages 13, 12, and 8. In his spare time, Scott teaches APICS classes at a local university and manages the girls' travel softball teams.

Todd Moody's family (wife Gia and sons Jake and Ben) recently welcomed daughter Emerson to the fold. Todd was recently promoted to head the Transaction Advisory Services Group for the Pacific South West Area for Ernst & Young. He is also on the board of the Los Angeles chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Rana Glasgal, ME '92, has been working for Stanford for an unbelievable nine years! She is the associate vice provost for Institutional Research and Decision Support. Rana is quite involved in Cornell-related activities in the San Francisco Bay Area, serving on the board of the local alumni association, as chair for CAAAN, as a Western Region rep to the Alumni Federation, and on the Cornell Council. Rana's biggest activity, however, is hockey. She plays several times a week and loves it! She and her husband Bruce spent a week at hockey camp in Las Vegas.

Helen Rothstein Kimmel and husband Barry celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son Ian. Cornellians in attendance included classmates Ilana Brajer Austin, MPS '92, and husband Stuart '88, and Rich and Leslie Kaufman Friedman. Helen

Rana Glasgal and her husband Bruce spent a week at hockey camp in Las Vegas.

DEBRA HOWARD STERN '87

Even though we just went to reunion, it feels like a mini-reunion with five Cornellians (including Susan's husband Steve '84) sitting around the table laughing and joking about the chances that our three 13-year-olds could be class of 2015 (Laura has twins Nick and Sam, and Susan has daughter Olivia). And if we get that lucky, could they be followed by Jake Howell, 10, or Emmie Hine, 8? We'll let you know, because we'll still be your class correspondents then. We've signed up for at least the next five years!

In the meantime, let us know your news. We're interested in any bit of information, however mundane it might seem to you. It doesn't have to be a wedding or a birth. For instance, Cecilia "Vicky" Beer lives north of Seattle and tells us she's busy not only as a doctor and mother of a 3- and 4-year-old, but she's also knitting a cashmere scarf for her husband. She's hoping to finish it next winter. Keep us posted, Vicky! We've all been there on the project that never seems to end. In the meantime, Vicky is also planning a family trip to Alaska and volunteering at her daughter's preschool.

And since we've mentioned one doctor, we'll add info on some of our other medically minded classmates. Marc Meyer works for the City of Houston as a paramedic and supervisor. He's out there saving lives while going to law school part-time. Will Marc give new meaning to the term "ambulance chaser"? He missed our 20th, but swears he'll be at the 25th, "Come hell or high water—a real concern in Houston!" Mette Larsen is also a doctor, but when we first read her info sheet, we thought maybe she was a veterinarian because she owns and manages a large equestrian facility in Huntington, NY. Mette has time to ride her horses, but reports that she doesn't have enough time to fish.

Moving on \dots Apparently, Cornell provided many of our classmates with the background

church, plays squash, and races his Porsche around the countryside.

Send us your news or you can't complain that you don't know anyone in next issue's column! **\$\display\$** Laura Nieboer Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal. net; Susan Seligsohn Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net.

Thanks to all of you who responded to my plea over the Labor Day weekend for news. My wonderful colleague Tom Tseng, ME '94, was unable to write the column at the last minute and, unfortunately, had all the news forms. Thankfully I remembered that I had a way to reach out to many of you via e-mail, so I gave it a shot and below is some of the news I received. More of your news will appear in the next few columns. Many of you wrote of news items big and small. For me, just hearing from some old friends was wonderful news-not everything has to be as exciting as my quest to get onto a reality TV show. The everyday, mundane, we-are-living-a-life-in-anytown-USA is great to hear. I am also happy to hear that so many of you are planning to come to reunion in June!

Stephanie Greene Bosworth was the first to respond to my e-mail. She and husband Eric '85, ME '87, live in Robbinsville, NJ. Last spring, they hosted a two-part wine-tasting series in their home for the Princeton CUAA Chapter. They have children Arielle, almost 10, and Ethan, 7. The Bosworths enjoy traveling—with and without the kids. They spent a week in Provence and Burgundy by themselves and later traveled to Toronto and Niagara Falls with the whole family. Of course, a trip to Cornell was on the agenda. They would love to meet other Cornellians on the road. Elizabeth "Lisa" Hsiao-Wecksler reports that after life as an engineer at Xerox Corp. in Rochester, NY, grad school in Berkeley, CA, and post-doc'ing in

and her family live in southern New Jersey, where she is a food writer and culinary instructor. **Maria Off** Kaleta teaches French and Spanish at her local high school. She and her husband Christopher have two beautiful girls, Christina, 19 months, and Kimberly, 3. They purchased their first home in 2004 and are learning many things about keeping a garden looking healthy and beautiful.

Some very exciting news: Just before midnight on Saturday, August 26, following 20 hours of debate over two days, the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia confirmed the new government of Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski. His Minister for Foreign Investment is our own former class president Gligor "G" Tashkovich, MBA '91. In his role, Gligor will be responsible for attracting foreign direct investment to Macedonia. He is the third generation of his family to take a leadership role in the country. His grandfather, after whom he was named (but whom he never met), was the leader of the democratic opposition during World War II. He represented Macedonia as a senator in the Federal Parliament in Belgrade. His father, Vuko G. Tashkovich '62, BArch '65, was the co-chair of the World Macedonian Congress (the Diaspora group) and the head of the U.S.-Macedonia Business Council until his untimely passing in November 1996. Gligor has nominally moved to Macedonia (while maintaining his New York City residence), but he will be spending more than half of his time traveling the world convincing investors to take a look at this up-and-coming country. Macedonia's biggest (and new) advantage is that it is the only country in the world that allows Macedonianbased companies to export their products into the 250 million-person European Union without paying any import or customs taxes.

Well, I do not get to say this too often, but I have loads more news and am out of space, so stay tuned to this column over the next few issues for your news, as well as news from many others. Keep e-mailing us! � Debra Howard Stern, dstern39@yahoo.com; and Tom S. Tseng, ttseng@uchicago.edu.

Greetings, Class of '88! I recently saw a movie starring Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock that has been much maligned, called The Lake House. It involves the couple in a burgeoning romance but physically separated by two years in time. I unfortunately agreed with the critics and can't recommend it, but elements of it made me recall a fantastic movie from a few years back with Gwyneth Paltrow, Sliding Doors. Her character's future was to be determined by whether she caught a glimpse of something behind a door, and it got me to pondering what would have happened to us if we had gone to Brown or Princeton, or SUNY Stonybrook, instead of Cornell. Would we have the same job we have now? Would we still have met our spouse or significant other or best friends? What effects do fate and pre-destination have on our futures?

Anyway, here's what's happening in our very real presents. **Alicia Schwarcz** writes, "Just wanted to let you know about the birth of my twin boys Liam Isaac and Timothy Jacob on January 10, 2006. They are fraternal twins, with their own personalities and smiles that light up the room!" Alicia lives in Princeton, NJ, and works for a satellite operator out of D.C. (Intelsat), selling satellite communication networks. She thinks it's a fun job and gets to work from home! Mark Ahrens just got back from Aceh, Indonesia, after doing two weeks of community redevelopment for tsunami victims. He and other volunteers replaced the family portraits for about 1,000 families who had lost all their possessions in the tsunami.

Meg Hardie Keilbach writes that she has had a lot of changes in her life, and shares, "I am remarried now to Eric Keilbach, a childhood sweetheart of mine who came back into my life at the perfect time. We hope to expand our family soon, which will be fantastic considering Eric has a daughter Shelbi, 14, and I have two girls, Hannah, 7, and Abigail, 5." Meg is still working at Cornell, but is now in the Hotel school as the director of development. Big news regarding our own class treasurer, Charles "Chad" Snee. Chad is a Navy Reservist, and was notified that he is being mobilized to the Middle East. "After a few days' in-processing in San Diego (beginning June 19), I will report to Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, MS, for about two months of training. Then direct to Afghanistan for a minimum oneyear tour. I will be working for the US Army as part of an embedded training team that will help train the Afghan National Army (ANA). I am a logistics (supply) officer in the Navy Reserve and my experience is needed in this particular mission. If there are no significant delays (and/or extensions), I should be back home sometime in late summer 2007.

Chad, on behalf of the Class of '88 Cornell Alumni Magazine readers, we thank you for your eight years of service as class treasurer and wish you the very best while you are deployed. Chad welcomes contact while he is overseas via e-mail at suppousnr@yahoo.com. He notes that his free time is likely to be limited, but that he will try to write back. You can also write "real" letters, with stamps affixed, to Chad at the following address: CDR Charles Snee, NAVY ETT MIKE, Bldg. 2490, 25th Street, Camp Shelby, MS 39407-1000.

Melissa Van Kirk is currently a university lecturer and psychologist and just began training for a marathon! What she remembers most from her time at Cornell is walking across the Arts Quad just after a snowfall. An "old" Cornell friend she would most like to hear from is Helena Huang. Helena, are you out there? Nancy Michalski Wall sent the following news: "We finished our move back from Okinawa to Georgia. I will soon start teaching 7th grade science at our local middle school. Daughters Victoria (8th grade) and Gabi (6th grade) will likely hope I won't cramp their style. Daughter Audrey (1st grade) will be keeping us all in line as well." Janet Helms lives in West Chester, PA, and is a veterinarian at Pfizer Animal Health. She is a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia, and works on dog agility events. She has recently enrolled in the Executive MBA Program at the Johnson School at Cornell. The thing she remembers most fondly from her time at Cornell is "hockey, eh, and singing the Canadian national anthem!"

Our class received a very generous financial gift from the Stephen and Jennifer Rubin Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania. We thank Stephen and Jennifer (Serkin) for their support! Well, that's it for now. Please keep the news coming. E-mail us anytime at: Suzanne Bors Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; or Steven Tomaselli, st89@cornell.edu. Have a beautiful autumn and enjoy where life has taken you!

What do you get when you add up two Little League baseball teams, one soccer team, summer gymnastics, potty training the 2-year-old, a new Labrador retriever puppy, and a house that I put a new roof on this summer? Not much else. Fall of 2006 is here and I need a Mulligan for summer 2006. Fortunately, enough of you sent updates about life that I can cobble together a meager update.

Leading with nuptials, New Yorker Faith Kaminsky got married to Jim Cohen, assistant director of room service at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in September 2006 at the Women's National Republican Club. Also, Cassandra Ramirez married Kenneth King Jr. on May 4, 2006. She is the webmaster at Widener U. School and they make their home in Philadelphia, PA.

From Westport, CT, **Gabriel Selig** sends an update that he is an attorney at Gladstone, Selig & Harrington LLC. After work, he keeps busy playing New Orleans music on the saxophone in jam bands and gets his exercise with ultimate Frisbee and snowboarding. Staying in touch with old Sperry buddies **Ron Pigeon**, **Jim Dworkin**, and **Mike Cabana**, **John Sakers** sends an update that said they had gotten together, but included no details of what they'd done. John is a consulting engineer who spends time traveling, camping, and with his kids.

Stacy Baskin Paton has left the hard work of stay-at-home "momming" and rejoined the workforce with Allstate Investments. She and her family, including children Jordan, 8, and Jeremy, 6, make their home near Chicago in Glenview, IL. From the Sunshine State, John Brooke sent news that life in Key Largo was good. "I have spent the last year in my new job traveling around the country. I have recently left hotel operations to go into hotel real estate investing, and I currently manage a portfolio of 13 hotels between Colorado and the Bahamas." John makes the most of the opportunities the Caribbean provides by getting out on the boat as much as possible and traveling around the Bahamas.

Send us more to write about! You can submit the news online (http://www.alumni.cornell. edu/classes.htm), or just e-mail one of your class correspondents. * Mike McGarry, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; Anne Czaplinski Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; Lauren Hoeflich, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; and Stephanie Bloom Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

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This holiday season, we are thankful for all who have sent us news. It's the gift that keeps on giving. (Hint!)

What gift could be better than a new child? Kent '88 and Jeannine Cavender-Bares had a second daughter, Celine Cavender Bares, on Oct. 19, 2005. "She was greeted with great enthusiasm" by big sister Valerie Cavender Bares, 5, says Jeannine. Mom is an assistant professor in the U. of Minnesota's Dept. of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior. Dad is a senior research associate in the Minnesota office of the Heinz Center for Science, Economics, and the Environment. David Schiffhauer and wife Linda are also on the parenthood ride for the second time, welcoming Emily in May 2006. "Big sister Sarah is thrilled with her new role!" reports Dad. Add Adrian Spidle, MS '94, to the "Still Not Sleep-Deprived Enough" Club, courtesy of Margaret Jean Spidle, born Dec. 24, 2004. Meg has a brother, William, in kindergarten.

Jessica Lattman and David Rosenberg '89, MD '93, had their first son, Zachary Louis Rosenberg, on April 6, 2006. He'll be kept in line by two sisters Alexandra Grace, 7, and Samantha Belle, 4. Spencer Wolf and wife Almuth are first-timers learning the ropes with Lukas, born March 12, 2006. "Lukas has already begun his pre-Cornell business education, reading *Investors Business Daily* with Spencer every morning before the markets open. Go, Class of 2027!" writes the proud papa.

Here's another great gift: a hassle-free commute! Ana Peralta Bierman works only two days a week—and on those days travels all of five minutes to her job as director of the career planning center at the U. of Miami School of Law. Ana's credentials for the job include a Penn law degree, experience in corporate securities law, and a marriage to fellow attorney Mitchell, "despite his not being a Cornellian," she confesses. They have two little lawyers-in-training, Kai, 4, and Sabrina, 2. Ana would like to hear from classmates in South Florida at abierman@law.miami.edu.

Sometimes just changing your job description is enough of a present. Jennifer Henry Smith e-mailed to let us know of her new position as senior manager, business development, with Spectra Clinical Research. And my fellow correspondent Tamiko Toland is now editor of Annuity Insight, which is part of Strategic Insight, a data, research, and consulting firm in New York. She researches and writes about variable annuities, which, she notes, makes her very popular at cocktail parties. (We are getting old.)

Sarah Ali has thoughtfully provided all of our Long Island classmates with a gift idea: her recently published book, *Baby Friendly Long Island: A Guide to Places to Take Babies and Toddlers.* It combined her two major pursuits, motherhood and writing, into "one glorious little project," says Sarah. Maybe she can write a sequel for our classmates in Virginia, where she moved over the summer with husband Karel Svoboda '88 and sons Benjamin Wade, 5, and Tycho Augustus, 3.

Kevin Keane gives our alma mater the gift of his time by volunteering with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, or CAAAN (http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu). I can join him in attesting that this is a totally worthwhile experience, as it allows you to represent Cornell to bright, ambitious, and inspiring teens who will deepen your faith in our future. Kevin and his wife Jennifer work as veterinarians in the drug

safety division of Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey and have a toddler son. Arron "has energy and fearlessness that demands I keep my medical insurance paid up!" says his father. In Kevin's spare time, he is doing his best to claim a New Jersey Road Racing bicycling title. Also spreading the Big Red word via CAAAN is **Ana Petrovich** (apetrov68@hotmail.com). "All three students I interviewed were accepted into Cornell for the upcoming year," she says with justifiable delight. Ana graduated from Harvard in June. She'd love to hear from **Marc Koutoufaris '91**.

A very newsy update comes from **Steven** "Slip" **Rueben**. He's founding member of Software Leader LLC, which is pursuing patents with vigor. He also has been consulting for Eighth Wonder, a casino/resort developer, and assisting it in developing East Village, a million-square-foot retail/commercial project in Las Vegas. Slip recently dined with **Lan Elliott**, MBA '91, and her husband **Mike Rosenblatt** before they jetted off to Belgium to work for a few years in hotel development for Starwood. Slip also attended the wedding of **Dan** and Laurie **Berrien** in Florida in May 2006 and caught up with fellow guests **Scott Ginesin** and **Chris Caswell** '91.

That does it for the mailbag for this year. Happy holidays, and may the best of 2006 be the worst of 2007. **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@ cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@ sbcglobal.net; and **Tamiko Toland**, stmoluag@ yahoo.com.

Philip Mekelburg writes from Atlanta earlier this year to announce that he and Rob Forster '90, MD '94, attended the bris of Ethan Goodhart, son of Josh '95 and Jen Hansen **Goodhart '95** in March. Philip and his wife also hosted Donna Myers Vallone '93, who was visiting from New York in order to enjoy some rest and relaxation from the rigors of getting her master's degree in Italian language and of motherhood. A good time was had by all, and plenty of red wine and great food were enjoyed. Philip reports that he was very appreciative and extremely excited to receive a shipment of wine stored in the cellar of Dale Arrison Grossman '72, senior lecturer at Cornell. The wine had been purchased 15 years ago with Dale's husband Peter. Philip had been afraid that he would have consumed the few cases of fine Bordeaux before its due time had the wine been stored closer to him—not to mention it was only recently that he had a suitable place to store such fine drinkables. Philip exclaims, "Merci mille fois Monsieur et Madame Grossman!'

Jessica Lifland, BA/BFA '92 (San Francisco) works as a freelance photographer, so keep your eyes peeled for photo credits as you read the *New York Times* or *USA Today*. Jessica also enjoys teaching photojournalism at San Francisco State and San Francisco City College. In her spare time, she serves as director for the photo community Photonite, a three-year-old organization that serves as a monthly gathering for local photographers, editors, photo educators, and photo students to meet, share work, and share ideas. Jessica encourages Bay Area photographers to drop by on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. After several years of

exercising her Communications degree in the nonprofit, educational, and corporate sectors, **Corinne Kuchling** has begun work as a self-employed consultant from her Seattle home office. Besides the five-second commute, Corinne is delighted that the flexible schedule allows her to continue her active pursuit of wanderlust, enabling her to explore both Costa Rica and New Zealand this year.

Amanda Telford writes that she and her husband Geoff Crosby are living in Portsmouth, NH, where she works in the human resources department of the Red Hook Ale Brewery. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys swimming and playing with her children. Wendy Fuhr is a family physician in Collegeville, PA, and honing her skills as a semi-professional musician—a singer and fiddle player. Wendy and her husband Eric Allen live in Philadelphia, PA, and have a 1-year-old daughter named Iris. Christine Anderson Perkins writes from Bellingham, WA, where she is the director of the Burlington Public Library. Christine recently won the Library Journal Fiction Reviewer of the Year Award in 2005. She and husband Chris have children Katie, 6, and Jackson, 4. They were all planning to rent a house last summer on Cayuga Lake with some other Cornellians.

On September 11, 2005, the *New York Times* reported that Claudia Reitenbach married Michael Rudegeair '93. At the time of their marriage, Claudia was working as a kindergarten teacher in Old Brookville, NY. Jean Signorelli Spiegel and her husband Bruce recently moved back to Ballston Lake, NY, with their 4-year-old daughter Lauren, and they are reconnecting with family and Cornell friends. Jean is extremely busy as a manager for Kohl's Department Store. Scott A. Edwards and his wife Cher happily announced the birth of their son Chase Robert, born December 26, 2005 in Seattle, WA.

Jeffrey Nagel recently joined the business and commercial litigation department in the New York office of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione PC, a 200-plus-attorney law firm headquartered in Newark, NJ. Jeffrey's practice is very broad, encompassing the areas of commercial litigation, alternative dispute resolution, antitrust and trade regulation, appellate practice, internal and audit committee investigations, and securities litigation. He has also defended foreign and domestic corporations and individuals in cases involving international human rights and sovereign immunity issues, First Amendment challenges, criminal and civil antitrust claims, tort actions, and employment discrimination disputes. Jeffrey received his JD from the NYU law school, and also holds a master's in philosophy from the NYU graduate school. After 12 years with Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC, Linda Horner accepted a position as an administrative patent judge at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Linda will conduct reviews of ex parte appeals from adverse decisions of examiners at the USPTO.

Chuck Kemper was promoted to VP of human resources for Aker Kvaerner's oil, gas, process, and energy division. His HR responsibilities will span all of the division's operations, including centers in the US, Canada, Chile, China, India, Malaysia, and Australia. Chuck and wife Melissa continue to reside in Houston with their children Hilary, Wilson, Henry, and Charles. Ricky Li was promoted to LeSportsac's director of international sales for Asia and Europe, where he manages international business with France, Italy, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. Since graduating from Cornell, he has lived in Los Angeles, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Paris, and New York City. He is also assisting his wife Laura by handling overseas marketing for her newly published biography on Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Following in her parents' international footsteps, Ricky's 5-year-old daughter Sienna is attending a bilingual Chinese-English kindergarten in New York City.

Thanks for all your news! More to come in the next issue. � Nina Peek, nsr5@cornell.edu.

Hello, everyone. As I write, summer is winding down and school is starting. Many of you may be feeling what I am right now—the amazement that my oldest child is headed to kindergarten in another week! I am sure it will be old hat by the time I receive my magazine, but for now, it is unbelievable to me how fast time flies and that I have a child starting "real school!" Speaking of time flying by, our 15th Reunion is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for June 7-10, 2007, and make plans to be in Ithaca. Hope to see you there.

The news is running low, so let us know what you and your Class of '92 friends are up to. Our News and Dues form included some fun new categories, including classmates you'd like to hear from and your fondest memory of Cornell. Return the News Form, or write us directly at the e-mail addresses below. We'll do our best to get your news into the column as soon as possible.

Liz Vega sent a great update. She is currently the managing director of admissions at Fairmont Private Schools in Orange County, CA. She spends time outside of work "building enormous cool Lego structures with my 5- and 3-year-old girls." Liz's favorite memory of Cornell is the Language Lab-and Marge Leonard, who ran the place. She notes, "What a sense of community that place had-a wicked good time." Liz would like to get back in touch with Maria Gomez Colon '91 and Elice Maldonando '91. Debra Lubar Lightsey lives in Decatur, GA, with husband Scott and their children Lilah Tille, born Aug. 24, 2005, and Noah Benjamin, 6. Debra is a strategy and innovation officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Debra's fondest memory of Cornell is her roommates.

Sandi Rappe Spindler and husband Steve live in Jenkintown, PA, with their daughters Kate Olivia, born March 30, 2006, and Jessica, 2. Sandi is an ob/gyn. Alice Lin Yang's fondest memory of Cornell is "summertime at Cornell, taking land-scaping painting class and painting a view of West Campus from the library." Alice lives in Warren, NJ, and currently stays at home with her two children, ages 2 and 4. Alice would love to hear from Cornell friend Evan Powers and wonders if he is still in California. Freelance writing is Sue Eisenfeld's present "after-hours" activity. In the rest of her life, Sue attends graduate school at Johns

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ALEXANDER ARROW '92

lexander Arrow was a few months into a sevenyear surgical residency at UCLA Medical Center when, exhausted by the grueling hours, he realized that medicine wasn't his calling. "One day I was falling asleep in the operating room," he says. "Less than two weeks later I was in a beautiful downtown office building with my own assistant." Arrow, who has an MD from Harvard Medical School, now diagnoses medical technology stocks, not patients. He's currently the medical research analyst and senior vice president of Lazard Capital Markets in New York City. "I actually get to use my medical experience more

than some of my colleagues. I research a different medical device every day."

With the new career came a new moniker (born Todd Shafritz, Arrow changed his name in 1996) and a reputation as an aggressive analyst who isn't afraid of using unconventional research methods. "I like to find things that other analysts don't find," he says. "I look at equity research as an opportunity to investigate, to interview people that companies aren't expecting me to interview." His approach seems effective: in 2005, he was the only sell-side analyst to warn buyers away from Guidant, then poised to be acquired by Johnson & Johnson. As Arrow suspected, extensive



recalls on Guidant devices later soured the deal. "This isn't an example of doing gumshoe investigative work, but rather of not being afraid to take a contrarian view," he says. "You make more of an impact if you're going in the opposite direction of everybody else."

Now ranked as a top analyst by the equity research rating service Starmine, Arrow has never looked back at the operating room. "There is a certain degree of satisfaction in looking a patient in the eye and seeing that you've helped somebody," he admits, "but on a day-to-day basis, I'm happier dissecting companies than I am dissecting people."

- Sam Warren '07

Hopkins U. and is pursuing a master of arts in writing (creative nonfiction). She also works as an environmental communications consultant. Sue and husband Neil Heinekamp '91 live in Arlington, VA. Sue writes that she would love to get back in touch with friend Holly Martin.

Eric and Rachel Levin Klopfer '91 live in Winchester, MA. Eric recently became a tenured professor at MIT, where he is studying educational technology, and Rachel is a veterinarian. In September 2005, Rachel completed a full Ironman triathlon—her first. Eric and Rachel have two children: son Oren, 3, and daughter Maya, born on July 8, 2006. Michael and Alisa Alma Mertens '91 make their home in Lancaster, NY. Michael is a partner in one of the nation's largest Tae Kwon

Do schools—World Class Tae Kwon Do Centers. After hours, Michael enjoys spending time with his sons Joseph, 6, and David, 1-1/2. Eric's favorite memory of Cornell is training with the Tae Kwon Do team and sneaking members of the team without dining plans into the dining hall. Rachel Golden Carlson lives in Knoxville, TN, where she is an assistant professor of musicology at the School of Music at the U. of Tennessee.

I received a press release from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, a NYC international law firm. They announced that **Stacey Rappaport**, one of their partners in the litigation department, was recently elected to a one-year term on the New York County Lawyers Association's board of directors. **Michelle C. Nino** is a

staff clinician at the National Institutes of Health/ National Institute on Drug Abuse. She enjoys playing tennis, traveling, writing poetry, and skiing. Michelle remembers swimming in the gorge, the falls, and eating ice cream at the Dairy Bar.

Please keep your news coming. If you send e-mail, please write "Cornell News" in the Subject: line. This will make it easier for us to maintain the news and save it for the next column. clothing in Manhattan at Loro Piana, the retail and wholesale business that produces cashmere clothing, accessories, and textiles. He is also an adjunct instructor in merchandising strategy at the Fashion Inst. of Technology in Manhattan. The *New York Times* also reported on the wedding of **Hans Henkes** to his German girlfriend Nicola Summer on July 10, 2006. Hans tells us, "Last year, I repatriated to the US after eight

Tom Goldstone's son Max has already been to Ithaca, where he had a drink (of formula) at Rulloff's.

JENNIFER RABIN MARCHANT '94

Thanks and have a great winter. **Debbie Feinstein**, debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com; Wilma Ann Anderson, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com; and Renee Hunter Toth, rah24@cornell.edu.

As winter comes roaring in, it's natural to be reminded of Cornell—trying to keep warm on a brisk, slushy walk to class; looking out the library window to watch the snow fall; cutting through the Campus Store for a few moments of warmth on the way to Collegetown. If you've been thinking about your college days, a great way to enhance the nostalgia would be to share some memories or news with your class correspondents for inclusion in the Class Notes! We really need your updates to keep the column fresh and interesting, so please drop us a line. Our contact information is at the end of the column.

Speaking of Class Notes, our first bit of news comes straight from the source. My co-correspondent Yael Berkowitz Rosenberg and her husband Sandy welcomed their first child, Jonathan Shai, on July 9, 2006. Yael reports, "He was born on his due date-very punctual!" Holly Zax Shuter and her husband also had their first child, Tyler Logan Shuter, on January 31, 2006. She writes, "All of our Cornell friends have sent him Big Red gear, so he's getting early Ezra brainwashing!" Holly lives in Los Angeles and is AVP, Corporate Communications at Zenith Insurance. Jess Graus Woo is also a new mommy. "On June 29, my husband Dan and I picked up our daughter Kaia Sophia at the Detroit Airport. She was born on June 23, 2005 in Seoul, Korea, and is just a joy. She has a wonderful, happy personality and is quickly learning all kinds of things, including a couple of English words already! I am taking the summer off for maternity leave, returning to my position as assistant professor of pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in September. I also just got an NIH grant funded, which is big professional news given the recent NIH budget cuts!" Great news and big congratulations to all the new parents!

We have a few marriages to celebrate this issue. The *New York Times* reported that **Jose Chan** married Laura Ellen Forlano on April 15, 2006 in Manhattan. Jose is a buyer for men's

enjoyable years in Europe, during which time I started and managed a couple of subsidiaries for technology companies. I now reside in New York City and am the general manager of MindMatics, a German mobile services provider." Hans's new wife will move to the US at the end of the year. Oliver J.C. Wharton wrote, "I just returned from my [July] honeymoon in Greece and Turkey. Still in Las Vegas working on restaurant development for the LightGroup, which operates FIX at the Bellagio and STACK at The Mirage."

Hooman Yaghoobzadeh wrote in to tell us that he finished a year as chief resident in internal medicine and a cardiology fellowship at New York Hospital and joined a cardiology practice with David Blumenthal '71, MD '75, on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Hooman lives on the Upper East Side with his wife and two sons. Nora Lin is also a physician. She is with Vireo Allergy Centers in Philadelphia. The Center is one of the few that offers sublingual immunotherapy—which means that instead of giving lots of allergy shots, Nora can just place a liquid extract under the patient's tongue. Sounds good to me! Nora got her medical degree at New York Medical College and did her pediatric residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Amy Church Wood responded to a recent plea for updates with a much-appreciated news-filled note. She writes, "Since graduating from business school in 2004 (I went to that other rather remote Ivy league school in New Hampshire), I am living in Southborough, MA, and working for a regional insurance company. Stu and I have an 18-month-old son Joshua. What's even more fun is that Jessica Baker Flechtner, PhD '00, and Meredith McAlear McClements live nearby and we all enjoy the fact that our kids are surviving us together! We went to Deana Herrick '92's wedding this summer and got to see Kristin Holcomb Stahl '92. Michelle Catanzaro Webster, I would love to get in touch with you sometime soon!"

Please keep the news coming. You can either e-mail your class correspondents or submit your news online at http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm. Thanks! * Erica Fishlin Fox, erica zzz@aol.com; Yael Berkowitz Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

Well, after many years of stressing out about where the class news is, the folks in Alumni Affairs have given us a great device to ensure we get current news—everybody's e-mail addresses! We are now full of great updates from the Class of '94 (current as of early August), and while I attempt to get everybody's news in, if you don't see it, don't despair. I forwarded it onto Dineen, who will include it in the Jan/Feb '07 edition. FYI, we cannot report about pregnancies or engagements—only births and weddings!

Kurt and Jennifer Quin Henninger used snail mail to write us in June. Kurt is in operations resources at Frito-Lay, and Jennifer is enjoying being home with Elisabeth and Abigail and running a health and wellness company. The family lives in Highlands Ranch, CO. Also in Colorado is Clayton Sparks, who is a photographer in Boulder (www.claytonsparks.com). By day, Clayton serves as VP of business development for a local telecommunications start-up. Margot Vigeant and Steven Stumbris also wrote in via regular mail. Margot is now tenured, serving as associate professor of chemical engineering at Bucknell U., and Steve is in manufacturing support for Yorktowne Cabinetry. The couple lives with their children Gabriel, 5, and Simon, 2.

Andres du Bouchet lives and works in New York City, where he performs comedy in his weekly show, Giant Tuesday Night of Amazing Inventions And Also There Is A Game. Check out his website at www.andresdubouchet.com. Joshua **Veshia** is managing sales for WebGen Systems, a provider of energy management and conservation solutions for Fortune 500 companies, and lives in Boston's Back Bay. Michael Rubin lives in Chicago with wife Marsha (DeMay) '95 and new son Matthew Aaron. Michael works at SwissRe as CIO of the commercial insurance business, Prior to that he worked at GE and completed his MBA at Northwestern. Suzanne Perry recently joined the Washington, DC, office of Baker & McKenzie LLP as "of counsel." Her practice focuses on international business transactions, with a particular emphasis on the financing of energy and infrastructure projects. Prior to this, Suzanne lived an international life, working in Luxembourg at the European Court of Justice and completing a Fulbright in Florence, Italy, before moving back stateside. Also practicing law is Erin Vocke Bailey, who recently took the Georgia Bar exam and began work as a trusts and estates attorney. Erin also has a 2-year-old daughter Ella.

Ursula Kriegl, MMH '98, writes from Munich, where she is senior VP with Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels, responsible for the advisory and valuations team in Germany. She also married in January 2006. Nilay Shah writes in that he is in charge of the epilepsy monitoring unit at White Plains Hospital, just north of New York City. Since graduating, Nilay has also founded a successful Internet company called MedicalPocketPC, the largest website in the world for healthcare professionals using Pocket PC hardware/software to improve patient care, and also helped found the NYS Neurological Society, whose mission is to improve patient care through coordinated efforts in the field of neurology.

Tom Goldstone writes from New York City, where he is a senior producer for CNN. Tom and wife Jenn welcomed son Max in December 2005; Tom notes that Max has already been to Ithaca, where he had a drink (of formula) at Rulloff's and is ready to enroll in the Class of 2027! Carrie Leffler Wofsy and husband Matt welcomed daughter Rebecca Michelle on May 22, 2006. Carrie works as a therapist at the Renfrew Center, serving as team leader for the Intensive Outpatient Program, a program for women struggling with eating disorders. Sallyanne Mitchell Meier works as a nurse practitioner with a nephrology group in Nashville, TN. She writes that she and husband Carl, who serves as a vice president for a community bank, have a 1-year-old daughter, Maggie. Nina Hattiangadi Thomas recently married husband Dave this June, and is a pediatric neuropsychologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Pei-Hua Ku is a lieutenant in the US Navy as an information professional specializing in communications. He also is pursuing his second master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, in systems engineering. David Shriberg, PhD '94, serves as assistant professor of psychology at Loyola U. in Chicago. He and wife Amy have children Emma, 3, and Nathan, 1. Craig Hallstrom is also an assistant professor, working at U. of Mississippi Medical Center as a pediatric intensivist and director of the pediatric residency program. Rob Stevens wrote that he received his MBA from MIT in the summer of 2005 and is now VP Business Development at Kiva Systems, a startup in Boston that manufactures robotic systems for warehouses. Rob also recently married Alison Vaughan and moved to a new home.

Quick hits: Barbara Taylor Sciarrino is president of Integrated Promotions Inc., an advertising specialty firm in upstate New York. Daniel Burgess lives in Bergen County, NJ, with wife Sarah O'Dell and their three cats, working as a contract writer for various clients. Rachel Gurshman and Sunil Srivastava recently welcomed their first child, Samuel Kumar. The family lives in Decatur, GA.

I knew I'd find you back here in the Class Notes section! Unfortunately, there is not a lot of news to share. Of course, this could be easily fixed if you sent Alison and me an update . . . pretty please. Remember, it doesn't have to be about jobs or weddings or babies. You can write about Cornell memories, new houses, trips, volunteering, personal achievements, and anything else you would like to share with your classmates. If you haven't done so yet, mail in that News Form from our annual fall class mailing, or write to Alison or me directly at the e-mail addresses at the bottom of the column.

This past June, **Deborah James** Walend opened her own pediatric practice in Cambridge, MA. It is called Children's Garden Pediatrics and

you can check it out online at www.childrens gardenpeds.com. **David Anderson** sent in a fun e-mail. "My wife Beth and I just celebrated our first anniversary, and we're enjoying being first-time homeowners in Minneapolis. I continue to sing full-time with the a cappella group Four Shadow. We just released our latest album, and have lots of info up on our site, www.fourshadow. com. I missed reunion but vow to tread the Hill again soon!"

Another big post arrived from Sarah Margolin Jacobson. Sarah writes, "It's been a long while since I've sent any news, but the last year has been so eventful that I thought I would send an update. My husband Chris and I traded in city living for life in the suburbs. We bought a new home in Cortlandt Manor, NY, about an hour north of NYC. Chris is still working as a trader at Caxton, a hedge fund in Manhattan. I have left my job as jewelry product manager at Bulgari to be a full-time wife and mother. Our son Sam was born on December 27, 2005. He is an absolute wonder and brings great joy to our lives." Happy first birthday, Sam!

The progeny of our classmates continue to increase (as does the number of future Cornellians!) and more and more accounts of growing families arrive. **Melissa Biren Singer** sends the following: "Scott '94 and I are thrilled to announce that our family has grown with the birth of Jordana Biren Singer on July 24, 2006. Big sister Kayla turned 3 in August and could not be more excited about her new baby sister. We are all settled in Chappaqua, NY, and have been living here for the past three years. I am a licensed clinical psychologist, and Scott is working in real estate finance."

My final piece of information comes from Seth Traum and is written in a way that could only come from Seth. "Here's my news. Just had kid number two (scary, huh?). Jordon Hunter Traum joined his older brother Zach on June 28. We're getting adjusted, and my wife is in shock just thinking about the amount of testosterone flowing through the apartment. But all is good. Other than that, not much to report for me. Still at Smith Barney working my butt off and enjoying it. I was recently the best man at Jon Stern's wedding. It was a really nice event in Roslyn, NY, and Jon and Heather just returned from their honeymoon in Africa."

That's all the news that's fit to print... or at least all the news that's available to print. Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year, everyone! Abra Benson, amb8@cornell. edu; Alison Torrillo French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu.

Greetings, Sixers! As you read this, I hope the memory of the oppressively hot summer is slowly receding into the recesses of your mind, and you are enjoying all the splendor of the fall. Autumn was always my favorite time in Ithaca (well, all six days of it), and this year, I have vowed to leave the Bay Area in search of some foliage and flannel shirts.

But enough about me. I'd like to share with you some of the excellent musings of our fellow classmates that they have included in their Class of '96 news forms. Bravo to those of you who took the time to really ponder where you are, where you'd like to go, and what you appreciate about life at this time. Robin McLean is a New Jersey Department of Agriculture Education Planner (an FFA specialist, for those of you in the know). Robin's current "after-hours" activities are riding motorcycles, reading on her deck, and traveling abroad. She'd rather spend less time at work and more time traveling around the globe. One of Robin's fondest Cornell memories is eating breakfast at Trillium while reading the *Daily Sun*. And Becky Cady '95, if you're out there, Robin would love to hear from you!

Sayira Valdez works as an administrative secretary and lives in Philadelphia. Her present activities are crafts, biking, gardening, studying drawing and painting, and falling in love with a beautiful woman (rock on, Sayira!). Sayira misses "the beauty of campus, the constant energy and excitement about learning all around, and the great Ithaca gorges and thunderstorms." And Sayira would like to hear from her long lost Cornell friend Ellie Kim. Alison Derow Gaudet is a pediatrician in private practice in Pittsburgh. Alison, husband Michael, and daughter Caroline welcomed Julia Rose into the family on April 14, 2006. Congratulations to the Gaudets!

Patricia Gaigals Bolduc is a small-animal veterinarian in Bellingham, MA. Her present afterhours activities include being a mom and a wife, and she and husband Dave '94 recently managed to add a new addition to the clan, second daughter Caroline Rose, born February 15, 2006. Caroline's older sister Natalie Grace recently turned 3. Thinking about the future, Patricia would someday like to bike the south of France wineries and go wine touring. As for fond Cornell memories, Patricia writes, "Playing in the Big Red Marching Band and going to Cornell hockey games!" Bridget Lowell recently left Capitol Hill (where she was working for Democrat David Price, not Republican Joe Pitts-and by the way, Bridget still wants to know who spread such slanderous lies about her!) for a job as the senior manager for media relations at the Nature Conservancy's worldwide office, just outside Washington, DC. And speaking of D.C., Samantha Klein is bidding adieu to corporate law life in New York City and heading down to take Dupont Circle by storm.

Dave, MD '01, and Lauren Kalter Hass and daughter Samantha welcomed Ethan Lee into the world on October 17, 2005. Lauren writes, "Big guy at 9 lb. 10 oz. So basically that's our life—not much time for anything else!" The Hasses live in Ossining, NY, where Dave is a gastroenterology fellow and Lauren is a consultant to non-profit organizations. Hootan Yaghoobzadeh updated us on his long-lost freshman-year roommate, Yuly Lyandres, who along with wife Evunka, are the proud parents of two little girls, Lilina, 2, and Lulu, 3 months. Yuly is starting up his medical practice on Staten Island. Antonio Mastroberardino writes that he is a research associate in Upstate New York.

Lucky for **Lisa Kubicki** Bedford, she gets to get in some good summer days in Central New York. Lisa lives in Ithaca and works for Cornell. Lisa's started in a new MBA program at the Johnson School in July. She writes, "It's the Executive

Boardroom MBA joint program between Cornell and Canada's Queen's School of Business—17 months long and I'll have two MBAs (one from each school) upon completion in November 2007." And speaking of dual degrees, **Ian Shea** recently started the joint executive MBA program between Berkeley and Columbia.

Lisa Wright was married to Alex McAulay (Brown '96) on October 8, 2005, and is living in Chapel Hill, NC. Lisa's brother Mark "Koni" Wright '98 was in the wedding party. Lisa works at UNC, and Alex is a novelist. Alex's first novel, Bad Girls, was published last summer by MTV/Pocket Books and is being turned into a movie by MTV Films. His second novel, Lost Summer, is being released this August, also by MTV/Pocket. Congrats to Lisa and Alex, and hey—can I trade you my official Class of '96 wine opener for an invite to the premiere?

And lastly, I wanted to give some well-deserved props to Darcy Peterka, who recently completed his doctorate in chemistry at Berkeley. Don't worry, Darcy—I will make sure to study hard, and not devalue your degree. Congratulations! Please keep the news coming, folks! It's always a pleasure to hear from you and document your wonderful adventures. Sheryl Magzamen, slm1@cornell.edu; Courtney Rubin, cbr1@cornell.edu. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu.

Many of you received e-mails from Sarah and me this summer encouraging you to get in touch and share memories from our time at Cornell as well as current updates on how you've kept busy since graduation nearly ten (gasp!) years ago. This class column is one of the primary ways we keep connected throughout the years, and we're proud to serve as your class correspondents. We thank those of you who have taken time out of your busy schedules to send in news, and we hope that the rest of you enjoy reading those updates over the next few months as we build momentum for our 10th Reunion in Ithaca, June 7-10, 2007. Please save the date!

Our professional lives are moving forward at a rapid pace. Nicole Smith Chevalier enjoys the challenges and travel associated with her work at a family foundation making grants to nonprofit organizations in art, the environment, and education around the country. Nicole and her husband purchased their first home this year, a 1935 colonial in West Haven, CT. She reports spending spare time removing wallpaper, painting, plastering, refinishing hardwood floors, and battling vegetation in the backyard, but is excited about turning the house into the home they envision. Nicole is looking forward to seeing people from her old dorms and classes at reunion next year. Mary Jo Fidler is in her last year of fellowship in hematology/oncology in Chicago. She is hoping to meet up with Jessica Lewis at reunion.

Rich Baecher is working toward a January 1, 2007 incorporation date for Baecher Consulting Group Inc. (www.BaecherConsulting.com), which will specialize in information, communication, and medical system solutions. Since getting his MBA in 2004, Rich has been selling medical solutions

to physician offices, hospital administrators, and health care executives in the New York City area and southern Connecticut. Currently, he is an account manager for Philips Medical Systems in the Brooklyn and Queens territory. **Jeremy Allen**, MPA '98, is a lobbyist for Johnson & Johnson in Washington, DC, focusing on issues facing the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. He married wife Ashley in July 2004, with many Cornellians in attendance, and the couple recently purchased a home. Jeremy is looking forward to a beer at the Palms when he gets back to Ithaca. (Me too!)

Margaret Billy, MILR '00, accepted a job this summer working on the human resources team at CitiCards, a division of CitiGroup, and planned to relocate to New York City. After six years of human resources at Bristol-Myers Squibb in central New Jersey, Margaret is excited to be "moving on and out." She also went solo on an "amazing" two-week vacation to Thailand in March. Aaron Hutman is another accomplished traveler. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 2001, he worked as an international trade attorney at Steptoe & Johnson until 2005, then left to spend a year traveling in Latin America. Aaron is currently working on a book and planning future travels.

Rebecca Ingalls is an assistant professor of composition and rhetoric in the Dept. of English and Writing at the U. of Tampa. She finished her PhD at the U. of Michigan in 2005, and moved down to Tampa with her partner. Rebecca's also currently working on a book about writing pedagogy and student spoken-word performance. Congratulations to Andra Schnabolk, who sent in word of her March 11, 2006 wedding to David Grossman in Cantonsville, MD. Andra is an attorney for the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

Classmates are keeping the stork busy with new arrivals. **Scott Hatherley** and wife Stephanie greeted their first child, Derek Ryan, on January 12, 2006. "Very happy parents" **Seth** and **Janice Wynn Guikema '98** welcomed son David Woodson on July 3, 2006. It's been a busy year for Seth and Janice: they finished their post-docs at Cornell in summer 2005, then moved to College Station, TX, and bought their first house. Seth is an assistant professor in civil engineering at Texas A&M, and Janice is a lecturer in physics; classmate **Patrick Lynett**, PhD '02, also is a faculty member in civil engineering.

Jason Matyas and wife Shannon celebrated the arrival of daughter Norabel Faith (Norabel means honor in Greek) on April 29, 2006. Big sister Lydia Rose turned 2 on May 10, 2006, and Dad reports "she's quite the energetic and precocious little lady." Norabel arrived two weeks after Jason returned from Afghanistan, where he supported the deployment of the Army's 10th Mountain Division and other units to Operation Enduring Freedom. He helped move more than 8,000 soldiers and 69 helicopters via Air Force airlift. He also traveled to Eastern Afghanistan, where he trained Army troops on airdrop procedures, and set up and controlled numerous airdrops to deliver critical supplies to the most remote base that conventional forces have ever used in Afghanistan. These efforts contributed to the success of coalition forces, Operation Mountain Lion, in April and May. At home, Jason continues to fly KC-10s about one week a month at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, and keeps busy with landscaping and other home projects.

Please share your news! What have you been up to these last few years? Who are you looking forward to seeing at reunion? What will make your trip to Ithaca complete? A Hot Truck run? Last call at the Palms? Paying your freshman dorm room a visit (provided your freshman dorm is still standing...)? Let us know! *** Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Class website, http://classof97. alumni.cornell.edu.

Wow, it seems like the two months between columns fly by. Erica and I think that we have now finally caught up on all the announcements we received this year, and are ready for another round. It's great hearing from everyone, so please fill out the News Form from our annual fall class mailing (or write us via e-mail at any time) and keep the news coming! Erin Dodd took a leave from her job at NYU to work in a museum in Peru-El Museo Sican in Ferreñafe, Lambayeque. The museum shows the finds of local archaeological excavations (gold masks, ceramics—in her words, "lovely things!"). Just up the road are a series of pyramids of the Sican culture that inhabited this area over 1,000 years ago. If you have some free time, she would love for you to visit! The website is http://sican.perucultural. org.pe/ and you can email her at eed1@cornell. edu. She will be happy to help you arrange a visit.

I guess one degree is not enough. Liz Dewey must have missed her days at Cornell, as she is now a student at the Johnson Graduate School of Management. James Farry is an internal medicine resident at the U. of Michigan Medical Center. He mountain bikes when he has free time and occasionally camps. He would rather be traveling, camping more, and drinking a beer at the Chapter House. He remembers Slope Day and hanging out with friends at his house on Highland Place. He would like to hear from Vinnie Gentile. Daniel Babitz is working as a financial consultant for the environmental consulting group INC. in New York. He is trying to be a "Superdad" and reports he has a lot of new things in his life: new baby, new house, new car, and new empty wallet. He misses those late-night ramblings in the Donlon Common area.

Congratulations to **Phoebe Furey** and James G. McGall V, who were married on August 27, 2005, at the Elkridge Furnace Inn. Phoebe earned her MBA from Columbia U. and is working as a consultant at Deloitte Consulting in Washington, DC. They honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Odenton, MD. Congratulations also go out to Toni Stabile, who married Will Weiss in February 2006. Many alums (and Alpha Phi sisters) were in attendance, including bridesmaid Andrea Muchinsky '97, Anne Savage Malenfant, ME '99, Megan O'Brien, Soo Youn Yi, Ann Law '99, Laura Rossier '99, and Rebecca Whittles '99. Toni and Will became homeowners in North Babylon, NY, and Toni has taught English for five years at Long Beach High School.

Esther Wasserstein is a physician assistant in internal medicine and critical care at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, NJ. She horseback rides for fun and is training for a marathon. She misses Slope Day and would like to hear from Joanna "JoJo" Marks Ortiz. Julia Wells is working as a principal scientist at Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products in Skillman, NJ. At the time of her submission, she was working on launching new skin care products for the Aveeno and Clean & Clear brands. She now has a lot more free time on her hands, as she finished up her part-time MBA at NYU's Stern School of Business. She would love to be independently wealthy (good goal!) and lie around on different tropical beaches. She remembers fondly her senior year and spring break trips with her TriDelt sisters.

Kristin Caruso is a lawyer and loves to travel in her free time. She took a trip to Italy in September 2005 and has been back east a few times as well. She loves what she is doing, but would like to be able to hang out on a beach with a margarita in her hand—"hey, my TCAB (hotel school project) theme was 'Margaritaville,' and it is still in my blood!" She remembers fondly College Ave. (the Palms, Club House, etc.), Senior Week (Cups!), Slope Day (Carl Mittleman on Slope Day), and hockey games ("We want Weedler"), and she misses all her friends from Cornell! Kristen Choe Donty is a dentist and opened up her own office in downtown Boston. Just as I am hearing from many people, she loves what she does. She misses watching the sunset at Uris Library and would love to hear from **Jennifer Huang** and **Paula Lee** Hauck.

We hope everyone is doing well. There are still so many of you we haven't heard from. Come on, brag a little about your accomplishments or about how you've dropped out of the business world and are now laying out on a beach in the Caribbean. Send any announcements or news or what you ate for breakfast to: � Gregg Herman, gdh5@cornell.edu; or Erica Chan, hc31@cornell.edu. Hope to hear from you soon.

Happy Holidays! "Life is good in Big Sky country." So says Jeff Shay, PhD '99, an associate professor at the U. of Montana who recently received his fifth teaching award and, even better, tenure. Jocelyn Ram is finishing up her last year of law school at Boston U. and will head down to Washington, DC, after graduating to work as a patent attorney for Kenyon & Kenyon LLP. Jocelyn has taken good advantage of her student schedule to travel, managing to visit Scandinavia, Jamaica, Niagara Falls, and the White Mountains of New Hampshire in the last year. In other lawyer news, Thomas Utzinger joined the environmental law team of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland Perretti LLP in Morristown, NJ. After graduating from George Washington U. law school, John **Haran** joined the mechanical group of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, an intellectual property law firm in Washington, DC. Tennis champ and St. Louis marathon-completer Michelle Degen graduated from the JD/MBA program at Washington U. in St. Louis. Stephen Rockwell is another joint-degree candidate, earning his MBA/MPA through a Harvard/MIT program.

With the number of our classmates becoming internal medicine doctors, hopefully the rest of us won't have to book our appointments months in advance too much longer. **Natalie Bello** graduated from medical school at the U. of Rochester and is a resident in internal medicine at Columbia U. Among Natalie's graduating class was '99er **Jennifer Richman**. Sunny St. Petersburg, FL, is home to **Justin Nudell**, a resident in internal medicine at Northside Hospital and Heart Inst., pursuing a gastroenterology fellowship. Justin is married to his "medical school

brothers Alex '94 and Marc, and Tina's sister-inlaw Leanne Cronin. Sandra Saluke married Daniel Saha in her hometown of Dayton, OH, last year. The wedding party included maid of honor Elizabeth Pynadath, Kathryn Kadash Edmondson '00, and Edward Morrell. The couple lives in Maryland, where Sandra develops educational programs for the Girl Scouts Council while David pursues graduate studies at Johns Hopkins U.

As reported in the *New York Times*, **Thomas Troubh** married Natalie Tung at Tavern on the Green in New York's Central Park. Tom works as

Kristin Sander is embracing the experience of "group life" in a shared townhouse.

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sweetheart" Michelle Zetooney. Our third featured internist-to-be is **Matthew Olah**, who completed medical school at Thomas Jefferson U. and is an internal medicine resident at Temple U. Hospital in Philadelphia. **Carina Rizzo** graduated from Cornell Medical College last year and is a dermatology resident at New York U. Medical Center.

Although he'd rather be "running a B&B in Ohio," Mark Reardon works as a contract administrator for the U. of Pittsburgh, where he writes employment agreements for the 1,600-member physician group. San Francisco is home to **David** Goodman, the director of corporate real estate for the Clorox Co. Job changes have taken a few classmates in new directions recently. After six years at Marriott Int'l, hotelie Kristin Sander is working toward her MBA at Oxford's Said Business School in London. While she's embracing the experience of "group life" in a shared townhouse, Kristen admits: "Oh, how I miss my condo in Washington!" With an address in "Happy Valley," hopefully **Philip Chiu** feels the same about his new home in Hong Kong, where he works for Citigroup in equity derivative sales. Philip received his master's in economic and social history from Oxford U., and spent two weeks traveling along the Yellow River in China, from Xian to Qingdao. After working several years as a copy editor in New York and teacher in Baltimore, Anthony Zuba is studying at Boston U. School of Theology.

Finally, our wedding roundup: Wendy Meyer and Peter Sterling '98 were married last October in Brant Lake, NY. More than 25 Cornellians were in attendance (sorry that we can't list all of them here)! Wendy and Peter traveled to Italy for their honeymoon, hitting Tuscany, the Amalfi Coast, and Rome. Chris Comarato walked down the aisle with Katie Zoltek, with a bridal party that included Cornellians Mike Greiner '00 and Matt Markovich. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and lives in Philadelphia, where Chris works as a senior applications specialist for Sun-Gard Data Systems.

Justin Mayer and Tina Meyer were married in Washingtonville, NY, and honeymooned in Hawaii. The wedding was a Cornellian family affair, with Justin's brother Wesley '01, Tina's

a stock trader at First New York Securities. A manager of community relations for the NBA, **Tara Gutkowski** married Eric Schwartz last October in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Last November, **Daniel Schubert** married Ana Molina in Washington, DC. Dan graduated from Georgetown U. Law Center. Israel and Greece were the honeymoon destinations for **Dylan Pollack** and Shirael Vaknin, married in New Jersey last July. Dylan is an attorney at Proskauer Rose in Manhattan. **David Strome** married Melissa McCarthy in New Jersey last June. David is a vice president and account director at KSL Media, an advertising agency in New York.

With the retirement and sabbatical, respectively, of beloved columnists Jessica Smith and Melanie Arzt, disaster seemed imminent. How ever would we replace these talented ladies, two-thirds of the team for the last seven years? Fear not, Class of 1999, we have found two brave volunteers: introducing Melanie Grayce West and Brady Russell, our newest class columnists. Legends in the making, Melanie and Brady will write upcoming columns. What better way to welcome the new recruits than by inundating us with your news? Our inboxes await. \$Jennifer Sheldon, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com; Brady Russell, bradydale@thistoowillpass.com; and Melanie Grayce West, melanie@melaniegrayce.com.

Although you're reading this column in early winter, I'm writing it in late summer, or, what all of us 20-somethings know as the middle of wedding season. So, let's jump right into the nuptial news.

We'll start with news of some double 2000 couples. Justin Compiseno sent word that he and Stella Kalnitsky were married on July 22, and then honeymooned in Costa Rica. Stacey McIntyre and Derek Snyder wed in Newport, RI, last October. Allie Wesson and Dave Lesser tied the knot on April 29 in Central Valley, NY. Cornellians Jeff Goldsmith, Peter D'Antonio, Brian Pfleger, Dan Riiff, Jen Mogy, Jen Hogan, and Julie Vultaggio '02 were in the wedding party, and Andre Black '99 serenaded the groomsmen and bridesmaids down the aisle. Also in attendance were

Nick Molinari, Liz Stavis, Jeff Pernoud, Alex Goldenberg, Ira Noble, and Eric Kanterman. Allie and Dave live in Jersey City with their cat Sperry. Allie also wrote that fellow AOPi Kristen Sweeney recently moved to Atlanta, where she's going to wow the town with her engineering skills and spend time with Amy Killoran.

Adam Schwartz reported that Patrick Noonan and Samantha Buckingham '03 married in Washington this past June. Adam, Nate Gunsch, Adam Watson, and Aaron Lustbader all served as members of the wedding party. Pat remains an active duty naval officer in Seattle, while Adam, Nate, and Adam are all happy to be living in Charlottesville, VA, together while they pursue graduate and law degrees at UVA. Another

Fund (AALDEF) in NYC. She provides direct legal representation for survivors of human trafficking. Mike Schramm reported that he lives and works in Burlington, VT, with his wife of three years, Erika Obstfeld '99. Mike obtained his professional engineering license last year and works for an engineering consulting firm on water resource related projects. John Kim is a dentist for the US Navy and just returned from Iraq, where he served as a dental officer on a Marine Corps base in the Al Anbar region.

Danny Wen and Shawn Liu started a design studio, Iridesco Inc., three years ago. Danny wrote, "It's been a most adventurous and rewarding few years thus far, but in many ways we feel we're just getting started." Within the last year,

Betty Sun is working on the California Children's Five-a-Day Campaign.

TRINA LEE '01

newlywed, **Kilty Collins**, wrote that she and John Tolbert married on August 5 with many Cornellians in attendance. The couple now resides in Remsen, NY. **Daria Sharman** is working as a government contractor for the Navy, and was recently married to Nikolas Rongers, a Navy helicopter pilot. The wedding was on the beach at Naval Station Mayport in Atlantic Beach, FL.

Kate Steinacher and Joe Rossettie '98 were wed at Sage Chapel last December and enjoyed a reception at the Statler. Cornellians in the wedding party included Hollis Wells Silverman, Melissa Steinacher Provencher '94, Kelly Steinacher Jasso, Fred Peightal '98, Eric Klein '98, and Dave Casillo '97. The Rossetties and their guests enjoyed a performance by Cayuga's Waiters during the dinner service. Joe and Kate live in San Diego, where Joe is an attorney and Kate is a pharmaceutical sales manager. Caroline Baumann and Paul Motika '99 also married at Sage Chapel. The couple met in medical school at U. of Rochester and they are both working on their final year of medical residency training in Ann Arbor, MI.

Let's shift from the newly wed to the newly graduated. Howard Katzenberg recently received an MBA from Wharton and founded a company called SmartMotion Technologies that develops muscle-like motors for prosthetic and robotic applications. Anna Rips graduated from Duke U. with a JD/MBA. She looks forward to starting as an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom. John Cahalan graduated from St. John's Law School in May and started work at Kaye Scholer LLP in September. Timothy Keefe is just getting started on his professional degree. After spending six years living and working in Boston, Tim reported that he's heading to New Haven to pursue an MBA at Yale School of Management.

Rory Halperin recently moved from *Child* magazine to *Time Out New York Kids*, where she is now a senior editor. **Ivy Suriyopas** is in the second year of her Equal Justice Works fellowship at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education

the team released a social content aggregator (SuprGlu), a time-tracking application for small business (Harvest), and a publication for small business (Hear, Hear). Check them out at www. iridesco.com. Tiffany Winslow Wilding-White works as a sport psychology consultant, helping athletes in a variety of sports achieve peak performance through mental training. Her husband Carter '01 designs and installs solar electric and solar hot water systems. The couple purchased an 1840 Colonial house in Lee, MA, in the Berkshire Hills. Christine Jensen Weld, ckj1@cornell. edu; and Andrea Chan, amc32@cornell.edu.

As the year comes to an end, there are many milestones and accomplishments to note. During this past year, 510 classmates generously gave over \$76,000 in gifts to Cornell to help exceed our reunion-year dollar goal, and our class now includes six Tower Club members, seven Quadrangle Club members, 24 Charter Society members, and 57 Ivy Society members.

Eileen Wojtal and Brian Yasutis were married on June 3, 2006 in North Brunswick, NJ. Among the many Cornellians in attendance were classmates Katie Augustine, Dede Bocala, Stephanie Dawson, Mike David, JD '04, Tony Webber, and Brad Weinstein, JD '05. Only one month later, Katie was married to Nick Kruczynski, MEng '02, on July 2, 2006 in New York. They live in Mobile, AL, where Katie teaches third grade and Nick works for DuPont. Dede is teaching at the Lab School of Washington, DC, and also finds time to teach a course at American U. After working at a law firm in Atlanta for the past year, Stephanie has decided to head back to academia to pursue a master's in public health at George Washington U. this fall. Mike has been busy living in New York City and practicing law at the firm of Latham and Watkins. Tony planted roots in Silver Spring and is an engineer for Northrop Grumman. Since his graduation from Cornell Law School, Brad resides in New York City, where he works for Latham and Watkins.

Congratulations also to classmate Lee Rudofsky, MPA '02, on his marriage to Soraya Freed on June 4, 2006 in Newport, RI. Serving as best man was Derrick Zandpour '02, who served on Student Assembly with Lee and roomed with Lee during his graduate year. Also in attendance were Sam Merksamer '02 and Bernadette Galiano '03. In August, Lee and Soraya left Massachusetts, where Lee had been clerking for the Supreme Judicial Court and Soraya had been attending Harvard Law, for a year in Fairbanks, AK. He is clerking for Judge Andrew Kleinfeld of the US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, and she is clerking at a local Fairbanks law firm. They will then return to the lower 48 and both join the firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington, DC.

Already in D.C., Courtney Jean lives downtown. Following her graduation from Georgetown Law Center in May 2005, she worked as a securities lawyer for Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP. A former roommate of Courtney's, **Betty Sun**, MS '05, recently moved to Sacramento, CA, to work with the Public Health Inst. on the California Children's Five-a-Day Campaign (a social marketing campaign to encourage children to eat more fruits and veggies and to be physically active every day). Betty loves her job and being in California, since the hiking and farmer's markets are so great.

Since graduating from Cornell, Libby Leist has worked at NBC News in Washington, DC. Her bureau covers Washington events for "NBC Nightly News," the "Today" show, MSNBC, and MSNBC.com. She began the summer before September 11, when the news was focused on shark attacks and the frenzied search for Washington intern Chandra Levy. Five years after September 11 and two wars later, a news day does not go by without mentioning the ramifications of that tragic day. She has been fortunate to cover these historic days as an NBC assignment desk assistant, researcher, associate producer, and now off-air reporter/producer. Currently, Libby is covering the State department beat, after two years of working for NBC's chief foreign affairs correspondent Andrea Mitchell. In the past year, Libby traveled to Baghdad twice with Secretary of State Rice to cover the Iraq conflict and US efforts to help rebuild that nation. This past summer she traveled with Rice to Beirut and Jerusalem as she began her first in-person attempts to bring an end to the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel. On a day-to-day basis, Libby attends the daily State department briefing and any public events Secretary Rice attends, and often contributes to MSNBC.com and the "Daily Nightly," a blog site run by NBC Nightly News.

Elsewhere in TV Land, did you happen to catch sisters Miki and Radha Agrawal's appearance on ABC's reality show "One Ocean View" this past summer? Although ABC only aired two episodes of the show, the Agrawals' pizza store in NYC, Slice: The Perfect Food (www.sliceperfect.com), was prominently featured. Send news to: Trina Lee, TKL6@cornell.edu; or Lauren Wallach, LEW15@cornell.edu.

August for a dose of nostalgia, and reveled in how much the campus has changed just in the years since we graduated. The Engineering Quad's Duffield Hall (for nanotechnology) is on top of where the Quad was, West Campus will resurrect with more dorm space, and they are reconstructing all the fields in front of Schoell-kopf. I think by the time our kids are applying to Cornell, we'll see the finished product!

I went up to Ithaca in early

"I thought I'd finally contribute with a brief update for the alumni magazine," writes Laura Dombrowski. "I just graduated medical school in June '06 from LECOM (Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine)—good times! I finally started life in the real world in July for my internship in Pittsburgh, PA, at UPMC, then will continue a residency in anesthesia at the U. of Buffalo next summer. It's great to finally not be a student anymore!" Laura also wanted to send out a congrats to fellow alums Lena Vasquez, who just graduated med school from U. of Texas Health Center at San Antonio, and Phil Rosenman, who graduated law school from the U. of Pittsburgh. Jason Freedman recently graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, NY. He is currently a pediatrics resident at the Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian/ Columbia U. Medical Center. "I aspire to a career in pediatric oncology," he says.

Enjoying life as a newlywed, Kimberly Mohr Rotundo is living near Lincoln Center in Manhattan with her husband Joe, and works at Towers Perrin. Ellen Brosius is in Columbus, OH, going on four years now. She works as a merchant for Abercrombie & Fitch, responsible for business management and product development for Abercrombie boys and Hollister guys fleece departments. The job has her traveling to far out places like Hong Kong, China, Pakistan, Brazil, and Peru to work with their overseas partners. Recently single, she sold her house and has bought a Mini Cooper! Kate Bennett graduated in May 2005 from Washington U. in St. Louis with her MSW and moved to Portland, OR, over the summer. She has been doing some exploring and likes the area more and more with every new discovery! Currently, she is volunteering for NW Documentary while searching for full-time social work opportunities. Marise D'Souza is entering her fourth year at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY, and preparing to apply for residency programs.

Jordan Schwartz is living in Manhattan in East Midtown and recently purchased a fabulous flat-screen/flat-panel television with which he has been quite pleased. Brad Unger returned to the Hill to begin his MBA this fall at the Johnson School. Having received her master's in education from Harvard a year ago, Susan Cohen is living in Stuyvesant-town in Manhattan and working in admissions at Cooper Union. Joanna McNeil and Dave Aveline bought a little bungalow outside Los Angeles and have two cats, two lizards, two bunnies, and two turtles. They are a modern Noah's ark! Joanna is still working as a "nanny to the stars" full-time, but also finds time to work toward a master's in marriage and family therapy

at Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena. Dave is still pursuing his PhD in physics at the U. of Southern California and works for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, also in Pasadena.

I recently ran into **Sara Roccisano** and **Joe Cornell**, who are both living in the city. Joe is working in finance, and Sara is at UBS while pursuing her part-time MBA at New York U.'s Stern School of Management. **Ziv Feldman** is teaching high school math at his alma mater in Brookline, MA, and working toward his master's in math education at Boston U.

Lauren Eisenberg and Rob Krisch were married at Shutters on the Beach Hotel in Santa Monica, CA, on August 5, 2006. "Senior year roommate, former co-worker at Random House, and closest friend Joanna Korn was my Maid of Honor," Lauren wrote, "just as our mothers, Judy Ruchlis Eisenberg '69 and Ellen Schaum Korn '68, were for each other." Lauren's other senior year roommate, Julie Kim, was in attendance. She will be getting her JD from Cornell in May 2007.

I just found out that a **Harold Deckinger** '36, JD '38, is a cousin of mine. Unfortunately, we never met. With that, I encourage each of you to utilize the new online alumni database (https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu) or the hardcover version that is currently in the works, as it is every four years. If you get a call requesting your updated information, give it to them. Who knows who it will bring you closer to? **& Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

Hello '03ers! It's been a quiet summer for news, so I presume that you've all been out doing exciting things and soon enough you'll be sending me wedding announcements, details of your trip to Jamaica (or somewhere equally exotic), or news of the job promotion that you were working for all summer long. Actually, now that I'm looking over the updates I guess it hasn't been that quiet. We have quite a few classmates who already deserve congratulations for many recent accomplishments. So without further ado, let me get to the news!

Michael Cody had an exciting update to share. It's best said in his own words. "I just completed the Ford Ironman USA in Lake Placid. Training for the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run through the Adirondacks obviously taught me a lot of lessons, and finishing the goal was both exhilarating and emotional. Luckily, I had a great training partner (Robert Ferris '04, ME '05) who I was able to experience this with. Fellow classmates Tracy Ellsperman, Meghan Cuddihy, ME '04, and Michael Herberg (all ChemEs) made it up to Lake Placid for support (along with a bunch of '04 ChemEs)." Sounds like plenty of hard work and fun (much like those Cornell days). Cody continues to live in Raleigh, NC, and seems to be all smiles about his plans to compete in another Ironman next year. It makes me a bit tired just thinking about running and swimming and biking that much. I certainly admire the dedication and commitment it takes to do it!

Dan Keh is already enjoying a recent change in his job. He is still in the Big Apple but recently left Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and joined Evercore Partners in their advisory group, where he will work on mergers and acquisitions transactions. **Angie Kim**, meanwhile, just received her MEd in human development and psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She looks forward to starting the doctoral program at Harvard, where she'll continue studying human development and education.

Abby Krich also wrote to share news of graduation and a new job. "I graduated from Cornell in August with an MEng in electrical engineering. I now work for a renewable energy developer in Connecticut and live in New Haven, and am excited to be coming back to campus for the ribbon cutting of two solar electric systems this fall." Also on the move is **Ted Kelleher**. He finished flight school and got his wings on March 31, 2006. Then he moved from Texas to Jacksonville, FL, to join VP-30 and learn to fly the P-3C Orion. Sounds like a busy summer.

Carlos Vargas shared an update on his life post-graduation. He writes, "Immediately after graduation I lived in Buffalo and worked in an engineering and design firm (Bergmann Associates) in Rochester as a landscape designer until May 2005. Then I moved back to Long Island (where I am from) with my fiancée (now my wife) Karen Lee '01 and my puppy pug, Lulu. Karen and I were married on June 5, 2005 on Long Island. Soon after, I started working at Gibney Design Group Inc. (a fellow alum owned the company) as a design associate/landscape designer." A lot has certainly happened in three years! Congratulations are also in order for Candace Lee and Clement Chow, who celebrated their wedding on July 8.

As for me, I just returned from a whirlwind trip to India and had a wonderful time. I'm enjoying the Seattle weather and looking forward to continuing my exploration of the city on my new bike for as long as we have this nice summer weather. By the time you read this column, I'm sure I'll have pulled the raincoat out of my closet again. Ah, joy! I look forward to hearing from all of you. Also, if you're interested in helping out with reunion planning (that's only about one and a half years away), please be in touch. The class council would certainly love the help! Sudha Nandagopal, sn58@cornell.edu; and Sam Buckingham, swb9@cornell.edu.

Right now, I wish I could be in Ithaca. I've always thought that autumn is its prettiest season. So how are you? Are you switching careers? Did you get married? Moving? Promotion? Shoot me an e-mail with your news at vgm3@cornell.edu. Are you planning on returning to Ithaca for Homecoming or another event? Let everyone know and post it on our Facebook and Friendster Class of 2004 Group Bulletins.

Now for some news. **Greg Levow** writes, "I'm living in Mountain View, CA—the heart of Silicon Valley—working at LiveOps as manager of business solutions and operations. We use Voice-over-IP technology to power the largest network of at-home call center agents in the US. Most of our agents work from home, and we take calls for many industries, including financial services, insurance, and direct response television.

In my spare time, I've been training my dog, tasting fine wines, and learning to play golf!"

Three of my fellow ILRees have also been busy. Anthony Contardo is entering his third and last year at New York Law School in Manhattan. He has been clerking at a commercial litigation firm in Chelsea for the past year. In April, he completed his first Olympic distance triathlon in Tampa, FL, which he did to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Brian Hayes completed his master's degree in int'l employment relations and human resource management at the London School of Economics. He started work in July with

Class of '06 covers an array of professions. For instance, if you go to New York City you can find **Ari Malzman**, who's now the assistant manager in housekeeping at the Pierre, a Taj Hotel. In the San Francisco Bay Area, **Sally Huang** makes video games at Electronic Arts. In between the coasts, **Lance Hall** works at Chicago's Lookingglass Theatre in the artistic administration department. Outside of D.C. in Virginia, **Rachit Bindal** is working as a systems engineer for Northrop Grumman, a defense contractor. Living in Cincinnati, OH, **Chisomaga Nwachukwu** works for Procter and Gamble as a product engineer.

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GREG LEVOW '04

Chevron Corp.'s human resource development program in the San Francisco Bay Area. While living in London, Brian traveled to numerous countries. He also interned for the US Commercial Service's Representative Office to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and attended the bank's annual meeting in May.

Sarah Sutphin joined Citigroup's human resources management associate program. She has spent the past two and a half years rotating through different businesses and different human resources functions within Citigroup's corporate and investment bank and global consumer group. Currently, she is on the other side of the world, enjoying her final rotation in Singapore. She is working with the Asia Pacific Consumer Bank regional compensation and benefits team, as they analyze their current positioning and redefine their compensation strategy for the quickly growing region. She is also focusing efforts on several diverse countries that require a more customized strategy given the current market environment. She looks forward to a continued international career. When not working, Sarah has been enjoying the opportunity to travel around the region, learning the art of bhatik painting, and keeping up with her writing and pottery endeavors. Please feel free to look her up if you are planning any travels to Asia in the near future. The ILR connection is worldwide! If you have news, send it along! ❖ Vanessa Matsis, vgm3@cornell.edu.

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Fresh out of Cornell and already we're scattered about, pursuing our career goals. A very impressive bunch, indeed! Between summer adventures and current endeavors, the

Marissa Goodman is working for Steve and Barry's University Sportswear corporate office in Port Washington, NY. In terms of entrepreneurship, Justin Giles started a real estate developing company called Giles Holdings Int'l. Ana Maria Techeira lives in San Antonio, TX, and works for the Service Employees Int'l Union, Local 5. Lauren Kirk lives in Atlanta, GA, where she works as an intern architect at Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Assocs. "The firm is internationally recognized and I will be working in their Hospitality Studio."

Cornell graduates are making headway in the financial arena. **Brian Nudd** works for HEI Hospitality in Norwalk, CT. HEI is a fund that acquires, improves, and then resells hotel properties to generate a return for its investors. Then there's **Matthew Goodson**, who's currently working as a business management associate for Cargill Inc. in their meat solutions platform. Based out of New York City, **Kathryn Hessenthaler** works as an analyst for the restructuring firm of Alvarez and Marsal. After spending two weeks in Israel last summer, **Steven Hecht** moved to Boston with his girlfriend **Hope Forbes**. He's working as an analyst at CRA Int'l, and Hope is a research assistant at Children's Hospital.

On the political front, **Nicolas Noyes** has been working as a paralegal in a small Chicago real estate law firm, Stephen Schrauth PC. He plans to break into commercial real estate or management consulting as the next step in his career. In downtown Manhattan, **Whitney Bernstein** works for the federal public defender's office. **Anthony Ho** works at the US Patent and Trademark Office as a patent examiner reviewing patent applications. Basically, he decides if they are patentable or not, using federal laws as a reference.

Some classmates have joined the world of academia. Lena Samsonenko returned from an ornithology conference in Vera Cruz, Mexico, in October, where she presented her honors thesis research. She hopes to become an intern at the Tracker School—the world's largest wilderness survival school—for six months. She exclaims, "It will

be a dream come true!" **John Stechschulte** spent last summer at the Teach for America Summer Inst. in Philadelphia. He writes, "It was very intense and there was a good showing of Cornellians. When I wore my 'Cornell Dairy' or 'Ithaca is Gorges' shirts around Temple's campus, people would stop and ask if I went to Cornell." John now teaches Algebra I in Baltimore as a TFA Corps member. Last summer, **Tyson Stutz** engaged in more recreational activities—golf game, tan, and tennis skills. He now lives and works in NYC.

While some of us are out there making our mark in specified fields, others are still in the preparation phase of their careers. After teaching English in Bangkok last summer, **Olga Belomestnykh** is back at Cornell pursuing a master's in Engineering. Also in the Engineering college, **Melissa Wrolstad** is pursuing her MEng in Systems Engineering. **Noel Chan** is studying Pharmacology in the PhD program at Weill Cornell Medical School.

Matthew Bordegaray is studying at the U. of New Mexico's School of Medicine in Albuquerque and is looking to pursue a career in orthopedics or neurology. Gabriel Villar was hired by the Epidemiology Research Lab at Columbia U. Medical School. He is part of an animal models research team whose current focus is to understand the molecular basis of psychiatric diseases such as OCD and autism, using mice as models. Jacqueline Martone is studying at George Washington U.'s doctoral program for clinical psychology. Jason Bahk is at Boston U. Medical (MAMS Program) for his master's in medical sciences and Master of Public Health. After completion of this program, he plans to attend medical school.

After backpacking in India and visiting home in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Nabil Iqbal is now in a PhD program in theoretical physics at MIT. Also studying physics, Eric Angle is a graduate student in UCLA's physics department. Laura Schoenle is in Canberra, Australia, studying the communication and mating behaviors of the galah-a rosebreasted cockatoo-with Cornell PhD candidate Judith Scarl. They tag birds by taking blood samples, and conduct sound recordings and playback experiments. Victoria Hsieh is studying for her PhD in comparative literature at UC Irvine. Eugene Chen spent last summer in Taiwan working for the US Dept. of State as an intern in the US embassy. He is currently in Ithaca completing his graduate study in Public Administration.

Other recent graduates are working toward their law degrees, including Richard Trumka Jr., who is attending law school at Georgetown, and Anne Choike at the U. of Michigan. Anne just completed the Chicago Marathon in October! Milena Pappas spent last summer working in the shipping sector in Greece. She now lives in London studying for her master's in shipping trade and finance.

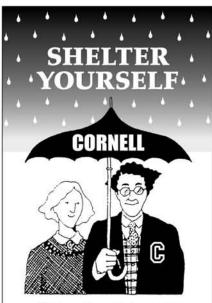
I hope you all feel caught up with some of your classmates and more connected to Cornell since your departure from Ithaca. Please e-mail your updates to me or Nicole at the following addresses. We look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy the winter holidays! *** Kate Dicicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; and **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

Alumni Deaths

- **'23 GR—Viola McCarthy** Stephens of Garden City, NY, February 1, 1984.
- **'26 PhD—Wayne E. Manning** of Lewisburg, PA, February 8, 2004; retired professor.
- '27 GR—Nellie Price Hoke of Salisbury, PA, December 14, 1995.
- **'27 BA—Norma Ross** Winfree of Sun City, AZ, December 21, 2005; active in alumni affairs.
- '28, BA'29, JD'31—W. Harwood Hooper of Lockport, NY, April 7, 2003; attorney. Phi Kappa Tau.
- **'28—Helen Jacobson** Papile of Boca Raton, FL, December 1, 1983.
- '30—Phoebe Parrott Burdick of Longboat Key, FL, December 29, 2005; active in religious and alumni affairs.
- '30 BME—George B. Emeny Sr. of Albuquerque, NM, September 13, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.
- '30 BA, MD '35—Saul R. Kelson of Pough-keepsie, NY, August 20, 2004; physician.
- '30 GR—Clara A. Saxer of Dushore, PA, January 29, 2002.
- '31 BA—Margaret Ellis Blabey of Slingerlands, NY, December 27, 2005; social studies teacher; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Chi Omega.
- **'31—Louise Boyle** of Moravia, NY, December 31, 2005; commercial and portrait photographer.
- **'31—William H. Coburn** of Battle Creek, MI, April 1, 1975.
- '31-33 SP Ag—Albert W. Musson of Gilbertsville, NY, January 5, 2004.
- '32 BEE—Paul Brenn of Springfield, OH, July 11, 2005; active in religious affairs.
- '32 BA, JD '34—Herbert A. Heerwagen of Maplewood, NJ, formerly of Chappaqua, NY, December 24, 2005; attorney; active in community and professional affairs.
- '32 BS Ag—Donald A. Russell of Fairfax, VA, November 23, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Isabel (Guthrie) '33.
- '33 BA, MD '36—Hyman Engelberg of Santa Monica, CA, December 19, 2005; personal physician of Marilyn Monroe; practiced at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; veteran; expert on the link between smoking and heart disease; author.
- '33 MS—J. Kenneth Gunther of Kohler, WI, September 10, 2004.

- **'33 MCE—Walter J. Kubon** of Shady Cove, OR, December 2, 2005; retired from Monsanto.
- '34 BS Ag, MS Ag '39—Mary Heydweiller Benson (Mrs. Dirck, MA '37) of Saranac Lake, NY, December 28, 2005; librarian; ornithologist; active in civic and community affairs.
- '34—Elizabeth Barber Evans (Mrs. William M., DVM '32) of Cohoes, NY, December 18, 2005; homemaker; bookkeeper; lab technician.
- '34 BA—Shirley Stapleton Fries (Mrs. William R. '35) of Hurst, TX, December 16, 2005; high school Latin and English teacher; active in alumni affairs.
- '34 BA, PhD '47—Victor E. Schmidt of Brockport, NY, November 28, 2005; geologist; taught at SUNY Brockport and SUNY Cortland; author; active in community affairs.
- '35—Bernice Tuttle Parker of Moravia, NY, December 28, 2005; secretary, university development, Cornell U.; bookkeeper; active in community and religious affairs.
- '35, BArch '36—John Sullivan Jr. of Dayton, OH, December 18, 2005; retired architect; painter; active in community affairs. Phi Delta Theta.
- '36 BS HE—Virginia Phillips Godley (Mrs. Grandin A. '36) of Frankfort, IN, December 30, 2005; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.
- '36 BA—Margaret Weekes Hendrickson (Mrs. Edwin F. '33) of Sag Harbor, NY, May 31, 2004. Alpha Omicron Pi.
- '36—Margaret Krum Levine of Hollywood, FL, November 17, 2001.
- '36 BME—Jose O. Lombard of Miami, FL, October 31, 1999. Delta Chi.
- '37-39 SP Ag—Lowell B. Judson of Fort Collins, CO, December 20, 2002.
- '37—Kent W. Longnecker of Manchester, NH, formerly of Honolulu, HI, and Rome, NY, December 24, 2005; hospital administrator; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.
- '37 BA—Lyndon M. Virkler of Virginia Beach, VA, January 4, 2006; orthodontist; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '37 BA—Hildegard Uelzmann Wilson of Southampton, NY, December 23, 2005; high school Latin and English teacher; piano teacher; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.
- **'38-40 SP Ag—J. Ralph Fuller** of Castile, NY, May 22, 2002.

- '38—Margaret Korherr West of Naples, FL, January 14, 2003. Alpha Phi.
- **'40 DVM—Milton S. Alberding** of Waterville, NY, October 23, 2005; veterinarian.
- **'40 DVM—Ralph E. Loomis** of Warsaw, NY, December 30, 2005; veterinarian; specialist in dairy cattle; active in community affairs. Wife, Grace (Kinney), DVM '42.
- '40—John Mason of New York City, formerly of Jakarta, Indonesia, July 4, 2005; retired epidemiologist, US Dept. of Agriculture.
- '40 BA—William S. Page of Raleigh, NC, October 1, 2005; retired broadcaster; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.
- '41 BS Ag—Stuart E. Cobb of Ithaca, NY, December 19, 2005.
- **'41 BA—Robert J. Harley** of Decatur, AL, formerly of Basking Ridge, NJ, January 1, 2006; veteran; active in civic, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.
- '41 BS Ag—Eric V. Seleen of Rockford, IL, December 13, 2005; senior project manager, Ecolab; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '41 BA—Aleine Ellis Walsh of Southport, ME, January 2, 2006. Husband, Frank V. Walsh Jr. '40.
- '42 DVM—Paul Handler of West Palm Beach, FL, formerly of Middletown, CT, December 26, 2005; veterinarian; active in professional and religious affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.
- '42 BME—Philip E. Hogin of Greenwich, CT, December 26, 2005; retired VP, AT&T Technologies; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.
- '42 MS HE—Barbara Morrell Mai of Ithaca, NY, December 16, 2005; taught food chemistry, Hotel school, Cornell U.; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Husband, William F. Mai, PhD '45.
- **'42 BEE—Harry L. Tredennick** of Abilene, TX, June 20, 2005; worked for General Electric Utility Sales; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Psi Upsilon.
- **'43 BA, MBA '48—John B. Abbink** of Brooklin, ME, February 8, 1997. Kappa Sigma.
- '43 BS ORIE—Charles W. Alcott of Hamilton, OH, November 16, 2005; retired president, Alcott Productions. Delta Upsilon.
- **'43 BA—Marian Conkling** Arms of Getzville, NY, January 6, 2006.
- **'43 BME—John F. Harper** of Ridgewood, NJ, November 3, 2005; mechanical engineer. Psi Upsilon.
- **'43—Josephine Williams** Hulett of Granville, NY, December 25, 2004.
- '43 BA—Marion Weinberg Lurie of Larchmont, NY, January 4, 2006. Husband, Alvin D. Lurie '43.



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- '43 B Chem E—William A. McHugh of Forks Township, PA, December 21, 2005; partner, Easton Electronics Assocs.; veteran; expert in optics; active in community affairs.
- '43, BS Ag '45, DVM '45—Grayson B. Mitchell of King Ferry, NY, December 25, 2005; avian pathologist; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Psi.
- **'43 BS Ag—William J. Pape** of Surprise, AZ, December 6, 2005. Alpha Sigma Phi.
- '43, BS Ag '45, MS Ag '46—Robert S. Robison of North Brunswick, NJ, October 15, 2005; microbiologist; agronomist; senior research scientist, Squibb Inst. for Medical Research; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '43 BA, PhD '51—Jack H. Smith of Schenectady, NY, April 12, 2005; professor emeritus, physics, SUNY; Wife, Martha (Bogan) '49.
- '43 BS ORIE—James D. Sowdon of Kingston, MA, December 21, 2005; retired engineer, General Electric; realtor; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '44 BS HE—Barbara Brittain Abbink (Mrs. John B. '43, MBA '48) of Brooklin, ME, April 5, 1998. Kappa Delta.
- '44, BA '46—Robert C. Adee of Warwick, NY, November 29, 2005; bank examiner, NY State; veteran; active in civic and religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '44, BA '47—Louis J. Daukas of Glastonbury, CT, December 22, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Janet (Buhsen) '44.
- '45—Elizabeth Young Inman of South Daytona, FL, September 3, 2005; active in civic affairs. Kappa Delta.
- **'45, BA '44—Robert E. Kugler** of Seneca, SC, August 28, 2002. Wife, Marilyn (Betz) '45.
- **'45—Allan M. Unger** of Rancho Mirage, CA, December 22, 2005. Beta Sigma Rho.
- **'45 BA, PhD '58—Dora E. Worbs** of Brooktondale, NY, December 20, 2005; author; conservationist.
- '**46 DVM—Ray O. Delano Jr.** of Lakeville, MA, December 16, 2005; veterinarian. Alpha Psi.
- '46-48 SP Ag—Joseph B. Erickson of Ulster, NY, March 23, 2003.
- '46-47 GR—Florence Miller Jones of Starkville, MS, October 25, 2003; active in community affairs. Husband, Eric W. Jones, PhD '50.
- **'46, BA '45, MS '48—Irvin L. Tailleur** of Sequim, WA, October 24, 2004. Wife, Mary (Huntley) '50.
- **'47—David R. Moyer** of Livermore, CA, June 28, 2002. Delta Chi.
- '47, BA '48—Jerome M. Silver of Boston, MA, December 21, 2005; retired VP, Robert Hall; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Barbara (Bayer) '47.
- '47 BME—Philip A. Teese of Aiken, SC, December

- 21, 2005; retired insurance underwriter; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '48 BA—Asa C. Allison Jr. of Oneonta, NY, December 28,2005; owner, Sisson's Ladies Dept. Store.
- '48 BS HE—Stephanie Thurnauer Weiss (Mrs. Walter '43, JD '49) of Teaneck, NJ, December 25, 2005; active in community affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.
- '49 BCE—Robert Gross of Great Neck, NY, December 17, 2005; real estate developer; historian; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.
- '49 MFS—Kathleen Brand Hilfinger of Birmingham, MI, December 17, 2005; microbiology teacher, Oakland Community College; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.
- **'49 BS Ag—Anthony Maltese** of Lakeland, FL, January 18, 2005.
- '49 B Chem E—John H. Pickin of Madison, NJ, October 26, 2005; chemical engineer; helped to develop Irish Spring soap; veteran; active in alumni affairs.
- **'49 MS—Joseph C. Podany** of Temple Hills, MD, May 10, 2005.
- '50 BS Ag—Edward A. Karsten of Ft. Myers, FL, November 9, 2003; VP, Kidder Peabody.
- '50 BS Ag—Robert M. Stratton of Sauquoit, NY, December 15, 2004; credit request coordinator, Agway; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '50—Ron W. Wilcox of Sacramento, CA, April 14, 2001; president, Wilcox Bonds & Insurance Svcs.; designer and developer, Bell Acqua Ski Lakes; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.
- **'51 BA—Harold Abramowitz** of Newton, MA, October 20, 2001; physician. Sigma Alpha Mu.
- '51—Ed Seward Hill of Dryden, NY, December 21, 2005; postmaster; bank teller; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '51—Ernest A. Luleich of Maitland, FL, September 20, 1998. Pi Kappa Alpha.
- '51 MS—Marianne Graetzer Yancey of Santa Fe, NM, December 19, 2005; chemical researcher; librarian; technical translator; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.
- '52 BA, LLB '54, MBA '65—Robert B. Hardy Jr. of Middlebury, VT, formerly of Ithaca, NY, December 22, 2005; administrative law judge; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Miriam (Smith) '58.
- '52 MS—Robert P. Langguth of Overland, MO, September 14, 2005.
- '52 BS Hotel—John C. O'Donnell of North Bend, OR, December 25, 2005; hotelier. Phi Sigma Kappa.

- **'52 MS—John H. Watt** of Brooklyn, New Zealand, July 2, 2005; director.
- '53—Frank H. Becker of Rensselaer, NY, September 17, 1996.
- **'53-55 GR—Lyle G. Bunville** of Newark, DE, January 15, 2005; chemist.
- '53 BLArch—David B. Chase of Arlington, VA, December 8, 2004.
- '53, BCE '54—Joseph S. Cohen of Delray Beach, FL, April 8, 1989. Phi Sigma Delta.
- '53-54 GR—Lawrence E. Collins of Trenton, NJ, August 21, 2000.
- '53 BS HE—Joan Kramer Condon of Reseda, CA, March 28, 2002.
- **'53 BS Nurs—Beverly Benjamin** Daut of Hanover, PA, August 27, 2003.
- '53 BS Ag, PhD '60—Charles R. Frink of Branford, CT, November 30, 2005; soil scientist; vice director, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station; veteran; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Roberta (Manchester) '53.
- **'53—Jean Refowich** Gerstley (Mrs. Kiefer N. '48) of Wyncote, PA, January 1, 2001.
- '53—Eugene S. Grafton of Sharon, MA, August 24, 2001.
- '53, BCE '55—William A. Harvey of Indianapolis, IN, May 4, 1999. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- **'53 LLB—David B. Hayter** of New York City, October 3, 1992; attorney.
- '53—Thomas L. Heithaus of Greenwich, CT, September 19, 2005; hotelier; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '53—Robert M. Maloney of Houston, TX, April 22, 2005; worked for Borden Inc. Phi Kappa Sigma.
- '53—Sally Reed Mason of Birmingham, AL, March 27, 2005; active in religious affairs.
- **'53 BA, MD '57—Robert A. Michals** of West Hills, CA, January 8, 2000; physician. Delta Chi.
- **'53 BS Nurs—Aldona Dervinis** Szewczyk of Bakersfield, CA, May 5, 2001.
- **'54, BME '55—David L. Champlin** of Clearwater, FL, December 29, 2005. Acacia.
- '54 BA—Lorraine Niedeck Gardner of Ringwood, Australia, March 1, 2005; director & puppeteer, Gardner Puppet Theatre; musician; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '54 BS Nurs—Alma Schelle Woolley of Catonsville, MD, December 17, 2005; professor emerita and former dean, School of Nursing, Georgetown U.; former director, School of Nursing, Illinois Wesleyan U.; taught at U. of Maryland, Stockton State Coll., Atlantic Comm. Coll., U. of Pennsylvania; author; active in professional affairs.

- **'55 BCE—William A. Lydon** of Oak Brook, IL, December 12, 2005; retired engineer.
- '55 BS Ag—Lorens Persson of Barnstable, MA, April 10, 2005; businessman; active in alumni affairs. Seal & Serpent.
- '55 PhD—Robert C. Tang of El Centro, CA, July 29, 1996. Wife, Helen (King), MS HE '55.
- **'56—Jane Berke** Ente of Roslyn, NY, September 13, 2000.
- **'56 BA—Edward B. Fitzgerald** of Hamden, CT, November 11, 2005; attorney. Alpha Tau Omega.
- '56 BS Ag, PhD '61—Robert G. Mower of Ithaca, NY, December 27, 2005; professor, CU Dept. of Floriculture & Ornamental Horticulture; active in professional and alumni affairs.
- '58 M ILR—R. David Niebler of Gulf Shores, AL, December 11, 2005; business executive.
- '58—Robert F. Phillips of Chillicothe, MO, October 9, 2005.
- '58—Dorr F. Town of Westfield, NY, March 10, 2003.
- **'59 BA—Barbara Kaplan** Krause of Brookline, MA, May 22, 2004.
- '59 BS Hotel—Thomas E. Moritz of Abilene, TX, December 20, 2005; professor emeritus, Hardin-Simmons U.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Seal & Serpent.
- '59 BS Hotel—Robert B. Nordlander of Fruitland Park, FL, December 24, 2005; owner, home building business; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Phi.
- '59—William H. Scott of Omaha, NE, September 14, 2003; civil engineer; land surveyor. Phi Sigma Kappa.
- '60, BS HE '59—Cathi M. Hunt of New York City, December 25, 2005; consumer affairs consultant. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- **'60 MD—Richard J. Lynch** of Pittsfield, MA, January 1, 2006; physician; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.
- **'60 MA—Margaret Mansfield** Miller of Hammondsport, NY, January 1, 1996.
- '60 DVM, PhD '67—David A. Morrow III of State College, PA, December 22, 2005; professor, Michigan State U.; veterinary consultant; author; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Linda (MacDonough), MNS '66.
- **'61-62 GR—Ernest N. Gutierrez** of Albuquerque, NM, August 7, 2001.
- **'61, BArch '62—Glen R. McGonagle** of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Huntsville, TX, June 2, 2005; retired pilot, Continental Airlines; veteran. Phi Sigma Kappa.
- '62 BS Nurs—Edith Kott Donenfeld of New York City, December 28, 2005; contract administrator, Westchester Cty. Dept. of Planning.

- '62 LLB—Gerald Levy of Parsippany, NJ, August 18, 2002; attorney; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '65 MA—Kenneth A. Miller of Hammondsport, NY, December 7, 2002.
- '66 MA, PhD '81—Peggy G. Endel of Pinecrest, FL, December 17, 2005; professor of Renaissance literature, Florida Int'l U.; active in professional affairs. Husband, Barnett Guttenberg, PhD '72.
- **'67 MST—Lucille McDonald** Leisner of Santa Fe, NM, formerly of Washington, DC, January 4, 2006; junior high school teacher; active in professional affairs.
- '68—David E. Krino of Manistee, MI, December 14, 2005; vocational coordinator, Lansing (MI) School District. Delta Upsilon.
- **'68—William B. Lewis** of Boston, MA, April 8, 1988. Phi Kappa Psi.
- '71 PhD—Robert P. Moore of Lexington, KY, May 27, 2005.
- '71 BS Ag—Donald B. Norton of Germany, June 10, 2004. Phi Epsilon Pi.
- '71 BS Ag, MS HE '82—Mildred Shepard Zien (Mrs. Dewitt '40, PhD '52) of Colorado Springs, CO, December 9, 2005; owner, Sir Zien Realty; active in alumni affairs.
- '74 BA—Ira F. Mollick of Great Neck, NY, March 21, 1995. Tau Epsilon Phi.
- '77 MPS—Salvador I. Rubio of Los Banos, Philippines, February 8, 2000; worked for Bureau of Soils, Suncresco.
- '78 PhD—William F. Haxby of Westwood, NJ, January 4, 2006; geologist; expert on ocean-mapping.
- '79 BS Ag—Debbie G. Moses of Chevy Chase, MD, December 24, 2005; senior VP and attorney, Boston Properties; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '81—Catherine Chigaridas of Montpelier, VT, December 22, 2005; landscaper.
- **'81 MS Ag—Joseph A. G. Roussos** of Fayette-ville, NC, September 15, 1996.
- '85 MS EE—Heather Corey Dee of Ocean, NJ, November 10, 2002; electrical engineer, AT&T Bell Laboratories and MITRE Corp.
- '85 MS Ag, PhD '98—Anne L. Westman of Griffin, GA, November 20, 2001; worked for USDA Genetic Resources.
- '86 BS Ag—Gavin R. Wright of El Centro, CA, April 17, 2004; biologist, US Bureau of Land Management; also worked for Alaska Maritime Wildlife Refuge, Nat'l Maritime Fisheries, and the Peace Corps.
- '96 BA—Philip S. Taksen of New Haven, CT, February 1, 2005; co-founder, CEO, and president, Venan Entertainment; active in professional affairs.



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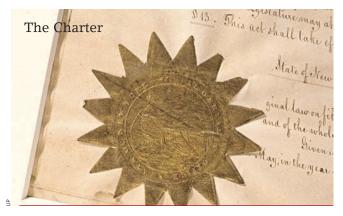
At his inauguration as the twelfth president of Cornell University, David Skorton was presented with four symbols of his authority.



Both the baton and the mace were designed in 1962 by Sir Eric Clements of the Goldsmiths' Guild of London, on a commission from President Deane Malott. The baton has a foot-long rosewood shaft; at its tip is a silver pyramid bearing the University's coat of arms and decorated with engraved ivy leaves. At the inauguration, it was carried by University Marshal Charles Walcott, dean of the faculty and a professor of neurobiology and behavior.



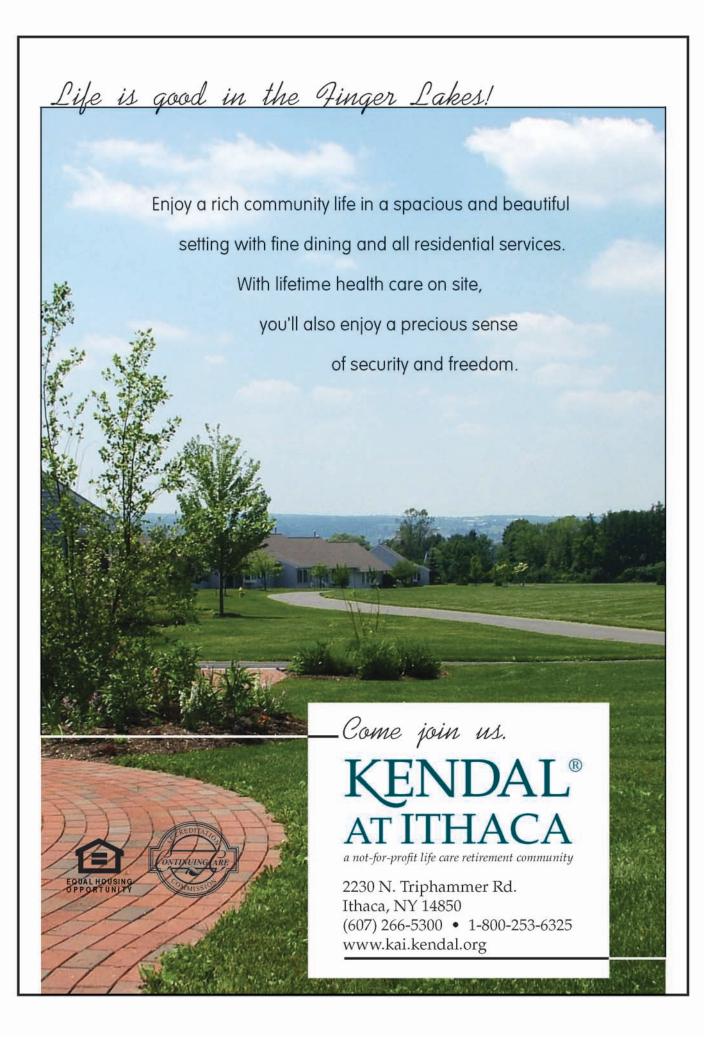
Weighing some fifteen pounds, the yard-long mace is kept in a faux-alligator carrying case, along with the baton, in a "very secure area" of Barton Hall, says Cornell Police Chief Curt Ostrander. The hefty object is made of silver, with its ribs surrounding a golden globe; an ornament depicting a bear holding an oar is screwed onto the tip when it's taken out for ceremonies. It was carried by Michele Moody-Adams, vice provost for undergraduate education.



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