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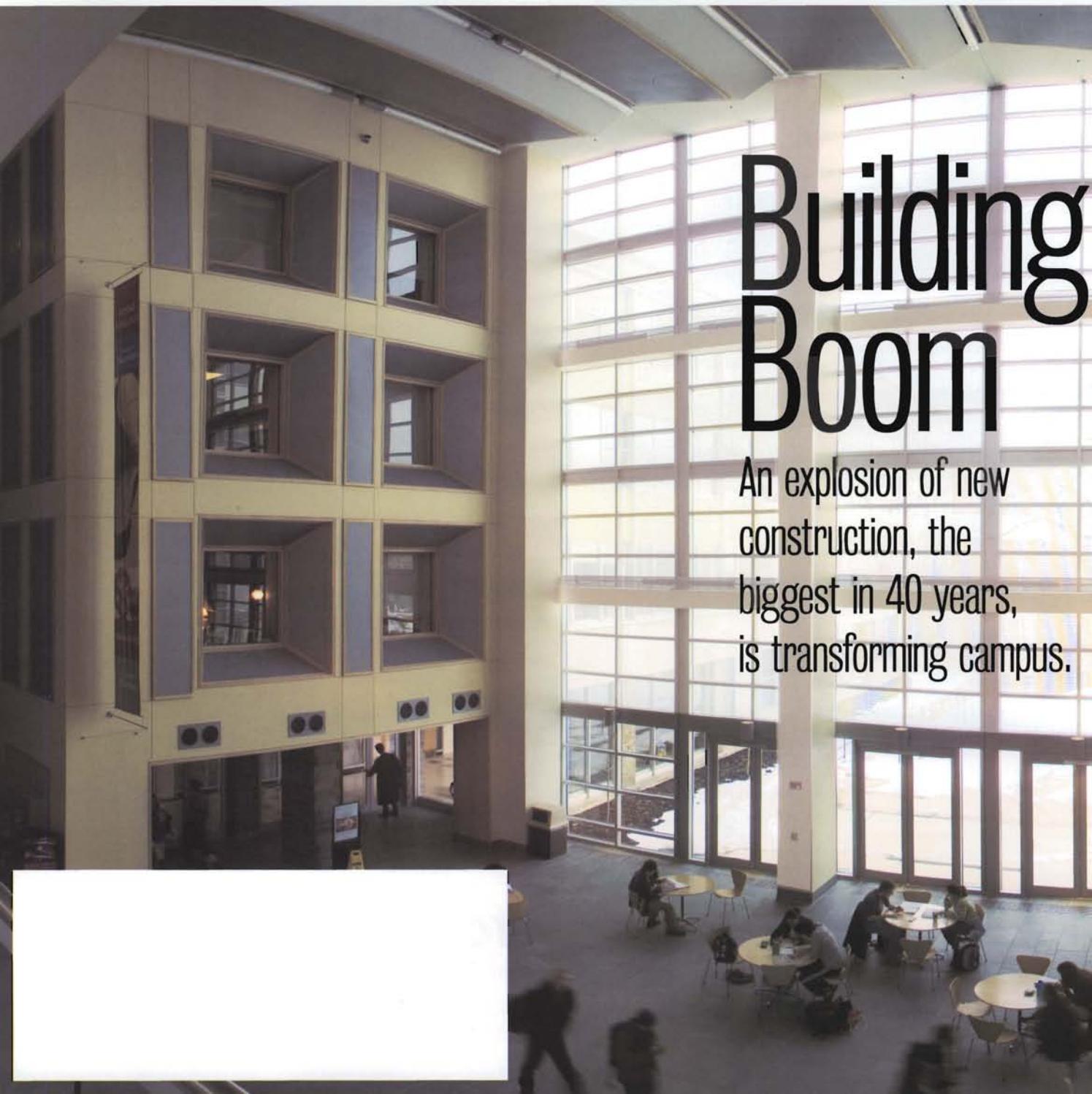
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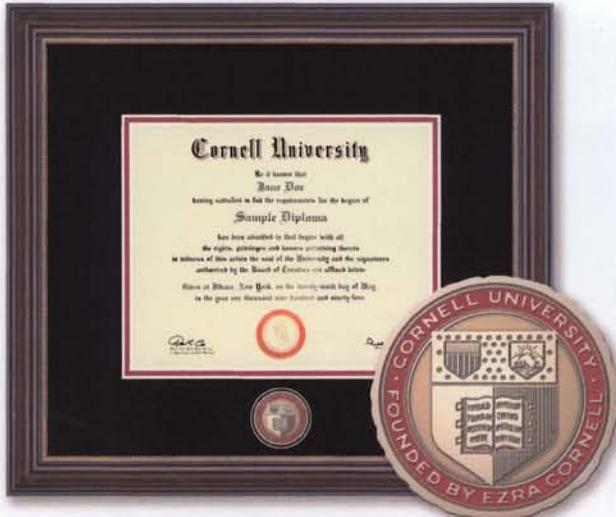
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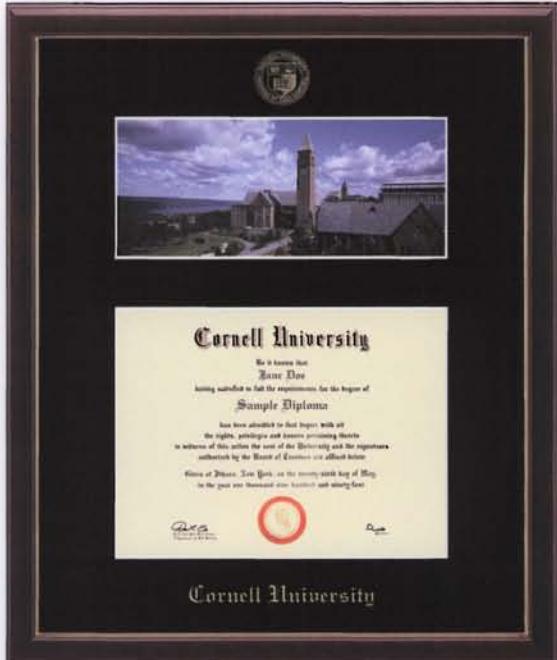


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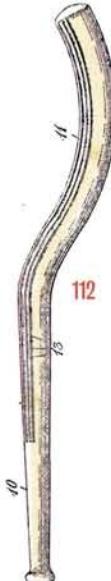
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# A Lesson in Real Life

REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR AT THE *DAILY SUN*

**L**OOKING BACK AT MY JUST-COMPLETED term as editor-in-chief of the *Daily Sun*, I think I have a lot to be proud of. For one thing, the paper's readership has skyrocketed: copies of the *Sun* now litter the floors of the Libe Café, Collegetown Bagels, the Straight, and just about every other hot spot, on campus or off. This is the happy result of our switch to free distribution last fall. (When I joined the *Sun* as a lowly staff writer, your best bet for finding a free copy was living in a freshman dorm—or sifting through the wads of newsprint left behind by Ivy Room diners.)

None of us knew if the switch to free distribution would work, so every day for weeks I scampered to our major drop points to see how many people were reading the *Sun*. I was doing it for my job, of course, but it also turned into a sort of guilty pleasure. I would watch (all right, spy on) students casually reading the paper, to see what sections they were reading, whether they were talking about the content, and how engrossed they seemed to be. I'd be tickled to see someone reading an editorial I'd written the night before or talking about a story whose merits we'd debated.

These moments took on special significance on some occasions—like October 13, when our new design debuted, or when we announced the suspected “Collegetown Creeper” had been arrested (CREEPER CAUGHT, we announced with tabloid flair). My daily trips to the Straight and the Libe turned into a regular opportunity to gauge campus reaction to our paper. And without exception, that reaction, and my pride in our work, increased week by week.

While it was always a pleasure to see the fruits of our tireless nightly labor at 139 West State Street in the ink-stained fingers of our fellow students, when I really think about my legacy—our legacy as an editorial board—I invariably fixate on where we fell short. It's taken some time to be able to do that. The *Sun* was no less than my life at Cornell, to the detriment of classwork, social life, sleep, and just about every other aspect of personal fulfillment. Working on the paper was a major in itself, complete with its own social support system and culture. But I think I've earned the right to take a hard look at the institution I love.

I often wonder if, given the chance, we could have done bet-



Overview: Outgoing editor-in-chief Andy Guess surveys his domain.

STEFANIE GREEN

ter. For all the times I relished giving hell to the administration—and sometimes even engaging certain members in energetic shouting matches—did we oppose them on principle, or just for the sake of doing it? When we covered the “Peeping Tom” landlord scandal last semester, did our zeal get the best of us at the expense of the innocent—that is, by printing certain details to inform our readers, did we cause unnecessary harm to people? When we covered a dispute in a student political organization, was it fair to use quotes from a clandestine tape recording? These are the kinds of questions that haunt a journalist late at night.

By now, my insomnia has worn off and I've come to terms with my faults. It was a learning experience, after all: a lesson in real life, taught for free, the enthusiastic encouraged to apply. It's been the most fulfilling part of my education at Cornell so far. But in the end, it all boils down to the reaction among the half-asleep procrastinators at the Libe Café. Because the worst thing of all, after an eight-hour night shift followed by two hours of pre-lim cramming, is a rack full of unread papers.

—Andy Guess '05

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# School Spirit

## A SHOW OF SPORTSMANSHIP

THE MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WON the 2005 ECAC championship in Albany, New York, in front of an audience of more than 8,000. My guess is that nearly 80 percent of the fans were cheering for the Big Red. We attended with three close friends from our days on the Hill, and we all felt proud to be surrounded by a sea of red—from current students to alums who had left Ithaca decades ago to diapered tots sporting tiny Cornell sweatshirts.

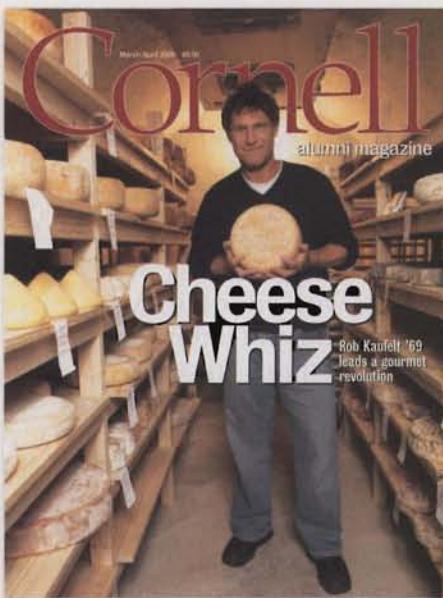
Harvard, the opposing team in the championship game, seemed to have hardly any supporters, prompting the Cornell contingent to chant, "Where are your fans?" And when the Big Red pep band trumpeted fight songs, we cheered, "Good band! No band! Good band! No band!" alternately pointing to the stripe-shirted Cornell musicians and the empty stands opposite. Earlier, during the consolation game between Colgate and Vermont, several members of the pep band had joined with the UVM band to strengthen their performance. It was heartwarming to see Cornell students playing with students from a school we had defeated the day before.

School spirit is something that develops from respect—respect for what our professors taught us, for where our degrees may lead us, for those who studied at Cornell before we did, for our fellow classmates, and for the students who are learning there now. Cornell's fans demonstrated fierce, true, unabashed school spirit at this game, and I felt honored to ring my giant cowbell after the Big Red triumphed.

Tiffany Wilding-White '00  
Lenox, Massachusetts

### Closing Argument

I WRITE TO TAKE ISSUE WITH DEFENSE



attorney John Blume [the director of the Cornell Death Penalty Project, who was profiled in "The Strange Case of Michael Ross," March/April 2005]. Blume states that "nobody is a total monster." May I suggest the names David Westerfield, Alejandro Avila, and John Couey. Men who sexually assault and murder little girls are, in fact, total monsters. And then, when asked if he would favor the death penalty if it were perfectly applied and no innocent person would ever be executed, he cops out by saying, "You're asking me to put myself in a place that I know doesn't exist." Having gone to law school, Blume should be familiar with the concept of a hypothetical question—and answer it. He's against the death penalty, no matter what, and that's fine. He should just be more intellectually honest about it and stop pretending that he opposes it simply because of possible procedural problems.

Dr. John Elfmont '60  
Redondo Beach, California

*John Blume responds:* Dr. Elfmont asserts that I should be intellectually honest about my opposition to capital punishment. I thought I had been. I am opposed to the imposition of the death penalty under any and all circumstances. My opposition to the ultimate punishment has multiple sources, but, in short, I do not believe the government should have the power to take life. I do not mean to pretend that I oppose the death penalty only because of the arbitrary, capricious, and discriminatory manner in which the government has wielded this power. However, I also do not believe that capital punishment's supporters should pretend that the systemic flaws in the capital punishment lottery can be eliminated. They can't.

### Reality Check

KUDOS FOR THE ARTICLE ON DR. SALLY Satel '77 ("Her Right Mind," March/April 2005). While it is of the she-is-a-conservative-but-really-smart-and-nice-anyway variety, it is refreshing to have Satel and her views presented in a generally positive light. One part of particular interest to me was Professor Will Provine's comparison of his discussions with Satel when she was his student to discussions he had with the Nobel laureate economist Milton Friedman when Provine was a graduate student at the University of Chicago. Provine is quoted as saying that he "hated basically everything Friedman believed." That is another way of saying he hated reality. It raises the question of whether Professor Provine still feels this way—or was that just youthful hubris talking?

Frederick Mosser '67, MBA '72  
Chatham, Massachusetts

*Ed. Note: Professor Provine declined to respond.*

### Food Service

AFTER READING "RIPPLE EFFECT: HOW the Tsunami Affected the Cornell Community" (Currents, March/April 2005), I thought I'd share my story. I live and work in Singapore as the logistics and transport manager for a food distribution company. I've been here three years—two while serving at the U.S. Navy's logistics plan-

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ning office and one working for a company that supplies food to the U.S. military in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

When the tsunami hit, the U.S. Navy quickly brought ships into the region to provide support. We were called upon to provide food to the Navy personnel, as well as to provide relief supplies for the Navy to distribute to the victims. In the first few days after the tsunami, we supplied more than 600,000 liters of bottled water and 150,000 kilograms of rice for the victims. These supplies were loaded on Navy ships in Singapore and transferred at sea to other Navy ships sailing to Sumatra. This rice and water was some of the very first aid to reach the victims in Aceh, when Navy helicopters dropped supplies to the desperate people who had survived the tsunami but were in danger of starving.

As the various relief organizations teamed up with the U.S. military to provide food to the victims, we focused on supplying food for the 16,000 U.S. troops and sailors in the region. For about six weeks straight, we worked without stopping—and with very little sleep—to keep the food flowing to the men and women who were working so hard to help the victims.

Charles Brown '96  
 Singapore

### Any Person

I SOMEHOW MISSED THE LETTER from Arthur Spitzer '71 about Cornell's new logo (Correspondence, January/February 2005), but I do have a reaction to the responses he generated in the following issue. Steven Menillo '77 defends the use of "A.D." in the logo, citing the "valuable experiences" he had at Cornell, which included those "afforded . . . by exposure to different cultural and religious ideas." Daniel Hooker '86 also supports "A.D." but he does so because it is religious in origin. Then Edward Hershey, Cornell's director of communications and marketing services, asserts that the term "has evolved into a secular reference point used throughout the world."

I believe that Mr. Hooker is correct and Mr. Hershey is mistaken. "A.D." still does reflect Christianity. Jews do not use this term precisely because of the religious reference, instead choosing "B.C.E." (before the common era) and "C.E." (common

era), promoting the concept that Mr. Hershey and Mr. Menillo seemingly intend to support: coming together on common ground even as we recognize our differences. It disturbs me that the university from which my husband and I graduated, and to which my daughter heads in the fall as a freshman, has aligned itself in its chosen public image with the Christian concept of Jesus as Lord. I would be no less disturbed were Cornell to align itself with my own religion. After all, we Cornellians consciously selected a university without religious affiliation—one that, since Mr. Hershey wishes to refer to the founding language, is for "any person."

Dina Wolfman Baker '83  
 Wyncote, Pennsylvania

### Stolen Music

I ENJOYED THE ARTICLE ABOUT OUR alma mater (Cornelliana, March/April 2005) but am a little confused. It seems to be well established that Smith and Weeks penned the lyrics and set them to the tune of "Annie Lisle"—but where might Thompson have gotten the melody?

On a Sunday morning in 1978, I was walking near Grosvenor Square in London, and what did I hear but a band playing our alma mater. Heading toward the sound, I found the Salvation Army holding a worship service in a small park—and it was being sung as hymn. Did the melody migrate from hymn tune to maudlin ballad and on to what may be the most-played alma mater in the world?

Chet Maple '57  
 Hannibal, Missouri

*Ed. Note: We have been unable to uncover evidence that H.S. Thompson lifted the melody of "Annie Lisle" from another piece of music—but we'd love to hear from any musicologist who thinks otherwise.*



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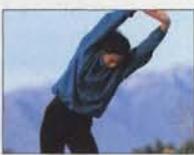
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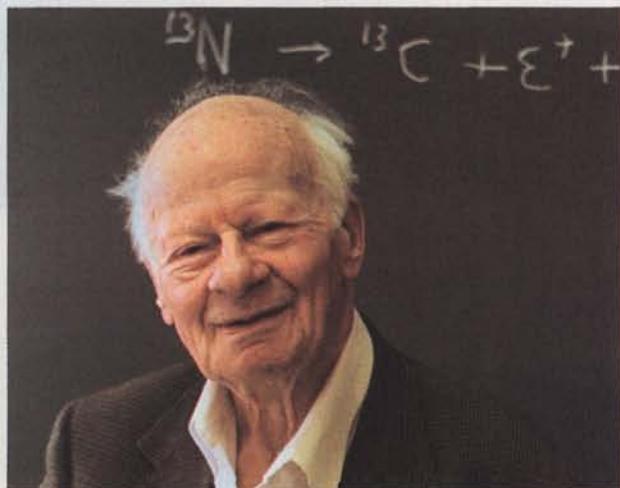
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# From the Hill

## Physicist, Teacher & Humanist

HANS BETHE, 98



MICHAEL OKONIEWSKI

PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF PHYSICS HANS BETHE, A FOUNDING father of the nuclear age and a faculty institution for seventy years, died on March 6. Best known for his participation in the wartime effort to create the atomic bomb, Bethe went on to lead opposition to the development of new nuclear arms during the Cold War, standing in stark opposition to Manhattan Project colleague and hydrogen bomb proponent Edward Teller and gaining a reputation as the scientific world's premier liberal humanist. But Bethe's greatest achievements lay in nuclear astrophysics, the field that he all but originated: in 1938, he calculated the forces responsible for energy generation in stars—a foundation of modern atomic theory.

Born in Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, in 1906, Bethe fled Hitler's Germany in 1933 and accepted a position at Cornell in 1935, where he taught full-time until 1975. His presence attracted a host of luminaries to the University's physics department, and Bethe mentored a generation of prominent scientific minds, including Freeman Dyson, Edwin Salpeter, Robert Wilson, and Richard Feynman. In the decades after his

formal retirement, he continued to live and work in Ithaca, producing a steady output of new insights that probed the frontiers of quantum mechanics and theoretical astrophysics. In an eight-decade scientific career, Bethe authored more than 300 papers, the last published when he was well into his nineties. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics in 1967.

Three days after his death, Bethe received one final honor: the 2005 Benjamin Franklin Medal for Distinguished Achievement in the Sciences, given by the American Philosophical Society. In a ceremony at Kendal at Ithaca, the medal was presented to his widow, Rose, by President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, who lauded the physicist as a "wonderful statesman of science."

## CU Third in Contributions

GIFTS TO UNIVERSITY  
JUMP 22 PERCENT

ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, CONTRIBUTIONS TO American colleges and universities rose 3.4 percent overall during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2004, reaching \$24.4 billion. Harvard topped the list with \$540 million, followed by Stanford at \$524 million and Cornell at \$386 million—a 22 percent increase over the previous year. Cornell led the pack in alumni giving, collecting \$183 million—almost half of its total—from graduates. This support is even more remarkable considering that Cornell's average alumni giving rate is only 34 percent, according to *U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2005,"* placing it fifteenth in alumni giving percentage. Princeton is the most successful in encouraging alumni to contribute, posting an average alumni giving rate of 61 percent, followed by Notre Dame and Harvard at 48 percent.

## New Alumni Trustees

LERNER, BERG ELECTED TO BOARD

EACH YEAR, CORNELL ALUMNI VOTE TO SELECT TWO OF their own as members of the Board of Trustees. The results

from this year's election have been tabulated, and the new alumni trustees are Jill Lerner '75, BArch '76, and Jeffrey Berg '79, MEng '80, MBA '81. Their terms will begin on July 1.

Lerner is a principal at Kohn Pedersen Fox Architects in New York City and has served the University in a variety of capacities, including membership in PCCW, CAAAN, the University Council, and the Art, Architecture, and Planning Advisory Council. In her candidate's statement, she urged Cornell to "broaden opportunities for alumni participation." Lerner is married to William Bintzer '73; they have two children, Laura and Will.

Berg, the chief operating officer at Pittiglio Rabin Todd & McGrath Management Consultants, has been a guest lecturer at the College of Engineering and the Johnson School. As a student, he was a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and served as a resident advisor. Berg is the current president of the Class of '79 and serves on the University Council and the CACO Board. His spouse is Debra Paget; their children are Samantha '09, Lowell, and Blake.

## Ice Breaker

### CEREMONY KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION

WHEN THE GROUND IS FROZEN, HOW DO YOU DO BREAK IT? You move it indoors. That's what happened on March 11, when the University held a "virtual groundbreaking" for the \$140 million Life Sciences Technology Building (LSTB) in the Phillips Hall auditorium. After the presentation of a video about the new facility, six shovel-wielding students rushed into the room carrying buckets of soil, which they presented to the speakers, including President Jeffrey Lehman '77 and LSTB architect Richard Meier '56. The four-story structure is Meier's first academic project; it will, he said, "take advantage of the changing natural light throughout the day" (leading one wag to speculate on how many winter days Meier has spent in Ithaca). The LSTB is the key facility for Cornell's New Life Sciences Initiative, which unites the research efforts of hundreds of faculty from more than fifty academic departments. Construction of the new building, which is sited on the western end of Alumni Fields, will begin in earnest this summer.

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**Signs of Life:** LSTB architect Richard Meier speaks at the building's "virtual groundbreaking" on March 11.

## Bowing Out

### CONCERT CELEBRATES FIFTY-YEAR CAREER

JOHN HSU, THE OLD DOMINION FOUNDATION PROFESSOR of Music, capped his Cornell career by conducting a performance of Joseph Haydn's "The Creation" at Ithaca College's Ford Hall on March 12. Hsu, who is retiring this year, has taught on the Hill since 1955. To perform the oratorio, he enlisted the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club and assembled a fifty-three-piece orchestra with players from the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, the Syracuse Symphony, the Rochester Philharmonic, and other area ensembles. A renowned performer on the viola da gamba and baryton, Hsu has conducted the Cornell Collegium Musicum, the Chamber Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra, and the Sage Chapel Choir. He founded the Apollo Ensemble, a period-instrument chamber orchestra, and is the artistic director emeritus of the Aston Magna Foundation for Music and the Humanities, which promotes early music through performing and educational initiatives.



CU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

## In the Money

### STUDENT FUND BEATS WALL STREET

IF HEDGE FUNDS ARE HOT ON WALL STREET THESE DAYS, they're practically burning on the Hill. The student-run Cayuga MBA Fund had a whopping 18.6 percent return in 2004—more than four times the 4.12 percent return of the S&P

Equity Long/Short Index, which tracks professional hedge funds that use investment strategies similar to Cayuga's. And that's no accident, says Stephanie Payne, MBA '05, the fund's investor relations representative: "Our fund has experienced superior performance at low overall volatility due to our disciplined stock selection process and rigorous risk controls."

Housed at the Johnson School's Parker Center for Investment Research, the Cayuga MBA Fund is one of the largest of its kind in the world, with assets of nearly \$7 million. Twenty-four students enrolled in Applied Portfolio Management make the fund's investments, acting only after approval by a two-thirds majority in a formal class vote. Their grades are based on reports, presentations, class participation—and the fund's performance. Does Payne think the class will get an A for its efforts this year? "It would be nice," she says.

# R&D

More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu).

An apple a day—or more—can help keep breast cancer away, according to Rui Hai Liu, PhD '93, associate professor of food science, in a study published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*. Liu and his team found that tumor incidence was reduced by 17, 39, and 44 percent in rats fed the human equivalent of one, three, or six apples a day over twenty-four weeks.

The nitrogen spewing from vehicle exhausts appears to be contaminating coastal systems, particularly the Chesapeake Bay, twice as much as previously thought, says Robert Howarth, professor of ecology and environmental biology. He presented his findings at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting. Nitrogen is the biggest pollution problem in the nation's waters, with two-thirds of the coastal rivers and bays moderately or severely polluted.

Improving the nutrition of low-income Africans would not only prevent malnutrition and environmental degradation, it would also ease the frustration that may catalyze international terrorism, says Per Pinstrup-Andersen, professor of applied economics and management. He presented his findings at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting.

A type of stem cell found in fetal livers can develop simultaneously into muscle cells and blood vessel cells, a discovery that may help repair tissue damaged in heart attacks. The study, by genetic medicine professor Dr. Shahin Rafii '82 and a research team at Weill Cornell Medical College, was published in *Circulation*.

Entomologists have synthesized the sex pheromone of the female German cockroach, providing an important new tool for the control and management of the pest. The study, published in *Science*, was conducted by entomology professor Wendell Roelofs, postdoctoral associate Satoshi Nojima, and entomologists from North Carolina State University.

The brains of minimally conscious patients recognize and respond to speech in ways similar to those of healthy individuals, according to a study published in *Neurology* by Nicholas Schiff, MD '92, assistant professor of neurology and neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College. The results, based on advanced neurological imaging, suggest that patients may have more potential for rehabilitation than previously thought.

Undergoing an annual bone density screening may reduce a person's risk of hip fractures, reports Dr. Lisa Kern, assistant professor of public health and medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College. Her study, published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, shows that patients who were screened for osteoporosis with bone density scans had 36 percent fewer hip fractures over six years than patients who received conventional care.

A mysterious population of distant and enormously powerful galaxies radiating in the infrared spectrum with many hundreds of times greater intensity than the Milky Way has been discovered by a Cornell-led team using the infrared spectrograph on NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope. The finding was published in *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

## Lawyer, Diplomat & Trustee

SOL LINOWITZ, 91

SOL LINOWITZ, JD '38, FORMER chairman of Xerox Corporation and a distinguished public servant, died at his home in Washington, D.C., on March 18. Linowitz held a number of important diplomatic posts and counseled a succession of Democratic presidents, beginning with John F. Kennedy. He was ambassador to the Organization of American States from 1966 to 1969. During Jimmy Carter's term, he was co-negotiator of the Panama Canal treaties and served as ambassador-at-large for Middle East negotiations from 1979 to 1981. In 1998, Bill Clinton presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. A partner in the Coudert Brothers international law firm from 1969 until his retirement in 1994, Linowitz spoke frequently to his fellow attorneys about the need for reform in legal education.

Linowitz served on the Cornell Board of Trustees from 1966 to 1995, when he became a trustee emeritus. He was also a member of the Law School Advisory Council and the University Council. At a 1992 gala honoring his service to the University, then-President Frank H.T. Rhodes praised him as a "loyal and devoted friend of Cornell University, whose leadership, integrity, and genuine concern for humankind have touched the lives of people around the world." He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Zimmerman Linowitz '39, and four daughters, two of whom are also Cornellians: Anne Linowitz Mozesky '65 and Ronni Linowitz Jolles '78.



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## Friedman is First

HILLEL AWARDS INAUGURAL  
TANNER PRIZE

BARBARA FRIEDMAN '59 HAS BEEN NAMED THE FIRST recipient of the Tanner Prize, Cornell Hillel's new award to honor those who have made significant contributions to the Jewish community and the University. Friedman has served Cornell in a multitude of ways, including her current role as vice chair of the Board of Trustees. She is also vice chair of Hebrew Union College, past president of the Jewish Braille Institute, and past chair of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. "In accepting this," Friedman says, "I hope Cornell students will be inspired by the Tanner Prize to make not-for-profit work and philanthropy an enriching part of their lives as well."

The Tanner prize is named for Harold Tanner '52, a significant Cornell benefactor, past chair of the Board of Trustees, and former national president of the American Jewish Committee. He is the chairman of Tanner & Company, a New York City investment advisory firm.

## VP Resigns

### REICHENBACH GOING TO YALE

ON APRIL 13, THE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT Jeffrey Lehman had accepted the resignation of Inge Reichenbach, vice president for alumni affairs and development, effective in early May. Reichenbach will become vice president for development at Yale. She came to Cornell in 1979 and worked in several fund-raising positions before accepting a position as director of development at Wesleyan University in 1986. In 1988 Reichenbach returned to Cornell to become director of development; she also served as director of the five-year capital campaign that began in 1990. She was appointed vice president in 1996. Laura Toy, alumni affairs and development campaign director, has been named interim VP, and a search is under way for Reichenbach's successor.

## Legal Matter

### PARKING DECISION HANDED DOWN

THE LENGTHY DISPUTE OVER A PROPOSED CAMPUS PARKING lot may be ending. In March, a unanimous decision by five judges in the state Supreme Court Appellate Division's Third Department upheld a lower-court ruling that gave Cornell the green light to build a new West Campus parking lot on a site known as Redbud Woods. The City of Ithaca had been fighting this proposal for four years, insisting that the site has historical significance and should not be paved for a parking lot. The land was once part of the Treman family estate and is near Llenroc, Ezra Cornell's mansion. The court rejected the city's contention, stating that "the record evidence shows that the proposed parking lot will have little, if any, impact on the surviving original landscape features." Because the ruling was unanimous, the city will have to seek permission from the state Court of Appeals if it wishes to appeal; at press time, such permission had not been sought.

## Hard Row to Hoe

### MIGRANT PROGRAM MOVE SOWS CONTROVERSY

IN MARCH, STUDENT PROTESTS MARKED THE ONGOING CONTROVERSY over changes to the Cornell Migrant Program (CMP), which works to improve labor conditions and offer educational, housing, and health-care assistance for migrant farmworkers in New York State. The program grew out of the Agricultural Manpower Project in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, initiated in 1971, and was renamed and transferred to the College of Human Ecology in 1979. After an internal task force review in 2004, the University announced that the CMP would be restructured and moved back to CALS, in order to "leverage more effectively the Cornell research and knowledge base," as former CHE dean Patsy Brannon told the News Service in May 2004.

Students and faculty involved with the CMP have objected to the move to CALS, citing conflict-of-interest issues with the

agribusiness industry. The Farmworkers Advocacy Coalition, a workers' rights organization affiliated with the inter-faith Rural Migrant Ministry, which has had close ties to the CMP, organized several student demonstrations, including a thirty-hour fast and protest on Ho Plaza on March 8 and a mock funeral for the CMP, which drew more than 100 people to Anabel Taylor Hall on March 14. Despite the protests, plans for the move continue. Max Pfeffer, associate director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, is leading the transition team, and the search for a new CMP director is ongoing.

## Give My Regards To ...

### These Cornellians in the News

**Steven Stucky, DMA '78**, the Given Foundation Professor of Music, awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his "Second Concerto for Orchestra."

**Paul Wolfowitz '65**, named president of the World Bank, the 184-nation development bank.

**John Prausnitz '49**, awarded the 2003 National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor, in the field of engineering for his pioneering work in molecular thermodynamics.

**Hasan Abu-Libdeh, PhD '88**, appointed Palestine's minister of labor and social affairs.

**Alan Altshuler '57**, appointed dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

**Robert Zeigler, PhD '82**, appointed director general of the International Rice Research Institute, a leading research and training center based in the Philippines.

**Philip Gourevitch '83**, named editor of the *Paris Review*.

**Kim Tripp '83, MS '86**, appointed director of the New York Botanical Garden.

**Judy Siguaw**, professor of entrepreneurship and personal enterprise, named founding dean of the Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management in Singapore, Asia's first graduate program in hospitality management.

**Nicholas Bigelow, PhD '90**, elected a fellow of the American Physical Society for his pioneering studies of the creation and manipulation of ultracold mixtures.

**Matthew DeLisa** and **Yong Lak Joo**, assistant professors of chemical and biomolecular engineering, each given the National Science Foundation Career Award for new faculty members and five-year grants of \$500,000.

Doctoral candidate **Misty Urban**, awarded first place in the fiction category of the *Atlantic Monthly's* 2004 Student Writing Contest, and master's degree candidate **Dawn Lonsinger**, awarded honorable mention in the poetry category.



We're #1: The Big Red hockey team gathers 'round the Whitelaw Cup after their victory over Harvard.

# Big Game

**ECAC HOCKEY LEAGUE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
MARCH 19, 2005**

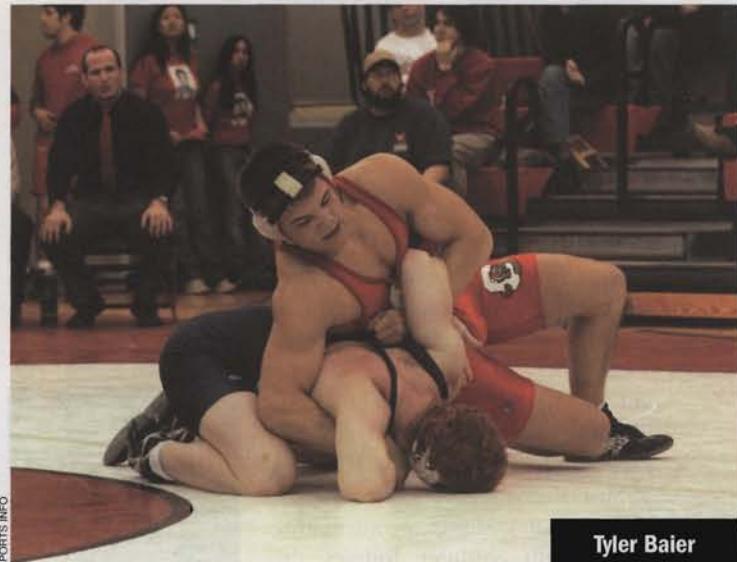
**a**FTER COMPLETING A 22-4-3 REGULAR SEASON AND wrapping up the Ivy League and regular-season ECAC titles, the men's hockey team advanced to the conference tournament by downing Clarkson twice in quarterfinal games at Lynah Rink. At Albany's Pepsi Arena, the Big Red blanked Vermont 3-0 in the tournament semifinal. That contest was goalie **David McKee**'s tenth shutout of the year, breaking both the Cornell and ECAC records for shutouts in a single season. McKee, who was named ECAC and Ivy League Player of the Year and a Hobey Baker Award finalist, had earlier surpassed the career shutout record set by **Ken Dryden** '69; Dryden posted 13 shutouts overall while McKee already has 15—and he's a sophomore.

In the ECAC championship game, the Big Red thoroughly dominated Harvard, winning 3-1 behind a pair of power-play goals by defenseman **Charlie Cook** '05, chosen the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Senior forward **Paul Varteressian** tallied the other Cornell goal. The championship was the team's

11th ECAC title and the fourth in ten seasons for head coach **Mike Schafer** '86, named the conference's Coach of the Year for the third time.

Ranked number three in the nation in the *USA Today* poll, the Big Red advanced to the NCAA tournament, where they faced Ohio State in the West Regional at the University of Minnesota. Playing on an Olympic-size rink (15 feet wider than Lynah), Cornell was outshot 36-20 by the Buckeyes, but won the game 3-2 on a third-period goal by senior forward **Mike Igulden**. The next day, the Big Red took on Minnesota—and its 9,000 fans—for a chance to go to the Frozen Four. The game went into overtime before the Golden Gophers prevailed, 2-1. McKee was once again brilliant, stopping 37 shots. He completed the season with a 1.24 goals-against average, third-best in college hockey history, and a save percentage of .947, breaking Dryden's Cornell record of .945 in the 1966-67 season. The icers ended the year with a stellar 27-5-3 mark, and they set an NCAA modern-era defensive record by allowing only 1.29 goals per game.

# Sports Shorts



SPORTS INFO

Tyler Baier

**STRONG SEASON** Led by first-team All-Ivy League pick **Lenny Collins '06**, the men's basketball team finished second in the Ivy League, its best showing since winning the 1987-88 title. Collins averaged a team-high 13.3 points per game. **Eric Taylor '05** earned honorable mention All-Ivy after averaging 11.0 points per game and leading the league in shooting accuracy with a 57.2 field goal percentage.

**WRESTLE-MANIA** In March, Cornell sent nine wrestlers to the NCAA championships, the most in the program's history. The Big Red captured fourth place in the overall standings, its best finish since 1953. **Travis Lee '05** won his second national championship and completed the

year with a school and league record of 143 wins. (He was subsequently featured in *Sports Illustrated*.) Senior **Tyler Baier** also battled his way to a championship match before falling to Greg Bunch of West Virginia. Lee, a four-time All-American, was named Ivy League Wrestler of the Year for the second time, and **Jordan Leen '08** was chosen as the Ivy League Rookie of the Year. Joining Lee and Leen as first-team All-Ivy picks were Baier, **Joe Mazzurco '05**, **Dustin Manotti '06**, and **Jerry Rinaldi '07**. Coach Rob Koll was named NWCA Division I Coach of the Year.

**RISING STAR** After completing her first season with the women's basketball team, **Lindsay Krasna '08** will represent the United States in the Maccabiah Games. Krasna was named to the Ivy League all-rookie team after leading Cornell with 12.3 points per game and shooting a league-best 87.1 percent from the free-throw line, a Cornell season record. The Maccabiah Games, an Olympic-style competition featuring many of the top Jewish

athletes in the world, will be held in Israel on July 10-21.

## CHAMPS AGAIN

Another year, another pair of Heptagonal titles for the indoor track teams. Cornell swept the men's and women's Heptagonal indoor meets held February 26-27 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The women rolled to their fourth consecutive title by a record 80 points over runner-up Yale. The men's team scored in all events but one while winning its sec-

ond indoor Heps title in three years and its fourth in the last five years. A pair of freshmen led the way as **Jordan Lester** won the 60 meters in a school-record 6.81 seconds while **Saidu Ezike** tied the Heps record and set the Cornell record in the 60-meter hurdles with a 7.98 second run.

**ACCOLADE** Former men's lacrosse coach Richie Moran received the 2005 Peter Kohn Award from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in January. Moran coached the Big Red to three national titles and a 257-121 record during his 29-year head coaching tenure. He was inducted into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. The Kohn award is presented annually to a lacrosse coach who has had a great impact on the game.

**RACQUET MAN** **William Cheng '06** was named first-time All-Ivy in squash after going 14-6, including a 4-2 record in league matches. He won the consolation draw at the Collegiate Squash Association individual championships, reeling off four straight wins after losing his opening match.



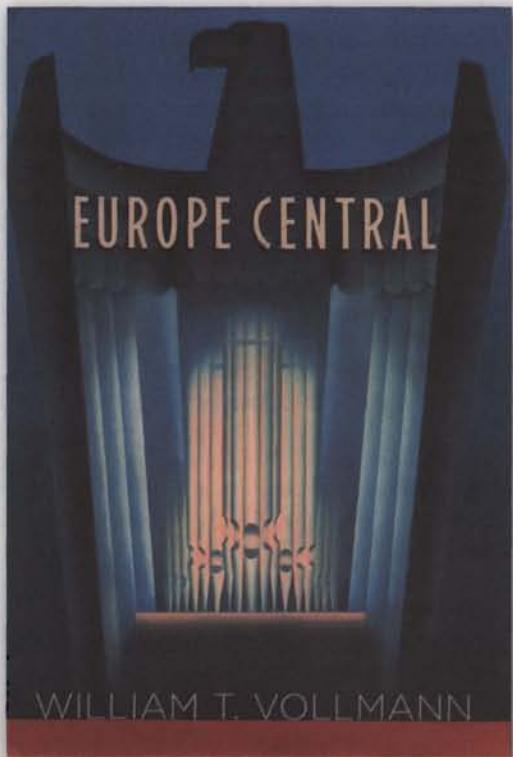
Lindsay Krasna

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## Sports Scoreboard

### WINTER TEAMS FINAL RECORDS

<b>Men's Basketball</b>	13-14; 8-6 Ivy (2nd)
<b>Women's Basketball</b>	3-24; 1-13 Ivy (8th)
<b>Fencing</b>	8-9; 0-5 Ivy (6th)
<b>Gymnastics</b>	7-11
<b>Men's Hockey</b>	27-5-3; 18-2-2 ECAC (1st); 8-2 Ivy (1st)
<b>Women's Hockey</b>	3-22-3; 3-16-1 ECAC (9th); 0-10 Ivy (6th)
<b>Men's Polo</b>	14-5; national champion
<b>Women's Polo</b>	10-9; national runner-up
<b>Men's Squash</b>	9-7; 3-3 Ivy (T-3rd)
<b>Women's Squash</b>	6-10; 0-6 Ivy (7th)
<b>Men's Swimming</b>	8-2; 6-2 EISL (3rd)
<b>Women's Swimming</b>	4-7; 1-6 Ivy (7th)
<b>Men's Indoor Track</b>	3-0
<b>Women's Indoor Track</b>	3-0
<b>Wrestling</b>	12-4; 5-0 Ivy (1st)



## In Brief

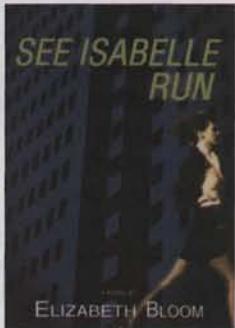
**EUROPE CENTRAL** by William T. Vollmann '81 (Viking). In this complex work, Vollmann presents a series of intertwined stories that reveal the moral decisions made by various Germans and Russians—some famous, some infamous, some unknown—during World War II. He delves into the composer Dmitri Shostakovich's slippery relationship with the Stalinist state and explores the fates of such artists and writers as Käthe Kollwitz, Anna Akhmatova, and the documentary filmmaker Roman Karmen.

Readers have had a hard time keeping up with the prolific Vollmann. Earlier this year, Thunder's Mouth Press brought out *Expelled From Eden*, a Vollmann reader edited by Larry McCaffery and Michael Hemmingson. Before that, there was *Rising Up and Rising Down* (McSweeney's Books), a harrowing and encyclopedic meditation on violence made all the more remarkable by Vollmann's first-hand experience in war zones and killing fields. It was a finalist for the 2003 National Book Circle Critics Award.

**OGDEN NASH** by Douglas M. Parker '56, LLB '58 (Ivan R. Dee). A sympathetic account of the popular humorist poet who wrote as facilely for the *New Yorker* as for Hollywood, Broadway, and Hallmark Cards. Parker, a retired lawyer writing with the Nash family's cooperation, provides numerous examples of Nash's distinctive poetry, whose wit was underscored by gentle social commentary, antic wordplay, and rhyme and meter that seemed random but were meticulously composed.



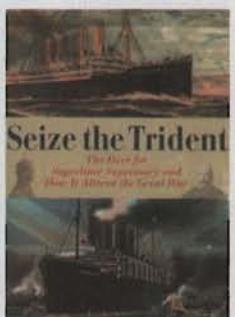
**SEE ISABELLE RUN** by Elizabeth Bloom (Warner Books / Mysterious Press). In her sixth mystery (the first published under her married name), *Cornell Alumni Magazine* contributing editor Beth Saulnier follows the escapades of a small-town girl who moves to New York City to get married, only to find herself jilted at the altar—and targeted by a killer who is offing her fellow employees at a Martha-meets-Oprah media conglomerate.



**THE GOOD WIFE** by Stewart O'Nan, MFA '92 (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). Patty Dickerson, the eponymous good wife of O'Nan's ninth novel, is twenty-seven and pregnant when she learns that her husband and his friend have committed a string of burglaries and are being charged with murder after a woman dies during their latest break-in. O'Nan uses careful observation and quiet lyricism to build a portrait of Patty's commitment to her marriage as she waits twenty-eight years for her husband to get out of jail.



**SEIZE THE TRIDENT** by Douglas R. Burgess Jr., JD '02 (International Marine). In 1889, the Kaiser declared that he would "seize the trident" from English shipping firms and build the biggest, fastest, most luxurious passenger ships in the world, thereby sparking a friendly rivalry that became a clash of fierce national pride, personal ego, and global ambitions. Burgess, a specialist in modern high-seas piracy, re-creates the story of the personalities and forces behind the building of the *Titanic*, *Lusitania*, *Deutschland*, *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, and other superliners.



# Recently Published

## Fiction

**GREEN STREAK** by Daniel J. Hale, MBA '91, and Matthew LaBrot (Top Publications). The uncle-nephew writing team follow up their Agatha Award-winning novel, *Red Card*, with a sequel that has been nominated for an Agatha Award for Best Young Adult Novel.

**MURDER IN ALPHABET CITY** by Lee Harris [Syrell Rogovin Leahy '56] (Fawcett). Newly promoted NYPD detective Jane Bauer reopens a cold case that was ruled a suicide. Her investigation uncovers another grisly suicide, and she realizes that the two may very well be connected.

## Non-fiction

**A MAN'S GAME** by John Dudley '87 (University of Alabama Press). An assistant professor of English at the University of South Dakota explores the development of American literary naturalism as it relates to definitions of manhood in the works of such writers as Stephen Crane, Jack London, Frank Norris, Edith Wharton, Charles Chestnutt, and James Weldon Johnson.

**VOCES HISPANAS SIGLO XXI** by Elvira Sanchez-Blake, MPS '89, PhD '98, and Maria Nowakowska Stykos, PhD '77 (Yale University Press). Two senior lecturers in Spanish literature at Cornell present texts by thirteen Hispanic writers and interviews with the writers on DVD.

**THE LAST EPIC NAVAL BATTLE** by David Sears, MILR '86 (Praeger Publishers). Often overshadowed by such battles as Midway or Guadalcanal, the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944 was the biggest naval battle in history. It involved 200,000 men and more ships than the Battle of Jutland in World War I, and was the last time that capital ships fought within sight and sound of each other.

**DIGGING: THE WORKERS OF BOSTON'S BIG DIG** by Michael Hintlian, MBA '81 (Commonwealth Editions). Hintlian, a documentary photographer, spent seven years photographing the 5,000 men and women who have toiled on the largest urban public works project in U.S. history.

**THE HOUSE YOU BUILD** by Duo Dickinson '77, BArch '78 (The Taunton Press). An award-winning architect demonstrates that a custom-built house doesn't have to come with a sky-high price tag.

**ALLIES OR ADVERSARIES** by Craig E. Holm '76, MBA '78 (Health Administration Press). A health-care management consultant lays out strategies for developing effective working relationships within medical organizations.

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**MENTAL DISORDERS, MEDICATIONS, AND CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK** by Sonia G. Austrian (Columbia University Press). An associate professor of public health and psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College discusses the etiology, epidemiology, assessment, and intervention planning for common mental disorders.

**TOTAL REJUVENATION** by Barry J. Cohen '83 (MDPress). A comprehensive guide to invasive cosmetic techniques and non-invasive alternative treatments in advanced skin care and body contouring.

**EAT WELL THE YOCHEE WAY** by Nikki Schulman Goldbeck '68 and David Goldbeck (Ceres Press). A cookbook that offers 275 recipes demonstrating the health benefits and versatility of yogurt cheese.

**MASTERS OF SUCCESS** by Ivan R. Misner and Don Morgan (Entrepreneur Press). Ed Craine '73, MBA '75, contributed a chapter to this *Wall Street Journal* bestseller about methods for attaining success.

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# Tasting Success

BY PEGGY HAINE

There is unrest in the world of wine. The French have a glut and have turned some of their *vin de table* into industrial alcohol. Californians, riding high on the wine flick *Sideways* and its promotion of Pinot Noir—and trying to figure out what to do with all that excess Merlot—have pulled up acre upon acre of vineyards to cope with their own glut. And a recent news story reports that the Chinese have begun to make wine from . . . fish.

Meanwhile, the New York State wine industry continues to grow and thrive, with a normalcy that seems, in light of what's happening elsewhere, oddly uneventful. But don't be fooled—there's plenty going on, as can be seen in the mounting number of wineries across the state. Happily, and with little fanfare, in the past year New York's winery count rose above 200. And more are on the way.

## Good News, Bad News

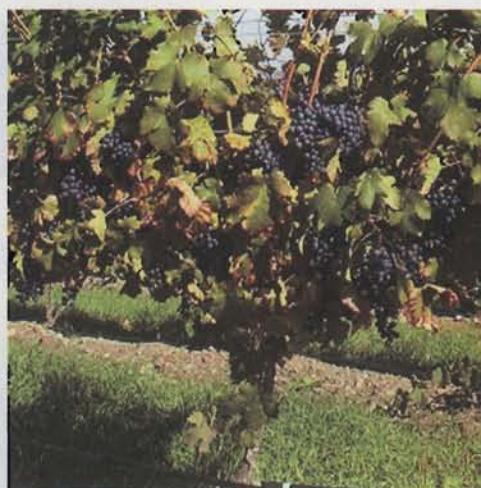
The Academy-Award-winning movie *Sideways*, filmed in Santa Barbara wine country, seems to have boosted Pinot Noir sales not only in California, but nationwide. The film revolves around a couple of goofy guys who go off to have a last bachelor fling along the wine trail. One of them, a wine geek, sings the praises of Pinot Noir, and in one pivotal scene tells his buddy before a double date, "If anyone orders Merlot, I'm leaving."

Veteran wine and food writer Peggy Haine '65, BS '72, was editor of the Finger Lakes Wine Gazette for ten years before joining the Ithaca real estate firm of Audrey Edelman & Associates/Realty USA. She specializes in vineyard and winery properties and vacation and retirement homes.



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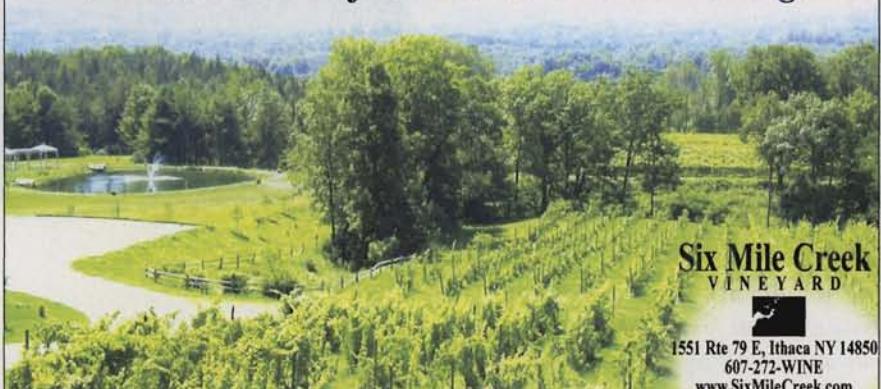
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At press time, the film had cleared more than \$46 million at the box office. In a secondary wave of profit-taking, nationwide sales of Pinot Noir are up 16 percent for November through January, compared with the same period last year, according to a survey of supermarkets, drugstores, and liquor stores. And Constellation Brands, formerly Canandaigua Wines, recently reported that sales of its Blackstone Pinot Noir are up more than 150 percent.

What does that mean for New York's wineries? Fox Run Vineyards owner Scott Osborne, whose Seneca Lake operation produces award-winning Pinot Noirs, and who in a former life was the wine steward at one of the film's sites, the Hitching Post, says, "Thirty people a day are walking into the tasting room and asking for Pinot Noir now. A few months ago, nobody asked for it."

On Long Island, which has developed a reputation for Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, Steven Bates of the Long Island Wine Council says that he hasn't seen any drop in demand for the latter, but that winemakers there are talking about producing more Bordeaux-style blends.

Roman Roth, winemaker and general manager of Long Island's Wolffer Estate Vineyards and Stables, says his winery recently planted one of its very best sites in Pinot Noir, and that, while they make only 150 cases per year (in a good year) and sell it for \$50 a bottle, sales have increased. He calls *Sideways* a "poke in the eye," adding, "We make Merlot of much higher quality than the California Merlot, so we'll have to work on another movie!"

Pinot, the darling of winemakers, is a finicky grape. Its thin skin makes it susceptible to fungal and insect damage; it bears watching in the winery as well, requiring careful guidance in its vinification. Despite its fussiness, it can do well in the Finger Lakes. It does not require a long growing season and tolerates cold to a degree. According to Richard Figiel, owner and winemaker of Silver Thread Vineyards on Seneca Lake, "There are those of us who think that Pinot Noir is the variety that can shine the best in this area."

There's cold and then there's too

darn cold—sub-zero weather in the winter of 2004 damaged vines in three of New York State's four winemaking regions, injuring and destroying Pinot Noir vines. And while the freeze caused a setback for Upstate growers, there is an upside: they can replant with Pinot clones that are not only hardier, but will also better express their vineyards' *terroir*. And thanks to the hard work of a group of grape growers and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, the federal government has made funds available to help them replace damaged vines.

On the night of the Academy Awards, grape grower Jim Hazlitt '60 gathered a group of winery folk to see an early show of *Sideways* at a small local theater. They were planning to enjoy a case of Finger Lakes Pinot Noir during the show. (You can probably get away with that in a small, grape-growing, winemaking town.) And there's more for wine-drinking film buffs: look for an upcoming murder mystery filmed in the vineyards of Glenora Wine Cellars and at Watkins Glen's Wildflower Café, in which Glenora CEO Gene Pierce '67 is found dead among his vines. Rumor has it Pierce plays himself.

## Put a Cork in It!

**W**ith an estimated 15 percent of cork-sealed wines falling victim to cork taint and cork failure, many wineries have switched to composite or synthetic corks. A few are boxing their higher-end wines—or even using cans. But many winemakers agree that the closure most likely to afford their product its best protection is the screw cap.

Why, then, isn't every winery using screw caps? It's a matter of image. Screw caps are associated with cheap swill, and most American wineries fear that using them will hurt sales.

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wineries; and while some topflight Finger Lakes wineries such as Sheldrake Point and Dr. Konstantin Frank still swear by their corks, others have begun the shift, among them Glenora Winery and Swedish Hill Vineyards.

But movement is slow, partially because of the cost of the machinery, partially because of the limited availability of screw cap-adaptable bottles, but also because of marketing issues. Glenora winemaker Steve DiFrancesco says he'd like to use screw caps but notes, "I'm not sure our customers would understand it yet." Trent Preszler, MS '02, who is vice president for operations at Bedell Cellars on Long Island, says, "I think it's a good idea and I think the industry's headed in that direction, but it's something we're not even considering. In the bigger picture, Long Island and Finger Lakes wines have to fight one battle at a time. First we have to convince the world that we're global players—and screw caps would give us just one more battle to fight."

According to Professor Thomas Henick-Kling of Cornell's Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station, who

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Toting up revenues from taxes on wine sales, and the spin-offs in tourism dollars—winery visitors have to stay someplace, and they have to eat, fuel their tanks, and bring T-shirts and coasters home to friends—the industry's impact on the state's economy is far-reaching. In addition, visitors fall in love with winery areas and return year after year, bringing others with them. Some even buy vacation homes nearby.

Susan Wine, whose New-York-only



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wine shops, Vintage New York, were included in *Saveur* magazine's 2005 "Saveur 100—favorite foods, restaurants, recipes, people, places, and things," is also the proprietor of Rivendell Winery on the Hudson's Shawangunk Trail. She says her area is seeing enormous growth in terms of events and recognition. "That market is

so clearly out there, and everybody is selling everything they make." Clinton Vineyards' Phyllis Feder agrees that visitor numbers are up. (Feder is president of the Dutchess Wine Trail, the state's smallest wine trail with only three members—Alison Vineyards and Millbrook are the other two.)

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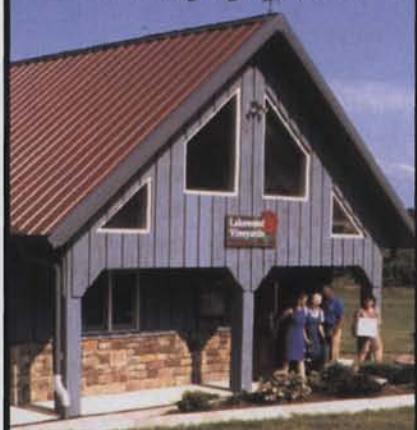
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Dollar-wise, what's the impact? According to Jim Trezise, executive director of the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, his organization is completing a survey of the industry that's measuring vineyard acreage, wine capacity and production, and value of the harvest, and it has commissioned a Napa Valley-based wine economics firm to conduct a comprehensive economic impact study. The findings should encourage greater state support of the industry, which Trezise calls "the shining star of the agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing sectors" in New York.

## A New New York Wine Course

The folks at the New York Wine and Grape Foundation have just released the *New York Wine Course and Reference*, a comprehensive look at the state's wine industry, from its earliest days—beginning in 1647, when the Dutch planted grapes on Manhattan Island—to the present. The richly illustrated CD-ROM includes information on soils, climate, viticulture, and winemaking technology, as well as the history and characteristics of all of New York State's viticultural areas. Written by Jim Trezise, coordinated by Susan Spence, and designed by John "Book" Marshall, the course includes descriptions of the state's major grape varieties in terms of origin, acreage, growing and winemaking characteristics, and wine flavor profiles. A section on viticulture discusses vineyard establishment, pruning and training, soil management, disease control, and harvesting, while the section on winemaking explains the basics for producing both still and sparkling

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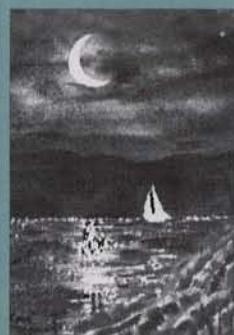
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## Cornell Enology and Viticulture Program Under Way

**W**hile CALS dean Susan Henry and the departments of food science and horticulture press to fill one last faculty position, Cornell's Enology and Viticulture Program is up and running—and attracting enthusiastic interest from both students and the wine industry. In fact, the upper-level, seniors-only course, Understanding Wine and Beer, drew 120 applicants to fill its eighty seats.

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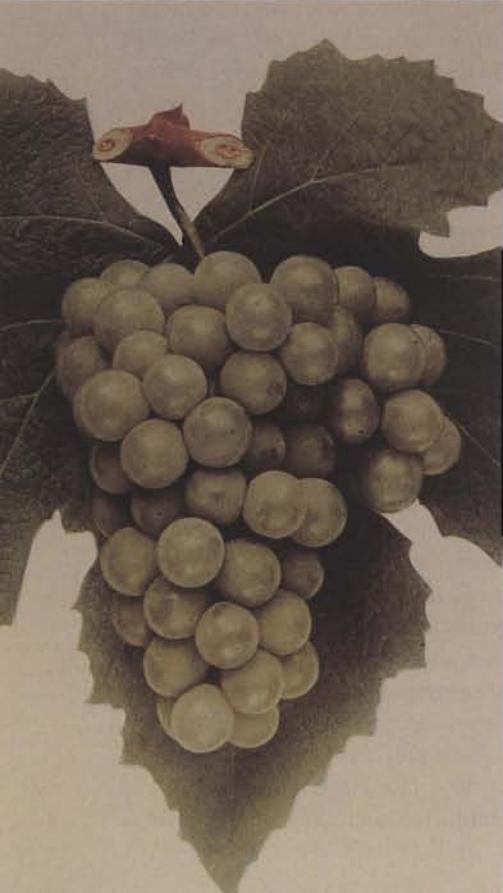
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While winery owners like John Brahm '64 of Canandaigua's Arbor Hill Vineyards and Peter Saltonstall '75 of King Ferry Winery/Treleaven on Cayuga Lake have been vociferous in their advocacy of allowing wineries to ship, others have held their tongues, fearing retribution from the wholesalers upon whom they rely to get their products into wine shops and liquor stores.

In arguments to the court, the solicitors general, backed by the wholesalers and joined by the National Association of Evangelicals, Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, and other conservative groups, cited the threat of underage ordering and states' loss of tax revenue as reasons for maintaining the status quo. Small wineries and consumers, supported by such lobbying groups as Free the Grapes! and WineAmerica, countered that the wholesalers simply fear loss of monopoly control. By prohibiting interstate shipping, the states limit the market for small, family-owned wineries, whose output is too small for the wholesalers to carry, thus preventing the small wineries from participating in free trade. Kathleen Sullivan '76, former dean of Stanford Law School, presented the case for wineries and consumers and did "an incredible job," according to Saltonstall. "Our guys did a good job, and the justices went for the jugulars [of the other side]. Justice Scalia asked them, 'Where's your case? I don't get it.'" A ruling is expected in June.

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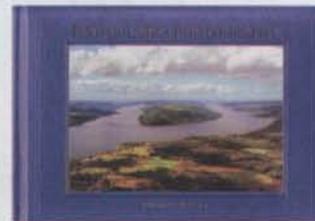
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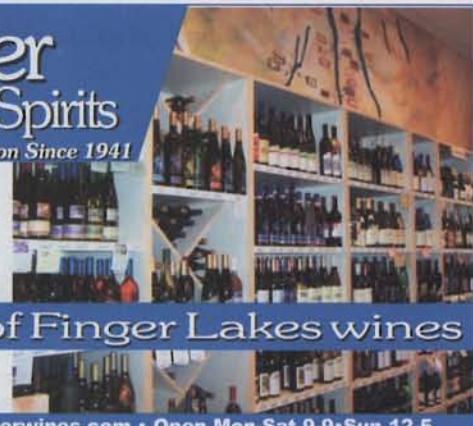
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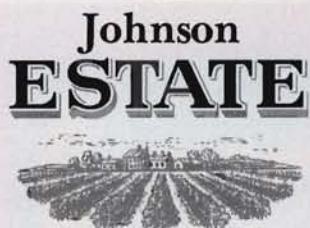
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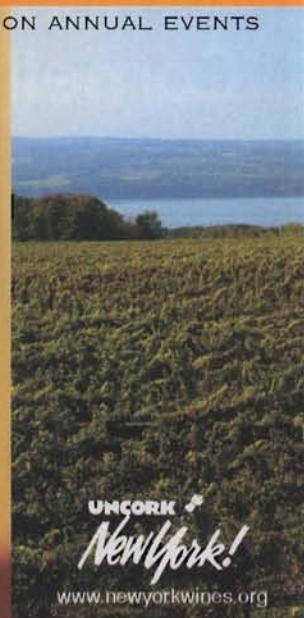
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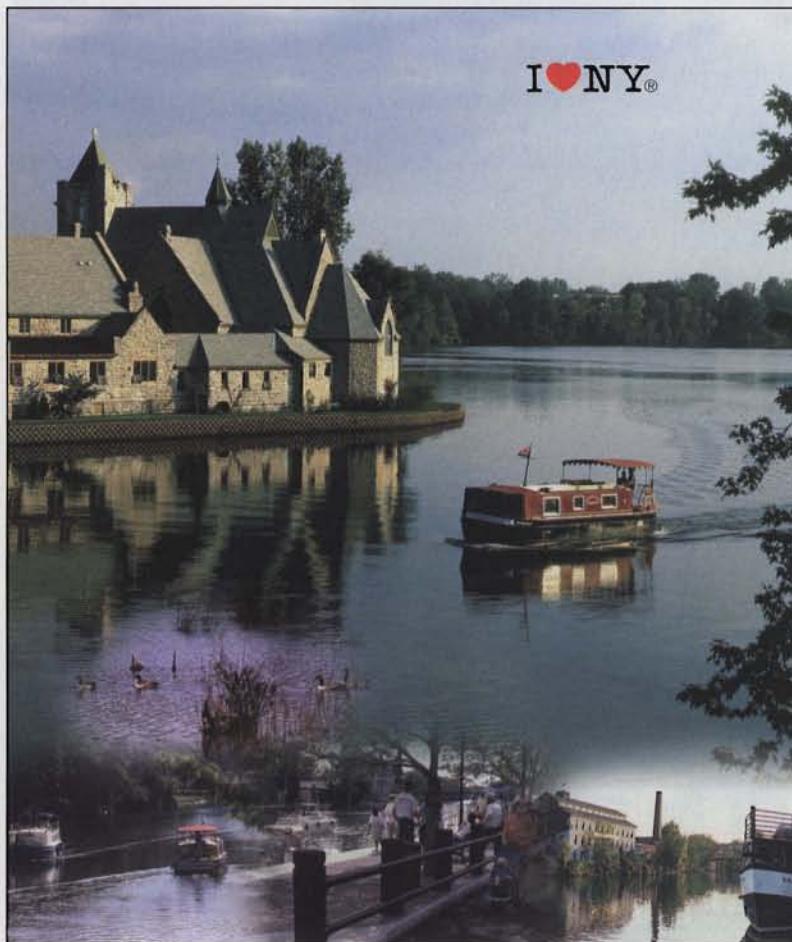
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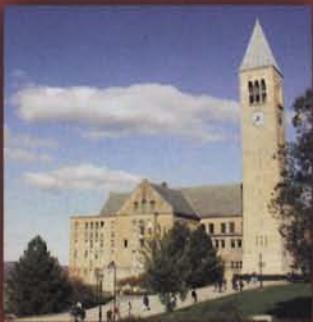
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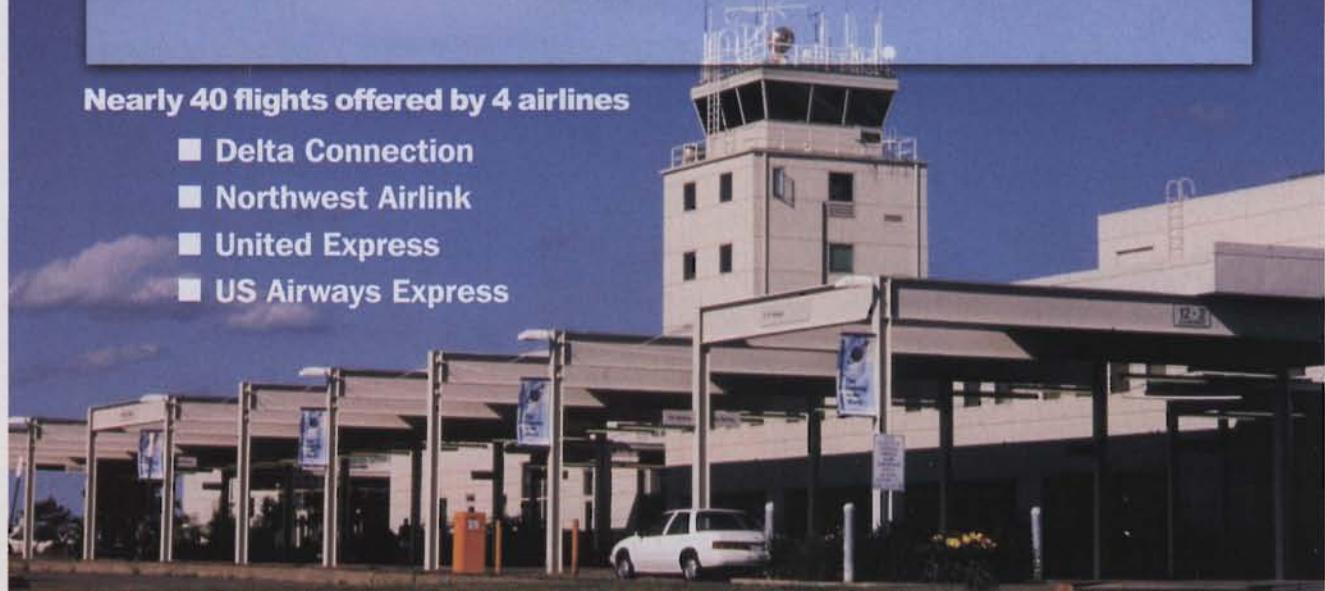


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# Hot Truckin'

'ROAD FOOD' VISITS A CAMPUS INSTITUTION

*There's nothing quite like eating—or ordering—a sandwich from the Hot Truck. And you don't have to be a Cornellian to crave one, as was demonstrated by the following article, originally published in Gourmet (December 2004).*

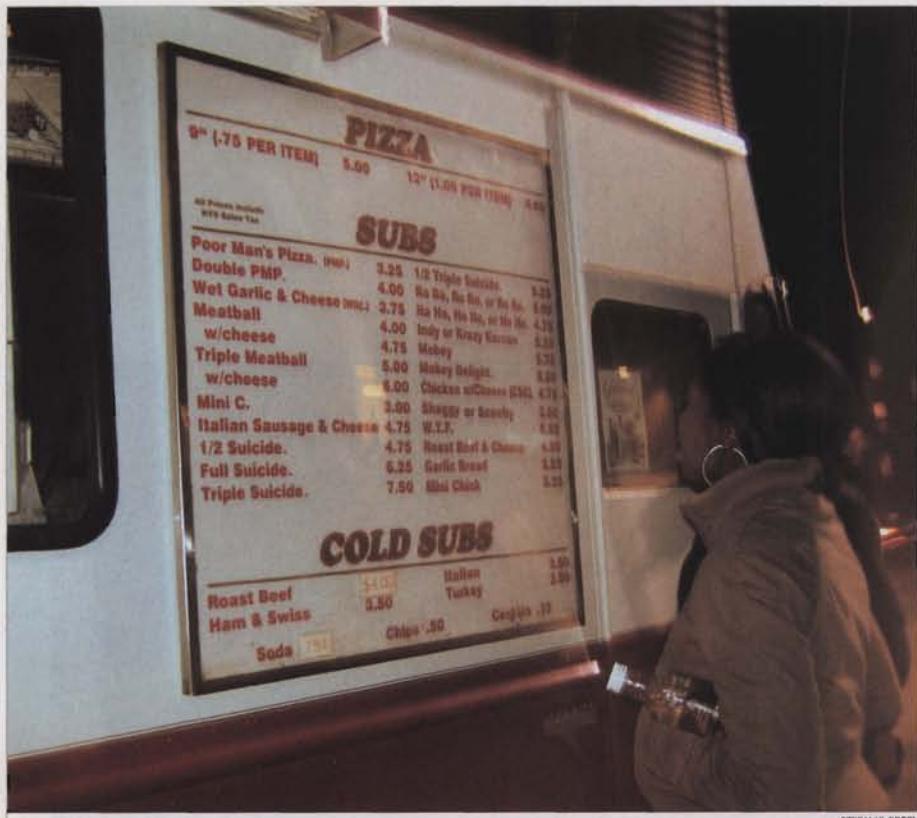
**E**VEN CORNELL STUDENTS WITH scant aptitude for languages quickly become fluent in the idiom of hot truck. Spoken mostly late at night, it is a short-order patois used to describe the sandwiches served from the side of a

delivery van that is parked at the edge of West Campus. When the craving strikes any time after 10 P.M., which is when the Hot Truck plugs into the lamppost for juice to power its ovens, only the greenest Cornellian would say, "Let's go to the Hot Truck and eat sandwiches." Proper construction is, "Let's eat hot truck."

Hot truck, the food, is in fact a hot submarine—baked open-face on a length of Ithaca Bakery French bread, then folded over to become a heavy sandwich. It is served in configurations with names that

can seem as obscure as Navajo. Our friend Marc Bruno '93, a Big Red alumnus who gifted us with the *Hot Truck Dictionary*, a reference work originally compiled by Ira Bernstein '75, told us his favorite thing to eat is a "Triple Sui, hot and heavy, G and G, liquid heat, extra wet." That translates as a Suicide with three meatballs, a hail of hot red pepper, and an extra-heavy dose of garlic with condiments of mayonnaise, lettuce, cayenne pepper sauce, and extra tomato sauce.

To elucidate: A Suicide, or Sui (pro-



**Option anxiety:** The Hot Truck menu offers many choices—written and unwritten.

nounced "SOO-ee," like the pig call), got its name because it is piled with a murderous quantity of ground sausage, pepperoni, and mushroom on a bed of tomato sauce under a mound of melted mozzarella. "G and G" stands for "grease and garden," i.e., mayo and lettuce. Stephen Rushmore '96, who concluded his wedding day in Ithaca by taking us along with his white-gowned bride and much of the wedding party for wee-hours hot truck after a five-course formal dinner, further explained that some connoisseurs call for a high-carbon Sui. That's the way you ask the cook to run your hot truck through the oven twice so the edges of the dense bread turn black and its crust starts to flake.

Hot truck began as the brainchild of Bob Petrillose, whose father had run Johnny's Big Red Grill in Collegetown since the end of Prohibition. In 1960, the elder Petrillose bought a pizza truck, then formally known as Pizza on Wheels, from which Bob sold whole pies and slices. Old-timers recall that it was good pizza when the pies were hot from the oven. But Bob was unhappy because most of the slices he sold were reheated, sometimes hours old and soggy. According to Albert Smith '71, who bought the Hot Truck in 2000 and whose son Michael now operates it, "Bob was

from the old school. He believed pizza is something you serve hot enough to burn your mouth." Few students were rich enough or hungry enough to get an entire bespoke pie each time they visited Pizza on Wheels.

Petrillose solved the problem by creating Poor Man's Pizza ("PMP" in hot truck lingo): sauce and cheese spread on butterflied French bread and baked in the truck's pizza oven. Each one was made to order, served crisp and piping hot. His invention became a campus sensation. At the time there was a nearby truck that specialized in cold-cut sandwiches, and students came to know the two late-night food depots as the cold truck and the hot truck. The cold truck has since gone, but it is impossible to overstate the impression that the Hot Truck has made on twentieth-century alumni, for whom it was as much a part of college life as the Libe Tower and Tau-hannock Falls.

Albert Smith reminded us that when the Hot Truck first rolled, Cornell's dining facilities closed at 8:30 P.M. on weekdays, 2 P.M. on Sunday. "Where did you go if you wanted something to eat at midnight?" he asks. Petrillose is remembered for selling his hot sandwiches every night of the school year no matter what the

weather. In four decades he missed exactly four days.

Additions to the fundamental pizza sub came later, in the 1960s and 1970s, and the enduring configurations were named by or for the student who concocted them. These include a current contender for immortality, the Superslacker (garlic bread, sauce, cheese, bacon, sausage, hot pepper, and Hot Truck hot sauce). Suis, made on half a loaf of garlic bread, are frequently gilded with meatballs still made from the Petrillose family recipe. Small appetites order Half Triple Suis (one and a half meatballs on a third of a loaf). Taut-skinned lengths of sizzling sausage are an especially indulgent topping for a Sui, which already holds ground sausage. Or you can get sausage-only (with sauce and cheese) by ordering an "HSC." A Flaming Turkey Bone, which contains no turkey and no bones and is not served on fire, is a third of a loaf piled with chicken, tomato sauce, cheese, onions, extra hot and heavy, plus "spontaneous combustion" (double-X hot sauce).

If Suicide with meatballs is your preferred way to end an evening in Ithaca, expect to stand in line up to an hour. Each one is constructed to order, then baked at a pace more suited to a sit-down restaurant than a stand-up food van.

For the first hour or two after the truck starts cooking there is a mellow camaraderie among the patient crowd and a contagious ebullience from those who receive, unwrap, and eat their sandwiches. After that, the line gets louder, looser, and more recklessly happy. By 3 A.M., with the lag still close to an hour, you can count on a few in-their-cups customers with no concept of time to sulk and mutter about the wait or fall into the condition of global despair that we've heard veterans call hot-truck frenzy.

There is good news for those without the patience or biological clock to allow an hour's wait for supper at 1 A.M. Soon after the Smiths bought the Hot Truck along with its language and recipes, Albert began to offer the same pizza subs at his Shortstop Deli downtown (200 West Seneca Street). It is now possible to study hot truck twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

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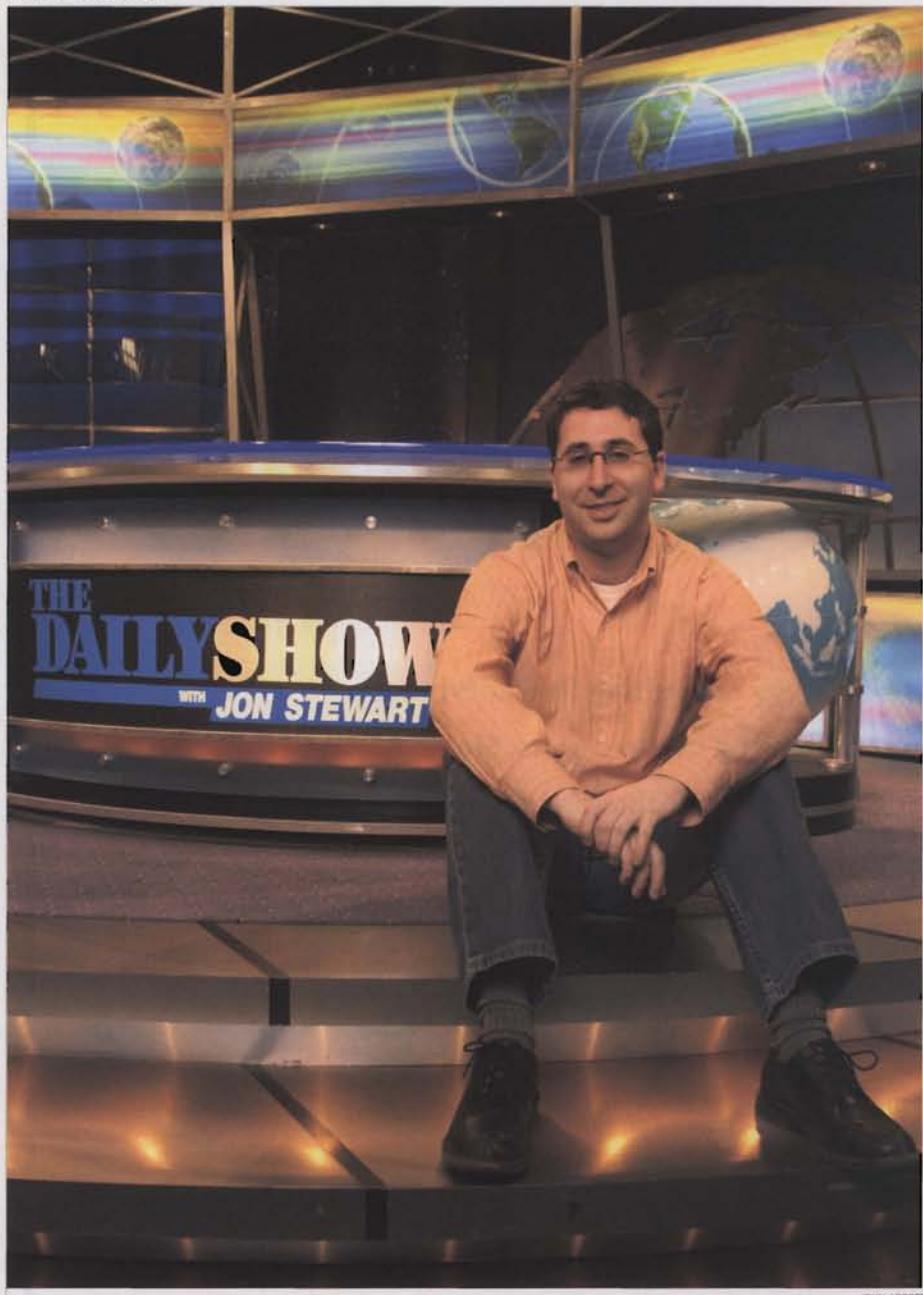
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## Gag Rule

FAKING THE NEWS WITH "DAILY SHOW"

WRITER JASON REICH

**O**N A DESK IN A DIMLY LIT CORNER of an office on Manhattan's West Side sits Jason Reich's "training Emmy"—a plastic angel hoisting a plaque that reads "Chili Cook-Off." When the writing staff of "The Daily Show with

Jon Stewart" won an Emmy Award in 2001, this was Reich's reward. "The first year we won I wasn't eligible, so this was the consolation that the staff got me," says Reich '98, who joined "The Daily Show" as a writer's assistant in March 1999. Since

then, he's earned a promotion to staff writer—and two real Emmys—penning jokes for the popular "fake news" program on the cable network Comedy Central.

Reich earned his comedy wings at Cornell with the Skits-o-Phrenics, a student sketch troupe that specialized in what Reich admits was not especially sophisticated material. "There were a lot of jokes about how hard the engineers had to work, how drunk the frat boys got, and how strange the theatre majors were," says the twenty-nine-year-old, who was a communication major as an undergraduate. He still occasionally performs with other Skits-o-Phrenics alums. "People got into the group because they were strong writers and had good timing and an ear for comedy, and to have these people working together, people really developed as writers. I wrote a lot of garbage while I was in it, but I learned how to write a joke."

A quick peek around the office he shares with fellow staff writer Tim Carvell confirms that this is not your traditional workplace. Reich sits next to a bulletin board covered in "Daily Show" souvenirs: a bag of decorative plastic fruit; a picture of correspondent Stephen Colbert grinning madly in an American flag top hat; a sign once used as a visual on the show that says, "Welcome to North Korea. If You Lived Here, You'd Be Evil Now."

While at Cornell, Reich secured an internship on an HBO comedy called "The High Life," where his greatest daily responsibility was driving to Queens to get the executive producer a pulled-pork sandwich. After graduation he worked as a production assistant on the short-lived Al Franken sitcom "Lateline," reading scripts and learning the inner workings of network TV. He joined "The Daily Show" two months after Jon Stewart took over from Craig Kilborn as host/anchor. "I was communicating among the writers and the other departments on the show to make sure that what the writers had in mind was what wound up on the air," he says. Several months into his tenure, a spot came up that required a quick, jokey lead-in to a commercial. The other writers considered it busywork, and a producer suggested that Reich try it. This became a regular assignment for him. His writing

The joker: Staff writer Reich on the set of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

duties eventually increased, and he was promoted to staff writer late in 2001.

Writing for the "The Daily Show" is a seat-of-the-pants operation: each episode is largely written from scratch on the day it airs, Reich says. "There are ten writers on staff, plus our head writer, D.J. Javerbaum. We meet at 9:30, and we're expected to be familiar with the headlines and what's going on. We pitch ideas to D.J., there's a lot of stream-of-consciousness conversation, and by 10:15 or 10:30, it's pretty clear what everyone's going to be working on. Then we go back to our desks and just sit and write. It's a very solitary thing." On any given day, Reich may write jokes for the show's opening headlines, a correspondent piece, or one of the recurring segments. "By 1:00, you have a couple of minutes of jokes in your files. Those get assembled into a big packet that goes to Jon and Ben [Karlin, the show's executive producer] and D.J., and they say, 'This is what we like, this is what we want rewritten.' The rest of the afternoon is spent rewriting. At 5:15 they rehearse it, and at 6:00 the audience comes in and they tape it. It happens really fast."

Carvell says that Reich brings a valuable off-kilter sensibility to the task. "He has a real gift for coming up with the skewed angle, or the off-the-wall joke I never would have thought of in a million years," says Carvell, who collaborated with Reich on the Supreme Court chapter of *America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction*, the best-selling textbook spoof the show's writers produced with Stewart last year. He cites one of Reich's gags, a line about how the only way to remove sitting Supreme Court justices is to kill them with a "diamond-tipped bullet from the anvil of Hephaestus."

Working with Stewart, Reich says, is an invaluable comedy education. "Jon is involved in everything—he screens every field piece, reads all the jokes, and he's pitching ideas just like the writers are, so nothing makes it to air without his signing off on it," he says. "He's such a good performer and he's so in tune to audiences. If he drops a punch line or makes a change or does it differently from the way you wrote it, he's pretty much always right, because he's out there and he's the

face of it, and he's the one who has to deliver it."

On the side, Reich also does stand-up comedy and has a two-man sketch troupe with fellow ex-Skits-o-Phrenic Geoff Kirsch '98 called Plants Need Water. And while Reich hopes to be at "The Daily Show" for quite some time,

he's also contemplating moving on to more conventional television fare. "Long term, years down the road, I think it would be cool to work in the half-hour sitcom form," he says. "I would love to get a great pilot idea and develop it and run my own show."

—Larry Getlen

## Clearing Cultural Dissonance

### NEW CAREER STRATEGIES FOR ASIAN-AMERICANS

**a**t her first job after graduation, Jane Hyun '90 relied on the strong work ethic and long hours of solo study that had propelled her to success at Cornell—an approach instilled in her by her South Korean parents, she says. "Education and hard work are considered of paramount importance in most Asian cultures, versus discourse and socializing."

So she was mystified by a colleague who was spending thirty minutes each week simply chatting with their boss, she recalls. "I remember thinking, 'Why is she wasting her time at that? She could be getting more work done.'" It didn't take her long to realize that workplace socializing wasn't a luxury; it was a career necessity. "Carving out time to have lunch with your colleagues, you think that you don't have time for that," Hyun says. "But it may help you in the long run as you try to make new relationships in your career."

That type of cultural dissonance may be keeping Asian Americans from advancing in their careers, says Hyun, a former vice president of human resources at JP Morgan and a recruiter for Deloitte & Touche Resources Connection. Now an executive coach and diversity strategist, she addresses the problem in *Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling: Career Strategies for Asians*.

Although 44 percent of Asian Americans over the age of twenty-five graduate from college, they are glaringly absent from corporate leadership, making up only 1 percent of boards. Hyun says that's because traditional Asian values—such as modesty and deference to elders—sometimes clash with the assertiveness needed to get ahead in corporate America.

Hyun, who was born in South Korea and immigrated to the U.S. when she was eight, emphasizes that Asian Americans are a remarkably diverse group and that not everything in her book applies to them all. Nonetheless, she has often seen Asians struggle with selling and presentation skills, managing their bosses, and navigating workplace politics.

Improving those abilities doesn't require a cultural makeover, Hyun says. "I encourage Asian professionals to learn the skills that they need to succeed, without compromising who they are, and not giving up the best of their cultural values."



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# Into the Wild

## CORNELL OUTDOOR EDUCATION TAKES IT OUTSIDE

**I**T'S 9:30 ON A SUNDAY MORNING AT the end of February; snow dusts the nearly deserted campus as a half-dozen undergraduates gather at the Lindseth Climbing Wall in Bartels Hall for women's basic rock-climbing, one of fif-

teen climbing classes offered this spring by Cornell Outdoor Education. Lead instructor Tammy Klock, a computer systems administrator at the Vet college, calls the women into a circle and leads them in a stretching exercise. Once they've lim-



PHOTOS BY TODD MINER

**Lake country: You don't hear COE members complain about Cornell's relative isolation.**  
"We love this location," says COE director Todd Miner. "We revel in it."

bered up, Klock has them "floor boulder" along the 160-foot-long wall, gripping the hand holds on the artificial rock face. "Use the big red hold for your feet," she says, tapping the red mat that covers the floor, "and work your way along the wall." The exercise lets them practice technique without getting worn out—or falling. If you ignore their feet, solidly planted on terra firma, the students look like Spider-Man without the spandex.

Each year, some 10,000 Cornellians take advantage of Cornell Outdoor Education. It's the largest collegiate outdoor program in the country, with 130 courses of basic instruction in such activities as cross-country skiing, whitewater kayaking, and wilderness first aid. During spring break some classes venture to Arizona, Kentucky, West Virginia, Canada, and Nevada, and a two-week mountaineering and leadership class takes participants to Alaska in June, but most courses are held within an hour of campus. "The University sometimes apologizes for its location as centrally isolated," says Todd Miner, the Lindseth Director of Outdoor Education. "We revel in it. We love this location. We've got world-class mountain biking in Shindagin Hollow right down the road, wonderful ice right here in town for ice climbing, and 550 miles of the Finger Lakes trail."

COE got its start in the 1972 with a sit-in at Teagle Hall staged by a trip leader and a dozen students demanding use of a University van they had reserved. Thirty-three years later, COE owns a fleet of vans and occupies a 5,500-square-foot suite of offices in the windowless basement of Bartels. The million-dollar budget is still lean, with just 15 percent furnished by the University and the rest supplied by student fees, alumni gifts, and income from corporate training programs. Miner, an Alpine mountaineer who refers to himself as "chief bottle washer, troubleshooter, and interference runner," heads a full-time staff of ten that oversees a team of 150 instructors.

Carla Martin, ME '03, has taught basic rock climbing, a teambuilding course called "High Adventure," and a lunchtime wellness course for staff and faculty. "I like teaching and inspiring people—especially



**Man aloft: That's President Jeffrey Lehman dangling from the Crescent.**

people who think they can't do it," says the PhD candidate, who took up rock climbing three years ago at the age of twenty-eight. She and Klock both emphasize the grace and elegance of climbing, helping students see that brute force isn't required. "As a female, I tend to have more of a partner relationship with the rock, instead of trying to dominate it," says Klock. "When people watch me climb, they say it looks like dancing."

Besides teaching technical know-how, COE offers valuable interpersonal experience. "Cornell does a great job of giving people incredible skills and knowledge," Miner says, "but there isn't always a place for students to practice them, to understand group dynamics. That's where we come into play." About 80 to 90 percent of classes are taught by instructors who were once COE students themselves. "We put them into a leadership role," Miner says. "They learn what it's like to be part of a team, to have responsibility, to make potential life-and-death decisions. Those are really powerful learning tools that students don't get elsewhere."

The focus on building interpersonal skills and team dynamics runs through many COE efforts, such as Wilderness Reflections, an undergraduate-run program that takes small groups of students on short camping trips during freshman pre-orientation. Similarly, Cornell Team-



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## SETTING UP NEW YORK'S LARGEST PUBLIC ART PROJECT

building provides programming for P.E. classes and corporate clients along with gear rental services for all of the organization's activities. Last summer, President Jeffrey Lehman '77 (who signed up under his middle name—Sean—in an effort to remain anonymous) joined his son Ben in Outdoor Thrills & Skills, an annual cross-generational teambuilding program co-sponsored by Cornell's Adult University and led by COE founder Dave Moriah '72 and his daughter Kira '03. The five-day program features rappelling down the side of Schoellkopf stadium, climbing at the Lindseth Wall, a hike in Coy Glen, and a day at the Hoffman Challenge Course a few minutes from campus. This spring, COE provided equipment and safety oversight for urban ecology professor Tom Whitlow, whose science writing students take tree corings and create a botanical inventory of the gorges.

Former climbing instructor Tina Jeoh, PhD '04, says COE participants fall into two categories—those who have already caught the outdoors bug and neophytes looking to fulfill the University's mandatory physical education requirement. Natural resources grad student Lynn Vaccaro was already an experienced hiker and backpacker when she arrived at Cornell; through COE, she's expanded her repertoire with classes on kayak rolling and telemark skiing, and met local outdoor enthusiasts in the process. "When I first moved here I didn't know anyone who skied, or how to get equipment," says Vaccaro. "It was a good introduction to the resources and the community." Jeoh, now a research scientist at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado, also relied on COE to connect with the local outdoor community. "It puts you in a position to take care of yourself and learn a lot about yourself in the process," she says. A mountain biker, skier, and trail runner, Jeoh taught several basic rock climbing classes and traveled with COE to Nevada's Red Rocks for additional training. "Some people can't deal with it and some people, given the opportunity, realize they want to spend more time putting themselves in challenging situations. That's an addictive feeling."

—Sharon Tregaskis '95

## Orange Crush



COURTESY OF NANCY McAFFEE

**Gatekeeper:** Art historian Nancy McAfee '63 on the job in Central Park with husband Joe McAfee '63, BS '65, MBA '66

**t**he Gates, Central Park, New York, 1979–2005, a mammoth art installation masterminded by environmental artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude, bloomed in New York City's Central Park for only sixteen days in February. For Nancy McAfee '63, the memories will last a lifetime. The art historian was one of 600 workers who installed the city's largest public art project ever—7,500 gates hung with saffron fabric along twenty-three miles of park walkways—in six days.

It was a coveted role; twice as many people applied as were needed. Luckily for McAfee, Christo and Jeanne-Claude gave dibs to New Yorkers and those who had worked on their previous installations. McAfee was both. The Ithacan had helped with *The Umbrellas* in 1991, which planted 3,100 umbrellas in California and Japan. "I signed up for this five years ago," McAfee says. "*Umbrellas* was so cool that I just knew I had to do this."

But it wasn't easy. McAfee's team—eight men and women from California, New York, Ohio, and Texas—set up 149 gates on Central Park West at Eighty-Seventh Street. Each day started at 7:00 a.m. with a progress report from Christo and Jeanne-Claude and marching orders from the head engineer. Then teams luggered the components for each gate from a drop point to their sites, assembled the 140-pound, sixteen-foot structures, pushed them upright, and affixed them to bases. "Our day ended at 4:30 and we were all exhausted," McAfee wrote in a letter to friends. "I fell asleep on the subway once, awakening only when I heard my stop called."

Christo and Jeanne-Claude, whom McAfee describes as "egalitarian," encouraged the teams with words of appreciation, and they signed each worker's uniform. "They really made themselves available," McAfee said. "You couldn't have a half-hour discussion with them, but they were there." The workers earned \$6.75 an hour, but the true compensation came from watching visitors react to *The Gates*, McAfee says. "It made dour New Yorkers smile and talk to each other."

She plans to sign up for Christo and Jeanne-Claude's next extravaganza, which will suspend swaths of silvery fabric over the Arkansas River in Colorado. "It's just fun to watch it happen," she says. "When you're on the installation team, you see the site go from nothing . . . to beautiful."

# Valley of the Dolls

FOR ENTREPRENEUR ALLEN, CLOSING THE GENDER GAP IS CHILD'S PLAY

**F**ROM GRADE SCHOOL TO GLASS ceiling, boys still outperform girls in many high-achievement fields. There's no shortage of debate on the issue, as Harvard president Lawrence Summers learned in January when he suggested that "issues of intrinsic aptitude" explained the lack of women in the sciences. Randy Hallstead Allen '68 has a different answer: toys for girls don't inspire them to dream.

In June 2003, Allen, a former executive vice president for strategic planning at Kmart and a consultant-in-residence at the Johnson School, founded Girls Explore, a

but really anything is possible."

On the windowsill of her third-floor office in Sage Hall, Allen displays the full Girls Explore roster. "Harriet Tubman and Amelia Earhart were obvious choices," she says. Joining them are American Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt, naturalist Anna Botsford Comstock 1885, international aviatrix Bessie Coleman, golf pioneer Babe Didrikson Zaharias, and softball star/orthopedic surgeon Dot Richardson. The Earhart set includes a compass; Tubman comes with a satchel like one the famous abolitionist might

and professional—and Allen hopes to eventually offer at least five dolls in each, including politicians such as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Allen's wish list also includes Oprah Winfrey and primatologist Jane Goodall. Contemporary figures were difficult to include in the initial offerings, says Allen, in part because of the challenges in obtaining permission to use their likenesses. "It's hard when you can't show them what the doll will look like." With their lifelike features and period clothing, the dolls bear little resemblance to Barbie or the larger and determinedly cute American Girl dolls. Allen says she's gotten a few e-mails complaining that the dolls aren't pretty or feminine enough, but most feedback has been positive. "They have a lot of inner beauty," she says. "And they accomplished so much."

So far, Girls Explore has sold close to



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toy company that produces a line of twelve-inch, bendable dolls modeled after famous women past and present, each accompanied by a hardcover biography and a kid-sized accessory. The inspiration came while trying to buy toys for her pre-teen nieces; Allen was frustrated by the lack of appropriate role models. "I want girls to understand that they can do or be anything they want to be," she says. "It might take determination and hard work,

have carried, while a "Pilot's Log" diary accompanies the Coleman doll. Mexican painter Frida Kahlo and anthropologist Margaret Mead are in the works, and Allen says she won't be happy until the inventory includes an astronaut. Her top picks include Sally Ride and Mae Jemison, MD '81.

The dolls are grouped into five categories—science and exploration, the humanities, the arts, sports, and business

300 dolls at \$65 each, but there's more than money at stake, Allen says. "There's a social part: helping girls understand that they can do anything or be anything. There are so many things girls get hit with—how you look, instead of what you can do." Last fall, the *Home Educator's Family Times*, a newsletter for homeschooling parents, recommended Girls Explore as an antidote to Britney Spears and "the youth-culture's slide into vulgar

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indecency." Allen calls the dolls "whole-some," but acknowledges the real-life controversy associated with the women they depict. "Babe was very brash and bragged about what she was going to do. Of course, she did it all. Frida was the same way. She is controversial, but she overcame a huge amount, accomplished a huge amount, and gave back."

Allen, who studied physics as an undergrad and now teaches two classes each semester at the Johnson School, relied heavily on Cornell resources for the Girls Explore launch. Her son, science and technology major Scott Meehan '05, manages the website ([www.girls-explore.com](http://www.girls-explore.com)), while textiles and apparel majors Jessica Melendez '06 and Wendi Kane '04 designed the costumes. Three MBAs-in-training provided a business plan and market research, and another—fluent in Spanish—has spearheaded negotiations with the Kahlo estate. The Big Red Incubator provided initial legal services, and for manufacturing, Allen chose Hong Kong-based Forward Winsome Industries, whose chairman, L.T. Lam, has two Cornelian grandchildren. "This is a great place to start a company," says Allen, "because there are so many talented resources."

A third-generation Cornelian and the second chair of the President's Council of Cornell Women, Allen attributes much of her success to the constant, subtle messages of possibility that came with growing up in Ithaca. "Nobody ever said 'you can't do this' or 'you can't do that,'" she recalls. "I always went for what I wanted." Allen attended the nursery school on campus and lived with her divorced mother in a one-bedroom Collegetown apartment near Johnny's Big Red Grill. The family didn't have a TV until she was in eighth grade, and Allen spent much of her early childhood playing not with dolls but with toy soldiers. "I was the biggest tomboy," she says.

Nevertheless, Allen hopes her own line of dolls will give today's girls some of the same benefits of her 1950s college-town childhood. "This isn't about feminism, this is about possibilities," she says. "It's about getting kids to dream."

—Sharon Tregaskis

# Something in the Air

A CONVERSATION WITH ATMOSPHERIC SCIENTIST FRANCO EINAUDI

**f**RANCO EINAUDI'S LIFE IS MIGHTY FULL THESE DAYS. He's president-elect of the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the professional society for atmospheric scientists, and director of the Earth-Sun Exploration Division at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. He was also recently diagnosed with cancer. Considering all this, it makes sense that he would rather talk about soccer. It's a nice diversion, and he knows I'm familiar with Torino Calcio 1906, the team the sixty-seven-year-old scientist has cheered for since he was a boy in Turin, Italy.

"You catch me in a good mood—Torino won!" Einaudi says in his mellifluous accent. "Two to one. Two penalty kicks toward the end of the game."

In Italy, soccer—*calcio*—is not the prep-school sport it is in the United States, so, in many respects, Einaudi is not your classic Italian soccer fan. With his bone-gray hair and the glint of intellectual curiosity in his eye, he would seem to be more at home at an opera house or a symposium than in a soccer stadium. But for Einaudi, the game is a constant link to his beloved hometown.

In the four decades since leaving Turin, Einaudi has enjoyed a long and esteemed career in the atmospheric sciences. He received his PhD from Cornell in 1967, spent a decade at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and taught for eight years at Georgia Tech. In the 1970s and '80s, he made substantial contributions to the study of atmospheric dynamics, particularly as related to gravity waves, which Einaudi describes as "these motions of the atmosphere equivalent to what you see in the ocean—periodic motions."

"From a mathematical point of view, Franco could go toe-to-toe with anybody," says Dr. Louis Uccellini, director of the National Weather Service, who worked with Einaudi on the effect of gravity waves on the creation of thunderstorms. "But he was mostly viewed as someone who made an effort to find the prac-

tical applications of the theories. He was able to bridge the theoretical community and the applied community."

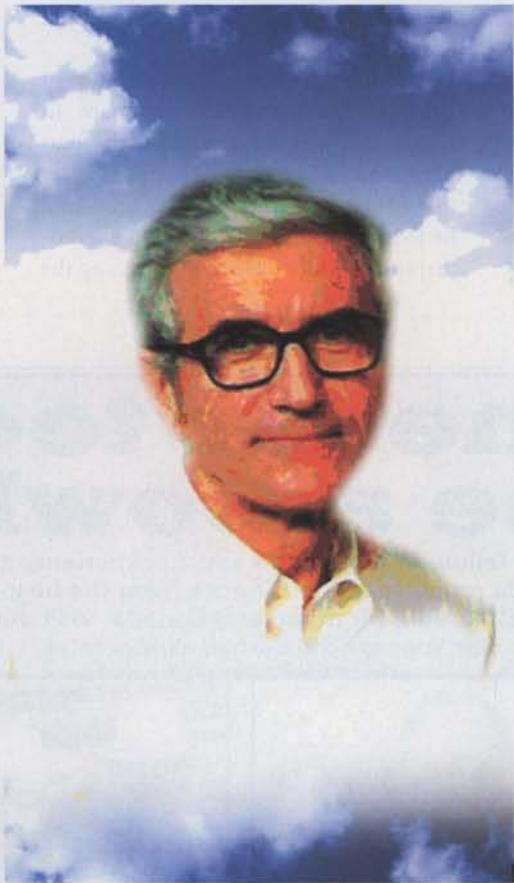
Since joining NASA in 1987, Einaudi has been greatly admired by his peers for his ability to maneuver and lead effectively within the organization's massive bureaucracy. He has twice received a Presidential Rank Award for his meritorious executive service to NASA. "Franco is greatly respected for his administrative work at NASA," says Keith Seitter, executive director of the 12,000-member AMS. "He has, over the years, been a voice of wisdom—a good, solid leader. And I think the AMS membership elected him in great part because of those skills."

Einaudi's election to the AMS presidency marks a high point in his career. When his one-year term begins in November, he plans to focus on education programs for the public and policymakers, ways to connect the atmospheric and meteorological world with life on the ground—an extension of his progressive approach at NASA.

It all could have been otherwise if not for a trusting test proctor. Einaudi graduated from the Politecnico of Turin in 1961 and immediately began teaching at his alma mater. But he bristled at the details of academia—"grading papers and so on," as he says. To Einaudi's surprise, his father, a distinguished physics professor, suggested he contact "Uncle Mario"—a.k.a. Mario Einaudi, long-

time Cornell government professor and namesake of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies—to inquire about spending a year in the United States.

"That was the turning point of my life," Einaudi says. "Uncle Mario sent me two applications, one completely filled out and one empty. He knew I did not know any English. I copied the application from his handwritten one, which was not the easiest thing to do because his handwriting was not simple. I also had super grades. I was given a fellowship—but it was conditional on my



**Weatherman:** NASA atmospheric scientist and soccer fan Franco Einaudi

knowing English."

In those days, language proficiency was tested with a United States Information Services exam. Einaudi misspelled "United States." Fortunately, the proctor noticed that he had enrolled in summer school. "He asked if I promised to attend," Einaudi recalls. "I said, 'I do.' So he wrote, 'Knowledge of English: Good.'

Einaudi remembers the day he arrived at Cornell: July 1, 1962. Being on the Hill was an eye-opening experience for him. He studied electromagnetics with professors like Paul McIsaac '47, BEE '49, and the legendary Henry Booker. He honed his English and received a cultural education by hanging out in the cafeteria and music room of Sage Hall with his fellow graduate students, including my father, Demetrios Lalas, PhD '68. Most important, he met Paula Ferris, MA '67.

"One day," Einaudi recalls, "Demetrios said, 'Franco, I'm having a party on Satur-

day night, why don't you come? And, by the way, Anne is coming.' Anne was his girlfriend. So I said, 'Tell Anne to invite a friend.' So Demetrios and I and Anne drove to the Syracuse bus station [to pick up her friend], and as we're approaching, Anne says to me, 'By the way, Paula speaks Italian quite well.' That was forty years ago." ("That's all true," confirms my mother, the "Anne" of the story. "I had someone else lined up who he would have hated. Luckily she backed out, so I asked Paula. It was love at first sight.") Franco and Paula were married in New Jersey in 1966. They have raised two sons, Gino and Gian Paolo.

All of which makes Einaudi's current situation that much more poignant. In December, he was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma—the same cancer that Paula survived eight years ago—and he is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatment. He is approaching the

disease like a scientist, describing how this form of cancer "develops on the interfaces" and how frustrating it is that no one can explain why both he and his wife were afflicted with the same disease.

But Einaudi's personal reaction is anything but scientific—it is somewhat mystical and strangely encouraging. "The final point is: I never wanted to become too old," he says. "I have accomplished enough and therefore I am quite relaxed. Let me put it this way: Where I get radiation, there are several machines and each has its own waiting room. One of these rooms is a playroom, with toys, and you see young kids there. That's a different story. That's a very different story."

— Greg Lalas

*Greg Lalas was an All-Ivy League soccer player at Brown and played professionally with the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer.*

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# Diamonds in the Rough

## BIG RED BALLPLAYERS ASPIRE TO MAJOR LEAGUES

OVER THE YEARS, "BIG RED" HAS not often translated to "big league." With the exception of pitcher Charles Nagy '89, who had a fourteen-year major league baseball career but spent only a semester on the Hill, no Cornell alumnus has played in the majors since Frank Whitman '40 went hitless in six at-bats for the 1948 Chicago White Sox. Just a dozen Cornellians have had as much as a cup of coffee in major league history, and only two were pitchers, which makes it all the more remarkable that three former Big Red ballplayers—Erik Rico '02, Chris Schutt '04, and Dan Baysinger '04—are currently throwing from the mound in the minor leagues.

Granted, it's still a long way from the big time. Last year, the trio donned uniforms in places like Charleston, West Virginia, and Davenport, Iowa. And while it may have said "Cardinals" on Baysinger's jersey, his team was based not in St. Louis but New Jersey. "It's definitely not 'the show,'" says Schutt. "You realize that when you're on a six-hour bus ride to your game."

Indeed, this isn't the world of chartered flights, catered clubhouse spreads, luxury hotels, and seven-figure salaries. First-year minor leaguers earn about \$850 a month. The typical pre-game meal, says Rico, is peanut butter and jelly. And post-game? "We go to Wendy's," says the Hotel school graduate in a phone call from the Doral Golf Resort and Spa in his hometown of Miami. Rico is spending the off-season there—working as a doorman.

The window of opportunity for reaching the majors is often narrow. At twenty-five, Rico is already older than most of his Class A teammates. The 2002 Ivy League

Player of the Year, he was picked by the Toronto Blue Jays in the twenty-second round (out of fifty rounds) of the amateur baseball draft. He was taken as an outfielder and hit a respectable .275 in 122 minor league games in 2002–03—but the Blue Jays organization was loaded with outfield prospects. So Rico, who had done

by the Minnesota Twins in the seventh round. In 2003, Schutt suited up for the Elizabethton Twins in eastern Tennessee, where he led the Appalachian League in strikeouts and earned a promotion to the Class A team in Davenport, Iowa—a squad known as the Swing of the Quad Cities. He struggled at the beginning of the 2004 season but recovered admirably, earning the organization's Pitcher of the Month honors in June and finishing with a 7-9 record and 4.03 ERA.

As for Baysinger, he's just getting started. Although the 6-foot-3 righthander wasn't drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals until the thirty-first round, he is confident that the only numbers that really matter are the ones produced between the white lines. "Once you get there, everybody's got a uniform," he says. "You're all on equal ground, and it's all about performance." Last year, after being farmed out to the Cardinals' Class A New York-Penn League team in New Jersey, Baysinger tore a hamstring at the beginning of the season. He was able to return to the roster in late summer, making eight appearances.

Heading into spring training, none of the three knew exactly where they would be spending the summer. Baysinger was hoping for a chance to play where Schutt pitched last year, for the Quad Cities club, which is now affiliated with the Cardinals. Schutt and Rico, meanwhile, were counting on promotions to the more competitive Class A Florida State League.

Regardless of where they play, the former Big Red stars realize that thousands of other prospects are vying for the same handful of spots on major league rosters, a daunting challenge to be sure. But it's a dream they intend to hang onto for as long as they can. Rico says that his grandfather, a professional player in the Negro Leagues, would have relished such a chance: "He's pretty much my inspiration, because it's an opportunity he didn't get."

—Brad Herzog '90



**Change up:** Former CU outfielder Eric Rico moved to the mound for the 2004 Auburn Doubledays.

spot duty as a fourth starter for the Big Red, found himself on the mound with the Class A Charleston Alley Cats last year. He began as a relief pitcher but got a lucky break of sorts when one of the starters broke his hand. In eight appearances (including four starts) for Charleston, he went 3-1 with a 1.75 earned run average.

Schutt, on the other hand, has been a highly touted hurler from the beginning. After an All-Ivy junior season, the 6-foot-1 righthander emerged as perhaps the top college prospect in New York. He decided to forego his senior year after being drafted

# Double Life

THE UNUSUAL CAREER OF DANIEL SULMASY



JOHN ABBOTT

**Doctor's order:** Physician/Franciscan friar Dr. Daniel Sulmasy leaves his robe at home when on hospital rounds. "I'm afraid patients will think the Grim Reaper is coming."

**t**HE SUN IS JUST COMING UP ON an early December morning when Daniel Sulmasy '78, MD '82, unlocks the door to All Saints Roman Catholic Church at the corner of Madison Avenue and 129th Street, a block from the home of the famed Boys Choir and Girls Choir of Harlem. Designed by James Renwick, also the architect of St. Patrick's Cathedral, All Saints is a decaying Gothic behemoth with breathtaking rose windows and a massive pipe organ. Off to the right of the altar is a modest chapel where Sulmasy and a few others greet the day. Clad in the simple hooded robes of their Fran-

ciscan order, they recite prayers, join hands, and sing.

An hour later, Sulmasy doffs his brown robe and thrice-knotted rope belt—"my work clothes," he says with a laugh—and reveals a collared shirt, jacket, and tie. It's the uniform of Sulmasy's other career, as a professor of ethics at New York Medical College and an attending physician at St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village.

Physician and friar. They're Sulmasy's dual callings—professions, he says, that "go together as naturally as breathing and lungs." The miracles of Jesus, he notes, weren't dramatic gestures like parting the

sea; they were acts of healing. "In some cultures, religion and healing are the same thing—the same person does both, as in the tradition of the shaman or witch doctor," he says. "Part of that is a deep sense of what healing means. My view is that it means the restoration of right relationship. Diabetes is a disturbance in relationships in a body. Something like cancer is a disturbance in the relationships that one cell should have to another."

Born in Queens to an NYPD officer and a homemaker, Sulmasy grew up on Long Island. He attended Catholic schools throughout childhood, except for his first three days of junior high; he was so unhappy in the local public school, he offered to mow lawns to help pay his parochial school tuition. Although he'd planned on a career in ecology, in high school he sensed a calling to the priesthood. But he decided to attend a secular college, he says, "because I wanted to see if [the calling] would survive in that kind of world." So he came to Cornell.

While on the Hill, Sulmasy felt the pull of another vocation, and he entered Cornell Medical College in Manhattan after earning his bachelor's degree in biology. His attraction to the priesthood was still strong, though, and he regularly attended a Franciscan church near Madison Square Garden and visited the order's vocation office in the South Bronx. "Religious orders have personalities," Sulmasy notes. "It's largely the style of spirituality inspired by the founder. Francis of Assisi was credited with writing the first poem in modern Italian. He's the patron saint of ecology. There's a great emphasis on simplicity of life, on community."

Sulmasy decided to enter the Francis-

can order after completing his internship. It wasn't easy to find an institution that would allow him to leave for two years before residency, but he was accepted into the medicine program at Johns Hopkins, where he eventually became chief resident. Following his internship, he moved into a Franciscan house in the South Bronx, volunteering at a walk-in clinic and studying philosophy at St. John's University. Those early days of instruction, he says, were also meant "to prepare one for the strange thing of living in celibate community with other men, which isn't what people are used to."

During his novitiate in Boston—which included a month-long prayer retreat and two weeks of near-total silence—he realized that after all those years of contemplating the priesthood, he actually wanted to be a friar. "The vocation to be a priest just melted away," he says. "I was kind of surprised by God." All the philosophy courses he'd taken for the priesthood led to a PhD from Georgetown, which he completed in 1995. "It takes a long time to make an MD-PhD-friar," he says with a laugh. "My mother said I would be in school until I was forty, but I defied her—I finished when I was thirty-nine." His two advanced degrees came together in a career in medical ethics: he directs the Bioethics Institute at New York Medical College, edits the journal *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, holds the Sisters of Charity Chair in Ethics at St. Vincent's, and has advised the Vatican on biomedical issues.

For all that, Sulmasy earns no salary. Or rather, he sees no salary. His paycheck is directly deposited to his order, with a tithe toward the upkeep of All Saints. Each month, he receives \$300 in spending money. The necessities of life—including a cozy room in the friary, which he has filled with family photos and a small wine collection—are provided by the order. "The first time I had to countersign a check and just hand it in—as idealistic as I can be, that was a little stunning," he says. "It takes some getting used to." So does the fact that he will never marry or have children, which he says was far more difficult in the beginning. "I think the qualities that would make a good friar would also make

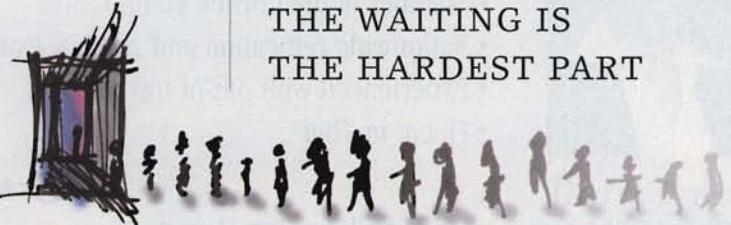
a good husband and father," he says, "but I've chosen not to do that."

At All Saints, Sulmasy lives in a community of five Franciscans, including the priest who is chaplain to the city's fire department. He notes that even if Catholic clergy were someday allowed to marry, it wouldn't apply to him, due to the communal nature of his order. His parents,

though somewhat surprised by his calling, have accepted it; it didn't hurt, he admits with a smile, that there were three other siblings to provide the grandchildren. "They're happy that I'm happy," he says. "But it's not every parent's vision that 'their son the doctor' would also be 'their son the friar.'"

—Beth Saulnier

## Battle Line



### FOR QUEUE EXPERT DUNCAN DICKSON, THE WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART

**I**magine waiting in line for Space Mountain at Disney World while dining with Mickey and Minnie Mouse across the park. With FastPass, a "virtual queue" computer program, the theme park's guests can wait for rides while exploring other attractions. It's part of a trend in the hospitality and service industries, which are using new technology to battle an ancient foe: waiting. "Wherever there are lines, people are working on ways to lessen lines," says Duncan Dickson '77, MPS '00, a professor at the Rosen College of Hospitality in Florida. "People are not spending money if they're in line."

In "Managing Real and Virtual Waits in Hospitality and Service Organizations," recently published in the *Cornell Hotel and Restaurant Administration Quarterly*, Dickson and fellow Rosen professors Robert Ford and Bruce Laval explore several strategies for minimizing the negative aspects of waiting. Businesses can better match capacity with demand, or they can simply alter the perception of the wait. "It used to be when you went into a bank, you waited in line for the teller you selected," Dickson says. "Now 95 percent of banks have serpentine lines, where five tellers feed off one line. This is because of the perceived unfairness of feeling like you selected the wrong line." The latest line-busting technique makes the wait vanish: hotels now offer self-serve kiosks for checking in, while airports allow customers to print their own boarding passes. Since introducing its FastPass system in 1998, Disney has measured an increase in customer satisfaction through surveys and so-called "secret shoppers"—park employees who stand in lines and listen to guests. "The guests love it because it allows them to basically wait in two queues at the same time," Dickson says.

There are striking cultural differences in degrees of tolerance for waiting, says Dickson. "The Japanese are much better line-waiters than Americans," he notes. "Germans are terrible line-waiters." But no matter who's queueing up, understanding human nature is the key to keeping customers happy. "A known wait is much shorter than an unknown wait. If I say from this point it is going to be forty-five minutes, typically what the theme park companies do is ensure that you are within forty minutes, so you feel like you scammed them for five minutes. There's a little thrill of victory—'I'm a better line-waiter than they said I'd be.'"

—Megs DiDario '07

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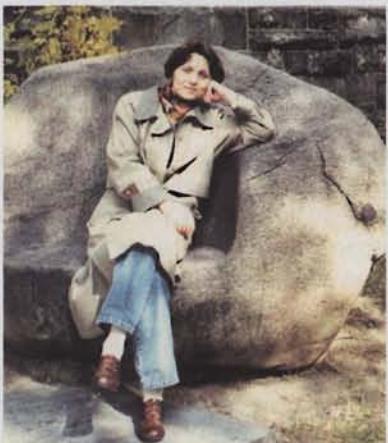
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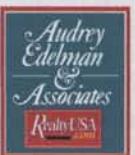
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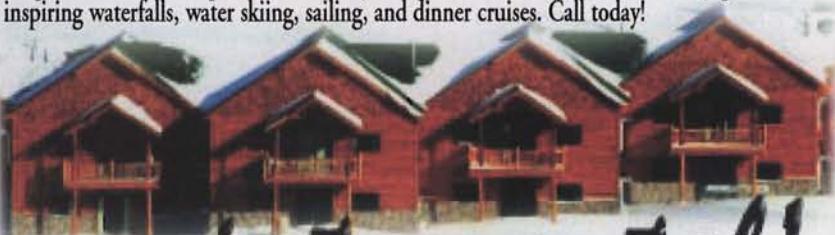
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# The Preacher's Life

## By David Dudley

Nick Salvatore is used to getting good reviews. His first book, 1982's *Eugene V. Debs: Citizen and Socialist*, won the Bancroft Prize for American history, one of the most prestigious awards in the field. But in February, the biographer and historian received another kind of accolade entirely: the great Aretha Franklin, Lady Soul herself, introduced him at a book signing in Detroit by singing "Amazing Grace."

Salvatore's latest work, *Singing in a Strange Land: C.L. Franklin, the Black Church, and the Transformation of America*, chronicles the rise and fall of the Reverend C.L. Franklin, among the most famous preachers in black America throughout the 1950s and 1960s. He was also Aretha's father, and for Salvatore, the song she performed from the pulpit of New Bethel Baptist Church, where her late father once preached, was "her comment that this was a good event"—an official seal of approval from the famously press-averse R&B diva. This was no mean feat: Aretha is deeply protective of her family and private life, and Salvatore's account lays bare the details of the preacher's all-too-human failings.

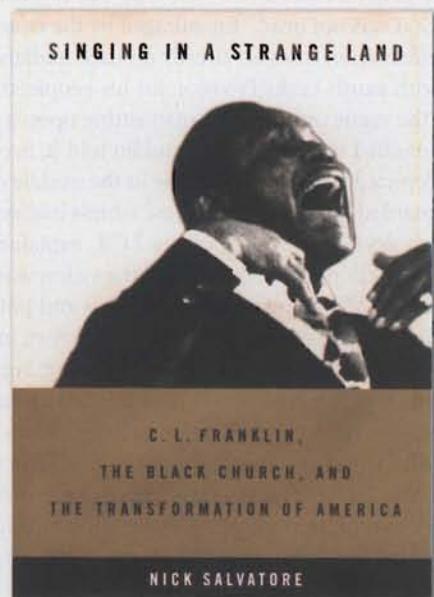
Franklin the elder was a superstar on the gospel circuit whose Sunday evening radio sermons reached a national audience. He was also an inveterate womanizer whose secular appetites occasionally scandalized his flock: he fathered an illegitimate daughter, spent his evenings at nightclubs with prominent entertainers, was once arrested for marijuana possession, and eventually ran afoul of the IRS. Salvatore spent eight years researching the life and times of the controversial preacher, who died in 1984 and had never been the subject of a biography.

The process required delicate overtures to the famous Franklin clan. "There were major issues of trust involved," says Salvatore, who first approached eldest daughter Erma Franklin, the family's unofficial archivist. "It came down to a question she was very concerned about: what were my intentions? We had an ongoing discussion over a number of years, and each time the stakes got higher. C.L. was one of the most charismatic men in Detroit. He was constantly squiring women around town—he was very up-front about it. I told Erma I wasn't going to pretend that none of that happened. I didn't want it to be a sponsored biography."

Ultimately, Salvatore succeeded in winning the confidence of Erma Franklin, who died in 2002 after a battle with cancer. "I got what I can only describe as incredible access," says Salvatore, who talked to scores of family members and associates. He also found himself practicing the unfamiliar

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### Biographer Nick Salvatore reveals an unsung hero of the civil rights movement



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# 'Can These Bones Live?'

**D**ry Bones in the Valley" was among the most challenging sermons a black preacher could deliver. Some ministers shied away from it throughout their careers, unwilling to take on its complex mix of deep faith, collective self-criticism, and existential doubt in the context of their own era. C.L.'s version of "Dry Bones," recorded when he was nearly forty years old, was a mature version of a sermon he had given before but delivered now by a man in full possession of his preaching powers.

Franklin began by reading Ezekiel 37:1-4, where the Lord placed the prophet Ezekiel in a valley full of dry bones and, after surveying the valley, asked, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel responded, "O, Lord God, thou knowest," to which the Lord demanded, "Prophesy from these bones, and say unto them, 'O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.'" As an anticipatory murmuring snaked through the pews, C.L. announced his theme: "the prophet and the valley of dry bones."

Introducing Ezekiel, a young man trained as a priest of Israel, C.L. stressed that the meaning of Ezekiel's vision was to convince Israel that "her God had not fallen, and her God was not dead." Encouraged by the cries and shouts of affirmation from an already aroused audience, he painted with words Ezekiel's vision for his people: the prophet saw "the vague outlines of a man sitting upon a chariot throne engulfed in a cloud." As Franklin told it, Ezekiel's vision depicted "wheels that he saw in the middle of wheels," guarded by angels, and "these wheels had eyes, and . . . did not deviate from their course." C.L. explained that the prophet's purpose in retelling the vision was to remind Israel of "the overruling Providence and power of God," that God's plans included them. The first, innermost wheel represented Israel and was ever moving. Superimposed on that was Babylon's wheel, also in constant motion, its positioning reflective of Israel's captivity within Babylon. A third wheel, encompassing the others, represented "God's universal wheel and God's universal plan." All the wheels were in motion simultaneously, and an Israelite or a Babylonian might imagine that one or the other of their wheels dominated at a given moment; but the movement of all the wheels reflected the deeper truth that "all of God's plans are

always moving," for "God's plans never stand still." The congregation cried out yet again, and C.L., tempering their emotion while drawing them yet closer, calmly asked them to "Pray with me if you please," as he shifted into his next section.

In Ezekiel's vision, "Babylon was a desolate place." Considered in its day one of the world's great cities, Babylon was to a captive Israel nothing but "a valley of depravity . . . of disfranchisement . . . of hopelessness, a valley of dry bones, a valley of lifelessness." Amid cries from the deacons in the chairs behind the pulpit to "take your time" and pace the delivery, C.L. asked how a city as proclaimed as Babylon could yet be perceived as a valley. "Well," he began,

*you see, a city may be one thing to one people, or a country may mean one thing to one people, and altogether another thing to another people. When the white Europeans came to this country, embarked upon these shores, America to them was a land of promise, was a mountaintop of possibilities, was a mountaintop of adventure. But to the Negro, when he embarked upon these shores, America to him was a valley: a valley of slave huts, a valley of slavery and oppression, a valley of sorrow; so that often we had to sing: "One of these days, I'm going to eat at the feasting table"; "One of these days, the chariot of God will swing low."*

Barely five minutes into the sermon, C.L. had already presented two central, interwoven themes: the force of God's providential plans (Israel's "God had not fallen . . .") and the incorporation into those plans of the African American historical experience ("One of these days . . ."). He did something else as well. In contrasting the experiences of European and African Americans in the American promised land, C.L. sketched the outlines of an alternative historical vision that acknowledged the fundamentally different histories of blacks and whites on these shores. One person's bondage was, in fact, the basis of another person's freedom.

The valley of "Israel's Babylonian situation" was a symbol, he explained, a metaphor. A valley is, by definition, "a low place between mountains." In this case, those mountains represented the various barriers—economic, social, political, and religious—to freedom. But C.L.'s point was not a crude application of a sacred text to a secular context. The prophet was "in the Spirit," possessed by God, when he envisioned the valley; the prophet remained in the Spirit as the Lord "led him to the midst of the valley and sat him down" to ponder "the heart of Israel's problems, and Israel's situation in Babylon." When the survey of Israel's problems, that "valley of dry bones," was complete, "the Lord posed a question" to the prophet. "'Son of man,' " the preacher intoned, thumping his hand rhythmically on the pulpit and stretching out his words as he incanted, "I wish you could hear him say that. '*So-on of ma-an, ca-an the-e bo-ones live?*'" A controlled pandemonium engulfed the pews, people shouting out "Amen" and "Yes, sir!" Deep, appreciative laughter—the result, perhaps, of a sharp recognition of the challenge, the immediacy in Franklin's words—broke out near

the microphone, and cries of anticipation for what was yet to come traveled down from the balcony to the main floor and back. Simultaneously, one could hear again from the deacon's chairs behind the preacher the caution, reflecting a desire to prolong the moment as well as the preacher's energy, to "Take your time, sir."

As he waited for the emotion to pass, Franklin turned his



COURTESY OF ERMA FRANKLIN

**Family man: C.L. Franklin with his children in 1952, one year after his appointment to New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit. From left: Cecil, Erma, Carolyn, and Aretha.**

attention to a fundamental problem of human existence. That phrase, "son of man," he told his audience, ached with the weight of humanity's limitations. Any "son of man" might be a scholar, a doctor, a psychologist, or a psychiatrist, well versed in human "drives and reactions and responses and tendencies," Franklin suggested, with a melodic emphasis on certain words anticipating the whoop yet to come. Human knowledge has explored the physical and psychological world, achieving much good in the process. But the central question remained: "I want to know, with all of this knowledge, can you tell me: *Can these bo-ones live? Can these bo-o-nies live?*" With all of human knowledge at hand, neither the prophet nor humanity, past nor present, could respond, and the prophet "had to give up." Before the presence of evil, embedded deep in the human soul and reflected here in the image of Babylon as a valley of death and desiccation, mankind was powerless to do more than diagnose the case. "What we can't do is write a prescription," the preacher taught by familiar analogy. "So the prophet had to say, 'Lord, thou knowest. Lord, thou knowest,'" and trust that "ultimately, if we have faith, he'll give us the answer."

That power and pervasiveness of evil, the human suffering it entails, and mankind's blindness in the face of it raised fun-

damental questions for those in the pews. If God's providence toward his people was real, how could he allow such suffering? There was no simple answer. As he transitioned into his whoop, Franklin recalled his thinking regarding the starkness of the prophet's existential dread: "The loneliness of it. The frustration of it."

"If you want the answer," God told the prophet, the answer to the multiple aspects of the "Babylonian problem," then "you go out . . . and preach to those dry bones." C.L., with droplets of sweat glimmering against his dark face, shaped the prophet's protestations to convey his own experience: "Some of the living souls that I preach to don't respond to me, and what could I expect from dry bones?" "What can I preach to dry bones about," Ezekiel implored his God from the depths of his fear and isolation. "What kind of text can I use?" The answer was immediate: "Tell those dry bones / to hear the word of the Lord, / to hear the word of the Lord." The prophet preached day and night in the valley, growing increasingly discouraged and despondent as the bones

remained inert. Through that central paradox that wrests salvation from suffering, the faith of Franklin's Old Testament prophet grew stronger from the very pain he bore. Thus the prophet preached again and yet again, although "not able to see what the results would be." But then:

*One morning,  
the valley began to rumble,  
yes it did.  
One morning  
the valley began to shake,  
and  
there was a mighty  
moving around.*

On that morning, Franklin sang, Ezekiel "saw the old dry bones / in motion," and the New Bethel congregation exploded with a joyous exultation of faith rewarded. C.L., in full whoop, in key, with his message focused, chanted the skeletal bones back toward wholeness, much as the prophet had. The foot bone searched out an ankle, which in turn

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found the knee bone, and then the thigh and the hip bones, "moving toward back bones," to the shoulder, the neck, and finally the head, redeeming the bones from desolation, creating from a fractured hopelessness the possibility of human wholeness. All the while this prophet's voice "kept on preaching, / 'O ye dry bones / hear the word of the Lord.'"

With the congregation nearly overcome by the hurt of the joy within, Franklin explained what happened next. As God created the flesh to cover the bones that were, as yet, but lifeless corpses, he ordered the prophet to

*Turn now  
and preach to the wind.  
Tell the wind  
that God wants the wind to blow,  
... and blow breath into these bodies.*

Twenty-nine times in his conclusion, Franklin chanted of God's "words" or his "Word," the ultimate protection against the wrenching despair Ezekiel suffered. Human efforts were important, C.L. reiterated, but they may pass away while "his word will always stand." And when these earthly trials are over, "when I get on to the [River] Jordan, / I want his Word right there":

*I want him to let his Word  
be shaped like a vessel  
and let my so-o-ul  
o-o-o-ohh, step on over.*

This was the faith that could transform a valley of dry bones—indeed, transform anything.

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skill of live interviewing (his previous scholarly work involved nineteenth-century figures) while penetrating an unfamiliar world. "People said to me, 'Why are you, a white guy, doing this book?' All I can say is that, with Erma Franklin, the issue of race never came up. What she said to me was, 'I want to know how much you know about African-American history.' Erma wanted to make certain that I had enough humility to ask questions when I didn't know. But that's the mark of a good historian, and I hope I had it."

Salvatore seems an unlikely pursuer of celebrity rumor. A garrulous grandfather with a bushy gray moustache and a native Brooklyn honk, he has taught history in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations since 1981. What drew him to C.L. Franklin wasn't the preacher's lifestyle but his sermons—fiery blends of prophecy and politics that helped fuel the early civil rights movement. "C.L. constantly raises the issue of the need to develop both a personal voice and a collective voice," Salvatore says. "He would chastise his congregation because they exhibited too much comfort with the slave psychology. At one point he says, 'Those of you that think you're so holy that you don't think you have to worry about who's riding in the cop cars, you've got too much religion.'"

**Protest: On June 23, 1963—less than two weeks after the murder of Medgar Evers in Mississippi—Martin Luther King Jr. joined Franklin (right of King, in hat) to lead more than 125,000 marchers down Detroit's Woodward Avenue.**



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Born in rural poverty in the Mississippi Delta in 1915, Clarence LaVaughn Franklin never made it past the sixth grade. He was called to preach after a conversion experience at sixteen; at twenty-two he became the pastor of a small Memphis church. His skills in the pulpit proved his ticket out of the Jim Crow South as he followed the great migration of rural blacks to Buffalo and Detroit. At the height of his popularity, Franklin wielded national influence far beyond his inner-city congregation. He counted Martin Luther King Jr. and Ray Charles among his many fans and played a behind-the-scenes power broker role in the political alliance-building that marked the early stages of the civil rights movement. But what struck Salvatore was the thematic complexity of the messages he spread in the rousing, propulsive “sacred performances” that made his fame. Franklin was a “whooper,” one of the most accomplished in the Afro-Baptist tradition, whose sermons were built on semi-improvised call-and-response patterns that climaxed in delirious half-chanted, half-sung finales. “The key to understanding C.L. Franklin’s sermons is to read Ralph Ellison or listen to Charlie Parker,” says Salvatore. “He understood the heart of improvisation—you’ve got to know your scales. Franklin would go into the pulpit with this five-by-eight card. He had just a couple of phrases and words. But the sermon was imbued in him enough that he knew where he was going, and he simply trusted he would find the right words.”

*Singing in a Strange Land* takes its title from Franklin’s most well-known sermon, which is based on a line in the 137th Psalm, “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”—the lament of the Israelites commanded to sing by their Babylonian captors. “In the sermon, he takes the position that the Israelites should have sung—they *had* to sing,” Salvatore says. “He’s really doing a twist—unlike the Biblical Israelites, African Americans were in a promised land, but they were in somebody else’s promised land. He’s encouraging people to develop and explore an alternative historical vision to the dominant one that most Americans embraced. The reason we have to sing is because that’s the only way we can both dissent from that experience and affirm the ultimate promise of an American democratic idea. Even when you can’t act,

you can sing.”

Salvatore studied seventy-five of Franklin’s sermons, both written transcriptions and recordings that he listened to—repeatedly. “He really sort of submerged himself,” says UC Davis historian Clarence Walker, a friend since their grad school days at Berkeley. “I’d call up on Sunday morning and there’d be gospel music blaring away in the back of his house. ‘I’m going to church,’ he’d say.” Salvatore interviewed scores of Baptist preachers, taught himself the cultural landscape of the Afro-Baptist world, and arranged his research trips to Detroit so he could stay for Sunday services at New Bethel. The experience was nothing less than transformative. “He felt an enormous connection with this world of faith,” says Salvatore’s wife, Ann Sullivan ’69, who often accompanied her husband. “He really got something personal and special out of those services.”

**S**alvatore, raised Catholic but long uncommitted, says that many of his colleagues are squeamish about confronting the primacy of faith institutions in American social movements. “Social historians write as if nobody ever went to church,” he says. “It’s just not true—it certainly wasn’t true in my working-class neighborhood in Brooklyn. It’s not that we think religion is the only thing happening here, but we know from our own lives that religion can be a very important motivating force, both pro and con. We have to start paying more attention to it. I’d write this, and people would either not comment or they’d suggest I’d gone over to the dark side. That just got me more and more intrigued.”

Such leaps of faith are typical of Salvatore’s life and career. He dropped out of Fordham University in 1963 after three semesters as a classics major (“I had no idea what I was doing”), then worked as a trucker’s helper in New York City, joining Teamster Local 808. He also became deeply involved in the civil rights and then anti-war movements. Re-inspired by the mid-Sixties roil of politics and ideas, he returned to school—Hunter College in the Bronx—as a history major, with vague plans of teaching high school. Instead, his professors pushed him to consider gradu-

ate school. “The Teamster in me marveled that somebody would actually pay me to read books.”

At Berkeley in 1968, Salvatore studied African-American history with Pulitzer Prize winner Leon Litwack and discovered a fascination with the genre of biography. Older than many of the other students and increasingly dismayed by the violent turn that the anti-war movement had taken, the ex-Teamster from New York “brought a different perspective” to the classroom, recalls Litwack. “Nick was a special student, with an insatiable curiosity.” He wrote his thesis on the American socialist movement of the late nineteenth century and eventually fashioned the material into *Eugene V. Debs: Citizen and Socialist*, now considered the definitive Debs biography. The book’s warts-and-all portrait of the father of American socialism in part reflected Salvatore’s own disenchantment with the New Left of the 1960s. “Nick has always had the intellectual honesty and rigor to avoid falling into the radical romanticism that plagues books of these kinds,” says Litwack. “He demonstrates a feeling for ambiguity that goes with having both an objective sense of the person’s frailties and an extraordinary empathy for their achievements. And that’s hard to do.”

The thematic link from the outspokenly anti-religious Midwestern socialist to the passionate Afro-Baptist preacher is less tenuous than it may appear. “I think all my books are about different faith commitments,” says Salvatore, who is now at work editing *Faith and the Historian: A Catholic Perspective*, a collection of essays from eight historians who have been, as Salvatore says, “touched by Catholicism.” In his own contribution, he recounts his first experiences attending services at New Bethel. “I was deeply moved,” he says. “And yet, what is this? What is this praying stuff that’s going on?”

He laughs. He’s still not sure. Long after he no longer needed to go to New Bethel for research purposes, Salvatore continued to attend services, though he stopped short of formally joining the church. “I clearly was going back for another reason,” he says. “There was a discovery of the sense of the spiritual—as opposed to necessarily the religious, understood here in its institutional forms—that I did experience. And that felt good to me. That felt fine.”



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**The great indoors:** The Duffield Hall atrium is a spectacular new meeting place on the Engineering Quad.

The focus is on the building's interior. The atrium is a bright, airy space with large windows on three sides. A spiral staircase leads up to a mezzanine level where more people are gathered. The floor is made of polished concrete, and there are several small tables and chairs where people are sitting and talking. The overall atmosphere is one of a modern, open, and welcoming space.

**Construction reaches a fever pitch... with more to come**

# Building Boom

By  
Jim Roberts  
and Susan Kelley



If there is one constant on the Cornell campus, it's construction signs. Something is always being razed, refurbished, expanded, or built. In recent years students, faculty, and staff have had to dodge around barricades at dozens of projects, from the renovation of venerable buildings like White Hall to the erection of such state-of-the-art structures as the new North Campus dorms and Duffield Hall. But that, it turns out, was just the preamble. Over the next decade, construction will begin on capital projects totaling more than \$1 billion—the biggest building boom on the Hill in forty years.

"If you look at the growth of the campus, since 1950 more than 1 million square feet have been added in every decade," says Steve Campbell, the University's associate vice president for facilities services. "The last big growth spurt was in the Sixties, when more than 2 million square feet were added at the same time we hired a lot of new faculty. And just as those faculty are now coming of age and retiring, the same is true of the buildings."

Colleges are "loath to tear down anything," says Campbell, so Cornell will renovate many older facilities over the next ten years. But there will also be an explosion of new construction, including some very large buildings. Ground was recently broken for the 250,000-square-foot Life Sciences Technology Building, slated for completion in 2007. Another facility of about the same size will

be constructed for the physical sciences, on a site adjacent to Clark Hall. And President Lehman's call for Cornell to be a leader on "wisdom in the age of digital information" mandates a new facility for computer science, on a site not yet determined. According to Campbell, that structure could be as big—or bigger—than the Life Sciences Technology Building.

The sheer bulk of such buildings is attributable to the demands of modern scientific research. "Laboratory buildings are by nature huge and monolithic," Campbell says. "These are big spaceships that are landing on campus.

Their siting and how they align with the fabric of campus are big issues. Is this going to continue to be a pastoral campus of green hills with buildings dotting it? Or is it going to be an urban campus with walls of buildings?"

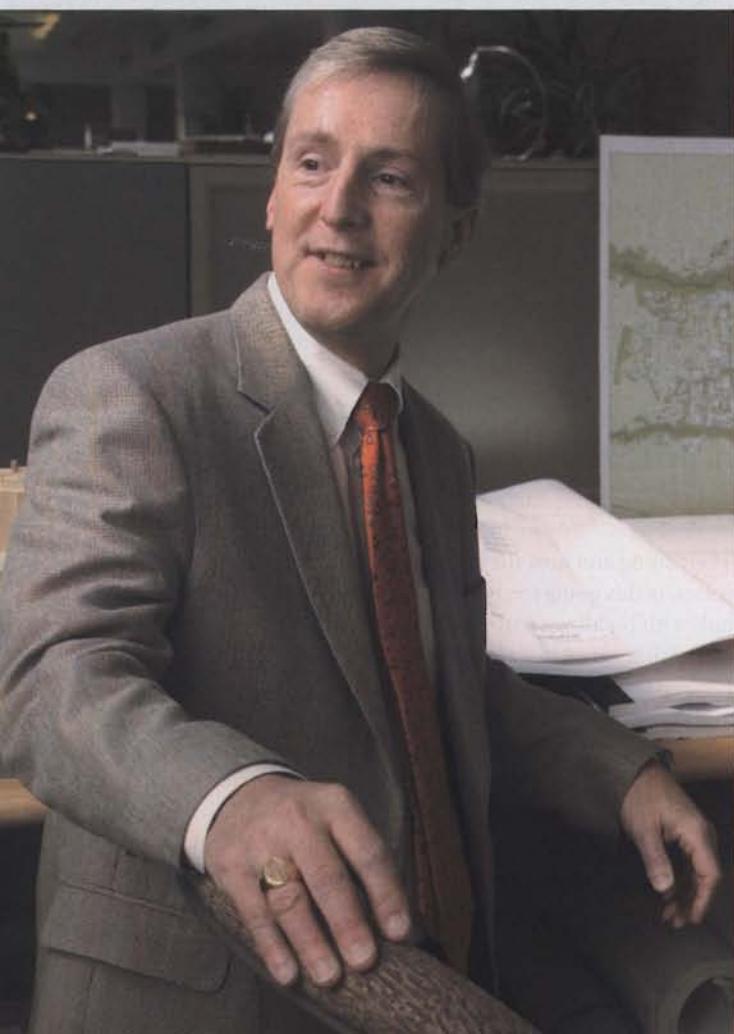
The strong desire of most Cornellians to maintain green space and open vistas means we may have to reshape our notion of what constitutes the core campus. In the future, there could be new academic centers to the east of the Ag Quad—groups of buildings that will spread the campus infrastructure over a wider area. This suggests the need for a master plan that looks forward to the University's sesquicentennial—and beyond.

In recent years, Cornell has not had a formal master plan, although there have been plans for the "precincts" into which the

campus has been divided and there have been generally recognized principles to guide campus development, says Hal Craft '60, PhD '70, the University's longtime vice president for administration, who retired at the end of April. "For instance, we have followed the principle of concentrating academic activity in the core of the campus," says Craft. "Whether that will continue to hold true in the future, I don't know."

Such questions will be tackled by Campbell and his new boss, Stephen Golding, who assumed the post of executive vice president for finance and administration on May 2. Developing a master plan, Campbell says, would provide a "logical context for development" and help to streamline the regulatory-approval process. In addition to designating the areas where future buildings will be sited and spelling out how such ancillary concerns as access roads and landscaping should be handled, it's likely to include provisions for more parking—a prospect sure to startle campus veterans accustomed to seeing parking spaces swallowed by new buildings.

**C**ornell is not alone in its relentless expansion. In March, a "Campus Architecture" supplement to the *Chronicle of Higher Education* cited a speech by President Lee Bollinger of Columbia University in which he said, "Most universities seem to grow a million square feet a decade. Two million is not unusual." At Cornell, the commitment to "any study" makes the imperative for such rapid growth almost inevitable. As the boundaries of disciplines expand—and overlap—new facilities are required to accommo-



## Projects Completed 1995-2005

### Ho Plaza

**Location:** Former Central Avenue, from Campus Road to McGraw Tower

**Type:** Replace roadway with pedestrian mall

**Start date:** June 1994

**Completion date:** May 1995

**Total cost:** \$2 million

**Architect:** John Ullberg

Conversion of the Central Avenue cul de sac to a pedestrian mall that supports student activities and serves as a gateway to central campus.

### Sage Hall

**Location:** East Avenue and Campus Road

**Type:** Restoration and reconstruction

**Start date:** April 1996

**Completion date:** August 1998

**Total cost:** \$38 million

**Architect:** The Hillier Group

Reconstruction of the 1874 landmark structure, providing the Johnson School with 60 percent more space than its former home, Malott Hall. Key features include a trading center with live data from world financial markets, a "negotiations laboratory," and the return of the building's spire, which had been missing for fifty years.



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date research and collaboration. The need for the Life Sciences Technology Building can be traced back to the mid-1990s, when faculty began to realize the implications of genomics and biomedical research. Such developments are now driving the plans for the physical sciences building, the computer science center, and other projects.

The interdisciplinary nature of much current research poses unique challenges. In addition to constructing new buildings, Cornell will have to expand its information technology connections, both within the central campus and between Ithaca and the medical college in New York City. It also means that new buildings should have flexible floor plans, so they can be altered to meet future research needs without extensive renovation. Such flexibility comes at a high price. "We're trying to build generic lab facilities that aren't tailored to a specific discipline or department," says Campbell, "but building in flexibility increases the initial cost."

As costly as many of these capital projects are, Cornell must continue to expand if it is to retain its position as an academic leader. The following pages highlight some of the major renovation and building projects that have been completed since 1995, are under way now, and are anticipated for the upcoming decade. This overview is by no means comprehensive—there are many more projects on the books or being considered, and others are sure to be proposed. It also does not include projects away from the central campus, such as the construction of the new Lab of Ornithology. But it does, we hope, give a sense of how the Hill is being transformed, and will continue to be transformed, by this unprecedented building boom.

**Planning ahead: Steve Campbell, associate vice president for facilities services, follows the progress of dozens of building projects on the campus—and beyond.**

### McGraw Tower

**Location:** Arts Quad

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** January 1998

**Completion date:** April 1999

**Total cost:** \$2 million

**Architect:** Project manager James Bucko

Restoration of the 173-foot clock tower erected in 1891 to house chimes donated by Jennie McGraw. Along with repairs to the exterior mortar and sandstone, the tower's nineteen chimes were tuned and two additional bells were cast.



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### Lincoln Hall

**Location:** Arts Quad

**Type:** Renovation and expansion

**Start date:** March 1998

**Completion date:** September 2000

Original building was renovated and a 19,000-square-foot wing attached to the east façade, providing the music library with 70 percent more space, as well as acoustically engineered classrooms and practice rooms, a two-story gamelan room, and a digital music lab.

**Total cost:** \$19 million

**Architect:** Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott



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### Mews Hall, Court Hall, and Appel Commons

**Location:** North Campus

**Type:** Construction

**Start date:** March 2000

**Completion date:**

August 2001

**Architect:** Mews Hall and Court Hall: The Hillier Group; Appel

Commons: Dagit Saylor Architects

**Total cost:** \$15 million each for Mews and Court; \$11 million for Appel Commons

To create a new home for first-year students, a large site was prepared and three buildings constructed: a pair of 90,000-square-foot, 260-bed residence halls and a student center with a 600-seat marketplace-type dining hall, a large multipurpose room, and a fitness center.



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### Friedman Wrestling Center

**Location:** Campus Road, east of Bartels Hall

**Type:** Construction

**Start date:** November 2000

**Completion date:** October 2002

**Total cost:** \$3.5 million

**Architect:** Cannon Design

The only freestanding wrestling-only facility on an American university campus, this 15,000-square-foot building houses a competition/training arena, plus offices, locker areas, and training and weight rooms.



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### White Hall

**Location:** Arts Quad

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** June 2000

**Completion date:** January 2003

**Total cost:** \$12 million

**Architect:** Peter Gisolfi Associates

Complete renovation of one of Cornell's original "Stone Row" buildings. The Florentine-style exterior remains the same, but the interior was gutted to make way for a new floor plan centered around an atrium.

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### Duffield Hall

**Location:** Engineering Quad

**Type:** Construction

**Start date:** June 2001

**Completion date:**

October 2004

**Total cost:**

\$58.5 million

**Architects:** Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership; Hallam ICS Engineering



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### Beck Center/Statler Hall

**Location:** Corner of Statler Drive and Campus Road

**Type:** Renovation and expansion

**Start date:** January 2003

Attached to the eastern end of Statler Hall, the 35,000-square-foot Beck Center features a three-story glass-walled atrium with interior balconies. Amenities include high-tech classrooms, interview rooms, a computer lab, and a hospitality suite.

**Completion date:** October 2004

**Total cost:** \$16 million

**Architect:** KSS Architects



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### Cook House and Becker House

**Location:** West Campus

**Type:** Construction

**Start date:** March 2003

**Completion date:** August 2005

**Total cost:** \$75.5 million

**Architect:** Kieran Timberlake Associates LLP

The Class of '22 and Class of '28 U-Halls were demolished to make space for the first two "living and learning" residence halls built for the West Campus Residential Initiative: Alice Cook House, which opened last August, and Carl Becker House, which will open this fall. Each building includes its own dining hall, common room, library, and faculty apartments.



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### Riley-Robb Hall

**Location:** Campus Road

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** April 2004

**Completion date:** March 2005

**Total cost:** \$5.5 million

**Architect:** HOLT Architects

Renovation of 18,000 square feet in the north wing, including construction of new wet labs and supporting infrastructure.

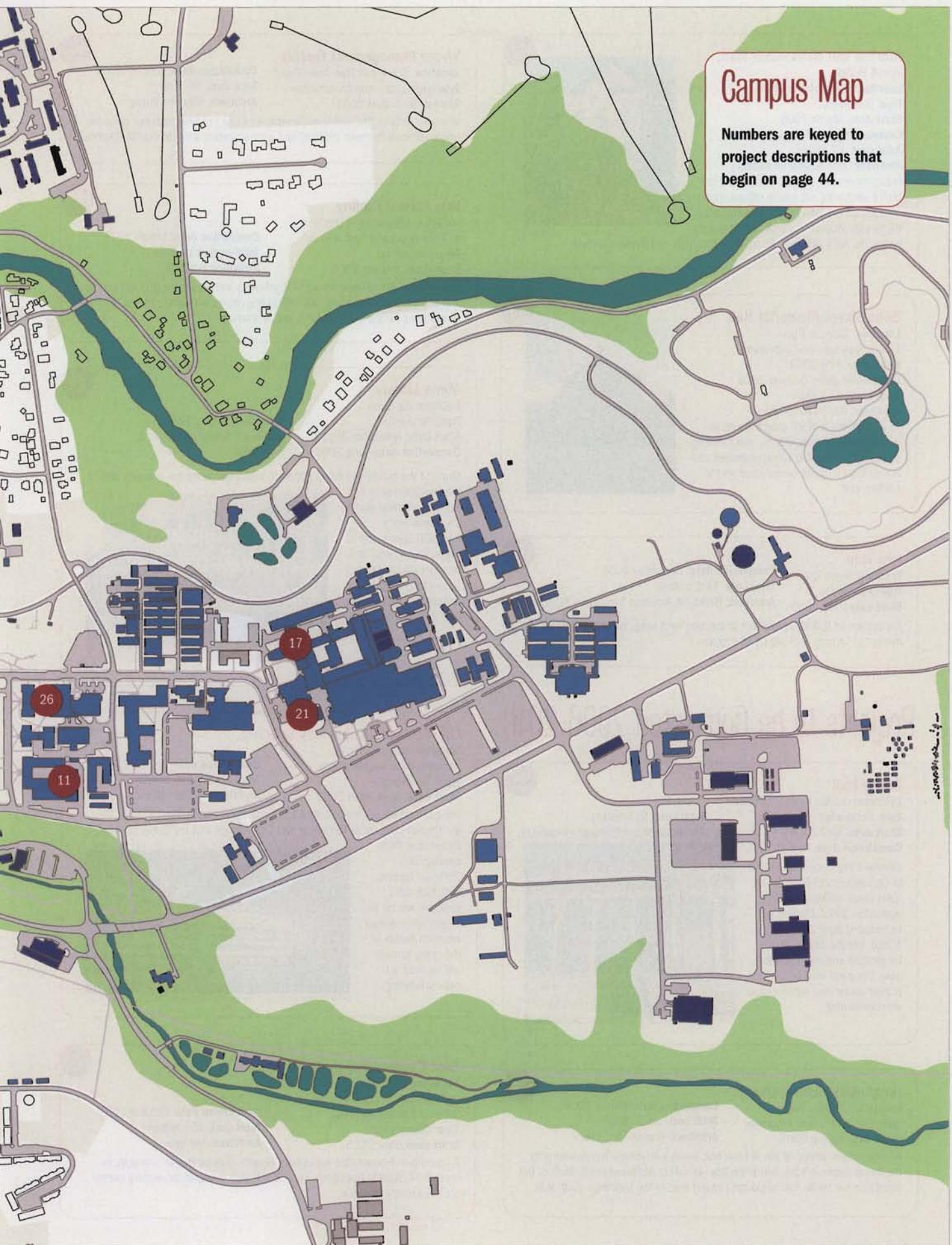


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## Campus Map

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project descriptions that  
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### Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, West Wing

**Location:** Forest Home Drive  
**Type:** Renovation  
**Start date:** March 2005  
**Completion date:** September 2005  
**Total cost:** \$3 million  
**Architect:** John Snyder Architects  
Improvements to 12,000 square feet in MVR's west wing will create offices, meeting rooms, and dry labs for the Department of Human Development. Landscaping will enhance the path between the west face of MVR and Garden Avenue.



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### Schoellkopf Memorial Hall

**Location:** Campus Road  
**Type:** Renovation and expansion  
**Start date:** May 2004  
**Completion date:** October 2005  
**Total cost:** \$8 million  
**Architect:** Sasaki Associates  
To provide the football program with improved locker rooms, offices, and meeting space, Schoellkopf is being renovated and an addition is being constructed on the eastern end.



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### Ives Hall

**Location:** Tower Road  
**Type:** Renovation  
**Start date:** May 2005  
Renovation of 6,000 square feet in the Ives west wing, including improvements to the forty-year-old HVAC system.

**Completion date:** December 2005

**Total cost:** \$1.5 million

**Architect:** Beckhard Richland Szerbaty + Associates

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## Projects to be Completed 2006-2010

### Bailey Hall

**Location:** Garden Avenue Extension

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** April 2004

**Completion date:** August 2006

Extensive improvements to one of Cornell's most historic—and most used—buildings, which opened in 1912. Seating will be reduced from 2,000 to 1,350, but the new seats will be roomier and more comfortable. There will also be improved sound and lighting—and air-conditioning.



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### Lynah Rink enhancements

**Location:** Campus Road

**Type:** Renovation and expansion

**Start date:** Spring 2006

A "modest freshening" of the famous rink, which will include improvements to the locker rooms, offices, and press box—and 450 additional seats. Most of the expansion will be on the concourse (upper) level of the building's south side.

**Completion date:** Winter 2006

**Total cost:** \$6.5 million

**Architect:** Rossetti Architects

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### Waste Management Facility

**Location:** Schurman Hall, Tower Road

**Type:** Demolition and construction

**Start date:** August 2005

Improvements to the facility will enable it to use not only heat but pressure and chemicals to make medical and animal wastes safe for landfill disposal.

**Completion date:** January 2007

**Total cost:** \$6 million

**Architect:** Malcolm Pirnie

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### Uris Animal Facility

**Location:** Basement of Uris Hall,

at Tower Road and East Avenue

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** January 2006

Researchers in the Department of Psychology will be getting 18,000 square feet of new and refurbished animal holding rooms, procedure rooms, and wet laboratories for the study of birds and mammals.

**Completion date:** March 2007

**Total cost:** \$9 million

**Architect:** Ballinger

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### Mann Library

**Location:** Ag Quad

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** November 2003

**Completion date:** June 2007

Much of the building is being gutted to make space for the research and teaching labs of the Bailey Hortorium and for the Herbarium's 845,000 specimens of algae, bryophytes, and vascular plants. Other renovations include restoration of the lobby and the reading room.



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### Life Sciences Technology Building

**Location:** Central campus,

western end of Alumni Fields

**Type:** Construction

**Start date:** September 2002

The centerpiece of Cornell's New Life Sciences Initiative, the LSTB will house the Cornell Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology and the Department of Biomedical Engineering. This

250,000-square-foot, four-story structure will be the largest life sciences research facility in the state; tunnels will connect it to nearby buildings.



**Completion date:** August 2007

**Total cost:** \$146 million

**Architect:** Richard Meier & Partners

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### East Campus Research Facility

**Location:** Northeast corner of Tower

and Campus roads, connected to the

Veterinary Research Tower

**Type:** Construction

**Start date:** June 2005

A four-story vivarium that will boost Cornell's "mouse house" capacity to more than 80,000 transgenic mice. It will also consolidate existing animal facilities on the campus.

**Completion date:** October 2007

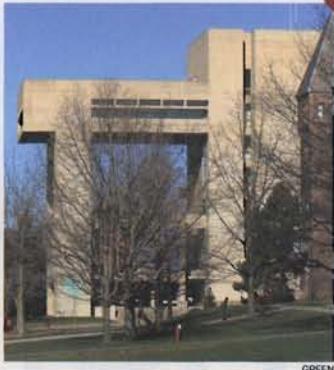
**Total cost:** \$55 million

**Architect:** Ballinger

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### Johnson Museum

**Location:** University and Central avenues  
**Type:** Renovation and expansion  
**Start date:** Late 2006  
**Completion date:** Late 2007  
**Total cost:** \$9 million  
**Architect:** Pei Cobb Freed LLC  
An addition to I.M. Pei's distinctive structure, largely sited underground, that will provide an additional 12,000 square feet of gallery, storage, and classroom space. It will extend northward, toward the gorge.



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### Milstein Hall

**Location:** Corner of East Avenue and University Avenue

**Completion date:** TBD

**Total cost:** \$24 million

**Architect:** TBD

**Start date:** TBD; currently on hold

Future home of the architecture department. Steven Holl's 2001 design—an aluminum-skinned cube—was greeted with a chorus of criticism; after a second selection process, Barkow Leibinger Architects produced a very different design that met much the same fate. In summer 2004, the University placed the project on hold pending further study.

### Three Residence Halls; Noyes Community and Recreation Center

**Location:** West Campus  
**Type:** Construction  
**Start date:** June 2005  
The next phase of the West Campus Residential Initiative, which involves demolition of the remaining U-Halls and the existing Noyes Community Center to make way for three new residence halls and a new community center. The new Noyes Center will include a gymnasium, multipurpose room, fitness center, and convenience store.

### Physical Sciences Building

**Location:** Clark Plaza, between Baker Lab and Rockefeller Hall  
**Type:** Construction  
**Start date:** July 2006  
**Completion date:** July 2010  
**Total cost:** \$125 million  
A new facility of approximately 185,000 square feet, intended to facilitate interdisciplinary research among the physical science departments.

**Architect:** Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann and Associates; design consultant: Koetter Kim Associates

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### Helen Newman Hall

**Location:** North Campus

**Type:** Renovation and expansion

**Total cost:** \$15 million (in 2001 dollars)

**Start date:** TBD; currently on hold

**Completion date:** TBD

This project, which is on hold pending funding, will include new gym, fitness, and swimming space, improvements to locker rooms, and replacement of obsolete mechanical and HVAC equipment.



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### Uris Library and Olin Library

**Location:** Arts Quad

**Type:** Renovation

**Start date:** TBD

**Completion date:** TBD

**Total cost:** TBD

**Architect:** TBD

Improvements to both of the main libraries, including refurbishment of public spaces and improvements to HVAC and sprinkler systems.



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## Completion Date to be Determined

### Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, North Wing

**Location:** Forest Home Drive  
**Type:** Demolition and new construction  
**Start date:** Design June 2005; construction TBD  
Because of structural defects found in 2001, the existing MVR North will be razed and replaced by a new building.

**Completion date:** Design January 2007; construction TBD

**Total cost:** \$36.5 million

**Architect:** TBD

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### Visitor Center

**Location:** Western end of Beebe Lake

**Completion date:** TBD

**Total cost:** \$8 million

**Architect:** Smith-Miller + Hawkinson

As planned, a contemporary glass structure that would replace Alumni House and Noyes Lodge, retaining their park-like setting and serving as a gateway to central campus. On hold pending funding.

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### Stocking Hall

**Location:** Tower Road  
**Type:** Renovation and possible addition  
**Start date:** Design September 2005; construction TBD  
**Completion date:** Design September 2007; construction TBD  
**Total cost:** \$25 million  
**Architect:** TBD  
Renovations for the Department of Food Science will provide for current and projected teaching, research, and extension programs.



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## Beauty and the Beast

What's the most beautiful building on the Cornell campus? What's the ugliest? Let us know what you think—and why. We will publish the results and selected comments in a future issue.

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# The Winner's Circle

In the annual race for scholarship money, Beth Fiori coaches Cornell's academic thoroughbreds

By Sharon Tregaskis

every September, Beth Fiori throws a ninety-minute party. She invites about eighty people to join her in a venue that drips Ivy League—a book-lined faculty lounge in Ives Hall full of leather couches, wing chairs, and rich oak paneling. As late afternoon sun streams through the windows, caterers drape a table at the center of the room with a white tablecloth, then mound it with stuffed mushrooms, duck spring rolls, and grape leaves. To drink, there's nothing stronger than lemonade: University policy restricts alcohol at events attended by under-age participants. Perhaps that's just as well, since this is a party with a purpose—to give prospective Rhodes and Marshall scholars an opportunity to practice their social graces on faculty, staff, and administrators.

Fiori, the University's fellowships coordinator, makes sure that everyone she invites to mingle with the aspiring scholars knows exactly what they're getting into. In the invitations, she warns that the student guests are "quite green." They have already filed their fellowship applications but haven't yet been vetted by the on-campus endorsement committee. "You would do them a service by engaging them in stimulating conversation and asking challenging or provocative questions when you meet them," she writes. "Questions about their aspirations, research, community service, and hobbies, and about current affairs, ethical issues, and moral

quandaries are all fair game."

The guests circulate efficiently, taking Fiori's suggestions seriously, and no one visits for more than a few minutes with the same people. Most of the students wear business casual attire—slacks and button-down shirts for the guys, women in dress pants and short-sleeve tops. In one corner, a senior who wants to study green business gets the names of environmentally conscious faculty members from an economics grad student, then excuses himself to greet a professor. Across the room, a government major holds

forth on campaign finance reform, the subject of his senior thesis, as an associate dean and a few fellow students listen attentively. In the middle of the room, a senior in Industrial and Labor Relations describes the independent research she hopes to parlay into her own thesis. Later in the week, the staff, faculty, and administrators Fiori invited will contact her with feedback, alerting her to those who slouch or monopolize conversation or need some coaching on appropriate attire.

Fiori, MA '87, spent almost two decades teaching German on campus and at nearby Hobart & William Smith Colleges.



KEVIN STEARNS / UP

**Winning way: Beth Fiori can spend up to eighteen months working with individual students in their pursuit of big-money awards.**

Now she marshals the best of her teaching skills as well as a knack for handling undergrads to guide the on-campus application process for about fifteen awards, including the two most prestigious—the Rhodes and Marshall—as well as the Truman, Goldwater, and Churchill. Some require that students carry a GPA of at least 3.7 and gain an endorsement from their university, while others are open to anyone who meets the criteria and files an application. Most demand that students generate a personal statement and propose a clear academic plan for their graduate study. Fiori helps students pick the awards for which they are best suited and coaches them as they gather reference letters and write their applications. She also coordinates the on-campus efforts to help applicants succeed: the “mocktail” party, a practice interview program that brings together professors from all of the colleges, and a network of former winners who consult on application writing and interview techniques. Sometimes, Fiori says, she thinks of the students she assists as “a paddock full of thoroughbreds,” and it’s her job to keep these high-strung academic athletes cool under pressure. “I’m working with very driven, very intelligent, sometimes very hard-on-themselves students who have extremely high expectations, and sometimes they need special handling,” she says. “They can often be overlooked in a big institution because we know they’re going to be terrific—they’re going to get 3.8s and 3.9s and 4.1s anyway.”

Since 1999, Cornellians have won five Marshall and two Rhodes fellowships, putting the University, as Fiori puts it, “solidly in the second tier, and within the top ten to fifteen schools in most scholarships.” (Harvard garnered twenty-one Marshalls and twenty-three Rhodes in the same period, with Stanford, MIT, West Point, and Yale close behind.) When it comes to the Goldwater, Udall, and Churchill, Cornell tops the list, beating out Harvard, Duke, and Princeton.

On a Monday afternoon in mid-September, a committee of four professors meets to decide whether Cornell should endorse Mikush Schwam-Baird ’02 for the Rhodes and Marshall. Computer scientist Graeme Bailey, senior lecturer in English Stuart Davis, anthropologist Davydd Greenwood, and former Marshall Scholar and neurobiologist Bob Wyttenbach, PhD ’96, have assembled around a table in a conference room in the basement of Barnes Hall. They will spend thirty minutes grilling Schwam-Baird, a college scholar whose independent major combined literature, theory, and creative writing.

The son of University of Florida professors, Schwam-Baird wrote his senior thesis on the civil rights struggle in Jacksonville. He spent a year after graduation working for the Service Employees International Union, first as a researcher, then as an organizer. Then he moved to Ocotal, Nicaragua, for eight months to assist a coffee farmers’ cooperative and manage a language and cultural



MIKUSH SCHWAM-BAIRD

**Extracurricular activity: The eight months that Mikush Schwam-Baird (bottom right) spent working in rural Nicaragua helped earn him a Marshall Scholarship.**

exchange program. In August, with only one year remaining before he hoped to start graduate school, Schwam-Baird decided to apply for the Rhodes, an award that provides two years of graduate study at Oxford for thirty-two Americans each year, and the Marshall, a fifty-year-old program that funds forty Americans through two years of study anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The group has barely taken their seats when the English-born Bailey challenges Schwam-Baird to justify his intention to study economic inequality at Oxford, an institution historically regarded as a bastion of privilege. Schwam-Baird responds by highlighting the entrance exams that have broadened Oxford's student body to include a wider range of students. "It's more meritocratic than simply requiring that people have the right parents," he says.

"Why is inequality a bad thing?" Wytenbach asks, pushing Schwam-Baird to think more deeply and mine his experience in Nicaragua for examples. Discussion moves briskly to voting patterns in the American Midwest, Schwam-Baird's recommendations for strengthening the Democratic Party, and the dissolution of the New Deal. The committee dissects Schwam-Baird's academic plan, his attitude toward economic theory, and his assessment of the worker collective movement in postwar Spain. Along the way, they touch on media coverage of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and John Kerry's stance on the war in Iraq.

Unlike most Cornell applicants, Schwam-Baird had already left campus when he started the process, so he relied on the Internet to collect information about his options from the Career Services website and request recommendation letters from former professors. He wrote his application in Nicaragua, and had a practice interview with Fiori over the phone. When it came time for his endorsement interview with the campus committee, Schwam-Baird had returned to the U.S. and made a special trip to campus. "I could have interviewed by phone, since Cornell couldn't provide money for my trip," he says. "But I wanted the experience of having had the interview, if Cornell endorsed me."

With their next candidate already waiting for her interview, the

committee thanks Schwam-Baird, and Fiori sees him to the door. "Let's admit it—I'm charmed," Davis says as she returns to her seat. "I know him by reputation, and his recommendation letters seem strong and persuasive." Wytenbach flips to the back of Schwam-Baird's application packet to scan the letters again. "Some could use editing," he says, reading an awkward construction aloud. Bailey points out that Schwam-Baird's personal statement would also benefit from revision. The committee agrees that the written application lacks the power of the candidate's personal style.

Greenwood wonders whether they should encourage Schwam-Baird to collect additional reference letters from individuals with more impressive positions on campus. "It's unfortunate that titles have that effect," says Bailey. "These letters are phenomenal." Davis offers to assist with the personal statement. "It's too literal," he says. "I'd like to see more ligature between his studies and the experience in Nicaragua." Bailey agrees: "His justification was good, but it came from the interview, not his

written application." They conclude with a consensus to endorse Schwam-Baird's candidacy for both the Marshall and the Rhodes, and move on to the next applicant.

Fiori says most fellowship committees offer a similarly intense scrutiny of the strengths and weaknesses of an application packet and almost always suggest improvements to endorsed students. "It can range from formatting and cleaning up typos to more substantive revisions," she says. "Usually even in the best of applications there's at least one weak response or essay conclusion that can be strengthened." Once the student provides a final version of the application and the committee furnishes its endorsement letter, Fiori submits the entire application to the national committee for consideration. "Proposing a course of study and creating a mission statement really forces you to articulate what you want to do and what you're interested in," says Schwam-Baird. "That's especially important for someone like me who was a college scholar—I studied literature, philosophy, politics; I was a union organizer; I went to Nicaragua. I had a sense I was interested in economic inequality, social justice, and fair wages, but I wasn't sure how to say that. The process forced me to take all of those experiences and synthesize them."

The week before Thanksgiving, Schwam-Baird got the word—of some 1,000 applicants for the Marshall, he'd made the final cut. This fall, he plans to study at Oxford, investigating the roles of labor unions, corporate interest, and private capital in the post-World War II debate about economic inequality in the U.K. and the U.S. Until then, he'll work in Washington, D.C., as an information technology researcher at Corporate Executive Board, a business consulting firm. Having already had a few years' work experience, Schwam-Baird says the entire process was less stressful for him than for some of his fellow applicants. "It was easier for me to relax," he says. "It also helped since it seemed I had something to back up what I was interested in. It gives you some perspective. I don't get fazed as much by being in a room with people I don't know."

**f**or junior Elisabeth Becker, the quest for a Truman scholarship—up to \$26,000 in graduate support for students who aspire to careers in public service or government—was just getting off the ground as Schwam-Baird heard from the Marshall committee. Becker, who was also a college scholar (she calls it the “make-up-your-own-major major”), has combined training in sociology with studies of the Kosovar refugee experience in preparation for a career that she hopes will someday include working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Unlike Schwam-Baird, Becker was on campus throughout the application process and took full advantage of meetings with Fiori, who served as a sounding board and application consultant. “Once I started writing, I was definitely sticking with this process,” says Becker, a Manhattan native who traveled to Kosovo last summer and plans to return this coming summer. “Realizing your strengths is really good, but you also realize your weaknesses. In terms of leadership, I felt like I didn’t lead in a conventional way and that was hard to put on paper. To sit in Beth’s office and spill your guts, then have her read the essay and say ‘that’s not what you wanted to convey’ helped a lot.”

In February, Becker learned she’d made the first cut and Fiori began scheduling practice interviews in preparation for Becker’s evaluation by the Truman committee. “I ask them to just bump up their preparation in terms of developing a mindset for talking about matters of substance easily and comfortably,” says Fiori of the two- to four-week period between the naming of finalists and the national interview. “Sometimes it’s just a matter of greasing the wheels and getting them used to talking with more facility. Sometimes that means making short presentations to me, reading the paper a little bit more, becoming even more actively intellectually engaged than they usually are.” The extra work paid off: In April, Becker learned that she had won a Truman, one of seventy-five recipients selected from 602 candidates.

For Somjen Frazer ’03, Fiori provided crucial insights on how to survive the process after she was endorsed for a Rhodes by the Cornell committee. “I didn’t know anything about the conventions of how you behave at functions or how you write an application,” says Frazer, currently at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where she studies homophobic hate crimes and police response in Britain. “Why would I? I’m basically a behind-the-scenes researcher and a bit of a grubby activist. Both my lack of knowledge of cocktail parties and my divergent take on leadership meant that I needed to catch up fast with



OLIVIA LOU, PH.D. '05

### Med student Michael Seidman

my fellow candidates, who were far more accustomed to situations that are similar to the Rhodes process.”

Michael Seidman ’00 worked with Fiori to win

two awards—the \$7,500 Goldwater, which provides funding to undergraduates who aspire to graduate degrees, and the Churchill, for engineering, math, and science students to spend a year studying in England. “Beth convinced me to go for it and was convinced I’d win long before I was,” says Seidman, now a fourth-year MD/PhD student at Weill Cornell Medical College. The stream-

## The Fellowship Ring

Most students spend close to a semester searching for the scholarship that best matches their interests and aspirations before meeting with fellowships coordinator Beth Fiori. “We do a much deeper analysis of whether this is a good fit, whether the student meets the criteria, and whether the scholarship really will get the student what he or she needs,” says Fiori. With fifteen to choose from, there’s a little bit of something for everyone.

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lined Goldwater process helped Seidman get a handle on competing (he calls it the “low-impact” of the prestigious awards), while his year in England profoundly shaped his current approach to research. “American scientists might say we want to know what this one little piece is, and extrapolate out from there, but the Europeans are much more willing to just go fishing. They wouldn’t necessarily have a hypothesis; they would just go in and explore.”

Fiori says she often spends close to eighteen months working with students, from the time she first contacts them to encourage their applications through graduation. “Some will meet with me as often as once or twice a week and have me read over portions of the application or at least the essay,” says Fiori. “Others will work more independently or with a faculty mentor or someone else.” In the case of physics major Josh Goldman ’02, who won a Goldwater, then a Marshall, Fiori provided invaluable assistance crafting the written application. “My grades were very, very high—top three or four in Arts,” says Goldman. “I anticipated competing with other students of that caliber. I had leadership experience and had done research all four years and expected to be up against people with similar credentials. I had the paper part down, but I had to really refine my interest in going to Cambridge, trying not to sound trite about the value of the cultural

experience, and through the practice interviews work on fielding questions and being personable.”

Now a graduate student at Harvard, Goldman studied applied math and theoretical physics during his first year in England and earned a master’s in the history of science during the second. This coming year, he’ll serve as a resident tutor at Lowell House, one of twelve undergraduate residences at Harvard. He and another graduate student will share the responsibilities of fellowship advisor for the house, shepherding students through the application-writing phase for U.K. fellowships, including the Marshall and Rhodes. “We try to sell the fellowships and get sophomores to start thinking about applying and juniors to start gathering recommendation letters,” says Goldman. “All of the administrative things Beth does at Cornell—connecting with faculty and details she has to handle—are handled by graduate students in each of the houses. That frees the fellowship staff to handle more substantive stuff.”

At Cornell, where Fiori is the only professional staff member explicitly charged with supporting the process, the fellowships coordinator relies on an informal network of faculty and staff who alert her to students with potential. Most of Fiori’s student contact happens in a windowless basement office in Barnes Hall, so she’s tried to make the space cozy and welcoming. A collection

# Secrets of their success

## Tips from the award application experts

Fellowships coordinator Beth Fiori calls the application process “a good challenge,” comparable to the rigor of writing an honors thesis or doing independent research. “The process insists that students be introspective, line up their ducks, see what their plans are, and think about a lot of things in their future earlier than they usually would,” she says. “It’s a good way to support excellent undergraduates at a large research institution.” Truman finalist Elisabeth Becker ’06 says the work involved is substantial. “Once you put even some of the effort in, you don’t want to drop it,” she says. “It’s like another course.” So what are students learning from this non-credit class?

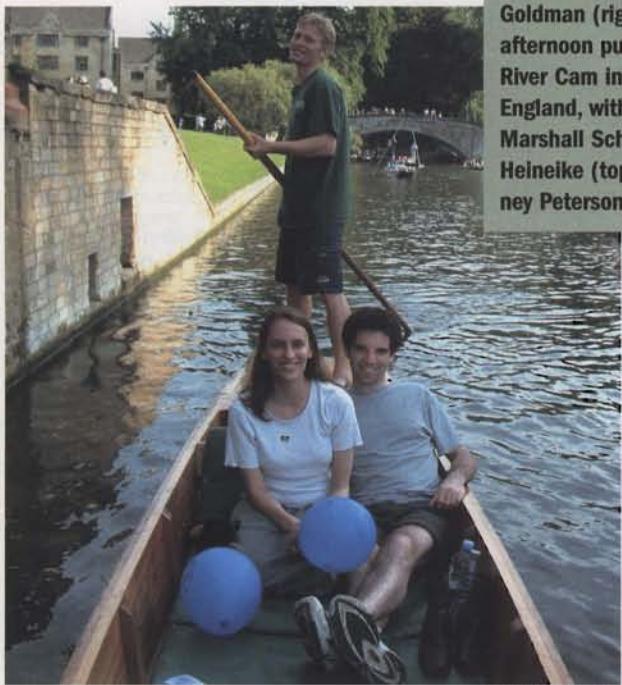
- **Apply.** As an aspiring MD/PhD, Michael Seidman ’00 says pursuing a prestigious fellowship hadn’t really occurred to him until Fiori contacted him. “As a research scientist, someone who wanted to spend my life in a laboratory, I never considered applying,” he says. “To do a research project that would last only ten to twelve months never occurred to me. If it hadn’t been for a targeted e-mail Beth sent, I never would have walked into that office.”

- **Sell yourself.** Seidman, now a fourth-year student in Weill Cornell’s MD/PhD program, won both a Churchill scholarship—for one year of math, science, or engineering training in England—and a Goldwater, which provides an undergraduate stipend to scholars who intend to pursue a PhD. “I’d already convinced myself I could get into an MD/PhD program, so I knew I fell within some limited upper tier,” says Seidman, who had to convince the evaluation committees of his fit for the awards. “I don’t have any delusions of grandeur, but

it was a paradigm shift to learn I could sell myself when I wasn’t a perfect match.” In the years since, Seidman says he’s come across many situations in his inflammation research where he had to marshal similar skills. “You have to convince people that your research matches their grant—frame what you do in the context of what they’re interested in. Every grant we apply for we have to convince them that the disease they’re interested in will benefit from our research.”

- **Hone interview skills.** Becker had never been interviewed before she filed her Truman application. By the time she completed the process in late March, she’d been grilled by six faculty panels assembled by Fiori and consulted a handful of former scholars for additional tips. Former Marshall scholar Joshua Goldman ’02 says the skills he learned in his practice interviews more than three years ago still serve him well. “It sort of got me used to fielding questions about everything, not just about my work,” he says. Now a Harvard grad student, he notes that the process taught him about “being versatile, being really aware of what I was communicating, being aware of what I wanted to get across, and keeping tabs on what I was doing.”

Goldman also warns applicants to prepare for a wide range of interview styles. “I kind of went in expecting someone especially energetic to be on the panel, and there wasn’t anyone close,” he says. “I didn’t practice where I had to galvanize the conversation, and that’s the situation I ended up in.” Udall Scholar Emily Ulmer ’05 emphasizes the power of the interview subject to shape the experience. “Come in with your own agenda,” she advises. “The panel is not exclusively in control of the interview. You’re just as much in control.”



**Americans abroad: Josh Goldman (right) enjoys an afternoon punting on the River Cam in Cambridge, England, with fellow Marshall Scholars Ben Heineke (top) and Courtney Peterson (left).**

of hanging plants sits on a bookshelf, and a trio of table lamps replaces the harsh glare of the fluorescent lights that illuminate the rest of the suite. Given the intensity of emotion students experience as they strive to voice their post-graduate dreams, then win the awards that will make them possible, Fiori does what she can to ease the pressure. She keeps two boxes of tissues close at hand; a gourd filled with toys sits on a bookshelf near the door. "Sometimes the students really do need a distraction," she says, "or something to goof around with to break the tension and get their creative juices flowing and make them realize that the world's going to be OK, regardless of these competitions."

Seidman says Fiori's ability to help students celebrate a win or mourn a loss is invaluable. "There were sessions where people got to come in and do a little jig in her office because they won something they didn't think they'd get," he says. "Others would just come in and cry. The coolest thing was that even with people who lost, Beth turned them around and said 'OK, what's the next thing we're applying for, since they were too stupid to take you?' Anyone who applies through her office, she thinks they have a shot at it. She wasn't going to build someone up for failure." C

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• **Know thyself.** "A large part of my motivation for applying was that I thought I would learn a lot by having to articulate who I am and what I want to do with my life," says Somjen Frazer '03, currently at Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship. "I had never written an application that went through as many drafts as this application did, and it was in the rewriting and rethinking that I feel that I learned the most about myself." Ulmer, who qualified as a finalist for the Truman competition, relied on the introspection she put into the application—what she calls her "little masterpiece"—to prepare her essays for the Udall scholarship and her Teach for America application. "I still look at the Truman application now to prep for interviews," she says. "It helped me find myself and my career interests."

• **Heed Insider tips.** As the final decision looms, Goldwater applicants are told that they should expect a phone call from the foundation's director. "He basically makes sure you know what you're getting into and confirms that you're the person you appear to be in the application," says Seidman, who relied on tips from two former Goldwater scholars for crucial insights into the importance of the call. "They helped me understand that it's actually an interview," he says. "Most of the other applicants had no idea what it was about. Some got an offer during the conversation, some got a call back the next day. Cornell definitely has a better feel for the process than a lot of other schools."

• **Schmooze.** For Marshall Scholar Schwam-Baird, small talk is tough, and he thinks that may have helped cost him the Rhodes after a regional screening event in his home state of Florida. "It was a lot of older white men with sports backgrounds who I didn't mesh well with," he says of the Rhodes alumni, most of whom had won the distinction when it was offered only to men. "They had gone to the University of Florida and talked a lot about upper-class Florida stuff."

Seidman, on the other hand, had honed his conversational skills

elsewhere on campus long before he applied for the Churchill and Goldwater awards. "I'm glad I learned how to hold a wine glass and a plate of appetizers and shake someone's hand," he says.

• **Don't take the process too seriously.** Ulmer says she managed to keep her chances for winning in perspective until she qualified as a Truman finalist. After that, it was tough not to go overboard. "I took it a little too seriously," she says. She underwent nine practice interviews and drafted a sixteen-page document with model answers to questions she anticipated fielding from the panel. "In twenty minutes I couldn't get out all the stuff on the document, and I forgot to enjoy the interview."

• **Be yourself.** For Frazer, who is working toward a degree in sociology, one of the enduring lessons of the Rhodes application process was learning to think strategically about her self-presentation. "For some people, this plays out in the decision about what to wear," she says. "But for me it's more about how I interact with people. One interviewer in my final interview really laid into my work in participatory action research. He was a journalist, and he said, essentially, 'I don't believe in objectivity. I know how people put a spin on things. Convince me that participatory action research doesn't prevent you from being objective.' My first instinct was to defend the rigor of my methods, but in the end I said, 'I absolutely agree. I don't think that pretending that research is objective is a good strategy for doing rigorous social science or for trying to make the world a better place. I think that what's helpful is when we are aware of how we influence the process of creating and disseminating knowledge. We have to be as transparent and careful as possible.' I always remember this exchange, because I chose to say something that reflected what I really believe, and it turned out to be the right strategy."

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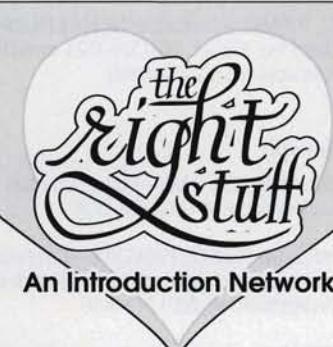
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## Beyond the President and VP *Creative Leadership Models for Alumni Groups, Part I*

By Stephanie Fox '89 and Larry Taylor '73

*Ed. Note: This is the first of two articles about the various ways Cornellians structure alumni organizations; the second will appear in the July/August issue.*

**C**ornell alumni groups employ a diverse and dynamic array of leadership models, engaging different ones at different times in each group's particular evolution. We offer the following ideas as catalysts to alumni groups seeking leadership solutions that extend beyond the traditional president/vice president model.

Interestingly, these solutions are found in groups of all sizes, ranging from 300 to 3,000 members. Each has unique merits; none is perfect. Indeed, Cornell organizations freely hybridize multiple styles that work for them. Here are a few that recur throughout Cornell's alumni community.

### Co-Leads with Simultaneous Terms

In this model, two alumni agree to share the role of president during simultaneous terms. This approach is effective for either experienced twosomes or an experienced leader with an understudy. One great example is the Cornell Club of Chicago, where Celia Rodee '80 and Peter Cooper '81, who are married, share joint leadership as co-presidents. Here, a large and active club benefits from two experienced leaders while the co-presidents effectively share the responsibilities of a large alumni base. On smaller scales, the Cornell clubs of Pittsburgh, Oklahoma, and

North Texas have also elected co-presidents with simultaneous terms. The Cornell Alumni Association of North Texas, which encompasses the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, benefits from having one president located in Dallas and another in Fort Worth—an ideal arrangement for coverage of two geographically distinct pockets of alumni.

Co-presidents are also a logical solution when leadership candidates are only able or willing to take on part of the time commitment of this important role. It also works when two leaders complement each other's skills and interests. For example, the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey found success in the past with one co-president who excelled at organizing events and running meetings; the other co-president was more comfortable in the public role and acting as spokesperson at programs.

One challenge that this model presents is succession. Early development of the subsequent leadership team is important to avoid a gap when the co-leads' terms expire.

### Co-Leads with Staggered Terms

In this version of co-leads, the terms of two presidents or leaders overlap. The twin benefits are that the co-leads can share the load and focus on training and developing the subsequent leadership. The Chicago Young Alumni Committee practices this model; co-chairs are selected for two-year terms, and one or more new co-leads are chosen in committee each year. Using this cycle,



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one of the co-leads is always experienced in the annual flow of events while the newer leadership has the opportunity to learn for the coming year. This technique is particularly suited to alumni communities with a relatively transient nature, such as alumni with newly established careers. This model also maintains institutional memory, which greatly benefits the organization.

Cornell alumni groups have been quite flexible in adjusting the term of office and creative in naming their

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# Calendar of Events

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## New York/Ontario

**CAA/Central New York**, May 17—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Brian Earle of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Contact Lindsay Hazelton, 315/471-3151.

**CWC/Cortland County**, May 17—Organic dairy farm tour. Contact Ruth Bennett, 607/656-9707.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, May 17—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Rita Calvo on DNA forensics. Contact Howard Kibrick, hkibrick@nycap.rr.com, 518/590-0124.

**CAA/Greater Rochester**, May 18—Book club at Barnes & Noble, Pittsford. Contact Kristen Hallagan, 585/242-0199.

**CAA/Greater Rochester**, May 25—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Thomas Gilovich on "Why Smart People Make Big Money Mistakes and How to Correct Them." Contact Ross Lanzaface, 585/654-8595.

**CAA/Central New York**, June 4—Second Annual Cayuga Lake Winery Tour. Contact Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu, 315/696-0167.

**CWC/Syracuse**, June 5—Annual meeting, chicken BBQ, and plant sale. Contact Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu, 315/696-0167.

**CAA/Ithaca**, June 10—Informal reunion happy hour. Contact Nadine LeMoine, nlm2152@yahoo.com, 607/257-7538.

**CWC/Cortland County**, June 21—Tower Road garden and conservatory tour. Contact Dottie Sarvay, 607/756-5955.

**CWC/Syracuse**, July 9—Fun at Springside Farm. Contact Grace Clancy, Gmm4521@aol.com, 315/458-5132.

## Metro/New York

**CC/Fairfield County**, May 15—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Giuseppe Pezzotti on "You Be the Critic: Restaurant Evaluation." Contact Dotty Kesten, dotkes10@optonline.net, 203/222-7830.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, May 16—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Giuseppe Pezzotti on "You Be the Critic: Restaurant Evaluation." Contact Rolf Frantz, raf22@cornell.edu, 973/539-9787.

**CAA/Westchester**, May 18—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kenneth Reardon of the Dept. of City and Regional Planning. Contact Andrea Glanz, upscalemkt@aol.com.

**CC/Long Island**, May 19—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kenneth Reardon of the Dept. of City and Regional Planning. Contact Susan Collins, sg225@cornell.edu.

**CAA/Princeton**, May 21—Bring your favorite dish. Contact Ronda Siegel, rsiegel@us.ibm.com, 609/799-4868.

**CAA**, May 21—Subway Series game day at Shea Stadium. Contact Ruth Hsu, caaa@cornell.edu, 718/937-5011.

**Cornell Entrepreneur Network**, June 2—Stu Hart. Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-6412.

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**CAA**, June 4—NY Mets vs. SF Giants. Contact Ruth Hsu, caaa@cornell.edu, 718/937-5011.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, June 5—Bicycle ride and picnic. Contact Doug Goldstein, dgldstn@juno.com, 973/227-1227.

**CAA/Westchester**, June 8—Family fun and picnic, Bedford. Contact Dan Sirota, dan@glisdesign.com, 914/686-8083.

**CC/Fairfield County**, June 26—Family polo day, Greenwich. Contact Elizabeth Mroz-Smith, ella\_mroz@yahoo.com, 203/978-0888.

## Northeast

**CC/New Hampshire**, May 15—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Linda Rayor on "A Romance with Spiders." Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 603/548-1287.

**CC/Cape Cod**, May 16—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Susan Murphy, VP Student and Academic Services. Contact Arthur Gast, a.f.gast@att.net, 508/888-1836.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**, May 19—Centennial regional event with Dean Susan Henry and a faculty panel. Contact June Losurdo, JML235@cornell.edu, 607/255-7771.

**CC/Vermont**, May 20—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Gene German on "Is There Life After Wal-Mart?" Contact Walt Bruska, 802/985-4121.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, May 21—Trip to Old Sturbridge Village. Contact Amy Fairchild, amyfairchild@comcast.net, 860/569-1464.

**CC/Boston**, May 22—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: James Bell on astronomy. Contact Jim Chiafery, james.chiafery@comcast.net, 978/470-1919.

**CC/Berkshires**, May 22—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Gene German on "Is There Life After Wal-Mart?" Contact Toby Levine, toby@tobylevine.com.

**CC/New Hampshire**, June 4—Family trip to Echo Farm. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 603/548-1287.

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

**CC/Boston**, June 9—CPN with Rene Robert of Advantage Data. Contact Paul Hayre, pnh4@cornell.edu, 781/772-1778.

**Northeast Regional Office**, June 9—Young alumni happy hour. Contact Shara Freeman, sef14@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

**CC/Boston**, July 14—CPN with Karen Fadden Fabbri. Contact Paul Hayre, pnh4@cornell.edu, 781/772-1778.

**Northeast Regional Office**, July 14—Young alumni happy hour. Contact Shara Freeman, sef14@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

## Mid-Atlantic

**CC/Maryland**, May 25—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Emmanuel Giannelis on "Nanotechnology: Is Smaller Better?" Contact Suzette Lamothe Kossoff, sekossoff@msn.com.

**CC/Washington**, June 19—Kiplinger Father's Day picnic. Contact Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net.

**CC/Lancaster**, June 23—Golf at York Country Club. Contact Jack Richards, JFRace@aol.com.

**CC/Maryland**, June 26—Second Annual Crab Feast. Contact Shannon Gallivan, shannon.gallivan@radiologix.com.

## Midwest

**CC/Minnesota**, May 17—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul: *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville. Contact Judith Morgan, 651/688-6113.

**CC/Chicago**, May 21—Full Moon Ball. Contact Jennifer Hernandez, jh394@cornell.edu, 312/236-7850.

**CC/Michigan**, May 21—Formula SAE tailgate. Contact Jennifer Hernandez, jh394@cornell.edu, 312/236-7850.

**CC/Minnesota**, May 22—Club Ezra, for Cornellians new to the area. Contact Mariah Michalovic, mkm9\_cornell@hotmail.com, 612/310-5262.

**CC/Northeastern Ohio**, May 31—Annual meeting and picnic potluck. Contact Walt Spalding, spalding@adelphia.net.

**CC/Michigan**, June 19—Board meeting, picnic, and scholarship fundraiser. Contact Hiroki Hirata, hirata@ford.com, 313/323-7988.

**CC/Minnesota**, June 21—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul: *Wind-Up Bird Chronicles* by Haruki Murakami. Contact Judy Morgan, 651/688-6113.

**CC/Southwestern Ohio**, June 26—Family picnic, Winton Woods Park. Contact Michelle Vaeth, 513/321-7783.

**CC/Minnesota**, June 29—World Issues Dialogue Forum. Contact Geoffrey Ferster, geoffrey@ferster.com, 952/934-6764.

## Southeast

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, May 22—Annual meeting and election of officers. Contact Ronald Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, June 2—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ronald Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

**CAA/Charlotte**, June 12—Pops in the Park. Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

**CC/Gold Coast**, June 21—Year-end social. Contact Doug Pfeiffer, Douglas.Pfeiffer@att.net, 954/448-6175.

## Southwest/Mountain

**CC/Austin**, May 21—Port and dessert-wine tasting. Contact Christian Loew, CHL11@cornell.edu, 512/431-8003.

**CAA/Greater Houston**, May 26—St. Arnold's Brewery tour. Contact Christine Gorman, christinec\_g@hotmail.com, 512/789-8300.

**CC/Austin**, May 28—*The Producers*. Contact Rob Rice, rbr22@cornell.edu, 512/258-9720.

**CC/Austin**, June 5—Texas Rollergirls rock'n'roller derby. Contact Nicole Blair, nblair711@hotmail.com, 512/970-4497.

**CC/Austin**, June 10—Monthly dinner: Alborz. Contact Pat Ko, pk53@cornell.edu, 512/350-3426.

**CC/Austin**, June 17—Pub crawl. Contact Abezeer Tapia, ast12@cornell.edu, 512/415-1322.

## Western

**CC/Arizona**, May 19—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: David Pelletier on "Mad Scientists and Mad Publics." Contact Christine Marchell, camarchell@aol.com.

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leadership positions in order to match the needs of their club with the capacity of the leadership candidates. Tom Mulligan '73, MBA '77, of the Cornell Alumni Federation Board echoes this need for flexibility. "Get, don't freeze," he advises. The result is a healthy continuity of leadership.

### The President-Elect

Having a president-elect is a common succession stratagem among volunteer organizations. Some use the more traditional titles of vice president or first vice president. Either way, the key element is that it is expressly understood this person will assume the presidency when the current president's term expires.

The president-elect must be committed to assuming prime leadership within an agreed timeline. This method of pre-determined succession (whether president-elect or vice president) allows the future president ample time to learn the job in advance; this is particularly helpful when the president-elect is a relatively recent graduate or new to alumni group leadership. Clubs of all sizes report success with this deliberate approach to succession planning, including smaller clubs such as Sarasota Manatee, medium clubs such as Wisconsin, and larger clubs such as Washington, D.C. The Rochester Club, which celebrated its centennial in 2004, has maintained the president-elect model even while changing the length of term from one year to three. "Be flexible, but maintain continuity," says Tom Cummings '75, president of the Rochester Club.

### The Past President

Past leaders provide alumni organizations with valuable expertise and experience in many ways. Alumni groups such as the Cornell clubs of Oklahoma and St. Louis have established an official position on the board for the immediate past president. Transition management is a key role for these seasoned leaders. Often the past president is a willing assistant on key projects, particularly if she or he is not asked to take the lead responsibility. For example, the Mid-America Club in Kansas City had a particularly successful planned transition spread over

# Changing of the Guard

## New Directors and Officers Chosen for the CAF Board

**A**t its January 21 meeting, the Cornell Alumni Federation board unanimously endorsed the nominations committee's slate of candidates for two- and one-year positions. These include seven at-large directors and nine directors-from-the-region who started their two-year terms in April, and one at-large director and three directors-from-the-region who also started their one-year terms in April.

Beginning new two-year terms as directors-at-large are: Mary Maxon Grainger '79, MPS '87, Kenneth Gurrola, MBA '95, and Annie Wong '77. Beginning a new one-year term as a director-at-large is Linda Vecchiotti Saal '71. Retiring directors-at-large whose terms ended in April are: Christine Felton '90, Robert Ramin '82, MBA '85, and Robert Stellello '83. Beginning their second two-year terms are: Laurie Berke-Weiss '71, Natalie Cornell '79, Cynthia Froggatt, MS '85, and Ruby Saake '84.

In all, eighteen directors-from-the-region represent Cornell Clubs and Alumni Associations from nine regions around the world. Beginning new two-year terms as directors-from-the-region are: Mark Yuan '96 (International), Charles Hunt '68 (Southeast), and Rana Glasgal '87, ME '92 (Western). Beginning new one-year terms as directors-from-the-region are: Bernard MacCabe '75, MBA '79

(International), and Scott Pesner '87 (Metro/New York).

Beginning their second two-year terms are: Howard Sobel '66 (Metro/New York), Mary Kahn '79 (Mid-Atlantic), Lawrence Taylor '73 (Midwest), S. Edward Wilson Jr. '69 (New York/Ontario), Meredith Rosenberg '92 (Northeast), and Stephanie Keene Fox '89 (Southwest/Mountain). Martha Sherman '73, MPS '75 (Northeast), continues on the board for a one-year term. Retiring directors-from-the-region whose terms ended in April are: J. Roger O'Neil, MBA '61 (International), Natalie Teich '65 (International), Annie Wong '77 (Metro/New York), Mark Mayrsohn '77 (Southeast), and Andrew Traum '85 (Western).

Also at its January 21 meeting, the board unanimously approved the slate of 2005-07 officers presented by its nominations committee. They are: Rolf Frantz '66, ME '67 (president), Nancy Abrams Dreier '86 (vice president), Jeffrey Goldstein '90 (vice president), Terrence Horner Jr. '92, PhD '98 (vice president), Sally Anne Levine '70, JD '73 (vice president), and Robert Metcalf, MBA '61 (vice president). Director of Alumni Affairs Mary Berens '74 continues as secretary/treasurer. Retiring executive committee members whose terms ended in April are: Muriel Kuhs '61 (president), Ginger So '79 (vice president), and Christine Miller Whaley '84, MBA '89 (vice president).

two years. Club leaders from the Suncoast to Cape Cod say "thank heavens for my predecessor" for assisting with operations in their recent transitions. The experience of these leaders is also appropriately tapped for certain club functions, such as conducting the annual nominating process or facilitating a periodic strategic planning session.

Having such advice and guidance on hand is "phenomenally helpful," says Chuck Schilke, JD '88, of Washington, D.C. Moreover, this source of experience may help avoid that bane of volunteer organizations, the dreaded burnout of a new president.

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**CC/San Diego**, May 20—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: David Pelletier on "Mad Scientists and Mad Publics." Contact Lisa Stewart, lbr7@cornell.edu.

**CC/Los Angeles**, May 21—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: David Pelletier on "Mad Scientists and Mad Publics." Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu, 310/478-5460.

**CAA/Northern California**, May 22—SF Giants vs. Oakland A's. Contact Alex Barna, Alexander.Barna-1@nasa.gov.

### International

**CC/France**, June 3-4—The Hangovers, Paris. Contact Curtis Bartosik, cjb48@cornell.edu.

**CC/London**, June 13—Houses of Parliament tour and Gisela Stuart, MP. Contact British-German Association, bgalondon@btconnect.com, 020-7235-1922.

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**Has Forman** (A. Haslup, 1055 W. Joppa Rd., Apt. 526, Towson, MD 21204), one of our steady reuners, brightened a day with a cheery phone call. *Inter alia*, he affirms that he is not "sick or infirm—just old." You are lucky, Has! Stay that way until June 2006 for our 75th! How many '31der reunions will that be for you, Has? All sixteen, counting our first under the Dix Plan?

At the Trustee/Council weekend last October, your class correspondent (addresses below) attended the dedication of the Beck Center, the new classroom addition to the Hotel school building. This is a magnificent 35,000-sq.-ft., three-story complex, framed in a striking (especially at night) "curtain of glass" entryway to the Alice Statler Auditorium. It is on the side—and at the end—of the Hotel building, facing what we used to call the Drill Hall, now Barton to everyone. In addition to large, well-lighted, state-of-the-art "wraparound" lecture rooms/classrooms equipped with the latest in audio/visual devices, the addition includes not one, but several private rooms in which recruiters may simultaneously interview students looking for employment, a feature of the plans that no doubt is a significant indication of the status of the Hotel school in the hospitality industry. In the course of the visit, I picked up a copy of the fall issue of the Hotel school's alumni magazine. The Class Notes section is headed by a picture captioned "Managers of three Cornell teams in 1931 are, from left, (the late) **Glenn Herb**, ice hockey; **James R. Knipe** (our Class Treasurer, 728 Norristown Rd., Apt. D203, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002), lacrosse; and (the late) **G. Van McKay**, soccer." There can be no doubt about it being a contemporary photo—all three '31ders are wearing vests, and their jackets are buttoned.

The Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) celebrated its 100th Anniversary at the January 2005 annual Mid-Winter Meeting at the New York Hilton with a gala dinner dance, just as the "Blizzard of '05" hit the Northeast. The Class of 1931 has always been well-represented at these meetings; during our more active years we boasted of having more officers than any other class attending these workshops and training sessions sponsored by our accomplished and hard-working friends on the Class Programs, Cornell Fund, and *Cornell Alumni Magazine* staffs. As they now do all the "leg work" for our class, I did not urge our officers to venture forth for this educational—and celebratory—meeting.

As the weather got worse, it turned out this was a stroke of genius, but as the program for this 100th Anniversary Gala developed, I wished the whole class, as well as the surviving officers

could have been present. It seems that the Board of Directors of CACO had decided to create an "Outstanding Class Leader Award," and to my absolutely flabbergasted surprise, the keynote speaker at the event, President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, presented me with a copy of the Resolution of the Board creating the award and naming your Class President as the first recipient. The only thing wrong with this impressive document is that among the "Whereas-es," my principal qualification for the award does not appear: the longevity bequeathed me in the genes of my parents and ancestors!

In all truth, this award belongs to all present and past class officers of 1931, but especially to those giants of the class who are no longer "with us": **Bruce Hackstaff**, who led us out of the wilderness of separate Men's and Women's class organizations; **Frank O'Brien**, who led what we believe is a record number of joy-full reunions; **Gert Goodwin**, our pioneer woman engineer with her practical, common sense; **Sy Katz**, with his unfailing good humor, his New York dinners, and his "Sy Katz '31 Parade" down Fifth Avenue; **Helen Nuffert Saunders**, our longtime class secretary; and **Frankie Young**, our resident Ithaca liaison and Cornell Fund representative. For them I had the great privilege of "carrying on" with the help of all the other class officers. ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net; tel., (508) 760-4250.

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A critical shortage of contemporaries willing to communicate with me obliges me to fraternize with a younger group, as you will see from the numerals following their names. I had been concerned that our readership has been so badly eroded that preparing class notes for the remaining corporal's guard seemed to be a waste of ink. The editors said, "Not so." Imagine my delight when I received a handwritten note from **Michael D. Riley** '78, BS Ag '97. He opened with, "I was reading the Nov/Dec issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and for some reason started reading Class Notes for '32." I don't know Mike, but he grew up in Buffalo and apparently has lived elsewhere for many years. His note was full of nice things that encourage me to stop complaining and keep writing.

Yesterday I had a phone call from **John L. Kirschner** '51, LLB '53, who is wintering in Florida. (Remember, this is being written in February.) John is very active in Cornell affairs and seems to find himself in the middle of all sorts of matters that touch on the university, some of which are not life and death situations. He called



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Bloom county: Magnolia herald the return of spring to campus.

to ask me what I knew about the Cornell Cup. My short answer should have been, "Not much," although I do remember that many years ago some Buffalo Cornellians set up an annual award for the winningest local high school baseball team. The problem, if I understood John, appears to be that the cup has been kidnapped and some enthusiastic person wants to get it circulating again. I wish John and his friend good luck. My contribution thus far was to place a call to **Frank C. Harding** '50, whom I consider the best local authority on baseball—whether it be the Major League or something of less general interest. In any event, the ghost of **Davy Hoy** '22 must be pleased to know that his love of baseball has been carried forward by lads now eligible for Social Security.

Among the files I am thinning out, I found a letter from **Martha Travis Houck** written in July 1993. The opening paragraph is: "I am honored to be the first in your column not trailing along behind a '32 male. And to top it, to be in the first issue of 'Cornell Magazine,' which will no doubt become a collector's item!" In the same letter Martha recited the activities of her children and grandchildren. They were doing interesting things in interesting places. She added, "My summer jobs were rather mundane—I worked in a boarding house; I drove a tractor and pulled mustard for a farmer; and worked at a Girl Scout camp in charge of registration, the camp store, and teaching rock-tapping and map-making. I enjoyed them all—but the boarding house, although the longest day, was the most fun." I remember Martha's telling me that when she and **Nelson** '34 were married, one of his earliest jobs was with GLF in Batavia, NY. They had a large house, which Martha ran as a tourist home. She had some great anecdotes about that part of her early married life. And you must remember that she was trained for top-level secretarial work at the Katharine Gibbs School, which I always heard was the best of the best. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pky., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

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As promised last issue, here are a few of the events described by **George Tretter** as things he'll never forget. We invite all of you reading this column to send us reports of your own—accounts, descriptions, summaries, bios, or whatever you want to call it—about what you have been doing over the past 70-plus years, and what you'll never forget. George's write-up was quite lengthy, but you should feel free to make yours as long or short as you want. We hope that its preparation will be as enjoyable for you as reading it will be for the rest of us. When you're done, put it in an envelope addressed to the alumni magazine, and we will publish your stories as we receive them (*Cornell Alumni Magazine*, Attn: Class Notes, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850).

George's narrative continues with some memories of out-of-town wrestling meets. "We were given wrestling allowances for expenses on trips out of town. Most of us had no money, so we devised ways of not spending our allowances. For example, we convinced the railroad to permit us to ride in the caboose free of charge because

we were poor and thus pleaded poverty. We all ate cheaper meals to save money. When we went to a hotel, as in Syracuse, we couldn't stand the multi-layered mattresses—soft beds—so we threw the mattress on the floor and slept well.

"In our meet with the Navy in Annapolis, the regular gym was being used for some event more important than wrestling, so we were shifted to the boxing room, where a mat was placed in the boxing ring. We were amazed and confused. How can you creep off the edge of the mat when you were in trouble? How do you use the ropes to your advantage? Do you hold onto them? Well, the Navy men had practiced in the boxing ring beforehand and knew what to do. They would bounce off the ropes and then dive for our legs. Being the lightest weight, I was the first victim and had to educate the rest of the team so they knew what to do. It so happened I won the bout after learning the pitfalls of boxing ring wrestling. I guess this is where 'learning the ropes' originated."

George went to Washington, DC, after graduation, earned a Master of Science degree, and worked in eight different government agencies over the next 20 years. He then went into business for himself, living in Greenbelt, MD, and Silver Spring. He never lost interest in wrestling—even, at age 55, helping the wrestling coach when his two boys were in high school. He writes that he cherishes the happy days in Ithaca and returns for reunion every five years, including the 70th in June 2004 when he visited the new Friedman Strength and Conditioning Center and had a nice meeting with the wrestling coach and his co-workers. "For my 75th Reunion, I will be 98 and hope to visit the wrestling room again." Thank you, George, for sending these great stories.

**Marion Call Hemmett** wrote us from Lantana, FL. She remembers the winters on campus—"snow and ice on the trees and bushes as we walked to class, and the beauty of the gorges!" Marion volunteers two afternoons a week at her local library and struggles to learn new skills on her computer. She has a new great-granddaughter, child of a grandson in Bahrain, who designs software and tracks satellites for the military. She writes that the world's biggest problem is how and when the US will leave Iraq."

**Mary Terry Goff** has moved to the Covington retirement community in Aliso Viejo, CA, and enjoys living there and playing bridge. She took a trip to Mexico last fall, and in August attended the large and beautiful wedding of her granddaughter Tracy. Mary has many good memories of Cornell—"the wonderful friends I had, skating on Beebe Lake, and the marvelous dances and orchestras!"

What are your memories of Cornell? What is your most pressing problem today? What interesting things have happened in your life—and what will you never forget? Send your letters to: ♦ **Class of '34, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine**, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

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I am writing this column the morning after my attendance in New Haven at the Cornell-Yale hockey game, which ended in a 5-2 Cornell victory. It was an exciting game with

plenty of action and great support by the Cornell Band—as outstanding as always. We expected to see our grandson, who is in the Yale Band, but they were all seated at the opposite end of the rink from us and we had not brought binoculars.

We reported the passing several months ago of **Frances "Sansie" Lauman**, who was Class Secretary of the Women's class beginning in 1935 and of the combined class from 1985, but something went astray during the editing process, so there might have been some confusion. Sansie faithfully attended the annual meetings in NYC of the "Association of Class Secretaries," and in later years, meetings of the Class of 1935 officers in Barton Hall at Homecoming. She simplified the formalities of these later meetings by never having Minutes from the preceding get-togethers. We have no archives to worry about.

It is not too late to urge you to attend our 70th Reunion, June 9-12, and I know that those of you who are able to go will have a great time. I hope to provide a Reunion Report of all the happenings from that weekend, along with some personal updates from our classmates. Till then, I eagerly await the mails, which may bring a new supply of News. They are necessary for future columns.

I am sure that you know that you can send your News directly to me. You do not have to wait for a News Form. There are telephone, US Mail, and e-mail, any of which will reach me. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; e-mail, davada35@aol.com; tel., (203) 869-8387.

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Two or three years ago **Carolyn Drucker** Goodman told us that her son Andrew Goodman and **Michael Schwerner** '61 were two of the three young men who, in the summer of 1964, were working in the South as part of the civil rights movement and were murdered there. It drew a lot of national attention, particularly because the killers were identified but not prosecuted. This past December, Carolyn wrote to me again, saying that she is still very much involved in civil rights activities, particularly informing young people about events that took place a generation ago that may all be new to them. In this regard, her primary interest is co-producing a 90-minute documentary titled "The Price of Freedom," which "takes an unflinching look at ordinary [Neshoba County] citizens struggling to find peace with their town's violent, racist past."

I held this news from Carolyn for inclusion in this column when to my great surprise I opened my morning paper on January 7—as many of you may also have done—and saw on the front page an article headlined "Klanman arrested in 1964 slayings." The suspect, a 79-year-old preacher and longtime leader of the KKK, organized and led the group that killed the three young men. The article quotes a phone interview the *Washington Post* had with Carolyn: "It's something that was late in coming. I just knew that somehow this would happen—it just had to be." Wonderful news, Carolyn, after such a long wait. The film is being produced by Carolyn's Andrew Goodman Foundation. She may be reached at 161 W.

86th St., New York, NY 10024 and will welcome tax-deductible contributions to her foundation.

The latest issue of the *Cornell Engineer* has a long article about the opening of Duffell Hall, which assures Cornell's continuing "worldwide leadership in nanotechnology research and discovery." The article mentions the Baum Atrium, named in honor of our late classmate **Dwight Baum**.

Now, on to many of the recent items you have sent. **Ernest Cole**, MS '59, Sunrise Retirement Home, 45 Katherine Blvd., Apt. 533, Palm Harbor, FL 34684, tells us that he broke his hip last year and is still struggling to walk. However, he is thinking about coming to reunion in 2006 and so is Dr. **Charles "Chuck" Noback**, 116 7th St., Cresskill, NJ 07626. Hope you both can make it. Chuck writes that what he refers to as his "Last Hurrah" was the publication, with the help of three colleagues, of the sixth edition of his book *The Human Nervous System*, the first edition having been published four decades ago. Cresskill is only a short distance from upper Manhattan, where Chuck has family. He says, "In the summer I can boat with my tiny grandson on the Hudson, so why move?"

We have also heard from **Maurice "Tom" Tomlinson**, 32 N. Park St., Adams, NY 13605, for the second time in 68 years, as he's been "too busy making a living and raising a family (three kids, five grandkids, and 12 great-grandkids)." After leaving Cornell he went to work for G.L.F. (Agway) in Spencer, NY, and then Central Islip, Long Island, in store management. In 1941 he was hired by Southern States Cooperative in Richmond, VA, as Store District Manager, and after moving through several different positions he finally retired in 1978 as Director, Feed Division. He wintered in Florida until 1998 when his wife died, and a year later he married his childhood sweetheart and moved to his present home, where he finds the winters to be much different than they are in Virginia and Florida. He and his wife play bridge often with **Don Whiteman**'39 and his wife Betty.

All is well with **Harold Wright**, MD '39, PO Box 7044, Cape Porpoise, ME 04014, after his 90th birthday celebration last October. He and wife **Ruth (Barclay)**'38 still live in their lovely harborside home, with help from nearby family and fun with two great-grandchildren. **Muriel Kinney Reisner**, 1801 S. Flagler Dr., Apt. 1203, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, keeps busy traveling and enjoying Chautauqua, NY, each summer. **Jean Sherwood Williams** is also well and busy working on her family history, particularly her father's. He was **Neil Sherwood** 1908, who followed his pioneering forebears, building roads and developing Sullivan County, NY. **Robert Gorrell**, PhD '39, 154 Greenridge Dr., Reno, NV 89509, retired in 1980 as VP for Academic Affairs, U. of Nevada. His wife, **Johnnie Belle (Thomas)**'38 died in 1978. Robert has remarried and he and his wife Joie enjoyed a cruise from Lisbon to St. Thomas last November. He has published three books since his retirement. **Katrina "Puss" Tanzer** Chubbuck, 51 Miles Ave., Fairport, NY 14450 (who notices, as many of us do, that our '36 column is getting nearer and nearer to the beginning of the

Class Notes), spends each winter in Sarasota, FL, with her sister, **Elisabeth Tanzer** Battle '32.

I'll finish by thanking **Howard "Howie" Heintz** for his short note, even though it contained the sad news that his wife Ruth died last October. At the time, he was living in Chevy Chase, MD, but has since moved into a smaller apartment. He says he will try to write with more news later and we hope you do, Howie. Haven't heard from you for a long time. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, [suhiloyt@SBCglobal.net](mailto:suhiloyt@SBCglobal.net).

**37** I hope all of you were able to manage in the frigid temperatures we had last winter, and are now enjoying a pleasant spring. As always, please keep us informed of your activities. We hope to hear from many more of you as time goes by.

**Dorothy McCormack** Grady wrote us last year that she had recently moved from her beautiful eight-room house to the small farmhouse in which her father grew up. Soon she will be living in an apartment connected to the farmhouse. Dorothy is active with the Red Cross Blood Drive and the Town Hall Restoration Committee. **Madge Jopson** Wells likes to garden and travel. She is very proud of her sons Steffen, a retired Washington, DC, Superior Court judge, and Flemming, director of pediatric psychiatry services at the New York Westchester Hospital.

Col. William F. Paris, US Army Ret., was working at his desk at the Pentagon on that fateful 9/11 when the walls came tumbling down. He was shaken up a bit, but is now fully recovered. He is retired and lives in Burke, VA, a suburb of Washington, DC. **Elizabeth Eldridge** Boylan, who was 90 on January 19, enjoys good health and spirits. She retired from teaching home economics for grades 7-12 and is busy reading, watching TV, and playing golf and bridge. Her civic activities include working with the Congregational Church and the Emporia Public Library. Elizabeth moved from her home to an assisted living unit in Emporia, KS. Her new address is: 1200 W. 12th Ave., No. 104, Emporia, KS 66801-2575. In a personal note to **Ed Shineman**, Elizabeth writes, "Dear Ed: I was indeed sorry to learn of your loss of **Doris**. I appreciate all of the past time and effort the both of you put in for the Class of 1937." ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

**38** "On two occasions in recent months my wife Edith and I have been guests at the Beach Point Club in Westchester," writes **Harold Segall** (Harrison, NY), "and each evening we had a delightful chat with three Cornell '38 classmates: **Marvin Fenster**, **Howard Grayson**, and **Monroe Lazere**. Both Howard and I earned our class numerals in freshman basketball. Each of us had the good sense not to try out for the varsity. I have

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HAROLD SEGALL '38

**Barbara Pratt** Smiley keeps her mind active with crossword puzzles and watching quiz shows, golf tournaments, and baseball on television. Her last vacation was last July at an annual family gathering in Vermont. Her family visits her frequently at Autumn Leaves Assisted Living Center. **Beatrice Hirschfeld** Blumenson and her husband Seymour, a retired dentist, spend six months in Tucson, AZ, and six months in their New York apartment. She says that her traveling days are over and that they "sit around a lot." **Elizabeth Nichols** Sheldon and her husband Robert are enjoying retirement-home living in Venice, FL. She writes that fortunately all the hurricanes bypassed them.

**Barbara Keeney Mandigo** spends three months in her home in Pulaski, NY, and the winter months in the Lake View Terrace retirement community in Altoona, FL. The retirement community has 350 residents living in garden apartments with full life care. Barbara is a volunteer in the assisted living facility. She has 12 busy grandchildren, one of whom, **Danielle Mandigo**, is a senior at Cornell. She claims that she and her husband **Richard** '38 are enjoying a wonderful retirement—best of two states and many great friends to spend it with.

**Grace Gale** Paris informs us that her son

been practicing law since February 1945, after four and a half years in the Army. I continue to be quite busy. In addition to my professional work for clients, I have been asked by my firm, Holland & Knight, to spend a lunch hour with the 2005 summer associates as I did a year ago, covering some of the topics in my class as an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School, Managerial Decision Making: The Lawyer's Role in the Client-Lawyer Team. At Elmwood Country Club Edith and I continue to enjoy the company of Dr. **Leonard Roberts** and his wife Gloria. I play golf all through the winter. When asked about my proficiency as a golfer, my answer is: 'Geriatric appropriate.'

**Marian Myers** Kira, MS '60 (Ithaca, NY) writes, "We are well for old people and attend Cornell events occasionally. Many family members have predeceased us, unfortunately, but we still have a few members of the Cornell faculty and other relatives sprinkled around the country. Ian Prendergrass is our new great-grandson, who lives in Albuquerque, NM. His mother is in medical school there, and his father takes care of his son at home, with his computer for keeping his business under control. One sister, **Elizabeth Myers** Martin Slutz '35, is still going strong, thank goodness, but we have lost the other two sisters."

**Frederick Smith** shared the sad news that his wife Ruth (Wells '38) died on April 14, 2004. "She was fabulous and I miss her terribly. First spotted her at the crew races in May 1937. Vibrant, intelligent, good looking, mother of five sons. Two graduated from Cornell, plus granddaughter Hilary."

**Miriam Johnson** Faulkner says she's "pretty much of a homebody these days. I used to travel at least two weekends a month, judging cat shows around the world. Community activities now include local AARP chapter and coordinator for election inspectors." This last would explain why, when Miriam wrote us in early December, she said, "I'm glad November is over." **Clara Rhodes** Rosevear of DeLand, FL, keeps busy as Parliamentarian for the PW/Central Florida Presbytery and Guild and the DeLand Museum of Art, as well as the recording secretary for the PEO Chapter and area council. She writes: "We survived hurricanes Charley, Jeanne, Ivan, and Frances with no damage except to trees in the yard. Learned of the kindness and concern of our neighbors on the street, and remembered living

**Ella Thompson** Wright, MA '41, reports that her eyesight continues to deteriorate, but she is going to stay in her Virginia home. Her daughter Kathy (an honorary member of our class) lives in a group home nearby. One son is with the World Bank and another raises strawberries on the family farm in South Jersey. Ella, you will remember, was our class correspondent before me. **Elvira Falco** Bass, MS '40, a faithful correspondent, still has more energy than anyone else I know. She helps run monthly book sales at her Blue Hill, ME, library and has discovered that books she can't sell, like *The Dark Field Microscope* (1925), do very well on eBay. She has abandoned her vineyard to the deer because they were destroying it anyway, and is beginning to think ten acres is a bit too large for her. I quote, "Please ask anyone who chooses to visit this part of Maine to look me up. I do love visitors." Elvira is a great hostess, as a number of our classmates can testify, and her place is just beautiful. The most amazing thing is that almost everything you see she built by herself, including much of her lovely house.

small ships. He has been to New Zealand, Australia, and Western Europe. He and his wife Jean live in the Meadow Lakes Continuing Care facility in Hightstown, NJ.

**Kenneth Holgate** (Dundee, NY) went to the Cornell-Yale football game last fall, which brought back to him great memories of the 1939 game with Ohio State. **Alexander Yaxis** (Jamaica, NY) christened a new racing shell for the Cornell rowing team at our reunion—the *Violet Y '41* in honor of his late wife **Violet (Schalke) '41**. **Whit Irish** (Ocala, FL) is on the board of directors of and still singing with the Canton Goldeneaires Barbershop Chorus. **Paul Bracht** (Seneca Falls, NY) died September 10, 2003. He was superintendent of United Fruit Sugar Company in Preston, Cuba, from 1950 to 1957. Paul worked as an engineer with the National Machinery Co. in Tiffin, OH, from 1960 to 1978. After he retired he moved to Chipley, FL, and was active in the local Presbyterian church. He left a son and daughter, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Robert G. Latimer**, MS '42, and his wife **Ruth (Phelps) '45**, MS '46, are starting their fifth year at a retirement community in Mt. Dora, FL, where classmate **Dale Brown**, MS '59, is also a resident. They love the warm weather, and the four hurricanes last summer caused only a bit of worry. **Russ Hopping** now lives in Roswell, GA, and says that he gets in some golf between visits to the doctor and as an out-patient at the hospital. In October he and his wife took a trip to Denver where they were babysitting for their grandson while son **Bill '69** was away on a business trip. Russ was able to get in some golf there, too.

**Sam Whittlesey** reports that he and wife Betty have moved to a new home in Largo, FL. **Philip Fitzhugh** and wife Linda have sold their summer home on Canandaigua Lake in New York, and now have a permanent home in Naples, FL. **Walter Barlow** sent no news, but is still living in Princeton, NJ.

Classmate **Sally Steinman** Harms sent a note that **George "Doc" Abraham**, who was written up in our Jan/Feb column, died January 27, 11 days before his 90th birthday, at a hospital in Canandaigua, NY. He was a horticulturist and radio broadcaster, having co-hosted the "Green Thumb" program for six decades. According to the Rochester newspaper, he was "the definition of charm." ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

without electricity, ice, stove, etc. Glad to have had the experience, but enough is enough!"

Two other classmates shared stories from Florida. **James Moyer** of Ellenton, FL, says he's "still plugging along" and still trying to catch up with his older classmates—he just turned 85 last August. "The Florida hurricanes last summer missed us, for which we are grateful." **Margaret Brown** Coryell of Barefoot Bay, FL, writes that her town "looks like a battleground. I received many blessings, which I am sure I do not deserve. My house received a minimum of damage—one small section of my carport and some trim. The insurance company has been very generous. Many of my friends have been far from lucky—I feel guilty, but thankful."

More news to report in future issues. Thank you all for writing! ♦ Class of '38, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

**39** It's comforting to know as I write this on a cloudy, cold Valentine's Day that you will be reading it in the May/June issue. Lots of news since October '04, so I shall get right to it. **Mona Brierly** Carvajal spent the summer months in Burlington, VT, with her daughter **Nancy Carval Lang '64** and other family members. She stays strictly away in the winter, having lived so many years in warm Puerto Rico and now Florida. Nancy is the AARP president for the State of Vermont. For anyone who would like it, I now have an address and phone number for **Anna Rae Present**, who has been in an assisted-living facility in Lakewood, NY, for the past three years.

**Patricia O'Rourke Smith** and husband **Harry '38** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their family in Galveston, TX, in September, the second 65th celebration for her in 2004 because she was back at Cornell for Reunion—as charming and interesting as ever. We are indebted to **Alice Quinn Lee** for reporting that **Alice Kennedy Ahern** passed away in May 2004. Alice had planned to come to Reunion, I know. Does anyone have more information?

**Helen Stephenson** DeLuca works with a group of women at her Clearwater, FL, community who are raising money by recycling greeting cards. She doesn't say how it works, but apparently it's very successful because they are able to buy flowers for newcomers and for those who are ill, as well as support the library. Just as Elvira has discovered eBay, other classmates seem to be diligently supporting important institutions like libraries by innovative fundraising.

**Janet Wasserman Karz** reported that her meeting with **Sally Steinman** Harms and **Dawn Rochow** Seymour was a huge success, and they are planning to continue their get-togethers. If any of you would like to try meeting with '39ers in your area, I'll be glad to help you find them. You'll be pleasantly surprised and delighted. I guarantee it. ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

**Dan Kops** and his wife Nancy of Palm Beach, FL, and Branford, CT, spent a month on a cruise from Alaska to Japan, followed by a stay in Tokyo. He has three children and seven grandchildren. **James Pendergrass** likes to travel annually on

**40** **Dean Towner**, MA '41, lives in Austin, TX, but spends a few months each year in Washington State. He is an educator and spent a year as chairman of a committee discussing curriculum for grades 9-12 in the New Upper School of St. Andrews Episcopal. For relaxation he enjoys bird watching. He and his wife have four grandchildren and two greats.

I get "roundabout news" from several sources. One from **Dot Talbert** Wiggins '41 sent a report about **Martha Cross Durfee '41**, MS '61, who died in Sept. 2004 and was married to our classmate **Art**. Martha had suffered from 20 years of Parkinson's disease. She had worked with Habitat

for Humanity across the country and helped with Step-Up Ministry. For Martha and Art's 50th wedding anniversary, their friends and relatives raised most of the money to build a Habitat house in Raleigh, NC.

Here's an update from **Bette Limpert Mayhew** in Sun City, AZ. After many years of service she has retired from the American Association of University Women. Regardless of living across the country, she gets home to the Canton, NY, area, where she recently spent a few months helping family members with their efforts toward gaining master's degrees. Her daughter **Stella Ann Mayhew** Ardire '71 changed direction from children's nursing to home health nursing. Bette's late husband Karl, a Merchant Marine, traveled to many world ports. **Frederick Beardsley**, MD '43, of Storrs Mansfield, CT, has enjoyed his retirement traveling to Italy, Austria, and Budapest. Photography and fly-fishing make him happy.

**John Weiner** helps our class officers and classmates keep up with reunion plans, etc. He and his wife live in White Plains, NY. In case you would like to help him with our upcoming reunion next month, June 9-12, his phone number is (914) 948-8811. He volunteers with Westchester Bridge Fund, which helps prevent homelessness by forestalling evictions with advice, negotiations, and money for worthy applicants. He sends his advice to those of you who are animal lovers: never invest in anything that eats. ♦ **Carol Clark Petrie**, Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

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Our class had a sad loss with the death on February 5 of **Robert L. "Bart" Bartholomew**, former class correspondent and, in the words of former class president **Buzz Kuehn**, "the heart-beat of '41." Bart retired in 1996 from Palm Beach Community College. Having earned a master's degree in education, he taught business courses and headed the college's Cooperative Education program. At Cornell, he was a Hotelie and was like cream on top of milk. He was head cheerleader in his senior year, as well as house manager of Theta Delta Chi and president of Willard Straight. He was also a member of the Ye Hosts, Sphinx Head, and Scarab honor societies. For 35 years, he wrote the '41 Men's class column in the *Alumni News*.

After Pearl Harbor, Bart was accepted into the Navy and earned the rank of Lieutenant, senior grade. Civilian jobs included Brown & Bailey Paper Box Co., Dictaphone Co., Volkswagen, and the US Chamber of Commerce. After retirement, he stayed very busy with programs about the Big Band era. With his professional equipment, he produced compact discs for family and friends, and better than that, he wrote a series of one-hour programs that he and his wife **Eddie (Burgess)** presented at condominiums and retirement communities all over South Florida. He was a fine ambassador of the Big Band era—music our generation still enjoys.

To sum up Bart's life in one word: success. A standout member of the Great Class of '41.

Our current class president, **Bill Webber**, has had health problems, but has recovered and gets about on a walker. He has moved to Pittsford,

NY—closer to his hospital. New address: 408 Stoutenburgh Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534; tel., (585) 586-7568. He is now ready to plan for our 65th Reunion. He also plans to appoint a nominating committee for new class officers.

**Howard Schuck**, MS '43, has sent a news release on his new book, *A Fish Biologist's Impact on National Security*. It's about America's defense against nuclear disaster. For more information, call (800) 839-8640, ext. 244. **Lew Birckhead** did a very pleasant good deed. A young lady asked him to help her out of an embarrassing situation last August. She had been sunbathing topless and locked herself out of her apartment. Lew gave her a shirt so she could go the office for a key!

Your annual News and Dues mailing should be arriving soon—it may have come already. Make sure to return the News Card in the envelope provided. Even a short note would be greatly appreciated. ♦ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225-5233.

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The latest news from the top. **Liz Schlamann Eddy** (NYC), competent Class President, had a great time at the Council Meeting in Ithaca. She enjoyed all the social events, including the opening buffet and the joint meeting of the Board of Trustees, where a discussion of Cornell's future ensued. Liz attended a luncheon at the Arts & Sciences college, which has a new dean, Peter Lepage. She met with **Barbara Crohurst Howell** and the two '42 Memorial Scholars, **Lynne Feeley** '06 and **Katie O'Regan** '07, at the dinner, which featured wonderful student entertainment.

Our two young students wrote lovely appreciation letters to the class. Both are devotees of the Irish. Katie would like to organize an Irish-American Club at Cornell to raise awareness of Irish culture and language. She was busy all summer taking French at Penn State and may be taking Gaelic this year. Needless to say, she is fascinated by languages. Lynne will study abroad in Dublin this spring at Trinity College, and write an English honors thesis her senior year. She currently writes for the Arts and Entertainment section of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, reviewing music releases and campus concerts, and has been selected as a Featured Poet. The campus literary magazine *Rainy Day* will publish five or more of her poems. We can be proud of both Katie and Lynne.

Liz also attended the 100th anniversary meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) in New York City, which included a talk by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and a luncheon where she was joined by **Jean Way Schoonover** '41, **Eleanor Slack Randles** '41, MS '78, **Lucy Howard Jarvis** '38, and **Miller Harris**, **Larry Lowenstein**, and **Shigeo Kondo**, all '43. She enjoyed a talk by Kathy Okun, senior university advisor and wife of President Lehman. The Alumni Glee Club sang, and a video on the history of CACO was featured. A blizzard hit NYC that afternoon with such force that most attendees who lived nearby checked out immediately to try to get home. Liz booked into a nearby hotel and joined in the big banquet that night, enjoying

Chantal Champagne and Big Band music. She will try to get this band for our 65th!

Following the death of her wonderful husband Jim, **Jean Pardee Cole** (St. Louis, MO) moved to a retirement home near her daughter. She would love to have anyone in the vicinity contact her. Jean called me with the sad, sad news that **Connie Caffrey McMurray** (Upper Montclair, NJ) passed away. Connie's son Mark called and said she had gone to the hospital with shingles and died of an infection contracted there. Connie was a charming, always sunny and active personality who loved to socialize. Lately, she had been especially keen on bird watching. A travel agent, she loved to go places and do things. My infant son Frankie and I enjoyed an apartment with Connie in Ithaca during WWII and had as much fun as you could have during the war. Always dependable, Connie will be sorely missed by everyone.

**James Bean** (Hustontown, PA) writes, "After many years of developing a retirement routine, I find myself more rapidly cutting back on activities—mainly for health reasons and only partly my health. No complaints on the changes, though." James and wife Myrtle's oldest grandson served several months in Iraq and is now back home. **Emily Germer** St. John (Lake Oswego, OR) volunteers with Meals on Wheels and drives shut-ins here and there. She and Robert visited the Netherlands, viewing Dutch Art masters, as well as Anchorage, AK, celebrating with other Clan Campbell members, and reuniting with their children at weddings. "Jimmy" enjoys concerts and plays, playing bridge and tennis, and walking. Now boasting seven great-grandchildren, she tells them, "When the time comes for a retirement home, book us on a cruise ship instead—it costs the same."

**Clara and Harry Hoose** (Sun City Center, FL; chhoose@ij.net) summer in Anchorage, AK, where, although they had six inches of snow in September, they major in growing vegetables. Luckily they escaped hurricane damage in Florida. **Frank Caplan** (Lacey, WA; 3953caplan@aol.com) retired as editor-in-chief of *Quality Engineering Journal*, a product of Taylor and Francis Books Inc. He volunteers with Benevolent Fund activities of the Panorama City Retirement Community and boasts six great-grandchildren. Sadly, his wife Shirley passed away recently.

**Roy Tunison** (Bradenton, FL) worked as publisher's rep (ad sales) for national magazines. He moved from San Francisco last year after 20 years of residence with only one earthquake. He dodged the hurricanes and survived along with his dog and cat. **Ruth Simes** Morgan (Bonita Springs, FL; crmorg3813733@aol.com) was grateful that Hurricane Charley hit 30 miles north of them. Her competitive spirit keeps her playing golf three times a week.

We also note the passing of **Edwin Parkhill** (Norwich, NY). He served in the Air Force in WWII, where he spent full time in combat zones flying on bombing missions photographing ground action. He prepared a documentary from the film he shot in the South Pacific. His friend Ronald Reagan did the narration along with Brian Donlevy and Spencer Tracy. David Rose composed an original music score. After

working for General Electric, Edwin became an interior designer and established the design firm Hamilton Parkhill ASIC. He was also active in many civic projects, and he and his wife Mary loved to travel. He will be missed by his many, many friends.

Thanks for all your letters and cards. It makes the column so interesting and easy to write. If I didn't get to you, don't give up. Your contribution will be included ASAP. ♦ Carolyn Evans Fineran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, CeeFinn@juno.com.

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Among the 60-some notes from you good folk praising and mourning the late, great **Roy Unger**, is this from **Gracia Byrne Ostrander**: "I was saddened by Roy's death. We both lived at Kendal so I saw him often with his little dog, Skipper. He was a wonderful classmate and friend and I miss him here." At the class officers' meeting (salad, chicken picatta, speeches, asparagus, the singing of "Evening Song," petit fours, coffee), a successor to Roy was named. The post had been declined by the far prettier of our VPs, **Caroline Norfleet** Church, who pleaded chronic immobility due to lack of co-chauffeurs. For proxy-by-default's name, go to bottom of column.

The officers present (**Larry Lowenstein**, **Shig Kondo**, et moi) voted to fund the digitizing of the *Daily Sun* for our freshman year, 1939-40. (The classes of '44 and '45 covered—at \$5,000 a pop—the balance of our years on the Hill.) I'll let you know when and where it will be posted on the Web. Stay tuned. '43 will also turn over from our class treasury the final \$22,000 of the \$37,500 we had pledged toward the Class of '43 Scholarship. The current recipient is **Sara Martinez**, Arts and Sciences '08 (Santa Paula, CA), who plans one day to write the history of the constellations, and possibly to lecture on the subject.

Larry announced that our 2004 contributions to Cornell totaled \$1,645,502, double that of our 2003 reunion effort, once again demonstrating '43's appreciation of CU even when Larry is just cuddling not rattling the tin cup. Actually, the gift by the **Mac Bakers**, a hefty payment on a multi-year pledge by **Curt Strand**, and a large bequest by the late **Barber Conable**, LLB '48, were major factors.

A vote of appreciation was expressed—why wait till the last minute?—to 65th Reunion Chair **Bob Larson**, who summers in Freeville, NY, ten minutes from campus, and to his business-partner helpmate Margo, who—listen up—is the first Wells/Illinois State grad ever to co-chair a Cornell reunion.

Friday at dinner with longtime wife **Mary Louise (Snellenburg)** '45 and Adele Robinette, my editor at this magazine, our waitress admired my Q & D pin. Hey! It was CACO weekend! Fearing that said waitperson might mistake this shriveled curmudgeon for a biker sporting skull & stiletto, Ms. Robinette jumped in with: "It's a writer's organization." Musing abed that night, I resolved henceforward—in these, my more mellow writer's years—to employ more Quill and less Dagger. Next morning it had passed. I was back to abnormal.

"In trip to Venice, Padua, Verona, and Prague on an opera tour," writes **Jane Adams Wait** (Saratoga Springs, NY). "I saw my first 'Tristan and Isolde.' I had written my freshman English paper on that opera. Would you believe it!" [Yep. I would.] **Jack Rice** (McMurray, PA): "In October '39, Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledged six Pittsburghers. All entered and graduated Engineering school. I know of no advanced degrees won by any of us. I know that two of us wouldn't even make it to junior year with today's curriculum. **Ted Ludwig** was killed in the war; five are alive and kicking: **Furm South**, **Jack Cole**, **Lou Helmick** [my spell-check wanted to change this to Hemlock], **Bud McGlaughlin**, and me. Four of us still live in the Pittsburgh area. What other house has had such a sterling record?" [House of Rothschild? Animal House?]

Quick segue to Mr. South (Sewickley, PA, and Lantana, FL): "Very sorry to hear about Roy's death. Great guy; great Cornellian; he will be missed by the great Class of 1943. In October, the Head of the Ohio Fall Regatta was held here in Pittsburgh. Cornell crews made the trip—women, men's heavyweight, and men's lightweight. All did well, but against weaker competition than in the past. Hosted a party at our home—believe this was our 12th—for the Cornell crews. Good music, good food, good fellowship. Bud McGlaughlin, his brother Dick, and **Tom Potter** '57 all attended. I was delighted that **Frank Collyer** '48 came as well. A great evening!"

This from **Fay William Brandis** '42 (New Hartford, NY): "I'm sorry to report that **Mary Ellen (Pearson)** is afflicted by Alzheimer's and for the last two years has been in the Katherine Lutheran Home, Clinton, NY, four miles away. We have been married for 62 years and have had a wonderful life. I see her every day. She was always busy in volunteer work. During WWII while I was in England, Mary Ellen worked for IBM and then Sarah Lawrence College. After I came home, we lived in Levittown and East Setauket, LI, Waterville, NY, Smithtown, LI, Ridgefield, CT, and Clinton and New Hartford, NY. We have two boys, Greg and Gordon. Mary Ellen and I wish to convey our best wishes to the Class of 1943."

**Miriam Freund** Hurewitz (New York, NY): "After many years of working for publishers large and small—both in-house and as a freelancer—of editing and proofreading copy from the magnificent to the ridiculous, and of teaching the tricks of my craft to others, I finally retired December 31. I expect to spend more time traveling with my husband and exploring the Internet." And from **Lucille Jenks McGown** (Mesa, AZ): "My motto: I will live in the present moment. I will not obsess about the past or worry about the future." To which we all add: Amen. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

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The ground is white and the wind doth blow—it's February as I write, but you will be reading this a year after Reunion. **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten** have received many accolades and much appreciation. **Mildred Kasper Lillis** wrote, "The whole weekend ran beautifully—you

richly deserve gratitude from '44." **Ann Bode Jennings**, M Ed '47, thanked them both for a wonderful 60th. She was impressed by the campus, the programs, and "all that you did to make it a success. It was good to renew old friendships." She went on to visit in Virginia and Santa Fe, and spent a month in San Luis Obispo "sans computer." **Alison King Barry**, BArch '47, said Reunion was great. She sent news of daughter Kris, who sold her café in Joshua Tree, CA, and set up a "Specialty Food Products" business in the Berkshires. Website [www.appalachian naturals.com](http://www.appalachian naturals.com) tells the story. Son Bruce and wife have bought a home with land for a ceramic studio there.

**Madeleine King** Short regrets missing the 60th, heard it was a great success, and says, "The class of '44 is in debt to you both—Big Time!" **Robert Miller** was most disappointed but could not leave his ill wife. He plays golf and does yard work daily and attends medical meetings. **Nancy Chien** Chang of Palo Alto, CA, was very sorry to miss Reunion. She had to come east for the funeral of her brother **Ting Chien**, MCE '38, in May, then back in June to San Diego for a family celebration of her 60th wedding anniversary.

Some of us are still working. **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, sent a copy of *Cornell Veterinary Medicine* magazine, half of which describes his past and present teaching, travels, and collection of specimens. He is an "anatomist by profession, but he was born a naturalist with a particular interest in reptiles." He enclosed an ad for his latest book, *Guide to the Dissection of the Dog, 6th Edition*. He and Erica were headed for eight weeks in Grenada where he would teach fish and bird anatomy and a natural history course at the Vet School. He mentioned our great reunion, especially seeing an old roommate, **Bill Lane**, MNS '48. **Anne Bishop** McKusick writes about her husband's honor, the Victor McKusick Professorship in Medicine and Genetics at the Johns Hopkins U. She says, "Reunion was terrific. Victor feels like a Cornellian, too!" **Wells** and **Sara Storm Shoemaker** are busy renovating a 1740 tavern. Wells was honored by the American Filtration Society with a lifetime achievement award for leadership in founding a growing society.

**Thomas Barker** of Plymouth, MN, has been working two mornings a week for 14 years rehabbing houses for PPL. He recently lost his wife of 50 years. His four children are standing by. **Naomi Zion** Schulman is still tutoring first and second grade children and teaching ESL in Stanford, CA. **Rose Matt** uses a Cornell credit card. She spends more than \$1,000 a month and pays in full each month. "All that I buy, whether it be a service or an item, is charged to this card." The Cornell Alumni Federation then uses the royalties from the card's purchases for alumni and class program grants, which benefit all Cornell constituencies. '44 classmates ALERT: use a Cornell credit card. Rose has health problems that preclude her participation in '44 "adventures," but she sends her best.

**Curt Beck** of Storrs, CT, announces his 80th birthday and marriage to Ina Ruth Kutz two years ago after the death of Althea in '97. He retired as professor of political science at UConn 12 years ago but is a member of the Connecticut State

Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, as well as local government boards. **Aaron Waldman** married an old friend, Mercedes Curas, on March 30, 2004. They are very happy.

We're travelers. **William Calvert** did Rome and Florence, "while we can still walk a mile or two." **Jim McTague** of Naples, FL, "sticks with riverboats." After touring Yellowstone and the Tetons he set off on his annual tour with four daughters (sans husbands) on the Elbe—Berlin to Prague. He still "works enough to stay alert plus lots of charity volunteering." He's starting to whittle medals for the Kestens. The **Alan Ledermanns** spent some months last winter on the Big Island of Hawaii, then on to Eastern Europe including a three-week Elderhostel in Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary. They spent two weeks each in Romania and Bulgaria with local guides. **Charles Van Reed** took a 13,000-mile passenger train vacation, June 2 to July 7—"Philadelphia to Bellingham, WA, on three rivers and *Empire Builder* (AMTRAK), Alaska State Ferry on Inland Waterway to Skagway, round-trip to Lake Bennett on White Pass and Yukon RR, on to Prince Rupert, Canada (ferry), to Nova Scotia, Halifax, return west to Montreal, AMTRAK to Philadelphia." As a member of the National Railway Historical Society and a rail buff, he enjoyed an educational and wonderful vacation. **Dorothy (Kleine) '45** did not accompany him on this trip.

**Ted Watkins** joins the great-grandfather group with **Hank Bates**, who mentions Alexander Henry Ross, son of **Anne Crum '96**. He claims another generation of Cornellians, nine so far in three generations. **Maryanne Trask Whitcomb** reports a fifth great-grand. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski Rundell**, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

**45** Again, a classmate will be honored at a banquet during Homecoming in October with the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, given annually for extraordinary service to the university—not for financial contributions or achievements in business, professional, or outside activities. **William Berley** (NYC) will follow our co-president **Maxine Katz Morse** (Rye, NH) as a recipient. Congratulations to Bill, with thanks for his many services to Cornell, especially the Johnson Museum and our class. His activities include three trips with CAU last year, as well as a week on campus for a program sponsored by CAU. He's a member of the CAU Advisory Council, which might have something to do with its scheduling the events he likes. Bill plans to be at reunion and will be glad to fill you in on more things to do.

Honors of another kind went to **Robert Olmsted** (Jackson Heights, NY). Bob received the 2004 Civil Engineering History and Heritage Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers at its annual meeting in Baltimore last October. He chairs the Society's New York Metropolitan Section's History and Heritage Committee and was principal author of its *Guide to Civil Engineering Projects In and Around New York City*. Bob and wife Pauline vacationed in France's Dordogne region last year. They will be

at reunion, too, as will **George Rautenberg** (Lexington, MA) who, for five years, has been a volunteer at the Minuteman National Historical Park and keeps busy going to England twice a year to visit his "grandBrits," with side trips to the continent. Another reunion attendee is faithful **Minette Leister** (Madison Township, NJ), who still goes to CAU events and belongs to the Cornell Club-New York. She has certainly held up the legion of Cornell connections and activities of our late class president **Ed**, and is a true Cornellian in everything but the formal details. Another faithful is **Oscar Buffalow** (Hillsborough, CA), who will again go transcontinental to reunite with us. Tom says that his granddaughter **Christine '08**, who is finishing her freshman year as a physics major on the Hill, loves it.

in Seefeld, Austria, and will be in Venice or on a Greek Island cruise at reunion time. Poor excuse!

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I thank **Jeanne Quigan Scott** for calling again to find out about her news . . . The day of Phil's cancer operation I sent in a

March/April column, forgetting I had started another one days before that had included Jeanne's news. I guess I was really worried about the operation. I'm so glad Jeanne called. Please, everyone, accept my apologies. If you can take time to write, I want all your classmates to enjoy hearing from you, as I do. You are the GREATEST.

## 'I resolved henceforward to employ more Quill and less Dagger.'

S. MILLER HARRIS '43

**Henrietta Burgott Gehshan** (Southampton, PA) wouldn't dream of missing reunion and is busy as ever, volunteering in half a dozen organizations and keeping track of her seven grandchildren. So far she hasn't persuaded any to go to Cornell. One is even a Penn graduate, now working on an MS there. Another is a U. of Chicago alumnus, still another is at Northeastern, and one attends Tufts. Hank has two more to work on; wish her success! **David and Mary Wells Meter Carter** are both full of activity around their town (Ocala, FL), doing many volunteer and church things, but also travel. Last year they bumped into two Cornell profs atop a Peruvian mountain! They toured Ireland and voyaged on the beautiful *Sea Cloud* to Turkey and Greece and planned for a winter Caribbean cruise before heading to Ithaca. As previously reported, **Robert Wallace**, MD '47 (New Hartford, NY) and **Charlotte Madison Devers** were married almost two years ago after renewing their old undergrad friendship at our last reunion. Of course, they won't miss this one, even though disappointed at not being housed in Statler Hall. They didn't care too much for Hurlburt House, but, as it's been rejuvenated, maybe they'll like it better if they have recovered from their journey to Sicily last fall. No volcanoes in Ithaca!

**James Monroe** (Covington, KY) was unsure about reunion at last report; we hope he will tear himself away from the tennis court and grandchild-visiting to be able to tell us all about his granddaughter's Charleston, SC, wedding, which he terms a "truly Southern performance." Having attended a few Charleston weddings myself, I know what he means. We will miss old buddies **Richard Stacy**, BS '49 (Hilton Head, SC) and **Frank Swingle**, ME '49 (Indianapolis, IN), who are too busy traipsing around the country or cruising to attend reunions, as is **Ruth Bussell McLay** (Holmdel, NJ). She reports that she and husband John celebrated their 58th anniversary

Here's who I heard from. **Jeanne Quigan Scott** wrote, "My husband died in 1992. I am living on 'the farm,' an old family homestead in the Fraser Settlement, Bethel, NY, where I oversee the management of woodlots, and the rehabilitation of an old dam and pond—not exactly what I prepared for in Arts and Sciences. I commute to Manhattan, Westchester, and Massachusetts to visit my daughters and two grandchildren. Both my daughters graduated from Smith College, my granddaughter attends Davidson College, and my grandson attends the Browning School of Manhattan. I'm looking forward to our next reunion and enjoy hearing from classmates."

**Maj-Britt Karlsson Gabel** (Willow Street, PA) wrote of the marriage of two of her granddaughters in July 2003 and April 2004. She also became a great-grandmother in Sept. 2003. **Priscilla Alden Clement** (South Hadley, MA) was delighted to find other Cornellians living at Loomis Village: **Herb Fordham '42**, **Roger and Joan Staudinger Dickinson '45**, **Jackie Rapoport Siegel '47**, **Bob, PhD '55**, and **Betsy Bergen**, and **Daisy Stenholm**, who worked in the Treasurer's Office. Daisy has a strong Cornell background. Her deceased husband George and brother Carl also attended; Priscilla said they are planning a Cornell table at dinner. Phil and I discovered that friends in our Wernersville, PA, complex are longtime friends of **Wilbur and Marjorie Eberhart Haupt** (Overland Park, KS). Unfortunately, we were away when they visited last October.

I got the latest list of CAU attendees: last May, **Carolyn Usher Franklin** of Ithaca took Ithaca Birding, and **Phyllis Stapley Tuddenham** (Naples, FL) studied London Theatre.

Our mailbox was stuffed with your Christmas cards. From '46ers: **Pat and Sam Miller** wrote from Florida, where they were staying from November to April. Ann and **Jerry Finch** (Bluffton, SC) gave us birthdates: Ann will be 76 in June and Jerry 81 in September. "We have

four grandchildren, two in college and two fired up to go. A son and daughter-in-law have had bouts with cancer." Sal and **Pat Kinne** Paoella (Lakewood, NJ) wrote early to tell us their new retirement address and called this week about their plans to visit their daughters in Mexico and Florida. **Jan Basset** Summerville (Sackets Harbor, NY) wrote about her grandsons. John reached Eagle Scout in December, Bryan finished Oklahoma State and is working at the nuclear plant in Oswego, and Garret is a senior at the U. of South Carolina.

**Bob Reed** '42 (San Francisco) sang in the Glee Club for four years while pursuing a degree in Food Chemistry at the Ag college. He later became one of the few Army recruits in WWII whose duties utilized his experience. He was assigned to food inspection in the Army's veterinarian dept. **Tom** '45 and Marie **Buffalow** (San Mateo, CA) aren't singers but thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Tom and Marie plan to attend his 60th Reunion this year. **Marion Seel** Hackley (Mountain View, CA) begged off her El Camino Hospital volunteer gift shop duties for an evening of fun with the

was finished in 1985, and the nuclear business ended at that point also. After a lay-off, Seymour got a job with Westinghouse Electric in nearby Sunnyvale, and retired from Westinghouse in 1991. His wife died in 1993, he married Frances in 1997, and they have continued living in Sunnyvale.

**Sawyer Thompson** (tomsimba@aol.com) e-mailed to tell us that his life has been more windshaking than earthshaking. He evacuated his home in Naples because of the two Florida hurricanes and was still in the process of recovering at the time he wrote. He enjoys golf at the beautiful Hobe Sound Golf Club and was able to play while visiting his brother **Bill** '48 on Long Island last September. Sawyer was re-elected for a four-year term to the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control Board. I am glad these two friends wrote.

A message from University Vice President Inge Reichenbach reports on the University Board of Trustees and Council meetings held last fall. She reports that all parties "shared President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77's enthusiasm for and understanding of Cornell's strengths: its diversity of viewpoints and breadth of academic programs, its encouragement of collaboration and interdisciplinary study, the vision of our founders, and his characterization of Cornell as revolutionary and beloved." In addition, she wrote that "the call for increased faculty-student interaction drew an especially positive response." The councilmembers advocated faculty-student mentoring and put that need on equal footing with research and scholarship. Some councilmembers requested "more efficient communications, not just between Cornell and its alumni, but between its alumni and the wider world." There were many calls for a pocket-size "fact sheet" with statistics that we alumni could use to inform. Evidently, the university has plans in the works to launch a monthly, all-alumni e-mail newsletter that they hope will go toward that goal. (My thought: not much help for those without computers!) If any of you are interested, there is available the text and a video of the State of the University Address online at <http://www.cornell.edu/president/speeches.cfm>.

In 2001 the university started a New Student Reading Project, hoping to initiate dialogue between faculty members and freshmen based on all having read the same designated book. To the great delight of many, the project became a community-wide happening involving staff, administrators, older students, and people of the Ithaca community, spawning more discussion than ever expected. The book for the incoming Class of 2009 is *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, written in 1958. The author is from Nigeria and writes of the decay of Africa caused by the involvement of Europe.

Our class vice-president, **Barlow Ware**, keeps in touch with me often with lighter news from the campus. He evidently had a very happy January enjoying at least eight parties in his honor, celebrating his 80th birthday. He brags he still could jitterbug. Since Barlow's name appears frequently in this column (he's my major source for info from campus) I decided to tell you about him. Barlow started working for Cornell on July 7, 1955 and has been there ever since. Almost 50

## 'Memory is a cone-shaped cup with a tiny hole in the bottom.'

JEANNE CHAMOULAUD KIMMELL '48

**Ruth Critchlow** Blackman (Newtown, PA) is still glad she made her move to a retirement community and hoped to get to the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in NYC and to reunion. **Orie** and **Ann McGloin Stevens** are still happy in Wyndmoor, PA. Jack and **Charlotte Cooper** Gill (Holley, NY) are preparing for the wedding of their oldest granddaughter. I heard from Phil's fraternity brother **Bill Donaldson** '44 and my AOPi sisters **Lou Holden Smith** (and Bill '48), **Shan Silvani**, **Elaine Tompkins Merkel** (and Walt), and **Bonnie Kauffman** De La Mater, all '47. Keep the US mails in business—keep writing! See you in Ithaca in 2006. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

**Walter T. Bew Jr.** (Linwood, NJ) told his buddies on the Hill he was Walt Bew. But in jig time they began calling him "Malt Brew." Walt, or Malt, conducted a solo general medical practice for 50 years before retiring in 2000. Part of his medical service was done in the US Air Force as a flight surgeon in WWII and the Korean War. Walt has been widowed for 18 years. He and Patricia parented two sons and one daughter, leading to four wonderful grandchildren. Walt will soon remarry—to his angel Juanita—and perhaps show her off at our 60th Reunion.

**Seth and Barbara Heartfield** (Naples, FL; [sethbarbh@aol.com](mailto:sethbarbh@aol.com)) moved two years ago to Arbor Trace, a retirement community. They enjoy Naples's many benefits and remain active in the community. Adding to their joy, daughter Debby also lives in Naples. After Cornell, Seth worked at construction until lured into the family dairy and ice cream manufacturing business. Next was 20 years in the restaurant business, starting with one landmark restaurant. He expanded to three in the D.C. area before selling out and retiring ten years ago. They have enjoyed bridge and many cruises out of Florida. Presently, they are planning an excursion to Charleston and Savannah.

Lots of San Francisco Bay Area Cornellians turned out for the Menlo Park performance of the Cornell University Glee Club. Your correspondent ran into one classmate and several of nearby years.

Glee Club. **Jim** '51 and **Pat Gunderson Stocker** '53 coordinated the great evening and found alumni housing for the participants for the night.

At the end of the performance, former Glee Club performers were invited to join the group on stage. Jim Stocker, Bob Reed, and some 20 percent of the audience of 200 qualified and performed in the final selections. Our old-timers proved they still had talent during parodies of "Song of the Classes" and straight renditions of "Evening Song" and the Alma Mater.

Let's start working now for a mammoth turnout for our "60th in '06" Reunion. We'll have that mammoth turnout, and a ball, if each of us calls a classmate and asks him or her to join us on the Hill in June '06. TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail it to me. Include your name and city and state of residence. Send news to: ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, [PBL22@cornell.edu](mailto:PBL22@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**47** It is snowing here in the frigid north as I write in February, but I hope it is gorgeous weather for you as you read it in May. I am currently out of new news from News Forms, so I am going to have to work harder to create this column.

**Seymour Rock** ([seymourrock@aol.com](mailto:seymourrock@aol.com)) sent me an e-mail—his first-ever submission to the magazine—and tells us that he started at Cornell in 1941, entered the US Army in May 1943, and was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1946. He re-entered Cornell in September 1946, and was graduated in June 1947 with a BME and married wife Betty shortly after that. He had several job offers, accepted one with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., and stayed with the company for 20 years while he and Betty lived in Cleveland and Shaker Heights for 20 years. In 1967 he accepted a job offer from General Electric, and with his wife and three kids he drove out to San Jose, CA. He made several trips overseas to the GE Headquarters in Zurich, and coordinated with the GE plant being built on the Rhine River. The plant

years! He retired at 65, but has continued to work in his job for the last 15 years as a volunteer. He is titled Director of Special Projects in the Office of University Development, explaining that he takes on tasks that please him, given to him by his department, other parts of the university, and alumni. He says he really has his own agenda, with a special interest in campus beautification. The department will move from Brown Road to downtown this summer into a new building on Seneca and Tioga streets, where his office will be on third floor. He invites all to visit.

To me he sounds like our own Ambassador Without Portfolio. He began his connection to Athletics running the clock in the new Lynah Rink in the late 1950s before moving to Schoellkopf, where he announced football games for almost 30 years. He now can be found at every home game in the press box on the third floor looking after Important Guests, or on the second floor—the media floor—named in his honor and designated so with a bronze plaque. Special!

You should soon receive the annual News and Dues mailing. When you return the forms, please write about yourselves. It would be good to know something about those whom we haven't heard from in a long time. Your classmates want to know how you are! ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

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**Virginia Keeler** Smith, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL: "Coping with retirement living, trying to reconcile 'Old Boys' on condo board.

Trying to get dinner ordered by 5:00 p.m. Solve all problems by reincarnating Barry Goldwater." **John Osborne**, Vestal, NY: "Doing AARP tax counseling for the elderly. Granddaughter at West Virginia U. for master's degree in music performance." **Prentice Troup**, Wolfeboro, NC: "Staying on the move. A good martini, another losing game of gin, and off to bed. Spent two weeks in London. Also play golf—with rapidly ascending handicap. All things are now clear after two cataract operations. Problem today is people who don't listen and don't think. Never figured out what Kerry was talking about. Don't let them beat you down." **Lucy Woodruff** Groh, Anchorage, AK: "Attempting to put the Groh life accumulation of paperwork in some kind of order. Enjoying visits from and to family, especially to new grandson in Portland, OR. Hope to winter in Palm Desert and cruise on the *Queen Mary II*."

**Jeanne Chamoulaud** Kimmell, Cornwall, PA: "Packing to move to Cornwall Manor Retirement Home near daughter in Lebanon. Tried to get rid of four generations of 'stuff' from women who never threw anything away. Read and watch TV on any channel that teaches me something. Memory is a cone-shaped cup with a tiny hole in the bottom. Day by day you pour more in, but the only things that surface are memories from the '30s, '40s, and '50s. Visited daughter and family in West Virginia near Harper's Ferry where they board racehorses and she raises alpacas. Beautiful place. Just finished pulling out WWI memorabilia and three books from the 19th and 20th century full of Gibson Girl and Boy pin-ups. Uncle Harry

was Cornell '13. You should see the Cornell co-ed in her long red dress with the big white 'C' on her skirt and white muff on her hand. I'd rather be in a canoe floating down the Chemung River if it is still navigable. Spent my elementary school days in Elmira and was flooded out three times. After the '72 flood I found a broken case of Frostilla lotion bottles sans contents. I rescued a few unbroken ones and when they turned lavender in the sun it proved they were pre-WWI. Was packing for a month last September and realized I was a book hoarder. In our original family house we had books in the library, halls, two bathrooms, all seven bedrooms, the kitchen, and the family room (which my late architect husband never completed), and finally in the living room. AARGH!"

**Charles Leslie**, St. Clair Shores, MI: "I've been retired for 22 years. Should have done it 40 years ago. Play duplicate bridge. Spent a week in the Big Easy (New Orleans) at a bridge tournament, then two more weeks in Cajun Country enjoying unbelievable sightseeing, food, and music." **Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA: "Broken leg healed. Now riding the bike again and singing in Washington's Men's Camerata. Enjoyed seven-day Alaskan cruise with four children, spouses, and four grandchildren. Recently completed an 18-month quest by finding and buying back a toll house clock (with wooden works) that had been in Nancy's family for six generations. An estranged nephew had sold it without telling us and it had changed hands three times before we caught up with it."

**Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Retired judge, New York Civil Court, doing mediation work in Palm Beach. Play tennis, bridge, and keep up with the (depressing) news. Recently had a record 13th major operation. Wish I was back at Cornell. Loved my time there. Plan to see grandchildren in college. One's in law school. The golden years are sometimes rusty." **Joanne Norton** Mayer, Marblehead, MA: "I'm getting my newly fused ankle ready for the ski season. Had a wonderful whitewater-rafting trip on the Colorado River, great summer sailing, and snowy winter in Maine. Getting old is a pain, but we make the most of it."

**Charlotte Smith** Moore, Binghamton, NY: "Bridge, reading, crossword puzzles, volunteering, entertaining. Traveled to Colorado, New Hampshire, Lake George, and Cazenovia. Go to all home football games. Family was here for Thanksgiving. Cruise to Bermuda in June; family reunion in Kansas later." **Harriet Morel Oxman**, Sarasota, FL: "Have been elected a second time as president of Friends of Selby Public Library. I'm a volunteer in the Sheriff's Dept. after completing a three-month course in the Sheriff's Citizens Law Enforcement Academy, including rappelling out of a four-story window (pushed by a SWAT team member). Had an unusual trip to Siberia, Mongolia, and China. Rode on the Trans-Siberian Railroad and on a camel and horse, and slept in a Ger (Yurt) in the Gobi Desert. (I'm looking forward to the Statler in 2008!) Many places yet to go and visit."

**Ernest Schaufler**, MS '52, Ithaca, NY: "Keeping up the old house. Last year I was hoping for rain. Today I'm hoping for sunshine." **Edward Brenner**, Boca Raton, FL: "Having reached my

78th birthday I must admit that I live a very enjoyable but shallow life. Having retired from work, tennis, and golf, in that order, I now play bridge every day. Because of my wonderful attendance record (and some degree of skill) I have reached that level of Gold Life Master in bridge. I try to balance my shallow life by being a decent, considerate human being in my everyday life. The primary reason I have an enjoyable life is my wife Lee." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel. and fax, (516) 767-1776.

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The actor John Wayne has been quoted as saying, "I don't trust ambiguity." Agreed. The simple truth about this column is that it

has had more false starts than a Barton Hall track meet. We were a little leery of diving back into the pool, nervous that we would find notices of the passing of '49ers, but got a positive jolt from **Bill Feinberg** (Ocean, NJ), who sent a pack of photos from our last reunion for the class archives. This is a sneaky way to admit that the mailbag is all pre-Reunion. We will never make it for this column deadline. Hang in there as we cherry-pick for the next time. Besides, we were just reminded that the first week in March was designated National Procrastination Week in 1993. We look forward to celebrating it. Maybe!

The *Sun* keeps complaining about the Ithaca weather on one hand, but refers to the scene as "FINGER-LAKE'N GOOD." This must be true, as Cornell's applicant pool had more than a 16.7 percent increase from last year with more than 24,000 applications received by the undergraduate colleges for next fall's freshman class. To be fair, we note that all but one of the Ivy League schools increased their pools. Yale was the exception. Post-presidential election fall-out?

Ah, the irony! The National Hockey League called an end to their season after Commissioner **Gary Bettman** '74, the players, the owners, and a cast of thousands failed to find common ground. There was a lot of huffing and puffing, but no deal. No handshake. Note that there were no cash-paying fans involved. In fact, when have paying customers ever been involved in labor disputes? A rather novel idea. The counterpoint: Back in Ithaca, the men's Big Red hockey team took first place in the ECACHL and the Ivy League, playing before standing-room-only crowds of the loud, wild "Faithful." Dr. E. E. Day told me an arena that seated "about 50" would be all that would be needed. I am certain that he never thought Cornell women would be playing ice hockey! He fought Student Council avidly when it was proposed that a portion of the then-new Student Activities Fee go to women's sports. Times change. The Women's Track and Field Team won their 7th consecutive HEPS championship. Gosh, this will be a dangerous Sadie Hawkins Day.

**Tom Clements** (Saratoga Springs, NY) has been appointed by Gov. George E. Pataki to serve on the New York State Public Transportation Safety Board. This group investigates all rail and bus accidents across the state, as well as setting safety measures for all the transportation properties. Tom reminds us that he opened his insurance brokerage in 1951 and that his '49er

advertising agency was **Keegan** and **Larios**, whose office was the back seat of Chris's car in Philly. Where are you, Chris?

Continuing the foolishness in the last column when we pondered the strange manner that we address our body parts in speech, we present the winning contributions from you: "Strike a pose . . . strike a balance . . . split a hair . . . split the difference . . . do the split!" Enough of this. It's time to prepare for serious moments. March 17, for example. Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

**50** If you hurry, you may still register to be with your classmates for our super 55th Reunion next month. You don't want to miss our wonderful program organized by **Stan Rodwin** and **Jo Kessel** Buyske. See our website for more details.

The class officers' Mid-Winter Meeting in New York City in January—headed by vice president Stan Rodwin—put the finishing touches on the reunion program as part of the agenda. A forum entitled "Class of '50—Rewired not Retired" and a dinner dance with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra to remind us of Big Band dances at Barton Hall are among the featured activities. Some real rugged folks, about 17 out of 34 who made reservations—it was an especially snowy evening—gathered for the class dinner at the Cornell Club following the officers' meeting. **Bruce Davis**, MBA '52 (Coopersburg, PA) was among those who attended both events. Bruce sold his 58-acre historic Bucks County farm two years ago, after his wife died. He says, "I moved to a modest ranch-style home that is not so lonely and spend time at my villa at Seabrook Island in Charleston, SC." In addition, Bruce gardens at his home, enjoys the arts in the Lehigh Valley and NYC, and traveled on the Cornell Alumni Association Caribbean Cruise last year.

**Robert Plaisted** (Ithaca, NY) was honored last summer as Researcher of the Year by *Potato Grower* magazine. He is Cornell University Professor Emeritus of Potato Breeding. In 1956 Robert was offered a position to develop an ornamentals breeding project in plant pathology and to continue the potato-breeding project that had already begun. His fascination with potatoes grew, and when he became chairman of the department in 1964 he spent the rest of his career in that field. To learn more about Robert and the Potato Association of America, go to [www.potatogrower.com](http://www.potatogrower.com).

**Jim Preston**, EdD '68, and wife Gretta (Hector, NY) added to our 50th anniversary celebrants last June. Three daughters, including **Cindy Preston** Hagin '79, planned the celebration at the Wagner Vineyard Winery in Lodi, NY. Grandson **Todd Denmark** is now a member of the Class of '06. The Prestons travel to Oxshott, England, to visit their youngest daughter and family.

A few of us are still working at our career choices. **Robert Grayson**, MD '53 (Tenafly, NJ) is in private practice for psychiatry and psychoanalysis in NYC. He teaches medical students at Weill Cornell Medical College in interviewing techniques and serves as clinical professor of psy-

chiatry. In addition, he teaches Ethics in Clinical Practice at the New York Psychoanalytic Inst. **William Morris** (Shaker Heights, OH) is self-employed as an architect. **Arnold Nelson** (Gardena, CA) liquidated his company and has joined Lennar Communities as Regional VP, Land Development. He tells us, "This change is most exciting and creating a new venture for me and my staff."

Others of us are out contributing and active in our communities. **Richard Davis**, new to Vero Beach, FL, plays tennis in his leisure time, but wants to get back to tutoring in chemistry and teaching ESOL adults. **Fred Immen** (Defiance, MO) serves as a zoo docent, volunteers with Wings of Hope as an engineer, acts as an experimental aircraft association activist, tutors in college math and engineering, and is writing a family history book, "A Tree Grows in Yonkers." Fred sadly lost his wife **Margaret (Brown) '48** after 54 years of marriage.

**Jim Hume** (Batavia, NY) is a retired dairy farmer who now serves as a trustee for Genesee Community College in Batavia. **Tom Bryant**, JD '53 (Bend, OR) is a retired attorney, volunteers for the Interfaith Caregivers, and instructs for AARP 55 Alive driving classes. He and wife Dorothy have seven grandchildren, one of whom is finishing the freshman year at Cornell. The Bryants are history buffs and continue to study ancient civilizations as well as modern European and American history. They are looking forward to coming back to reunion after an absence of 45 years.

**Philip Davis** (Maryville, TN) has settled in at his daughter's house following the death of his wife and the sale of his dairy farm in New York. Last year he traveled 16,000 miles in four months visiting Cornell friends around the country. Among the friends are **Wally McDougal** (Celina, OH), **Doug Lockwood** (Albion, NY), **Charlie Taft** (Hamburg, NY), and **Ben Williams** (Ithaca, NY). He also saw **Ed '49** and **Edna Gillett Van Zandt** in Princeton, NJ. He tells us that most of them are planning to be at reunion.

**Charles "Chuck" Fiden** (Cincinnati, OH) writes about what most of us would like to be able to say. "I do what most retirees do. I play golf and bridge, go to the theatre, travel overseas, and spend time with the grandchildren. At age 82, I am in good health." **Allen "Al" Strack** (Saratoga Springs, NY) says it another way. "I'm enjoying life! I'm staying two steps ahead of the medical profession that wants to 'study' my body." **Paul Brass**, MBA '51, and his wife **Margaret (Brackbill) '51** moved last year to The Highlands at Wyomissing, a continuing care retirement community in Wyomissing, PA. It is located just five minutes from where they formerly lived. They have their same activities and friends, just a change to a smaller space.

**Jerry "Jay" Johnson** wrote to tell us that his wife **Anne (Schnee)** died in mid-December. Anne and I (Midge) were very close, as were many of you beginning in Freshman Camp, the freshman year in Balch 4, and on through these many years. **Walt Crone** also wrote that he lost his dear wife "Pru" early last year. I also considered her a good friend, though she was not a Cornellian. We send our deepest sympathies to both families.

In closing this column, I am passing this baton on to a new correspondent following

reunion. I wish to thank you all for sharing news with me over the past ten years. It has been my joy to become acquainted with classmates I did not know on campus and to enrich my friendship with those of you I already knew. I will eagerly look forward to reading about all of you in future columns. **Frank Clifford** (Ithaca, NY), who is active in local fundraising and community activities, has said this well: "As a former Cornell Alumni Director, I continue to be amazed, pleased, and proud of the warmth and strength of the 'Cornell Connection.' It is a sustaining relationship that is a factor in the life of the university. Reunions enhance and fulfill the meaning of being a Cornellian." ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, rdk12@cornell.edu; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

**51** **Chuck Mund** is the latest member of our class to receive the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. He shares the 2005 award with his wife **Carol (Winter) '52**. Class president **Sally Williamson** Williams's sister **Arlie Williamson Anderson** '47 has also won the award. Congratulations!

**Jesse and Betsy Zobel Hannan** alternate between Sarasota, FL, and Cayuga Lake. They enjoyed a family summer reunion on the lake last summer and a November vacation in Hawaii. The summer Cornell Adult University (CAU) brought **Howard** and **Carrie Baigell Krasnow** '50 to Cornell for the session called Immigration, **Robert Lev** for Dostoevsky, and **Florence Colligan Mahoney** for Father Knows Best.

Don and Margaret "Pepper" Dutcher Fluke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Durham, NC (organized by their three children) and took a river cruise in Belgium and Holland. Pepper underwent successful surgery for an isolated melanoma on her arm in December and was supported by the children and nine dogs. "Somehow our canine friends helped to make a scary situation not quite so scary." Daughter Mary is a veterinarian and provided four. Pepper helped the Carolina Theatre celebrate its tenth anniversary by creating all the decorations for 30 tables and 300 persons. She burned out a kiln while firing 300 porcelain dogwoods and now has a new computer-operated kiln. Pepper's roommate and Delta Gamma sister **Jean Hoffmire** visited in June 2004.

**Albert and Judith Glassenberg**, New London, CT, report three grandchildren: Roxanne Victoria Glassenberg, born on the Ides of March, and Ellis and Jordan Hemmerdinger, born on the 6th of May. Al may have become the oldest new grandparent in our class. Al and Judi visited Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Tanzania in October. Al sees **Bill Phillips** occasionally, talks to **Ken Jaffe** regularly, and now and then **Al Gleitsman**.

**John and Jean Roberts** have downsized to a cottage in a gated community in Sedona, AZ. John and Jean report pleasant weeks in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. John had two paintings accepted in the annual Arizona juried colored pencil artwork show held in 2002. Grandson Derek became an Eagle Scout and played defensive tackle on a team

that made it to the state quarterfinals. Grandson John launched a wrestling career as a high school freshman. Says Granddad, "He had to wrestle a cute looking girl and had misgivings about several wrestling holds. He won, and I asked him if he got her phone number." One weekend the family earned seven gold medals and one silver in state meets for swimming and weightlifting.

**Sabra Baker** Staley let her annual "Staley Standard" go in 2002 due to her son, a roofer, falling and breaking both wrists. Two grandchildren got stung by scorpions: Jacob, stepping out of a tent in the Grand Canyon barefoot, and Toni pulling on her jeans in Marble Falls, TX. Grandma says, "Maybe you'll hang them up next time." The good news is that both recovered, and granddaughter Ashley was married in Virginia. Sabra is still working with high school kids in wheelchairs in Washington, DC, for a week studying the government hands-on. In 2004 she records a pilgrimage to Switzerland and the marriage of granddaughter Virginia Lee Miller to Reginald "Jay" Brown.

**Stephen Cohen**, PhD '56, Bronx, NY, retired from the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities in 1995 and has pursued a second career writing classical music. A second concert devoted to his music last November is resulting in a third CD. **Marion Roberts** Woodhead, Lake Jackson, TX, has added work at the local food pantry to her tutoring and adult ESL classes. **Bill Eustis** recommends art as a stimulating endeavor in retirement. He enjoys docenting at the Bruce Museum in Riverside, CT. With Frank Robinson, Bill Phillips, and **Pat Bowlers** '50, he toured New York's international art fair in May 2004. He also had a pleasant visit with **Keith Seegmiller** on his sweep through the East.

**Bill Reynolds**, MBA '55, Larchmont, NY, sings in a church choir and volunteers two days a week at a nursing home. Recently he and Lee spent five days in Puerto Rico with three generations of Reynolds, two weeks traveling through France, and four months on the St. Lawrence River at their summer home. He reports seeing **Earl MacArthur** '50, Ed D '71, frequently. **Sue Pickwick** Ray writes from La Canada, CA, that she feels very fortunate to be able to take the long trip to England where her daughter's family lives. They spent a week in Cornwall at an old manor with an indoor swimming pool and toured the countryside. Travel back home included a week in Sedona, AZ, a week in Mexico with bridge-playing friends, and a visit to the Isle of Palms near Charleston before returning to Clear Lake.

We've lost touch with 142 of our classmates. I've been listing these five at a time, hoping for an address, with only one response. This time I'll try 22: Stanley S. Clarke, David Wallis Deacon, Sally Dresser, Glenn Luce Fisher, Walter Christian Grantz, Marion Lucille Hartwig, Iris Ivers, Waldo James Kennedy Jr., Lisbeth L. Beach Lamb, Abraham Lipp, Ann McKeown Mattison, Robert Bly Moore, William A. Noble, Arnold David Pickar, Joseph William Reid, Carl Frederick Ruffrage, John Jay Sherinian, Herbert Joseph Sparber, Robert Wayne Van der Meid, Edmund Nelson Votry, Joan Wheeler, Donald Winfred Youmans.

**Barry Nolin**'s Class of '51 Web page is <http://classof51.alumni.cornell.edu>. Please send your

news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond@ee.net](mailto:bbond@ee.net).

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I missed the January class meeting (part of CACO's Mid-Winter Meeting in New York City), as my husband ruptured an Achilles tendon. **Jan Hofmann McCulloch** reports that **John Carpenter**, Bob Chabon, M Ed '55, **Tom Foulkes**, **Trudy Serby Gildea**, **George Goldman** and his friend Helen Coppel, **Sid**, MD '56, and **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein**, **Charles Rodin**, **Terry Warren**, JD '56, **Gordon** and Shirley **Williams**, **Sandy Malter** '51, BArch '52, and she represented our class at the Friday night '52-53 dinner. Tom, Gordon, Terry, Phebe and Sid, Jack, Trudy, Bob, **Gayle Raymond** Kennedy, and Jan were at Saturday's class meeting, where it was decided to try to find missing classmates by including their names at the end of our column. You will find the first five below. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please let me know.

Honors. In October 2004, **Rick Clark** and **Carol Winter Mund**—along with husband **Charles** '51—received the 2005 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for the length and quality of their contributions to the university. **Warren** and **Sally Hotchkiss Rockwell**, now of Binghamton, NY, have traveled extensively since their graduation. Their and their family's memories of 39 homes on five continents have been gathered into a book, *Moments Foreign: A Memoir of an Expatriate Family*.

Now to the mailbag—first from those who have long been silent. **Constance Soelle Geerhart** (Montgomery Village, MD) writes, "After 13 very happy years doing hands-on research (newspapers, business magazines) in a publishing house, Lexus-Nexus took over my job. It was a dream career, however short." Connie has two sons in law and banking, and a daughter who is a social worker. **William Hubbard** (Poughkeepsie, NY)

their family—21 of them—to Germany and Scotland. Dean's family emigrated to Canada from Loch Tay in 1830. The MacEwans are in excellent health and enjoy travel, especially with a group of Cornell friends. Dean is still active in orthopedics and Lynn with church and garden club.

**Robert Pinkley** (Indianapolis, IN) writes that he and his wife are now legal guardians of Corey, the son of their daughter Diane, who died in June 2004. They plan to move to Haddonfield, NJ, this year to be near their youngest daughter Patricia. Robert writes, "Have not had much contact with other alumni, but would be pleased to hear from them at our new e-mail address: [pinkley4525@earthlink.net](mailto:pinkley4525@earthlink.net)." **Alan Rose** (Cayce, SC) writes that he retired from the hotel field and, in 1995, began a new career in residential real estate appraisal services. Al, who had five bypasses in 1996, is still working. The Roses have two girls, two boys, and four grands. All doing well. He still enjoys sports and is committed to church and some civic activities. His physical activity is limited, but Al hasn't missed a reunion since he graduated and expects to see us all at our 55th in 2007.

**Samuel Schenk** (Sumter, SC), who retired as a Lt. Colonel, USAF, presently operates a tax preparation business and a check cashing business. The Schenks have children Robin and Bonnie. **William Schneider** (Middle Island, NY) writes: "Life here at Birchwood is like the play *Brigadoon*. No one seems to get older. Although seniors prevail, school buses do come in. Golf is the number one sport, with bocci at number two. My game is chess. We have a group of Cornellians who are active and doing well." **John Talmage** (Riverhead, NY) continues his 58-year flying hobby from his farm airstrip on eastern Long Island. He restored and flies a Long Island-built 1931 BIRD biplane. John reports his first grandson is at Cornell, Class of '08.

**Pat Stitt** Truell (Williamsville, NY) writes, "I am nearly retired now. Traveling, playing golf,

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retired as chief residential appraiser from Poughkeepsie Savings Bank. He works part-time for Business Systems Corp. The Hubbards enjoy traveling and volunteer work for their church and other charitable organizations. They have two married daughters, Linda, an engineer and mother, and Martha, rector of an Episcopal Church in Wiesbaden, Germany.

**George**, MBA '56, and **Gayle Raymond Kennedy** have moved from Ithaca to Green Valley, AZ. Gayle writes that they will miss their close friends and campus activities, but not lawn, leaves, snow, ice, and high property taxes. I can understand that. **Lynn Heidelberger** MacEwen (New Castle, DE) writes that she and Dean celebrated their 50th anniversary in August 2004 by taking

bridge, skiing—a good life. Even grandchildren (11) are beginning to leave the nest for college." **Emmet and Marjorie Relyea Vanderburgh** '51, MS '55 (Williamson, NY) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 7, 2004. **Clint Ayres** '53, an usher at their wedding, was present to help celebrate. Emmet writes that "in October 2002 a number of Wesley Foundation alums at Cornell during Rev. 'Rusty' Best's tenure met for a reunion." **Peter Ward** (Candor, NY) retired as Tioga County Legislator as of December 31, 2004. He had been a legislator since January 1, 1996, and was Town of Candor Supervisor from 1987 to 1993.

These are the first five classmates we'd like to find: **Franz Affeld**, **Michael Akintomide**, **Gretchen Von Storch** Allen, **Robert Leon Altman**,

and Paul Joseph Andres. Can you help? ♦ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, [jcomm@aol.com](mailto:jcomm@aol.com).

**53** A breaking TV news report revealed that students at a small college outside Philadelphia had liberated trays from the cafeteria and taken them sliding. (What will their kids think of next?) That helped folks in the frozen core of the Big Apple realize what a serious blizzard was in progress as hundreds descended upon NYC for the centennial celebration of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), Jan. 21-22. Those who were hunkered down in CACO headquarters at the New York Hilton grasped the gravity of the snow. Some stayed snowbound in Bigtown for an extra night. Some fled the city early. A few scrubbed the event altogether. But many city residents managed to mush through Manhattan to the Mid-Winter Meeting.

**Mort**, JD '55, and **Anita Brown Bunis**, Grad, made their way home to New Jersey from Vermont, then crawled through congealed Friday rush hour traffic for dinner with '53 and '52 classmates at Kennedy's, a W. 57th St. boite with a friendly Hibernian accent. About 30 showed up, like **Jane Little Hardy**, **Dick and Peg Jones Halberstadt**'56, **Jim and Sandy Blackwood**, **Bob '52**, **M Ed '55**, and **Judy Resnik Chabon**, **Shirley Sprague** McClintock, Woody and **Joan Kanel** Sandomson, **Bill Gratz**, Harriett "Hat" Hanchett, and moi. Great ambience, great grub, great company.

## Vibrant, Attractive, Mature (Young 70s) Men and Women of Intelligence, Curiosity, Friendliness

seek others of like mind for once-in-a-lifetime experience. A too-fleeting four days (longer if you wish) at one of the most idyllic sites in all of America, under the bluest of summer skies. No obligatory routine, but an array of satisfying adventures to choose from.

When: June 9-12, 2005. Group's formal name: Cornell Class of '55 50th Reunion. Venue: the lush green campus and full facilities of Cornell. Even if you didn't know anyone coming (but you will know many!), you would find yourself embraced by and embracing a whole slew of nice people. Still time to reserve your place.

For details, contact: Dick Estey at 860-274-2261, e-mail: [hiltey@juno.com](mailto:hiltey@juno.com), or Phil Harvey at 610-388-7045, e-mail: [pharvey@institutionalfurnishings.com](mailto:pharvey@institutionalfurnishings.com).

But do it asap.  
(No need to send photo.)

Class Secretary **Caroline Mulford** Owens beat the snow to the city the next day. It began with a CACO business session and a view of 21st-century life at Cornell from Vice President for Student and Academic Services **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94. We learned that Jane Little Hardy will be CACO VP in charge of the 2006 Mid-Winter Meeting. Senior University Advisor and First Lady Kathy A. Okun presented a lively look at our Cornell at lunch. Her husband, President **Jeffrey S. Lehman** '77, spoke on transnational Cornell at the Centennial Gala in the evening. He presented **Bill Vanneman** '31 (isn't that the year most of us were born?) with the first annual William "Bill" Vanneman Outstanding Cornell Class Officer Award. Bill has been a class officer throughout his alumhood. Earlier, '53 councillors met, examined the State of the Class, and agreed it was just fine, thanks.

Former Prez **Claire Moran** Ford took an excused absence to go to Yale for a new hip. Early returns: all went well.

**Dave Kopko** (Nantucket, MA) handed in a brief essay, "How I Spent My Christmas Vacation." It begins at 4 a.m. Dec. 20. "Awoke with minor discomfort in shoulder and rib cage. Couldn't get rid of it, couldn't get back to sleep. (Finessed a) planned trip to Boston, went down the road to hospital to see if they could give me anything for it. 6 a.m. Small staff at that hour ... took several tests, including EKG. Doctor looked me straight in the eye and said, 'We're airlifting you by Coast Guard helicopter to Mass General Hospital. You'll be there in about 40 minutes and they'll be ready for you.' Off we went on my first copter ride, which landed me on the lawn 25 feet from the Emergency Ward entrance. Cardiologists (said) I had had a heart attack and surgery was definitely indicated. Indeed, said surgery did take place the next morning—a quadruple bypass." He was back home "in a couple of weeks," mending, but guesses he may have to give up flamenco dancing. "If one starts the year flat on one's back," says David, "things are looking up."

**John Webster** was still teaching biomedical instrumentation and design at the U. of Wisconsin when last heard from, continuing research into curing liver cancer by heating or freezing the tumors. Spouse **Nancy (Egan)** stays "more than busy" with volunteer work in the community, at the campus art museum, and at church. There are seven grandkids actively attending to academic interests. John and Nancy went to Vietnam in January '04. There John reviewed biomedical engineering programs. They saw Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), the Gulf of Tonkin, and the Mekong Delta. John lectured at a Hong Kong university summer session in June. There was another conference in Malaysia in August, with stops at Kuala Lumpur and the resort island of Penang, "Pearl of the Orient." It was visited later by a cruel sea. (Shielded by Sumatra, the Pearl escaped the worst of the tsunami.)

**Bill Ash**, PhD '60 (New Bern, NC) writes for the *Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron* newsletter. He's a senior navigator with 44 years' service with US Power Squadrons. On shore, he enjoys the gemütlichkeit of Germanic friends in New Bern's Alpenverein. The city was founded 300 years ago by Germans and Swiss from old Bern. He says

he has "generated courage" to sing in public, favoring tunes of Harry James and Claude Thornhill. He gardens, too, but is wary of local vipers. Retired from the construction game, **Thad Collum** (Fayetteville, NY) builds fishing flies these days.

It's Christmas all year for **Charlie**, PhD '60, and **Roberta Manchester Frink** (Branford, CT), creators of ornaments with a volunteer church crafts group. **Nagahide Kuroda** (Tokyo), 81, is still working. **Penny Van Valkenburgh** Goodrich and husband Jim (Livermore, CO) visited youngest son John in the Russian Far East, where he studies Siberian tigers. At home, they raise, train, and show herding dogs. At last count there were five.

Here's a good rousing health to **Elliott Cat tarulla**, '53's eighth winner of the annual Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Service Award. That's the most for any class. He'll be honored Friday, Oct. 14 of Homecoming. Stay tuned for details of our traditional annual dinner with friends from other '50s classes, block seating for the gridiron classic with Georgetown, and whatever else will be up in Ithaca that weekend. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

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The flapping you hear overhead could be the ubiquitous Canada geese or it could be classmates settling into their summer locations. **Anne Drotning** Coors, who was in New York the weekend of CACO's 100th Anniversary Celebration and Blizzard, does a seasonal West Coast relocation. Anne winters in Rancho Mirage, CA, and will spend her summers at her new home in Seattle, WA. Anne still paints, has taken up golf, and serves as a trustee on the U. of California's Cardiovascular Board. **Emily Bates** Douglas moved north rather than south and is now residing in Amherst, MA, to be near her son Damon Douglas III and his family. **P. Craig Bogley** has moved northward from San Pedro to Santa Barbara, CA—not a great deal of climate change there.

Reporting in from Hurricane Alley are **Lawrence Cohen**, **Jim Ritchev**, and **Lynn and Jane Gregory Wilson**. Larry said they luckily ducked two major ones in their area of Jupiter, FL. Having had a few health events over the past couple of years with bits and pieces replaced and repaired, he is physically back in high gear, flying, golfing, and biking (both kinds—powered and un-powered). To keep the grey cells charged he teaches AARP Safe Driving and tutors fourth graders who are behind in reading. Jim Ritchev said his community of Davis, NC, badly hit by Isabel, celebrated their one-year anniversary with several homes still rebuilding. The Ritchevs' home and grounds are almost back to normal. Their travels post-reunion included a train trip west to east across Canada and a ten-day cruise. Since reunion Jane says their lives in Sun City Center, FL, have been ruled by storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, plus floods while camping in Pennsylvania. To avoid late hurricanes they chose November to head for Spain, with the return trip by sea. I just hope the crossing was a southerly one. The North Atlantic can be rough in the winter months.

**Richard Schoeck** lives on the north shore of Lake Oneida in Bernards Bay, where he runs his

own 100-acre forestry preserve. He loves living back in the woods with nature. I must ask him about his critter observations. He is a master forest owner through the Cornell Cooperative Extension, where he advises others on forestry matters. Joan Wulff presented **Phil Chase** with the Catskill Fly-Fishing Center Museum/Lee Wulff first Conservation Award. **William Bates's** Adam's Apple Too is gradually expanding. Bill's business plan is to upgrade all older Macintosh computers to at least a G3 to remove the frustrations that older equipment generates—and it's working. Our webmaster **Jan Jakes** Kunz is working at the Annapolis Maritime Museum when not expanding our site with more info and pictures of reunion. **Robert M. Morrison** enjoyed seeing old friends at reunion and making new ones 50 years after graduation. The Morrisons toured the Canadian Maritime Provinces before returning to Aloha Land.

**Peter and Laurie Pietryka Plamondon '55** took a three-generational trip to Alaska last summer. All 21 of them had a fabulous adventure. Our constant "on the go" grandmother **Sondra Dreier** Kozinn has had another busy year. The Caribbean, London, and Israel were but a few of her ports of call. She always tarrys in London for a few Sherlockian weekends. If any of you think you have to travel a bit to see your grandkidlets, think of Sondra; she heads for Israel where her nine reside. **Diana Heywood** Calby was missed at reunion, but she held her own mini ones with **Marjory Whitehurst** over lunch and **Lili Bates** Douglas via phone. During a trip to Hershey last summer **Betty Wagler** Striso's husband surprised her with a surprise visit from **Elinor Schroeder** Hueston, who lives in Gettysburg. Betty and Ellie are both from Hollis and have been lifelong friends.

Our 50th reunion year coincided with a few 50th wedding anniversaries. **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** celebrated with a family gathering in the Adirondacks; then a fishing trip to Sitka, AK, for salmon; and on to Missoula, MT, for trout. Now you know what they do when not on the golf course. Len and **Mimi Cohen** Levine and family enjoyed their milestone at Historic Williamsburg, VA. **David '52** and **Phyllis Perl Stearns** and their family toasted the occasion in Cabo San Lucas. In January of this year Phyllis had a show, "Reflections on Ancient Civilizations," at the Palm Avenue Gallery in Sarasota.

Also celebrating their Golden were Sy and **Elinor Yavelow** Yuter, he of the pushing-Elinor-around-the-world fame. The Yuters, with their sons and families, stayed closer to home for their festivities, having already circumnavigated the globe in honor of their life together. **Jill Niederman** Edelson is still at her post at SUNY College at Old Westbury while Bob is semi-retired but doing some consulting. Their daughter Lynne plays the viola with the National Symphony Orchestra. Each time I go, I sweep the section with my glasses, trying to figure which musician looks the most like Jill. Their son David's Health Bridge has been chosen one of the top 100 spas in the country. **Hugh Schwarz**, who commutes between Virginia and Uruguay regularly, gave talks at three Uruguayan universities and at the National Association of Industries. He will be visiting professor

at the country's U. of the Republic in August and September of this year, teaching a course in Behavioral Economics. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. Cornell Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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HEY, IT'S REUNION TIME! Now that June is nearly here, a big thank you goes out to all who volunteered to call their friends, classmates, fraternity brothers and sorority sisters, teammates, and fellow club members to spread the good word about our fabulous 50th Reunion! From the excellent response we've gotten, it's apparent that we're looking at record numbers. Classmates from near and far will be with us, and many who haven't visited campus in years are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Check your calendars and be sure that June 9, 10, 11, and 12 have been blocked out for your trip to Ithaca.

**Dick Schrader**, MBA '58, had a note from **Hans "Wolfi" Duerr**, who reported that he's been in touch with nearly all of their pledge class at Delta Phi. Many have expressed interest in attending, including **John Harreys**, **Alden Hathaway**, **Nelson Lee**, **Jock McClain**, **Bob Hale**, and **Tad Cameron**. At last word, he was still trying to reach **Seth Jagger**, **Gil Rodriguez-Galvis**, **Tibby Howard**, **Paul O'Connor**, and **Dick de la Chappelle** to remind them not to miss out. **Dan Krouner** writes that Beta Sig has had regular reunions right along, thanks to the efforts of **Eliot Minsker**. The group is saddened that **Dick Schaap** and **Henry Buncom** won't be with us in June. The Beta Theta Pi contingent, including **Denny Malone**, have by now probably heard from **Gil Schlerf**, who was reminiscing about the summer of 1954 when he and **Bob Belden** were at ROTC camp in Aberdeen. In fact, many years later, Gil's son **Rodd '86** and the Beldens' son **Doug '84** overlapped at Phi Delt.

**Gordon White** says he's been in contact with **Frank Hano** and **Phil Merrill**, and also wants to get hold of **David Coward '56** and **John Blanchard '56**. **Thomas "Stacy" Wood** explains that he and Joyce are celebrating their 50th anniversary with all their family that same weekend, so can't make reunion, but he's written to all his TKE brothers. **Tom Stafford** and his wife Jean are slated to attend Jean's reunion at DePauw, which means they won't be with us either, but Tom asks that we convey his best regards to all. Our other **Stafford**, **Doug**, lives in North Falmouth, MA, and has had a long career as an international career civil servant, affiliated with the United Nations and the State Dept. Doug looks forward to the annual reunion of his ship's officer group (1956-59). "The stories get better as the years go by," he notices. I'm contacting my fellow Tri Deltas, and I'm thrilled that former sorority roommates of mine—**Vera Steiner** Simon, **Pat Van Mater** Wheeler, and **Suzanne Spooner** Olsen—have already said they'll be there.

Now for a quick look at the mailbag: **Mable Lamb** Haliburton reports that "all's well" in Nova Scotia, and passes on the message, "Cornell rocks!" When we heard from **Hilly McCann**

Dearden, she had just returned from a wonderful trip to southern Spain, and reports that "bridge has replaced tennis." Still, she says, there's nowhere she'd rather be than "right where I am, enjoying my intercoastal views." Arizona residents **Dick Hort** and wife Virginia sold their home in Bisbee and moved to Sierra Vista last fall.

**Esther Kresh** Oriol and her husband started a film distribution company with a Bulgarian partner, and completed a documentary film dealing with how Bulgarian Jews were saved from the Nazi extermination camps. **John Berkenfield**'s sons live in California and Idaho, so he and Barbara find their focus is toward the western US. Following John's 30 years with IBM, they moved to Santa Fe 15 years ago and are now very involved in the arts and cultural life there, as well as being "prodigious travelers," both in the US and abroad. **Lorraine Silverman** Abrash, PhD '66, had her second knee replacement—in time, we hope, for her to get to reunion, which she hopes to do.

**Bob Sanders** is still teaching math in Stamford, CT, and reports that two of his students headed for Cornell this fall. Like many our age, Bob says he does things "the old fashioned way" and that "cell phones give me trouble!" Congratulations to **Mark Siegel**, who got married last year; hope he's planning to bring his bride Palma to reunion so we can welcome her to Cornell. Mark is president of a promotional advertising business, and fishes and hunts in his off hours. "Going to Canada for caribou in December—brrr!" he adds. Another classmate planning to be at reunion is **Debbie Golub** Leibowitz. In her spare time, Debbie dates, writes poetry, goes to the theater, plays bridge, and serves on numerous boards of directors and volunteer agencies.

In a recent article, **George Cohen**, LLB '57, was identified as one of the top labor and employment litigators in Washington, DC. According to the article, "He says he's finally close to retirement, but colleagues say they'll believe it when they see it." George received his law degree from Cornell in 1957, the same year his wife **Phyllis (Goody)** graduated. "By my reckoning, we're getting dangerously close to the Big 50th!" George concludes. **Roy De Boer** retired last fall after teaching landscape architecture at Rutgers U. for 49 years, and was awarded the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award by Cook College at Rutgers and the Hall of Fame Award given by the New Jersey Nurseryman and Landscape Association.

Another academic, **Elwood Hacker**, retired from Albany High School in 1990, but returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher last fall. He has also made 21 trips to ski the Alps. Woodie and his wife Marion had two reasons to celebrate at a recent party: their 50th wedding anniversary and the fact that both have survived cancer. Continuing good luck to you both! Out in Palo Alto, CA, **Julie Scott** Maser and her husband Dick have reduced their working hours and are enjoying the proximity of their three sons, who also live in California. Julie says they've reached "that stage in life where 'till death do us part' seems do-able!"

We were saddened to learn from **Otto Schneider** that **Greg Harrison** died in November of last year, and we send our condolences to his widow, **Sue (Epstein)**. Greg was a business

consultant, actor, and sailor in his later years, and the Harrisons spent a year and a half cruising Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean aboard their ketch, *Rayelle*.

Dick Schrader summed it up well: "It is hard to believe that 50 years have sped by. When names are mentioned, I attach them to the 20-year-old faces—and remember what a great time we all had." We did indeed! Come back in June and let's celebrate together. ♦ Nancy Savage Petrie, e-mail: nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Here's Class President **Ernie Stern** to bring us up to date on the planning that's been going on for our 50th Reunion. You might mark down the date, June 8-11, 2006—practically around the corner!

Ernie writes: "First of all, we owe a round of applause to **Percy Edwards** Browning, who has been busy for months scheduling our celebration. We'll be housed in air-conditioned comfort and have plenty to do that's fun, challenging, and mind-stretching. Reunions are much more than partying (although there's no shortage of good food and good drink). It's also a time to take advantage of the intellectual resources all around us. And, of course, seeing old friends is—as they say in the ads—priceless.

"We held a class officers meeting on January 21 at the Cornell Club in New York City. It was lively, to say the least. Twenty of our classmates participated and we began the fleshing out of details for Thursday through Sunday of Reunion Weekend. More meetings will be held, but it was the overwhelming consensus of the group that our key objective was to get as many classmates back as possible (this means you, too!). We're looking for some volunteers from across the country who are ready to call a few friends and encourage them to come to Ithaca. **Joe Henniger**, MBA '58, will be coordinating this effort.

"If you have ideas and suggestions about our reunion, or want to help out, I would be really happy to hear from you at (212) 348-0335 or by e-mail at [elstern56@cs.com](mailto:elstern56@cs.com). I can put you in touch with Joe and other classmates who are already at work on this wonderful project. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and of course seeing you at what will be a fabulous 50th Reunion!"

My thanks to Ernie! **Mike Fawer** of Covington, LA, is still a practicing criminal lawyer as a defense attorney. He says he will never retire. He keeps in touch with **Arthur Penn** and travels a fair amount. Mike just got remarried and has four children, three stepchildren, and three grandchildren. He would like to see anyone who comes through New Orleans. **Constance Clibbon** Boll is the director of The Wellspring Trust Inc., a non-profit agency working in Southeast Asia, Guatemala, Haiti, and Uganda. She is raising her 16-year-old granddaughter and lives in Rowayton, CT.

**Richard L. Wing** just wrote *A Vine of God's Own Planting*, a history of Houghton College from its beginnings through 1972. He also took an 8,300-mile cross-country car trip through 20 states, completing his goal of driving in all 50. That is really something! **James**, MD '60, and

**Jane Brayton Marshall** are running a small conifer nursery on their 52-acre farm called Alpine Acres Nursery. Jane does tax preparing for a large Elmira law firm and some genealogy on the side. They are devoted to their children, who live all over the US and in England.

**Edward Rosen** of New York City is working full-time as an architect with Bovis Lend Lease, having just spent his 20th anniversary with them. They are managing restoration projects at Bailey Hall and Mann Library on our campus. He has had interesting travel, having been to Ithaca as part of a Tower Club trip with **Janet Reno** '60, and to the opening of the Clinton Library with daughter Sarah and family. Sarah was deputy director of the National Economic Council in the Clinton White House. Edward summers in East Hampton and tells us that his Cornell graduate daughter **Hannah** '85 is now a professor at the U. of Michigan.

**Joel Hasen** moved to Chapel Hill, NC, in October. He is semi-retired, but is involved with the Ackland Art Museum raising money. The museum is part of the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His son David teaches taxation at Michigan Law, and his daughter is in a PhD program at the U. of Wisconsin. ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., #2A, New York, NY 10128; e-mail, [catplan@aol.com](mailto:catplan@aol.com).

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**John Fisher** had a 95th birthday party for his mother recently, and her 98-year-old sister attended. It made me forget that we are being accused in some quarters of being old. **Ed Neuwirth** puts that theory out to sea with his ascent to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro (over 19,000 ft.) last fall. He received a certificate from the Tanzanian government for his efforts. **Roger Jones**, MPA '60, reports his day job to be flying in a new high-performance Cessna, cruising his Nordic tug, serving on the board of the Navigation Foundation, performing volunteer legal duties for a number of organizations, composing jazz ballads, etc., on his organ, and trying to keep up with 12 grandchildren. He spent part of last summer in several European countries, fitting in a week on **Ted Raab**'s vintage French canal barge.

**Dick** and Heidi **Gross** (Wells '61) are active in multicultural consulting, staying young with their three grandchildren, and traveling extensively in France and the US. **Jerry Levey** continues as dean of the School of Medicine at UCLA, while Barbara is involved with biomedical affairs, also at UCLA. **Irwin Schlossberg** grinds on full-time in radiology at Columbia Presbyterian; **Todd Kennedy**, president of a major landscape nursery, received the "Man of the Year" award from the National Landscape Association and celebrated by sailing to Maine from his home port of Greenwich; and **Stu Fischman** is active in retirement from SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine by monitoring clinical trials of toothpastes, mouth rinses, and chewing gum.

**David Nye** has moved from Washington to a total care community in Tempe, AZ, with one of the perks that of being close to his daughter Jeanne, an elementary school principal finishing up her doctoral degree at ASU. Having lived all over the US and in Libya with Mobil and the

Communications Satellite Corp., he is happy to unpack. **Michael Daly**, M Ed '59, reports that his new CD album, "Ireland from Glen to Glen," is doing well. It was recorded by RCA with the cooperation of the Cornell Glee Club.

The mileage award goes to **Jim Wright**, who, along with Carol, drove 9,171.5 miles to and from his high school reunion in the State of Washington, including a delightful visit with **Georgia Freeman** in California, and also to **John Brooke**. John and Gigi didn't keep quite as accurate records, but reported 14,000 miles on a trip to Oregon and California. The AAA is investigating their claim.

I am saddened to report the death of **Sam Bookbinder** and **Phil McIndoo**'s wife Erica. Our prayers go out to Phil and to Sam's family. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; e-mail, [suitcase2@aol.com](mailto:suitcase2@aol.com).

Do you have any contributions for the class historical album? **Martha Ballard Lacy** has put her talents to work and created a marvelous album, which she shared with class officers at our January meeting. Volume One is almost complete, but Martie would still like you to send any memorabilia to her at 4617 Grace Pl., Jamesville, NY 13078. As well as being a consultant with Creative Memories, Martie also enjoys dabbling in genealogy, so she and **Dick** connected with their roots on a visit to Ireland last fall. **Ela Oudheusden** Shacklett has been doing quite a bit of traveling since she retired in 2000. Japan, Singapore, Dubai, Australia, and Holland have been on the itinerary. She continues her volunteer work with visually impaired preschoolers in Shawnee Mission, KS.

**Sue Davidson** Braun is on several committees in San Diego that are working to get universal preschool in that area. In June she was able to travel with her husband to Normandy for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, but dealing with a serious back problem and cataract surgery took a bit of the starch out of her in the fall. Sue is on her feet once again and even hit the ski slopes in Utah in February. **Florence Bloch** Farkas is retired and spent a long winter in Boynton Beach, FL, and Bob and **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, enjoyed part of the winter at their new house on Hilton Head Island, SC. She still practices law in Rochester, but at a slower pace.

**Sari Feldman** Zukerman has just completed her first year of a three-year term on the Guttenberg (NJ) Board of Education. **Rita Feldman Cohen** is very involved in Cornell activities in the northern New Jersey area. She continues to run Education Associates, a tutoring service for all those exams—SAT, LSAT, GMAT, etc. To celebrate Harvey's 75th, the entire family took a trip to the Bahamas. And her most pressing problem? Becoming computer literate. Same for **Judith Lund Biggs**, who serves on five different boards including the Foreign Policy Association and is raising funds for a professorship in honor of Clinton Rossiter.

**Beverly Robertson** Murrell volunteers in a number of organizations in Columbia, MO. A second grandchild arrived in December, and the Murrells visited their youngest son in Japan at year's end. The Canadian Rockies, Alaska, and Sicily have been on **Ellin Salit** Rind's recent

travel list. Ellin is an English professor at New York Inst. of Technology.

**Karen Anderson** Mahshi, an accomplished quilter, is the West Coast coordinator for the Rotary/Rotoplast quilt project. Guilds provide quilts for children who have had surgery to correct cleft lips and palates, mostly in Central and South America. These quilts accompany medical teams who donate a week of their services and operate on more than a hundred children during each mission. Karen received the bronze medal from the American Rose Society for her leadership role in the Contra Costa Rose Society. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCReuss@aol.com.

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I must start this column on a very sad note. Our much loved and talented classmate **Elsie Dinsmore Popkin** passed away in January of complications from chemotherapy treatment for cancer. She was a much-admired pastel artist and a very active Cornell alumna. Her paintings can be seen all over campus, at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell, in the lobby of the Statler, and in the office of the dean at the Johnson School. It was a shock to all who knew her and she will be missed.

**Dale Reis Johnson** writes that she and Dick attended a politically inspired two-day event where Ted Lowi and Peter Katzenstein led discussions and lectured. They also heard President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 speak and found everything to be enjoyable and enlightening. Dale's parents, **L. Sanford** '29 and **Jo Mills Reis** '29 received the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award last year. A wonderful accomplishment! **Roberta Arvine Fishman** has been doing a lot of traveling. She toured St. Petersburg again, then through the Scandinavian countries, and ending in Iceland in the spring. She says, "The thermal baths were great fun, and for all you golfers, you can play for 24 hours in light in June and July!" By the time of this writing, she will have gone to Vietnam with **Barbara Streicher Magid** and husband. **Bev Feuss Heineman** had a busy weekend last October. She and **Rob** '56, MD '60, went to Bev's 50th high school reunion at Manhasset High School, along with yours truly, **Carol Ostergren Orts**, and **Debbie Fanto Czegledy**. She had to leave at 4 a.m. Sunday morning to get back to Albany, where she welcomed identical twin grandsons. Quite a weekend—and she is still working as the business half of Rob's orthopedic practice.

**Bruce Hollman** has served the Boy Scouts for 37 years and now he is attending some of their weddings. **Jon Howell** has finally welcomed his first grandchild and is now semi-retired. He is still enjoying estate and financial planning, but is working out of his home and can be choosy as to whom he works with. He had been busy climbing and skiing in the Bugaboos, but all was cut short when in 2004 he skied off a cliff and landed against some trees at the bottom, tearing and rupturing ligaments and cartilage in both knees. However, I think he is now back at it, skiing and mountainering! **Albert Caines** studied mosquitoes and ticks with the New York State Health Dept. for 25 years. He gathered specific data on EEE, Lyme disease,

and the West Nile virus. With his staff, he collected over 25,000,000 mosquitoes over a 25-year-period. He has now been retired for eight years.

**Stefan Belman**, DVM '61, of Columbia Falls, MT, has been retired from his veterinary practice for 11 years and has never looked back. He has lots of outdoor activities, as well as a new group of friends to share them with, and also travels. **Bruce Marshall** and his wife took a Baltic Sea cruise last year and had some interesting comments. "The classical capitals are beautiful, but the emerging nations are most interesting. In Russia, we saw the excess of the czars but also the wretched poverty

"The Food and Drug Administration should immediately ban the sale of Celebrex and Bextra, which put millions of people, many of them elderly, at risk of heart attack. These drugs are not only more expensive and more dangerous than older, safer pain relievers, they are no better at protecting the gastrointestinal tract."

Early in 2005, after 16 months of construction, **Barbara Hirsch Kaplan** and her husband Les moved back into their home in Gladwyne, PA. "It's a 200-year-old stone barn that we made into a house 20 years ago . . . and I got the bug to re-do it," writes Barbara. On May 4, Shirin Ebadi of Iran,

## ‘It takes a long time for things to happen in space.’

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of the pensioners and widows ruined by inflation on tiny fixed benefits. A Russian tour guide can't get a visa even for a few days if they are single (no brain or beauty drain permitted!)."

**Ronni Schulbaum** Strell is retired but doing some freelance editing (elder law books) for her former employer. She meets with her old roommates **Dottie Berens Greenspan** and **Arlene Scharf Kelvin** about every three months in NYC. **Irene Lazarus Soskin** finds retirement to be busy and satisfying. She's still the conductor/arranger of her 60-member community chorus, performing in their own theater and in neighboring communities. Once a year, she produces a classical concert featuring trained musicians who live in Palu Isles, her Florida residence. She also attended her 50th high school reunion with at least five classmates. 11 of the class of 150 attended Cornell.

We have just returned from a wonderful visit with **Glenn and Maddi McAdams Dallas** in their lovely new home in Sarasota. **Jack**, MBA '61, and **Diane Baillet Meakem** '61 joined us and much reminiscing was done by all. News is at a slow pace these days so keep the news coming in! ♦ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, Jjarvie386@aol.com.

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**Sid Wolfe**, director of Public Citizen Health Research Group, made headlines in January when he accused Pfizer of hiding results of a 1999 study in which patients who took the painkiller Celebrex had a significantly higher risk of stroke or other cardiovascular problems than people taking a placebo. According to a February 15 article in the *New York Times* ("Drug Industry's Longtime Critic Says 'I Told You So'"), Sid had warned of the dangers of Celebrex and a second drug in the family of drugs called COX-2 inhibitors, Merck's Vioxx, as early as April 2001. Last September he issued a similar warning on Pfizer's Bextra, yet another COX-2 inhibitor. This January, Public Citizen petitioned the FDA to remove Celebrex and Bextra from the market (Vioxx was withdrawn in September). On its website, Legal News Watch quoted Sid as saying,

the recipient of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize, was to give the Kaplan Family Distinguished Lecture in Public Service. The Kaplans and their two children donated \$500,000 in late 2001 to establish the annual lecture and two annual faculty service awards at the university's Public Service Center.

**Roslyn Bakst** Goldman of Rochester, NY, has been a member of the Appraisers Association of America (the oldest personal property appraisers' organization in the US) since 1986 and on its board since 1999. Her appraisal work is in fine art only—prints (except Asian) from all centuries, as well as painting, drawing, and sculpture from the 19th and 20th centuries. She travels quite a bit, working across the country doing evaluations for private clients, corporations, educational institutions, and medical facilities. Among her coups: establishing the authenticity of a beautiful but unknown Corot painting. She discovered that an agent of Corot's brought the work to the US early in the artist's career. It was sold to a person whose lineage was traced to the present owner through records at the Boston Museum of Art, where it had been exhibited, and a Boston gallery that had once sold the painting. Roz has had numerous other fascinating experiences, including tales of fakes and forgeries, but many of these stories cannot be shared because of confidentiality issues.

"I have re-retired, this time from NASA," writes **Alan Newhouse**. "However, I intend to continue part-time consulting work for NASA and the space nuclear business if post-employment restrictions don't prevent this." The power supplies for the Cassini spacecraft and the heaters for the Huygens probe that landed on Titan in January were begun when Alan was in charge at the space nuclear group in the Dept. of Energy in 1992. "It takes a long time for things to happen in space, particularly at Saturn!" he comments. Alan continues to write music, mostly for his church choir, and he plays viola in COSMIC, a local orchestra near his home in Hollywood, MD. Best of all, he says, is enjoying his five grandchildren, all of whom live within two hours of his home.

On a snowy, stormy weekend in January, the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) celebrated its

100th Anniversary during the annual Mid-Winter Meeting in New York City. Attending workshops, meetings, and other activities were **Bill Day**, **Bill Kingston**, **Alan Rosenthal**, **Marian Fay Levitt**, and our 50th Reunion chairs **Dave Dunlop** and **Harry Petchesky**. Dave chaired the class meeting, at which topics included reunion, class bylaws, and the class scholarship fund. Marian reminds us that we can continue to increase the amount in our class scholarship endowment, thereby increasing

**Henry** live in Evanston, where he serves as President of Northwestern U.

**John Stratakos** has left Rochester, where he was President of the ENI division of Emerson Electric, and is now in San Jose, CA, working for MKS Instruments, which serves the semi-conductor industry. John's two sons are both electrical engineers and are also nearby in Silicon Valley in the computer chip industry, but John says he still has other family and friends in Ithaca, "so

## 'The rain did not dampen our feeling of solidarity in the slightest.'

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the amount awarded to future scholarship recipients. "When you make a contribution to the university, simply indicate that the money should go to the Class of '59 Scholarship fund," she explains.

The highlight of the CACO festivities was the Anniversary Gala on Saturday evening, held at the Hilton New York. President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 was the guest speaker, and among the attendees were **Bill** and **Sue Phelps Day** '60, M Ed '62. Sue is a former president of CACO and a tireless worker for the Class of '60, this year coordinating their 45th Reunion. "We had intended to drive to a friend's home in Tarrytown after the lovely event. It was evident early on, however, that this would be at the height of the storm, so we stayed overnight at the Hilton," says Bill. "We finally left the hotel about noon on Sunday, just before the Cornell buses started their trip back to Ithaca. We made it home to Avon, CT, and began to deal with all the snow."

As you read this, those cold winter days are behind us folks in northern climes. Happy spring to all! ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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Be sure to sign up for Reunion—June 9-12—if you haven't done so already. Plans are all set for an exciting four days, which include great meals and music, a private tour of the Johnson Museum with Director Frank Robinson (where we will view the art collections of classmates **Alan Siegel** and **Les Stern**), and a talk by **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, professor of American studies, with the provocative title, Camelot at Cornell: Aspiration, Anxiety, and the Class of 1960. Check out the class website for more details and a list of classmates who've already registered: <http://classof60.alumni.cornell.edu/>. See you in Ithaca!

**Leigh Buchanan Bienen** has an intriguing new website: [www.homicide.northwestern.edu](http://www.homicide.northwestern.edu). Senior lecturer in the School of Law and director of the Chicago Homicide Project, Leigh has created a searchable database of the 11,000 homicides committed during the years 1870-1930. The website also highlights 25 of the cases and provides a historical context. Leigh and her husband

I travel back to my roots periodically." **Jim**, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan** finished building their new house in Los Altos Hills, CA, last fall in time to celebrate Thanksgiving there with all the family, including daughter Mary, a physician, and son **Jeff** '84, head of an organization dedicated to preserving endangered historical sites in lesser-developed countries, along with their spouses and the Morgans' five grandchildren. Jim now serves as chairman of Applied Materials, after 27 years as CEO, and Becky runs the family foundation and serves on the Cornell Board of Trustees.

Another West Coast pair also moved just before Thanksgiving. **Dave** and **Michaelin Reamy Watts** left their place in Menlo Park for a new house located among the huge oaks and abundant wildlife in the Santa Lucia Preserve in Carmel Valley, CA, where they had celebrated their marriage in 2003. Dave stepped down as CEO of Granite Construction, but remains an active chairman, and Michaelin is completing several major interior design projects and plans to return to writing and teaching. The Wattses are also busy with travel between Carmel Valley and their place in St. George Island, FL, with occasional stops in New York City for get-togethers with classmates.

**Stratton** '55, PhD '61, and **Caryl Koerper McCallister** had a busy year of travel in 2004, with trips that included a drive across Canada to Victoria and a trip to Russia that featured a cruise from St. Petersburg (where they were impressed with the splendors of the art in the Hermitage and the summer palace of Peter the Great) to Moscow. When at home in Delafield, WI, the McAllisters are busy with various activities centered around music; they host an annual Beethoven Bash in their music room, and play with local orchestras.

**Bob Wickes** says he's still "busy, busy, busy, traveling to Japan, Singapore, Korea, and the UK, as well as visiting company sites in Texas and California on compensation-related matters." When not on the road, Bob and Nancy can be found in Landenberg, PA. **Letitia Heller** Davidson moved in Fall 2004 from Long Island's Glen Cove to Rockville, MD, to be closer to family members. Tish says, "I am loving the change. I still visit New York and see my friends and take in the shows and museums, but life is very easy and pleasant here."

**Diane Cestari Andrewes** writes from Halifax, Nova Scotia, that she and **Peter**, ME '60, "have our own busy bridal business and are not yet ready to think about retirement." Peter also does volunteer work in hospice care. Diane says she "enjoys watercolor painting whenever time permits," and adds, "Three of our youngest grandchildren live close to our home and are positively life's great reward." **Edgar King** runs a large dairy farm in Schuylerville, NY, along with wife Carolyn and sons **David** '85, **Larry** '87, **Jan** '90, and **Jeffrey** '93, which must be some sort of record for the number of Cornellians in one family business. The Kings market both milk and registered Holsteins, and also run a bed-and-breakfast at the farm. Ed served more than a decade as New York State Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and is now director of Dairylea, a milk cooperative, and vice-chair of Dairy Management Inc.

**Paul Grannis** is completing a stint as chairman of the Dept. of Physics at SUNY Stony Brook, where he also holds a professorship. He and Barbara managed to find time last year for a sailing trip in the US Virgin Islands, a week spent visiting the Zion, Brice, and Grand Canyon national parks, and a summer sojourn on a lake in Maine.

It is with sadness that I report the death of **Edward Cliggott**, M Ed '61, of Hyannis, MA, on December 9, 2004. He had a long and satisfying career as a history teacher, first at Ithaca High School, then at Barnstable High School on Cape Cod, where he also served as chair of the social studies dept. for more than two decades. He retired from teaching in 1996. Send news to ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

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**Michael Brockelman** has been named a "Massachusetts Super Lawyer," an honor accorded to only five percent of the attorneys in the state. Michael practices in the area of estate planning with Bowditch & Dewey. **Sandy Perrott** has spent the last five years as an administrator and director of nursing at an assisted living facility in Morristown, NJ. Her oldest daughter, who lives in New York City, is a ballroom dancer. Another daughter married an Englishman and lives in Bristol. A son in York, ME, is involved in experiential and outdoor education. Sandy's travels last year took her to Italy and the Laurentians in Quebec for skiing. She also cruised the Hawaiian Islands with her mother and NYC daughter. She is active in her church, classical music, sailing, hiking, and cross-country skiing.

**Ed Goldman** and his wife Judith Riven spent nearly three weeks in Vietnam and Cambodia last December. They were fascinated by the places they visited, which included Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, Phnom Penh, 850-year-old Angkor Wat, and some hill tribe villages. The people were warm and friendly, and the food was surprisingly good, according to their report.

**Jon Greenleaf** and his wife Barbara have a new grandson, Benjamin Aaron Ross. Barbara organized the first Santa Barbara Jewish Film Festival, which attracted a huge attendance in March. Jon helped as her Man Friday and official graphic designer. When not working for Barbara,

Jon arbitrates customer disputes for the Ford Motor Company, serves on the boards of the Music Academy of the West and the Santa Barbara Zoo, and continues to work on his golf game. Jon has recently taken up studies in digital photography. But one of his favorite activities is playing with (and building dollhouses for) his "best buddy," 5-year-old granddaughter Megan.

After being divorced for many years, **Stan Marks** has given up the dating scene (with younger women, according to his note) and has been reunited with his first love from his junior high/high school years. At that time, they both served as school officers, and are now, Stan reports, really in love. Professionally, Stan is one of those "vilified" (by the US President) trial lawyers who sues drug companies, manufacturers of defective products, etc. He says that he loves his work. Stan and his new/old flame live in the Scottsdale area.

**Gail Kweller** Ripans wrote that she is looking forward to next year's 45th Reunion, June 8-11, 2006. Speaking of reunion and Scottsdale, a pre-reunion planning session involving the class officers, reunion co-chairs, and any interested classmates is scheduled to take place on October 28-30, 2005 at the Boulders Resort in nearby Carefree, AZ. Our host for the meetings, social events, and a golf outing at the Boulders will be **Dick Tatlow**. Accommodations are available in Carefree. The last time we were in Carefree, most of us stayed at the Tumbleweed Motel, which, as the name implies, combines the "hospitality of the Old West" with modern motel conveniences. Again, all interested classmates, whether in the area or not, are invited to participate. Send an e-mail message to **Walt Cottrell**, MBA '63, at [cottrellgw@aol.com](mailto:cottrellgw@aol.com) if you wish to be notified regarding the details.

Even before our Arizona retreat, there will be another class outing on Saturday, May 21 involving a self-guided tour of the Frick Collection at 1 East 70th St. in NYC. Following the tour, we will have a luncheon at a nearby East Side restaurant. Check our class website for details, or e-mail me for the information.

Both of this year's class scholarship winners thanked the class in writing for their awards. **Sara Alcorn '05** (Class of '61 Scholarship) is graduating from Arts and Sciences, where she studied biological sciences. Originally from a small farming community in California, she had never been east of Nevada. She is captain of the Big Red Band Colorguard, a member of Sphinx Head Society, and a research assistant in the Natural Resources dept. Her community activities comprise an extensive list. Sara plans to attend medical school this fall. Also graduating from Arts and Sciences with a major in Government, **Anpao Duta Flying Earth '04** is a writer, lead singer for the Pine Singers, and a member of the Native American Students at Cornell. He was awarded the Michael Schwerner Memorial Scholarship. His primary interest is in helping his tribal government in South Dakota, and then moving on to the National Congress of the American Indian in Washington, DC. The texts of these letters will appear on our newly updated website ([www.cornell61.org](http://www.cornell61.org)). Class members are encouraged to check the website regularly for photos from class events, **Marshall Frank's** messages from the

president, and news and notices regarding 45th Reunion plans.

The Class has taken steps to clarify the criteria for recipients of the Class of 1961 Scholarship. The original intent, to help children of '61 class members who attend Cornell, has been restored. Indeed, the eligibility has been extended now to grandchildren. If classmates desire clarification, we can put them in touch with the appropriate university officials.

Classmates sometimes ask us about the latest statistics involving the Class of 1961. For the record, the university count of living class members is 1,382. Of these, 400 are duespaying members (a little below the average for classes of the Sixties). We had a total of 471 Cornell Fund donors last year. For the 45th Reunion, the attendance record is held by the Class of '55: 228 classmates. Most of us think we can top that. The same class holds the record for 45th Reunion Cornell Fund donors at 637.

Don't forget to check, update, and approve your online Alumni Directory listing. All you need is your ID number. Go to: [www.directory.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.directory.alumni.cornell.edu). ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

**62** The Idaho Bar Association has recognized our own **Ken Pursley** by awarding him its annual professionalism award "for those who have engaged in extraordinary activity . . . which reflects the highest standards." Ken is a pioneer in land-use planning in Idaho and co-founded the Idaho Conservation League. He is a founding partner at Givens Pursley in Boise. Contact information for **C. Willis Ritter** is [writer@uhlaw.com](mailto:writer@uhlaw.com). Will is with Ungaretti & Harris in Washington, DC. **Jack and DeeDee McCoy Stovel** ([ddstovel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddstovel@sbcglobal.net)) have taken a sabbatical from retirement (!) and are living in San Carlos, CA, near two daughters and their families. They've enjoyed contact with the many Bay Area Cornellians. **DeeDee** is writing her fourth cookbook, to be published this fall.

In nearby Redwood City, **John, ME '65** ([johncurtis6111@aol.com](mailto:johncurtis6111@aol.com)) and **Janie Curtis** are busy with work and community activities. They attended the Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan, and enjoyed an evening in Tokyo with **Dean Williams '63** and son **Sean '90**. John is Parks and Public Works Director and is currently president of the Los Gatos Morning Rotary, as well as the Santa Clara County Public Works Officers. He and Janie are building a retirement home near Dallas. Andrea and **Bob Hastings** have moved from Florida to Maine to be near their grandchildren, offspring of **Rob '89**. The Hastings divide their time between Falmouth and their home in St. Quentin de Barone, France. "In Falmouth, we are very happy to be neighbors of **John and Edie Milhorat Boothby '61**. Find **Nancy Simon Hodin** at [Nhodin@earthlink.net](mailto:Nhodin@earthlink.net).

**Don Juran** ([drj5@cornell.edu](mailto:drj5@cornell.edu)) is pleased to report that wife Carol's chemotherapy has had the hoped-for result. Their offspring Adam, Josh, and Rebecca joined them for the Komen Race for the Cure in June, with Carol proudly wearing her pink survivor's T-shirt and cap. "It rained during

much of the five kilometers, but that did not dampen our feeling of solidarity in the slightest." The Jurans' activities include senior coed softball, synagogue choir, ushering at Arena Stage, and walking. Both appeared on the county cable TV station's program "Senior Moments," a series of interviews with active seniors. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, a number dwarfed by Don's parents' 78 years of marriage. Don continues software consulting. In April he completed his third 184.5-mile through-hike of the C&O Canal. He is area coed softball league commissioner and has been active in Maryland Senior Olympics. In the performing arts, Don played Lord Stanley in *Richard III* and is now rehearsing as Balthazar in *The Comedy of Errors*.

In January your class council convened in New York. Some tidbits of information from that meeting: our class has given \$90,690,583 to the Cornell Fund since graduation; we are third or fourth in terms of total giving among classes; and our 2004 gifts are running ahead of those during our 40th Reunion year.

Preparations are under way for the 20th anniversary of our 25th Reunion! If you'd like to work on this event, please make yourself known! We will actively be searching for "lost" classmates—again, make yourself and your friends known! **Judy Prensky Rich** continues to work on our class history and has found many interesting and funny items. This is a work in progress. Judy showed interesting photos received from one classmate and spoke of our "old age" confusion over who were really our initial class officers. Judy will continue her worthwhile project! If you have any input, do contact Judy at [jprcom1@aol.com](mailto:jprcom1@aol.com).

It was proposed that we divide our class gift fund into three equal gifts to: 1) the Class of 1962 Photography Collection at the Johnson Museum (this would aid in filling a gap in the collection of 19th-century photography); 2) the Frank and Rosa Rhodes Class of 1962 Cornell Tradition fellowship; and 3) seed money for a Lab of Ornithology project.

Several classmates participated in CAU's excellent summer programs in Ithaca. Learning about Beowulf were **Carol Keon '61, BA '62**, and **Sam '61, MD '66**, and **Judith Shapiro Greenblatt**. Science of Everyday Things was attended by Judith and **Gerald Gauland '60, BS '62**. **J. Peter Gemeinhardt, MS '64**, went to Secrets of the Garden, while wife **Patricia (Brown)** took in the culinary class, Eclectic Ethnic.

There will be a gathering of alumni at the Yale-Cornell football game next fall in New Haven, CT. If you'll be there, take note!

How are you coming along with Kafka's *The Trial*? Your classmates are eager to discuss it with you online. Check the class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu>. Please keep those cards, letters, and e-mails coming! ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

**63** Thanks to those of you who keep me posted with e-mail messages. I am short on news and anxious to hear from you. You will be reading this after you have received your request

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LOREN STEPHENS '65

**W**hen Loren Stephens returns from work every night, she mentally detaches from her own life so she can enter a different one. By day, she raises funds for the Anti-Defamation League. By night, she writes and publishes other people's life stories through her ghostwriting business, Write Wisdom ([www.writewisdom.com](http://www.writewisdom.com)). When transforming her clients' memories into hard-bound autobiographies, Stephens strives to showcase their passions. "My job as a ghostwriter is to step out of the way and let their voices really shine through," she says.

A double English and government major, Stephens became interested in personal histories while working at the Tompkins County Mental Hospital as an undergraduate. She earned a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia, then embarked on an eclectic career editing economics textbooks, working in investment banking, and producing plays and documentary films. After helping her mother write her life story, she received so much feedback from friends that she recognized a market demand for self-published memoirs. As a ghostwriter, she spends about twenty-four hours



conducting multiple telephone interviews with her clients, who tend to be older and want to leave legacies for their families and friends. So far, she's completed four autobiographies. After listening to numerous triumph-and-tribulation accounts, Stephens concludes that everyone has a story worth telling—which is where she comes in. "The end product is something that has all the bells and whistles that I think people at that point in their life deserve."

—Megs DiDario '07

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**Joe Brennan** wrote that the first weekend of October 2004 was the fourth annual Cornell mini-reunion of '63 Fijis (Phi Gamma Deltas) at the Pamela A. Haynie Texas Historic Home (1853) of John "Whip" and Karen Gunn in Chappell Hill, TX. The Gunns hosted three other Fiji couples: Norman "Punch" and Nancy Smith; Blair and Pat Crum, and Joe Brennan with his significant other Elaine Burns. The four couples reminisced about times on "the Hill," poring over old fraternity party pics, eating home-cooked meals, and draining the Gunns' liquor cabinet. Blair was the weekend chauffeur of the group, which Joe said resembled a circus car when they all climbed out at their destinations wearing red Cornell waiter's jackets. The group also danced at

the local watering hole, The Crossroads, and the people there are still commenting at the dancing skills and the great uniforms they wore. Next year's reunion will be at Joe Brennan's Belmont, CA, home and the welcome mat is open for other '63 Fijis. His e-mail is [jab296@cornell.edu](mailto:jab296@cornell.edu).

**Fred Parkin** wrote, "With daughter Kathryn '04 off at her first job in Cleveland and son James '07 stuck in the Ithaca winter, Fred and Wendy (Stanford '65) Parkin will have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Vietnam on April 1." Fred was last there 40 years ago, flying airplanes compliments of Cornell ROTC. Fred and Wendy are both retired and split their time between Litchfield, CT, and San Francisco. **Stephanie Tress dePue** retired last April and went to Milan and Florence, Italy, to celebrate. She went to Wilmington, NC, last July and saw Marty and Vivian

**Grilli de Santo.** Stephanie admits that with all the ideas that she has for travel she wonders how she ever had time to work!

**Lewis and Carol Childs** are in Rochester, NY. Lewis retired from public service and formed his own architectural practice. He has completed a fire training facility and several industrial projects, some residential projects, a volunteer ambulance corps, several projects at Monroe Community College, and a historic renovation. **Cliff Argue, ME '66**, retired last August after 34 years in the airline business, which included 13 at Continental and, more recently, 21 years at Alaska Airlines in Seattle. At Alaska Airlines, he was staff vice president of Airport Affairs. Cliff and his wife Theo welcomed their first grandchild last fall, a son born to daughter Christina and husband Dennis Thomatos. Their other daughter, **Irene Argue Christy '93**, lives in Troy, MI, with husband Tom. Irene is a traffic engineer for Washtenaw County. Last spring Cliff was elected to a three-year term as president of the board of directors of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, the worldwide mission agency for the Easter Orthodox churches in America. He also serves as a trustee of St. Herman Theological Seminary in Kodiak, AK.

Before Christmas, I had an e-mail from **Peter Lee** (Cornell Western Regional Office Director) regarding **Annie McGavern Heasley**. Another classmate, **Tom Stirling**, attended the annual Cornell Club of Hawaii holiday party in December and sat next to **Diane "Dee" Heasley Van Dyke '57**. Dee's brother was married to Annie before Annie died—at too early an age—in the Seventies. Dee mentioned to Tom that it would be wonderful if anyone who had memories of Annie at Cornell could relate those to her daughter **Heidi Heasley Ford '87**. If any of you would like to send some thoughts to me at my e-mail address below, I would forward those messages to her daughter.

Warren and I were in Weston, MA, over Christmas and made contact with Steve (NYU '61) and **Marjorie Walker Sayer**. We had a chance to grab a cup of coffee and catch up on news. The Sayers sold their house in Weston this fall and are now living in Brookline while they work on building a house in Brattleboro, VT. Quite a change. They both enjoy traveling and took a nice trip to Mexico and Chile in January. They ran into friends of ours at the Ballet Folklorico in Mexico City. The small world kicked in and they discovered, after small talk, that they both knew us. What fun!

That's all for now since I am temporarily out of news. Enjoy the spring and remember to pay your dues if you haven't already. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, [icke63@msn.com](mailto:icke63@msn.com).

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Spring has sprung! And so too has news from your classmates. Here 'tis. **Richard Reed** describes himself as a "retired geologist and burger flipper." Richard, who lives with wife Sharon in Bellaire, TX, reports he's working in a "burger shack" and writing, having finished a comedic play. The Reeds have two daughters in college, with **Susannah '06** in the Hotel school. Richard is a member of the Cornell Club of Greater Houston. **Alice Schwartz Chabora-Tobias, PhD '67**, is

a retired orthodontist (five years and counting), and husband **Gerald '60**, DVM '62, has been retired for ten years from his private veterinary practice. Both are enjoying retirement immensely, especially the freedom to travel for one to two months at a time. Last year their trips included a month in Italy and time in Costa Rica, which included going through the Panama Canal. They live in Bayside, NY, but Alice says they are rarely at home, what with spending winters in Scottsdale, AZ, summers in East Hampton, and enjoying outdoor (tennis, hiking, biking, skiing) and cultural (theater, movies, bridge) activities. In addition, spending time with their two grown daughters and their grandchildren provides much joy.

**Robert Strudler**, vice chairman and COO of Lennar Corp., and wife Ruth live in Houston, TX, and have two grown sons, including **Keith '92**, who will be getting married next month. Bob has spoken at the Cornell Real Estate Conference in Ithaca and also addressed a seminar at the ILR school. In Jan. 2004, he was named recipient of the Legend of Residential Marketing Award by the National Sales and Marketing Council. **Bart and Nancy Dunhoff Mills** are still interviewing movie stars. Nancy now writes a Hollywood column for the *New York Daily News* and other newspapers. Like their parents, both their children are Cornellians (**Kevin '93** and **Bonnie Mills Trenga '91**) who married Cornellians. The Millses often travel to their former home in London, return to Ithaca every year from their home in Manhattan Beach, CA, and remain active in the Cornell Club of Los Angeles, of which each was once president. In addition, Bart serves on the University Council and Nancy works with the President's Council of Cornell Women. Bart and Nancy are otherwise very active in senior softball, which they say is "very big in sunny Southern California."

**Alan Loss** is a certified financial planner/wealth coach who helps business owners, wealthy retirees, and executives make sound financial decisions. Alan and wife Linda live in Lancaster, PA, and have eight children scattered around the country, one of whom, their youngest son, just joined his father's firm, Personal Wealth Advisory. Alan is president of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Financial Planning Assn. and is on the boards of the Lancaster County Estate Planning Council and Lancaster Leave-a-Legacy. He and Linda both enjoy travel and golf.

Sad news from England from **Bernard Moss**, who sends word that his wife, classmate **Neysa (Post)**, died last May of a brain tumor. Neysa is buried north of London. A plaque on a bench in her memory near their home in Hampstead reads, "La flamme douce qui demeure" ("The gentle flame who lives"). Neysa is also survived by their son. Bernie is a professor of European history in London and had a book published last December, *Monetary Union in Crisis: The European Union as Neo-Liberal Construction*. He belongs to the Cornell Club of London.

**Robert Cochran** recently moved from Houston, TX, to Campton, NH, but sent no other news. Professional horseman **John Franzreb** produces and officiates at major equestrian events and already is eagerly looking forward to the 2012 Summer Olympics, which he hopes will be held

in NYC. Equestrian, motocross, softball, and cycling are planned for Staten Island, where John lives with wife Judith. The Franzrebs have three grown sons, and in addition to riding, enjoy playing tennis with each other. They also enjoy warm climates, having traveled last year to Costa del Sol, the Caribbean, and Central America. John is on a number of local and professional boards, but writes that the Boy Scouts of America "is near to my heart." **Paul Lyon**, who lives in Montreal with wife Louise, writes that he still works as a translator and freelance singer.

**Sandy Vogelgesang** writes that she's getting heavily involved in promotion of women's rights at home and abroad via writing, speaking, consulting, and participating on boards of international organizations. She says, "So much to be done!" Sandy lives in West Bethesda, MD, with her husband Geoffrey Wolfe and their two teenagers. Add gerontologist **Karen Sommer Shoff** to our list of classmate authors, having had published *There's No Place Like (A Nursing) Home*—except "A Nursing" are crossed out in the title; I couldn't replicate the characters here. The book, which was very favorably reviewed in the Sunday *New York Times* in Aug. '03, is a guide to home care, and its subtle theme is that home care can be far better than a nursing home. Karen works in long-term care insurance with husband Allan. The Shoffs live in Santa Monica, CA, and have a grown son and daughter.

Finally, as I am now totally out of news from you to report, Cornell Adult University (CAU) sent a list of last summer's attendees—and quite a few were our classmates. **Nancy Greyson Beckerman** took a sculpture course the same week **Lois Weyman Dow** was in the Family History Workshop. Lois then stayed for the Wall Street 2004 course the next week, also taken by **Paul Kruger** (while his wife Mary took a literature course). That second week also saw **Wistar Morris** and **John Looney** studying insects' behavior. John's wife Susan joined him for the Week 3 seminar about the arts & crafts movement in New York State, while **Arnold Braitman** and wife Susan took the golf clinic. The fourth week, **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, and **Larry and Pat Minikes Siegel '67** studied Eight Close American Presidential Elections.

That's all for now. If you have not already done so, please respond quickly to the News and Dues appeal you received recently; please take a few moments to put news of yourself on the enclosed form. This column depends on your responses. Keep the news flowing—and be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Based on reports that I've received from our 40th Reunion chairs **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Grace Morgenstern**, and **Dave Totor**, arrangements are coming together to make our 40th the best reunion ever. The save-the-date mailing got a great response and we are well on the way to breaking the Cornell record of 264 classmates for a 40th Reunion. I'm sure the weather in Ithaca this June will be better than the snowstorm that hit New York City in

January, the weekend of the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting, when a number of the class officers met to review the plans for reunion. So make your plans to be in Ithaca on June 9-12.

Recently I received a report from Ithaca on classmates who participated in Cornell Alumni University (CAU) in the summer of 2004. It looks like a number of our classmates were getting a head start checking things out on campus in advance of our 40th. **Mary Esther McHugh Haggerty '64**, who got her BS Ag in '65, spent a major portion of her summer in Ithaca. She took courses in each of the first three weeks of the program: Family Stories (Week 1), Personal Fitness (Week 2), and Travel Writing (Week 3). Other participants included **Carol Greenwald Bender** (Culinary Workshop), **Penny Skitol Haitkin** (Elections), **Barbara Selzer Lewis**, MAT '67, and her husband **Jack, JD '69** (Immigration and Sailing), and **John McGrew** with Barbara Ivy (Wines and American Home).

We got a very short note from **Kathleen Imholtz**, who writes that she is now an advisor to the government of Albania. **Bill Rodgers** had a lot of family information to pass on. His daughter **Beth '90** is married to **Bill Pope '90**, and they have children Nicholas and Brian. Bill's son **Brian '95** is married to **Tasha (Fleury) '95**, DVM '98. Bill and his wife Susan often make it up to Ithaca from their home in Bethesda, MD, for football and lacrosse games.

We received lots of news from another Maryland-based classmate, **Carol Sacks Sekura** and her husband **Ronald, PhD '77** (Medical College). Their daughter Robin, a pediatrician, and husband Todd Larabee (an ER doctor) recently moved from Annapolis, MD, to Denver with their daughter Sophia. Carol and Ron now will be into some cross-country travel and are looking for '65 classmates in the Denver area to see when they are out there. Carol is a consultant to the biotech pharmaceutical industry on FDA issues in manufacturing products. She reports that she met classmates **Fran Auerbach Rubin**, PhD '70, and **Elizabeth Fowler** at recent professional meetings. Carol also reports that last summer she met **Natalie Teich** in London for the weekend. She reports that she got to see plays, concerts, and museums, and made a visit to Greenwich. During Hurricane Frances last summer her Cornell roommate **Maddy Gell Handler** and husband **Phil '62**, MArch '65, overnighted with Carol and Ron at their Key Largo home. Because of the hurricane, the Handlers' ship landed one day late and they couldn't get a flight home. When the Sekuras aren't in Key Largo, they can be found in Rockville, MD.

**Barbara Press** Turner and husband Bill (Fontana, WI, and Hobe Sound, FL) had a lot of news to pass along. 2003 brought two new grandchildren into the Turner clan, for a total of three boys. Daughter Lisa Lang has children Alex and Jacob. Son **Christopher Turner '94** and his wife **Carrie (Kurtz) '94** have son Jonah. Jacob and Jonah were the 2003 additions. As for their other children, Melissa, in San Francisco, is a buyer for Banana Republic; Sarah recently completed a master's in English at the U. of Chicago; and Kelly entered graduate school last fall to get a master's in social work. The Turners are now

retired from full-time work, having sold their company, Edie Systems. They now publish *At the Lake* magazine and are involved in a number of real estate projects in their lakes area.

**Suellen Safir Rubin** and husband **Jerome '64** of Carmel, CA, have been happily married for more than 38 years. Suellen still works in her husband's private medical practice leading patient support groups. Last year their daughter Nancy joined the practice. She is double board certified—in hematology and oncology. The Rubins' other daughter, Emily, also came back to Carmel to live. She is an often-published authority in the treatment of autistic disorders. She gives seminars and workshops around the country and abroad to other language pathologists.

Here's hoping that as many of you as possible will be joining us, June 9-12, when we are back in Ithaca to celebrate our 40th Reunion. George, Grace, and Dave and their team of volunteers are working hard to make it the best ever. Please send your news directly to one of our correspondents, or send in News with your annual Dues. ♦ **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rte. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel., (315) 342-0457; e-mail, dpn5@cornell.edu; and **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028.

**66** At last we are wrapping up your old news and looking forward to your updates. **Judy Burke Stephenson** (judys\_44@yahoo.com) and her husband Scott Harshbarger moved to Cambridge, MA, last spring after 30 years in Westwood, MA. In April 2003, Judy and some friends spent two weeks in Cuba as part of the last officially sanctioned groups allowed to travel there. Judy is an adjunct professor at Boston College Law School, teaching in the fall semester only. She and Scott spend the winter in Boca Grande, FL, and she often travels to California to visit her daughters and grandchildren. A July 2003 trip to Ithaca for a wedding turned into a chance meeting with **Phil Ratner**, MBA '77, **Dave Hanlon**, and **Fred Devlin '67**, who were there for the Football Alumni Golf Tournament. Judy has also visited **Ann Weigel**, who now lives in London, England.

**Steven Krich**, PhD '72 (SIKRICH5@aol.com) spent four weeks in Israel at the Ulpan Akiva language school. He met many interesting people and looks forward to returning for future study when he retires. **David '65** and **Linda Lomazoff Roitman** (lrr2@cornell.edu) are enjoying their children and grandchildren. The Roitmans were in Phoenix, AZ, in December 2003 for a family wedding and took a side trip to Sedona and the Grand Canyon, enjoying the beauty of both. **Linda Duman** Nack (lnackbeau@aol.com) retired from high school counseling in June 2003. She has been enjoying her retirement by traveling to California and New York to visit her daughters and has also traveled to Florida and Israel.

**Mary Bethel** Binder (mary.binder2@verizon.net) is wondering if she is the only classmate still working! At our last reunion, she found all her Hotel alumni friends had retired. Trust me, many

of us are still employed. Mary is still in retailing, working at Filene's Basement as a buyer for crystal, silver, gifts, and sheets and towels. **Ted A. Sprinkle Jr.**, DVM '69 (tasprinkle@optonline.net) has been creating businesses. In 1997 he started Healthy Pet, a consolidator of companion animal hospitals. In early 2003, he left that company to start Pet Partners, a consolidator of veterinary hospitals with a new operating model. Ted was remarried nine years ago. He and wife Cynthia have two young children. Cynthia is CFO of Pitney Bowes Management Services. They traveled to Lake George in 2003. **George Wineburgh**, MD '70 (stdavis@gemair.com) is working toward retirement. His activities recently included growing 300 pounds of organic potatoes and traveling with his wife Cynthia to Barcelona and Oaxaca. He also enjoys running in the woodland preserves near home with his Lab/retriever.

Even though he has been retired since 1999, **Donald Asch** (don.susan@verizon.net) has been a full-time dad since 2001. His wife Susan is a consultant and vice president at Cap Gemini. They live in Manhattan, but have a country home about three miles from the site of Woodstock 1969. Don has resumed his bass fishing career on a lake near their home. He has also become a serious road biker, completing the 111-mile "Tour De Tucson" in under seven hours. **Tom** and **Katie Pddy** were at the Cornell weekend in April 2004 to celebrate the coaching career of Ned Harkness. He coached soccer for three years from '66 to '68 and the team lost only one game during that time. Other classmates who attended include **Hill Huntington**, **Bruce Mansdorf**, **Nate Foote**, **Jim Gaskell**, and **Buzz Lamb**. **Susan Maldon Stregack** (sms51@cornell.edu) is president and darkroom "diva" of Dancing Moose Photography, a business she and husband Rollin Fraser run together. They do portraits and social photography and some commercial work. They are the official photographers for the Washington (DC) Jewish Film Festival. In January 2004 they went to Disney World, Susan's first time there. She loved it.

**Laura Bowman** Gray, MAT '67 (LauraBGray@aol.com) recently sent an update. She and Phil live in Santa Monica, CA. Until recently, Laura had been director of career development at Pepperdine U., but is now a counselor and professor with the Los Angeles Community College District. She also became a grandmother this past year. Although they often return to New York, Laura admits that living at the beach has converted her to a Californian. **Leonard Coburn** (coburnel@msn.com) has left the Dept. of Energy after 35 years and opened his own energy consultancy focusing on international energy issues. He received the Secretary's Gold Award for his work in the areas of Russian and Eurasian affairs. To celebrate his retirement from the DOE, he and wife Evelyn spent two weeks traveling to the Southwest. They visited Zion and Bryce national parks and the Grand Canyon, north rim. They continued on through the Hopi and Navajo reservations, including Canyon de Chelly, then on to Santa Fe, Taos, Cimarron, and Albuquerque, NM.

Mark your calendars and Palm Pilots NOW! Our 40th Reunion is June 8-11, 2006—plan to be there! Join our reunion leader **Alice Katz Berglas**,

your correspondents and class officers, and your classmates for a Cornell weekend of fun, forums, merriment, and, most of all, just plain "catching up" on the Hill. Send your ideas or lend a hand in the planning. E-mail Alice (akb66@aol.com), our webmaster **Roy Troxel** (rtt4@cornell.edu), or your correspondents. ♦ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladscienc@aol.com; **John Miers**, John\_Miers@nih.gov; **Bill Blockton**, rbsfabrics@juno.com.

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**Jim Poffley** (Eastport, ME; jk\_poffley@yahoo.com) writes that he's now retired from Penn State U. and lives in a Down East coastal Maine village of 1,600. He's been a widower since 1988: "Raised Sam, now 20, and Elizabeth, now 19, since they were 4 and 3. Now having work done on three boats. Spoke to **Malcolm Teixeira**, **Alex Brooks**, and **Tom Cullen**, PhD '83, since settling in Maine last June." **Lois C. Thetford** spent two great weeks kayaking with partner Jean Rietschel in Desolation Sound, BC, "a fjord formation where you are surrounded by mountaintops, some with snow fields and glaciers. The water is quite warm and great for swimming."

**Tom and Marti McGregor Dumas** report the following: "A group of guys who lived in the Algonquin Lodge Cooperative on 526 Stewart Ave. in the late '60s has met every year since our graduation for a summer reunion. For the past six years, we've also scheduled a winter reunion weekend; most have included attending a Big Red hockey game." Present at the most recent gathering were the Dumases, **Skip** and **Marilyn Bason**, **Don '65** and **Janet Dana**, **Jim**, MPS '74, and **Donna Schiebel**, Jeff '65, BS '67, and **Ginny Snider Shaw**, **Dave '68** and **Michele Lauzon**, and **Norm** and **Bernice Parks**. Absentees were **John Story '69**, **Bill Johnson '70**, ME '75, his wife Peggy, "and our group's youngest child, **Erin Parks**, who's made every one of our reunions since she was born. Now a senior in high school and ardent Cornell hockey fan, she was off with her school's language club in Germany." The group's Cornell offspring are **Lynn Bason Ciarlo '89**, **Jamey Dumas '91**, MS '94, **Greg Shaw '97**, and **Chrissy Lauzon '02**.

Lots of groups of classmates hold formal and informal reunions, but it sounds like the Algonquin Lodge crew holds the record for continuity and frequency. Please let me know if you're part of a group with anything close to this mark.

**Judith Edelstein** Kelman (New York City; jkelman@aol.com) reports: "In April, Dr. Peter Scardino's *Prostate Book: The Complete Guide to Prostate Cancer, Prostatitis and BPH*, which I co-wrote with the head of urology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, was published by Avery, a division of Putnam (which will also publish my 15th novel, *The Session*, next January). Though I've written many nonfiction articles, this is my first book-length work of nonfiction. Dr. Scardino and I worked on the project for nearly four years, and we're delighted with the outcome. Hopefully, this will prove to be a valuable resource for the astonishing number of men (one in six) who are diagnosed with prostate cancer, the one in four who requires medical treatment for prostate enlargement, and the 50 percent of all men who suffer at

some point in their lives with the infection or inflammation of prostatitis. I've been enjoying a lot of fascinating travel: three trips to Italy, plus Egypt, Israel, China, and a dozen other places in the last year, and delighting in my 1-year-old granddaughter Caroline (courtesy of son Matt '93, JD '97, and his wonderful wife Karen) every chance I get. I also see my former Cornell roommate **Nora Brockner** Brower regularly in NYC." ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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I hope you have all had a good spring. **Nick Dejevsky** is the author of a new book entitled *Woodland of Weir: America in 2276 AD*. According to a description on the Web, this novel deals with the situation of the New United States of America emerging from two centuries of environmental catastrophe after an attempt to destroy Halley's comet has gone awry. Nick was born in a United Nations-administered refugee camp in Germany in 1945 and went with his parents to a small town in Maine. After Cornell, Nick got advanced degrees from the U. of Pennsylvania and Oxford. He had an active career in journalism and publishing and moved to Paris in 1995, where his wife Mary worked for a British newspaper. Nick is presently retired and is active with a number of charities.

**Lois Gartlir** retired in 2004, having practiced law for the prior 20 years. Lois has been traveling, including an awesome trip to Antarctica. She recently helped her parents **Bernard** '38 and **Shirley Richmond Gartlir** '40 move from their house in Great Neck, NY, to an apartment. **Joan Gottesman** Wexler is dean of the Brooklyn Law School and was elected president of the Federal Bar Council in 2004. **Martin Glenn**, an attorney with O'Melveny & Myers in NYC, serves with Joan on the board of this council. Joan and partner Len Orland frequently see **Jay**, JD '71, and **Harriet Waks**, and they vacationed with **Carol Ziegler** and husband Marty Minkowitz in Hawaii during a legal meeting.

**Steven Siegel** was honored last year with the annual Award for Archival Achievement by the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York. Steve and his partner Rob Selden were in London last November, where they attended the Cornell Club of London Thanksgiving dinner. **Beth Deabler** Corwin and husband Rick are in the St. Petersburg area of Florida, enjoying retirement. They are playing golf and tennis, and Rick is training for the Boston Marathon in April. Their son Deric (Dartmouth '99) is getting married in Boston in June. **Jane Frommer** Gertler reports seeing a number of Donlon freshman corridor friends in New York last November. This included **Nancy Bloom** Brenner, **Jane Friedlander** Gerard, and **Corinne Ertel**. Of the group, Jane Gerard is the first to retire, after many years as a biology teacher in NYC.

**Henry Siegel** reports being busy at work trying to get international acceptance of an accounting standard for life insurance. Henry's son **David** '05 graduates from Cornell this year with a double major in physics and math. He combines that with Phi Beta Kappa and a one-hour better time

than his father in the marathon. A note from Cornell Alumni University (CAU) reports that **Margo Stout Kilbon**, **Lauren Kingman**, **Susan Krieger**, **David Maisel**, and **Susan Tafler** were CAU participants during the past year. I do hear great reports about these programs.

I look forward to hearing from you with some material for our column. I have spent the last few months doing a lot of travel, including skiing out West and in Switzerland, and visits to China, California, Arizona, etc., and am now starting to think about future work opportunities in the corporate or financial services area. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon\_silver@comcast.net.

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**Laura Miller** reports that she and **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner attended a function at Penn State U. honoring **Bob Potter** and establishing a scholarship in his name. Bob has a long record of leadership in Centre County, PA. During Bob's tenure on the Community Foundation board, his tireless efforts increased their endowment from \$500,000 to more than \$10,000,000. **John Rees**, ME '70, and many other fraternity brothers were in attendance, as well as Bob's Cornellian family of brothers, sisters, father, and in-laws. **Peter Kutner** is back at the U. of Oklahoma College of Law after a year in Tokyo on a Fulbright award. **Ellen Gross** Landau was named Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities at Case Western Reserve U., where she has been a member of the Art History and Art Dept. since 1982. She also has a new book titled *Reading Abstract Expressionism: Context and Critique* (Yale U. Press). Ellen is married to Howard and they have two children. Their son Jay is planning a wedding in 2005, and their daughter Julie is majoring in social work at Cleveland State U. Author **Sally Weisberg** Goldberg, MS '71, introduced an exciting new event at the Miami Book Fair International—a tent in Children's Alley for parents and their preschoolers called Let's Play and Learn. It was designed around the concepts put forth in her two most recent books.

"trip" and says, "Life is good." **Donna Fons Brooks** joined the ministry some ten years ago, making a career change from nursing to Pastor of Fellowship, United Church of Christ, and has never been happier. She tells us that her church, located in Wickliffe, OH, celebrates worship in both traditional and contemporary styles and has activities for all age groups. Donna received her MDiv from the Methodist Theological School of Delaware, OH. She and her husband **Keith**, JD/MBA '69, have four grown children. Darren and **Evan** '99 live in L.A., where Darren is a writer and Evan works in a research lab at UCLA. Donna's daughter Tammy lives in Willoughby, OH, and is an early childhood education teacher at a local day care center. Lastly, son Colin lives with his wife Michela and their daughters Ivy and Olivia near Fort Hood, TX. Colin is a captain in the Infantry and spent most of 2003 in Iraq.

**Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, ME '70, says, "I'm just working at the nursery way too much." She and her husband Bill are also remodeling their kitchen. They are doing everything themselves, from refinishing the cabinets to tiling the counters. Ingrid and Bill do make time to use their new wakeboard boat. Ingrid says that it is about the only way to be with their 18-year-old son. Now the Wachtlers have two boys in college. Steve is at Montana State U. studying architecture, and Dan is studying construction management at the U. of Washington. Their daughter Christina received a degree in architecture and is planning her wedding. **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, and his wife Sandra have two daughters. Kristey is in her first year at Harvard Business School while Jennifer is attending Arizona State U. Don is a corporate projects manager at Sunoco and has recently taken up rowing.

**Mark Reiter**, chairman of the ob/gyn dept. at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC, was happy to report that he had gotten together with all of his Cornell roommates (**John Garnett**, **Scott Page**, and **Peter Rosen**) for a game of golf. Mark also tells us that his daughter Lauren is a junior at Miami of Ohio. **Stewart Cramer** and his wife **Sue (Golden)** '71 wrote to say how much they enjoyed seeing **Larry** and **Ellen Victoria**

‘Timothy Jones hiked through a rainforest, explored glaciers, and observed ice floes—an “awesome trip.”’

ARDA COYLE BOUCHER '69

Although wife Mary Ellen is retired, **Timothy Jones**, MPA '71, is happy to be working and says he loves what he does. He is a managing partner with the financial planning firm of Cooper, Jones & McLeland Ltd., located in Fairfax, VA. Timothy also tells us that last summer he traveled with *National Geographic* to southeast Alaska, where he was privileged to see bears, salmon, whales, eagles, and much more. He also hiked through a rainforest, explored glaciers, and observed ice floes. Timothy called it an "awesome

Crockett, Steve Goldberger, Vivian Lam Braciale, and Ron Gaster at our reunion. **Jane Weinberger** Lapple and her husband Walter are now living in Westhampton Beach, NY. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031.

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Our 35th Reunion is a few short weeks away, Thursday, June 9–Sunday, June 12. We have a great party weekend planned for you. There is still time to register for Reunion 2005, so

contact **Sandy Schorr** ([sjs73@cornell.edu](mailto:sjs73@cornell.edu)) or **Connie Ferris Meyer** ([cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:cfm7@cornell.edu)) and we will get you signed up. The university is offering many exciting events including, among other things, the Olin Lecture, Cornelliana Night, many athletic events, the Savage Club, and the tents on the Arts Quad Friday and Saturday. One Class of 1970 highlight will be the barbecue luncheon on Saturday to honor and celebrate the life of **Hank Brittingham** and the lives of our other classmates who have died since our 30th Reunion or since graduation in 1970. We will enjoy our class dinners in the atrium at the new Duffield Hall on the Engineering Quad and the Memorial Room at the Straight. With the Class of 1965, we're co-sponsoring a double class forum titled "Cornell University is Different" by author Carol Kammen, and "Greying Baby Boomers and American Politics and Culture" by demographics expert Brad Edmonson. Our reunion finale will be our farewell brunch in the Ivy Room. We will be entertained and serenaded by the Sherwoods. See you all at Reunion 2005!

Last May, **Tom '69**, BS '71, and **Jean Myers Smith**, MS '72 (Richmond, VA; [djsmith@hsc.vcu.edu](mailto:djsmith@hsc.vcu.edu)) were in Ithaca enjoying the graduation of their daughter **Emily '04**. She earned her BA in Science and Technology Studies and is now doing graduate work in the area of environmental interpretation at SUNY Syracuse. They stayed with Jean's grad school roomie **Carol Ayres Bisogni**, PhD '76, and her husband **Jim**, PhD '73. Jean and Tom's older daughter Jennifer is in a three-year

Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Old Dominion U., so the tuition payments keep on going. Susan (Elmira '70) and **Bob Gordon** (Wayne, NJ; [rgordondvm@aol.com](mailto:rgordondvm@aol.com)) celebrated the graduation of their son **Geoffrey '04** from the College of Engineering with a fabulous Ithaca weekend. Sadly, they suffer from the sudden, unexpected death of their longtime friend and classmate **David Linden** in March 2004. Bob is in his second year of a two-year term as chairman of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. Last March, the New Jersey Medical Association honored Bob with the Distinguished Service Award.

**Barbara Nelson** has lived in California since 1972. She directs a mental health and social services program for refugees. She and her husband Stephen Wright live in Lafayette, CA, and their e-mail address is [nelwright@aol.com](mailto:nelwright@aol.com). Their daughter Sarah graduated from Yale in 2003 and lives in New York City. Son Daniel started as a music major at UC Santa Cruz and is now studying at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Barbara and her freshman roommate, **Suzanne Smith Quick**, delight in their annual summer rafting trip together. Recently, Barbara saw **Paul Krochmal '69**, **Jeff '69** and **Claudia Kramer Springer** ([claudia.springer@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.springer@gmail.com)) continue living in Miami, FL. Last May, she finished a three-year fellowship at the U. of Miami and received her PhD in English literature. Starting in August 2004, Claudia's new job is dean of academics and interim high school principal at Westminster Christian School in Miami. Jeff is doing consulting in hospitality management and hotel development as president of The Springer Group. Their son **Matthew '96**, MSEE '97, now works for Google. Claudia's father-in-law, **George Springer '40** is enjoying retirement in Cleveland and Scottsdale. Other "off-Springer" non-Cornellians include daughter Holly (Georgetown U.), who is a partner of the Molly New York dress line. Their son Tim (Stanford U.) is CEO of SSB Technologies, a consulting firm in ADA compliance in IT matters.

I received a wonderful Christmas "letter" from **Scott Brush** and his four children (Palmetto Bay, FL; [brushco@aol.com](mailto:brushco@aol.com)). Although Scott claims he is extremely lax with correspondence, he is getting better at answering e-mails and enjoys hearing from friends. His high school class had a 38th reunion this past May (they always were a little unconventional being the '60s radicals they were!). His involvement was with "communications"—a seemingly inappropriate role for him. The reunion was a success and a rehearsal for their 40th in 2006! Scott's oldest daughter Sara's primary focus is college as she attends Miami-Dade College full-time while bartending full-time at Applebee's. Next in line is Rachel, who is a sophomore at the U. of Central Florida, Orlando studying health science with an emphasis on physical therapy. She waitresses at a local grill and coaches soccer for 3-year-olds at the local Y. Jonathan achieved the honored rank of Eagle Scout in May 2004, along with 26 of his fellow scouts (most of whom had been together since Cub Scouts!). Congrats. He is a high school senior and hopes to go to either UCF in Orlando or USF in Tampa. Scott's youngest child Alex (aka "Christine") has an extensive career in babysitting while a sopho-

more in the medical program at Coral Reef High School. Alex is a dancer and manages both the girls' varsity soccer and softball teams at Coral Reef. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, [cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:cfm7@cornell.edu).

**71** A combination of business travel and bad weather kept me from attending the annual gathering of '71ers at the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting last January. For those who did make it to the New York Hilton, our class had "the best time." As **Dale Cohen** reports, "The Saturday meetings went well and the evening party was swell. Even with the snow, we filled two and a half tables at the gala! Despite-the-blizzard-attendees were **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas**, **Jim Roberts**, **Rick Furbush**, **Jerry Day**, MBA '78, **David** and **Tina Beale** (with daughter **Elana '08**), **Kathy Menton Flaxman** and husband **David**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss** and husband **Brian Berke**, **Gilda Klein Linden**, **Marsha Ackermann**, **Marcia Flicker**, **Joel Glasky** and wife **Bonnie (Wolfman) '73**, **Ken** and **Susan Goldman**, and **Martha Coultrap** and husband **Harvey Bagg**." Martha Coultrap, incidentally, is one of four Cornell Trustees from the Class of '71. They include **Ken Goldman**, **Andrew Tisch**, and Board VP **Diana Daniels**.

The big topic of that snowy day was the 35th Reunion to be held June 8-11, 2006. Co-Class Presidents **Jerry Day** and **David Beale** led the group in planning discussions. All interested classmates can join the Reunion Committee by emailing Reunion Chair **Kathy Flaxman** at [kmf1@cornell.edu](mailto:kmf1@cornell.edu). You may also want to assist Cornell Fund Chair **Mike Kubin**, [mek24@cornell.edu](mailto:mek24@cornell.edu), in organizing and running our Class Reunion campaign. Keep up with activities by joining our Cornell71 Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cornell71/>.

**Margaret Corbit**, MS '95, of Spencer, NY ([corbitm@tc.cornell.edu](mailto:corbitm@tc.cornell.edu)) says she loves "floating in her pond on a hot summer day," presumably, that is, when she isn't engaged running a Cornell outreach program connecting CU members with teens across the country through the Internet. **Richard Warshauer** recently reconnected with classmate **Jan Rothman** and says, "I am preparing for my 17th annual Lower Manhattan Walking Tour." Richard and wife Rosalind have two children starting law careers. Fishing enthusiast and architect **Vic Trodella** ([victor@mainearchitecture.com](mailto:victor@mainearchitecture.com)) sends regards from Freeport, ME, where he designs and develops waterfront properties on the Maine coast. His busy practice supports his love of bonefishing and flyfishing. "Nothing better," he says, "than enjoying a good cigar with a drink after a day of bonefishing in the Bahamas."

Reporting that she retired in October 2004, **Eileen Nuhn Petrillo** ([epetrill@aol.com](mailto:epetrill@aol.com)) is working on mastering the digital camera and photo software. She travels to Clearwater, FL, Las Vegas, and Scituate, MA, and is looking forward to visiting the British Isles and isles in the Caribbean. Conservationist **Michael Sheibel** ([scherbeaux@aol.com](mailto:scherbeaux@aol.com)) lives on an island—Shelter Island, NY. Besides hunting, fishing, and birding, Michael is a part-time ferry captain for South

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Ferry Inc., which runs from Shelter Island to North Haven, CT. At the very western tip of Long Island you will find Brooklyn Heights, NY, where **Stephen Zweig** checked in with us. He is founding partner of the now year-old New York City office of Ford and Harrison LLP, specializing in labor, employment, and benefits law.

**Gary Weiner** (garyweineradr@hotmail.com) recently returned to private practice, specializing in general civil mediation and arbitration after 4-1/2 years as Dispute Resolution Director for Sonoma County Superior Court. The Weiners live in Sebastopol, CA, with their two teenage children. Learning to play golf and attending sports events and jazz concerts with husband John Sullivan keeps **Gay Perkins** (gay.perkins@wku.edu) busy in between work hours at Western Kentucky U. A librarian and scholar, Gay is a researcher on library research methodology and co-editor of *The Western Scholar*. Gay and John live in Lousiville, KY.

Joining the growing ranks of '71ers with grandchildren, **Stella Ardire** and husband Dave Renn reported the birth of their first grandson. Stella (sardire@myexcel.com), a resident of Tolleson, AZ, is a traveling RN. She is working on gaining additional certification in behavioral health. **Michel Stouppe** Dash's three youngest grandchildren were flower girls at her marriage to Terrence in August 2004. The Dashes currently live in Locke, NY, but are seriously seeking a move to Virginia. Michel, whose e-mail address tells a story—foxygrma1949@yahoo.com—retired from the Tompkins County Dept. of Social Services and now works as an outpatient counselor at Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services.

**Susan Phipps-Yonas** and husband **Albert Yonas**, PhD '69, have been traveling widely. They ventured to Egypt to visit one daughter, who teaches in Cairo, then went on to Israel, Jordan, and Turkey. A few months later they spent an enjoyable three weeks in Tuscany. The St. Paul, MN-based couple plans to split their professional time between the Twin Cities and Phoenix, AZ. Susan (spyonas@yahoo.com) continues to have a forensic psychology practice and serves on the Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee.

Finally, the peripatetic **Peter Saunders**, ME '72, traveled to Okinawa, Japan, Guam, ten national parks, and 26 states in the past two years. Peter says he looks forward to visiting more states and national parks. He likes "setting his own schedule, while dabbling part-time with an East Coast construction company looking to set up an office in the Puget Sound area." A retired US Naval Captain, Peter (saunderspd@gcinternetc.com) and wife Cindy resettled in Silverdale, WA, after he left the Civil Engineer Corps.

Please send news of yourself and any Cornellians with whom you are in touch. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; and **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

**72** It was a very long time coming, but the Curse of the Bambino was finally laid to rest and the Boston Red Sox won the World Series for the first time since 1918. What made the Championship even more memorable was

the victory over the hated New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series after the Sox fell behind 3 games to 0. Congratulations to all the loyal Red Sox fans in our class.

**Bill Trommer** writes from Maine that he, daughters Heather and Leah, and son-in-law Matthew traveled to Montana to spend the Thanksgiving holiday. Bill's brother-in-law lives right next to the cross country ski trails in West Yellowstone, so they had a great time skiing right out the back door twice a day. Heather is working in Chicago as the business manager for Jump Rhythm Dance Project, a professional company of jazz dancers. She also has a second job, teaching dance to children. Leah worked at the Ferry Beach Ecology School last fall and is currently living in Bar Harbor, ME. **David Hall** '71 corresponds from Colorado that daughter Melissa graduated from Jacksonville U. with a degree in dance education. She hopes to attend graduate school at U. of Oklahoma. Dave's elder daughter Jennifer works at Denver Channel 4 (CBS) producing the 5:00 to 6:00 AM news, Monday through Friday. **Robert F. Shaw** of Santa Cruz, CA, reports that he plans to retire from coaching high school lacrosse at Santa Cruz High School now that his youngest son Luke has graduated. Bob still keeps busy skiing, mountain biking, and investing in real estate in California and Upstate New York.

**Gerry Roehm** '69, BS Ag '72, sent me some photos and a report of his safari to the Serengeti Plain in Africa. Gerry and his group encountered many wild animals including giraffes, wildebeest, lions, zebras, ostriches, a cheetah, and some bizarre birds. But the "beasts" that struck the most (fear) were the flying dung beetles. Flying at speeds up to 40 mph, they entered the moving Land Cruisers through the open canopy and pummeled the heads and torsos of the tourists. Relegated to a life of pushing balls of elephant excrement across the Serengeti, the beetles' kamikaze attacks were, no doubt, provoked by their despondency over a dubious career choice.

**Alan Weitberg** wrote *Carcinoma of the Lung: From Molecular Biology to Practice Guidelines* (Humana Press, 2002), which reviews the pathogenesis and treatment of lung cancer. Alan is professor and chairman of the Dept. of Medicine at Roger Williams Medical Center, RI. **William Schulz**, ME '73, sent me some photos of Houston, TX, on Christmas Day covered with two inches of snow. "Wes" works for Houston Power and Light at the local nuclear power plant. He's sort of the Homer Simpson of East Texas. Wife Diane keeps busy with her home glass bead-making and attending bead conventions across the country. Son Doug is a paramedic for two ambulance services near Houston, and daughter Amy is a graduate student in NYC. She studies writing and acting at the prestigious Actors Studio Drama School.

**Bruce McGeoch**, MEE '73, and spouse Cyndy sent a Christmas card and letter from their new home in South Burlington, VT, where they enjoy great views of Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains. Daughter Lauren graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown and is currently living in Seattle and working at the U. of Washington. Last summer Bruce and Cyndy traveled to Winnipeg for the Folk Music Festival and visited Montreal

for their anniversary. That visit was so much fun that they returned to Montreal for Cyndy's birthday in December. Bruce says that it is wonderful to have such a cosmopolitan city only two hours away from their new residence.

Our class was well represented at Cornell Adult University in the summer of 2004. **Dianne Gwynne Berger** participated in the Sailing Clinic. **Pete Ingraham**, DVM '76, took Introduction to Fly-Fishing. Mary Beth and **Peter McCarthy** attended The American Feast and Immigration. **Beverly Roth** and **Cynthia Mahoney** (with friend Randolph Ross) enjoyed Normandy Revisited: Strategies of World War II.

In case you missed it, an article in the Summer 2003 issue of the *Cornell Communiqué* cited **Kevin Weitsman**, MEE '73, for being the driving force behind the sending of millions of dollars worth of high-tech equipment to the loading docks of Cornell's engineering labs and to its business management classrooms. Kevin arranged for his employer, Agilent Technologies of Palo Alto, CA, to donate a DNA printer to Cornell's Biotechnology Resource Center and a four-stack diffusion furnace to the Nanofabrication Facility in Duffield Hall. Kevin likes to spend time on campus in the fall, when he enjoys the added bonus of watching his son **A.J. '06**, a member of the Big Red football team.

Last March I spent two days in San Luis Obispo, CA, about four hours south of my home, where I saw the Cornell baseball team play Cal Poly during the Big Red's annual Spring Break trip to the Sun Belt. Unfortunately, the Big Red, coached by Tom Ford, lost both games by scores of 8-1 and 4-1. The second game was very competitive. Cornell led 1-0 early in the game and Cal Poly's lead was only 2-1 into the seventh inning. Cornell had as many hits as Cal Poly and hit the ball hard all night, but couldn't put together any rallies. After the games in SLO, the team continued its trip down the coast to play UC Santa Barbara.

With seven players on the team from California, there was a sizeable Cornell rooting sections of players, families and a few alumni. There were even some families who made the trip from the East and Midwest for the week. We had about 50-60 Cornell fans in the stands, coming close to outnumbering the hometown fans. **Ken Light**, MD '76, was in attendance to watch his son **Matt '05**, who is a pitcher for the Big Red. I spent both games sitting next to retired Cornell baseball and freshman football coach Ted Thoren. He and his wife Jean made the trip with the team. It was fun to listen to all his stories about his past Cornell players, the famous college coaches he's known over the years, and the upsets his baseball teams accomplished over Arizona State, Miami, and other college baseball powers. Coach Thoren still works tirelessly organizing the annual Alumni Baseball Game during Reunion Weekend. Send news to ♦ **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov; or **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com.

**73** Greetings from New Orleans. I am happy to report that the January CACO Mid-Winter Meeting and 100th Anniversary Gala in New York City were well attended by '73 Class Officers

despite the snowstorm. We also have lots of news from our classmates. Thanks for making my scribing a joy.

**Steve Braddon** (eloi1951@yahoo.com) moved his family to Sydney, Australia, in August 2004, as his wife accepted a research position at the university. "Mid-life adventure!" **Vicki Boxer Samson**, Scottsdale, AZ, now has two grown children working in different parts of the country. Daniel, 25, is an appellate litigation attorney with Greenberg Traurig in Miami, FL, and daughter Rachel, 22, is a financial analyst with Huron Consulting in New York City. **Cynthia Kovacs Perry** (jockette00@aol.com) lives in West Lake Village, CA. Her son **Bret '08** is a freshman in the Arts college. Daughter Meredith is a drug formulation chemist at Pharmatel.

**William Balchunas** survived the ravages of Hurricane Ivan in Pensacola, FL. He is now studying for his recertification boards in neuroradiology. **Christine Davis Chase** (Gainesville, FL; ctdc@mail.ifas.ufl.edu) has been promoted to full professor in the horticultural sciences dept. at the U. of Florida and is co-editing a book on plant biotechnology that was to be released early this year. Her niece **Heather Davis '08** is a Cornell freshman. Christine's husband **Josh '70**, MBA '71, a tax manager at a regional CPA firm, also devotes time to his North Florida tree farm. **Clifford Glade** (Islamorada, FL; cglade2069@aol.com) is a veterinarian. His wife Diane is a hospital administrator, and daughter Nicole, 15, is active in US swimming.

**Linda Francis Scherruble** (Coral Springs, FL; ftnative@aol.com) is a registered nurse in the cardiac unit of a local hospital and her daughter **Kristin '05** is a senior at Cornell. She sees the "light at the end of the tuition tunnel." Husband **John**, MBA '74, is a project manager for Edward Don & Co., designing commercial kitchens for hotels and restaurants in South Florida and the Caribbean. Their son Grant juggles school and work in Florida. **Madeline "Mandy" Griffin** (Atlanta, GA; mgm6673@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us), a retired juvenile court judge, is now working part-time in the DeKalb School System as a parent mentor for special education. She lost her husband Jim to cancer in 2002 and is raising their two high school age children Megan, a Downs syndrome child, and Kelly.

**Sandra Snitzer** Tristano (Glenview, IL; stristano@yahoo.com) currently serves as an elected Cook County Circuit Court judge (since 2002) and raises two children, Matthew, 17, and Amy, 13, with husband Michael. **Eric Rothenberg** was recently named a Massachusetts super-lawyer by *Boston Magazine* and *Law & Politics*. **Jay Shulman**, Baltimore, MD, a bankruptcy attorney, became a partner in the law firm of Saul Ewing LLP. **William Evans** (Basking Ridge, NJ; wcevans1@aol.com) is trying to reconnect with his freshman year second floor South Baker dorm-mates. He is currently working at Computer Sciences Corp. His daughter Alexandria is studying to be a graphic designer. **Neil Friedman** (White Plains, NY; nfredman@fredmankosan.com) sent his contact information but no news.

**Charles Wait** (Saratoga Springs, NY; charles.wait@hotmail.com) received the Dennis Kemball-Cook Award for service to Skidmore College in October 2003. He and his brother Ned sailed

in the Newport to Bermuda Race in 2002. His son **Charles '04** is a first-year law student at Saint John's Law School. Son Christopher and daughter Alexandra are both attending college. Charles reports that **Juhaina Farouki '72** is living in Kuwait running his own construction company. **Craig Peterson** (Pittsford, NY; craigp@rochester.rr.com) has son **Kyle '07** in the ILR school.

**David and Christine Dickieson Pesses** (Gloversville, NY; pescreed@citlink.net) have busy children. Their oldest, Ruth (Grinnell College '01), is married to Rafael Martins from Brazil and teaches math at Woodhouse Academy in Connecticut. Emily graduated from Davidson College last year and works in Charlotte. Elizabeth attends Rice U. **Patrick Knapp** (Clinton, NY; stindsman@aol.com) traveled south of the equator to teach in Lima, Peru, and found it to be an eye-opening experience.

**Irene Kohan Yesowitch** (Alameda, CA) was planning to ride with me in the Iris Krewe during Mardi Gras but, alas, had to cancel at the last minute for a client. Too bad. We were Greek goddesses. Can't say that too often. We'll have to try again next year. **Nancy Miller** Clifford, MA '76's son Duncan was able to take a weekend break from Penn State to join a friend in New Orleans. I left Mardi Gras day to give an American Health Lawyers Association speech in Tucson, AZ, on Economic Credentialing to physicians and hospital administrators. Last year was an eventful one for me. I changed firms, joining Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz as a shareholder and co-chair of the Health Law dept., and was again named in *Best Lawyers Health Care*. Write with all your news. ♦ **Danielle Lombardo Trosorff**, dtrosorff@bakerdonelson.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** I had an interesting e-mail exchange with **Perry Jacobs** and promised to trade column inches for copy. Here's what he had to say: "For at least ten years I have jealously read of our classmates whose children have been admitted to Cornell. Now I can proudly add my name to the list! My daughter Jessica (my oldest) was recently admitted early decision to the Arts college and pulled her applications from Michigan and Wisconsin. Go Class of '09! I took it as an omen when Jess went to Homecoming this past fall to spend the weekend with a high school friend and her room was directly across the hall from my freshman dorm room on Donlon 2. Every '74er in Donlon fondly remembers the not-for-profit ice cream/coffee house our dorm-mates opened in one of the first floor lounges. I'm hoping my son Matt, whose main love is lacrosse, will join the Big Red in five years, but he says he'll hold out for a full ride from another lacrosse power.

"I live in Westchester and own my own company that does executive searches for partners in NYC law firms. I get to work from home, which is fantastic. I do a lot of rollerblading—even started and play in a neighborhood roller hockey game. Lisa and I do a lot of biking and have done group trips in France, Italy, Vermont, the Maryland Shore, and the Pennsylvania Dutch country. I'm hoping to bike the Sonoma and Napa valleys

for our 20th anniversary. I also enjoy live music and see a lot of folk singers, as well as the big event concerts (the Who, CSNY, Springsteen, Stones, and Pink Floyd). Hard to believe all those guys are 60-somethings. I wish I could say I've stayed in close contact with my classmates, but I haven't, and I thought the 50th birthday cruise a number of my female friends took was a great idea. I've been on campus many times since '74 and always feel 20 and exhilarated when I'm there. Staying at the Statler gives me the world's best dorm room. I often talk about the great times I had and the many friends I made with great pride. One of those friends, the author of this column, encouraged me to write this semi-autobiography, so don't blame the messenger."

Other classmates have kids matriculating at Cornell: **Chris Shiber**'s son Aaron, **Alice Brown**'s son Phillip, **Evan Zuckerman**'s son Tyler, **Jodi Sielschott** Steschulte's daughter Lynne (number three for her!), and **Walter and Nancy Baldini Howard**'75's son Scott.

Here's a fun bit of news from **Doug Glenn**. He was really motivated by Astronomy 201 and has posted a recombination of two of the chapters from a book Carl Sagan wrote while we were at Cornell. Check it out at [www.season4design.com/Starfolk/](http://www.season4design.com/Starfolk/). **Lynn Coakley** joined Phelps Media Group in Wellington as staff writer for this equestrian publisher in Arizona.

CAU continues to attract classmates. **Lynn Anderson** attended the Great American Trials session, **Jaclyn Spear** studied Great Battles Past and Present, **Deborah Linker** Moriah took Un-Natural History, **Sandra Sears** took Cayuga Lake Paleobiology, and **Louise Thomas** took Introduction to Fly-Fishing. Louise, if you need any tips, give me a call; I'm a font of wisdom on fly-fishing (though a little weak on the catching part).

**Ruth Fattori** has been named EVP of Human Resources at Motorola, joining the company from JPMorgan Chase & Co.—which **Mary Berens** asserts is a very long way from South Baker Hall. You go, girl! **Kristen Gerling** was elected national leader for Presbyterian Women in 2004, an organization of over 300,000. **Tom DeMott** recently moved from Safeway to join Encore Associates, a food industry sales and marketing consulting firm in San Ramon, CA.

Always good for a bon mot and a bit of news, **John Ramsay** reports that **Larry Thompson** moved to Australia. **Steve Heyer** garnered a lot of press last year when he jumped from the hot seat at Coke to the CEO slot at Starwood Resorts. And we got a nice note from **Diane Kopelman Verschure**, who met with **Kris Rupert**, **Karen Rupert Keating** '76, and **Betsy Beach** for dinner in Boston for a Cornell/Harvard game. They were surprised to bump into **Shelley Cosgrove**, who was in town from Singapore with her daughter Nicole. The surprises continued at the game when they found they were seated a few rows from **Kerry Larson Willis**, who lives in Andover with husband **Dana '73** and their two kids, 2 and 5 years old! Diane passed on news from **Claudia Hebel Malone**, who lives in Detroit with husband **Dan '75** and their three kids. Son Dan Jr. is a second-year law student at Boston College, Emily was awaiting news of college acceptances,

and Molly is in the eighth grade. Claudia took a buyout last century after a career with IBM and now is a kindergarten teacher working part-time.

The *Ithaca Journal* did a piece in September about **Nina Bassuk**, calling her the patron saint of Ithaca's trees. Nina is a professor at Cornell's Urban Horticultural Inst., an institution she helped create. She recently published a book, *Trees in the Urban Landscape*, in conjunction with husband Peter Trowbridge. And finally, for those of you who are not regular readers of the *Wall Street Journal*, there was a humorous but alarming front-page story on November 22, 2004 about classmate **Peter Baranay**, the president of Abro Industries. He's been in a running battle to protect his company's trademarked glues, tapes, and epoxies from a piratical Chinese competitor. Turns out not only has the competitor copied Abro's products, they've usurped the name, brand, trademark, and logo as well.

Back here in Simsbury all is well. Kids Lindsay (Champlain College) and Jessica (U. of Maine, Farmington) are both juniors. My wife **Sue St. Clair Raye** continues to teach eighth grade science at our local middle school, and I'm in my sixth year as an independent Web marketing consultant working with brands such as McCormick, Crown Royal, Johnny Walker, and Twinings Tea. **Brad Buchanan, John Ramsay, Jim Stone, ME '76, and Gary Dufel, ME '75**, have all been doing a good job of keeping in touch, but not reporting news. C'mon guys! Send your news to: ♦ **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu.

**75** It's late January as I write. We received one to two feet of snow this weekend, and New York City hosted the annual Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, which celebrated its 100th year of class leadership. Many of our classmates attended to plan our 30th Reunion in Ithaca June 9-12. Consider coming to reconnect with old friends or connect with new ones. Think about walking around North and West Campus to check out the new dorms. Or walk around the Quads to check out the new academic buildings. Cornell is ever-changing, and the best way to see it is to visit!

Attending the CACO meeting were President **Rich Marin**, MBA '76, VP **Jeanne Fattori Reinig Smith**, Treasurer **Dean Toriello**, and Reunion Chair **Susan Fulton**. Also attending were **Michael Foster**, JD '78, **Jill Lerner**, BArch '76, and **Charlie and Judy Wesalo Temel**. Rich (ram38@cornell.edu) is Chairman/CEO of Bear Stearns Asset Management. Jeanne (jmft3@cornell.edu), recently married to **Nick Smith** '74, MBA '75, now lives in Houston, TX, and works at the Saddle Acres School. Anyone willing to help out with reunion should e-mail Jeanne. Dean (shaark@aol.com) works at Hand Surgeons of Western Michigan. Susan (sfulton@teamwash.com) is Director of Marketing for Team Washington. Michael (mjfesquire@aol.com) and wife **Liz (Carter)** '76 live in Westport, CT, where he is managing director of RFE Investment Partners. Son **Bryan** '07 is in Arts and Sciences and they

are reliving their Cornell days through his eyes. Michael recently had a surprise 50th for Liz. In attendance were **Don and Karen Klein Polakoff** '76, **Irv and Janet Share Zatz** '76, and **Ilene Sherwin Cooper** '76, **Suzanne Carter Kramer** '80, **Perry Gandelman** '78, and their spouses.

Charlie (ctemel@aol.com) and Judy (jwtemel@aol.com) live in NYC. Charlie is VP of investments for UBS Financial Services, while Judy is director of credit research at Samson Capital Management. Daughter Laura was accepted early decision to the Class of '09. Charlie said it was appropriate to celebrate the 100th anniversary of CACO during a blizzard! Judy has been chairing the Cornell Alumnae Council since 1998. The council holds annual brunches and dinners at the homes of alumnae for upperclass women students and local alumnae to help make the transition from Cornell to careers easier. The program involves over 300 dedicated alumnae and 200 students. I attended a dinner this month and it's a great event for students and alums.

Jill (jlerner@kpf.com) is very involved with Cornell activities. She stays in touch with **Eileen Weingarten, Susan Rosenstadt** Bresler, BArch '76, and **Marsha Pilat-Davis**, BArch '75, who are all involved in real estate and live in the Larchmont/Mamaroneck area of New York. She also sees **Mark Strauss**, BArch '76, who is a principal at Fox & Fowle Architects PC. He is president-elect of the AIA/NYC Chapter. Jill is organizing a panel discussion for our 30th Reunion featuring seven returning '75ers from the Architecture, Art, and Planning college. It is entitled "Can That Really Be You? How Cornell Life Influenced Where We Are Today."

In 2004, two DU fraternity brothers were able to host mini-reunions when their children got married. In May, **Mark and Christine Magill Kamon** (kamon75@yahoo.com) celebrated the wedding of son Jake. In attendance were **Mark and Kim Dewey** (Byron, NY; dew99@juno.com), **Jim and Lorna Thul** (Flemington, NJ; jt@thulmachine.com), **Jim, JD '79**, and **Beth Wright Seeley** '76 (Marcellus, NY; seeley@bsk.com), and **John Halloran** (jhalloran@prexar.com) and **Leslie Hudson** (leshudson@prexar.com). John and Leslie live in Orono, ME, where John works for the US Dept. of Agriculture and Leslie consults for nonprofit organizations. Additional Cornell family attendees were **John Magill** '73 and **Elizabeth Magill Billingsley** '84. In July, the Kamons were guests when the Deweys were hosts for the wedding of their daughter **Meghan** '02 to **Alex Chen** '01. Along with the DU attendees at the Kamon wedding were **Benny and Cathy Peyton** (Adams Center, NY), **George** '76, JD '79, and **Elsie Little Dentes** '77, **Dan** '76 and **Kathy Jones Brammel** '77, **Don** '76 and **Karen Krinsky Sussman** '76, **John Schabowski** '74, ME '75, and **Debbie Yelverton** '74, **Steve Bigelow** (Houston, TX; sbigelow@msn.com), **Jack and Debbie Brewster** (Philadelphia, PA; brewdog@rcn.com), and **Lu John Rossi** (Princeton, NJ).

In October, I participated in a Cornell phon-a-thon in NYC. I was able to pick up some news for the column, as well as do some fundraising for Cornell. **Sandy Wage Bisset** (biss@aol.com) practices law in Southport, CT. She and her husband

have three sons: Andy, a Williams College junior, Alex, a U. of Wisconsin freshman, and Tyler, a high school junior. **Ann Gross** (anngross@mindspring.com) is a health care communications consultant. She works with USC and writes extensively on health care. She has a master's in gerontology. **Jane Jablons** (jjablons@kelleydrye.com) is a corporate finance attorney in NYC with Kelley Drye & Warren. Also at the firm is classmate **Ken Kirschner**. Jane keeps in touch with classmates **Janice Portman**, who lives in Houston, TX, **Cheryl Crandall Tangen**, a lawyer in The Woodlands, TX, and **Gwen Tannenbaum** Canfield, a vocational rehab counselor in Spring Valley, NY. **Madeline Ginzburg** (msgmd@earthlink.net) is an attending in oral surgery at Columbia Pres in NYC and owns her own dental practice in the Bronx. She interviews high school students for CAAAN. Her daughter **Leslie Delfiner** '07 is in the Ag college and her twins Alexandra and Matthew are high school juniors.

More news will be reported soon, but a rash of late duespayers caused a temporary loss of column space. We all look forward to seeing you in June and hope you will keep sending news to ♦ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; or **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com.

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Hooray for the Internet! Our correspondents' list of classmates now includes e-mail addresses for some. When I found myself with virtually no class news to report, I fired off an e-mail to a random selection of classmates. These kind people, who don't know me from Adam, responded with news. Thank you to all who responded—and forewarnings to those I didn't hit this time. Why not avoid our badgering and send us a bit of news right now? (Addresses below.)

**Deb Galson** writes that she has been married to Philip Auron since May 29, 1988. They have kids Zachary, 15, Alexander, 10, and Rebecca, 7. Deb says, "Phil and I are both faculty at the U. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (he's a full professor; I'm an assistant professor). Phil's department is molecular genetics and biochemistry (MGB). My primary appointment is in medicine, but I have a secondary in MGB. We arrived here (town of McCandless, just north of



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Pittsburgh) a little over two years ago from the Boston area, where we were both at Harvard Medical School. We still miss Boston a LOT! However, our daughter has left the fold and become a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, much to our sons' consternation, as they are still ardent Patriots fans." And happy ones, this year, we assume.

**Bruce Reisch** is a professor of grapevine breeding and genetics at Cornell's NYS Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. Bruce writes, "I've been here about 25 years (sheesh!) and am married to attorney **Kim (Stone) '84**. We have three children, ages 9, 15, and 17. Our oldest, Maren, is a high school senior and looking forward to one of two Midwestern colleges for fall '05 admission. We lead a very active life following our careers and our children's activities in sports, music, community service, and more." **Margie Corwin**, who lives in Severna Park, MD (near Annapolis), with her husband Neil Schechter and seventh grade son Max, writes that their daughter **Julia '07** is a sophomore at Cornell and is thriving. Julia has become friendly

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**77** Much news from our classmates this time around. As we await another snowstorm to hit the East Coast, I report on the comings and goings of our classmates in sunny California. **Thomas Sze**, BArch '77, has been traveling to Hong Kong frequently, working on completion of Hong Kong Disneyland, scheduled to open at the end of 2005. He reports that a bunch of architects (BArch 1977) met in Sedona, AZ, to celebrate their 50th birthdays in August 2004. Included in this assemblage (self-referred to as the "tribe") in addition to Thomas Sze are **Jim Law**, **Jim Metzger '76**, **Donald Hasulak**, **Richard Mauser '76**, **Rebecca Richardson**, and **Michael Froelich**. They stayed at the Enchantment Resort managed by **Alan Cohen '76**, MS Hotel '00. The next meeting of the tribe will be in Ithaca in 2007 during our 30th Reunion.

## 'I married the man I met on the bus on the first day of a summer internship.'

UNA FAUGHNAN HILDEBRANDT '79

with freshman **Christina Sumpio '08**, daughter of Margie's Cornell roommate **Cathy Zappolo Sumpio**, and her husband **Bauer, MD/PhD '81**.

**Mitchell Stern** is the director of a neonatal unit for Sheridan Healthcare in Plantation, FL. He writes, "My wife Lucy Cohen is director of pediatric rehabilitation at Health South in Sunrise, FL. Our daughter Stephanie graduated from the U. of Central Florida in December and is now pursuing a master's there in criminal justice. Our son Scott is a freshman at Washington U. in St. Louis, majoring in economics. I stay in touch with **Nate Peck**, MBA '78, and his family and with **John and Robin Grebe Phillips** and their family. I also hear from **Skip Newman**."

**Thaddeus Rutkowski**, a fiction, poetry, and short story writer, has been awarded a residency at the Ragdale Foundation for winter and spring 2005. Ragdale is a well-known artists' community in Lake Forest, IL, north of Chicago, where selected artists can work without interruption in peaceful surroundings. Thad's novel *Roughhouse* (Kaya Press, 1999) was a finalist for the Members' Choice of the Asian Book Awards. He has taught writing at the West Side YMCA and the Asian-American Writers' Workshop in New York City.

Speaking of peaceful surroundings, many Cornellians came to campus last summer for rest and relaxation combined with learning, including classmate **Meryl Kaynard**, who came from Port Washington, NY, to attend the personal fitness clinic. This summer's on-campus offerings are listed at [http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/on\\_campus/index.php](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/on_campus/index.php). Then, while you're at your computer, send us some news! It's great to hear from you, especially if it's been a while. ♦

**Dan Munter** is a first vice president at RBC Dain Rauscher, a full-service financial planner. His wife Ora is a screenwriter. Son Jeremy, 16, is a high school junior who is first team All-State in his division for baseball and basketball. **David Siegel** has completed editing Season 2 of the HBO series "Carnivale," which will begin airing this year. He is about to begin work on "Law and Order: Trial by Jury" for Universal Television and Dick Wolf. His wife Jocelyne teaches French to adult students. Son Jeremy went to Cornell for the six-week summer school program in Architecture, and the whole family had the opportunity to visit Ithaca. Daughter Laurie is enjoying soccer and middle school.

Moving to L.A. is **Bill Nye** (the Science Guy). He is also the 1956 Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor at Cornell and has made two new series. He is host of "The 100 Greatest Discoveries" for the Science Channel (part of the Discovery Channel) and has finished "The Eyes of Nye" for PBS. Both are different from the old "Bill Nye the Science Guy" show. Bill reports that he saw **Dave Laks** in Seattle, who looks and sounds the same. He also sees **Laurie Robinson** when he is in Ithaca. Bill, on behalf of our kids, thank you for making science fun and for inspiring their generation.

**Cara Kagan's** older daughter Michelle recently moved to La Jolla, CA ("What a beautiful place"). Younger daughter **Erica '05** is a senior at Cornell who was tapped by Quill and Dagger last spring and is president of the Student Assembly. She is applying to law school. **Vally Kovary's** consulting firm, International Planning Associates, celebrated three years of service to the nonprofit community, including management consulting,

strategic planning, marketing strategy, and planning and fundraising consulting to nonprofits in higher education, community-based organizations, and environmental groups. Her clients are located in Ithaca and around the country and the world. As a result, she is in touch with many Cornell alumni, donors, and parents.

**Bruce Schafer**, MBA '79, is winding down his tenure at ADP Brokerage after 20-plus years. He is now in a "retirement phase," though he will continue to work for the next ten years (the exact locale is being decided). He has recently renewed a friendship through a collaboration with his firm. It was a Cornell connection that helped Bruce get into ADP in 1981. My neighbor **Chuck Samul** of Wynnewood, PA, works for Wine Bow selling wine to the finest restaurants in the Philadelphia area. His wife Pam (Shipley) maintains an active practice as an educational consultant on the Main Line. Daughter Sophie attends the Agnes Irwin School and volunteers at Thorncroft Therapeutic Kidney Center in Malvern, PA.

**Sherri Lederman** Mandell and husband Rabbi Seth Mandell have established the Koby Mandell Foundation in memory of their oldest son Koby, who was murdered by terrorists at the age of 13 in Israel in 2001. Sherri also recently published *The Blessing of a Broken Heart* (Toby Press), which won the 2004 National Jewish Book Award and was included in the Hadassah Book Club top picks. The book describes Sherri's experience dealing with her son's murder and her journey to find hope and healing, as well as to help others bereaved by terrorism. Sherri was honored as one of the 2004 Jewish Women International's Women to Watch. Both Seth and Sherri were honored at the Anti-Defamation League (Washington, DC, Chapter) Concert Against Hate. Sherri's children Daniel, 15, Gavi, 14, and Eliana, 13, participate in the healing programs of the Koby Mandell Foundation. For those who want more information or want to help, please contact the Koby Mandell Foundation, 7801 Norfolk Ave., Suite T4, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301-654-7045).

**Bonnie Brief** Pauska owns a private nursery school/primary school and just received a premiere accreditation from the National Association of Young Children. Son Adam just graduated from SUNY Albany and is an intern at Lloyd's of London. Daughter Danielle is a freshman at Indiana U. in Bloomington, studying early childhood education. **Patricia O'Brien** is now the Ernst and Young Professor of Accounting at the U. of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. This named professorship has an endowment to support Patricia's research. Five-year-old daughter Stella Hadzilacos attends a grade 1 French immersion program and started in a Greek after-school program. Patricia and her family spend a month each summer on their family farm.

**John Paul** finished a stint as CEO of Real-energy, a distributed power generation business in L.A. The company was sold, so John and family are back in Asheville, NC. Son Christopher is attending a "Semester in the Rockies" with the National Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming hiking, climbing, and skiing. Daughter Caroline is in her junior year at the Asheville School balancing academics, field hockey, and

swimming. Camille D'Annunzio-Szymczak is now at Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems as the modeling head for Chem-Bio Detection Systems. Twins Lindsey and Andrew, 14, started high school. Daughter Sabrina, 10, is in fifth grade. Camille reports that Gail Kaminsky is married to Curt Travers '76 and that their oldest son is now attending Cornell.

**Michael Hecht** is associate chair of the Dept. of Chemistry at Princeton. Michael and his family (wife Judy Swan, daughter Shira, and son Jonathan) spent August with **Ken Myers** and his daughter Sarah hiking and canoeing in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge in Northeast Alaska. For Mike and Ken this was a return trip to an area they visited 25 years ago. **Edward Havranek** works at Denver Health and was lead author in an important article that appeared in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. This article linked the development of depression in patients with heart failure to lifestyle factors. Ed is a professor of medicine at the U. of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Finally, after 11 years at the Temple U. School of Medicine, I moved to the Drexel U. College of Medicine and Hahnemann University Hospital (also in Philadelphia), where I am the Thomas J. Vischer Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Division of Cardiology, and Director of the Drexel Center for Cardiovascular Disorders. My wife **Judy Wolf** (Yale '77, Cornell MD '81) works at Merck on vaccines and therapy for HIV. Son Jonathan, 16, is a junior at Lower Merion High School, where he plays cello in the orchestra, runs track, and writes for the student newspaper. Daughter Miriam or Mimi, 14, is in eighth grade at Bala Cynwyd Middle School and plays saxophone in the jazz band and orchestra.

That's it for the months of May and June. Please forward news and views to either of us. ♦ **Howie Eisen** (new e-mail: Heisen@drexelmed.edu); **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, rudin@starpower.net.

**78** Do you realize that it's been almost 27 years since graduation and there are some of you out there who've been reading this column, year after year, giving us nary a clue as to what you've been up to? To say we're curious is an understatement, so please drop us a line.

In his first update since graduation, **Gerard Badorrek** (gbadorrek@cox.net) writes that he is currently VP of business operations at MCI and living in Northern Virginia outside of Washington, DC. He and his wife Barbara have three boys named Tyler, Trevor, and Brian. Since graduating from Cornell, he has received an MA in economics from Case Western Reserve U. and an MBA from Stanford. After stints in manufacturing and consulting, he moved to MCI and has been there for 20 years, including the Worldcom days. Gerard says he's become an avid golfer. He sees **Mike Bernard** and occasionally keeps in touch with **Mike Kupin**, **Charlie Tall**, **Harry Rudolph**, and **Rich Kremheller**.

**Allison '08**, the oldest daughter of **David** and **June Drake Hayford** (juniedrake@aol.com) is a freshman at Cornell. She is the fourth generation in the family to attend Cornell, following June,

Peggy Ann Jack Drake '49, and **Andrew Jack '19**. The Hayfords live in Alpharetta, GA, near Atlanta, with their three other children. **Judith LeVie Mishkin**, wife of the forgetful **Nathaniel** (who reported everyone's news but that of his wife of 26 years in the last column), says that she took her husband's failure to supply any news about her in stride and is doing well. She's on the board of the Northern Ballet Theatre dance company.

**Sarah Beran Steinberg**, ME '79, has been named associate dean of Advanced Academic Programs at the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Science at Johns Hopkins U. She had worked for more than a decade for the Whiting School of Engineering there. Before coming to Johns Hopkins in 1993, she worked as a marketing manager and senior engineer at Froehling and Robertson Inc. in Sterling, VA. **Sherri Miller Edelman**, who lives in Reisterstown, MD, is an employee benefits attorney with Ober Kaler Attorneys at Law in Baltimore. She is a member of the California and Maryland State Bars.

**Brian Murdock** has been appointed to the Executive Management Committee of New York Life Insurance Co., the largest mutual life insurance company in the US. This committee, composed of New York Life's senior executives, directs the policies and procedures for the company. Brian is president of New York Life Investment Management LLC, the company's investment subsidiary, and oversees a variety of business and business support units. Prior to joining New York Life, Brian worked for Merrill Lynch for 25 years and held a number of senior positions that spanned the US, Europe, and Asia/Pacific regions. He lives in Princeton, NJ, with his wife and four children.

"Reunions, large or small, reinforce the fact that friendships formed decades ago are Cornell's true gift that keeps on giving," says **Rae Nelson** (Raencn@aol.com). She sent a follow-up e-mail after our mini-reunion in Cleveland late last fall at the home of her roommate and my other U-Hall 2 neighbor **Alexandra "Sandy" Buchanan** (sbuchanan@ohiocitizen.org). Personally, I think the sentimental quote is just an excuse for not having attended any of our past five class reunions in Ithaca. But however brief the visit, getting together with such dear friends was well worth the wait for me. Rae is co-author (with husband Karl Haigler) of *The Gap-Year Advantage: How Your Child Can Benefit From Time Off Before or During College* (St. Martin's Press, August 2005), which may be of interest to Cornell parents whose high schoolers or college-aged kids want to explore the world before a post-secondary commitment and/or just may not be ready to take full advantage of all that college life has to offer. Sandy is the executive director of Ohio Citizen Action, Ohio's largest environmental organization, where she's worked since graduating from Cornell. Her husband Bill Whitney is Cleveland director of the Enterprise Foundation, and their sons are 16 and 13.

Want to combine your love of travel with your enjoyment of all things Cornell? For those looking for some stimulating trips with wonderful people, consider going on one of the Cornell Adult University (CAU) Off-Campus Study

Tours. Last year **Catherine Anne Murray** and **Jeffrey and Suzanne Tougas Snedeker** studied the wildlife and natural habitats of Iceland; **Robert Marruzzo** visited Rome to take a closer look at Life and Power in Imperial Rome; **Terry Seewald Klein** and **Randi Lebar** traveled to Costa Rica on a expedition designed for families; and **Kathleen Clark**, DVM '78, attended a weekend seminar on ornithology and ecology at Assateague Island, VA.

So . . . if you've made it to the end of this column, we can only assume that you care about our class and its goings-on. We're also hoping that at least of few of you, still energized from our 25th Reunion, are looking for ways to get more involved. Right now we're looking for a new class president, a webmaster, and one or two class correspondents. As an added bonus to these inherently satisfying jobs, volunteers will be able to attend the New Officer Training, a new initiative sponsored by the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), which will be held in Ithaca in the early fall. Let us know if you're interested! ♦ **Eileen Brill Wagner**, brillcon@cox.net; **Pepi F. Leids**, pleids@aol.com.

**79** **Ronda Pearlstein-Fein** (feinr@aol.com) had a wonderful time seeing classmates and sharing memories at our 25th Reunion.

"Just wanted to thank all of my former classmates and friends who attended our 25th. My husband had to attend to a family emergency and could not come. I took a chance, attending with my 18-year-old son Jonathan, who has autism. What an incredible group of people, the Class of '79! Because of everyone's support and help (while my son disappeared several times in the parking lot and other places), we were able to have a wonderful time." **Cindy Green** (cbgreen3@aol.com) and family enjoyed reunion. Cindy will now have another reason to visit Cornell, as her daughter Claudia was accepted early decision to the Class of 2009! "I can't believe that Claudia will begin her freshman year 30 years to the day when we began. It's an overwhelming feeling!"

**Shirley Shung-Suazo** (sas2002@optonline.net) writes, "We had a great time at our 25th, and my 12-year-old twins Justin and Christina are ready to move into the new freshman dorms next year. After reunion, we spent a week in Europe, sightseeing in Amsterdam and bicycling in Versailles. In August, my USTA tennis team made it to the sectionals in Syracuse; we were semifinalists, just missing nationals by one set! In November, we had a dinner cruise celebration on the World Yacht in New York to celebrate my husband's (James Suazo, MD) big 50th." **Julie Jones** (ljlmd83@msn.com) had a blast at our 25th, along with classmates **Karen Matrunich** and **Rebecca Mazin**. Julie is a family physician and has provided care to multiple generations of families in Millersville, PA, for almost 20 years. Her children Katy, 16, and Alex, 13 enjoy riding and competing on the local hunter circuit. "Maureen Nash took me up on my invitation to canoe the Delaware River with Rebecca Mazin and family last August. All had a great time."

Several New Englanders have sent news. **Kelly Ready** (kelready@msn.com) finished the PhD

program in cultural anthropology at CUNY in 1999. She currently teaches Gender and Culture in the International Development dept. at Brandeis U. Kelley and her partner of nine years, Jacquelyn Bishop, live in Dorchester, MA. From the beautiful Berkshires, **Diane Piraino** ([piraino diane@hotmail.com](mailto:diane@hotmail.com)) works part-time as a pediatrician. Diane and her husband Ted Randolph live in Richmond, MA, with their children Nora, 12, Sophie, 10, and Thomas, 8. **James Kitchen** ([jkitchen56@yahoo.com](mailto:jkitchen56@yahoo.com)) is enjoying life in Phippsburg, ME, and often talks with **Kevin O'Donnell '77** and **Jim Power**.

The Washington, DC, metro area is home to many classmates. From Arlington, VA, **George Rogers** ([georgero@iadb.org](mailto:georgero@iadb.org)) writes, "My wife is now practicing law in international organization. My oldest daughter, Tamara, celebrated her bat mitzvah in 2002 and started high school last fall. Youngest daughter Lara loves art and basketball. Please pray for my brother Robert, who lost his family in a tragic flash flood on a highway in Kansas last August." **Una Faughnan** Hildebrandt ([unahildebrandt@comcast.net](mailto:unahildebrandt@comcast.net)) has lived in the D.C. area for the past 20 years and has been busy with family, career, and volunteerism. "I married the man I met on the bus on the first day of my summer internship at the College and University Personnel Association and we have been together for more than two decades! We are the proud parents of Melody and Kenneth. I work as a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and live in Rockville, MD."

**Scott Gould** ([gouldws@erols.com](mailto:gouldws@erols.com)) was named VP Public Sector Strategy and Change, IBM Business Consulting Services; and Senior Fellow, IBM Center for the Business of Government in October. Scott lives in Bethesda, MD. **Denise Arnot** ([darnot@aol.com](mailto:darnot@aol.com)) would love to hear from fellow '79ers in the D.C. area. "I am entering my third year as art director at the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage at the Smithsonian, where the Annual Folklife Festival on the National Mall is staged. In 2004, we presented two additional spectacular festivals with the opening of the World War II Memorial and the unveiling of the National Museum of the American Indian. My daughter Emma just turned 10. My side interest is cat rescue at our second home in Delaware."

**Elizabeth Rakov** Igleheart ([eigleheart@aol.com](mailto:eigleheart@aol.com)) is president-elect of the board of the Community Action Center in Atlanta, GA. "We provide food, clothing, and financial aid to people experiencing temporary and unexpected financial difficulty. I chair the fundraising committee and work on the capital campaign for the kids' school. My daughter Alex, 16, is a varsity soccer player and certified referee, and my son Austin, 12, plays soccer and football. Bill and I have been married for 21 years."

In 2001, **Edward Lyon** ([elyonwi@aol.com](mailto:elyonwi@aol.com)) received his MS in horticulture from the U. of Wisconsin. "For one year, I worked in the education department at the Chicago Botanical Garden and then spent two years as Director of Education for the Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison. I own Spellbound Garden Writing and Consultation, I write on horticultural topics for the public and industry, and I teach and give

presentations across the Midwest. I help my partner, Peter Moersch, operate a specialty plant nursery, Stonewall Nursery. The nursery and home are the same property and I love designing and maintaining the display gardens. My next project is to write a gardening book!"

Visit our class website, <http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>, to keep up with your classmates and upcoming events. Our News Forms have slowed to a trickle, so please send any and all news about you, your families, and your Cornell friends. You can use the class e-mail address, [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or contact us directly. ♦ **Cindy Williams**, [cew32@cornell.edu](mailto:cew32@cornell.edu); **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiashea@hotmail.com); and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [rdgould@suscom.net](mailto:rdgould@suscom.net).

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Do you find yourself dreaming of hiking up a hill, wandering through Plantations, sharing a pitcher with friends or dining on a PMP or SUI? Then you must be thinking Reunion 2005! Yes! Our 25th Cornell Reunion is upon us and it is not too late to join in on the fun! Please visit the Cornell University website, [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu), and check out the reunion happenings under the heading, "Get Involved."

Getting into the spirit for our 25th, a few of our classmates returned to Ithaca last spring for a different sort of 25th celebration, as reported by **Jeremy Wolff**. "Joey Green and I, along with (dis)honorary Class of '80 member **Alan Corcoran** and **Michael Hogan '82**, returned to Ithaca for the Cornell Lunatic's 25th Anniversary. The wild times we had were age-appropriate, as is for the best, and the Lunatic seems in good hands, its survival assured. We are endeavoring to get the same gang together, and more, for the April reunions. Much hangs on Joey's babysitting status. Speaking of, I am an old dad for the second time, with Joseph now 9 months and his older sister 4 1/2." Thanks, Jeremy. See you soon!

Your correspondent, **Jill Abrams Klein**, ventured to Boston recently to enjoy a girls' lunch with **Nancy Brass**, **Martha Bonthuis Suttyak**, **Karen Levine Whitman '81**, and **Mary Driscoll '81**. Nancy had taken a year to live in the Boston area and is now returning to Tucson, AZ, where she had been a family practitioner and more recently took on a new medical specialty of hospitalist. Good luck, Nancy, on your return to warmer weather. I know you will be joining the throngs at reunion! Martha, ever entertaining, lives in Beverly, MA, with her husband John and 6-year-old daughter Lexi—who insists on dancing everywhere! Martha keeps the creative juices flowing with a home-based gift business that includes decorative linens. Karen enjoys a hotel development career with Hilton Hotels—and the travel perks take her and her family (husband Andrew and children Griffin and Jordyn) to fun places! Mary's education career in the Boston public schools has progressed from teaching the 8th grade to being an administrator. She is now an assistant principal in a middle school, and for anyone with middle school-age children—past or present—you know that an unlimited reservoir of patience is required to deal with the hormonally challenged young teenagers. Keep up the

good work, Mary! Mary and husband Luke get to live with middle school-age son Benjamin and his little sister Nora. Having spent time with these fellow Cornellians has me very excited about our June fling!

Beyond middle school, many of us are learning to "let go" as our children go to college—even Cornell. **Robert JD '78**, and **Jamie Pundyk Davis** will have their son Peter join **Billy '07** in the Arts college. The Davises live in Short Hills, NJ, with their youngest child, daughter Katie, 13. Will we have any legacy Reunion Clerks this year?

Have you called an old Cornell friend lately? If not, now is the time. Bring them along to reunion, and we'll see you there! Also, our annual class News and Dues mailing should have arrived recently. Please fill out the News Form, and let us hear from you soon! ♦ **Jill Abrams Klein**, [jfa22@cornell.edu](mailto:jfa22@cornell.edu); and **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, [caa28@cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu).

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It's hard to believe how time so quickly flies by. It is now the spring of 2005 and we are already gearing up for our 25th Reunion in June 2006! Make sure you stay tuned for details as the months go by and that you join us in Ithaca at that time. We are all very excited for a wonderful class reunion!

I recently got married to Russell Levine at the Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, FL, on April 2, 2005! Leading up to the wedding day, I was lucky enough to be "thrown" three showers. (I was the cleanest bride there ever was!) My first one was in Toronto with all of the Canucks; the second one was in New York, where **Karen Prescott Dalby** and **Susan Levitt** joined in the fun. And the third one was in Florida with more family and friends! It was wonderful to be surrounded by such joy. The wedding weekend was full of festivities, starting with a luau (prize for Best Hawaiian dressed) and karaoke, and the wedding itself on Saturday evening. It was a beautiful night with the ceremony and reception outdoors overlooking the new river and the city of Fort Lauderdale. Sue Levitt, **Dave Philp '84**, **Rebecca Tayne**, **Eric Messinger '83**, **Ann Post '83**, **Jim '83** and **Debbie Hodes Prevor '86**, and **Roz Squires '47** were some of the Cornellians in attendance. On Sunday morning, a bountiful breakfast was held at Indigo Restaurant (Riverside Hotel). Russ and I are very happy together and I look forward to all of you meeting him at our reunion! I also am very active in the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida. If any of you are in South Florida, please do contact me—I would love to hear from you!

**Peter VanderWoude** joined SUNY Cortland's Division of Institutional Advancement in the newly created position of manager of planned gifts. **Carlo Ioffredo**, ME '82, is an engineering project manager at Drs.-PTI in Fitchburg, MA. **Sharee Umpierre** moved from private practice to academics. Sharee is now assoc. prof. of gynecology at the U. of Puerto Rico. After four years as associate pastor of Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland, CA, Rev. **Roger Powers** moved with his wife **Susan Quass**, ME '80, to Baltimore, MD, where he is the pastor of Light Street Presbyterian Church and associate pastor of First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church.

**Mark K. Metz** has been working as senior VP and deputy general counsel for Wachovia since 1994. **Brad Pollack** runs a small record company in Huntington Beach, CA, focusing on the artist development of punk and alternative rock bands. He keeps in touch with **John Whitwell, Pamela Reiss, John Boochever, Doug Wheeler, Bob Abernethy, and Richard Katzman**—all of whom seem to be doing quite well. **Cathy Goldrich** Shepard works at a nonprofit organization part-time in an accounting role. Her daughter Katie is now in middle school, and her son David is in second grade.

**John Hartman** is now senior VP, international business for Acuity Brands Lighting. John is based in Conyers, GA, and is responsible for managing all sell-side activities outside the US and Canada to deliver maximum impact from the combined strengths of all ABL brands and operating capabilities. **Marianne Knight** writes to us from the outskirts of Toronto that she is still a principal with the Osborne Group. She can't believe that she has three children in school. Kristin is in her fourth year in linguistics at York U., Megan is in her first year in administrative and commercial studies at the U. of Western Ontario, and Liam is in his first year in the construction management program at Fanshawe College. He took a year off and was a snowboard instructor in Colorado. Time does fly!

**Tanis Mackay Bell** is continuing in her role as full-time volunteer at the three public schools that her four children attend. You know, PTO President, Room Mother, Band officer, Newsletter Editor, those type of things. Husband **Mike** was to have started a new job on March 1 as the Chief Medical Examiner for Palm Beach County. He has served as the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for Broward County for the past four years. **Paul Leo** met **Max Dercum '34** last year at the Cornell Club Ski Day at Arapahoe Basin Ski Area. He founded this area in the 1940s! When the two men met, Max was making plans to attend his 70th Reunion.

Don't forget to send us your news! Just e-mail it or even "snail mail" it! Your correspondents want to hear from you. ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; **Jennifer Read Campbell**, ronjencam@aol.com; and **Kathy Philbin LaShoto**, lashoto@rcn.com.

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Where were you during the January '05 blizzard, which happened the week of the annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers? The report from class president **Lorraine Aronowitz Danzig** is called "Snow sorry you missed CACO." Most of our class officers weren't able to make the annual trip to NYC, and those who did come left early and then encountered the blizzard on their way home. The record for hours driven goes to **Charles Stuppard**, who spent 19 hours in the car for the seven hours he was at the meeting. When not driving in blizzards, Charles lives in Virginia Beach where he commands the Aegis Class Destroyer USS *Arleigh Burke* (DDG 51) and a crew of 350. Visit [www.arleighburke.navy.mil](http://www.arleighburke.navy.mil), and e-mail Charles at [co@arleighburke.navy.mil](mailto:co@arleighburke.navy.mil) if you'd like a tour.

Fortunately, this is the perfect year (Year 3) to ramp up our class projects since Year 4 is when we will be ramping up to our 25th Reunion. Co-chair **Terry Kilmer Oosterom** (five-hour drive home instead of the usual two) reminds us that "Yes, reunion is creeping up on us!"

For reunion, **Donna DeSilva** is putting together a class history and is requesting pictures of our school years, graduation, and reunions, by e-mail ([rjodmd@comcast.net](mailto:rjodmd@comcast.net)) or by hard copy to her home, 4301 Warren St. NW, Washington, DC 20016. When not compiling class photos, Donna keeps busy with daughters Maria, who at 13 sat for the SATs in anticipation of attending Johns Hopkins summer program for gifted youth, and Kim, who is in eleventh grade. She and Donna have begun visiting colleges. Donna

**Josh and Roberta Falloon Weinreich**, who took Science of Scenery: Fields, Forests, Wines, and Wildflowers. **Edward Cohen** and his wife Karen participated in Outdoor Skills and Thrills, and **Andrea Lodahl Henneman** and **Mary Von Zastrow** were in the Outdoor Skills and Thrills for Parents and Teens program. **Will Conner, Rick Eno**, and **Chris Gardner** took a course on golf (there must be a pun in there somewhere), and **Marc and Leslie Schneider** went sailing. **Sharon Epstein** attended Money, Sex, and Shadows: The Hidden Politics of Film Noir, and **Aileen Gribbin** studied photography.

At the urging of **Michi Yamaguchi**, we received an e-mail from **Wu-Ching Cheng**, who is thankful to our column for reconnecting him with **Li-kuo Chi '81**, who works for the US Dept.

## 'Beyond middle school, many of us are learning to "let go" as our children go to college.'

JILL ABRAMS KLEIN '80

is also doing pre-college meetings on behalf of Cornell with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) program. She meets with twelfth graders who have submitted applications for admission next fall to discuss their applications and their questions about Cornell. She has been a part of CAAAN for five years now and "enjoys the experience every year."

Class Treasurer **Greg Busby**, gkb3@cornell.edu, reports there is a new version of the website to check out at <http://classof82.alumni.cornell.edu>. Updates are needed (e.g., a Missing Classmates List), and Greg is hoping someone out there can help him with the website. Please contact him!

Class Secretary **Nancy DuBoise** reports that after more than five very happy years living in Columbus, OH, and working as an in-house lawyer for Honda, she and her family made the pilgrimage back to their roots on the East Coast. In July 2004, husband Joel and sons Eli, 10, and Sam, 8, moved back to Philadelphia. Nancy writes, "It's great to be back on the East Coast, but the kids are missing their Ohio friends. I am job-hunting for another in-house employment law position (no luck yet), and Joel continues to be employed as a research scientist with Sanofi Aventis, a Philadelphia pharmaceutical company." Nancy's e-mail is nfd3@cornell.edu and she hopes Cornellians in the area will contact her.

Cornell Fund Rep **Miriam Honore Akabas** (mha9@cornell.edu) attended the Cornell Adult University program Too Close to Call: Eight Great American Presidential Elections, which, she wrote, "was wonderful, with great professors and guest lecturers. While I was learning, my children, two nieces, and one nephew attended the kids camp with great enthusiasm. CAU camp for children is a great time for all."

Other classmates attending CAU last summer included **Thomas and Mary Caporal Benton**, who attended The Eclectic Ethnic: A Culinary Workshop, along with **Susan Drange Lee** and

of Energy laboratory in Idaho. Wu-Ching is at the DOE lab in Albuquerque. Wu-Ching also found **Dennis Wang** in Maryland through the Engineering directory. Wu-Ching and his wife Hali have children Megan, 7, Caleb, 5, Hannah, 3, and Jonathan, 1. He writes, "My wife delivered Megan and Caleb; Hannah was adopted from Vietnam three years ago, and Jonathan just joined us three months ago from Russia." In their spare time, Wu-Ching and Hali teach Sunday school at a mainland Chinese church in Albuquerque. He writes, "The Tiananmen Square incident caused many Chinese to do much thinking and soul-searching. My passion this year is to develop the fathers and sons fellowship to encourage boys in their roles as future men while also encouraging men to be deeply involved in the growth of their sons."

**Jennifer Gardiner** Liguori's holiday letter was a family "Post-election Poll," giving you the opportunity to decide on the family's "Best of 2004"—Adventure, Accident, Record Set, and Loss. My answers for the above were biking the entire Big Island of Hawaii; younger son Steve going end-over-end on his BMX bike over the ten-foot compost heap, landing headfirst in you know what (and blames sister Beth); older son Tom significantly depleting the Maine lobster population in June; and Jennifer losing 213 tennis balls and two racquets during an unauthorized teenage party. My answers, with bonus points, mean that I am reckless, remind them of Steve, and probably belong to the Democratic Party. Consider professional help is their advice. If you want to learn more about the Liguori family adventures, e-mail Jen at [jenliguori@msn.com](mailto:jenliguori@msn.com).

We received an e-mail from **Hilary Mason King**, who lives with husband Greg and Welsh Corgi puppy Tommy in Cleveland Heights, OH, where she is a realtor with Smythe, Cramer Co. and a leader/teacher for the Case Western Reserve U. adult continuing education program. Hilary volunteers for CAAAN and is thrilled that

# Street Savvy

CAROL LEISTER '84

**C**arol Leister considers Elmo, Big Bird, and all the other inhabitants of "Sesame Street," TV's famous Muppet land, her business colleagues. She also enjoys a colorful corporate workplace full of toys and big-screen televisions that continuously air children's shows. Leister is the director of annual giving for Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization that produces "Sesame Street" and manufactures a wide variety of educational toys around the world. "If you have a three-year-old come in here, they go gaga," Leister says of her New York City office.

A neurobiology and behavior major, Leister became interested in nonprofits while a student ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences and an employee of the Alumni Career and Development Office. After receiving her MBA from Columbia, she worked in the mail and telemarketing departments of Channel 13 TV in New York before moving on to WNYC, a major public



radio station. In 2003, the globally expanding Sesame Workshop recruited her to fill a new fund-raising position. When seeking support, Leister solicits funds from people who, like her, have fond childhood memories of the Muppet-filled learning show; she recalls being a fan when it first aired thirty-six seasons ago. "Recently, while cleaning out my mom's shelves, I found this original 'Sesame Street' cast album," she says. "I was really excited."

— MEGS DiDARIO '07

she and Greg have met so many fellow alums in northeastern Ohio.

And finally, congrats to **Stu Baron**, who married Margaret Possessky on October 10 in Vestal, NY. Cornellians present were Greg Busby, **H. Michael Newman '64**, **Henry Wallace, JD '66**, Stu's mom **Roz Zalutsky Baron '53**, and his brother Rabbi Barry Baron '78, who performed the ceremony at his home congregation, Temple Israel. ♦ **Nina M. Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; and **Mark Fernau**, mrf29@cornell.edu

**83** It's the time of year when the class mailbag starts getting light and your co-correspondents begin to blanch at the prospect of two-and-a-half columns of empty space for the Class of 1983. Sending news is easier than ever before: just click on the link in our class website, <http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>, or e-mail us at the addresses at the end of our column. Remember life before e-mail? No, me neither . . .

Your class officers braved blizzard conditions to attend the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in January in New York City. Making the trek in were class president **Lisa Esposito Kok**, Council member **Jim Neville**, Cornell Fund representative **Abbie Bookbinder Myer**, Treasurer **Mark Rhodes**, 25th Reunion co-chair **Andy Sosa**, my fellow co-correspondent **David Pattison**, and co-class historian **Dana Gordon**.

At the meeting, Lisa Kok highlighted some of the accomplishments from the previous year. In 2004, our class: 1) participated in the Cornell Freshman Book Project and sent out Kafka's *The Trial* to duespaying members; 2) wrote and passed a Class Constitution; 3) applied for and received a grant of \$1,200 for a class DVD archive; and 4) launched the Class Holiday Card website. Our class membership is down somewhat from its high of 600 during our 20th Reunion year in 2003. We currently boast about 550 members. The class officers are brainstorming ways to

increase membership as well as support of the Cornell Fund. Believe it or not, plans are already in the works for our 25th Reunion campaign in 2007-08!

Eleven people contributed holiday greetings and/or photos to the class website, and we'd like to continue the project next year and explore ways to encourage more of us to participate. Take a look at the website and all the photos and anecdotes that were posted. Keep us in mind next year as you take your holiday photos and make your greeting card list. It's an effortless way to keep up with old friends and acquaintances.

However, we need you to take action now on a more urgent matter. Our class DVD project, funded by the Cornell Alumni Federation, needs more photo submissions in order to make this the exciting, inclusive archive that it can and should be. We know you have pictures from our days on the Hill, as well as photos from our 20th Reunion and other more recent events. Please take a few moments to find some of your favorites and send them electronically to David Pattison ([d.pattison2@verizon.net](mailto:d.pattison2@verizon.net)) or via snail-mail to Andy Sosa, 4911 Magdalene Court, Annandale, VA 22003. Let's make this even more interesting: try to find your most incriminating photo, whether of yourself or friend or foe, and send it on. We must provide a progress report to the Cornell Alumni Federation by July and hope to have strong class support for the project well before then.

**Laurie Bayer** is working as a physician assistant in plastic surgery at a Boston hospital. Her daughter Jennifer is a high school senior "following in her mom's footsteps" by running track. Laurie proudly reports that Jennifer was the fifth fastest 100-meter runner in Massachusetts last spring. Son Ben, a sophomore in high school, prefers acting over sports. Another performing artist, **Deborah Lader**, is touring with her folk band Sons of the Never Wrong ([www.sons.com](http://www.sons.com)), whose fifth CD was scheduled for release in the spring of 2005. Deborah's day job for the past 15 years has been as director of the Chicago Printmakers Collaborative ([www.chicagoprintmakers.com](http://www.chicagoprintmakers.com)). She and husband Michael Silver have sons Daniel, 12, and Evan, 10.

We recently received a press release announcing that **Keith Dutill** has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct and professionalism. Keith joined the firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP following his graduation from Villanova U. School of Law in 1986, became a partner in 1994, and was elected to its Board of Directors in 2004. Keith is the partner in charge of the firm's office in Malvern, PA. He is past co-chair of the American Bar Association's Trial Practice Committee and has taught trial advocacy skills in seminars and workshops in the Eastern US.

**Jonathan Hubchen** writes that he has "finally yielded to his mother's insistence to play grownup" by purchasing a condominium in Baton Rouge, LA. Some of you may already be familiar with Jonathan's tales of his travels across

Southern Africa and Central America, which he has shared via e-mail with a number of old friends. The holiday season found Jonathan in Nicaragua, where he toured the cities of Managua and Granada and joined a group of American Rotarians in a "canopy tour," which entailed swinging from tree to tree on a set of pulleys and rappelling equipment about 40 feet in the air. Watch for an extended feature on Jonathan's fascinating career path and international exploits in an upcoming issue of this magazine.

Also settling down into new digs and a new job is class webmaster **Judi Binderman**, who is currently working in the business office of a nursing home, learning all about the revenue generation, billing, and insurance side of the medical field. Judi's other talents are not being neglected, as she has also been "knitting up a storm" and webmastering for several websites of fellow bead artists. My former housemate and fellow "Lyon Hall hussy" **Meryl Friedman** is enjoying life in West Medford, MA, with husband David Price and children Josh, 3, and Hannah, 2. Meryl's healthcare consulting practice, Health Policy Matters, continues to provide her with challenging work in addition to a healthy balance between career and family.

If you're like me, you may have received copies of the Cornell Adult University (CAU) brochures and have been intrigued by the summertime course offerings. Some of our classmates took advantage of the opportunities available through CAU last summer, including **Elizabeth Emlen** (Natural Life in Ice Age New York: A Field Seminar), **Lori Marshall** (Photography Studio: Instant Imaging), **Bobby Tsai** (Normandy Revisited: A Latter-Day Look at the Battles, Leaders and Strategies of WWII), and **Gerald Kehoe** (The Science of Scenery: Fields, Forests, Wines and Wildflowers). Just reading about these topics makes me want to sign up this summer. Any other takers?

If you're wondering why you're just now seeing news you sent in months ago, keep in mind that our column deadlines are nearly three months ahead of the magazine's publishing dates. So, this late spring column includes news that trickled in last fall as well as "hot off the press" news from January. Be patient. We promise your news will be published. Please send in your news and photos now, while Cornell is in the forefront of your mind. ♦ **Dinah Lawrence Godwin**, dinahgodwin@msn.com; and **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net.

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OK, folks, our cupboards are almost bare. We've nearly run out of news, so make sure to send in an update when you get your News and Dues mailing this spring. If you've already sent it in, many thanks. If not, we want to hear from you—and your classmates do, too. Take a few minutes to fill out the form and mail it in, or write to Karla or me directly at the e-mail addresses below. Let us know what's happening in your life.

I attended the Cornell-Princeton hockey game at Princeton and watched the Big Red trounce the Tigers 5-0! My husband **Bob Forness**

'87 and I watched as our children Brian and Keri re-learned some favorite Cornell hockey traditions—like singing "Give My Regards to Davy" and the not so nice cheers like "goalie/sieve." We learned a new cheer ourselves, one that didn't exist in our era, having to do with the opposing goalie's lack of prowess in the net—an interesting challenge in these times of trying to teach our children about fair play!

We watched the game with **Mike and Wendy Zeh Whiting** '85 and their daughters Amelia and Jillian. **David and Joanne Krohn Boyko** were also there leading cheers. Joanne deserves credit for reorganizing the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey. She is mixing up the traditional calendar of the club a little to attract a wider audience, so if you live in the area, check out the club via the link on the university website. **Mark Giangiulio** attended the Super Bowl with fellow Philly fans **Scott Sidman** and **Dave Devereaux**, and by all accounts had a great time in Jacksonville, despite the fact that "the other team won."

**Jenny Pierce** Fusco writes that as a result of an outstanding job transfer with Hilton Hotels, she and her family have relocated to the Phoenix, AZ, area, where husband Ben is the VP of Resorts in Arizona. Jenny lives close to her good friend and former roommate **Susan Reusswig** Neenan. Susan and Jenny hosted **Maria Mainelli Bloom**, **Sarah Hanlon Cigliano**, **Rhonda Alexis Dirvin**, **Elizabeth Sullivan Martins**, **Stephanie Perry Nolan**, and **Kim Shoop** for their annual women's weekend in October 2004. They had a great time soaking up the sun, lounging by the pool, hiking Pinnacle Peak, and catching up and laughing.

**Michael** '83 and **Sheila Palmer Buthe** moved to Berkeley Heights, NJ, in 2002 after living in Cobham, England, for three years. Michael is with AIG as chief investment officer for the Life Insurance Division and commutes to New York City. Sheila used her time as a stay-at-home mom to prepare for the designation of Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). She passed the exam and has returned to work part-time as the employee and labor relations manager for Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY.

From our class president **Terri Port McClellan**: "Carol Lester, Christine Miller Whaley, MBA '89, and I hosted **Kelly Cosman** '05, our Class of 1984 Cornell Tradition Scholar, at the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in January. In spite of the Blizzard of '05, we all had a marvelous time at the 100th CACO Anniversary Gala. Kelly is excited about her impending 'alumni status' and has been an exemplary Cornell Tradition scholar! While being snowed in for an extra day in NYC, I headed to the theatre with **Debbi Neyman Silverman** '85 and **Risa Mish** '85, JD '88. After running eight blocks to make the opening, we bumped into **Amy Brown** Fraser with her family at the front door of the theatre."

Many classmates continue to take advantage of Cornell Adult University (CAU). Last summer **Scott Cooper** and wife **Susan (Brooker)** '85 came from Massachusetts to take part in an outdoor leadership seminar and landscape design workshop, respectively. Tennis, personal fitness, and golf drew in **Emily Liu Filloromo** and husband Richard, **Sandra Staudt-Killea**, and **Michael**

**Severance**, husband of **Gail (Mosinger)**. Gail herself took photography. The most intriguing course title, From "Father Knows Best" to Columbine High: The American Family in Our Times attracted **Gretchen Martens** from Virginia. **Robert Hole** took Wines. I guess if you didn't take it senior year, now is a good time! ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com; **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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We've received word on our 20th Reunion campaign. Classmates **Michael Liess** and **Craig Stanley** are leading the major gifts effort, while **Laura Clark** and **Jim Tacci** are taking the lead on campaign participation. The Class of 1985 has set challenging goals: raise \$500,000 from 1,000 classmates, including 20 Tower Club members. The campaign is picking up momentum, but we cannot reach our goals without your help. We hope all classmates will participate by making a gift of any amount to any area of the university. Show your support for Cornell and the Class of 1985 and become part of our most ambitious and successful class fundraising campaign to date. You can make a gift online at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu), or call the Cornell Fund at 1-800-279-3099.

In preparation for reunion, **Bill**, ME '86, and **Stephanie Liniger Page** threw a mini-reunion of sorts themselves—a Big Red Super Bowl bash, complete with a starting line-up of great alumni including **Bill** '86 and **Debbie Spampinato Wickham**, **Edy Dale** and husband John, **John** '83 and **Pat Kerawycz Stewart** '82, and **Steve Novak** '83. They also reported that **George**, PhD '90, and **Jill Blackstock Daddis** were unable to attend, as George is recuperating from his recent back surgery. Get well soon, George! We can only imagine that the party would've gotten really out of control if Bill's hometown Dolphins had been in it again!

**Michael Bloomquist**, longtime Connecticut resident who commutes as a VP at Deutsche Bank, recently attended his goddaughter's confirmation party. Cassie Catto is the daughter of his old freshman hallmate **Ed Catto**. "This really makes me feel old, but also very happy," said Mike. Also at the confirmation party were neighbors **Mike Greenberg** and his wife **Joyce (Kottick)** '87. Mike notes that he'll be bringing his entire family to Ithaca for reunion and can't wait!

**Chris Jordan** and his wife Andi have been enjoying the wilds of the Pacific Northwest for almost ten years. There, "CJ" has been the assistant city manager for the City of Lake Oswego. "This has been a little different than Washington," notes Chris, who had previously worked for years at the White House's Office of Management and Budget. Chris keeps busy with daughters Meghan, 12, and Rachel, 9, and son Matthew, 7. Chris says that the entire Jordan family is anxiously looking forward to reunion in June!

We have another classmate with a northwestern migration story to tell. **Shaz Kahng**, a name synonymous with New York City to many, actually left the city this year. In September, Shaz moved to Oregon to join Nike's executive team. "Getting the swoosh tattoo at Nike orientation

was a little painful, but the rest of the experience has been amazing!" she said. She is leading a major global strategy effort for Nike for the next six to nine months and then will move into a line position. Working at the beautiful 130-acre Nike campus in Beaverton, Shaz has bumped into many sports figures: Andre Agassi (in the lobby), Alonzo Mourning (getting a cheeseburger), Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova, Mia Hamm, and Lance Armstrong. Shaz is also enjoying getting to know Portland, as she and her brand new fiancé are enjoying sharing this adventure together.

Of course, this is just a sampling of the great updates and stories we expect to hear in June at reunion. Mark your calendars now, and send any personal updates to ♦ Ed Catto, edcatto@hotmail.com; or Risa Mish, rmm22@cornell.edu. See you all in June!

**86** This month's column will be brief—very brief. We've run out of News and are still awaiting the arrival of your latest round of updates from the annual News and Dues mailing. Thanks to those of you who have returned your News Forms already. They should be forwarded to us shortly.

Please help us keep this column going by taking a few minutes to fill out your News Form if you haven't done so yet. Fill in the blanks on the form, or tell us anything else you might want to. What have you been up to lately? Is there anything you'd rather be doing? Who have you seen or heard from recently? What is the biggest problem you're facing right now? What is the world's biggest problem? Do you see a solution? How do you handle the fast pace of your life?

Our lead times for submitting columns are several months ahead of publication, so don't be discouraged if you don't see your news right away. You may have already responded to a wintertime e-mail request from us, so the upcoming columns will be a mix of snail mail news and e-mail news. However you're comfortable communicating with us is fine with us. Just write! Your classmates want to hear from you.

Lost your News and Dues forms? No problem. Another mailing will come soon. Want to contact us directly? Just use the addresses below. Until next time . . . ♦ Jackie Byers Davidson, jackiekd@sbcglobal.net; Allison Farbaniec MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu; Hilory Federgreen Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

**87** As you may remember from my last column in the January/February issue, I wrote it on a flight during a business trip to Asia. Once again, I am 38,000 feet in the air, enroute from Seoul to Hong Kong, at the start of another work trip. This is the second time in February that I have gone abroad (more on my European jaunt later).

Many, if not most of us, are turning 40 years old in 2005. To commemorate this monumental milestone in our lives, your Class Council has organized a special mini-reunion in Ithaca this summer to help celebrate our collective "39 Again" birthday. You can participate in three

ways: 1) Sign up for Cornell Adult University (CAU) on campus during the week of July 17. Exciting course offerings will range from The Human Body to Gorgeous Gorges to Digital Photography and Garden Design. 2) Plan a long weekend in the Finger Lakes or stop in Ithaca on your way to a family vacation in Canada or elsewhere. 3) For those of you who live close enough to Ithaca, come to campus for a day trip. There will be a mid-week bowling party on Wednesday, July 20 in Helen Newman, and the capstone celebration will be in the Statler Hotel on Saturday, July 23, featuring Prof. Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, who will reminisce with us about the culture during our days on the Hill.

Christmas holidays yielded quite a bundle of news from classmates near and far. Noah Price, ME '88, and wife Heather welcomed their first child, Ryan Benjamin, on August 14, 2004. As always, Chris Nielsen Berg's "Berglette" was full of news and photos. She volunteered at her children's elementary school, editing the school directory, helping kids with their journal writing, and working as a room parent. Chris has three children: Peter, 9, is in the third grade, Katy is a second grader, and Stephen is in kindergarten. The family visited husband Dick's relatives in St. Petersburg, FL, and returned to Cape May, NJ, for their annual beach trip. Chris and her siblings descended on their father's house in Princeton, NJ, for a mini-family reunion last summer as well.

From Southern California, Susan Lord and Victor W. Chang report that their daughters Marissa Rose, 4-1/2, and Kyrielle, 2-1/2, are keeping them busy. Susan was on sabbatical in 2003-04. "I spent the first nine months of 2004 working at SPAWAR Systems Center, a Navy lab in San Diego. I got to work with some graduate students, which was fun since we don't have them at USD (where I am a faculty member). Victor worked at Biosite as a consultant in 2004. He has enjoyed doing some more design work on products for diagnosis of congestive heart failure. He has also continued to build bikes for customers and is working on a triplet for us so that we can put Marissa Rose to work!" Susan and Victor took several family trips last year, including Thanksgiving on Catalina Island, and a summer vacation in Santa Fe, NM.

Up in Seattle, Tom Ball celebrated his fifth year at Microsoft. His new group, Testing Verification and Measurement, is up and running. "I am enjoying my new role helping junior researchers start their careers." He traveled to the Netherlands, Denmark, and Israel for Microsoft last fall. He even met a computer scientist from Sun Microsystems named Tom Ball while on business in San Jose! Tom and wife Catherine took son David to Germany when he was invited to teach at a NATO-sponsored summer program. Granny Ruth babysat for daughter Lauren back home in Mercer Island, WA.

After an unsuccessful attempt to get together in January 2003, Brent Vallat, ME '89, and I have visited several times in the past six months in both San Francisco and, at Christmas, Seattle. When he was back in the Bay Area for a second time in February, Rebecca and I hosted him overnight and took him to our friendly neigh-

borhood French bistro. We stayed up reminiscing about the old days and for a second I thought we were back in Founders or South Baker. First weekend after New Year's Day found Rebecca and me in New England for the annual Big Red hockey road trip to Brown and Harvard. The Brown game on January 7 coincided with Mary Hohenhaus's birthday, so we used the occasion of the pre-game dinner to celebrate her 39th birthday at Rue des Espoir in Providence. Mike Schafer '86 and his squad chipped in a 4-1 victory to make the evening all the more festive. You may recall that Mary spent January 2003 in Kenya on a medical mission. She completed her internal medicine residency at Brown U. in June 2003 and now serves as a chief resident supervising 150 residents. Despite a hectic life, she squeezed in a biking trip to Prince Edward Island in August.

In late January, I was in NYC to attend the annual CACO Mid-Winter Meeting, which marked its centennial this year with a gala dinner. Chris Olsen and I flew in from California, while Mary Bowman came up from Washington, DC, on Amtrak. Class President John Gee, who had turned 40 earlier in the month, turned up in a new hair-do, or the lack of. John had shaved his head as his way of confronting his "midlife crisis." We were joined by fellow officers Scott Pesner, Heidi Russell, Melissa Hodes, and Stacey Neuhofer Silberzweig. Our presence was augmented by Gligor Tashkovich, MBA '91, who is on the Cornell Alumni Federation board, and Karla Griffin, who is on staff at Alumni Affairs. Stacey decorated the '87 table at the CACO lunch and dinner with glitters and confetti as four of us all had our 40th birthday within weeks of one another. She also found lollipops that say "40 Sucks."

The gala, in addition to celebrating 100 years of service of the class officers, also honored Bill Vanneman '31, the longest-serving living class officer, whose granddaughter Kara '89 is married to Kenneth Klein. Kenneth and Kara sat with Bill at President Jeffrey Lehman '77's table. The weekend's blizzard not only cancelled my return flight, but unfortunately prevented Amy Janower Weinstein and Fred Barber from attending the festivities. Amy had a busy fall: "Just back from a week in Cabo San Lucas . . . a much needed vacation on my own! I went with two girlfriends—what a treat! Two weeks later, I repacked to go to Florida with the entire meshpucha (Jewish for family) for my dad's 70th birthday. Needless to say, now I need a vacation from my vacations, having returned home totally exhausted!" Incidentally, 2004 proved to be a momentous year for Mary Bowman. She married longtime beau Peter Poling in Las Vegas on July 12, following a 14-year courtship. In October she finished the Marine Corps marathon (her first time competing), and moved to a new house in Silver Spring, MD. She continued her streak in 2005 by getting a new job with Restaurant Associates, overseeing the food operation at the National Gallery of Art. Mary has begun training for this year's Marine Corps marathon.

As for me, I decided that if I were to wallow in self-pity on my 40th birthday, I'd rather do it in Paris. So Rebecca and I jetted off to France and spent three memorable days in one of my

favorite cities. We stayed in Hotel Muguet near rue Cler, took advantage of the government-mandated January sales, and visited with **Sharon Cape '85** and her beau Nick van der Heijden over a long lunch. The weather, while cold, turned sunny and pleasant in the afternoon. We walked everywhere, bundled up in our new wool coats. I had my birthday meal at Ze Kitchen Gallerie (nouvelle fusion), and we dined at Aux Lyonnais (traditional cuisine from Lyon) for our last supper. We highly recommend both.

We look forward to seeing you in Ithaca for the "39 Again" gathering in July! ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, ttseng@stanford.edu; and **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern39@yahoo.com.

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Hello '88ers! As I write this, it is a gray, wet dreary day here in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is the kind of day that reminds me of nothing so much as Ithaca! At least the temperature difference between Northern California and Upstate New York makes winter here seem more like spring there. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be well into spring and enjoying a warming trend all over the country.

This past January more memories of the Hill washed over me when my wife Ann and I attended a concert given by the Cornell Glee Club, who were on a tour of California during the semester break. The performance was excellent and featured, of course, a breakout performance by the Hangovers. My wife (a non-Cornellian) even enjoyed the Cornell songs that wrapped up the evening's show.

Unfortunately, we are running a little short on news at this time, so please forgive this column being a bit shorter than usual. The best way to address that is to sit down and send along some news to Suzanne or myself as soon as you put down the magazine! Use the News Form enclosed in the annual News and Dues mailing that should have arrived recently, or write to either of us directly. I've put a few ideas of things to write about at the end of this column just in case you have trouble thinking of something to say.

Some news did arrive via e-mail right at the end of last year. **Adam Kolodny** sent word that after some unplanned time off from the telecom industry in 2002, he is now very happily employed as a senior logistics engineer with a firm in Fort Worth, TX. Currently Adam, his wife Lisa, their sons Zachary and Isaac, and family dog Mocha are living in Haifa, Israel, where he is working for the year at his employer's parent company. **Julie Gonen** wrote to report that she received her doctorate in political science in 1992, took a few years off, and then went to Georgetown Law, graduating in 2003. She is now practicing health law at Epstein, Becker & Green in Washington, DC. Julie lives in Northern Virginia with her black Labrador ("Adidas") and two cats. She regularly sees Cornellians **Kirsten Lyke**, **Leslie Wagner**, **Elvie Velazquez**, and **Andrea Balinson '89**.

**Joel Kehm** e-mailed from Boston announcing that he and wife Leanna landed at Logan Airport in October 2004 with their first child. Alexandra was born on March 20, 2004 in St. Petersburg, Russia. Joel sends best wishes to all

classmates and says that he is up pretty early these days, so folks should "feel free to drop a line literally anytime."

Seeing as how I started with some news of events that evoke warm memories of time on campus, it seems appropriate to include some notes about another classmate's experiences creating new Cornell memories each year by attending Cornell Adult University (CAU) during the summer months. Fellow '88er and former class officer **Alison Minton** has enrolled in 13 CAU classes over 11 consecutive summers. Since Alison wrote so graciously about her CAU classes (and, admittedly, to save me some time), the description that follows is a direct quote from her e-mail.

"I took my first class in 1994 and, although I was the youngest alum there, I had a fabulous time and have never been disappointed with a class I've taken. I've also had the luxury of meeting brilliant, energetic, fun-loving Cornellians of all ages and being able to share a common Cornell experience with alums ranging in age from twenties through nineties! Over the past decade (as I've gotten older), more younger alums have started attending CAU, but I still enjoy the mix of ages and myriad of perspectives the age range brings to class discussions. I even served a term on the CAU Advisory Board in the mid- to late 1990s and was able to help choose courses that were offered. It is interesting to note that many of Cornell's most distinguished alumni have attended CAU's summer programs and/or year-round trips, and are repeat customers."

Fuertes Observatory. By ten o'clock every night I was more than ready to crawl into bed at the new, and quite luxurious by Ithaca standards, Marriott Courtyard Hotel. CAU participants are offered three housing options every year, and last year it was Court Hall, Ecology House, or the Marriott. CAU also offers programs for children and teens, and many families return year after year because the kids love it so much. In fact, every summer I run into people I have met previously at CAU, and I keep in touch with a few during the year. CAU is truly Cornell at its best: summer in the Finger Lakes, access to the best professors, stimulating classes with no prelims, and making new Cornell friends. The only down side is having to leave when the week is over. I can hear the siren song of Cornell for weeks after I get home. I hope to see some '88ers there this summer, and for those interested in learning more about CAU, the website is [www.cau.cornell.edu](http://www.cau.cornell.edu)."

I send my heartfelt thanks to Alison for writing about CAU. I've often perused the catalog when it comes early each year, but have yet to take advantage of the many opportunities offered. This year, my wife and I are giving serious consideration to planning a summer trip East centered around going to CAU. Along with Alison, I definitely encourage any classmate, especially if you have never browsed the CAU catalog, to check out the program's website.

In closing, let me once again ask that you sit down and write an e-mail or letter with some news about yourself for a future column. Let your

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TOM S. TSENG '87

"My 2004 course was Normandy Revisited: Battles, Leaders & Strategies of WWII taught by a CAU favorite, Prof. **Barry Strauss '74**. (All the professors who teach CAU are top Cornell professors who love to participate in CAU.) The course was absolutely fantastic, and there was even a WWII veteran in the class who had seen active duty at Normandy! In addition to class, which lasts for about four hours a day, CAU provides a full complement of activities for participants. There is an informal pre-dinner happy hour every evening, and dinner (and every meal and snack) is a delicious all-you-can-eat smorgasbord of Cornell dining.

In addition to on-campus activities like movies, concerts, lectures, and access to campus athletic facilities, all of which are open to CAU participants, CAU holds CAU-only evening activities every night. For example, the week I attended in 2004 the activities included a lecture by Prof. Theodore Lowi; a tour of the Lab of Ornithology; a tour of the Rare & Manuscript Collections; an informational session about Cornell's summer college for high school students; a walking tour around Beebe Lake; plays at the Hangar and Kitchen theatres; and an evening of stargazing at

mind wander and write as much as you like. We'll handle any necessary editing on this end. Send a note about anything new in your life: a new job, a new spouse, a new child, a new pet, even a new car. Or perhaps you've had a recent experience that took you back to your days at Cornell: attended a Cornell alumni event, met with a high school student who applied to Cornell, or unexpectedly ran into an old roommate or lab partner. Write it all down and send it in; we'd love to hear from you. Until next time, I wish you peace. ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors Andrews**, smb68@cornell.edu.

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Finally, summer is almost here (though I'm writing this as Long Island is getting hit with another snowstorm!). I appreciate those who sent their updates in for this column—but our pile of news has dwindled. It's time again to seek news about you and fellow classmates. Please fill out your official News Form or e-mail us with news anytime.

We'll start the column off with news from **Michael Dabrush**. He got married (again) on Oct. 12, 2003 to Maggie Scandrett. **Debbie**

**Schaffel, Pat '90 and Diane Rymph Lanni '90, Joon Passe '90, Dr. Wendy Kee '84, and Andrew Spring, JD '95**, attended. Michael and Maggie live in Budd Lake, NJ. In April 2004, he took a new job at National Financial, a Fidelity Investments Company, as an implementation project manager.

**Peter Michel** and wife Diane (Duke '89) had their second son, Calen James Isaac Michel, on Sept. 14, 2004. He joins 4-1/2-year-old brother Ethan Laurence Charles Michel. Peter and his family live in Boulder, CO, where he works as a development manager for McKesson Provider Technologies developing clinical software for hospitals. In his spare time he does triathlons and plays competitive Scrabble. **Katie McShane Kelly** welcomed her second son, Joseph Michael, on Sept. 15, 2004. His brother Jack is 2 years old. After four months of renovations, Katie and her family moved to a big house in Penngrove, CA, in May 2004.

On a recent visit from his home in England, **Brad Novak** got together with **Howard Miller** and **Albert Belman** to congratulate **Mabel Chan** on her marriage to Nigel Andrew. **Sue Guarasnelli Collins** sent in news about **Cheryl Donnelly Burgess** and husband Greg, who had another daughter, Ava Mae, born Oct. 21, 2004.

a few. Laura is busy doing part-time work at the local UJA Federation as the coordinator for the Young Israeli Emissary Program. She says, "I feel lucky to have a flexible, worthwhile job that enables me to attend to all of my 'soccer mom' duties, too." Laura saw **Cathy Taylor** in Central Park at "The Gates" exhibit. Cathy is doing a post-doc in Public Health at Columbia.

Another wedding to report: **David Manzano** got married in May 2004 to Jordana Sandler. There were a lot of Cornellians at the celebrations, including fellow '89ers **Steven Breslow**, **Keith Eisner**, **Bruce Zolot**, **Andy Bender**, **Sunny Sevilla**, **Andrea Goldschlager**, John and Laura Pearlman Kaufman, and Cathy Taylor. David lives on the Upper West Side in Manhattan, where he is a portfolio manager/principal at Callidus Capital. He also sent news that Sunny Sevilla has "retired" from Goldman Sachs in Hong Kong and is now living in Madrid. Keith Eisner lives in L.A., where most recently he was writing for Steven Bochco and "NYPD Blue." Steven Breslow works at the US Attorney's office in Brooklyn and moved into a new apartment with his wife and two kids. Beth Steckler owns a home in NW Washington that she has refurbished. She recently made partner at Wilmer Cutler and Pickering.

Alisa and I are not only at the end of our term of service, we are temporarily at the end of our supply of alumni news! Luckily, our outgoing co-president **Rose Tanasugarn** was kind enough to pass on several e-mails from some of her old U-Hall 4 friends. One was from **Andy Alpart** and his wife Cindy Chan, who live just outside Albany. Andy and Cindy welcomed daughter Maxine Li Ling Alpart last December. You may remember a few months back, we reported what Andy misses most about Cornell: "John Lucia in the morning." Well, we heard from John Lucia who is, as Andy said, a dentist in Rochester, NY. Andy reported that he is in practice with his wife Marianela Olivares, DDS, and that they have a 4-year-old son Matthew and 1-year-old twins Noah and Olivia. I wonder if John misses Andy in the morning?

Rose also heard from **Andy Bednar**, former kicker for the Big Red football team and pitcher for the baseball team. He now coaches both high school football and baseball in Pittsburgh, where he is also a high school teacher. Andy and his wife Sue have three children: David, 10, Will, 4, and Danielle, 1-1/2. **Alice Kim**, another U-Hall 4 alum, was on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program with Rose, but is now a new mom on maternity leave. Alice is somewhat wistful for those days of carefree travel, and she's found that being a mommy is more work than expected. "I honestly thought that my maternity leave would consist of a lot more hours on the couch reading magazines," she wrote. Alice stays in touch with **Stan Yen**, **Bennet Ih**, ME '91, **Eric Chasser**, MBA '92, and **Jan Miksovsky**.

As for Rose Tanasugarn, she was in Phuket, Thailand, a month to the day before the tsunami hit. She was there to see her sister Tammy, a professional tennis player, compete in an exhibition tour. Rose is busy teaching English in Japan, organizing an art exhibition in her town, and doing fundraising for tsunami relief efforts. The rural Japanese lifestyle of Shimane seems to agree with Rose, who wonders if she'll ever live in the US again. She will, however, be visiting Ithaca in June! This past February, Rose and **Sean Williams** put together a reunion warm-up event in Tokyo. Find out how it went by checking out her blog, <http://hamadarose.diary-x.com/>. Thanks for all the info, Rose!

We also heard from **John Erthein**, who "finally got married at the ancient age of 36" to the former Lela Marie Smith on October 23, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of Corry, PA. His best man was **Dave Knudsen**, who made the trip to western Pennsylvania from D.C., where he works for the Labor dept. John and Lela honeymooned in the western Caribbean and a few days in New Orleans. Back in Elderton, PA, John is still the pastor of the town's Presbyterian Church. He has also been named to the board of directors of Life Choices, a crisis pregnancy and abstinence education ministry, based in Kittanning, PA. John tells us that he stays in touch with **Kirsten Pieper** Marek, who is continuing to enjoy her work as a veterinarian in Illinois.

To some of us who are slowly approaching our "late 30s," **Ellen Alence Matheson**, DVM, is a hero. In 2004, Ellen competed again in the

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ALICE KIM '90

She joins big sisters Mia and Bella. **Lauren Hoeflich** was promoted to the position of senior legal assistant in the Corporate Reorganization and Bankruptcy Group at Sidley, Austin, Brown, and Wood in Chicago. **Rob Chodock** and wife **Karen Mitchell '90** are finally homeowners. They bought a new apartment in NYC.

**Jamie Platt** Lyons sent in a lot of news. To start, she is a partner at the real estate and litigation firm of Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco PC. She works part-time in order to stay home with her kids Avi and Tali. In September she is walking in the Breast Cancer 3-Day (60 miles in three days) and has been training for a while. Good luck! During Labor Day Weekend 2004 **Dina Weiss-Linfoot** had a first birthday party for her daughter Jordyn at her Long Island home. Jamie and her family, as well as **John** and **Laura Pearlman Kaufman** and their kids Adam and Elliot, were there to celebrate. During Thanksgiving Weekend Jamie met up with classmates **Amy Susman-Stillman**, Dina Weiss-Linfoot, **Mindy Schechter** Tashlik, and their families at the Long Island Children's Museum.

Other news came from **Laura Pearlman Kaufman**. Husband John is VP of revenue management at Starwood Hotels. His work involves travel (of course!) to some interesting destinations, including Hawaii, Poland, Sweden, Japan, Indonesia, China, Australia, and Korea, to name

Please keep sending us news! We try our best to include everything we receive in a timely manner. ♦ **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, stephanieavidon@optonline.net; **Anne Czapinski Treadwell**, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; and **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com.

**90** By now I hope you've all made your plans to travel back to campus for our 15th Reunion on June 9-12! If not, it's not too late to save yourself a place in line for Hot Truck on the Quad, so to speak. Don't wait! Contact our Reunion Chairs **Carolyn DeWilde-Casswell** and **Nadine Magac**, MBA '01, and get all the details at our class website, <http://classof90.alumni.cornell.edu>! Besides being a time to reconnect with old friends and reminisce about our younger days, Reunion Weekend is also the beginning of the next five-year term for our new class officers. Yes, Alisa and I are in the final months of our term as your class correspondents (officially known as VPs of Communications). This is my last column before Alisa and I pass the torch to our new class correspondents. I would like to say thank you to all who have faithfully stayed in touch, shared your stories, e-mailed your photos, and put up with so many of our corny columns!

US Women's National Lacrosse Tournament in Lehigh, PA. Her team represented the southeast US, and—once again—she was the oldest player on the team where the majority of her teammates were still in college. Ellen, who lives in Lithia, FL, with husband John, says she won't give up until she can't keep up. She's equally unstoppable in her new job at Connechusett Animal Hospital in Temple Terrace, FL.

Inspired by women like Ellen, I, **Carole Moran** Krus, have never let go of my dream of becoming a competitive distance runner. In the past few years, I've finished two marathons, several half-marathons, and many other road races. Although I never come close to winning any races, I compete with no one but myself, and I have broken a few personal records (PR, in runner's lingo) lately. When I'm not running through the Cleveland eastern suburbs, I'm tutoring math and science, fixing up our old house, volunteering at church, fishing with my husband David, or chasing after our kids Charlie, 6, and Bridget Frances, 3-1/2. Both kids are looking forward to seeing Cornell for the first time this summer and to watching their mom defend her title in the Cornell 5-mile Reunion Run through the Plantations.

Some of the news is a bit out of date, I'm afraid, but better late than never! In November 2003, **Robert Kelly** married Vidhya Rangaiah in two ceremonies from two rich and distinct traditions over two days in Bangalore, India. The couple was first wed by a Hindu priest at the Raj Mahal Villas, a wedding hall. The following day, they were married in a Roman Catholic ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral, also in Bangalore. Robert and his father are financial advisers in the Manhattan offices of Legg Mason Wood Walker, the Baltimore securities brokerage firm, where they operate an investment advisory unit known as the Kelly Group. More good news comes from **David Paulson** in San Francisco: he was recently elected as a shareholder in the office of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP. Practicing law on the opposite coast is **Neera Rellan Stacy**, who lives in NYC with her husband Michael and son Declan, 2. Neera works at Simpson Thacher and Bertlett LLP. **Barbara Cho** Kelley works in the Detroit office of PricewaterhouseCoopers and was recently promoted to manager within the Assurance practice.

We were also happy to hear from **Lisa Baylor** David, who wrote to us from Lafayette, LA, where she lives with her husband **Robert '89**. Lisa tells us: "I spent a wonderful weekend in March in West Palm Beach, FL, at the beautiful home of **Rina Shamash Fern '89**. Getting together were **Sandy Lithgow Ramirez**, **Margaret King Coleman**, MS '96, **Adrienne Perfilio Sullivan**, and myself. I also saw **Kim Klimczak Lisboa** in May while she was visiting New Orleans. Great to see old friends." I couldn't agree more, Lisa! It will be great to see all of you in Ithaca next month. Please, don't be shy—stop and say hello. I'd love to finally meet in person some of the classmates that we've been writing about for the last five years! Thanks! ♦  
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Greetings to everyone. Another Valentine's Day is behind me as I write this, and I am happy to report that roses bought at the last minute from the local grocery store are still a good way to bail yourself out when you get halfway through the work day and realize that you forgot to get anything for your spouse. Of course, I felt like everyone in the checkout line knew I had forgotten and was judging me for it, but that was better than my wife judging me for giving her nothing but a kiss. So, now that I am safe for another year, it is time to get to this edition of the Class Notes.

**Stephen Schwartz** and wife **Melanie (Rebak) '90** announce the birth of their second child, Reid Alexander, on January 28, 2005. Older sister Jessica is now 3. With a newborn and a 3-year-old in the house, Stephen and Melanie may have yet to get a full night's sleep by the time this column comes out. **David and Celeste Tambaro D'Alessandro** welcomed son David to the family in December 2002. Celeste is a senior managing director and head of Latin American Equity Sales at Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. David is a senior cardiothoracic surgery fellow at Columbia Presbbyterian Hospital, which means he has yet to see his son. **John Kang**, MBA '96, kept the boy theme going, as son Anthony was born October 6, 2003. **Angela Shipman** Cassidy reports that after years of traveling the US working in public relations, she has assumed the role of 'Mom' in giving birth to her first child, Emma Elizabeth. If nothing else, that is always good PR with the grandparents. She and husband James are very excited.

Additional family news comes from **Laura Hubbard DiCarlo** and husband **David, PhD '94**. They still live in Mississippi with their sons John, Sam, and Will. Laura notes that she saw Matt and **Crissy Moeder Shaul**, along with **Jenny Ritter Kelly '89**, last summer in Ithaca. **Brian Melone** and his wife Tait welcomed Matthew Kyle into their lives on March 15, 2004. **Howard and Adrienne Freed Markus** now have two future Cornellians, son Jeremy born in July 2000 and daughter Naomi born in May 2003. **Maria del Mar Ortiz** Fournier now has three children, Mana del Mar, Emilio, and Juliana. Maria owns her family's law firm specializing in personal injury law. Additionally, she and husband Emilio are working toward their private pilot licenses. Teaching a personal injury lawyer how to fly must cause some degree of indigestion for the people running the flight school.

In general news and notes from our classmates, **Beverly Otema Yirenkyi** has self-published a collection of poems entitled *Pieces of a Rhapsody in Words*. The work is described as being "inspired by a 12-year journey traveling across both physical and spiritual barriers to places of discomfort to realize that our humanity truly unites us," and has been named an Editor's Choice book recognizing superior writing and excellence. **Tadayuki ("Tad") Hara** recently completed his PhD in the Hotel school and Regional Science program so he is now PhD '04 as well as Class of '91.

**Susan Tuttle** Owen received an MBA in 1996 from the U. of Chicago. She had been a principle and leveraged loan/high yield bond

analyst at Octagon Credit Investors, but took a position as a full-time mom to son Connor and couldn't be happier. She says she lost touch with a lot of her Cornell friends and encourages them to give her a call or write her at susanwan3@hotmail.com. **Kristin Markussen** Karcher, MS '93, and husband David are moving their family to Mystic, CT. David has a job with Datcon Inc., and Kristin is going to be a stay-at-home mom with daughter Greta. Mystic is a wonderful town—I hear the pizza is pretty good there.

**Chris Proulx** was recently named CEO of eCornell after serving six months as its Chief Operating Officer and two years as Director of Program Management. **Deb McMahon-Williams** was recently appointed to the position of Manager of Organizational Development and Training for Bayer Pharmaceutical. Deb says this is a great opportunity for her as she has always had a passion for change management and organizational design and sees this as a position from which she can make an impact on the future success of the company. She also updates us on **Julie Varga** Quay, who is a pastry chef and has owned her own business, The Cook and Baker Café, for nearly four years.

**John Brown** received his medical degree in 1999 and joined the Peace Corps, serving in Uzbekistan working with the USAID Child Survival Program. John is also happy to announce his marriage to April Rich in September 2002. **Kim Bixler Brown** and husband **Timothy, JD '93**, fled Atlanta to the Berkshires three years ago in order to transform their lives. Kim says they are happier, healthier, and only a little colder. She encourages anyone to contact them if in need of an escape to a small town. **Jennifer Caci** remains in the military, having been promoted to the rank of Major in February 2002. She was in Kuwait and Iraq for the first seven months of the war and earned a Bronze Star for her service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She is currently at Ft. McPherson in Georgia but says she hopes to return to Iraq in 2005. She also tells us that **Luisa Santiago-Jones** has been in Afghanistan as a US Army lawyer, and **John McMurray** was in Iraq as an Operations Officer with a combat support hospital. Lastly, **Kevin Klipstein** was named the new CEO for the US Squash Racquets Association (USSRA). Kevin was with Sun Microsystems, where he was in the Worldwide Marketing Operations group, and also led Partnership Marketing, where he developed relationships with MLB.com and the National Hockey League. Kevin was a member of the squash team at Cornell and was a second team All-American as a senior. Before starting his career in business, he worked as a teaching pro for several years. The most remarkable thing about the press release announcing Kevin's new job is that there is a national governing body for squash in the US. I have to admit that I had no idea. However, it has to be better than working with the NHL right about now.

That's all for this column, everyone. I always have fun writing it—hope you have as much fun reading it. Keep the news coming to your friendly correspondents. ♦ **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com; and **Nina Rosen** Peek, nsr5@cornell.edu.

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Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the spring. I am starting out with a piece of sad news that I received regarding our classmate **Diane Reiss** Sidoli, DVM '00, of West Milford, NJ. She was in a serious car accident in September 2004—hit head-on by a drunk driver—and, among other traumatic injuries, lost both of her legs. She and husband **Richard '91** have a young child. Diane's recovery is slow, and family, friends, and colleagues have stepped forward with fund-raising efforts focused on making the needed renovations to the Sidoli home. For more information, you can write to: Race4Diane@yahoo.com.

Onto the other news of our classmates' lives. **Douglas Carroll** announced that he and wife **Liz Vega** celebrated their sixth anniversary on July 3, 2004. "[It's] hard to believe that we've known each other for 16 years. We met as freshmen and now we are the parents of two beautiful girls, Gabriela, 3, and Xithali, 2 (it means 'star' in Nahuatl/Aztec). There's no time for vacation. Just two weeks off in Lake Tahoe." On the career front, Douglas is one step closer to his PhD in computer science at UCLA after presenting a paper in Norway. **Timothy Germain** sent a quick note to let us know that he is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon. **Karen Miller Cheng** recently moved and also visited China and Korea for the first time. She is currently working as a technical manager at General Dynamics. **Anita Lee**, JD '98, reports that she and her husband **Philip Hsia**, MBA '99, had baby Madeline on October 8, 2004. "I don't have anything else to report since this is a very significant event for us!" Congratulations!

**Sarah Stone** has been appointed to the position of beautification director for Kane Realty Corp., with responsibilities in landscape, site amenities, design, and exterior maintenance. She will be involved in all decisions that impact exterior design, as well as the operations and standards for exterior maintenance. Her primary focus will be to ensure that guests, tenants, and residents of Kane properties have an exceptional physical environment in which to shop, dine, work, and live. Beyond Cornell, Sarah's background includes experience in landscape design and installation for residential and commercial real estate properties. She is a speaker at garden symposiums and workshops and has also worked as the Southeast US area assistant for Habitat for Humanity Int'l.

**Amy Klempay**, CEBS (Certified Employee Benefits Specialist) of New Hartford, NY, has joined the Upstate New York Employee Benefits Practice at Marsh, an office of the world's leading insurance brokerage and risk advisement companies. Amy will serve Central and Eastern New York clients out of the Albany office as part of the company's Employee Benefits Services (EBS) division. As a senior EBS consultant, her responsibilities include managing new and expanded business and advising clients on the strategy, design, compliance, and implementation of comprehensive employee benefits programs. She is an expert on flexible benefit plans, and has experience across a wide range of industries. Amy is also an active participant in numerous professional and community-related activities.

**Christine Duncan** and William E. Wilson were married on September 11, 2004 on Long Island in New York. Christine's maid of honor was classmate **Danielle Austen**. Other Cornellians in attendance on this stunning day were **Jennifer Malila**, **Thomas James Lepore**, **Shannon O'Barr Decker**, **Andrew Yonteff**, and **Christopher Ortiz '93**, who traveled from Spain for the event. A great day was had by all. Unfortunately, four-year roommate **Kimberly Joyal Martins** could not make it to the wedding, but recently announced the birth of her third child, Cody, born on December 7, 2004. Christine is currently an ob/gyn in Lake Success, NY, in her fifth year of private practice in an all-female group.

**Nicole Reninger** married Alan Whyte in June 2004 in Scotland and they are living in Edinburgh. The happy couple held wedding receptions in Scotland and New York. **Jennifer Siegler** made it to both continents, and **Eileen Carmody Byman '93**, **Alyssa Cohen Goldman**, **Liza Cohen Tillinghast '91**, **Beth Flanigan Horrigan**, **Karen Hovorka**, **Kevin Lyons**, **Jennifer Lynham**, and **Beth Kravchuck Hensel** all celebrated in New York. Nicole is studying to requalify as a solicitor in Scotland and also has been busy job hunting, working on her new "flat," and "improving [her] swing in the home of golf!" **David Chang** writes that he had lots of changes last year: "Shereen Shermak and I got married (on our sixth anniversary). We moved to Boston, bought a place in the South End, and she switched jobs (back to the private sector as VP at State Street). I joined www.tripadvisor.com, an online site for leisure travel research, as the director of new products, where I'll be responsible for coming up with new products/services that consumers need when they do research on travel."

**Inger Hultgren Meyer** writes: "It has been a big year for me and my husband **Matthew**. Matt and I were married on October 18, 2003 at the Locanda dell'Amorosa in Tuscany, Italy. We were very fortunate to have a number of Cornell friends in attendance, including: **Jennifer King Hartung** and husband **Chris '90**, **Anne Tevebaugh Baurmeister** and husband **Eric**, **Kana Muraki Miao '91**, **Jennifer Chuang '91**, **Lisaanne Lutz**, and **Heather Nelson Koch** and husband **Randy**. My sister **Julie Hultgren Gifford '96** was my matron of honor." Last July, Inger and Matt moved from their home in New York City to Basel, Switzerland. Matt is working in the Global E-Marketing Group at Novartis. When she last wrote, Inger was working on finding a job in her field—environmental law. Prior to moving to Switzerland, Inger spent five years working in the environmental group at the law firm of Bryan Cave in NYC. Inger and Matt would love to hear from fellow Cornellians who may be passing through Basel, or living in Switzerland. Please e-mail them at [ikhultgren@hotmail.com](mailto:ikhultgren@hotmail.com).

**Colleen Duffy** sent in an update to cover the years since graduation: "Since graduation, I completed my master's degree in education, got married, bought a house, and had two girls (Katie, 2-1/2, and Lindsey, 1-1/2). I have been a stay-at-home mom since Katie was born, and although I am really enjoying the time with them, I am looking forward to returning to the classroom in

the next couple of years as a high school math teacher, which I find extremely rewarding. I keep in touch with **Kasey Connolly** Zanolli, who is doing very well out in Las Vegas with her husband and two children. She started her own company about a year ago and business has really taken off recently. She is very busy. She usually takes a trip home to Long Island every summer to visit friends and family, so I am planning to visit with her this summer."

**Alison Dobes** Key reported some baby news. On March 3, 2004, **Anne Dodge Gilchrist** and husband **Tony '91** had their second child, a baby girl named Heather Suzanne. Alison herself had twin girls on February 6, 2004, Margaret Campbell Key and Sara Stewart Key. That's all for now. Keep us posted. ♦ **Debbie Feinstein**, [Debbie\\_Feinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com); **Renee Hunter Toth**, [rah24@cornell.edu](mailto:rah24@cornell.edu); and **Wilma Ann Anderson**, [info@WilPowerEnterprises.com](mailto:info@WilPowerEnterprises.com).

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Hello, Class of '93! Lots of news has been reported in the last few months, so let's get right to it! A few of our classmates have reached big milestones. **Jessica Graus** Woo wrote to share the good news that she passed her dissertation defense in November and finished her PhD in epidemiology. She officially graduated in December and will be hooded in June. In September, **Andrea Sarkany** Riskin finished her dissertation and completed her PsyD in clinical psychology.

Moving on to wedding news, **Jessica Raab** writes, "I got married January 16, 2005! I married Aran Kadar (Dartmouth '93) down in Delray Beach, FL, at the Sundy House Inn. We live up in Boston and were happy to miss the blizzard while on our honeymoon! We plan to stay in the Boston area, where I am a creative director and Aran is finishing a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care at Boston Medical Center." **Holly Zax** wrote that she married Richard Shuter on November 20, 2004. Cornellians in attendance included **Alexandra Migoya Freedman**, **Diana Matcovsky Nero**, **Carolyn Duarte Pierson**, **Julie Rosenberg**, **Pamela Gladstein Sole '94**, **Matthew Jacobson '91**, **Andy Zax '86**, **David Slepian '64**, **MD '68**, **Alan Jacobson '61**, and **Eli '56** and **Renni Bertenthal Shuter '58**.

There are also a lot of new babies to report! **Scott Urman** sent in the news that he and his wife had daughter Almarah Rose on May 1, 2004. **Michelle Otterman Emmett** writes, "My husband Peter and I are happy to announce the birth of our son David on April 28, 2004! We are still living in Perth, Australia, enjoying the laid-back lifestyle and cool Indian Ocean breezes." **Joseph Holton McGee** and his wife had their first child, Connor Allen, on August 28, 2004. They are living in Delray Beach, FL, where Joseph is the senior director of annuity sales for Metlife. Recently he visited with **Kristen Mustad** and her brother **Andreas '94**. They bought a fishing lure manufacturer outside Miami.

**Alyssa Frantz** Lanner, MRP '94, passed along the good news that **Sharon Hartnett** Ricart and her husband Guillermo recently adopted a beautiful baby girl from Guatemala. Isabella Madelyn was born Sept. 19, 2004. Four months after her

birth, Sharon and Guillermo were able to go down to Guatemala and bring her back to California. The adoption process went fairly smoothly and relatively quickly and the whole family is doing well. **Lori Pehoski Jones** wrote, "It has been a great two months for my family! On November 29, 2004, I gave birth to our second son, Colin Christopher. He joins big brother Evan, 2-1/2, who is thrilled to have a little brother! My husband Scott opened a bicycle shop last year in Duluth, GA, targeting kids and families and is doing well. Hopefully the boys will someday want to work with their dad—then again, maybe not! I am still working for Siebel Systems, looking forward to being a stay-at-home mom sometime in the next couple of years. I am still getting together each summer with my best friends from Cornell (our 11th trip this year is a cruise to Mexico!); **Jodi Krause, Ava Danner, and Deanna Smith '92.**"

**Jessica Baker Flechtner**, PhD '00, wrote, "Don, PhD '99, and I welcomed our first child on November 21. Hogan Ronald was a perfect Thanksgiving gift! Look out, Class of 2025!" Scott and **Lisa Ness Seidman** recently adopted new baby Morris Mathew in November. Morris is named for Scott's father and for our classmate **Matt Kleiner**, who is missed by many. He joins sister Hannah, 4-1/2.

In other news, **Roland "Maestro" Nicholas** writes, "My current status is a training manager for a pioneering luxury resort known as Raffles Resort Canouan Island, in the heart of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. For those who know me, you realize that my new career is a far cry from my Mechanical Engineering degree. Goes to show what a brilliant foundation an education from Cornell U. provides." **Michael Riskind** recently left UBS Investment Bank to join Key-Banc Capital Markets, where he is the manager of New York Institutional Equity Sales. This past spring, he joined the Cornell Young Alumni Council. He lives in New York City and is married to Sheri Warshauer, who is an artist.

That's all the news for now. Thanks to all those who wrote in. More news in the next edition! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz Rosenberg**, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Erica Fishlin Fox**, ericazzz@aol.com.

**94** Happy spring to all '94 alums. Hopefully everyone's enjoying the warmer weather after another long winter. Lots of happy news to report, although the quantity of news is short—keep mailing in those News Forms or e-mail us directly at the addresses below!

My husband Michael, daughter Lindsay, and I recently attended a mini-Cornell reunion of some fellow Mary Donlon Hall freshmen. Thanks to **Jason Abrams** and wife Susan for opening their Maplewood, NJ, home to everyone! It was great to see **Sanket Sant**, who is an investment manager for Met Life in Morristown, NJ, and **Semil Mehta**, MD '98, wife Shilpa, and daughter Sonia, born September 22, 2004. Semil is an instructor in the pulmonary critical care unit at Northwestern U. **Tara Parminter** and **Devin Ratliff** '95 also attended the brunch. Tara is finishing her PhD in American literature at NYU and Devin is an architect at Kohn Pedersen Fox in New York.

**Joseph Basralian** and wife Danielle were there. Joe works for Bank of America in New York City in their securities division. Joe also reports that **Tyler Felgenhauer** recently drove cross-country with his wife Mary Jane and their two children. The family lives in Chapel Hill, NC, where Tyler is pursuing a PhD in environmental studies.

**Sanford Gordon** reports that he married **Alice Davenport** '91, MPA '94, on October 24. They met at Cornell in the summer of 1993 when Alice was a master's candidate, but weren't in touch for ten years until a chance encounter at a birthday party of a mutual friend two years ago. At the wedding, **Nicole Vantuno Wagner** was in attendance along with husband Steve, as were a whole bunch of folks in different classes. Sanford currently resides in New York City, where he is asst. prof. of politics at NYU. **Ingrid Kist-Leader Lutz** sent in her recent travelogue. In the past few years she's been to Russia, London, France, and Alaska. She's proud to report that she's listed in *America's Who's Who of Teachers* and was awarded tenure. Also, she has twice received yearbook dedications by her students. Great job! Ingrid also reports that **Aruna Noah Kampani** has started vet school in West Virginia.

**Melissa Dills Boglioli** and husband **James** recently relocated to the Albany area where James accepted a job with Whiteman Osterman and Henna LLP, Albany's largest law firm, as an environmental/land use attorney. **Barry Schutter** writes that he and wife Amy sold their house in New Jersey, quit work at Johnson and Johnson and ImClone, respectively, and moved to London, where Barry will be working for a church on the west side of London.

On to the baby news. **Melissa Unemori** Hampe celebrated the birth of her first child, Elizabeth, at the end of October in Washington, DC. She and husband Greg live in Virginia. **Stacy Miller** Cowan and husband Mo welcomed their

**Julie Stumbo** '06. As for Amy, she started an LLC in September 2004 to run women's semi-pro soccer team and triple crown sports soccer event business franchise. Best of luck! And congratulations to **Nancy Richmond** Goldstein, MBA '96, JD '97. She and husband Eric welcomed son Zachary Matthew on April 6, 2004. The family lives in New York City. Also, **Ted Lynch** and wife Michele had daughter Jamie Grace on October 7, 2004. The Lynches live in New Jersey.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dineen@wasyluk.net or dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

**95** This is it, folks . . . the last column before our 10th REUNION! Can you believe it? On behalf of our class officers, a big thank you to all our duespayers and we hope to see everyone back on the Hill, June 9-12! Now on to the news.

Speaking of class officers, one of our very own Reunion Chairs, **Dana Yigel** (day2@cornell.edu), sends news she is a senior project manager for a residential/mixed-use infill builder-developer in Long Beach, CA, and received her American Inst. of Certified Planners license. Dana writes that classmate **Ara Weiss** works as a financial analyst at Disney, and **Kirk West** '96 married Pilar Perez last summer in Las Vegas. Also married last summer (in June) was **Sarah Maynard** Scott (smaynard@udel.edu), who teaches Air Force ROTC at the U. of Delaware. **Tony Fernandes** and **Troy, MBA '93**, and **Mary Ellen Basden Simoni** '94 were in attendance to witness Sarah's union with husband Derek in Massachusetts.

**Lisa Durham Taylor** (ltaylor@johnmarshall.edu) recently celebrated her first wedding anniversary with husband Brent on April 17. The two

‘**Ingrid Kist-Leader Lutz** has twice received yearbook dedications by her students.’

#### JENNIFER RABIN MARCHANT '94

first child, Miles Christian, into the world on April 20, 2004. The family lives in Massachusetts. **Jennifer Quin Henninger** and husband **Kurt** added daughter Elisabeth Ann to the family on January 12, 2004, joining big sister Abigail. Shortly after that they moved back to Colorado where Kurt is working with an Army Reserve unit. Jennifer also writes that **Erin Iverson** left the Army ranks and is now a youth director for several churches in Maryland. **Karen Chelius** Bates and husband John had daughter Allison on November 17. They live in Washington, DC.

**Amy Finkelstein Snider** and husband **Matt** '95 welcomed son Jackson Henry a while back (September 6, 2003). The family recently went to Washington, DC, and visited **David Holden** '95 with new son Eli, as well as **Tasha (Fleury)**, DVM '98, and her husband **Brian Rodgers** '95. While there, they also saw **Becky D'Aleo** '06 and

were married in Atlanta, GA, attended by bridesmaids **Cathy MacIntyre O'Neill** (who, with husband **Tim** '94, had her third baby in four years—a boy named Michael—in July), **Melissa Damann** (who also has a son, Julian, 2, and last fall began a master's program in linguistics at UNC, Chapel Hill), **Atena Rosak** (a third-year resident in general surgery at Dartmouth), and **Kirsten Mixer** '94, and reader **Karen Helmuth** Blackwelder '94. Lisa and Brent currently live in Atlanta, where he owns a construction business and she is a professor at the John Marshall Law School. Writes Lisa, "Brent has never been to Ithaca, but I can't wait to get him up there to show him around!" Hopefully, this will be rectified very soon.

Another newlywed who wrote in to rally the troops for reunion was **Dominic "Vu" Nguyen** (vunguyen73@yahoo.com), who misses "all the folks from 3FD." Vu's wedding to fellow Cornell

engineer Lee Murashige '98 occurred on August 21 in Honolulu, HI, where she grew up (check out pictures at <http://home.comcast.net/~leevu>). Cornellians at the wedding included **Mark Notarfrancesco**, **Janice Myint**, ME '96, **Michael Seaton** '97, and **Kathleen O'Hara** '98. Writes Vu of his bride, "We actually didn't meet at Cornell, but had lots of stories to share about Olin Hall." Vu and Lee both work for Intel in Portland, OR, where Vu was recently promoted to Engineering Group Leader in one of Intel's leading microprocessor fabs. Vu received his MS in electrical engineering from OGI in '99, and got another "degree" the following year: a second degree Black Belt in Taekwondo.

Another 3FD (for the uninitiated/those who lived on West Campus, this stands for "Third Floor Donlon") alumnus, **Sanjoy "Biz" Biswas** ([sb28@cornell.edu](mailto:sb28@cornell.edu)) works at GlaxoSmithKline in microbiology and is pursuing a second master's degree in quality assurance and regulatory affairs at Temple U. in Philadelphia. His other big news is that a picture of him playing the tabla (Indian hand drums) was recently published in *RASA: Performing the Divine in India*, out on Columbia University Press (and, no, there is no link where we can view it but he says the book is available on Amazon). Biz reports that fellow floormate **James Whitaker** works for T. Rowe Price in Colorado Springs, **Chris Golert** and his wife recently had twin girls in Dallas, TX, and **Anthony "Pepo" Diaz** works as an actuary in Chicago. And **Kathy Schoenfelder** won't have any trouble making reunion—she works on campus in the fashion department in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, where her work with a "body scanner" is being used to help make better-fitting clothing.

**Agnes Varga** Wells sent news that she and her husband Chad purchased their first home in Woodbridge, VA, where she is a workforce services representative for the Virginia Employment Commission. Aggie also reports on freshman year roommate **Olive Thomas** and her new husband Mark Koopmann, who had their first child, Kordelia, last summer. From Florida, **Phil Spiller**, ME '96 ([pdsflynavy@hotmail.com](mailto:pdsflynavy@hotmail.com)) writes that he is in the final year of his naval service obligation, completing a 2-1/2-year instructor pilot tour in Pensacola, which was hard hit by Hurricane Ivan. "The community is bonding together and rebuilding as quickly as possible." Phil, who looks to join the restructuring airline industry as a passenger transport or cargo pilot, spends his free time taking flight students across the country, riding his Harley, taking care of his pet stingray, and keeping up with classmates. He sends a wish for a quick and safe return for our servicemembers across the globe.

On behalf of our class officers, we also wish a safe trip for all our classmates returning to the Hill in just a few weeks. We look forward to seeing you soon! ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu); and **Abra Benson**, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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## 97

Spring has finally sprung—and with it comes high season for weddings. As you'll see, we're still catching up on wedding news from last year, so if you've sent in a wedding update, please continue to watch for it in a future column. And if you've got plans to be a bride or groom in the coming months, please send in word of your event once the leftover cake is stashed in the freezer and the dust has settled on the dance floor. But first, some non-wedding updates (they do exist!).

**David Hollman** writes that he took 2004 off and traveled—mostly hiking—in Costa Rica, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Wales, and France, as well as San Francisco, Death Valley, and Joshua Tree National Park in California. Afterwards, Dave returned to work at Sapien and moved to London. Last summer, he saw **Beckie Rawlinson**, **Grainne O'Neill**, and others at **Sharmila Murthy**'s wedding. **Jason Friedman** traveled to Portland, OR, with Seattle resident **Aravind Swaminathan** and other friends to run the Hood-to-Coast relay race, which stretches 197 miles from the top of Mt. Hood to the Pacific in Seaside, OR. Jason attended **Adam Levine**'s wedding last July and caught up with former roommates **Josh Sullivan** and **Tony Caravella**. Jason notes that Tony and wife Christina are proud parents of a daughter born last summer. **Barbara S. Lee**, who works for UPS as an investor relations analyst in Atlanta, has kept busy traveling to London, Paris, Barcelona, Shannon, Dublin, Costa Brava, and Durham, NH, and training for marathons (she's completed two already).

**Heidi Straub** Henderson and her family relocated last fall to the Boston area from Jacksonville, FL, where they visited with several Pi Phis and their families, including **Jeannette Brady Townsend**, **Amy Barbato Martin**, and **Heather Mulcahy** '96. Heidi also recounted a reunion with ROTC families from the Class of '96, including the Stantons, Gelstons, and Chevines, as well as **Eric Anderson** '98 and **Mark Sweeney** '96. The event brought together four future Cornellians born within six months of each other.

**Steven Froeschl** is a chiropractor in Aquebogue, NY. **Jennifer Personius-Zipoy** offered a general update on major events in her life over the last few years, including obtaining an MA from the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas in August 2001, getting married in May 2004, and beginning a PhD program in sociology last September. **Mark Harrahy** collected an MBA from NYU and is working for Unilever HPC as a demand planning process manager in Trumbull, CT.

**Rebecca Soffer** married **Joshua Grossman** on November 13, 2004 in Waltham, MA. In attendance were many Cornellians, including classmates **Amanda Berke**, **Cathy Heinzelman Hill**, **Christina Anton Benamati**, **Kenny '99** and **Jami Gorman Schultz**, **John '96** and **Donna Vigianio Wilson**, **Alanna Gelbwasser Updegraff**, **Tanya Axenson Macallair**, **Kenneth Todd**, **Hani**

**Aldulaimi**, and **Reuben Rosof**. Josh and Rebecca met as undergrads at Cornell, but lost touch after graduation, only to reconnect when Josh moved to Boston to get his MBA at Babson. Rebecca is a marketing manager at Bose Corporation, and Josh recently cofounded an online flower delivery company, Beyond Blossoms ([www.beyondblossoms.com](http://www.beyondblossoms.com)), which aims to improve on the online floral experience by offering fewer products and price points and a more elegant, minimalist interface to avoid overwhelming consumers. They live in Bedford, MA.

**Jennifer Ohrenberger Holder** got married last year and honeymooned in Italy. **Christie Trotter** Post served as maid of honor. Jennifer practices broker-dealer defense litigation in Los Angeles at Bingham McCutchen. **Scott Hatherley** married Stephanie Licht of Newtown, CT, last September in Westerly, RI; **Brad Hopper** and wife Laura attended the festivities.

**Donell Hicks** married Dawn Denise Rhodes at Walt Disney World on October 9, 2004. **Steve Kinsey** and Sama Habibi tied the knot September 10, 2004 in Morris Plains, NJ, after being introduced four years earlier by fellow Cornellian **Mike Keeley** '95, ME '96. A host of classmates attended the event, including **Scott Christensen**, MBA '04, **Alex LePage**, **Tyler** and **Erika Pluhar Tatum**, **Amy Lytle**, **Dave Grannis**, **Andy Miner**, and **Linley Grandison**, MBA '97. Sean Blake checked in with news of his marriage to Lori Ponzo on November 1, 2003 in Norwich, CT. Cornellians attending included **Giancarlo Zuliani**, **Jay Nath**, **Ash Jhaveri**, **Greg Boudejwijn**, **Tom Arsenlis**, and **Matt and Kelli Stauffer**.

Several classmates tied the knot last May. **Cori Altshuler** married Daniel Galpern in Lenox, MA. They work in NYC, where Cori is the international fashion director at *Vogue* and Daniel is executive vice president of Curtco Media Labs, a publishing business developer and parent company of the Robb Report publications. **Maureen Connelly** married Mark McGrath in NYC. Maureen and Mark collected law degrees from Fordham and both work as attorneys, Maureen at Cohen, Weiss & Simon and Mark at Kelley Drye & Warren.

**Leonor Tomero** married Douglas Shaw at Georgetown U. Leonore works for Washington, DC, consulting firm Liebman & Associates as a consultant on environmental protection and renewable energy. Douglas is manager of policy and issues analysis in the office of the president of Georgetown and is a doctoral candidate and international relations instructor. **Thatcher Bell** exchanged vows with Victoria Weil, an opera singer, in the Bronx on May 22, 2004.

Please note that in the January/February issue, we misspelled **Stefan Marcus Lehmann**'s name. Our thanks to Stefan's partner, Jonas Karp, for pointing it out and also letting us know that Stefan is graduating from Columbia Business School this spring and plans to work as an associate at Lehman Brothers in New York after graduation.

Submit your news online! Visit <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu/>. ♦ **Erica Broennele Nelson**, [ejb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ejb4@cornell.edu); **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, [sd5@cornell.edu](mailto:sd5@cornell.edu).

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In anticipation of warm weather and blooming flowers, Gregg and I did a little spring cleaning of our IN boxes and delved into the folder called "save for later." Rather embarrassingly, we have uncovered some backlogged news that we had been saving up in the past couple of months. Nice surprise for us and apologies to the following classmates. Hopefully, this could be an example of "good news comes to those who wait!"

**Benjamin Allen** married wife Carey back in September 2002. Fast forward to summer 2004 and the busy Allens had lots to celebrate! First, they welcomed daughter Emma Riley in August. About two weeks later, Benjamin was awarded his PhD in molecular and cellular biology from U. of Wisconsin, Madison. Benjamin was recently a groomsman at **Doug Allen** '97, MAT '98's wedding that same August, along with **Sujay Kaushal** '97. Benjamin is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard.

Other freshly minted PhDs from our class are **Anne Sperling** and **Cynthia Edwards Hawver**. Last summer, Anne earned a PhD in neuroscience from the U. of Southern California. She currently works as a postdoctoral fellow in the neurology dept. at Georgetown U. Medical Center. Cynthia received her doctorate in clinical psychology in May 2004. After graduation, she took a staff psychologist position at U. of Scranton Counseling Center. **Anthony Mato** is also a doctor, but of the medical kind. He is currently a third-year internal medicine resident at U. of Pennsylvania. He will be specializing in hematology/oncology. He is starting his fellowship at Penn in July 2005 and hopes to pursue a career in bone marrow transplant.

Some of us cannot seem to get enough of school. **Patrick McKeever** completed his master's in education at St. Peter's College in Jersey City last year. In September, he started a new career as an eighth grade science teacher in Clifton, NJ. He reported that the first few months of teaching have been as rewarding and satisfying as he had hoped. In addition, Patrick and wife **Cheryl (Bauer)** '00 celebrated their first wedding anniversary on September 20. The couple currently resides in up-and-coming downtown Jersey City. This past fall, the McKeeveres enjoyed a wine-tasting and lecture in the new Enology and Viticulture program in the Ag college, and sampled wines from Dr. Konstantin Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars, a Finger Lakes winery. **Matthew West** guest-lectured for **Kathy Berggren** '90, MAT '93's COMM 201 class last October in Kennedy Auditorium. The lecture focused on effective listening. After the lecture, Matthew offered opportunities for employment at his advertising agency, Regan Campbell Ward in New York City. That is very nice of you, Matthew!

Speaking of jobs, **Esther Wasserstein** reports that she is living in Pipersville, PA, and is a physician assistant. **Tara Kilfoyle** is an attorney at Rogers & Hardin LLP in Atlanta, GA. **Stephen Steinlight** is currently practicing employment and securities law as an associate with the 20-attorney law firm of Liddle & Robinson LLP in New York City.

**Jason** '99 and **Laura Walman Gardy**, along with proud Grandpa **Tony Gardy** '75, welcomed Asher Cornell Gardy into the world on September 16, 2004. Laura is the assistant counsel to

the Director of Enforcement at the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, DC. Jason is the manager of donor information systems at the National Rifle Association in Fairfax, VA.

And of course, no class column is complete without the mention of weddings. **Melanie Carr** got married last summer (on June 19, 2004) to Vance Howards. Many Cornellians were at the wedding, including **Matt Hahn**, **Connie Chuang**, and the bride's sister **Jenny Carr** '02. The newlyweds were headed to New Zealand for their honeymoon in November. According to Melanie, **Karen Frey** married **Matt Evans** in Portland, ME. **Kari Deleew** and Melanie were bridesmaids. Other Cornellians in attendance were Frisbee teammates **Rachel Schmidt**, **Carrie Polak** '00, **Kristi Farrell**, and **Jon Shu**, PhD '03.

**Natasha Szarkowski** married Colton Brown at the Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA. Natasha and her husband are both commercial real estate brokers. She works in the New York offices of Staubach Company. On a perfect fall day in October 2004, **Karen Tang** married **Thomas Tong** '97 among lovely foliage by the Hudson River in New York. Karen is an IBM consultant and looks forward to having free time again after a full year's worth of wedding planning. In the wedding party were **Stephen Tong** '01, **Jack Chen** '97, and yours truly, **Erica Chan**.

Other classmates in attendance included **Chun-Tsung Terence Choy**, MS '98, **Gerri Lin**, **Lester Wong**, ME '99, **Frederick Lo**, **Yu Hin Felix Lau**, **Jonathan Yu**, **Wai Kwong Sam Lee**, MS '98, **Angel Lee**, **Mary Chang**, and **Chris Chan**. Lots of frequent flyer miles were accumulated for this wedding. Hailing from Silicon Valley, Terence Choy is a project manager at Trimble Navigations by day, choral singer by night, and marathon-runner on weekends. Gerri Lin flew to the wedding all the way from Taipei, Taiwan, where she is an IBM field application engineer. After the last leaves had fallen from the New England treetops, Sam Lee headed west to Seattle, WA, to work for Amazon.com. Sam had been busy prior to the presidential elections, working hard to encourage people to vote in Ohio. Fred Lo started his MBA at INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France, in January 2005. Lester Wong is still working for Accenture, and recently moved to Battery Park City, NYC. Year after year as a management consultant has left Lester with plenty of airline miles and a rather impressive collection of mini shampoo and lotion bottles in an apartment that he hardly gets to stay in. In London, Erica Chan continues to wait religiously for classmates to send news and hopes for genius and wit to strike whenever class columns are due.

And that's all for now. Apologies again to those who have waited patiently for their news to appear in print. Please keep writing to us so we can kick this bad habit of news-hoarding! ♦ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; and **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

# 99

Having recently switched from detached baseball observer to full-blown member of Red Sox Nation, it's good to be a New

Englander these days. The euphoria remains, even months after the World Series victory, causing my husband, a native Bostonian, to repeatedly exclaim that 2004 was the best year of his life. The only reason that he gets away with such hyperbole is that 2004 was also our wedding year. On August 14, in my dear hometown of Buffalo, Jon Moran and I were married. While I would love to list the roster of all 18 Cornellians in attendance, I will keep my editor happy and set a good example for the rest of the class in only mentioning my bridesmaids: **Chiann Bao**, **Cristen Viggiano** Cottrell, **Julie Heim Jackson**, **Amy Sandra Lee**, and **Erica Zunkel**. (Don't get me wrong, we columnists love to list everyone, but it presents quite a challenge to the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* staff!) The day was gorgeous from start to finish, and the honeymoon in Italy was even better.

2004 looks like it was a "best year ever" for many other newlyweds in our class. **Meridith Bogart** married Charles Krell last August in New York. Since Meridith just graduated from Cardozo School of Law last June, she must have completed the superhuman task of wedding planning and Bar preparation simultaneously. Meridith works at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP in New York City. **Angela Shum** married her college sweetheart **Michael Santiago** '97, DVM '01, in May 2004. Fun and festivities were shared with fellow Cornellians **Taryn Williams**, ME '00, **Danusha Selvendran**, John Lin '00, **Brice Wu** '00, **Lawrence Twohig** '98, **Mark Rodriguez** '98, **Mollie Twohig** '01, **Selina Lee** '02, ME '03, and **Lawrence**, DVM '94, and **Michele Balachich Buchholz**, DVM '94. The couple lives in Jersey City.

Almost seven years after they met during Homecoming weekend at Cornell outside of Rulloff's, **Peter Friedland** '95 and **Heather Gordon** returned to Ithaca to get married last September. Many Cornellians were in attendance including Heather's siblings **Rachel Gordon** '03 and **David Gordon** '06, classmates **Lori Farber**, **Stacey Schulman**, and **Seema Tendolkar**, **Dane Glasgow**, and many more. The couple lucked out with beautiful weather for their outdoor wedding ceremony. The Friedlands are at home in San Francisco.

**Christine "Chrissy" Shea** '00 and **Jesse Brown** were married on Oct. 8, 2004 in beautiful Garrison, NY, on the Hudson River, across from West Point (the alma mater of the father of the bride). Jesse writes, "In attendance, we had three Cornellians from the Class of '02 (including my brother, **Malcolm Brown**, MS '03), two from the Class of 2001, 12 from the Class of 2000, 14 from the Class of 1999, two from the Class of 1998, and one from the Class of 1940 (my grandfather, **Burges Smith**) . . . a total of 34! Chrissy and I have been living in Boston, MA, since 2001 and are the proud owners of a South End townhouse. Chrissy's still working in food and beverage and I'm still in structured finance."

Rounding out the wedding list is the destination wedding of **Laura Hughes** and **David Greenbaum**. The couple married on October 9, 2004 at the Caneel Bay resort on St. John, in the US Virgin Islands. Other Cornell alumni in attendance were **Doug** '98 and **Victoria Cohenour**

**Timpe**, and Claire and **David Abbott**. Laura and David live in NYC.

On the medical career front, **Kristin Schmidt** lives in Dallas, where she's finishing up chiropractic school. **Kimberly Zurich** has enrolled in the N.D. program at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, OR. **Sidney Chang**, "plodding" through his internship after graduating from Cornell Medical College last summer, has been hanging out with **Gordon Cohen** and **Sabrina How** in NYC.

**Frank Rapacki**, MS '01, works as a senior food scientist in R & D for Pepsi in Valhalla, NY. **Caryn Yukelson** graduated from Yeshiva Law School and is starting her legal career with the Bronx district attorney. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 2003, **Armando Rosquete** clerked at the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee for Justice Raoul G. Cantero III. He now works for the Miami office of Hogan & Hartson LLP. **Claire Coleman**, married to Yonatan Zamir, is a pro bono fellow at Sullivan & Cromwell.

**Wendy Tischler** Thomas is a stay-at-home mom and future home-schooling teacher to her and husband Nathan's son Piper, born July 26, 2002. Philadelphia is home to **Matthew Markovich**, married to **Shawn Mariassy** '00. The couple happily announces a new addition to their family, daughter Sophie. Matthew is a senior project manager at Toll Brothers. **Aida Samaniego** and spouse Roberto Gonzalez are parents to 1-year-old Xitlali and 3-year-old Tonatzin. In May 2005, Aida will graduate with her MBA from New Mexico State U., and is in the process of opening up a catering business. **Myisha Frazier-McElveen** is the proud mother of 3-year-old Donald Lee Frazier McElveen. Myisha and her husband Julian recently bought a house in Maryland, and Myisha was promoted to Agency Relationship Manager at the General Services Administration's e-authentication initiative.

In May 2004, **Maggie Mellon** finished her MBA in the Langone Program at NYU's Stern School of Business, and she claims, "I am very happy to have a life again." Maggie now works as a strategist at SBI.Razorfish. **Kajal Patel** graduated from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and is pursuing a career as a strategy and marketing consultant in Boston. After a four-month journey across Latin America, **Greg Zumas** returned home to D.C. Greg has recently expanded his company, StudySmart, to NYC—now in five states—which he founded with **Rich Enos** '98.

Send us your new and exciting updates! ♦  
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## OO

Didn't find your spring fling? Still looking for a summer romance? Then head up to Ithaca this June to rekindle an old spark or discover a new one at Reunion 2005! But even if that's not what you're looking for, you should still head up to the Hill from June 9-12 for our five-year bash! Why? Because you get to reunite with your old classmates, grab some food at Hot Truck, climb up the clock tower, visit the Plantations, sing the Alma Mater,

make a Wegmans run, and squeeze into Dino's all in one weekend! Ah, the good ol' days . . .

One person you may see up there is **Liz Stavis**, the new Associate Director of Cornell's Southeast Regional Office in Miami. I saw Liz at this year's CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in New York City, and she looks great! She is all aglow, loving her new job and enjoying her new home in Florida. Liz has been living with **Kevin Carbone** in South Florida since graduation and they recently bought a new home in Boynton Beach. Kevin is working for Lan Logics, a nationwide technology services company in Boca Raton and is currently vice president of major accounts. Kevin recently completed his second marathon, the Disney Marathon in Orlando, FL. Many other Cornellians participated in the race, including **Ryan Johnson**, **Becky Vincent Johnson**, **Troy Johnson** '97, **Jennifer Rozicki** '99, MBA '02, and **Andrew McCabe**. If you would like to get involved with a Cornell alumni organization in your area, feel free to contact Liz at ej519@cornell.edu.

Hopefully we'll also see all our newlyweds at Reunion. **Jen Bartos** married Brendan McGowan on December 11 out on the Main Line, honeymooned in St. Thomas and St. John, and just bought a new house! Jen owns a horticultural business (Main Line Flowerpot & Windowbox Co.), writes for gardening magazines, and does a lot of philanthropic work for Philadelphia and its surrounding communities. **Tara Driscoll** and **Kara Gerber** were in Jen's wedding party, and **Rosemary Joyce**, **Jen Hogan**, **Amanda Klein** '99, and **Zach Woodmansee** '98 all attended. Rosemary and Jen Hogan are both attorneys in NYC, while Tara Driscoll works for a PR firm in Chicago. Tara lives with her sister and her pug Sofia (named after the Golden Girl character), and Tara says the Chicago weather reminds her of her days in Ithaca. Jen Bartos McGowan also attended the wedding of Amanda Klein and Zach Woodmansee last summer outside of Harrisburg, PA.

Another couple we hope to see is **Alison Moed** and Dr. Andrew Gilbert. They married on August 7, 2004 at the Mark Hotel in Manhattan. **Erica Streit** was maid of honor and **Jennifer Rich** '01 and **Jonathan Rich** '05 attended the event. Alison and Andrew met in Pittsburgh, where Alison is a PhD student in clinical psychology at the U. of Pittsburgh and conducts neuroscience research. Andrew is a child psychiatrist and post-doctoral research fellow at the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Up in Massachusetts, **Julie Dittmer** and Sean Armstrong were married on September 5, 2004. Cornellian bridesmaids included **Jennifer Walwyn** and **Heather Foulks**. Other Cornellians in attendance were Amy Killoran, Sasha Aschenbrand, Kristen Sweeney, Jess Seabury '99, Kim Jordan, Carrie Vicens Leary, Heather Messina Ford, **Jen Little**, **Robert Hunter**, and **Jeff Walwyn** '02. Julie and Sean traveled to Hawaii and Maui on their honeymoon and now live in Foxboro, MA.

Let's also hope our friends in school and those with new jobs can take some time off to see us in June! **Carolyn Stechel** left her former job and stayed in NYC to pursue an MBA at Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business, Honors Program, majoring in marketing. **Allison Deschamps** is finishing up her PhD in sociology at the U. of

Chicago and is applying for postdoctoral fellowships on the East Coast. This summer **Ben Kuhn** will graduate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and begin a pediatrics residency at the Penn State U. Hershey Medical Center. **Rachel Bauer** just completed a master's in teaching at Tufts U. and now teaches math at a public high school in Boston. **Oceane Aubry** graduated with a DVM degree from Kansas State U. College of Veterinary Medicine, and is now working as an associate veterinarian in a small animal practice in Orange County, CA. **Erica Sackett** graduated last December with an MA in Missions & Intercultural Studies from Wheaton College Graduate School. **David Sue**, PhD '04, received his PhD in Food Science and Technology in the Ag college last year and then moved to Atlanta, GA, where he began an emerging infectious diseases research Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **John Poe Tyler**, ME '03, just moved to Hawaii in February to build, start up, and operate a new plant within a wastewater treatment plant.

Finally, on a more somber note, I am sad to report that our classmate **Brad Rowse** died suddenly on December 26 while spending the holidays with his wife **Heather Robin Scholl** '01 and her family this past year. Brad was a member of the Cornell football team and a brother of Delta Upsilon fraternity. After graduation, Brad received his master's in professional studies from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at SUNY in Syracuse. Brad then worked as a wildlife and natural resources policy specialist with the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. He provided advice, support, and information to members of Congress, and resided with Heather in Reston, VA. On behalf of the Class of 2000 Class Council and all our classmates, I extend our deepest condolences to Brad's family and friends. ♦ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Striffler**, sj534@cornell.edu.

## 01

There was probably no greater month to be in Ithaca than May. The coldness of the past winter was a distant memory, and there was the excitement of another semester coming to an end and the anticipation of what the summer would hold. Next summer holds the anticipation of returning to Ithaca to celebrate our first class reunion. It is never too early to plan ahead, so mark your calendars for June 8-11, 2006. If you would like to help in any way with reunion preparations, please contact **Audra Lifson** at ARL8@cornell.edu.

Along with the joyous news to report about our class, there is sobering news to share as well. **Bradden Rowse** '00, husband of classmate **Heather Scholl** (Reston, VA), passed away suddenly on December 26, 2004. A member of Cornell football, Brad was a wildlife and natural resources policy specialist with the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), providing advice, support, and information to members of Congress through CSF's affiliation with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, a bipartisan group of more than 300 US representatives and senators. Donations in Brad's honor can be made to the

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, 110 North Carolina Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003 and to the Nancy Howes Management Center at the Antioch New England Institute, 40 Avon St., Keene, NH 03431.

Several Cornellians attended the September 18, 2004 wedding of classmates **Antoinette Olivares** and **Jason Terrana**, JD '04. The ILR alumni wedding at Sage Chapel was followed by a reception at the Statler Hotel. Classmates in attendance included the bride's maid of honor **Francesca Pedemonti**, **Kelly Moson**, **Elizabeth Sperman**, **Christy Bensen**, **Matthew Cheldelin**, **Benjamin Park**, **David Teigman**, **Dmitriy Shamrakov**, JD '04, and **Michelle Wankmuller**. Antoinette works as a compensation specialist at Marsh & McLennan and Jason is a corporate attorney at the law firm Cahill, Gordon & Reindel LLP. The Terranas have made their home in the Murray Hill section of New York City.

**Kimberle Yee** Lau will be celebrating her first wedding anniversary to husband Brian on June 5, 2005. They were married last year in Manhattan and classmates in attendance for the celebration included **Helen Huang**, **Yee Chow**, **Irene Wang**, ME '02, **David Poh**, and **Richard Tseng**. Living in Manhattan, Kimberle is working on her MBA at Columbia Business School while her husband works as an accountant. Also living in the City, **Bianca Taxman** is an art director at Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising. Classmate **Krissten Silvi** works for the general counsel of Miramax Films, also in New York City.

**Brooke Benlifer** is a private practice registered dietician and does inpatient clinical work at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, CA, in addition to working as an associate for USANA Health Sciences. She is enjoying spending time with family and friends in California and elsewhere, and has stayed busy spending time outdoors, running, taking Pilates and spinning classes, and traveling. Last December Brooke was able to spend a month in New Zealand. In Bath, NY, **Marc McConnell** is the president of Babcock Co. Inc., a ladder manufacturing company. Since 2002, he has also served as a director of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co. Inc., a small NASDAQ-traded manufacturing company in Armstrong, IA. At the time, Marc was the youngest director of a public company in America (and may still be). On the side, he has also been pursuing a career as a race car driver. Having spent the last two years gaining experience racing BMWs (as well as Porsches and Maseratis), Marc hopes to start racing professionally within the next two to three years.

**Erica Chatfield** and **Joan Dejarden** wrote in to report that they are now living in a new apartment in Bethesda, MD, with their cocker spaniel, Ezra. They have been busy pursuing their passion to travel, having gone to Costa Rica, Hawaii, New Orleans, and Cancun last year. Congratulations to **Brooke Hafets** for her promotion to outreach manager at the National Ability Center in Park City, UT. The National Ability Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality therapeutic recreation to people with disabilities and their families.

Classmates **Diana Tyler** and **Erin Bordley** are also in Park City, working for the US Ski and

Snowboard Association. And **Josh Greenbaum** is the director of Park City TV, an RSN channel. Another Park City resident, Olympian **Hannah Hardaway** is still skiing, but no longer competitively. Instead, she is staying busy with appearances, photo shoots, and filming, the latest being Warren Miller's *IMPACT*. In addition, Hannah is coaching some and working as a river rafting, hiking, biking, and snowshoeing guide.

Congratulations to **Amanda Lipman** on the opening of her new business, Newbury Catering, in Hampton, NH. Newbury Catering offers upscale catering for events, as well as a storefront bistro and bakery. Other entrepreneurs in our class include **Jeremy Vitale** and his wife Eliza. They opened SunMist Africa, a tanning salon without UV lights, in Ithaca, NY.

A second-year medical student at the U. of Oklahoma College of Medicine, **Ester Cobb** was awarded two grants last summer to conduct a research project on juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at the OU Children's Hospital. Last fall, **Cara Starke** completed the Williams College Graduate Program in the History of Art. After graduating from the U. of Florida Levin College of Law, **Sharon Ellis** studied for the Florida Bar this past winter and clerked at a corporate law firm in Coconut Grove, FL. Send news to ♦ **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Walach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

**Who else loves "Desperate Housewives?"** I am excited to begin my internship with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia in the Training & Development dept. She switches to house arrest next month and will begin filming her spin of an "Apprentice"-like show. Anyone itching to be Martha's apprentice should apply now! I'm planning a trip to Israel in May and also want to work on a Rein Teen Tour this summer, which travels to our beloved 49th and 50th states—places I fear I would not get to otherwise. If anyone else knows what a Teen Tour is, or has ever gone on one, then you understand why I want to go back as a staff member. Besides, what is the summer between a two-year graduate school program for? Certainly not a practical "real" job, as my family is pressuring me to find instead.

Let's hear it for those of us who can't get enough of school! **Elisabeth Cohen** (eac26@cornell.edu) is residing in Salt Lake City, UT. She attends the U. of Utah for a master's in meteorology and works as an NSF GK-12 Fellow. **Rafael Jaramillo**, ME '03 (rj23@cornell.edu) is living in Chicago and has an MS in physics from the U. of Chicago. He is also an NSF Grad Research Fellow. **Eli Slome** (elislome2000@yahoo.com) of West Hempstead, NY, is enrolled in a master's program for industrial/organizational psychology at Hofstra U. Eli keeps in touch with other Cornell alumni all over the country. "I enjoy the program very much—interesting and challenging." **Michael Chung**, currently attending Albert Einstein College of Medicine, will graduate with the Class of 2006. **Lizzie Macaulay** is at Oxford U. doing a PhD in classical archaeology. Passing along news of fellow classmates, Lizzie writes, "I've seen **Lizzie Andrews**, who is doing a master's at Sotheby's in

London, and **Josh Farber** with his wife Bettina in London. Josh works for Barclay's Capital now and is enjoying living in London."

Several of you who have been in the workforce the past few years are now adding a bit of school back into your lives. **Morgan Grey** just began her second year of teaching middle school Latin. She is also applying to graduate schools for a PhD in classical studies. "Tough call, because my students are sweet, but not sweet enough to keep me from pondering other options," she muses. **Cindy Winoto** updates us as follows: "I finally got out of Cornell after 6.5 years! I defended my MS thesis in November 2004 and obtained my degree in January 2005. I started working for Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, MI, as a food technologist. I wish I could be in a warmer climate after Ithaca's nasty winters, but I am loving my new job!" **Serena Schlake** writes, "I'm finishing up my MS at UC Davis and have started working at the Clorox Company as a food product developer." Hopefully the food and the Clorox are far, far away from each other . . .

And of course, we have our graduates who are hard at work, in and out of the office. **Ruthie Levy** (ltruthie@hotmail.com) writes, "I ran in the Army 10-miler this past October, along with fellow alumni **Amy Gorman**, **Sarah Park** '01, and **Charles Basinger** '00." At the time Ruthie sent in her update, she was gearing up to be deployed to Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division in January 2005. **Joanna Mikolajewski** recently accepted a job with global consulting firm Capgemini in New York City, working in public relations and marketing. Joanna also wrote to tell us of classmates **Haitham Khouri** and **Joe Cornell**, who will both be joining Oakhill Partners, a private equity fund, in August 2005. Haitham will be working in the San Francisco office and Joe will be based in New York City. Currently, Haitham is with Deutsche Bank in the Consumer Group, and Joe works at Morgan Stanley in the Mergers and Acquisitions Group. **Lilaj Segal** is a senior planner at the Wedding Library in New York City. **David Friedland** writes, "I just started a new job as an executive engineer for Tellme Networks Inc. in Mountain View, CA."

Some Cornellians manage to sustain their well-rounded interests and skills, which can take them to far-off places. **John Kenny** has been working for Remington Vernick Walberg Engineers, a civil engineering firm, out in Wildwood, NJ, since October 2002. "I recently returned from Dubai, UAE, where I competed in the 2004 World Championships of Open Water Swimming. I finished 17th in the 10K event and 10th in the 25K event. I'm interested in staying in touch with fellow alumni, especially '02 CEEs." If anyone wants to contact John to say hello (or to ask for swimming lessons), feel free to call him at (609) 441-0994 or e-mail jkenny5150@yahoo.com. Congratulations to John on his international accomplishment!

**Jessica Sheldon** is still working at Creative Materials Corp., a distributor of architectural tile, brick, and stone in Albany, NY. "My current position as a national sales account manager is both challenging and enjoyable. My degree in interior design helps me to relate to the architects and interior designers with whom I work.

In July I had a mini-reunion with several Chi Omega sisters at the wedding of **Kelly Wang Kincaid**. Fellow Chi O's **Elizabeth Gingold**, **Melanie Greenman**, **Emily Scheckels '03**, and **Lauren Parson** were all in attendance. In October I traveled to San Francisco for a half-marathon, the Nike 26.2, as part of 'Team in Training,' raising money for leukemia and lymphoma research." Jessica recently moved from Scotia, NY, to an apartment in Saratoga Springs, NY. ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Liz Richards**, elizabethlauren\_richards@yahoo.com.

**03** How we've missed the warmer weather and the rejuvenation of Mother Nature that comes with spring. And like the ever-changing seasons, our classmates have been busy, busy, busy, changing their lives. Starting in academia, **David Fisher** is currently attending Cornell Law School (Class of 2006). **Ross MacDonald** is continuing his Cornell education at Weill Cornell Medical School in New York City. **Adam Frankel** is pursuing a PhD program in physics at the U. of Maryland.

Congratulations to **Susan Zelmanovich**, now Mrs. Susan Shafar. She writes, "I married Norman Shafar (Yeshiva U. '02) on November 30, 2003. Our wedding was shared with many Cornellians (both current students and alumni) who traveled far distances to celebrate with us." **Jennifer Lynn Paugh** was married on June 5, 2004 to Joshua Cross, a corporal in the US Marine Corps who is fighting in Iraq and "hopefully due home in April 2005." She adds, "I am currently into my second year at St. George's U. in veterinary school in Grenada. However, after hurricane Ivan hit the island we were forced to evacuate and are currently finishing out the term at Purdue U."

Out in the work force, **Maurice Heckscher III** started work at Delaware Investments back in November. **Zhijian Hu** is working for Belterra Casino Resort, a property of Pinnacle Entertainment Inc., as a financial analyst. **Narisa Ratana** writes, "After working in sunny Miami for one year at a consulting firm, I recently relocated to Seattle to work for Starbucks in the Store Concepts Group. The Northwest is breathtaking!" She shared that **Robin Lim** has been at Microsoft in Redmond, WA, since graduation and is "a great friend to have in the area!" Other updates from Narisa: **Nikki Graf** wrapped up a year with Americorps and toured South Asia with **Tyler Goepfert** (now working for Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst. in Massachusetts). **Saba Deyhim** has been bouncing between Asian countries for work. **Elaine Poon** has commenced school at Vermont Law. **Audrey Battista** has made her appearance in Manhattan as a Citigroup analyst. **Josh Tzrasko** and **Alan Hwang** are freezing in the Midwest, each in grad school.

As for me, I continue on in Norfolk as the new Auxiliaries Officer for my ship, the Navy destroyer USS Ross. In May I will be getting out of the military and looking west to move to the Seattle area and pursue real estate and law interests. Best wishes to you all and please keep the news coming! ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu; and **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

**04** Hello, everyone! Our classmates are doing a lot of interesting stuff. Here are the updates for this issue. Send some information on yourself or a message you want to send the class and I'll put it into my next column. **Christopher Westgate** (Communication and Spanish Literature) has entered the field of cultural studies as a graduate student at Columbia U. in the City of New York. He welcomes anyone with an interest in mass media and cultural studies to contact him, particularly those investigating the application of literary theory to the media and popular culture in Spanish America. "Cornell definitely prepared me very well for this challenge!"

From **Rachel Shaw**: "I am currently teaching third grade at the Rashi School of Newton, MA, and living in Boston. Next year, I will be attending Columbia Teacher's College in order to obtain a master's in gifted education. My father, **Anthony Shaw '76**, ME '77, taught a course on patent law in the Law school this past fall, and Cornell recently accepted my brother Daniel to the Class of 2009! We are a true Cornell family! I send my love to all of my professors and friends, and hope to visit Ithaca soon." Speaking of Ithaca, if you're in town you may want to stop by and say hello to **Christopher Lackert**, who is attending the Cornell Inst. for Public Affairs (CIPA) MPA program.

**Esther Tang** writes, "I've started working in Dallas, TX. One of my projects entails a trade mission to China with local leaders of private enterprise and public office. I hope to give cowboy hats to Mainland Chinese government officials." **Lee Ann Gullie** is working as the program coordinator at a nonprofit that works with female cancer survivors. The organization, Shop Well With You, helps women with cancer improve their body image and quality of life by using clothing as a means toward wellness.

ARE YOU GOOD WITH COMPUTERS? DO YOU WANT TO BE THE CLASS OF 2004 WEBMASTER? Please e-mail **Russell Franklin** for more information, at rfranklin@law.harvard.edu.

Our class is on theFacebook.com. Join our group, "Cornell Class of 2004." Also, update your information in the Cornell Alumni Directory! Go to the alumni website (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/>), click on "Services," and access the Alumni Directory, Career Resources, Transcripts, and Discussion Groups. ♦ **Vanessa Matisis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

**05** Most of the class of 2005 is still in Ithaca, enjoying the spring weather, putting the finishing touches on honors thesis work, and even getting teary about our nearing graduation. But what of the others? Those starry-eyed dreamers and overachieving classmates who graduated in December and staked their claims outside of Central New York's hillsides. What of their adventures? **Rachel Brenner**, former president of Kappa Delta, is in the middle of a three-month visit to Israel. She started her journey with a week-long stay in Tel Aviv, where she met up with some friends, and then moved on to Jerusalem. She's currently working as a public relations intern for Hadassah, a women's Zionist organization. While

Rachel is traveling independently, she is currently affiliated with Stagerim, the Jewish Agency's internship program. Besides providing travel information and contacts in the country, the group also organizes regular events with its interns, which Rachel has been taking full advantage of. While abroad, she's also been keeping busy by learning Hebrew, volunteering for Israeli charities, and traveling.

**Jon Gilman** (a former Mary Donlon resident) has taken up a new address in Salamanca, Spain, where he's currently finishing up a seven-week stay. While the city has been colder than he expected, Jon noted that it is warmer and sunnier than Ithaca. "For a population of close to 360,000, the city offers more for the traveling student than I had expected. Voy a disfrutarlo muchísimo!" or so he wrote to me in a recent e-mail. Jon's next stop is Beijing, where he'll spend four weeks before returning stateside. In the fall, he'll start his new job at Lehman Brothers.

"I accidentally became a real person," jokes **Philip Rant**, who has recently found himself immersed in the steady 9-5 work of an actuary. Employed by Cigna in scenic Connecticut, Phil finds himself close to two of the greatest loves of his life: his girlfriend, and the New York Yankees. **Jason Amsel**, Phil's former roommate, recently left Ithaca with diploma in hand for steady work at Sandia National Laboratories in California. When not working on secret government projects, Jason and his co-workers enjoy playing video games, frequenting local bars, and taking in the occasional Bay Area sporting event. While he is enjoying his newfound, problem-set-free lifestyle, Jason admits he misses college and is applying for fall 2005 spots at various engineering master's programs.

After being tempted by offers from Merrill Lynch, **Hemanth Srinivas** has also departed for the West Coast, but finds himself working at Microsoft. Currently involved in revamping the company's Office suite, he's working on providing updated graphics and visuals for the program's next release. Hemanth currently enjoys a quick commute to work, which consists of crossing the street from his apartment to Microsoft's main campus. He also has been taking full advantage of Microsoft's employee benefits. Besides their discounted purchasing program, there is the pro club, which according to him "is absolutely ridiculous." The facilities include four pools, four basketball courts, seven racquetball courts, nine squash courts, three cardio rooms, a weight room, spa, sauna, and eatery, and six courts to fuel Hemanth's tennis obsession.

As our own time on the Hill draws to a close, and we prepare to join our classmates above in the "real world," my fellow officers and I would like to encourage all of you to take advantage of Cornell's free lifetime e-mail forwarding. To do so, however, you must first sign up at <http://www.cuconnect.cornell.edu>. Wait till after graduation, though, or you'll prematurely lose your online library privileges and access to webmail. Finally, I'd like to encourage all of you to send updates to us as you finalize your post-Cornell plans. ♦ **Matthew Janiga**, mwj3@cornell.edu; and **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

## Alumni Deaths

**'23 ME—Linton Stone** of Wilmington, DE, January 21, 1992. Alpha Tau Omega.

**'23 BS Ag—Gladys Wellar** Usher of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Homer, NY, August 31, 2004; farmer; teacher, Country Day School; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

**'26 BS HE—Charlotte Beach** Owens of Bradford, VT, February 27, 2004.

**'27 PhD—Felipe T. Adriano** of Hagonoy, Bulacan, Philippines, January 13, 1978; chemist.

**'27 BA, MA '28—Ulrica Judson** Wood of Terrytown, LA, August 20, 2004; retired teacher, Endicott, NY, school system.

**'28 BA—Myron G. Rosenbaum** of Albuquerque, NM, July 13, 2004; retired orthopedic surgeon; veteran; violinist, New Mexico Symphony; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'28 BArch—Charles L. Thompson Jr.** of Little Rock, AR, July 7, 1993.

**'29 BA—Helen Markson** Isaacs of White Plains, NY, June 13, 2002. Husband, Jerome S. Isaacs '28, BEE '29.

**'29 BA—Donald W. Mueller** of Pacific Grove, CA, formerly of Los Alamos, NM, July 21, 2004; physicist; worked for Los Alamos Nat'l Laboratories; worked on the Manhattan Project and on the development of the hydrogen bomb.

**'29—Thelma Fleischner** Rosoff of New York City, June 27, 2004; attorney; partner, Rosoff and Rosoff.

**'29 BEE—Charles W. Roth** of Hot Springs Village, AR, May 20, 2004.

**'29 BA—Francis H. Schaefer Jr.** of Ithaca, NY, August 21, 2004; world history teacher, Watkins Glen and Ithaca high schools; newspaper reporter; veteran; author; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'29 BA—Anita Sadler** Weiss (Mrs. Harry B. '28, LLB '30) of Baltimore, MD, August 1, 2004; retired social worker; dept. chief, Jewish Family Services; sculptor; poet; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

**'30 BS Ag—Ralph L. Higley** of Altamonte Springs, FL, July 31, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

**'30 BS Ag—Priscilla Hicks** Jaquith of Baton Rouge, LA, formerly of New York City, August 28, 2004; writer and newspaper reporter; publicist for the Rockefeller Center; author of award-winning *Bo Rabbit Smart for True: Tall Tales from the Gullah*; member of PEN and the Woman Pays Club; artist; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

**'30 BS Ag—Elizabeth Irish** Knapp of Houston, TX, July 23, 2004; editor, *The Texas Churchman*; researcher, CBS; author; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'30 BA, JD '34—Charles E. Treman Jr.** of Ithaca, NY, September 16, 2004; CEO, Ithaca Trust and Tompkins County Trust; veteran; Cornell presidential councilor; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha.

**'31 BME—Louis A. Fekete** of Lynbrook, NY, November 10, 1994.

**'31 MD—Elizabeth P. Fleming** of Norman, OK, December 1, 2001; physician.

**'31—Wisner A. Kelley** of Flushing, NY, December 25, 2003.

**'31 BME—Carl R. Lemon** of Tucson, AZ, February 1, 1997.

**'31 BS Ag—Francis A. Lueder Jr.** of Trumansburg, NY, July 2, 2004; professor, Cornell U. Ag college; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa. Wife, Marian (Lasher) '33.

**'31—Alice Macnaught** Mauer of Waynesboro, VA, June 2, 2004.

**'31 PhD—Nancy Booker Morey** (Mrs. Donald R., PhD '31) of Spencerport, NY, July 28, 2004.

**'32 MD—William A. Cooper** of Southbury, CT, July 13, 2004; associate professor of clinical surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College; attending surgeon, New York Hospital; veteran; author; expert on the diagnosis of gastric cancer; active in community and professional affairs.

**'32 BS Ag—Elmer "Flip" S. Phillips** of Ithaca, NY, August 28, 2004; photographer; photography professor, Cornell U.; head of Cornell's Visual Aids Services; filmmaker; Voice of the Big Red; wine-maker; author; editor, *American Wine Society Journal*; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

**'33 BA—Ruth Legum** Goodman of Reston, VA, August 15, 2004; active in community and religious affairs.

**'33—William H. Knoble** of Tequesta, FL, formerly of Rocky River, OH, August 17, 2004; retired president, Knoble's Flowers; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

**'33 BEE—Joseph W. McWilliams** of Pittsford, NY, June 3, 2004; retired engineer, Eastman Kodak; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Sigma Rho.

**'33, BA '32, B Chem E '33—H. H. Peckham** of Columbia, MO, June 9, 1998.

**'33 BS Hotel—William I. Pentecost** of Clarks Green, PA, July 28, 2004; bank president; hotelier; partner, wholesale grocery; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Sigma Chi.

**'34 BA, PhD '38—Charles H. Bridges** of Livonia, MI, August 18, 2004; engineer; vice president of packaging development, Kellogg Co.; also worked for Sharples Chemicals and Eastman Kodak; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

**'34 BA—Herbert L. Kehr** of Beverly Hills, CA, July 6, 2004; physician, L.A. Children's Hospital; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

**'34—William M. North** of Lansdale, PA, July 7, 2004; president, American Olean Tile; chairman, National Gypsum; active in community affairs. Delta Upsilon.

**'34 BA—Elsie Starks** Shreeve of Annapolis, MD, May 8, 2004. Delta Delta Delta.

**'34 BA—Mary Jewell Willoughby** (Mrs. Everett S. '34) of Lenox, MA, August 28, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

**'35 BA—Gustav U. Gants** of Larchmont, NY, July 4, 2004; sales manager; active in alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

**'35 DVM—Doyle W. Hennessee** of Meridian, TX, March 30, 1988; veterinarian.

**'35 BEE—Henning S. Hermanson** of Lititz, PA, July 25, 2004; engineer; retired supervisor, American Instruments; also worked for IBM and Honeywell; active in civic and community affairs.

**'35 BS HE—Eleanor Geller** Leinoff of Melbourne Beach, FL, April 28, 2004.

**'35 BME—John S. Leslie** of Hanover, NH, July 29, 2004; president and chairman, Leslie Co.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

**'35 BS Ag—Esther Aronson** Rothenberg of Ithaca, NY, August 31, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

- '35—Charles Winer** of Rome, OH, August 1, 2000.
- '36 BA, LLB '38—Donald G. Briggs** of Tavares, FL, August 16, 2004; attorney.
- '36 BA—Col. Donald L. Keeler** of Melbourne, FL, March 24, 2004; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.
- '36, BA '37, PhD '41—John I. Lacey** of Rancho Mirage, CA, June 27, 2004; professor emeritus, School of Medicine, Wright State U. Wife, Beatrice (Cates) '40.
- '36-37 GR—Julius D. Lewis** of Binghamton, NY, December 29, 2003; owner, Dave Lewis Shoe Store; active in community and religious affairs.
- '36 BA—Elizabeth Fessenden Washburn** of Charlotte, NC, August 18, 2004; analytic research chemist; ornithologist; conservationist; outdoors-woman; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Delta.
- '37 BS Ag—Norman C. Healy** of Lewiston, NY, formerly of Beaufort, SC, August 3, 2004; chief, Fruit Branch Div., USDA; responsible for fruits and vegetables in the school lunch program; veteran. Phi Delta Theta.
- '37 BA—Clara Strang Hurley** of Brockport, NY, December 11, 2003.
- '37, BA '41, MA '42—Beatrice Rashleigh Johnson** of Palo Alto, CA, February 13, 2004; former teacher; active in community and religious affairs.
- '37 BEE—Wilbur H. Peter Jr.** of Sarasota, FL, August 19, 2004; vice president, Industria Electrica de Mexico; vice president, Square D Co.; general mgr., EC&M; active in community and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.
- '37 BA—Miriam C. Reed** of Newtown, PA, August 12, 2004; retired dermatologist; taught at the U. of Pennsylvania; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.
- '37 BS HE—Helena Palmer Sprague** of Hartford, CT, July 17, 2004; home economics and family studies teacher, Darien and New Britain school systems. Alpha Phi.
- '37—James S. Thompson Jr.** of Ashland, OR, formerly of La Jolla, CA, August 24, 2004, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- '37 M Ed—Charles E. Wingo** of Wilmington, NC, February 28, 1986.
- '37 BA—Richard Wisch** of Boynton Beach, FL, August 19, 2004. Alpha Epsilon Pi.
- '38 BA—David Beitler** of Tallahassee, FL, January 11, 2003; veteran. Beta Sigma Rho.
- '38, BS Ag '37—Eliazar L. Drasin** of Monroe, NJ, September 4, 1999.
- '38 BArch—Miguel Ferrer-Rincon** of San Juan, PR, September 29, 2004; architect; partner, Toro Ferrer y Torregrosa; active in professional and alumni affairs.
- '38—Germaine Miller Gallagher** of Annapolis, MD, July 22, 2004; head of water quality issues, Maryland League of Women Voters; former editor, *Cornell Daily Sun*; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- '38—Frank P. Hill** of San Diego, CA, July 16, 2004.
- '38, BS HE '39—Marjorie Vreeland King** of Sun City, CA, July 16, 2004; home economics teacher, Susquehanna Valley High School.
- '38 BA—June Breen May** of Cooperstown, NY, May 24, 2004.
- '38 BA, LLB '40—Herbert P. Polk** of Floral Park, NY, August 25, 2004; attorney; active in alumni affairs. Pi Lambda Phi.
- '38 BA—Allen D. Shapiro** of Chatham, MA, April 3, 2004; retired pediatrician and allergist; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.
- '39 MA—Mary H. Bickley** of Elkins Park, PA, September 21, 2004; literature and composition teacher, and chair, English dept., Abington Friends School.
- '39 BS Ag—Henry L. De Graff** of Williamsburg, VA, May 26, 2004.
- '39 BA, JD '41—Morgan T. Fisher** of Tequesta, FL, September 17, 2004.
- '39 BA—Robert T. Foote** of Milwaukee, WI, September 26, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Chi Psi.
- '39, BA '40—Ezra M. Greenspan** of New York City, September 3, 2004; professor emeritus, Mount Sinai Medical School.
- '39—Doris Whitehill Guelich** of Boca Raton, FL, July 5, 2004. Delta Delta Delta.
- '39—George W. Miller** of Ithaca, NY, September 14, 2004; senior vice president, First National Bank and Trust; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '39 PhD—Ben E. White** of Newtown Square, PA, September 5, 2004; retired chemical company executive; active in civic and community affairs.
- '39 BEE—John C. Wolff** of Cheshire, CT, September 15, 2004; electrical engineer; worked for Montgomery Wire Co. and Whitney Blake Co.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.
- '40 BA—Lowell O. Anderson** of Naples, FL, June 11, 2004.
- '40 BS Ag, MS Ag '41—Bancherd Balankura** of Sukhumvit, Thailand, September 23, 2004; director-general, Land Development Dept. of Thailand; founder, Thailand's Land Classification School; soil conservationist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '40 BS Ag—J. Louis Jennings** of Palatine Bridge, NY, July 4, 2004.
- '40—Arthur E. Lawes** of Charlottesville, VA, November 9, 2003. Chi Psi.
- '40—George E. Springer Jr.** of Miami, FL, September 7, 2004; development manager. Phi Kappa Psi.
- '41, BS Ag '42—Katherine E. Barnes** of Ithaca, NY, August 15, 2004; active in alumni affairs.
- '41—John D. Beattie Jr.** of Homosassa, FL, July 12, 2004; dentist; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.
- '41 BS Aero—Alfred F. Brady** of Far Hills, NJ, September 23, 2004. Sigma Phi.
- '41 BS HE, MS HE '61—Martha Cross Durfee** of Raleigh, NC, September 28, 2004. Delta Gamma. Husband, Arthur E. Durfee '40.
- '41 BME—Calvin O. English** of Atlantic Beach, FL, August 7, 2004; engineer; active in alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.
- '41—Sol Feigenbaum** of Arlington, MA, November 7, 1991; mathematics professor, U. of Bridgeport; veteran.
- '41 BME—Porter W. Gifford Jr.** of Dallas, TX, September 11, 2004; president and chairman, Gifford-Hill Co.; rancher; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.
- '41 BME—William T. Hagar** of Tillson, NY, July 25, 2004; engineer; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.
- '41 BS Ag—J. Milton McMahon** of Penfield, NY, July 12, 2003; retired from Eastman Kodak; veteran and Japanese interpreter; active in religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '41 BA, B Chem E '42—James M. Meyers** of Chatham, NJ, September 11, 2004; retired Exxon engineer; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '41 BME—Robert E. Ohaus** of State College, PA, August 3, 2004; retired president, Ohaus Scale Corp.; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Theta Xi.
- '41 BA—Alvin Nesselbush Stone** (Mrs. Alvin D.) of Lancaster, NY, July 21, 2004; active in alumni affairs.
- '41 BS Ag—Helen Nichols Tiura** of Palo Alto, CA, July 29, 1998.

**'41 BA—Adolph R. Wichman** of Boonton, NJ, August 15, 2004; former chief of surgery, St. Clare's Hospital; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Zeta Psi.

**'42 BS Ag—Charles W. Atwater** of Lowell, MA, January 5, 2003; worked for Soil Conservation Service.

**'42 BA, MD '45—George B. Banister** of Elkin, NC, August 23, 2004; physician. Phi Kappa Psi. Wife, Winona (Chambers) '42.

**'42 MD—A. Norton Benner** of Woodside, CA, January 8, 2004; physician.

**'42 BS Ag—Fredrika Lofberg** Decker of Beacon, NY, September 30, 2004.

**'42—John F. Ford** of Binghamton, NY, April 6, 2003.

**'42 BME—Edward M. Holub** of Media, PA, July 17, 2004; mechanical engineer.

**'42—John L. Kirsch** of Fort Collins, CO, formerly of Fort Lauderdale, FL, August 24, 2004; mechanical engineer; real estate developer; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'42 JD—Donald A. Levinger** of Elmira, NY, September 29, 2004; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'42—James Lieberman** of Westport, CT, September 23, 2001; director of health, Greenwich Dept. of Health.

**'42 BA—Edwin C. Parkhill** of Norwich, NY, August 25, 2004; interior designer; veteran; motion picture producer, General Electric; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

**'42—William W. Rusch** of Southold, NY, August 29, 2004; treasurer, Suffolk Cement Products; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

**'42 BS Ag—Eugene S. Schneider** of Tacoma, WA, November 22, 2003.

**'42 BEE—Thomas M. Wilson** of Stuarts Draft, VA, February 8, 2004; product design engineer, General Electric. Wife, Beryl (Cooke) '42.

**'43 BS Hotel—Roger L. Alley** of Ormond Beach, FL, September 25, 2004. Theta Chi.

**'43—James C. Earl** of Unadilla, NY, October 20, 2003; retired dairy farmer; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

**'43—Herbert M. Hirsch** of Margate, FL, September 27, 2000; Tau Delta Phi.

**'43 BEE—Robert W. Hughes** of San Antonio, TX, December 23, 2003. Phi Kappa Psi.

**'43 BS Ag—Anthony J. La Scala** of Chatham, MA, July 10, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

**'43 BA—Sanford T. Miller** of San Diego, CA, September 14, 2004; retired from Union Bank; veteran. Beta Sigma Rho.

**'43—William A. Murdoch Jr.** of Melbourne, FL, December 17, 2003.

**'43 BCE—Thomas O. Nobis** of Davenport, IA, February 20, 2004; president, Central Engineering; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

**'43 BS Ag—Frank J. Roberto** of Highland, NY, July 29, 2004; founder, Phoenix Electronics Enterprises; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

**'43 B Chem E—Richard H. Simmonds** of Hemel Hempstead, UK, July 19, 2004; chemical engineer.

**'43 MD—Leonard R. Straub** of Sanford, NC, July 6, 2004; retired psychiatrist; taught at Weill Cornell Medical College; veteran; taught English to prospective citizens.

**'43 BA—Roy B. Unger** of Ithaca, NY, August 18, 2004; retired president, Serta Mattress Co.; former executive, Sealy Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

**'43 BME—Donald A. Ward** of Charlotte, VT, April 18, 2004; engineer. Alpha Sigma Phi.

**'44 BME—Charles W. Fox** of Cottonwood, AZ, February 21, 1997; owner, Fox Industries. Pi Kappa Psi.

**'44 BA—Barbara Gans Gallant** of Gainesville, FL, September 29, 2004; social studies teacher, Gainesville High School; education activist; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

**'44, BS Ag '46—Richard L. Gerwitz** of North Syracuse, NY, September 5, 2004; police officer; former restaurant owner; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

**'44 B Chem E—Fay McClelland** of Southampton, PA, September 3, 2004; chemical engineer, DuPont, IBM, and Stokes Molded Products; musician; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Acacia.

**'44 BS Ag—Peter Mullen** of West Islip, NY, December 21, 2000.

**'45—Louis J. Corbetta** of Norwalk, CT, July 30, 2004.

**'45, BA '46—Donald B. Iseman** of Westhampton Beach, NY, July 8, 2004; partner, Neuberger & Berman; veteran; active in professional and alumni affairs.

**'45, BA '48—William P. Mulvihill** of Glen Cove, NY, September 17, 2004; novelist; author of *The*

*Sands of the Kalahari*; history teacher, Glen Cove High School; creative writing teacher, Long Island U.; publisher, Bricklin Press; veteran. Sigma Nu.

**'45 Miriam Taylor** Sajkovic of South Hadley, MA, July 1, 2004; professor, Holyoke Community College; author. Delta Gamma.

**'45—Edward W. Schreiner** of Pittsford, NY, July 19, 2004; active in community and religious affairs.

**'45 BA—Ina Hundinger Wolf** of Sag Harbor, NY, September 27, 2004. Alpha Phi.

**'46 PhD—Eugene W. Dehner** of Atchison, KS, September 7, 2004; professor emeritus in biology, St. Benedict's College and Benedictine College; priest; national chaplain, Nat'l Federation of Catholic College students; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'46—Floyd O. Kenyon** of Sun Lakes, AZ, September 25, 2004. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'46 MD—Warren B. Nestler** of Bangor, ME, formerly of Summit, NJ, September 14, 2004; physician; administrator, Overlook Hospital; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'47 BS HE, MS HE '51—Phyllis Reuning Berg** of Charlottesville, VA, August 2, 2004; home economics professor, U. of Illinois and UCLA; active in community affairs.

**'47, BA '46—Joan Rowe** Chibnik (Mrs. Sheldon '46, BA '44) of Cherry Hill, NJ, September 11, 2004; worked for ExxonMobil.

**'47 JD—Frank Horton** of Bentonville, VA, August 30, 2004; attorney; liberal Republican Congressman, Rochester, NY; sponsored the Whistle Blower Protection Act, Home Rule Act (for Washington, DC), and Paperwork Reduction Act; former executive, Rochester Red Wings; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'47 BCE—Robert D. Loucks** of Dalton, GA, July 11, 2003. Chi Epsilon.

**'47 BS Ag—Ruth Cohn** Maltinsky of Rochester, NY, September 9, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

**'47 BA, MA '48—Lois J. Meek** of Cheshire, CT, July 26, 2004; architectural draftsperson; active in community and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

**'47 BA, LLB '50—Arthur B. Netter** of Old Greenwich, CT, September 28, 2004; attorney; writer; consultant. Phi Sigma Delta.

**'48 BS Ag—Gordon W. Ball** of Greenville, SC, August 29, 2004; dairy manager; chemical adhesive sales manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'48, BS Hotel '49—Henry O. Barbour** of Dallastown, PA, August 16, 2004; former president, Culinary Institute of America; veteran; hotelier;



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'48 BS Ag—**Horace I. Brink** of Arcadia, FL, March 14, 2004. Wife, Elinor (Monroe) '50.

'48 MBA—**George B. Burpee** of Ambler, PA, July 8, 2004. Delta Upsilon.

'48 BA—**Robert L. Emmet** of Jackson, MI, May 28, 2004; vice president, Jacobson's Store Inc.; active in community affairs.

'48 BA—**Nancy H. Fulton** of Dunkirk, NY, July 21, 2004. Pi Beta Phi.

'48 BA—**Howard Halpin** of Haddon Heights, NJ, April 12, 2003; chemist and research supervisor, Marshall Lab, Dupont; veteran.

'48 BArch—**John L. Haughwout** of Pittsburgh, PA, July 6, 2004; architect; secretary, Pennsylvania State Art Commission; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'48 PhD—**Florence Thomas** Martin of Belleville, IL, September 9, 2004; retired teacher, Southwestern Illinois College and Parks College; horticulturalist.

'48 BA—**Shirley L. Rubert** of Marietta, NY, August 4, 2004; psychologist, medical director, Hutchings Psychiatric Center; also practiced at Upstate Medical Center; pilot; active in professional affairs.

'48 BME—**Frederick P. Seymour Jr.** of Northfield, IL, August 20, 2004; engineer, Engineers & Management Consultants. Phi Delta Theta.

'48 MS HE—**Mary Curtis Steptoe** of St. Louis, MO, September 3, 2004; teacher, Roanoke City Public Schools; active in community and religious affairs.

'48 BA—**Lillian Dann** Swenson of Buckingham, PA, January 30, 2004; worked for C & C Insurance. Chi Omega.

'48 BS Ag—**C. William Thorn** of Shelton, CT, formerly of Easton and East Hampton, CT, July 1, 2004; retired special education teacher and dept. chairman, Trumbull Public Schools, veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48, BA '47—**Arnold S. Turetsky** of White Plains, NY, July 27, 2004; rabbi emeritus, Temple Israel of White Plains; NGO representative for Synagogue Council to the U.N.; founding rabbi of Beit Praha in Prague; former rabbi in residence, Cornell U.; Naval chaplain; member, education dept., State of Israel Bonds; teacher, University of Jewish Studies in Budapest; active in alumni affairs.

'49 BCE—**Edward V. Crinnion** of Wilkes-Barre, PA, September 5, 2004; structural engineer; veteran; worked on the Lincoln Tunnel and the Western Electric Bldg.

'49 BS Ag—**George R. Dirk** of Webster, NY, March

19, 2001; former owner, Askus Pest Control.

'49 PhD—**D. Marc Eny** of Joppa, MD, April 29, 1996; president, Ecotech Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Henriette (Herman) '48.

'49 BS Ag—**Richard P. Glor** of Holland, NY, August 4, 2004; retired asst. railroad engineer, NY State Dept. of Transportation; president, Glor Hatchery and Glor Assoc.; active in community affairs. Wife, Marian (Krause) '51.

'49 BA, PhD '61—**Frank C. Kallen** of Buffalo, NY, February 25, 2004; professor of anatomy, SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'49 BCE—**Donald A. Lochhead** of Midlothian, VA, July 13, 2004; veteran; active in community affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'49 BA—**M. Douglas MacLean** of Oyster Bay, NY, June 14, 2004; physician. Sigma Nu.

'49 MS Ag—**Carlos M. Matos** of San Juan, PR, March 25, 2004.

'49 MD—**Sanford J. Matthews** of Atlanta, GA, August 2, 2004; pediatrician; author, *Through the Motherhood Maze*; TV and radio commentator; active in professional affairs.

'49, BA '51—**Nat C. Myers Jr.** of Asheville, NC, November 25, 2004; developed audio-visual technologies; active in community and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Delta. Wife, Frances (Goldberg) '51.

'49 BA—**Edward R. Smith** of Yardley, PA, June 23, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Theta Chi.

'50 BCE—**Edward P. Arbogast** of St. Louis, MO, September 7, 2004; engineer; land surveyor; veteran; conservationist; active in community affairs.

'50 MD—**Charles H. Bippart** of Norwich, VT, formerly of Morristown, NJ, August 24, 2004; obstetrician, Morristown Memorial Hospital.

'50 BA—**Leo L. Bromley** of Nutley, NJ, February 8, 2001; president, South End Co.

'50 BA—**Arnold H. Chin** of Bellingham, WA, July 8, 2002.

'50 BEE—**Edward H. Christian** of Brookfield, WI, November 23, 2002.

'50—**Wesley B. Curtis** of Wilsonville, OR, December 29, 2003. Alpha Chi Rho.

'50 PhD—**James R. Frith** of Montreat, NC, August 19, 2004; linguist; retired dean, School of Language Studies, State Dept.'s Foreign Service Inst.; veteran; author; owner, Skyline Evergreen Farm; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'50 BCE—**Durward B. Kennedy Jr.** of Allentown, PA, February 27, 1998. Tau Beta Phi.

**'50 BS Ag—Roger C. Lukes** of Yreka, CA, November 12, 2003.

**'50 BS HE—Aileen Enright** Moore of Hemet, CA, June 1, 2004; scientific researcher; active in community and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Harry L. Moore Jr. '49.

**'50 BCE—David S. Morgan** of Toledo, OH, December 2, 1997. Zeta Beta Tau.

**'50—C. Stuart Perkins Jr.** of Marietta, GA, formerly of Stonington, CT, September 12, 2003; vice president, Printing Company of America; financial mgr., Davis Standard Division; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha.

**'50 BS Ag—Martin H. Pfeiffer** of Lake Placid, NY, August 30, 2004; retired aquatic biologist; researched effects of acid rain; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'50 BS Ag—Albert G. Pierce** of Ruskin, FL, August 22, 2004; retired marketing representative, Shell Chemical; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

**'50 BS HE—Bertha Scheffel** Seifert of Ames, IA, August 28, 2004. Husband, George Seifert, PhD '50.

**'50 JD—James E. Spellman** of Ilion, NY, May 24, 2004; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'50—Edward M. Spoth** of East Amherst, NY, February 27, 2004; veteran.

**'51 BA—Burton Besner** of Sherman Oaks, CA, July 1, 1985. Phi Sigma Delta.

**'51 BLA, MLA '52—David B. Carruth** of Spencerport, NY, June 11, 2004; landscape architect; veteran; active in professional affairs.

**'51 BS ILR—Stanley D. Morris** of Clay, NY, September 20, 2004; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'51 PhD—Franklin J. Pegues** of Worthington, OH, July 3, 2004; professor emeritus, Ohio State U.; founding member, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

**'51 BME—Richard A. Phillips** of Hilton Head Island, SC, July 7, 2004; engineer; president, Massachusetts Computer Corp.; vice president, Scycom; veteran; active in community affairs.

**'51 LLB—Russell E. Rakestraw** of Port Clinton, OH, July 31, 2004; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'51—Mary Allard** Reinfurt of Center Barnstead, NH, December 6, 2002.

**'51, BS Hotel '57—William S. Rorke** of San Marcos, CA, June 11, 2004. Sigma Chi.

**'51, BA '54—Lon K. Savage** of Salem, VA, July 27, 2004; retired journalist and Virginia Tech administrator; Richmond bureau chief, United Press Int'l; author, *Thunder in the Mountains*; editor; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

**'51 BS AEP—Theodore D. Schultz** of Washington, DC, September 20, 2004; research physicist, Nat'l Sciences Resource Center; also worked for IBM; advocate for science education; author; active in community and professional affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

**'51—Robert R. Shoemaker** of Phoenix, AZ, April 11, 2004.

**'51-52 GR—Richard J. Stadtherr** of Gibbon, MN, March 9, 1995.

**'51 PhD—Leo Steg** of Norristown, PA, July 1, 2004; manager, Space Sciences Lab at General Electric; developed G.E.'s rocket re-entry program; engineer; fellow, Brookings Institute; active in community and professional affairs.

**'51—Stanley Yachnin** of Chicago, IL, August 30, 2004; oncologist; hematologist; professor emeritus, U. of Chicago Dept. of Medicine; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

**'52 BA—Elizabeth Engel** Birge of Stratford, CT, July 12, 2004; physician, Bridgeport Hospital; active in professional affairs. Kappa Delta.

**'52 BA—Arthur E. Burford** of Hudson, OH, August 1, 2004; professor emeritus of geology, U. of Akron; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

**'52 BA—John A. Cypher Jr.** of Kingsville, TX, August 6, 1996; assistant to the president of King Ranch.

**'52—Gerald D. De Barr** of Newark, NY, February 14, 2004; plant manager, Syracuse Developmental Center.

**'52 BA—Martha Bliss** Grogan (Mrs. Joseph W. '48, DVM '50) of Schoharie, NY, August 11, 2004; certified public accountant; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**'52 PhD—Michael Laskowski Jr.** of West Lafayette, IN, August 2, 2004; professor of chemistry, Purdue U.; expert in protein chemistry; author; editor; active in professional affairs.

**'52 MRP—Denton S. Layman** of Monmouth Junction, NJ, August 24, 2003; registered planner, State of New Jersey; county planning director, Broome County, NY; vice president, Candeub, Fleissing, and Assocs.; ornithologist; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'52 BA—Robert N. Lindsay Jr.** of Charlottesville, VA, August 2, 2004. Delta Chi. Wife, Shirley (Calloway) '57.

**'52—Ann Carson** Nelson of Bethlehem, PA, December 12, 2002; homemaker. Delta Delta Delta.

**'52—Joan Winston** Siegemund of Pacific Palisades, CA, June 19, 2002.

**'52 PhD—Mildred Widgoff** of Barrington, RI, July 20, 2004; professor emerita of physics, Brown U.; research fellow, Cyclotron Lab, Harvard U.; research assoc., Brookhaven Nat'l Laboratory; recruited to work on the Manhattan Project at age 19; active in community and professional affairs.

**'53 PhD—Gordon J. Arquit** of Ithaca, NY, September 30, 2004; retired chemist.

**'53 BA—Joan Frimel** Gindin (Mrs. James J., PhD '54) of Ann Arbor, MI, November 4, 2003; clinical social worker.

**'53 BS HE—Hilda Conklin** Hennessey of Huntington Station, NY, November 1, 2001; retired, *Huntington Pennysaver*. Kappa Delta.

**'53 BA—William A. Lewing** of Naples, FL, August 1, 2004; business manager and chemist, DuPont Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

**'53 DVM—Louis O. Nezvesky** of Fairfield, CT, October 8, 2003; veterinarian; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

**'54 MD—Thomas A. Edwards** of Homer, AK, formerly of Salem, VA, July 31, 2004; retired orthopaedic surgeon; active in community and religious affairs.

**'54-56 GR—Roger C. Evans** of Yorktown Heights, NY, October 4, 2003; research staff member, IBM. Wife, Linda (Brill) '57.

**'54 BS HE—Monica Hess** Fein of West Palm Beach, FL, June 11, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

**'54—Beverly Cleary** Mandato of Las Vegas, NV, February 18, 2001.

**'54 BCE—Robert L. Mast** of Zanesville, OH, July 19, 1998; general contractor. Beta Theta Pi.

**'54 BA, JD '56—Graham M. Scheinman** of Plymouth, NH, August 21, 2004; retired attorney.

**'54 PhD—Bertram Wolfe** of Monte Sereno, CA, September 6, 2004; nuclear reactor physicist; vice president and manager, General Electric's Nuclear Energy Division; vice president, WADCO; consultant; author; active in professional affairs. Wife, Leila (Katz) '54.

**'55 BS HE—Elizabeth Warner** Davidsen of Cocoa Beach, FL, August 8, 2004; owner, The Candle Shop; former teacher, Trumansburg school district; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Donald Davidsen, DVM '59.

- '55 BS HE**—**Janet Frost** Keller of Tully, NY, July 13, 2004; elementary school teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi. Husband, Paul T. Keller '54.
- '55 M ILR**—**John R. McDonald** of Southern Pines, NC, October 8, 2003; consultant.
- '55 BS HE**—**Barbara Lerch** Merleno of Cleveland, OH, February 14, 2004; former comptroller, Holiday Inn.
- '55 BS Ag**—**George A. Ohlsen** of San Jose, CA, February 8, 2004; planner, IBM. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- '55 BS Hotel**—**William R. Smith** of Tequesta, FL, formerly of Columbus, GA, June 16, 2004; hotel and restaurant owner.
- '55 BA**—**Ronald M. Sukenick** of New York City, July 22, 2004; writer who pushed the boundaries of fictional form; author of *Up, Long Talking Bad Conditions Blues, Down and In: Life in the Underground*, and other books; founder, Fiction Collective; professor of English, U. of Colorado, Boulder.
- '55 BA, LLB '57**—**Louis E. Wolfe** of Longboat Key, FL, formerly of Plattsburgh, NY, August 17, 2004; attorney; founder, Empire State Games; former NY State Assemblyman; active in civic and community affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.
- '56 JD**—**C. William Golding** of Vashon, WA, August 28, 2004; attorney; president and CEO, Pacific Marine Schwabacher and NC Machinery; veteran; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '56 PhD**—**Rolland R. Lutz Jr.** of Chapel Hill, NC, August 23, 2004; retired European history professor, Kean U.; veteran. Wife, Jessie (Gregory), PhD '55.
- '56 BA**—**E. Richard Meade** of Roswell, GA, August 5, 2004; retired manager, PSE & G Co. Sigma Nu. Wife, Alberta (Clayton) '57.
- '56 BS Hotel**—**Ralph Molter** of Toms River, NJ, June 2, 2004; COO, Holiday Inn; active in community and professional affairs.
- '56 BA**—**Elizabeth French Peare** of Eastport, ME, September 22, 2003. Alpha Phi.
- '56 BS HE**—**Marilyn Lasky Schneider** of Dallas, TX, March 18, 2004.
- '56 BS HE**—**Betty Carson Ward** of Belle Mead, NJ, August 15, 2002; teacher, Montgomery Township Schools. Husband, Wilfrid W. Ward '56.
- '56 BME**—**William R. Weltmer Jr.** of New Providence, NJ, February 13, 2004; retired consultant, BOC Group.
- '56 BS**—**Francis J. Wiegand Jr.** of Pawtucket, RI, July 24, 2004; retired electrical engineer; former town sewer commissioner; also worked for Raytheon's Submarine Signal Division; veteran.
- '57 BA**—**Sheila Cohen** Fulton of Lake View Terrace, CA, November 3, 1988.
- '57 BS Ag**—**John V. Marchell** of Binghamton, NY, July 17, 2004; master gardener; active in religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.
- '57 BS Hotel**—**Robert J. McCarthy** of Derby, NY, June 27, 2004; president, McCarthy Power Products. Phi Kappa Sigma.
- '57 MBA**—**H. David Rose Jr.** of Salineville, OH, December 26, 2001; consultant.
- '57 BA**—**Robert Rosenstock** of Pelham, NY, September 20, 2004; international lawyer; legal advisor, US Mission to the United Nations; taught international law.
- '57**—**Martha Bullock Sayles** of Star Lake, NY, February 24, 1996. Chi Psi. Husband, John M. Sayles II '55.
- '57 BA**—**Mollie E. Turner** of Randallstown, MD, July 27, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.
- '57 BA**—**William M. Zeit** of Lewes, DE, July 14, 2004; physician.
- '58 MBA**—**Robert B. Camp** of Haverford, PA, September 18, 2004; worked for Camp Products Corp.
- '58 BS Ag, M Ed '65, MST '65**—**Harry W. Cook** of Fairport, NY, July 23, 2004; geology professor.
- '58 B Chem E**—**Bernard Kriegsman** of New Brunswick, NJ, May 13, 2004.
- '58 BCE '61**—**Francis A. McHale** of Honolulu, HI, June 9, 2004; marine construction engineer; veteran. Theta Chi.
- '58 BFA**—**Carole Tuft Rubiner** of Huntington Woods, MI, September 12, 2004; artist; gallery owner. Husband, Allen J. Rubiner '57.
- '59 MS HE**—**Ramelle V. Eddins** of Detroit, MI, formerly of Memphis, TN, August 5, 2004; retired teacher, Memphis City Schools.
- '59, BA '60, LLB '62**—**Robert D. Hazzard** of Somers, NY, July 14, 2004; attorney; former Westchester County legislator; Bedford town supervisor. Sigma Nu. Wife, Gretchen (Schnitzler) '59.
- '59 BS ILR, MBA '60**—**John J. Mooney Jr.** of Asheville, NC, September 14, 2004; chief financial officer; veteran.
- '59 BA**—**Howard B. Myers** of Plano, TX, August 4, 2004; attorney; theatre critic; active in community and religious affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.
- '59 BS HE**—**Karen Boardman** Vosburg of Buffalo, NY, September 24, 2004; senior nutrition services consultant, NY State Dept. of Health.
- '60**—**Maida Stocker Abrams** of Waban, MA, May 9, 2002; executive director, Very Special Arts.
- '60 BA**—**Woody N. Klose** of Red Hook, NY, September 29, 2004; attorney; county legislator; former TV news anchorman; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Phi.
- '60 BS Nurs**—**Elizabeth Curtis Schmelling** of Ada, OK, September 20, 2003; professor of nursing and dept. chair, East Central U; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '60**—**Charles E. Van Dusen** of Minneapolis, MN, September 23, 2004; computer consultant; veteran. Phi Delta Theta.
- '60, BEE '61, MA '623**—**Richard L. Venezky** of Newark, DE, June 11, 2004; professor, U. of Delaware; authority on literacy, spelling, and educational technology. Delta Sigma Rho. Wife, Karen (Gauz) '64.
- '61 BA**—**Robert L. Bischoff** of Bernardsville, NJ, September 22, 2004; president, Beer Import Co.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.
- '61 LLB**—**Laura Hines Holmberg** of Ithaca, NY, June 1, 2004; attorney; senior partner, Holmberg, Galbraith, Van Houten and Miller; worked for US Foreign Service; chair, Character and Fitness Committee, NY State Supreme Court, Appellate Division; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '61 BS Hotel**—**James R. Tibbets** of Boston, MA, August 18, 2004; restaurant manager; member, American Inst. of Wine and Food; active in professional affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.
- '62 MBA**—**Donald B. Almeida** of Little Compton, RI, July 5, 2004; systems director, *Providence Journal*; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Wife, Deanna (Sunee) '61.
- '62 B Chem E**—**Allan C. Berg** of Rochester, NY, August 27, 2004; chemical engineer.
- '62 BS Ag**—**Bruce F. Hawkins** of Naples, NY, March 4, 2004; owner, Pine View Farms.
- '62-63 GR**—**Charles S. Rawlings** of Rocky River, OH, April 1, 2003.
- '62, DVM '65**—**John W. Whitefield** of Hopewell Junction, NY, August 20, 2004; veterinarian; pilot; outdoorsman; member, Greenland Expedition Society. Alpha Psi.
- '62 BS Ag**—**George E. Woodruff** of Hammond, NY, August 28, 2004; banker; chairman, Redwood Nat'l Bank; president, Taylor Concrete; insurance agency owner; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- '63**—**Carmine De Sarlo** of Brooklyn, NY, July 25, 2004.
- '63 BEE, PhD '68**—**Erasmus C. Ogbuobiri** of Portland, OR, May 1, 2004; electrical engineer; retired, US Dept. of Energy; expert on computer

applications, sparsity theory, long-range planning; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'68 PhD**—**John T. Hayes** of Augusta, GA, July 31, 2004; professor of biology, Paine College; musician; active in community and religious affairs.

**'68 MBA**—**Frederick D. Raine** of New Rochelle, NY, September 26, 2004; asst. vice president, managed care, North Shore-Long Island Health System.

**'69 BS ILR**—**Kenneth H. Bernstein** of Washington, DC, August 28, 2004; counsel; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

**'69 BA**—**Andrew H. Blauvelt** of Saint Cloud, MN, August 9, 2004.

**'69**—**Fernando A. Reichard** of Aguadilla, PR, September 7, 2003. Pi Kappa Phi.

**'69 BS HE, MS HE '71**—**Donna Feuquay** Warren of Vinita, OK, September 27, 2004; family physician; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Kappa Delta.

**'70 BS Ag**—**Henry L. Brittingham** of Lewes, DE, July 23, 2004; worked for Lewes Dairy; active in alumni affairs. Delta Phi. Wife, Susan (Labarre) '71.

**'70 BS Hotel**—**Dennis W. Murphy** of Naples, FL, formerly of Preble, NY, June 24, 2004; active in community affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'70 JD**—**Mark E. Welch** of Denver, CO, September 1, 2004; attorney.

**'71 PhD**—**Patrick W. Colgan** of Burlington, Ontario, July 21, 2004; director of research and natural lands, Royal Botanical Gardens; expert on animal behavior; former professor, Queen's University; author; bed and breakfast owner; active in professional affairs. Wife, Marcia (Sweet) '60.

**'71 BEE**—**Peter M. Deierlein** of Ardmore, PA, February 10, 2004; physics teacher, Carver High School. Phi Gamma Delta.

**'71 BA**—**Rhea Stevenson** Shedd of Huntington Beach, CA, August 30, 2004; attorney.

**'72 JD**—**Timothy J. Heinsz** of Columbia, MO, July 2, 2004; Earl F. Nelson Prof. of Law, U. of Missouri, Columbia; established Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, U. of Missouri; expert in labor law; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

**'72 BA**—**Margaret Joskow** of New York City, June 21, 2004; graphic designer; photographer; painter; worked at *Newsweek*.

**'72, BS Ag '71**—**Daniel J. Peters** of Ulster Park, NY, September 18, 2004; worked for Rifton Equipment; social and environmental activist; active in civic and community affairs.

**'72 BEE**—**Jon F. Wright** of Syracuse, NY, June 8, 2004; engineer; veteran; long-distance truck

driver; active in community affairs.

**'72 PhD**—**John F. Yeagley** of York, PA, December 22, 2000.

**'73, BS ILR '75**—**Howard J. Shulman** of Bronx, NY, October 14, 2002; attorney.

**'74 BS Ag, ME Ag '76**—**David C. Chapman** of E. Falmouth, MA, July 20, 2004; senior scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst.; expert on fluid dynamics. Kappa Sigma.

**'74, BA '77, ME Nuc '78**—**John M. Josephs** of Charlotte, NC, September 21, 2004; computer programmer; veteran.

**'74 BA**—**Christopher Reeve** of Pound Ridge, NY, October 10, 2004; movie, television, and Broadway actor; star of *Superman*; director; founder, Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation; lobbied for public health issues; author of *Nothing Is Impossible* and *Still Me*; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

**'74 PhD**—**Langdon G. Wright** of Cooperstown, NY, September 10, 2004; associate professor of history, History Museum Studies Program, SUNY Oneonta; historian; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

**'75 BA**—**Joanne Riley** Conigliaro of Utica, NY, September 18, 2004; data processing systems supervisor, Utica Nat'l Insurance Group. Delta Delta Delta.

**'75 BS Ag**—**Marcia L. Cota** of Anchorage, AK, August 29, 2004; worked at Bell's Nursery.

**'75 BS Ag, MS Ag '77**—**Guido Dingerkus** of Goshen, NY, July 21, 2004.

**'75 BS Hotel**—**Juan M. Perez-Gomez** of Mexico City, Mexico, July 14, 2004; president, Camino Real Hotels & Resorts; awarded Hotelier of the Year for Latin America by Cornell Hotel Society.

**'76 BS Ag**—**Vivienne E. Harris** of Tifton, GA, August 14, 2004; extension service director; horticultural agent; asst. professor of entomology, Cornell U., U. of Georgia, and U. of Queensland, Australia; researcher, BASF; also worked as secretary, United Nations.

**'76 JD**—**Frank L. Newburger III** of Huntingdon Valley, PA, September 11, 2004; attorney; public finance specialist; active in community and professional affairs.

**'76**—**Jon A. Sorber** of Springville, PA, September 26, 2004; physician; founder, Noninvasive Vascular Lab at Tyler Memorial Hospital.

**'77 MCE**—**William E. Booth** of Dover, MA, August 29, 2004; patent attorney; member, Nat'l Equestrian Federation.

**'77-78 GR**—**Timothy C. Choate** of Los Angeles, CA, September 24, 2004; film, television, and

stage actor; appeared in *Pearl Harbor*, *Jefferson in Paris*, *The Europeans*, *Ghost Story*, and other films; played the role of Zathras on "Babylon 5."

**'77, BA '82**—**Susan K. Schrick** of Kingston, NY, May 23, 2004; special education teacher; author; active in community affairs.

**'78 BME**—**Matthew G. Yenik** of Matthews, NC, July 29, 2004; engineer; project manager, IBM; worked on the IBM Selectric Typewriter and ATM machines.

**'79 PhD**—**Larry D. Bustard** of Albuquerque, NM, July 2, 2004; physicist, Sandia National Laboratories; expert on safety equipment for nuclear power plants; helped to develop decontaminants against biological and chemical agents; active in community and professional affairs.

**'79 M ILR**—**John R. Collings** of Detroit, MI, June 22, 2004; senior advisor, U.A.W. Social Security Dept.

**'81 BS Ag, DVM '85**—**Susan B. Leitzan** of West Falls, NY, August 26, 2004; veterinarian, Abbot Road Animal Hospital; Australian shepherd breeder; horsewoman; active in community and professional affairs.

**'82 MBA**—**Neal J. Golub** of Northbrook, IL, July 12, 2004; senior loan workout consultant, Harris Trust & Savings Bank.

**'83 BA**—**Gail Dorros** Dorfman of Mansfield, MA, June 7, 2004; marketing manager; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

**'86 MD**—**Harry R. Arlis** of Port Washington, NY, August 13, 2004; craniofacial plastic surgeon; asst. professor of clinical surgery and clinical otorhinolaryngology, and director of craniofacial surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College.

**'86 BS ILR**—**Kevin P. Stein** of Troy, MI, August 7, 2004.

**'88 B Chem E**—**Bruce E. Bensink** of Victor, NY, April 1, 2004; packaging engineering supervisor; veteran.

**'88 BA**—**Michael C. Levine** of Camarillo, CA, September 6, 2004; counsel, human resources, Verizon. Theta Chi.

**'88 BA**—**Brian S. Simmons** of Bloomington, IL, August 20, 2004; attorney; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'90 BS Ag**—**Steven J. Bertisch** of New City, NY, September 8, 1996. Sigma Alpha Mu.

**'94, BA '95**—**Robert W. Richardson Jr.** of Baltimore, MD, January 14, 2004; veterinarian. Sigma Chi. Wife, Karen (Crowley) '94.

**'98 MD**—**Robin L. Mitchell** of Little Rock, AR, August 14, 2004; chief resident, neurosurgery, U. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



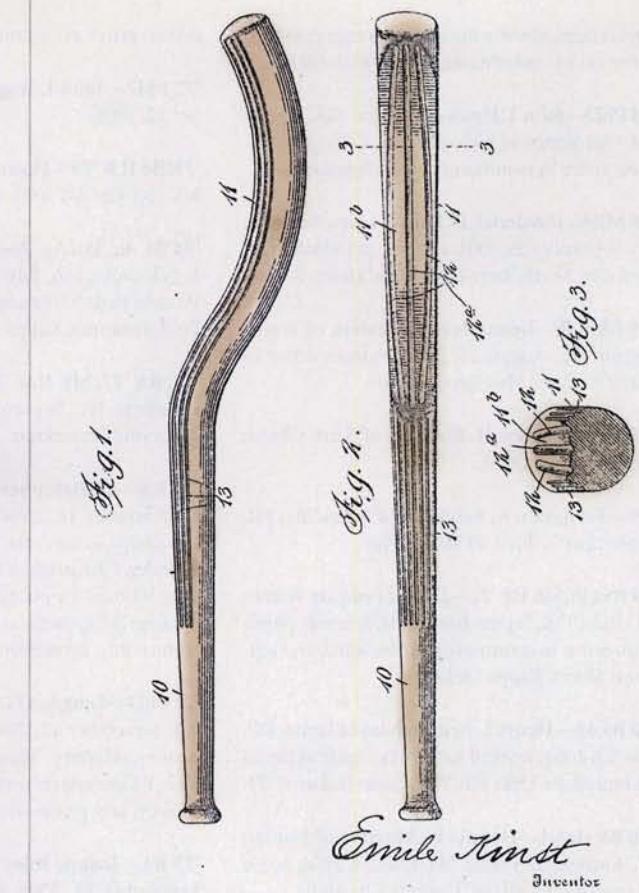
# Bent Out of Shape

## WHERE IS OLIN'S CURVED BAT?

**T**HE OLIN NAME IS A FAMILIAR ONE AT CORNELL—AND plenty of other college campuses around the country. Franklin W. Olin 1886 graduated with a civil engineering degree, earned a fortune in the munitions industry, and, in 1938, established the F.W. Olin Foundation, a private philanthropic organization. Franklin W. Olin Hall, the chemical engineering building he gave his alma mater in 1940, was the first of what would be a small city's worth of Olins funded by the foundation—seventy-eight buildings spread across fifty-eight mostly independent colleges and universities. This year, the Olin Foundation formally ceased operations, having given away more than \$800 million over seven decades. Much of that was lavished on one final magnum opus, the \$460 million Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering outside Boston.

But before he became a philanthropic powerhouse, F.W. Olin was known for his skills on the baseball field. He was a star of the college squad—legend has it he belted a 540-foot home run in a game on campus—and spent his summers playing professional baseball. In 1884, while a student, he played for Washington teams in the American and Union associations (both major leagues then) as well as Toledo, and in 1885 he played for Detroit of the National League. One of a handful of players to spend time in all three nineteenth-century major leagues, he shared the field with Moses “Fleet” Walker, the last African-American major leaguer until Jackie Robinson in 1947, and posted a .316 lifetime batting average. Olin’s inventive side was also in evidence during his undergraduate career: he designed the University’s first batting cage—one of the first indoor batting cages—and came up with a unique curved baseball bat.

Carved from a wagon tongue, the bat was similar to others then in use—with one important difference. When presented with a curveball, the batter turned the bat a quarter-turn to reveal a distinct concavity. The bat is mentioned several times in baseball literature and described by Morris Bishop '14, PhD '26, in his *History of Cornell*: “convex on one side for distance, concave on the other to meet drop curves.” Apparently Olin was having a hard time hitting the curve, and he theorized that a bent bat would compensate for the motion of the ball. It’s not documented if and when Olin used it, but it would have been perfectly legal



**Curveball:** Inventor Emile Kinst successfully patented this curved bat in 1906, two decades after Franklin Olin is said to have fielded a similar design at Cornell.

in major league play. Rules barring the bat did not come into force until 1893, and even after that a curved bat snuck into a major league game: on May 21, 1978, Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds used one—and hit a home run.

The current location of Olin's bat is a mystery. No one in the University athletics office or archives is familiar with it, nor is longtime Big Red baseball coach Ted Thoren. If it still exists, the bat would be quite valuable. David Hunt of Hunt Auctions, a leading dealer of vintage baseball memorabilia, estimates its value at \$4,000 to \$5,000. An official at the National Baseball Hall of Fame offers much higher figures: \$35,000 to \$50,000.

It's possible that, like so many other historically significant items from nineteenth-century baseball, Olin's bat simply disappeared. Harvard experienced a similar loss with the first catcher's mask, invented by alumnus Frederick Thayer in 1877. At Thayer's twenty-fifth reunion teammates presented him with the mask, silver-plated for the occasion by a local jeweler. The mask was at the Harvard Varsity Club for decades, but vanished in the mid-1980s. Curator Warren Little fears that the mask—which has been conservatively valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000—may be “decorating some bar in Boston.”

— Stephen Eschenbach

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