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For Open Dialogue

RECONSIDERING THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

tHANKS TO THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005 ISSUE OF this magazine, the Cornell community now has a plausible account of President Jeffrey Lehman's resignation. For Lehman and the trustees, does strict adherence to their confidentiality agreement—evoking the relationship between a corporation and its CEO rather more than that of a university with its president—still make sense? Might they not enhance the campus community's current celebration of *open hearts and open minds* with a commitment to *open dialogue*?

On September 14, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution deploring the University's secrecy and urging the trustees "to engage in a frank and open dialogue with the faculty"; it referred to the University Faculty Committee a second resolution calling for a commission that would "study the governance structures of U.S. colleges and universities to identify the major alternative models of faculty involvement in university decision making that might inform changes in governance at Cornell." The emergence of the governance issue in tandem with expressions of the faculty's displeasure at being left out of the evaluation of presidential performance reflects a climate of mistrust that compounds the difficulty of searching for a new president. The administration also offered faculty members a look at a draft of "The Cornell Opportunity," the prospectus for the search. It neither acknowledged the difficulty nor alluded to the task of restoring trust in our community that our next president will face.

In an essay on the University Faculty Website and a commentary in the *Daily Sun*, I have suggested that an obvious vehicle for rebuilding trust in the near term is the presidential search. But is the model we have used in the recent past right for the present circumstances? Should we not consider a fresh strategy? My questions were driven by a comparison of our search committee—twenty-four members, decisively dominated by the eighteen trustees, fourteen of whom do not belong to a campus constituency—to those of two competitors ranked above us by *U.S. News & World Report*: Duke University and the University of Pennsylvania. Their most recent search committees—of eighteen and twenty-one members respectively—resembled ours structurally. However, they included a larger complement of faculty, and their trustee contingents did not hold a voting majority. The contrast becomes more pronounced when we examine the model used at Brown University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Michigan. In each of these institutions, there is a trustee committee and a separate on-campus advisory committee that makes recommendations to the trustee group. In all three cases, the independent on-campus group holds an influential position and can orient the search toward the academic community's con-

cerns. At Michigan, moreover, after the advisory committee presents its list of prospects, the trustees choose finalists to be invited to campus for interviews *in public*, and they then consider the community's response in making their choice.

These approaches not only show that there are viable options other than the one we have used in recent searches, but also suggest that Cornell's trustees could prudently give representatives of the campus community a more prominent role in the search process. In the five institutions I've cited, the trustees' willingness to enter into a relationship of collegiality and relative parity is exemplary, for it expresses real confidence in the judgment of those who represent on-campus constituencies. With this in mind, it is important for our trustees to examine critically their response to a huge outpouring of faculty protest at an August 30 campus meeting with search committee members. The gesture of increasing the number of faculty members on the search committee from three to five and of allowing a small group of faculty to meet with the final candidates and share their opinions with the search committee is a welcome sign of attention to our concerns. Nonetheless, since it can have no more than a marginal impact on a process in which trustee control is paramount, it also smacks of tokenism.

Can we imagine a search model anchored in values we associate with Cornell—openness, transparency, community, diversity—that would enact a renewal of intra-institutional trust? To my mind, a forward-looking strategy would entail two adjustments: restructuring the search committee to give it a membership balance like those at Penn and Duke, and modeling the final stage of the search on our dean's searches, in which all the concerned faculty can attend a meeting with the finalists and, after open discussion, convey their preferences to the search committee. Conventional wisdom objects that good prospects will decline to be candidates if the searching university does not guarantee them secrecy. Yet the record of Michigan's recent searches suggests that publicly visible finalists for the presidency of a great university, far from harming themselves, attract positive attention to their merit and gain respect for acknowledging their willingness to move up the professional ladder. At the same time, Michigan's experience suggests that the candidate who is selected benefits from being the community's choice, and also that the institution itself is strengthened by its boldly consultative process. With work on issues of governance clearly on our institutional agenda, our leaders should be prepared to consider the benefits of a judiciously conceived shift toward a more open and broadly participatory search.

— Philip Lewis

Professor of Romance Studies



Cornell's Adult University

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Curiosity and Concern

ALUMNI WEIGH IN ON LEHMAN'S LEGACY—AND HIS DEPARTURE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAM staff for tackling this most important—indeed, absolutely imperative—job [in the September/October 2005 issue]. Somebody *had* to do it. *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, the independent voice of, and for, Cornell alumni was the obvious medium for this effort. And congratulations for doing a magnificent job on an almost impossibly difficult assignment.

I feel better now. Austin Kiplinger's comments that "the wild rumors are unfounded" and "there wasn't anything dishonorable" provide reassurance that was very much needed. All the other carefully worded comments by important and trustworthy insiders support a conclusion that it was multiple but honorable differences of "approach" and "chemistry" that caused the break. And Scott Jaschik's "Exit Interview" was a nice complement to the staff-written article. You should supply the presidential search committee with enough copies to give one to every possible candidate.

Bill Vanneman '31
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Ed. Note: In January, the Cornell Association of Class Officers announced the creation of the William Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Officer Award, to be presented annually to a class officer who has given distinguished service to Cornell. Bill Vanneman himself was the first recipient.

LIKE MANY OTHER ALUMNAE, I HAVE followed the news of Jeff Lehman's departure with interest, curiosity, and, most of all, concern. As my class's 2008 reunion chair, I communicate regularly with other class officers and took part in many e-mail exchanges after the news hit the street. With each new e-mail, we received more conflicting information about the reasons



for Jeff's departure. Incredibly, and somewhat incredulously, it felt as if we were being given politically correct answers to our questions. How strange this felt for those of us who marched in Washington, D.C., and rallied in front of the Straight and petitioned for important things those many years ago!

Quite frankly, the administration could have handled reporting the resignation far better than it did. For the record, most of us have, indeed, grown up. We handle the truth very well.

Irene Yesowitch '73
San Francisco, California

I HAVE A NUMBER OF GRAVE CONCERNS about Cornell, so grave that I will not recommend the University to a few bright youngsters in the family who would make splendid legacies. At the moment, the departure of President Lehman is at the top of the list. Cornell is *de facto* a public institution throughout; the endowed colleges as well as the contract colleges owe their continued existence as significant institutions to vast amounts of federal and

state money. The trustees and Mr. Lehman have no ethical right to behave as if Cornell were a family-owned corporation. They owe a full explanation of their disagreements to faculty, students, and alumni, and to those of the taxpayers who may be interested.

Donald Mintz '49, PhD '60
Ringwood, New Jersey

I'M NOW APPROACHING MY 50TH Reunion, and I find Jeff Lehman's resignation and the secrecy surrounding it to be upsetting. The trustees have much to explain, and they haven't made an attempt. Lehman is a young man with sterling credentials. His thoughts and ideas should have been well scrutinized and understood. His approach to internationalization should have been no problem, unless the Board is living in the Dark Ages. His wife also came with good credentials—did they expect her to stay home and bake cookies?

I owe much to Cornell. I was accepted in view of my Army service during the Korean conflict of 1952–53. I wish the Board would show as much gumption as Harry Truman did.

Lewis Klotz '56
Teaneck, New Jersey

I AM SADDENED AND DISGUSTED BY the constant lack of leadership and the bickering that continues at my wonderful alma mater.

Carol Woods '41
Albany, California

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Correction—July/August 2005

Legacies, pages 105–108: Judith Crouch Hughes '60, grandmother of Dylan Hughes '08 and wife of Minor I. Hughes Jr. '58, was inadvertently omitted from the five Cornellian generations list. Sada Dumont '07 was listed as the granddaughter of L. William Kay '51; she is also the great-granddaughter of Sidney G. Kay '22.

Corrections—September/October 2005

Give My Regards To..., page 12: Jaffa Panken '05 is in the PhD program in history at the University of Pennsylvania, not in gender studies, as reported.

"Suspense Story," page 112: Jeffrey Anbinder '94 points out that if Professor Henry Jacoby wanted to avoid the Fall Creek suspension bridge, he would not have gone to the "sturdier College Avenue bridge"—because that bridge crosses Cascadilla Gorge. Instead, he would have chosen the Thurston Avenue bridge or the Stewart Avenue bridge.

Clarification—September/October 2005

"The Lehman Legacy," page 44: A member of the Cornell administration questioned our attribution of this article to "the CAM staff." This byline was used, as it has been in the past, to indicate that the reporting and writing was the collective work of the magazine's editorial staff, whose names are listed on the masthead in every issue. For the record, the majority of the reporting and writing was done by Editor and Publisher Jim Roberts '71 and Associate Editor David Dudley, with important contributions by Assistant Editor Susan Kelley and Contributing Editors Beth Saulnier and Sharon Tregaskis '95 (both of whom are former staff editors), and additional reporting by Editorial Intern Michael Morisy '07.



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From the Hill



LISA FRANK

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Far Above

CORNELL RESPONDS TO KATRINA

WHEN HURRICANE KATRINA CRASHED into the Gulf Coast on August 29, it forced millions of residents to flee—including more than 75,000 college students. Cornell responded, along with dozens of other colleges and universities across the country, by opening its doors.

Within days, 208 students from New Orleans, mostly Tulane undergraduates, had enrolled at Cornell. They met with advisors, signed up for meal plans, posed for ID photos, picked up loaner computers, and started attending classes. The academic diaspora was unprecedented, says

University Registrar David Yeh. “In my twenty-three years at Cornell, we’ve not had this kind of experience, where universities have suffered such a large loss that they could not operate for such a long time.”

The arrival of the students was only one of many Katrina relief efforts. The Vet college sent supplies to Louisiana State University’s veterinary school, and student groups held fundraisers such as the “Storm This” dance party. Students, fac-

ulty, and staff collected money and supplies to aid people who had fled the afflicted area. And University researchers developed a website that provides reconstruction workers details about the status of infrastructure along the coast.

The good deeds were accompanied by some controversy. Critics on campus accused Cornell of bias when it initially extended its invitation only to Tulane, which has a mostly white student body. The University subsequently sought out students from Xavier, a historically black university, and the University of New Orleans. And a snafu erupted when twenty-five Tulane students were evicted from their temporary home in a vacant fraternity house after only a week. The alumni association of the fraternity, Theta Chi, reportedly asked Cornell to assume liability for the students, which the University refused to do. They were all housed elsewhere on campus.

Many of the affected institutions, including Tulane, hope to open early next year. Until then, the Cornell community will continue to provide shelter from the storm. "We all feel very badly for them," says Yeh. "There are seniors who really want to graduate. It's their last year—and look what has happened to them." For more information on Cornell's efforts to aid the hurricane victims, go to: www.cornell.edu/katrina/.

Searching

PSC ADDS FACULTY MEMBERS

FACED WITH A RISING TIDE OF FACULTY CONCERN OVER the search for Cornell's next president, in September the Board of Trustees agreed to add two more faculty members to the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), increasing faculty representation to five. The new members are Richard Schuler, a professor in the Department of Economics and the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Rosemary Avery, chair of the Department of Policy Analysis and Management. Also, a small group of faculty representatives will be allowed to meet with the final candidates near the end of the search process and present their recommendations to the PSC.

These changes came after a contentious August 30 open meeting between seven PSC members, including board chair Peter Meinig '61 and search chair Diana Daniels '71, and a large group of faculty members, many of whom expressed frustration with both the secrecy regarding the resignation of President Jeffrey Lehman '77 and the larger issues of University governance raised in the wake of the controversial Redbud Woods agreement. "How do you speak to people about the future if you don't talk about the past?" asked history professor Steven Kaplan. In response, Meinig stated that the legal agreement that binds Lehman and the trustees from discussing the resignation will be lifted for the presidential finalists, and that he will "encourage the candidates to have a conversation with Jeff."

The PSC has released a twenty-four-page statement, "The Cornell Opportunity," which outlines the major challenges and preferred characteristics for potential candidates. It can be found, along with updates on the search process, at www.cornell.edu/presidentsearch/.

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CU ADVANCES IN ANNUAL RANKING

AFTER SPENDING FOUR YEARS AT NUMBER FOURTEEN IN *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of national universities, this year Cornell moved up to thirteenth place. Once again, Harvard and Princeton were tied at the top of the list, followed by Yale, Penn, and Duke. Among the other Ivies, Columbia and Dartmouth shared ninth place and Brown placed fifteenth.

Cornell fared better in a new poll published by the *Washington Monthly*. The editors of that publication explained their system this way: "We came up with three central criteria: universities should be engines of social mobility, they should produce the academic minds and scientific research that advance knowledge and drive economic growth, and they should inculcate and encourage an ethic of service. We designed our evaluation system accordingly." Using those standards, they ranked Cornell fourth in the nation, behind MIT, UCLA, and UC Berkeley. Harvard was sixteenth and Princeton a distant forty-fourth. In yet another poll—an evaluation of the best "global universities" prepared by the editors of the *Economist*—Cornell landed in the number twelve spot, just behind Yale. The top three on that list were Harvard, Stanford, and the University of Cambridge.

Human Touch

URIE BRONFENBRENNER, 88

URIE BRONFENBRENNER '38, THE RUSSIAN-born psychologist who did groundbreaking work in early childhood development and helped found the Head Start program for low-income preschoolers, died at his Ithaca home on September 25. Bronfenbrenner, the Jacob Gould Schurman professor emeritus of human development and of psychology, taught at Cornell for more than fifty years. He pioneered the interdisciplinary field of human ecology, which was built on a theoretical model that outlined a complex interaction of familial, cultural, and environmental factors in the process of developing into adulthood. First presented in *The Ecology of Human Development* in 1979, the theory transformed the research of social and behavioral scientists and has proved to be an influential force in social policy thinking. Bronfenbrenner's last book, *Making Human Beings Human: Bioecological Perspectives on Human Development*, was published in 2004. In its foreword, Richard Lerner, the director of the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, called Bronfenbrenner "the foremost theoretician of human development over the past half century." Bronfenbrenner is survived by his wife, Liese, and six children, including his daughter Kate Bronfenbrenner '76, PhD '93, the director of labor education research at the ILR School.



NICOLA KOUNTOUPES / UP

Becker House Opens

THIRD WEST CAMPUS HALL WILL HONOR HANS BETHE

THE TRANSFORMATION OF WEST CAMPUS CONTINUED with the opening of Carl Becker House in August. It is the second of five “living and learning” residences that will take the place of the crumbling University Halls. The 147,000-square-foot structure houses 360 sophomore and upper-class students, as well as house dean Cindy Hazan, assistant dean Jeff Ellens '98, and six graduate resident fellows. It is named in honor of Cornell historian Carl Becker, who famously wrote: “If there be any intangible possession that distinguishes this university, it is the tradition of freedom united with responsibility—freedom to do what one chooses, responsibility for what it is that one chooses to do.”

Construction has begun on the third new West Campus residence hall, and in September it was announced that the building will be named for Hans Bethe. The announcement came during a memorial service for Bethe, who died in March at the age of ninety-eight. “Hans Bethe was the most distinguished professor ever to serve at Cornell University,” said Interim President Hunter Rawlings when announcing the honor. “He controlled the entire field of physics in his head. He defied conventional wisdom that physics is a young person’s sport. And he also changed the way physics and much of contemporary science is done.”

A commemorative DVD entitled *Remembering Hans Bethe* was given to those attending the memorial service. Prepared by the Internet-First University Press, the two-disc set includes more than five hours of videos featuring Bethe’s lectures and his conversations with such colleagues as Robert Wilson, David Mermin, and Victor Weisskopf, with Kurt Gottfried and Carl Sagan as moderators. Much of the video used for the DVD is available online at <http://ifup.cit.cornell.edu/bethe>. A video of the memorial service is available online at <http://ifup.cit.cornell.edu/> and will also be released as a DVD. For further information, write to digital@cornell.edu.

Smart Fellow

NETWORK EXPERT GETS GENIUS AWARD

JON KLEINBERG, A THIRTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD PROFESSOR OF computer science, has been named a MacArthur Fellow for 2005. Often called the “Genius Award,” the fellowship provides \$500,000 in no-strings-attached support over the next five years. Kleinberg earned his bachelor’s degree at Cornell in 1993 and became a faculty member just three years later, after completing his PhD at MIT. He is best known for his contributions to network theory, particularly in developing improved methods for searching the World Wide Web. His research has expanded to explore the role of networks in many different areas, from comparative genomics to the intersection of social and technological networks. Kleinberg says he will use the funding to continue his interdisciplinary research.

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These Cornellians in the News

Maury Tigner, PhD '63, professor emeritus of physics and director of the Laboratory for Elementary-Particle Physics, one of twelve winners of the American Physical Society’s 2005 Leo Szilard Lectureship Award, for his work on intercept systems for national missile defense.

Thomas Eisner, professor of chemical ecology and director of the Institute for Research in Chemical Ecology, winner of the Rockefeller University’s 2005 Lewis Thomas Prize for Writing about Science, for a body of work “that bridges the worlds of science and the humanities.”

Matthew DeLisa, assistant professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and **Rajit Manohar**, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, both named to *Technology Review*’s “TR35” list, the magazine’s selection of top technology innovators under thirty-five.

Kevin Kornegay, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and director of the Broadband Communications Research Laboratory, and **Lisa Staiano-Coico, PhD '81**, dean of the College of Human Ecology, each named a Science Spectrum Trailblazer by *Science Spectrum* magazine for their work in science and the community.

Carolyn Klass '71, senior extension associate in entomology, awarded the 2005 Gold Medal of Horticulture from the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association for outstanding direction of Cornell’s insect diagnostic laboratory and outreach and extension work.

Stuart Conway, MPS '89, recipient of an Ashden Award for Sustainable Energy presented by Prince Charles of the United Kingdom, for his work as international director of Trees, Water, and People. The non-profit provides fuel-efficient cooking stoves in Central America.

Robert Toll '63, chairman and CEO of Toll Brothers Inc., a developer of luxury residential communities, named Cornell’s 2005 Entrepreneur of the Year.

Stephen Parshley '98, research support engineer in the astronomy department, designer of the 2006 South Pole marker.

Carrie Davenport, JD '05, winner of the 2005 Edward L. Dubroff Award, given by the American Immigration Law Foundation for her paper on immigration law.

Richard Blahut, PhD '72, recipient of the Claude E. Shannon Award given by the Information Theory Society for his work in electrical engineering and information theory.

Shoshannah Lenski '06 and **Yelena Samsonenko '06**, each awarded a Morris K. Udall Scholarship for further undergraduate study in environmental policy.

Katherine Mills, MS '03, PhD candidate in natural resources; **Dora Sugar**, master’s degree candidate in natural resources; and **Elena Bondareva '04**, master’s degree candidate in design and environmental analysis; each named a Teresa Heinz Scholar for Environmental Research and awarded grants for their work.



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Revolutionary

ROBERT MOOG, 71

ENGINEER AND INVENTOR ROBERT Moog, PhD '65, who designed and built the first commercial analog synthesizer, died at his home in Asheville, North Carolina, on August 21; he had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in April. Moog was a graduate student in engineering physics when he began working with composer Herbert Deutsch on transforming the unwieldy electronic synthesizer technology of the era into a viable musical instrument by designing a system of compact modules, connected with patch cords and playable via a piano-type keyboard. The result was the first Moog synthesizer, which debuted in 1964. Built at the R.A. Moog Company's storefront headquarters in Trumansburg, the Moog was capable of an endlessly mutable range of sounds. "Bob wanted it to be as expressive as a violin," says composer-keyboardist David Borden, former director of Cornell's digital music program and an early collaborator.

The Moog synthesizer triggered a revolution in electronic music and was quickly embraced by rock, jazz, and even classical musicians in the late 1960s. But the Moog itself was quickly eclipsed by competing brands and, in the 1980s, by the solid-state digital synthesizer. Its singular tone and unmatched versatility, however, have continued to resonate with contemporary adherents. In September, a nonprofit foundation was set up to "support individuals who embody Bob's spirit and creativity," says Borden, "and have a little fun with music and technology." Contributions may be sent to: The Bob Moog Memorial Fund, c/o WNC Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1888, Asheville, NC 28802.



CORNELL NEWS SERVICE

Moving On

VP AND ASSOCIATE DEAN DEPART

AS THE FALL TERM BEGAN, TWO ADMINISTRATORS announced that they would be leaving Cornell. Vanda McMurtry, PhD '79, vice president for government and community relations, submitted his resignation in August, effective September 30. McMurtry, who was appointed by President Jeffrey Lehman '77 in March 2004, accepted a similar position at the University of Pennsylvania. Interim President Hunter Rawlings named Stephen Johnson, head of Cornell's Washington office, as the interim vice president for government and community relations. Also in August, Suzy Nelson, associate dean of students for fraternity and sorority affairs, announced that she would be leaving the Hill to become Harvard's associate dean of residential life. She had been at Cornell since 1998. Dean of Students Kent Hubbell '67 has assumed Nelson's duties until a new associate dean is named.

R&D

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Mutual funds earn more when the manager has a financial investment in the fund's performance, according to David Weinbaum, assistant professor of finance. His findings, which the *Wall Street Journal* cited on March 31, contrast with the Securities and Exchange Commission's proposed ruling that would require mutual fund boards to appoint an independent chairperson.

A new electrical switch inspired by palm beetles uses the surface tension in water droplets to create strong adhesive bonds that can be flicked on and off. Paul Steen, a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and his colleagues published their findings in the August 23 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Mothers looking for employment are less likely to be hired, are offered lower salaries, and are perceived as less committed to a job than fathers or women without children, according to research led by Shelley Correll, associate professor of sociology. She presented her findings on August 15 at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting.

Cancer may spread when connective tissue holding a cancer cell in place degrades, releasing the diseased cell and allowing it to move to other parts of the body. These findings, by Jun-Lin Guan, professor of molecular medicine, may help in the development of drugs that target this pathway. *Developmental Cell* published the research in August.

Our brains process language in a dynamic continuum, rather than as a series of discrete stages as a computer does. These findings, by Michael Spivey, an associate professor of psychology, were published in the June 27 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Potato Pioneer

NELL MONDY, 83

BIOCHEMIST NELL MONDY, PHD '53, professor emerita of nutritional sciences, died on August 25 in Ithaca. A Cornell faculty member for more than fifty years, the Arkansas-born scientist was a pioneer among women in chemistry and a lifelong advocate of the potato, the humble tuber that she dubbed "food for the world." Mondy was among the world's foremost experts in the field, and much of her career was spent in the research and development of the potato, which she promoted as a life-saving staple for the developing world because of its nutritional profile and long storage life. In 2001, Mondy published an autobiography, *You Never Fail Until You Stop Trying: The Story of a Pioneer Woman Chemist*.



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Creating Jacques Brel at Cornell | Bruce Levitt

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The China Project: Studying the Link Between Diet and Disease | Banoo Parpia

Today's Cars: Where in the World Do They Come From? | Arthur Wheaton

The Psychology of Television Realism | Michael Shapiro

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Win, Schafer, Win

HOCKEY COACH MIKE SCHAFER '86 SHOOTS FOR A NATIONAL TITLE



SPORTS INFO

WHILE PLAYING HOCKEY AT Cornell, Mike Schafer '86 was a short, stocky guy from Durham, Ontario, who fought during games, baited opposing coaches, and once broke a stick over his head during the player introductions. The Lynah Faithful saluted him by chanting, "Kill, Schafer, kill." Today, as head coach of the men's team, Schafer is a clean-cut disciplinarian who could be the most revered person on campus. He's so popular that last summer many Cornellians were more worried about the rumors that Schafer might leave the Hill than the news that President

Jeffrey Lehman '77 had resigned.

In the fall of 1995, Schafer took over a moribund program that had gone 25-51-10 in its three previous seasons and quickly rejuvenated it. During his first season, the Big Red went 21-9-4, took the ECAC title, and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time in five years. Now in his eleventh year, Schafer has become one of the most successful and sought-after hockey coaches in the country. In addition to routinely churning out NHL-quality players who almost always get their degrees, Schafer has compiled a 199-103-34 record while leading the Big

Red to four ECAC championships, six Ivy League titles, and five NCAA appearances, including a trip to the Frozen Four in 2003 and a near-miss last year, when his team fell to Minnesota in overtime in the regional final. And he's determined to bring another national championship to Cornell, which last captured the NCAA crown in 1970.

One key to Schafer's success has been savvy recruiting, which is a huge challenge at Cornell. There just aren't many kids with Division 1 hockey talent, the ability to pay at least some of their own way (the Ivy League forbids athletic scholarships), and the brains to handle Cornell's academics. What's more, prospects from such hockey hotbeds as Boston, Michigan, and Minnesota rarely

want to play for Cornell. "Last year we tried to get Mark Mitera, a kid from Michigan," says Schafer. "His dad [Kenny Mitera '85] played at Cornell, but that didn't matter. Mark barely listened to us, and he's at Michigan."

One way Schafer has compensated is by mining prospects in nontraditional hockey cities like Dallas, where he found David McKee, Cornell's All-American junior goalie. But he still finds most of his players in Canada, home to 19 of the 25 players on the current roster. Schafer prefers Canadian recruits because they rarely have preset collegiate allegiances,

Intensity: Hockey head coach Mike Schafer commands the attention of his players—on and off the ice.

and he likes the blue-collar backgrounds, similar to his own, that he often finds there. (Schafer's father was a lumberjack, and Mike labored as a short-order cook and an ice plant worker during summers off from Cornell.)

Schafer's charges learn to love, or at least endure, two things that he eschewed as a player: discipline and fitness. During preseason this fall, Schafer divided his players into three teams and put them through grueling workouts in a "Survivor"-like competition. "Some kids don't like being pushed and hate me," he says. "But if a coach is well-liked by all his players, he's not doing his job."

Schafer has lots of rules: No jewelry. No long or bleached hair. Players can't enter his office wearing a backwards baseball cap. If a player misses a class, he must be in Schafer's office every day for two weeks from 8 a.m. until his first class of the day. "I want guys to bring attention to our program, not to themselves," says the coach.

This year's team could be Schafer's best. Ranked first in the ECAC and fourth nationally in preseason polls, the Big Red returns 14 lettermen from last year's squad. The leaders are McKee, who spurned NHL offers to spend at least one more year at Cornell, and senior forward and captain Matt Moulson, last season's scoring leader with 22 goals and 20 assists. There are seven talented freshmen, including forward Evan Barlow, who led his Canadian junior league squad to a championship. Barlow will compete to fill the void left by Shane Hynes '06, who left Cornell to sign a pro contract in August.

There will be a bigger void when Schafer decides to move on. Last summer, he was courted by other universities—including ones that offer athletic scholarships—but Cornell kept him with a lucrative six-year contract extension. "Cornell made it clear that they want me, but that could always change," says Schafer. "This is sports. I have aspirations of coaching in the professional ranks, but that's down the road. Right now, I'm committed to trying to win a national championship."

— Rick Lipsey '89

RICK LIPSEY is a staff writer for Sports Illustrated and a member of the Cornell Alumni Magazine Committee.

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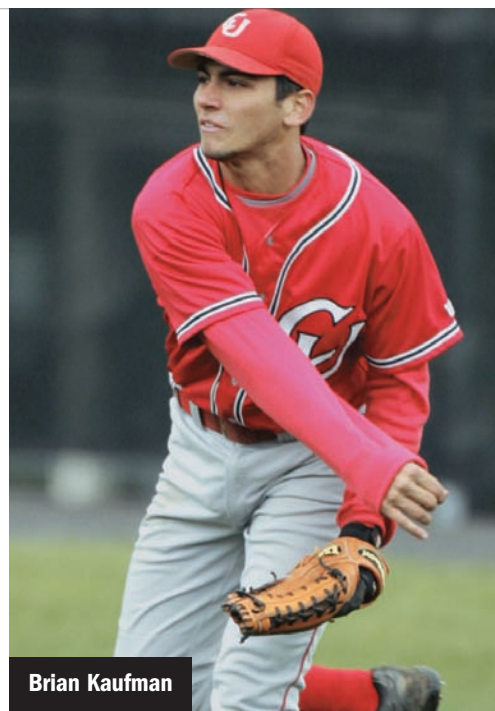
BATMAN **Brian Kaufman '08** spent the summer pulling double duty in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. During the day, he was an intern in the Department of Community Development, while his evenings were spent playing for the Pittsfield Dukes in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, a summer wood-bat league. An outfielder, Kaufman led the Dukes in hitting with a .301 average and was named to the NECBL South Division All-Star team.

WHY A DUCK? In addition to the five seniors who left the 2005 ECACHL champion men's hockey team, Cornell will need to replace forward **Shane Hynes '06**, who signed with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim over the summer. Hynes had been selected by Anaheim in the third round of the 2003 NHL draft. He was Cornell's second-leading scorer last season with 28 points on seven goals and 21 assists.

STAND-IN **Doug Derrough '91** will replace Melody Davidson behind the bench for the Cornell women's hockey team during the 2005-06 season. Davidson is taking a year's leave of absence to serve as head coach of the Canadian national women's team at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. Derrough spent 13 years playing professionally in Europe after helping Cornell to an ECAC runner-up finish and an NCAA tournament appearance in his senior year. Last season, Derrough was an assistant coach for the Ottawa University men's hockey team while also founding the Meteor Sports summer training and conditioning program.

EMMY WINNER As a back on the women's soccer team, **Lindsay Rovegno '04** learned that those who work behind the scenes don't always receive the credit they deserve. But Rovegno was one of the unsung heroes honored when ESPN's "SportsCenter" received a Sports Emmy in May; she is an associate producer for the daily show.

ROOKIE HONOR **Scott Palguta '05** was the first winner of the Rochester Raging Rhinos Rookie of the Year award after helping the United Soccer League Division I team to a second-place regular-season finish. A defensive specialist, Palguta had one assist while playing



Brian Kaufman

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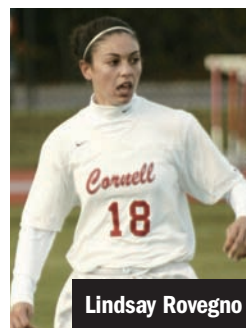
in 23 games for the 15-7-6 Rhinos.

DEJA VU The U.S. women's hockey team has probably seen enough of **Dana Antal '99** in the Four Nations Cup tournament. For the second straight year, Antal beat the Americans with a game-winning third-period goal to give her Canadian team its eighth Four Nations championship in ten years. Antal knocked a rebound out of the air and into the net with 8:21 left to give Canada a 2-1 victory. She scored two goals and had one assist in four games for the Canadian team, which is coached by Cornell women's hockey coach Melody Davidson.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES After showing its athletic dominance by sweeping the indoor and outdoor Heptagonal championships, the women's track and field team has been recognized for its academic prowess as well. The Big Red was named an all-academic team by the

United States Track Coaches Association after posting a team GPA of 3.15. Eight members of the Big Red—**Kate Boyles '05**, **Jessica Brown '05**, **Shonda Brown '05**, **Robyn Ellerbrock '07**, **Alison Koplar '05**, **Amber McGown '05**, **Alyssa Simon '05**, and **Morgan Uceny '07**—earned individual all-academic honors as well. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association

similarly honored the women's tennis team as an all-academic team. **Kara Maloy '06**, **Erika Takeuchi '05**, and **Melissa Tu '05** were named ITA Scholar Athletes.



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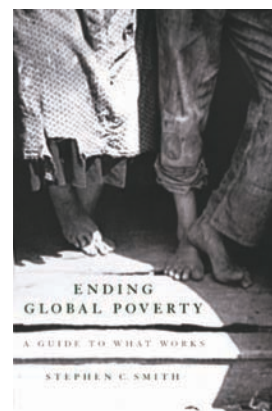
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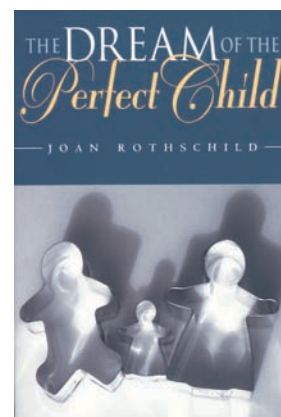
In Brief

STRESSED-OUT GIRLS by Roni Cohen-Sandler '77 (Viking). Many teenage girls stagger under too much pressure, argues clinical psychologist Roni Cohen-Sandler. “They face jam-packed schedules, hours of homework, heightened expectations, demanding social lives, and far too little sleep.” She analyzes some of the reasons why girls hide their anguish: fear of exposure, the need for autonomy, fear of repercussions, reluctance to raise parental anxiety, avoidance of flaws, comparisons to the ideal, and the feeling that stress is the norm. Cohen-Sandler offers strategies for helping girls become better able to cope with stress and lead balanced lives.

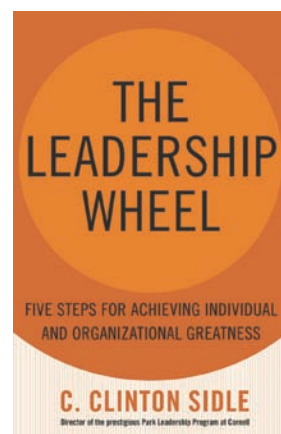
ENDING GLOBAL POVERTY by Stephen C. Smith, PhD '83 (Palgrave Macmillan). Smith, a professor of economics at George Washington University and director of the Research Program on Poverty, Development, and Globalization, explores conditions that keep people trapped in poverty, such as poor nutrition, illiteracy, lack of health care, and subsistence agriculture. He presents eight ways to fight and overcome poverty.



THE DREAM OF THE PERFECT CHILD by Joan Rothschild '48 (Indiana University Press). Advances in reproductive medicine make it increasingly possible to give birth to a healthy child. Drawing on the experiences of physicians and feminist ethicists, as well as pregnant women and people with disabilities, Rothschild reevaluates the uses of genetics and prenatal testing. She is a professor emerita at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and a research associate at the Center for Human Environments, the City University of New York.



THE LEADERSHIP WHEEL by C. Clinton Sidle '74, MBA '77 (Palgrave Macmillan). The director of the Park Leadership Fellows Program in the Johnson Graduate School of Management sees leadership as a vehicle for personal and organizational transformation. His five-part framework serves as a theoretical and practical guide for “developing leaders who do well for themselves while doing good in the world.” He calls for a new brand of capitalism that treats people with fairness, compassion, and respect.



A LESSON IN NARRATIVE TIME by Jody Bolz '71, MFA '73 (Gihon Books). By turns a domestic love poem, an elegy, and a meditation, this collection explores the splendor of dailiness. Poet Carl Phillips writes: “Bolz persuasively argues for a narrative in which time no longer figures as it used to: anything—to our delight and terror, equally—is possible.”



Recently Published

Fiction

I RIGHT THE WRONGS by Dylan Schaffer '86 (Bloomsbury). In this sequel to *Misdemeanor Man*, Schaffer returns with a legal whodunit about small crime, big crime, and the reluctant lawyer caught in the middle.

KILLING RAIN by Barry Eisler '86, JD '89 (Putnam). In the fourth thriller in the John Rain series, a hired assassin hopes that by using his talents for good, he might atone for the lives he has taken. But when his conscience causes him to botch an assignment, he must run from Israel's Mossad and rogue elements of the CIA.

Poetry

WHEN A WOMAN LOVES A MAN by David Lehman (Scribner). In his sixth collection, Lehman, the editor of the *Best American Poetry* series and a former A.D. White fellow, demonstrates the versatility and wit that are his hallmarks as a poet.

HUGE HAIKU by David McAleavey '68, MFA '72, PhD '75 (Chax Press). True to the title, the director of creative writing at George Washington University pens a 300-page cycle of haiku.

Nonfiction

GREETINGS FROM THE FINGER LAKES by Michael Turback '66 (Ten Speed Press). Ithaca restaurateur Michael Turback profiles the best wineries, restaurants, farm stands, and markets in the region. The book includes behind-the-scenes interviews with proprietors, food and wine tasting notes, and some treasured local recipes.

THE WORD MADE SELF by Thomas Seifrid, PhD '84 (Cornell University Press). An associate professor of Slavic languages and literatures at the University of Southern California explores the Russian fascination with the power of the word as expressed in the work of philosophers, theologians, and artists of the Silver Age and early Soviet period.

SOCIAL CHOREOGRAPHY by Andrew Hewitt, PhD '88 (Duke University Press). Linking dance and the aesthetics of everyday movement to historical ideals of social order, a professor of Germanic languages and comparative literature at UCLA analyzes Marxist debates about the relation of ideology and aesthetics.

CAP ANSON 3 by Howard W. Rosenberg '87 (Tile Books). Rosenberg continues his series on the history of baseball with a close look at the tricky and sometimes dirty play of early baseball

players, especially 1890s-era Baltimore Oriole John McGraw.

THE BIG PICTURE by Edward Jay Epstein '57, BA '65, MA '66 (Random House). With a welcome lack of animus, Epstein explains how present-day Hollywood works. He shows how the old dream factories whose only products were movies have been replaced by the Big Six: Time Warner, Viacom, Fox, Sony, NBC Universal, and Disney—multinational corporations that collect the bulk of their revenue from home video, overseas markets, and product licensing.

NAKED IN THE BOARDROOM by Robin Wolaner '75 (Fireside). Wolaner rose from office temp to president and CEO of Sunset Publishing before moving on to write, consult, and serve on private corporate and nonprofit boards. Her own stories, and anecdotes from other achievers, are the basis for this instruction manual for executive women.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL GUIDE TO THE BUSINESS OF LIFE edited by Nancy Keates '86 (Crown Publishers). Keates, a reporter and editor for the *Wall Street Journal's* Weekend Journal, provides a consumer's guide to saving time and money, from getting top-notch health care and the best education for your children to plotting the family summer vacation.

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Margaret Bourke-White

THE EARLY WORK, 1922-1930

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THIS BRIEF COLLECTION presents the "unknown" Bourke-White, the young amateur aged eighteen to twenty-six. Her first photographs, created in 1921 under the tutelage of Columbia University's Clarence H. White, were impeccably designed soft-edged still lifes, "painterly" images characteristic of the period but not of the artist. Bourke-White took this technique to the University of Michigan and to Cornell where she made traditional portraits of campus buildings and, almost by accident, her first "industrial" photograph, a Duchamp-like study of loudspeakers. After graduation she moved to Cleveland, where she photographed the interior of the Otis Steel Mill, the trestles of the High Level Bridge, and the new Terminal Tower. It was these thrilling Cleveland photographs, made in 1928-30, that won her an audience with Luce, who sent her on to *Fortune* . . . and to fame.

The eighty photographs reproduced here have seldom been seen outside the archives of Cornell's Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art and the University of Syracuse Library. They will fascinate anyone interested in the life and work of Margaret Bourke-White and the early history of American photojournalism.

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WITH *INSIDE HIGHER ED*, SCOTT JASCHIK '85 OPENS A
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SCOTT SUCHMAN

Clean slate: After twenty years at the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, editor Scott Jaschik decided to start over, on the Web.

LAST YEAR, ISRAEL WAISMEL-Manor, MA '03, and Daniel Sherman, PhD '04, had a good idea, or so they thought. While graduate students in the Department of Government, the friends had helped to train teaching assistants, and they learned a lot

about the ambiguous, not-quite-faculty role that TAs have in the academic hierarchy. As Sherman was starting his first post-Cornell job and Waismel-Manor was wrapping up his PhD, they wrote a how-to article about life in the TA trenches and sent it off to a leading political science

journal. They were turned down—the journal wanted them to present empirical evidence instead of draw on their own experience. The two didn't even bother to approach the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the weekly journal that has covered education issues since 1966 and is acade-

mia's "newspaper of record."

"I love the *Chronicle*, don't get me wrong," says Waismel-Manor, now teaching at the University of Haifa in Israel. "The content is geared toward faculty, though, and many graduate students can't afford it. We knew that even if the article was accepted, we wouldn't necessarily reach the audience we wanted."

Then Waismel-Manor heard about *Inside Higher Ed*. Founded by former *Chronicle* editor Scott Jaschik '85 and two other high-profile ex-staffers—recruitment advertising executive Kathlene Collins and long-time reporter/editor Doug Lederman—the new online journal had been live only for a few months, but it was already making a splash. Mixing columns from such heavy-hitters as University of Massachusetts, Amherst, president John Lombardi and National Book Critics Circle award winner Scott McLemee with articles, blog entries, and comments from adjuncts, grad students, and junior faculty, *IHE* positioned itself as the pricey *Chronicle*'s rigorously egalitarian Web rival. In early May, they fired off their draft to *IHE* and hoped for the best. Two weeks later, on May 17, Waismel-Manor and Sherman saw their article posted on the front page.

"With other publications, it can take a year to three years before your work makes it to print," says Waismel-Manor. "*Inside Higher Ed* got our article to the right audience quickly. It's a great venue for what we wanted to do."

That's exactly what the upstart journal was designed to do—spark a conversation among academics on every floor of the ivory tower, from the grad students in the basement to the college presidents in the penthouse suite. For editor Jaschik, *Inside Higher Ed* represents not only a chance to break from the conventions of academic journalism; it's also an opportunity to take his own career in a new direction.

"My friends in journalism call me Mr. Stability," says Jaschik, who went straight from the *Daily Sun* to the *Chronicle*—and stayed there for twenty years, working his way up to chief editor in 1999. (Jaschik is also a recent CAM contributor: he interviewed former president Jeffrey Lehman '77 in the September/October issue.) "They were moving from publication to publication, because that's how you build a career these days, and I stayed at the *Chronicle* because I liked reporting on higher education. It's a field that isn't covered well in the mainstream media, because so many of the debates are about ideas, but higher education involves the economy, government policy, social and cultural issues—you name it. I got to cover all that at the *Chronicle*."

What he couldn't do, however, was change the nature

of the publication itself. Jaschik is reluctant to discuss the details of his departure, but in a February article the *New York Times* described the *Chronicle*'s reputation as "stodgy" and suggested that Jaschik and company had left due to disagreements with publisher Corbin Gwaltney. Jaschik says that he was motivated by a different vision of what academic journalism could be. "Higher education and journalism have both been transformed by the Web," he says. "We wanted to respond to those changes and create a different model of how the academic community could communicate with and about itself."

In 2004, Jaschik, Collins, and Lederman started working with focus groups of academics from across the spectrum, from professors and administrators to junior faculty and grad students. "We found that people were starved for information," says Jaschik. "We talked to groups at graduate schools and learned that students didn't feel like they had the tools they needed to get a job, to get tenure, to understand how this complicated community worked. We

also talked to college presidents, though, and found out that they wanted more than they were getting, too."

On a typical day this summer, *Inside Higher Ed* offered an article on family pressures for young tenure-track faculty, an essay by a frustrated parent on the admissions process at selective colleges, a report on how the terrorist bombings in London were affecting American study-abroad programs, and an analysis of the pay differences among faculty in the sciences and the humanities, most accompanied by long—sometimes heated—threads of commentary from readers. A dig through the archive (new articles appear every day) yields accounts of the kinds of controversies, such as an outspoken professor's failure to get tenure at one private institution, that might be discussed in department lounges but are rarely reported openly.

Because all of *Inside Higher Ed*'s content is free (the *Chronicle* requires an annual subscription of \$82.50 both to receive its print edition and to view most of its online content), the site supports itself with a recruitment service, charging colleges and universities to post their job openings and to use the site's package of services for employers, which includes a searchable database of applicant resumes. Both the recruitment service and the journal itself have been a hit, almost since they became available in January.


"We were supposed to be in a test stage this year," says Jaschik, who notes that the *New York Times* article drew unexpected attention. "Word-of-mouth took over, and we started getting 100,000 page views a month." That's still a fraction of the 10 million views per month that the *Chronicle* gets, but for a brand-new specialty publication, it's a strong and surprising start.

The "test stage" is now over, and *Inside Higher Ed* has launched a major marketing campaign to let academics know that it's ready—more or less. "We don't have a paper clip to our name," Jaschik says. "That's the trade-off, though, when you're starting something new. Sure, it would be nice to have a supply room, but right now, for *Inside Higher Ed*, anything is possible."


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dAINA TAIMINA BRINGS A LARGE plastic bag to her dining room table and pulls out handfuls of what look like doilies on steroids. They've got an odd appeal, with ruffled edges like lettuce leaves that make you want to pick one up and take a closer look.

That's exactly what Taimina, a Cornell mathematician and visiting scholar, intended when she crocheted her first

model of a hyperbolic plane. "With these," she says, holding up a purple pseudo-sphere, "you really can play."

The energetic, quick-speaking native of Latvia had hoped to use the dowdy craft to help her students see the complex properties of hyperbolic geometry. She's done that—and more. With just acrylic yarn and a crochet hook, Taimina has not only solved an illustration problem that has

Flying fingers: Mathematician Daina Taimina has unraveled a geometry conundrum with nothing more than yarn, a crochet hook, and her imagination.

bedeviled mathematicians for hundreds of years, she has also hooked the imaginations of a skein of fans, from geometry geeks to artists to crochet enthusiasts.

But this morning, Taimina has something else on her mind—the pain that shoots from her right hand's middle finger, up her arm, and to her spine. "I think it's a nerve, because it goes to the C5 vertebra," she says. The pain is likely the result of crocheting about 175 models for organizations like the Smithsonian Institution and for math professors like Colm Mulcahy, PhD '85, chair of the mathematics department at Spelman College. Since Mulcahy started using these models in 2001, he's seen a notable difference in how well his students understand hyperbolic geometry. "When they see it in a hyperbolic crochet model, they go, 'Oh, you're right. This really can happen.'" As important, the use of visual aids breaks from the way geometry has traditionally been taught. That, Mulcahy says, was "like taking a cooking class and never actually eating any food."

What exactly is hyperbolic geometry? It's a dramatic departure from the kind that most of us learned in grade school. Whereas Euclidean geometry deals with shapes like triangles and squares on a flat surface, hyperbolic geometry involves a wavy surface, where the space around any point moves exponentially away from that point. The shape of a saddle illustrates the concept, Mulcahy says. "If you're sitting on a horse, the saddle goes up in front of you and up behind you, but it goes down on both sides where your legs go." Taimina creates the wavy effect by regularly increasing the number of stitches in each of the many rows of crochet that make up a model.

In this realm, the rules of "regular" geometry get turned on their heads. While the angles of a Euclidean triangle will always add up to 180 degrees, in hyperbolic geometry the angles always add up to less than 180 degrees, and can even be zero. It's difficult to grasp—until one sees a triangle drawn onto one of Taimina's models. "It has these pinched corners," Mulcahy says, "so we're clearly not in Kansas anymore."

Mathematicians had been attempting



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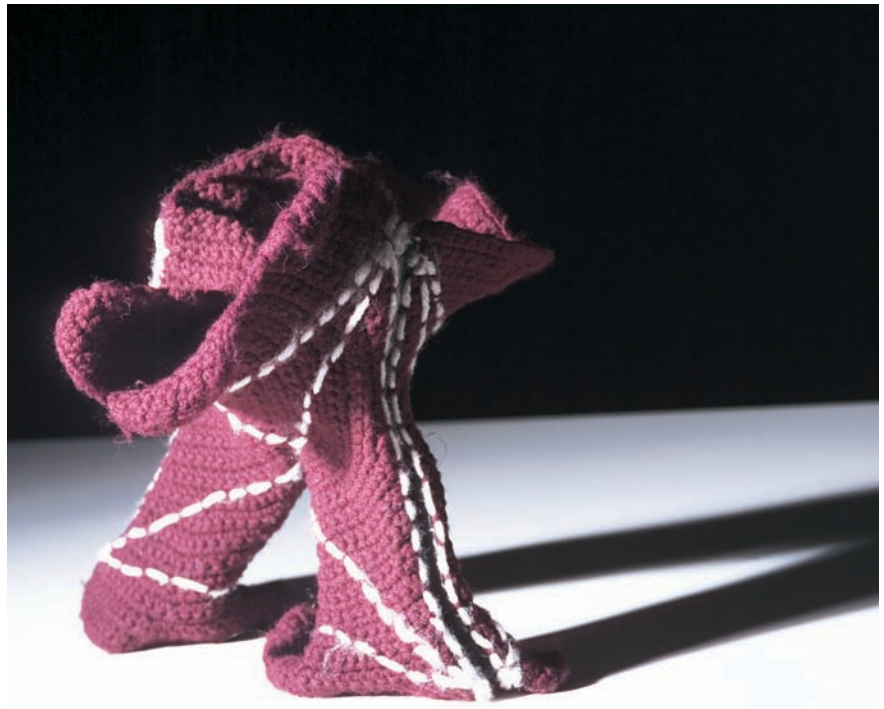
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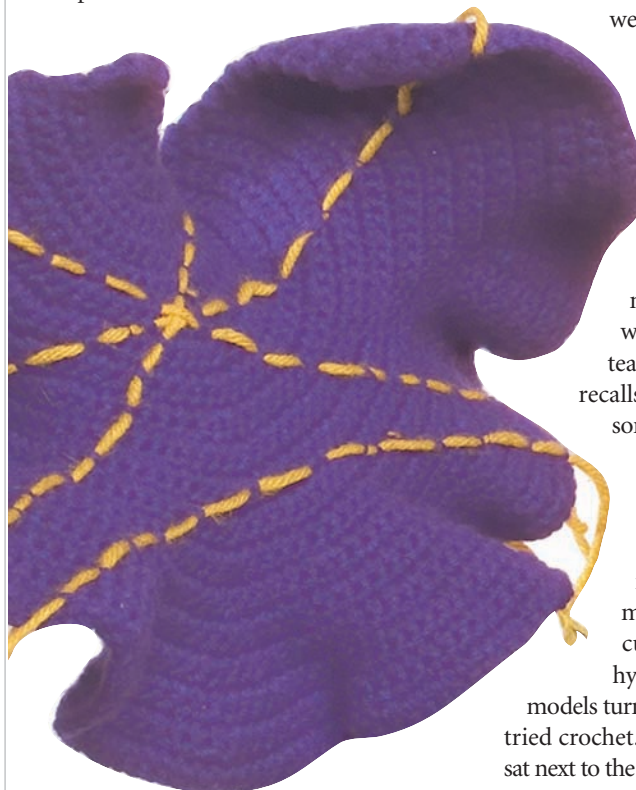
A good yarn: Stitching on models demonstrates the unusual properties of hyperbolic geometry. Above, the precursor to a double torus. Below, a simple hyperbolic plane.

to come up with three-dimensional manifestations of hyperbolic geometry since the early 1800s, although examples in nature, like the curled edges of kelp, were there all along. Henri Poincaré depicted a hyperbolic plane in a circular disc, which inspired M.C. Escher to

create his etchings of impossible buildings. It was only in the 1970s that the first hands-on models were created, by the esteemed geometer William Thurston, now a Cornell mathematics professor. Taimina's husband, mathematics professor David Henderson, tried his hand at them as

well. But the models, made of thin strips of paper taped together, were hard to construct. "I didn't have the patience for that," Taimina says. And they were too fragile for students to handle.

Taimina's light-bulb moment came in 1997, when she was preparing to teach Geometry 451, she recalls. "I said, I have to make something that can be used and is durable." A life-long knitter, she thought perhaps the medium of yarn might improve on paper's unyielding qualities and, properly manipulated, would offer the curvatures needed to model hyperbolic planes. Knitted models turned out too floppy, but she tried crochet. "That summer," she says, "I sat next to the pool, my children learned to



swim, and I just crocheted planes.” Passersby asked what she was working on. “I said, ‘Crocheting hyperbolic planes.’ They said, ‘Oh.’”

She has since crocheted models of differential geometry, not only for Henderson’s classes but also for a January presentation at the Mathematical Association of America, where for years she and Henderson have been running workshops on teaching methods. They have also co-written a textbook, *Experiencing Geometry*.

But it was when Taimina and Henderson gave a presentation at the Institute for Figuring in Los Angeles this year that people outside the math community came into the loop. Word of Taimina’s models has spread from obscure magazines such as *Mathematical Intelligencer* and *Crochet Fantasy* to mainstream media like the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and National Public Radio. Taimina has exhibited her work at two art galleries to date and has given many public talks, including one at the edgy New York City performance space P.S. 122. Free-form crocheters like Gwen Blakley Kinsler, founder of the Crochet Guild, a national association, revel in the publicity it has offered the craft. “For years we’ve been fighting a stereotype as a group of grannies who do nothing but toilet paper covers,” she says. “To have crochet help people understand math—I just love that.”

Taimina views her recent fame with amusement. “This is nothing I’ve asked for—it’s an unexpected adventure.” But she also appreciates the opportunity to make geometric concepts easier for anyone, not just mathematicians, to understand. She tells the story of a teacher in Nebraska who saw her models in *Wired* magazine and introduced the ideas to her summer school students, who were on the verge of dropping out of high school because they were failing math. Several taught themselves to crochet the models, and all discovered that math could be “cool.” “It changed their attitude. For me, that was the greatest,” Taimina says. “If I can reach people I have never met, if I can teach them just through this, maybe that’s worth the pain I have in my arms.”

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After traveling from Afghanistan to Uzbekistan, Capt. Jaime Torres '97 spent six days camped out at an Army base in Manas with 600 of his fellow soldiers, all waiting to board planes for their home base in Hawaii. With refueling stops, the flight took twenty-two hours. Then they had to collect their bags, board buses to Oahu's Schofield Barracks, march in formation, stand at attention for a ceremony. Then, and only then, did Torres get to hug his wife for the first time in six months.

Torres, a 2002 graduate of Weill Cornell Medical College, had spent the previous year in Afghanistan as a brigade surgeon for the 25th Light Infantry Division.

At the Kandahar Troop Medical Clinic, the combat hospital for southern Afghanistan, he and a handful of other doctors and physician assistants treated some 24,000 patients—the 3rd Brigade's 6,000 men and women, plus thousands of local residents. "I've been tested physically, mentally, spiritually," says Torres. "I know I'm a better person for it, and I'm definitely a better doctor."

Despite his military title, Torres isn't actually a surgeon; although he started an internship in general surgery at Tripler Army Medical Center in Oahu, he decided the field wasn't for him and became a General Medical Officer on active duty while he contemplated his specialty

options. "I'm basically straight out of internship, so there's only so much I can do," he says. "I'm essentially an emergency medicine/internal medicine doc. Family practice, OB, ER—I'm a jack of all trades."

He's also a soldier. Torres was often called upon to go "outside the wire"—beyond the protection of the military base—to provide free medical care to Afghani citizens or accompany the infantry on its missions. On such trips, he wore what he calls "full battle rattle": weapon, helmet, bulletproof vest. "We never went out by ourselves," he says. "We were always attached to infantry guys. When we're outside the wire, we're soldiers first and doctors second. If bullets start fly-

Kandahar ER: U.S. Army brigade surgeon Jaime Torres '97 treats a soldier at a combat hospital in southern Afghanistan.

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ing, we have to protect ourselves." In a country that Doctors Without Borders has deemed too dangerous for its personnel, Torres rode in convoys that were hit by small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades, and mortar rounds. "There's always a possibility," he says, "that once you leave Kandahar Airfield, you're going to be engaged."

During its tour in Afghanistan, Torres's brigade lost twelve soldiers. On his wrist, Torres wears a silver I.D. bracelet bearing the name of one of them: his good friend Specialist Billy Gomez, a medic killed in October 2004 when his patrol drove over a bomb. "When you lose medical personnel, someone who's there to save people, it's really sad," he says. "We're not there to kill—we're always trained for that, but our

main purpose is to save lives."

Although he's thrilled to be back in Hawaii, Torres admits that his work life these days is fairly mundane. "I definitely miss treating traumas," he says. "We're back to routine garrison medicine: 'My knee hurts, my back hurts.' Physicals, pap smears—none of the exciting, 'life in the ER' kind of cases that we used to get on a daily basis." He's focusing on improving the brigade's level of medical readiness by offering advanced training to its medics and schooling soldiers on how to recognize the three most common causes of death on the battlefield: hemorrhage, airway obstruction, and tension pneumothorax (collapsed lung). It's essential information: the brigade is scheduled to

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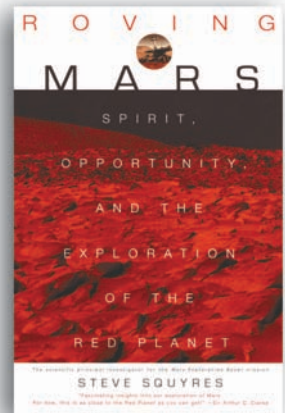
ROVER SCIENTIST PENS A MARTIAN MEMOIR

Steve Squyres '78, PhD '81, is obsessed with time. Watching his restless energy during a September 14 lecture to an audience of alumni in the Space Sciences Building, it's easy to imagine that the adage about not enough hours in the day was designed with him in mind. But thanks to lots of hard work and a little luck, he has been granted extra time. Since the Goldwin Smith professor of astronomy became the principal investigator of the Mars Exploration Rover mission, each of his days has lasted twenty-four hours and thirty-nine minutes—the length of one Martian sol.

As Squyres writes in *Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity, and the Exploration of the Red Planet*, "All of us who wanted to work flight operations [had] to shift our sleep schedules constantly, keeping pace with the planet where we worked instead of the planet where we lived." And because the rovers operated in two different Martian time zones, there was also the possibility of Martian jet lag. "Fatigue is part of the experience," he notes.

The book gives the ultimate insider's view of the frustrations and the triumphs—and the years of work—that went into designing, testing, and seeking funding and approval for the mission. It's not only the story of amazing machines but of the team of more than 4,000 people who worked on the project.

Time is the enemy of the rovers, too. Their mission was to study Martian geology and find out whether the planet could have ever supported life. They were designed for an operational life of ninety days and the ability to drive six hundred meters. "I always understood that Sol 90 was when the warranty would expire for each rover," Squyres writes, "and that an expired warranty didn't mean that the wheels would fall off when the Sun came up on Sol 91." As of this writing, the rover Spirit has been collecting data for more than 600 sols, Opportunity for nearly as many. "When they stop," Squyres says, "it will be like a death."





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go to Iraq in August 2006. "Our goal right now," he says, "is to get ready for the next deployment."

An Air Force brat, Torres grew up all over the world: Missouri, Japan, North Carolina, Panama, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Brooklyn. After earning a biology degree from CALS—he was a founding brother of the Latino fraternity Lambda Theta Phi—he went to medical school on a military scholarship. "He's a very straightforward man, a very independent kind of person," says Dr. Bruce Ballard, associate dean for student affairs and equal opportunity programs at Weill Cornell. "He was always a self-starter—one of those people who had strong ideas about the direction he was going to go."

In exchange for full tuition and a stipend, Torres owes the Army four years of active duty. He's unsure whether he wants a long-term career in uniform; although his father retired with an Air Force pension after twenty years of service, Torres is wary of repeated deployments. "A year out of your life is a long time to be away from family and friends," says Torres, who married his high school sweetheart during his last year of med school. "Internet or phone is one thing, but it's depressing at times." Ask Torres what he missed about home, and the list is almost too long for him to contemplate: his family, eating Chinese food, and riding his motorcycle, just for starters. He already had a Harley; as a welcome-home gift, his wife, Faye, got him a Big Dog chopper, a "gorgeous bike" with lots of chrome. "I threw her on the back," he says, "and we rode around the island two or three times that first weekend alone."

Torres is in the process of applying for residencies in internal medicine starting next July. (If he's accepted, military regulations would make him exempt from deployment to Iraq.) Updating his curriculum vitae for the application was something of a revelation. "Before I left, I didn't have anything on my CV," he says. "Now I've got a Combat Medical Badge, a Global War on Terrorism Medal, a Bronze Star for meritorious service. It's a proud feeling when you put on that uniform and look down [at the medals] and you're like, 'Wow, I didn't realize I did all this stuff.'"

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ON A BRIGHT SUMMER AFTER-noon, Brian Schimpf '06 descended into the sunless bowels of Rhodes Hall to inspect his robot. The machine was big and black and brutish, a low-slung four-wheel-drive truck with a tubular steel frame and thirty-four-inch tires. It looked like a cross between a military Humvee and a Baja 1000 desert racer. In a former life, it was a light assault vehicle called a Spider, built by a Singapore defense contractor and typically kitted out with a heavy machine gun. Now unarmed and unplugged from its electronic brains, it sat in a cluttered basement garage to await the spark of life.

"This is just a ridiculously capable vehicle," said Schimpf, who was spending his summer break helping to build Cornell's entry in the second annual DARPA Grand Challenge for unmanned, autonomous ground vehicles. Sponsored by the research arm of the Department of

Defense, the October 8 race pitted twenty-three robotic vehicles in a race against the clock negotiating a treacherous 132-mile route across the Mojave Desert in under ten hours, all without human intervention. Two million dollars went to the eventual winner, a team from Stanford University that fielded a modified Volkswagen Touareg SUV named Stanley. Finishing the course in just under seven hours, Stanley managed to edge the race's two favorites—a pair of Hummers built by Carnegie-Mellon University's acclaimed robotics program that finished second and third—by only minutes. A total of five entrants successfully completed the contest.

DARPA—the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency—devised the Grand Challenge as a way to enlist a volunteer army of high school and college students, backyard tinkerers, and assorted amateur techno-wonks in the race to become the Charles Lindbergh of robotics.

Driving test: Cornell's autonomous vehicle during the DARPA Grand Challenge semifinals

Autonomous combat vehicles are poised to be a key “transformational technology” of the new century. Although possible civilian applications might range from improved public transportation to the old World’s Fair fantasy of the hands-off commute, right now the DoD is more interested in taking people out of the long, vulnerable supply lines of the modern ground war. In a future conflict, troops could be maintained by driverless convoys of robot trucks racing across the desert.

Unfortunately, building a vehicle that drives itself turns out to be exceedingly difficult. “Mimicking human judgment is the hardest part,” says mechanical engineering professor Ephraim Garcia, head of the Sibley School’s Center for Intelligent Mechatronics and a faculty advisor for Cornell’s Grand Challenge team. “How does it know the difference between a tree and a rock, or a person? What’s challenging is fusing all this information from different sensors and then making good decisions. That’s where the rubber meets the road.”

In 2004, the inaugural Grand Challenge was something of a rolling fiasco, with all fifteen entries either disabled or destroyed before the eighth mile. They crashed, drove backwards, burst into flames, froze before phantom obstacles, and were generally flummoxed by forces their artificial intelligences could not comprehend. The most capable entrant, an earlier version of Carnegie Mellon’s second-place Hummer, rolled itself over two days before the race when it glimpsed a passing cow.

“Just about everything that’s ever been done has failed, usually spectacularly,” Schimpf said in June. An operations research major, he joined with friends Noah Zach ’06 and Aaron Nathan ’06 to spearhead the Cornell effort.

They started back in fall 2004 by analyzing where the first round of DARPA robots went wrong. First lesson: find an extremely robust platform, so that the vehicle can drive over anything it doesn’t see. They also determined that too many entrants relied on their finicky Global Positioning Systems to navigate, rendering the vehicles helpless when they lost contact with the GPS waypoints that defined the race route. Thus their robo-truck was outfitted with a multiplicity of sensors,

including a trio of laser rangefinders and both radar and LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) systems to pick up distant obstructions. Decision-making duties were handled by a networked rack of computer servers, with a separate generator riding along to provide power—and run the RV air-conditioner that cools the whole array. “This is basically a rolling supercomputer,” said Schimpf.

Cornell doesn’t have an official robotics program, but the University is a veteran of many a collegiate robo-war (it’s a four-time champion in the annual Robocup competitions for tiny soccer-playing automats). Several Robocup alums signed on to the Grand Challenge team, which eventually swelled to accommodate over sixty students divided into four sub-teams, plus four faculty advisors. And they came to play, running through an estimated \$200,000 building their entry—not including the donated vehicle itself (list price: over \$100,000) or the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of other high-tech componentry, all provided gratis by sponsors such as Texas Instruments and Northrop Grumman. Compared to some other teams, which boasted professional engineers and seven-figure budgets, the Cornell effort was comparatively low-budget and “very student-driven,” Schimpf said. “We have a lot of undergrads and we design a lot of the hardware ourselves. The advantage is that undergrads are insane. That’s our secret weapon.”

Advisor Garcia agrees. “I think it would take Boeing \$30 million to do what these kids did. They’re incredibly dedicated.”

Alas, that work was not rewarded on race day. After breezing handily through the semifinal rounds, the Spider met an untimely end nine miles into the finals when it took a sharp turn and stopped at a guardrail. Faced with an unclimbable obstacle and unable to reverse—the team had failed to enable the software’s “backup logic”—there the Spider sat.

It was an unspectacular early end to the team’s day. But, as Garcia had often warned his students, they called it the Grand Challenge for a reason. “It’s really a tall order,” he says. “To do this as an all-or-nothing, one-shot deal. As an experimenter, I look at this and think it’s incredibly hard.”

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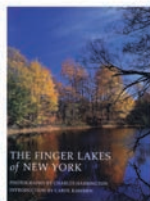
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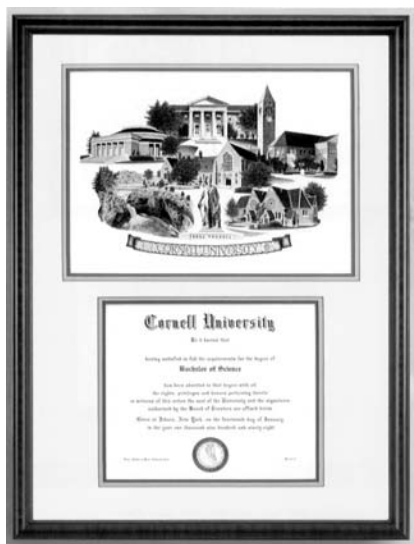
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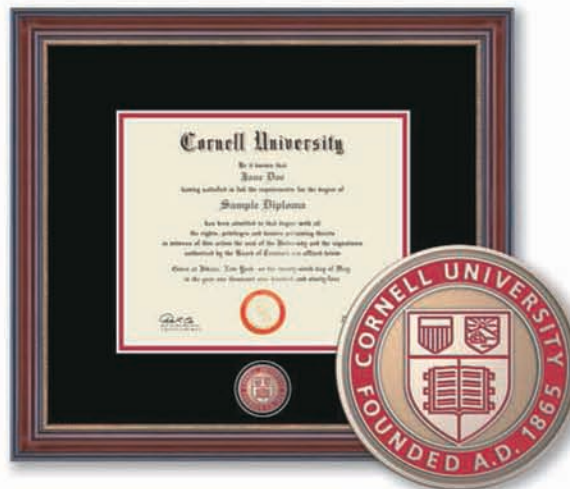
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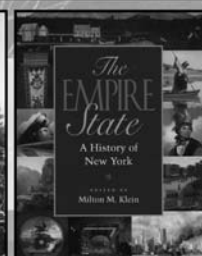
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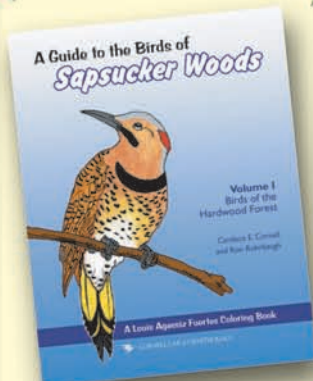
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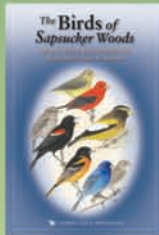
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Merrill credits the *Sun*—which this fall is celebrating its 125th anniversary as an undergraduate-run independent news-



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paper—with launching his career. "It had an immense impact on my life," he says. "That was the first time I ever ran anything, so it was good management training and it was good journalistic training."

Working on the *Sun* has jump-started the careers of more than a few big names in the American news media, as well as in other industries and professions. Prominent *Sun* alumni include Frank Gannett 1898, who served for a year on the editorial board but quit upon losing an election for business manager. After graduation, he went on to found the Gannett Company, which today ranks as the country's largest newspaper group, with ninety-nine daily papers and a combined daily paid circulation of nearly 8 million. Another cap-

tain of industry who drew upon his *Sun* experience was Oscar Mayer '34, who headed the company (founded by his Bavarian immigrant grandfather) that became America's leading purveyor of hot dogs and cold cuts. Mayer served as business manager in his senior year.

Over the years the *Sun* has inculcated reporting, writing, photographic, editing, design, and managerial skills into hundreds of staffers who have gotten hooked on journalism. They have picked up these skills not by writing dull practice stories in a J-school classroom but by doing real reporting and editing

REED DECLARES ULTIMATE DEATH OF TARIFF BILL

Assertion by Pennsylvanian
Throws Senate Into Free-
For-All Discussion

SENATOR SPONSORED BILL

Agreement Reached to Get Down
To Seriousness and Pass
Some Measure

Washington, Oct. 28.—(AP)—A pronouncement of ultimate death was read over the tariff bill in the Senate today by one of its sponsors, Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, and the post mortems that quickly ensued found leaders of all factions passing the blame around.

The assertion, a repetition of a statement by Senator Reed in a speech in Philadelphia over the week-end, led to a free-for-all political discussion which saw Republican regulars and independents quarrelling over the attitude of President Hoover; Democrats and Republicans demanding that the President state his position on the bill, and all finally agreeing that the Senate must get down to serious business and pass some sort of measure.

Although Reed predicted the bill would die in conference with the House, Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, in charge of the measure for the Finance Committee, assured the Senate that no effort was to be made to kill the legislation in conference and that it would be handled as another bill when it reaches that stage.

Senator Johnson, California, started the debate by calling attention to conflicting newspaper accounts, one to the effect that the coalition of Democrats and Western Republicans was succeeding in writing the type of bill

Senator Dies



After a prolonged illness, Senator Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, succumbed in Washington, D. C., last night, after failure to rally from an attack of grippe.

SENATOR BURTON OF OHIO IS DEAD

Aged Republican Leader Succumbs to Illness of Several Months in Washington

Washington, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Senator

MARKET SUFFERS SECOND SEVERE DROP IN PRICES

Decline of Yesterday's Values
Even More Severe Than of
Last Thursday

TRADING VOLUME LARGE

Morgan Again Holds Conference
Of Bankers but Issues
No Statement

ADVERSE NEWS ABSENT

Crash Blamed on Further Clean-
ing up of Weak Accounts
And Bear Raids

New York, Oct. 28.—(AP)—A further collapse in stock prices, exceeding in intensity last Thursday's demoralizing session, took place today as Wall Street continued to weed out its weakened speculative accounts, and place its house in order after the wild orgy of speculation for the advance which has taken place in the last five years. Net declines in many of the active issues ran to \$5 a share, with the market practically at the bottom, were 9,213,000 shares, with a breaking total of 12,934,000 last Thursday.

Leading New York bank

Surveys at Poll

of Texas minor who
had both the Bureau
of the editor of
with Waldo Niehu

It is concerned only
facts about public
does not in any way
move public opinion,
the surveys have an
groups or stu-
all reports will be
unbiased manner, it
aid of statisticians at
of Texas, a propo-
of college students
terminated from figures
the United States Of-
Baltimore have been
distributed according to
sample over a cross-
colleges selected as mem-
of colleges will be mailed
and for their out-
papers. Results of in-
will be mailed to the
abolition and national
then be sent to the
reapers.

Workers Ten Strike

in one-day nation-wide
thousand in strikes

Chamberlain To Talk With Mussolini Soon On British Policies

Beebe Rink Closed

Coach Nick Dawit announced
last night that Beebe Lake was
not yet officially opened for skating,
and will remain closed until
the ice is thick enough for safety.
He stated that the ice was only
one and-a-half to three inches
thick over the lake and the rink
will not be opened until it has a
covering of six inches, dense enough
to support the skating tractor.

Foreign Secretary Will Accompany Him Early in January

By The Associated Press
London, Nov. 28.—Britain's travel-
ing prime minister is to talk over
with Premier Mussolini in Rome
the British policy of European ap-
peasement which has been tempo-
rarily blocked by Germany's drive
on Jews.

The foreign office announced to-
night that Prime Minister Cham-
berlain and Foreign Secretary Vic-
count Halifax, both of whom were
in Paris last week on an official
visit, proposed journeying to Rome
in the first half of January.

Jews Hope for Roosevelt Aid

Berlin, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Jews
here today were expressed by
leaders of German Jewry that
President Roosevelt will be able
to persuade the forthcoming Pan
American conference at Lima
to take immediate generous action
in behalf of German Jews.

These leaders say a compelling ac-
tion is a compelling necessity.
They insist that unless aid comes
quickly the tragedy of the Jews

EXTRA EDITION

The Cornell Daily Sun

WEATHER
Clear
High 44
Low 30 to 34

THE LXXXV—No. 123 ITHACA, NEW YORK, SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1938 8 PAGES—32 CENTS

Black Students Seize Straight Day Hall, Faculty Consider Official Response

SDS Readies Rally, Still Guarding WSH

By ARNOLD PRESS
SDS would like to see the students at 4 p. m. today at
a student meeting in Student Union building called for a meeting
today when Cornell University students will be asked to
attend for 12 p. m. at the Student Union building.

By BASTION REPORT
University officials and faculty representatives were called to conference this morning
in the Student Union building to discuss the seizure of the Student Union building by
about 100

Parents Expelled From Straight React With Fear, Relate Events

By RICHARD L. NEUBERGER
More than 20 parents who were occupying the guest rooms in the Student Union building
for the night of the seizure of the Student Union building by the SDS, today
reacted with fear and anxiety.

By RICHARD L. NEUBERGER
The seizure of the Student Union building by the SDS, today
reacted with fear and anxiety.

Chi Psi Fire

A fire broke out in the Chi Psi house today, but was quickly extinguished.
The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning.

Pickets Support Demands

A group of students today picketed the Student Union building to support the demands
of the SDS.

White Attempt to Break In Sparks Dispute Over Cops

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PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED



President John F. Kennedy today in automobile apparently was shot in Dallas yesterday.

Johnson Sworn in as President; Takes Oath En Route to Capital

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Lyndon B. Johnson today took the oath of office as President of the United States
in the Texas State Capitol building in Austin.

Police Ex-Ma

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Police today arrested a man who was accused of being an ex-ma.

Perkins Calls Convocation To Mourn Kennedy's Death

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Perkins today called a convocation
to mourn the death of President Kennedy.

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October 29, 1929

to put out what used to be called “Ithaca’s Only Morning Newspaper” (before the *Ithaca Journal* changed to morning distribution). They have done it while working amid spilled coffee, half-eaten sandwiches, creaky furniture, shouted arguments, and the creative tension of a real newsroom—where, until the advent of computers, writers used chronically malfunctioning manual typewriters to bat out their stories on newsprint copy paper.

Sun alumni have gone on to win four Pulitzer Prizes and one Pulitzer Special Citation (given in 1978 to E.B. White ’21 in recognition of his letters, essays, and other work). The prizes were awarded to David Behrens ’54, on the staff at *Newsday*; Robert Kessler ’65, also with *Newsday*; Jay Branegan ’72, formerly of the *Chicago Tribune*; and John Hassell ’91, who won a Pulitzer last April as a member of the *Newark Star-Ledger*’s statehouse team that covered the resignation of New Jersey Governor James McGreevey.

Working for the *Sun* has also provided career development for many alumni with careers outside journalism, sharpening the writing skills of generations of future lawyers and executives—and even offering benefits for physicians. Dr. Joseph Masci ’72 explains: “One of the things that a journalist has to do is learn how to ask the next logical question, even if it’s off the script. When you’re interviewing somebody and they suddenly say something that you find intriguing, you want to follow it. I learned that as a reporter for the *Sun*.” Masci, chief of the Department of Medicine at Elmhurst Hospital Center in New York City, also notes that “as a journalist, you develop a healthy skepticism about authority. And in science you have to have a healthy skepticism about scientific findings. . . . You’re always on guard that someone is trying to spin something, or make the facts not exactly what their findings were.”

The *Sun* celebrated its 125th anniversary by publishing a fifty-six-page commemorative edition on September 16. The next evening, an exuberant, reminiscence-filled dinner in New York City drew some 360 *Sun* alumni, staffers, and guests. On campus, there was a special event on September 24 that featured ESPN commentator and former *Sun* sports editor Jeremy Schaap ’91, the son of another celebrated *Sun* alumnus, the late Dick Schaap ’55.

The anniversary celebration came in the wake of some major changes for the paper. The most significant was the *Sun*’s move in 2003 to its first permanent home, a capacious and thoroughly renovated building at 139 West State Street that formerly housed the Elks Lodge. In addition, the *Sun* improved its bottom line by shifting its printing contract from the *Ithaca Journal* to the *Corning Leader* and making the paper free (the loss of circulation revenue was more than offset by higher advertising rates, thanks to an expanded readership now estimated at about 15,000 daily).

Nate Brown ’04 was editor-in-chief when the *Sun* staff, which in preceding years had suffered from sporadic morale problems, moved to its new quarters. “I felt lucky to be part of the first [editorial] board in the new building,” he says. “Being in the building energized and motivated people. I think it made the staff, myself included, feel like we were working in a professional organization that had the goal of serving the community. I’d say that because we felt a little more polished and a little more professional, the paper reflected that attitude.”

The new *Sun* building is owned by the Cornell Daily Sun Alumni Association (CDSAA), a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation whose establishment in 1999 was masterminded largely by

Stan Chess ’69, JD ’72, a former editor-in-chief. Chess, who serves as president of the CDSAA, says he had become increasingly dismayed by the succession of rental spaces in which the *Sun* had been operating since 1987, when it was forced to leave its roomy but somewhat dilapidated quarters in the historic Colonial Building at 109 East State Street, where it had been a tenant for fifty-one years.

“I just thought it was time to do something,” says Chess, whose business career has focused on providing Bar review courses, as well as Internet-based legal education products and services. “The *Sun* was going downhill. I felt that the mobilizing force had to be a building—it would give them stability, it would give them pride, it would make it easier to recruit and retain editorial talent, and it would make it easier to produce the paper.”

Because the *Sun* had raised only about \$50,000 in donations for its building fund, purchase and renovation of the new building was accomplished largely through debt financing: a bank mortgage with a current outstanding balance of about \$175,000 along with \$219,000 in loans from individuals, plus deferred-payment financing from the renovation contractor. In the wake of the 125th anniversary, the CDSAA plans to renew efforts to secure additional donations to help reduce the debt burden.

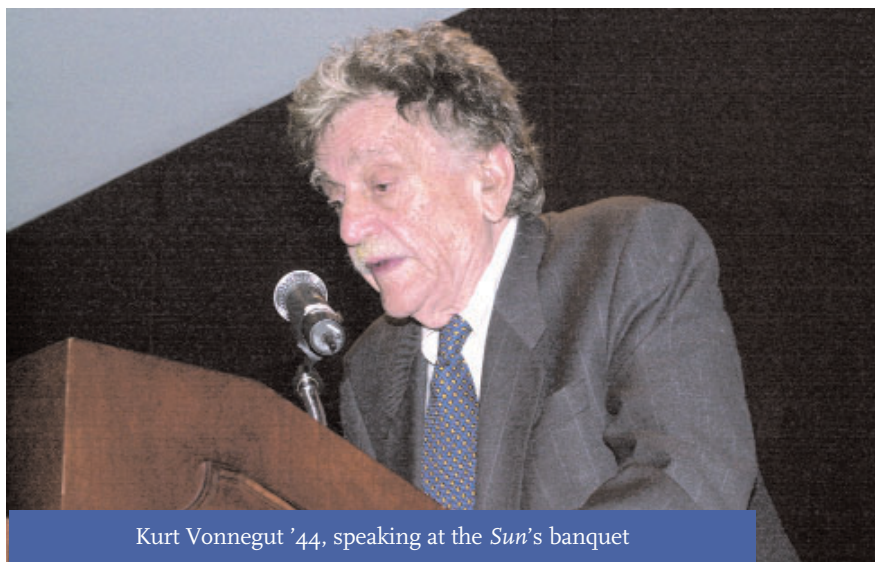


The *Cornell Daily Sun* was founded in 1880, at a time when Cornell University itself was young and total enrollment numbered fewer than 400 students. The paper’s initial success was a testament to the energy, enterprise, ambition, and business acumen of William Ballard Hoyt 1881, its first editor-in-chief, and George Francis Gifford 1880, the business manager for the launch.

In the inaugural issue, published on September 16, 1880, the *Sun*’s editors declared: “Without any apology for our appearance, we make our bow to the college world, and especially to that part of it in which Cornell, her students, friends, and alumni are most interested. We have no indulgence to ask, no favors to beg. . . . Our principles are those of the institution which we shall endeavor to represent—liberty of thought, liberty of speech, and liberty of action; but we shall strive earnestly not to allow this liberty to degenerate into license.”

In the fall of 1893, campus observers noted an unusual phenomenon—the publication of two newspapers, each calling itself the *Cornell Daily Sun*. This resulted from a stalemate in the previous June’s election of incoming editors and managers, when the contest for business manager—between John Ahern 1894 and Samuel Slater 1894—went undecided for 147 futile tie ballots. Both factions decided to publish their own version of the *Sun*. Two weeks into the term, President Jacob Gould Schurman dealt with the situation by mandating a campus referendum, in which the Ahern camp triumphed.

In 1912, the *Sun* began to look beyond the campus, adding national and international news as one of the first two collegiate newspapers to become a member of the Associated Press. A few years later, it welcomed one of its most celebrated staffers: E.B. (Elwyn Brooks) White—nicknamed “Andy” by his fellow *Sun* staffers for having the same last name as Andrew Dickson White.



Kurt Vonnegut '44, speaking at the *Sun*'s banquet

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So It Goes

The most illustrious speaker at the *Sun*'s 125th anniversary dinner was novelist Kurt Vonnegut '44, who was an associate editor before leaving Cornell to enlist in the Army in 1942. Vonnegut was captured by the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944. While a prisoner of war, he witnessed the horrific Allied firebombing of Dresden, which helped to shape his most famous work, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, published in 1969. His latest book, the nonfiction collection *A Man Without a Country*, was published by Seven Stories Press in September.

Vonnegut had addressed his fellow *Sun* alumni once before, at the 100th anniversary dinner in 1980, when he noted that, during his time as a Cornell student, "I was happiest when I was all alone—and it was very late at night, and I was walking up the hill after having helped to put the *Sun* to bed."

Vonnegut was introduced by his longtime friend Miller Harris '43, a former *Sun* editor-in-chief, who described Vonnegut at Cornell as "full of piss and vinegar" and said his writing for the *Sun* displayed "a remarkable voice of wit and brevity."

Vonnegut will turn eighty-three in November and spoke for only a few minutes, but he demonstrated that he has not lost his edge. "I have been so lucky again and again and again," he said. "I went to Cornell having no idea the *Sun* was there. I went to Cornell because my uncle Tony had been a quarter-miler there. And the *Sun*, thank goodness, showed me what to do with my life—and I did it."

He went on to say that "many writers of fiction are all through by the time they're forty-five—they've done their best work. For example, Ernest Hemingway did a beautiful collection of short stories, *In Our Time*. I think he was twenty-eight when he published them, and he said he had 100 more stories. Well, he didn't. He had three more. I'm all through—I just write very short stuff now. And it gets shorter and shorter and shorter. I think it's going to wind up, finally, as just one word. And I guess you all know what the word is."

White served as editor-in-chief during his senior year. During his subsequent career, in addition to writing many essays and articles for the *New Yorker*, columns for *Harper's*, and award-winning children's books such as *Charlotte's Web*, White co-authored with Cornell English professor William Strunk Jr. the writer's handbook known as *The Elements of Style*, forever influencing generations of writers to come.

distinct culture that sought separate news coverage. Cornell women developed their own self-government, glee clubs, athletic associations, intramural sports, class councils, and honoraries." But by the early 1950s, she noted, "women began to want less protection and more of the freedom and equality that Cornell's founders had provided them in the first place."

The situation reached the boiling point in the spring of 1958,

White's abiding concern with language was evoked in a *Sun* editorial published on May 18, 1920. "It is unfortunate that in a university community very little attention is paid to the acquisition of a universally acceptable power of expression," he wrote. "Anyone can develop a code of expletives with a little practice, and the unique phrases can be picked up within twenty-four hours after their inception. So the undergraduate goes blithely along on the strength of these flimsy subterfuges, occasionally remarking that he would like to have a good vocabulary and never taking the trouble to acquire one."

For several months at the end of World War I and for more than two years during and immediately after World War II, the *Sun* suspended publication because many resources, including newsprint, were being diverted to the war effort. The *Sun* heralded its return to publication on October 11, 1946, with an editorial declaring: "We presuppose an adult community at Cornell. We will defend it as such and we will criticize it as such."

At that time, though, the University was still enforcing *in loco parentis* policies. Jane Haskins Marcham '51, speaking at the anniversary dinner, recalled those days. The paper had a separate women's page from 1917 until 1964, and Marcham served as the *Sun*'s women's editor in 1950–51. "There was plenty to write about," she said. "Because the University as a matter of policy required women to live in chaperoned dormitories, what developed was a separate society, a

and the *Sun* led opposition to a domineering administration that sought to regulate students' lives by banning women from men's off-campus apartments. The paper carried a series of tough editorials, but what finally touched off a furor was a front-page story that quoted a Cornell administrator, Theresa Humphreyville, as telling a student meeting that apartment parties were "conducive to petting and intercourse." The ensuing student demonstration on May 21, 1958, included the burning of an effigy of President Deane Malott and a march to Malott's Cayuga Heights home, where the president told the protesters: "This university will never be run by mob rule."

Perhaps the *Sun's* greatest journalistic challenge was covering the campus crisis of spring 1969, precipitated when a group of black students—angered over reprimands imposed on several of them for misconduct incidents—took over Willard Straight Hall. In response to an incursion by white fraternity men and alleged death threats, the occupiers armed themselves with rifles and shotguns, which they brandished as they departed the Straight on April 20, 1969.

The following day, the *Sun* published an editorial written by Editor-in-Chief Edward Zuckerman '70, urging that the faculty vote to nullify the reprimands. "Acceptance of the proposal will hopefully lead to the construction of a viable judicial system as well as serve as a gesture of good faith that may mollify the suspicions of black students," Zuckerman wrote.

"Rejection of the proposal may lead to bloodshed, and the judicial system, frankly, is not worth anyone's dying over."

The student body and faculty were riven by factions, and the University teetered on the brink of violence and disorder for about a week longer. Jay Branegan '72 recalled the moment at the September 17 anniversary dinner: "This was the biggest story in the country, and the *Sun* was right in the middle of it. We were the most important source of information, and the community relied on us to ferret out facts, squelch rumors, and convey the variety of heated opinion about this complex and highly charged story. Reporters from all over the country converged on Ithaca, and the *Sun* was a stop on their route."

Branegan had come to Cornell to study physics, but switched gears and decided to go into journalism while working on the *Sun*. After several years reporting for the *Chicago Tribune*, he put in two decades with *Time* magazine, including assignments in Hong Kong and Brussels, and later at the White House. Currently, he is a staff member with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The *Sun* alumni at the dinner also heard from Sam Roberts '68, who had served as managing editor. After leaving Cornell, Roberts worked for the *New York Daily News*, where he was a reporter, columnist, and city editor, then went to the *New York Times*. Currently he is urban affairs correspondent as well as host of the *Times's* public affairs program on New York 1, the

city's all-news television channel.

Roberts launched his talk by recalling the admonition on a sign he posted beneath the clock in the *Sun's* newsroom: THIS IS A DAILY, NOT A WEEKLY. "I don't remember exactly what inspired that—maybe someone here tonight does," he said, "but it sounded pretty profound at the time. . . . Still, I had no idea that it would become so iconic." Roberts tacked up other memorable placards in the newsroom, including a warning to NEVER BELIEVE A RUMOR UNTIL IT'S OFFICIALLY DENIED, as well as an 8x10 glossy photo of Thomas Tobin, then-director of the Cornell News Service, labeled: THE ENEMY.

Roberts told the gathering that "in that tumultuous time—tumultuous in the world, on campus, and, unfortunately, too, in *Sun* elections—our goal was to maintain the integrity of the newspaper." He added, "I learned more at the *Sun*—about my profession, about people, about myself—than I could have at any journalism school."

In the decades that followed the protest culture and militant unrest of the 1960s, the *Sun* focused on campus flare-ups over a variety of issues, including the University's investments in South Africa, minority education policies, military recruiting on campus, and—most recently—the resignation of President Jeffrey Lehman '77 and the construction of a controversial parking lot on West Campus. In every case, the *Sun* not only reported what was happening but through its op-ed columns and letters gave voice to a wide range of student ideas and opinions.

Austin Hoyt, an independent television producer from Boston who is the grandson of William Ballard Hoyt, the *Sun's* first editor-in-chief, offered a thoughtful reflection at the 125th anniversary dinner. He noted that his grandfather had become a prominent and wealthy lawyer in Buffalo. There he owned one of the city's grandest mansions, hosted elaborate waltz parties, drove a Pierce-Arrow luxury motorcar, and took his thirty-eight-foot mahogany power boat for spins on Lake Erie. But in 1915, at the age of fifty-seven, Hoyt died of complications from an appendectomy. "The city in which he prospered is now dying from a variety of complications and is in receivership," Austin Hoyt said. "The businesses in which he prospered are all in the dustbin of history—the New York Central, Pierce-Arrow, the giant steel mills that have gone the way of the waltz evenings and the mahogany launch. What lives on is his business venture as a student at Cornell. The *Cornell Daily Sun* is thriving because of all of you here tonight, who have nurtured his initial vision over all these many decades. And that gives me great pleasure." 🗨️

BARTON REPPERT '70 was managing editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* in 1969–70. He subsequently worked for eighteen years as a reporter and editor with the *Associated Press* in Washington, New York, and Moscow. Since 1990, he has been a freelance science and technology writer, mainly focusing on policy issues. His father, the late Charles Reppert '34, served as a night editor at the *Sun*.



September 11, 2001

captivity training

the photojournalist and documentarian Micah Garen '94, whose ordeal as a hostage in Iraq made headlines in July 2004, is safe at home in Manhattan, fresh from another death-defying dateline—post-Katrina New Orleans. “It reminded me, actually, of Baghdad,” he says by telephone. “The smell takes you right back.”

Garen is revisiting Iraq a lot these days. In October, Simon and Schuster published *American Hostage*, a first-person account of his kidnapping by a Shi'ite militia—and the frenzied week of efforts to free him on the part of his partner and fiancée, Marie-Hélène Carleton. The pair co-wrote the book, trading chapters as the narrative follows the abduction, captivity, and release of Garen and his translator Amir Doshi after ten days in the marshes of southern Iraq. Writing the book was both “a cathartic project and an artistic project,” says Carleton, who marshaled a network of journalists, politicians, and local religious leaders in an effort to secure Garen’s freedom. “It was good for us to fully understand what the other had gone through, and everyone had gone through, and make it part of the historical record.”

“It was almost like ten days out of my life were just taken,” Garen says. “I didn’t realize how much it had changed everyone on the outside, and how much it had affected me. It takes a long time to really come to terms with everything—particularly what an enormous impact it has on your family. I’m still catching up on what happened in the world in those ten days.”

Garen was no globe-trotting foreign correspondent—his interest in Iraq was mainly archaeological. He and Carleton traveled there as independent documentary filmmakers covering the destruction of ancient ruins that were being ransacked by organized teams of looters. It was a topic that drew on Garen’s undergraduate years in CALS, where he mixed landscape architecture with a focus on Near Eastern history and archaeology, studying Sumerian and Akkadian history and taking a year of Arabic. After graduation, Garen worked as an illustrator and technology consultant in New York City before meeting Carleton, a French-born graduate student in international relations who grew up in Beirut and shared his interests in photography, art, and world travel. They founded a company, Four Corners Media, to make independently financed photo and video projects. Garen had made two brief trips to Iraq in 2003 and 2004 to document the war’s impact on Sumerian archaeological sites before Carleton joined him in the spring of 2004.

The couple understood the risks that Westerners faced in the increasingly tense aftermath of the U.S. invasion. As the security situation unraveled, they became

**Micah
Garen '94
reflects
on the
ten days
that
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his
world**



adept at blending in—she beneath the traditional black *hijab*, he with a bushy Iraqi-style moustache. Together with Amir, their indomitable translator/sidekick, they filmed the Coalition's ineffectual attempts to protect the wealth of antiquities buried in the lawless countryside. After several weeks, Carleton returned to New York, but Garen stayed on for a few extra days of shooting. While photographing gun sellers in a public market in Nasiriyah, he unwittingly angered a vendor and was unmasked as a foreigner. The market crowd quickly turned angry, and in the confusion Garen and Amir were seized by a shadowy collection of masked militants calling themselves the Martyr's Brigade.

Their kidnapping proved to be linked to the insurgent Mahdi Army, then battling Coalition forces in the nearby city of Najaf. Garen's kidnappers forced him to videotape a statement condemning the siege and threatened to kill him unless the U.S. troops withdrew within forty-eight hours. Despite the death threat, the fact that Garen was seized by a Shi'ite group gave Carleton and Garen's family back in the U.S. cause for hope: it was the Sunni insurgents linked to Jordanian Al Qaeda leader Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi who had been responsible for the wave of suicide bombings and beheadings of Western hostages, including Nick Berg '00 in May 2004. The Mahdi Army, led by fiery cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, was not known for such tactics, and Carleton's efforts focused on convincing the two main Shi'ite religious leaders, Sadr and the Grand Ayatollah Ali

MARIE-HELENE CARLETON

al-Sistani, to condemn the kidnapping. But the ailing al-Sistani was awaiting surgery in a London hospital, and Sadr, under fire in Najaf, seemed all but unreachable. “That was definitely the most horrifying thing,” Carleton recalls. “There were so many things we could try to control, but what was happening in Najaf was sort of the wild card.”

While a delicate dance of grass-roots diplomacy took place between New York and Baghdad, Garen and Amir sat in an open-air enclosure, slapping at mosquitoes and mulling a series of unlikely escape plots. Garen wove a crude shiv out of palm fronds in the hopes of overpowering a lone armed guard—“it probably came from watching too many Bruce Willis movies,” he says. But after he was forced to make a second videotaped statement, he fell into despair. “It’s hard to explain, but there was this sense of betrayal,” he says. “As a journalist and a filmmaker, these are your tools, and they had used these tools, this camera, and turned them against me.”

The effects of captivity lingered after his safe return. “I was talking to Terry Anderson afterwards,” Garen recalls. (Former AP journalist Anderson spent almost seven years as a hostage of Shi’ite militants in Lebanon.) “He said some of the people who are kidnapped who have the hardest time readjusting are the ones who are taken for the shortest periods of time—they’re immediately thrown back into their lives and don’t have time to process what went on.” Initially, Garen and Carleton returned to their documentary. But when the offer to turn his ordeal into a book came, they embraced the opportunity. “When Marie-Hélène and I and my family all sat down and started talking about what happened on both sides, the story for us was so amazing, we just kept talking about it over and over again, for weeks. When we got the book contract, in two months Marie-Hélène and I had each written over 300 pages. It just poured out.”

The couple plan to return to their original project and begin editing their feature-length documentary on Iraq’s imperiled archaeological heritage. To Garen, it is a story that still needs to be told. “I’ve never said, ‘It’s not worth getting kidnapped.’ In my mind these are separate issues. Getting kidnapped is just the bad luck of what happened. But the destruction of the archaeology and the culture, there’s just no way to overstate the importance of what’s going on out there.”

— David Dudley

Excerpt from

American Hostage

**By Micah Garen and
Marie-Hélène Carleton**

the car pulled up alongside a building on the bank of the Euphrates River. The men, still holding their pistols, led us quickly through the gate and into a single-story white building. Amir and I removed our shoes at the open door. Young men were milling around, looking curiously at the two odd creatures being led in.

“Where are we?” I whispered to Amir.

“Sadr’s office.”

For a moment, I felt relief; the situation might be under control. Although American forces had been locked in a bitter conflict with the Mahdi Army that erupted in frequent battles throughout cities in southern Iraq, the Mahdi Army generally respected journalists’ neutrality, understanding how good relations benefited their side of the story. The Mahdi Army office in Sadr City, on the outskirts of Baghdad, even issued press credentials to journalists who wanted to cover events there. While many Western journalists had been detained by Mahdi militants, including John Burns of the *New York Times*, as far as I knew, none had been killed. Besides, I had not told anyone in the market I was an American.

Marie-Hélène and I had carefully avoided the Mahdi Army. We were following the story of the looting of archaeological sites, not the ongoing conflict with insurgents. But the trail of looting in the south began to point more and more in the direction of militants aligned with the Mahdi Army. In May, during a Mahdi uprising, the Nasiriyah Museum had been looted and burned. Sumerian-inspired sculptures around the city of Nasiriyah had been smashed, particularly those of women with their legs exposed. The cities of Rafa’i and Fajr, hotbeds of Mahdi militants and Sadr sympathizers, were centers of looting. Anti-Coalition graffiti appeared, scrawled across the destroyed guard towers at looted archaeological sites. Recently we had heard that a hidden fatwa, a religious decree from an Imam, had been issued. Based

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on the third pillar of Islam, *zakat*, the purification of money, the hidden fatwa cleansed money from the sale of looted objects if the money was used to buy arms to fight the Coalition. There were even rumors that the treasures of the Shrine of Imam Ali had been plundered while under control of the Mahdi Army. Publicly, though, everyone condemned looting.

We passed through the front door and were led into a room to the left. A thin man in a black robe and white turban sat on the ground at the far end, talking quietly on an old rotary phone with a cord that trailed off into the wall. We were instructed to kneel beside him. A young man leaned over and whispered in his ear. The man with the turban seemed preoccupied and paid no attention to us, never lifting his eyes. After a short time several young men lifted Amir and me by our arms and led us out past the door we had come in, and into another empty room. I moved to the back wall and knelt down on my heels, ready to spring to my feet, while Amir sat in the far corner.

A short, heavyset man in slacks and a button-down shirt entered. He walked with a pronounced limp and held a dark wooden cane in his right hand. Amir began speaking quickly in Arabic, imploring on my behalf.

"My name is Amir Doshi. We are journalists. I am a translator. Everyone knows me in Nasiriyah. Ask my friend Adnan al-Sharifi, the deputy governor."

"We are at war with the government!" the man with the cane shouted, cutting Amir off. Venomous anger coursed through his face. He punctuated his words by pounding his cane on the floor. Looking me over, he demanded Amir's wallet, which Amir pulled from his back pocket, his hands shaking. The stout man flipped through it violently, then turned toward me, asking Amir where I was from.

"America, America," Amir answered, in a placating tone.

"France, France!" I interjected, giving Amir a hard stare. I was dumbfounded. What possible reason could he have for telling them I was an American? Was Amir trying to save himself? I quickly drew my Paris-based *International Herald Tribune* press card from my pocket and held it out with my head slightly bowed.

The man grabbed the press card and examined it closely.

"*Ana sahabi, ana sadiqi*," I am a journalist, a friend, I said slowly and earnestly.

Amir began to speak again, more rapidly this time, repeating what he had said before. "We are journalists. You can ask my friend Salah al-Shimari on the governing council. I am a translator. Everyone knows me in Nasiriyah—"

The man thundered back in a voice one would expect to hear echoing from the loudspeakers of a minaret, not from this short man with the burning red face. The tone was brutal, an admonishment so severe that the meaning, without translation,



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Uprising: The Mahdi Army clashed with Coalition forces in the summer of 2004.

seemed entirely clear.

When he finished, I turned my head in Amir's direction and spoke softly: "Amir, what's he saying?"

"He says America is the enemy," Amir translated.

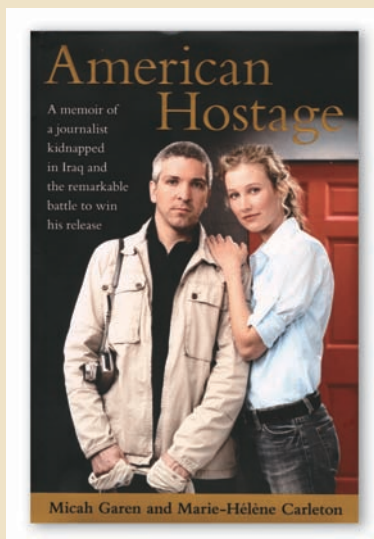
Amir persisted. "We are journalists. We are working on the story of archaeology. Ask Mr. Hamdani at the Directorate of Archaeology. I work at the Directorate of Archaeology. Ask Deputy Governor Adnan al-Sharifi, ask Governor Rumaith." Salah Rumaith was the recently appointed governor of Nasiriyah; at one time he had worked for Mr. Hamdani as a civil guard at the archaeological sites.

Sitting on his heels now with his hands raised in front of him in an imploring gesture, almost as if in prayer, Amir continued to plead our case.

"We are journalists," he repeated. "We are working on the story of the looting of archaeology. Ask Mr. Hamdani at the Directorate of Archaeology. I work at the Directorate of Archaeology—"

The stout man's anger grew with every word. Amir continued

speaking, more rapidly, but I could sense that he was crossing some invisible boundary. His words were noxious to this man. Outrage blossomed on the man's face, and I felt what was coming. He had to silence Amir, put an end to the lies churning from the mouth of this infidel. *Stop talking, Amir*, I thought to myself. The stout man walked toward Amir, shouting in Arabic, "Don't defend him, defend yourself!" With a backhanded swing of his cane, he struck Amir squarely on the jaw. The blow landed with a sickening crack. He had either broken Amir's jaw or split his skull. Amir crumpled in the corner, holding his right jaw with both hands, moaning. With my press card tight in his hand, the stout man left the room.





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At work: Garen, with his translator Amir Doshi (center), filming at the ancient Sumerian archaeological site of Umma.

Children, fingers gripping the concrete, pulled themselves up to peer in through the small rectangular window openings high on the wall. “What’s going on?” I heard one ask in Arabic. “Amerekee,” another replied. “Ahhhhhh.”

“*Nishrab damkoun!*” a child’s voice shouted from behind the wall. We will drink your blood!

“Amir, are you all right?” I asked.

“I don’t know. I’m in pain—I think he broke my jaw,” Amir said, as he slowly righted himself.

That blow was meant for me. Amir had not tried to defend himself, willingly absorbing the venom and anger of the moment, and accepted the punishment to help me. It would be weeks before the selflessness of that act fully sank in. At that moment, I was fixated on elemental concerns: freedom or captivity, life or death.

I looked back at the window above Amir where the children had been spying. Could I fit through there? It must lead to an alleyway. Maybe I could run and get help.

Trying desperately to think of a way out, I remembered the words of James Longley, a friend and documentary filmmaker who had worked for several months in Nasiriyah: “If you ever have trouble with Sadr’s group in Nasiriyah, tell Sheik Aws al-Khafaji that you are a friend of mine.” Journalists often spent months developing trusted relationships with people who weren’t necessarily to be trusted. Perhaps Sheik Aws was the key.

The stout man returned promptly, contemplating what to do

as he paced back and forth across the room, my press card in one hand, his cane in the other. I had no time to explain to Amir who James was and why Khafaji was important. I didn’t know Khafaji or anything about him, but he was our only hope.

“Amir, tell him I am a friend of James, that James knows Khafaji.”

No response from Amir.

“Amir, tell him.”

Amir tried, but the man ignored his words.

“He does not want to hear anything,” Amir said, resigned, still holding his jaw.

The stout man ordered a young man nearby to tear a cloth banner lying on the floor into strips. The young man paused for a moment to read the message praising Sayed Muqtada al-Sadr scrawled across it in blue paint, then ripped it in half. He removed my watch, tied my hands behind my back with the cloth, and used wire to bind Amir’s hands. Then he blindfolded us.

“*Ana sadiqi James, James araf Khafaji, ana sahafi . . .*”

I am a friend of James, James knows Khafaji, I am a journalist. I repeated it again as the cloth went around my eyes, trapping my words midsentence in darkness. There was no response.

A man pulled me up by the arm, and I was led out the door. Disoriented by the sudden darkness of the blindfold, I struggled to maintain my composure as I lost my footing. Outside, patches of light flickered under my blindfold. I could hear voices and an engine running. I felt my way with my bare feet as I was pushed into what must have been a van.

“Amir?” I called out, afraid we were being separated.

“I am here,” Amir said, trying to reassure me from behind his blindfold.

We were pushed side by side onto the floor of the van, with our backs against a seat and our legs stretched out in front.

“Amir,” I repeated, needing to hear his voice, needing to do something, to know what was happening, what was going to happen. Amir had no answers, but my fear compelled me to ask, to keep prodding with words through the darkness.

“Amir,” I pressed, as if my words could somehow soothe our condition.

“Yes.”

“What’s going on?” I attempted to sound calm and purposeful.

“I don’t know.”

“Where are they taking us?”

“I don’t know. Be quiet.”

After a moment I tried again. “Amir . . .”

No response.

I stopped, worried that my constant questioning might make things worse.

As the van lurched out onto the street, someone pushed my head down. *Remain calm*, I thought. *Focus*. Which direction are we headed? How long are we driving? Like a trail of clues, those details might be the only way back.

In the distance I thought I heard the deep, muffled sound of explosions, like rocket-propelled grenades hitting a building. I wondered if it was another Mahdi Army attack on Nasiriyah or, perhaps less likely, the Iraqi police responding to our kidnapping. ●

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The grants can help alumni groups fulfill a range of goals. For example, in 2004 the Cornell Law Association wanted to highlight the contributions of Cornell lawyers in government and public service, as well as introduce the new assistant dean for public service. The association also wanted to identify alumni working in public service and to organize a public service leadership team that would help energize interest in the group for years to come. With the help of a Federation grant, the association held a Public Service Law Symposium the following Febru-

ary at the New York County Lawyers' Association in Manhattan. After a reception, five distinguished alumni active in public service participated in a panel discussion highlighting the Law school's public service programs. Seth Peacock, JD '01, director of alumni relations for the Law school, reports that ninety lawyers and students attended the event—an outstanding turnout. The Law Association now hopes to make the program an annual event.

Sometimes the program goal is simply fellowship and fun. At Homecoming '04, the classes of the 1980s and the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) sponsored a gathering for Big Red Band members from that decade. With Federation grant money that subsidized publicity costs, Scott Pesner '87 began organizing the event eight months in advance, as-

sembling a group of volunteers and making plans. The weekend's activities started with a Friday night reception for alumni and the current Big Red Band, followed by an early Saturday morning rehearsal and a tailgate on Kite Hill, also subsidized with grant money. More than sixty alumni from the '80s were joined by fifty alumni band members from classes in other decades. At halftime, three '80s drum majors led the way and alumni joined the band for the show. "We sounded spectacular," Pesner reported. "As for the marching—well, it was fun!"

Some clubs use the grants to recruit new volunteers. After members of the Cornell Club of the Gold Coast in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, attended a Federation-sponsored Regional Leadership Workshop in April 2004, the

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CC/Rochester, Jan. 7—Founder's Day lunch with music professor Malcolm Bilson. Contact Tom Cummings, tom@cummingscreative.com, 585/248-8676.

CWC/Syracuse, Jan. 9—Guided tour of Everson Museum. Contact Grace Clancy, gmm4521@aol.com, 315/458-5132.

Metro/New York

CC/Northern New Jersey, Nov. 19—Football vs. Penn. Contact the Athletics ticket office, 607/254-BEAR.

CC/Fairfield County, Nov. 23—Knitting group. Contact Donna LaValee, dk7@cornell.edu, 203/274-5706.

CEN/New York City, Nov. 29—Peter Yarrow on "Non-profit Entrepreneurship." Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-6412.

CC/Long Island, Dec. 4—Big Red Bear Hug Party to benefit children at Nassau County Medical Center. Contact Joan Husserl, 516/826-3316.

CC/Fairfield County, Dec. 28—Knitting group. Contact Donna LaVal ee, dk7@cornell.edu, 203/274-5706.

CAA/Princeton, Jan. 7—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Susan Perl, stperl@comcast.net, 609/275-4774.

CC/New York, Jan. 7—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Katie Antonelli, ksb7@cornell.edu.

CC/Long Island, Jan. 8—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Heather Abbott, haa4@cornell.edu, 516/365-3058.

CC/Fairfield County, Jan. 13—Men's hockey vs. Quinnipiac. Contact Bill Gratz, 203/459-9923.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Jan. 14—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Wil Andersen, wha2@cornell.edu.

CAA/Princeton, Jan. 14—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Pam Supinski, EPLM@aol.com, 609/799-6384.

CC/Monmouth & Ocean Counties, Jan. 14—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Rich Lau, 973/243-1189.

Northeast

CC/Greater Hartford, Nov. 16—Convention Center tour, Hartford. Contact Bob Metcalf, ktandbobmetcalf@aol.com, 860/289-5508.

Coastal Connecticut Alumni, Dec. 1—Wine and cheese tasting, Old Saybrook. Contact Myron Stacks, mstacks@aol.com, 860/510-0702.

CC/Rhode Island & Bristol County, Dec. 8—Bring-a-Bear benefit for Hasbro Children's Hospital. Contact Melissa Sokol, sok_mel@yahoo.com, 401/274-2298.

CC/Berkshires, Dec. 11—Annual book event, at the home of Toby Levine. Contact Shara Freeman, SEF14@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

CC/Cape Cod, Dec. 12—Holiday party, Belfry Inn, Sandwich. Contact Arthur Gast, a.f.gast@adelphia.net, 508/888-1836.

CC/Cape Cod, Jan. 11—Board meeting, Thirwood Place. Contact Arthur Gast, a.f.gast@adelphia.net, 508/888-1836.

Mid-Atlantic

CC/Washington, Nov. 16—Adolph Cluss exhibition, "Shaping the Capital City," Sumner School. Contact Bob Day, dayhaven@starpower.net, 301/438-7755.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 19—Football vs. Penn. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 2—Women's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Kathryn Bisordi, keb26@cornell.edu, 267/872-1291.

CC/Maryland, Dec. 3—Annual holiday party. Contact Eric Kossoff, 410/683-1428.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 3—Longwood Gardens tour. Contact Bill Casswell, whc5@cornell.edu, 610/827-1009.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 14—Board meeting. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

CC/Central Virginia, Dec. 15—Bi-monthly dinner,

Comfort restaurant, Richmond. Contact Tracy Ruff, TLW24@cornell.edu.

CC/Delaware, Dec. 27—CAAAN holiday luncheon, Terrace at Green Hill, Wilmington. Contact Leo Sears, sears.sears5@verizon.net, 302/478-3919.

CC/Lancaster, Jan. 7—Prospective student brunch, Continental Inn, Lancaster. Contact Rodney Gleiberman, thescrod@continentalinn.com, 717/299-0421.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Jan. 11—Board meeting. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Jan. 13—Men's basketball vs. Penn. Contact Kathryn Bisordi, keb26@cornell.edu, 267/872-1291.

CC/Lancaster, Jan. 14—Prospective student brunch, Yorktowne Hotel, York. Contact Alexandra Thomas, alexsfd@aol.com, 717/764-4336.

CC/Delaware, Jan. 14—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Walter Wujcik, wujcikwalt@aol.com, 610/431-1101.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Jan. 14—Men's hockey and basketball vs. Princeton. Contact Craig Hymowitz, hymowitz@blankrome.com.

Midwest

CC/Southwestern Ohio, Jan. 8—Networking brunch. Contact Justin Stone, 607/316-1584.

CC/Minnesota, Jan. 8—Prospective students' reception, Minnetonka. Contact Brian Fulmer, brian.fulmer@genmills.com, 612/600-9564.

CC/Minnesota, Jan. 13—Tour of Walker Art Center. Contact Christine McVay, cbmcvay@earthlink.net, 612/377-5580.

Southeast

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Dec. 1—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Dec. 4—Sarasota Yacht Club champagne brunch. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Dec. 11—President's holiday party. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Dec. 15—Local choral group the Meadow Larks. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Dec. 27—Men's hockey vs. Northeastern. Contact Joel Schechter, 239/649-3128.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Jan. 5—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Jan. 12—Annual scholarship luncheon honoring President Emeritus Frank and Rosa Rhodes. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Jan. 12—Thursday Lunch Club with newspaper columnist and nutrition expert Lenore Greenstein. Contact Mary LeDuc, 239/649-3110.

Southwest/Mountain

CAA/North Texas, Dec. 3—Breakfast with Santa, Adolphus-Neiman Marcus Holiday Parade. Contact Stephanie Fox, ssk20@cornell.edu.

CC/Greater Houston, Dec. 6—Annual holiday party, West Loop Marriott. Contact Pat Flores, pflores@lockeliddell.com, 713/695-5915.

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club applied for and was awarded a grant to cover the cost of holding four recruitment brunches in September 2004 and May 2005. The club divided the region into four areas, with alumni hosting brunches in their homes. The personal approach succeeded, and the events drew more than 150 alumni. Gold Coast President Doug Pfeiffer '82 reported that the group met its increased membership goal and received additional money for its scholarship fund. The club now has a cadre of alumni willing to organize, host, and participate in future events.

The grants can also be used to promote and train the next generation of leaders. In October 2004, CACO sponsored a New Officer Training Weekend, during which new class leaders and volunteers returned to campus for a day of seminars and workshops. The event gave newer class officers the opportunity to meet Cornell staff and seasoned class leaders and dine with current students in the North Star Dining facility. The training was a great success, and CACO plans to make it an annual event.

Upcoming events sponsored by CAF grants include a panel discussion in Chicago sponsored by the President's Council of Cornell Women, a dinner honoring hotelier Jennie Chua '71 organized by the Cornell Club of Singapore, and the production and mailing of a CD promoting the Class of '91's Fifteenth Reunion.

Do you have an idea for an event? More than 200 alumni groups are eligible to submit applications for grant monies twice each year. The Federation's Grant Committee is looking for pilot projects that will then become ongoing and self-funded and that promote the club's growth. The committee also looks for collaborative efforts among alumni groups as well as projects that are in line with the University's goals.

For detailed information on the CAF grant process, go to www.alumni.cornell.edu. The next application deadline is December 1. You can also apply for your Cornell Visa card on the alumni website. Your Cornell Visa purchases will help keep our alumni organizations growing and will continue to strengthen fellowship among all Cornellians.

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Arlie Anderson
'47



William Berley
'45



Elliot Cattarulla
'53



Richard Clark
'52

During Homecoming Weekend, seven devoted Cornellians were honored as recipients of the 2005 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Named for Cornell's ninth president, this prestigious award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service through long-term volunteer activities in Cornell's alumni organizations. It is the highest honor bestowed upon alumni for service to the University.

Honorees are selected from candidates proposed by fellow Cornellians. Typically, they have been involved with Cornell alumni activities since their graduation, and this year's award recipients are no exception. Rolf Frantz '66, ME '67, president of the Cornell Alumni Federation, said of the 2005 honorees: "I'm always impressed by the dedication of the award recipients.



Richard Grambow
'57



Carol '52 and
Charles '51 Mund

Their volunteer activities are an inspiration to us all and clear evidence of their affection for Cornell."

The 2005 awardees are: Arlie Williamson Anderson '47 of Rochester, New York; William Berley '45 of New York, New York; Elliot Cattarulla '53 of Dallas, Texas; Richard Clark '52 of Osterville, Massachusetts; Richard Grambow, DVM '57, of Loveland, Ohio; and Charles Mund '51 and his wife Carol (Winter) '52 of Ithaca and Bonita Springs, Florida.

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CAA/North Texas, Dec. 6—Holiday happy hour, Sevy's Grill, Dallas. Contact Theresa Flores, taf6@cornell.edu.

CAA/Greater Houston, Jan. 7—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Alex Bovee, abovee@houston.rr.com.

Western

CC/Western Washington, Dec. 2—Great Figgy Pudding Street Corner Caroling Competition, Seattle. Contact Lauren Gersch, LGersch@aol.com, 206/988-3961.

CC/Southern Arizona, Dec. 4—Holiday party. Contact Jeffrey Manning, jeffreymanning@aol.com, 520/546-9427.

CAA/Northern California, Dec. 4—Holiday party and annual book drive. Contact events@cornellnorcal.com.

Cornell Silicon Valley, Dec. 7—Tom O'Rourke, pro-

fessor of civil and environmental engineering, on "Earthquakes and Lifelines: Lessons Learned," Computer History Museum. Contact Shannon Murray, shm4@cornell.edu, 650/755-9711.

CC/Western Washington, Jan. 2—Men's basketball vs. Univ. of Washington. Contact Lauren Gersch, LGersch@aol.com, 206/988-3961.

Cornell Silicon Valley, Jan. 8—CSV/CEN/EPE annual entrepreneurship event, San Francisco. Contact Shannon Murray, shm4@cornell.edu, 650/755-9711.

CAA/Northern California, Jan. 8—Cornell Cares Day. Contact commsvc@cornellnorcal.com.

International

Cornell Hotel Society/Tokyo, Nov. 26—8th Annual Cornell/Waseda Hospitality Management Seminar. Contact Naoko Noma, hisyog@greenhouse.co.jp, 81 3 3379 1216.

30 Many thanks to Tom Whanger, who sent us an e-mail in August updating us on his mother, **Beatrice Foster Whanger**. Beatrice, who celebrated her 97th birthday last summer, has many fond memories of her days at Cornell. She still lives in her home in West Virginia, reads often, and spends time with her family. “She used to drive to the Cornell reunion every year, but now must have someone else do the driving.” Beatrice can be reached at her son’s e-mail address (see below) and would look forward to hearing from anyone in her class. Tom writes, “One year after a trip to Cornell, Mother gave everyone in the family a Cornell coffee cup, which we all cherish.” To our readers, write to Beatrice at tfwswim2004@yahoo.com . . . and write to us, too, at: ♦ **Class of ’30**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

31 I never like to start a column with sad news, but we have lost another distinguished classmate, class officer, world-class educator, and contributor during his lifetime to the joys and welfare of his friends, professional associates, and thousands of students. **Jerry Finch**, PhD ’36 (Jeremiah S.), one of our class VPs, died August 25 at Monroe Village, the retirement community near Princeton, NJ, in which he had lived for the past ten years.

Jerry graduated from Arts and Sciences with us in 1931 and stayed on in Ithaca for his master’s (1933) and his PhD (1936). As an undergraduate he earned a page-stretching eight lines of credits in the 1931 Cornellian, including manager of football, president of the Interfraternity Council, and chairman of the Senior Ball Committee, all fiercely competed-for jobs in our day. Aleph Samach and Quill and Dagger in the honorary category and Majura and Kappa Beta Phi on the “social” side were also listed. In graduate school Jerry was a TA under “Billy” Strunk of “The Little Book” fame, whose influence persisted in Jerry’s lifelong devotion to precision in speech and writing.

As you may recall, good jobs of any kind were still scarce in 1936, especially in teaching, but some English professor at Princeton recognized a good prospect and hired our newly minted “Doctor.” He doubtless did far better for the university and its students and alumni than he ever dreamed he would. Jerry stayed at Princeton till he retired in 1975, teaching English lit. and serving with great distinction for many years in the administrative posts of Dean of the College and Secretary of the University. Lengthy tributes from his contemporaries and successors in office will better describe Jerry’s work, but I will give just a few examples: “Jerry was one of the kindest people in the world”;

“Jerry was an exceptional motivator because people were so fond of him. People worked very hard because he was so generous, thoughtful, and kind”; “Jerry functioned as the wisest, most generous, most supportive mentor and friend”; “Although he had already taken up full-time administration, he remained until his retirement an effective friend of the English department and a gentle mentor to a succession of junior faculty.” Jerry was also voted to honorary membership in the Princeton classes of 1931 and 1942.

He shall remain an honored member of the Cornell Class of 1931. As Cornell Classics scholar of our day **Charles L. “Bull” Durham**, PhD 1899, might have said: “Ave atque vale.”

Though currently low on news, I do have one item of (perhaps) general Cornell interest. It is mostly about a year-old event, but it has a 2005 tag line from me. In 2004 I learned that **Bruce Cohen** ’65, MME ’67, a lacrosse teammate of my son **Reeve** “Ting” **Vanneman** ’67 and the star attack man on a Cornell championship team, was riding his bicycle across Massachusetts in the two-day “Pan-Mass Challenge” race. I remembered Bruce charging, twisting, turning, and boring into the very goal mouth to score the winning goal, and figured his approach to this remarkable fundraising event (for the Jimmy Fund and cancer research at Dana-Farber) was worth supporting with a wave and a cheer as the bikers rode down Route 6A on the Cape. I told Bruce that I would be on a corner where the racers turned off on a short cut toward Provincetown at the end of the Cape. Last year I made it in plenty of time—I stood with perhaps 15 or 20 other early risers and applauded as the riders dashed by. To my great surprise and delight, among the vanguard a gaudily attired racer suddenly stopped, jumped off his bike, gave me a hug, leapt back on his bike and was off in pursuit of the other leaders!

The looks on the faces of the other race supporters at the corner had only a small part to do with my determination to be in place again this year. But—for the first time that I can remember—I **OVERSLEPT!** I never have to use an alarm clock, I always wake up! Sadly, not this time. Even worse, I learned later from Bruce that he had arranged with his team to be riding together at the turnoff this year, and all of them were going to stop and greet me! I guess I have to recognize that I am getting old. “Getting”? I AM!

If any of you have the opportunity in future years to contribute to this Pan-Mass Challenge, be generous. This year there were over 4,000 racers who rode from near the New York border to the end of Cape Cod and raised over \$4 million dollars for cancer research. One of them may be in training near you for next year’s race. Support



Homecoming: The glory of the autumn leaves greeted returning alumni in October.

ROBERT BARKER / UP



him—or her! ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; ggrampi@yahoo.com (new e-mail); tel., (508) 760-4250.

32 A group of men with whom I have lunch almost every week includes a number of computer enthusiasts who are also bridge addicts. As a result, at least half the conversation at the table flows past me without slowing down. I am not a devotee of most jokes that clog my incoming e-mail, but this one seems to describe me at lunch: A trooper stops a redneck in a decrepit pickup. The driver cannot produce a license and the cop says, “Do you have any ID?” The driver says, “About what?”

That is the wretched condition in which I find myself. I have failed to produce an inspiration for our Class Notes. The best place to go in this sort of predicament is back in time. (Although critics derogate this frame of mind as “living in the past,” I cherish my memories.) For instance, I once wrote **Jerry O'Rourke** a letter and mentioned Robert Benchley's hilarious “Treasurer's Report” because someone sent me a “summary” of our class finances to be reported in this space. I was amused because the report was full of numbers, including entries to be written to the right of the decimal point. No rounding to the nearest dollar for this meticulous man.

This correspondence took place in 1987 (Jerry died in '92), and in the reply I received, Jerry wrote, “After WWII, **Bea (Greene)** '33 and I and the kids had to eat and pay the rent when all I had was my ruptured duck from Uncle Sam. So I applied for and got the job as food and beverage manager at the Algonquin. That would be in 1946. An early project was to clean out a store-room of junk—mixed china, trays, tableware, and what have you. There were file boxes of ledgers, menus, and paperwork and a folio of sketches.

“Friends and family enhance my life, and I consider myself one lucky dame.”

ETHEL MANNHEIMER SCHATZ '34

Jerry checked out the paperwork with John Martin, the general manager. “Throw 'em out,” he said. And so Jerry followed instructions . . . except for five interesting sketches. One is a Berman wash; the others pen and ink—two by ‘Ding’ Darling, a Toonerville by Fontaine Fox, and a James Thurber of little old ladies with cocktails in the lobby, loaded with fringed table lamps. All the artists except Darling had some association with the infamous (Jerry's adjective) Round Table, although not in the inner circle of the founders: Wollcott, Franklin P. Adams, and Harold Ross.

I miss Jerry O'Rourke and a number of departed correspondents. Whenever an envelope arrived from any one of them, I knew I had an item for the Notes. **Bob Trier**, for example, took pride in his collection of stationery purloined from various inns, hotels, and posh clubs he

managed during his long career in the hospitality business. **John Rice**, a campus brat, was a youth seeking adventure and thrills. I'll have to see if I can unearth some of his recollections.

Just because it happened long ago doesn't mean it isn't interesting or amusing. ♦ **James W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209; tel., (716) 886-1314.

34 **Ethel Mannheimer Schatz** has sent in some news. We encourage all '34 classmates to do the same. Write to the Class Notes Editor in care of this magazine (see address below), and we will include your news here. Your classmates want to know how you are!

Ethel writes from Los Angeles: “Seventy-one years ago, I received my BA from Cornell, and this August I'll celebrate my 90th birthday with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I walk several miles daily, participate in growth groups, attend classes, and continue to teach journal writing to ‘seniors’ at the Center for Healthy Aging in Santa Monica, CA. Friends and family enhance my life, and I consider myself one lucky dame!” ♦ **Class of '34**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

35 I have good news about the Class of 1935 Walk. During the Reunion festivities in June, we visited it, as we do each time we are in Ithaca, and we were pleased to see that the Walk looked the best it has ever looked. The new plantings and other improvements in the area are striking. We thank the Grounds department work crews for their accomplishment. The Walk is definitely a tribute to the class, whose original gift was made 15 years ago. I would also like to thank **Barlow Ware '47** of the Alumni Affairs and Development

Key Bank as a vice president and has taught agriculture in high school as well as to veterans after WWII. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Lions Club, the Masons, and the Grange. The Woodruffs are enjoying their three children, ten grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. They sold their Florida home to be near their large family. **Eleanor Smith Allen**, 10209 Keeping Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114 is retired and has had the same address for 32 years. She has four children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

William S. Mudge, 105 Clubhouse Dr., #257, Naples, FL 34105 retired in 1975 after a career of merchandising and convention chairmanship with J. C. Penney. He reveals that he and his wife Mel eloped on Spring Day 1935 in Etna, NY, and returned to watch the crew races on Cayuga Lake with fellow Phi Sigma Kappa brothers. Mel has a long history of champion golf and tennis but is now in poor health. They have one son, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Thanks, Bill, for sharing your one-time secret.

As always, we welcome any item of News that may occur or come to mind between annual solicitations. My best wishes to all of you. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830 (the same for 51 years); tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

36 Quoting one of my colleagues recently, “Whoever said ‘No news is good news’ was never a class correspondent.” For the first time since I took on this job four years ago, there is virtually nothing new to report, but I do have the following items that I have not been able to fit in to our previous columns. **Bob Price**, 11 Malden St., Holden, MA 01520, tells us that he and his wife, **Ruth (Bentley)** “continue to enjoy reasonably good health for a couple of 90-year-olds. Walking about three miles a day seems to be more useful to us than the entire pharmaceutical industry. [Also, certainly a lot less expensive.] Having children and grandchildren around frequently keeps our spirits up, too.”

Olive Nissel Shaw, 1317 Laurel St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has this to say. “We take many trips up and down the coast—this year to Stockton's Bridal Bower for grandson's wedding, and to Stern Grove in San Francisco for granddaughter's wedding. Always happy to return to glamorous Santa Cruz, to the house we have built for our daughter.” For those of you who knew **Gilbert J. Perlow**, MA '37, he reports that he is “still here at 89,” at 4919 Northcott Ave., Downer's Grove, IL 60515.

That's it for now, and I'll continue to send along whatever news I receive. Those of you with e-mail will have heard from me this past summer, and I'll share responses as they come in. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@sbcglobal.net.

37 **Joseph Mandel**, JD '39's son **Lewis '69** retired after 30 years with the Internal Revenue Service as a strategic trial attorney and returned to private practice in 2004 as “of counsel” to Joe and

other attorneys in the firm. Joe is still practicing law after 65 years "at the same old stand" in Bay-side, but he and Rosalind always manage to take one or two interesting vacations each year. Last year it was cruising in the Caribbean, and, in September, they traveled through Transylvania "in an unsuccessful search for Dracula." Then a cruise up the Danube. Both Mandel grandchildren are teachers in Long Island high schools. Kenneth teaches social studies in Glenhead and Nina teaches mathematics in Oceanside.

John and Jan deBeers have enjoyed river barge trips in France—Bordeaux and Burgundy in 2004, and Burgundy to Amsterdam in 2003. John's 90th birthday party was celebrated on the patio of the Village Library in Stinson Beach, CA. Jan has a special interest in the Stinson Beach Historical Society. The deBeers have two daughters and two grandchildren—one in veterinary school at U. of Penn., and a grandson in the MBA program at NYU. John has served on the board of the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California.

John D. Henderson has moved south from Boynton Beach to Vero Beach, FL, where he can continue his hobby of "watching orchids grow." The one on display in the lobby where he lives has six stems and 30 flowers. Hendie has no major travel plans, but did enjoy Thanksgiving '04 in Washington, DC, where granddaughter Catherine deRose, a graduate of Penn State Hotel School, is employed at the Hyatt Regency. Grandson Peter deRose, also a Penn State graduate, is a manager with waste management in Pittsburgh. Daughter Joan deRose is in charge of the gift shop at the Greensburg, PA, Art Museum. Son Stephen is professor of geology at Oxford (Georgia) College of Emory U.

In Sag Harbor, Long Island, **Stewart** and **Jeanne Waring** are having a quiet retirement with no travel planned and no civic activities. They both were active in the Sag Harbor Historical Society. The Waring clan includes a daughter, son, and three grandchildren. President **Ed Shineman** has welcomed his first great-grandchild, **Caleigh**, daughter of **Russell** and **Carrie Wallach**.

Our class lost a great friend and classmate on June 21 with the passing of **Peter Cantline Jr.** in Goshen, NY. Pete had been class treasurer since our 60th Reunion and had earlier served as class president. He and his devoted wife **Beth** were enthusiastic participants for many years in Cornell Adult University programs and other summer adult programs and on many study trips. He was one of the most faithful responders to our annual News and Dues letters, so his name and active career were very familiar to readers of our *Cornell Alumni Magazine* '37 columns. Happy memories, Pete! ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd. N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

I hope all of you had a good summer, even though it was extremely hot and muggy, and are now enjoying a cooler fall. We are looking forward to an invigorating winter. As always, please keep us informed of your many activities. We hope to hear from more of you as time goes by.

Esther "Dilly" Dillenbeck Prudden attended last June's Cornell Reunion, along with **Windy Drake Sayer**, **Louise "Davy" Davis**, **Claire Kelly**

Gilbert, and **Mary Clare Capewell Ward**. Esther writes that she is still involved with many volunteer activities, and during the summer spent time with family and friends on Lake George. Esther lives in Lockport, NY.

Mary Clare Capewell Ward (Melbourne, FL) has three daughters, **Robin Ward Ireland**, **Tracy Ward Kawi**, and **Bethe Capewell Ward**. Mary says that she was a pre-Vet student at Cornell but married a veterinarian instead—**John A. Ward, DVM '36**. John passed away in 1996. **Louise Davis** (Haverford, PA) is still enjoying a stimulating life in The Quadrangle, a retirement community in Haverford, PA. She teaches a class in silver jewelry. **Claire Kelly Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY) volunteers twice a week pool-sitting. **Windy Drake Sayer** (Amherst, MA) was accompanied at Reunion by her daughter **Mary**, her granddaughter **Mickey**, and by **Mickey's daughter**.

We enjoyed hearing about what you've been doing, so please continue to send your updates. ♦ **Selma Block Green**, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

38 Last February 25 marked the completion of **Harold Segall's** 59th year in the practice of law, for which he received a number of congratulatory messages from the lawyers and staff of his law firm, **Holland & Knight LLP** in NYC. **Harold** and his wife **Edith** were looking forward to the golf season, and often play with fellow golf club members **Gloria** and **Leonard Roberts**. **John Hooley**, MD '42, writes from Florida that he and his wife **Betty** have five children and nine grandchildren. One child is an attorney, one is superintendent of schools in a New York district, and a granddaughter is an attorney in Richmond, VA. All of John and Betty's children are college graduates. One went to Cornell and married a physician graduate of Cornell's med school—and one of their children is now a Cornell student.

Dudley Buck sent an engaging history of his life after Cornell: "I left Cornell with a 1st Lt.'s commission and was called to active duty in September 1941. After serving as commanding officer of three different units, I was transferred to the Inspector General Division and soon after sent to Europe on the first invasion of France. There I was made an inspector in the 9th Air Force and as such I traveled all over Europe—a total of ten countries by the end of the war. I had many types of assignments, one of which was to take a few hundred troops back to England that were being assigned to the Army. Try keeping track of 130 troops put up for the night at several different locations in the City of London—British troops were running them down the next morning."

Dudley continues: "I held up the train at the main train station in London, and in no time at all, a booming voice came over the intercom calling my name, saying I was the only person to have ever delayed a train leaving that station. I had a sergeant helping me, so I sent him on ahead. After getting the rest of the troops, I followed on the next train. All turned out OK, and I spent the rest of the war on many assignments, coming home a Lt. Col. I spent the rest of my working years as a district manager for Prudential Ins. Co. and

retired after 30 years. Now, at age 90, I play the stock market—it has been good to me."

Some of you may remember **James L. Rose** (Mt. Dora, FL), who was at Cornell from 1936 to 1938 and took dairy farming courses. After working for a little over a year, James transferred to Michigan State U. and graduated with a BS in Ag Education in 1942. He taught for five years in Michigan, but the bulk of his work life was spent in Cherry Valley, NY, where he taught for 29 years. In that time, he writes, he had 14 cadet teachers under him. Now completely retired, James enjoys photography and working in his wood shop. He also attends all Cornell activities in the Lake County, FL, area, including meetings of the 10-12 Cornellians at the retirement community where he and Alice live.

News from **George Hobby** and **George** and **Libby Schempp** will appear in the next issue. Keep writing! ♦ **Class of '38**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

39 By the time you read this, the weather will have cooled off, and the hottest, driest summer on record will be just an unpleasant memory. Imagine two and a half months without any rain—in Ithaca! It boggles the mind.

I tried a small experiment in June, being out of news for the column. I sent out 25 postcards to classmates not previously heard from, inviting them to write to me. I got back four answers—a very poor percentage. One was returned; one reported a death; and two were nice letters, which I shall report on. I am wondering whether I should keep trying.

Thelma Levine Block has lived in Ann Arbor, MI, for many years. She was involved in the Faculty Women's Club activities and her temple, as well as volunteer work at the hospital. I quote: "My life has been a good and happy one. I had a loving and devoted husband for 62 years. We had a great life together. He recently died after 50 years at the U. of Michigan, where he was a Distinguished Professor." She has two devoted children to enjoy and, all in all, sounds very upbeat. A delightful note. Thank you, **Thelma**.

The other letter was from **Josephine Depoliti Ciana**, whom I remember well. She was in the Home Ec school at Cornell and went on to Mass. General Hospital for a degree in dietetics. Her profession became a lifesaver for her when her husband died suddenly after only 12 years of marriage and left her with two children to raise alone. She did a remarkable job at her local hospital for 38 years, for which she was honored by the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Zonta Club, the regional Dietetic Association, and her Canastota Alumni Association. She spoke to a group of hospital administrators of Central New York, meeting at Cornell, who had been impressed by the work she did in the dietary department she ran at her hospital. She enjoys good health and plays golf five to six times a week. Though she lost her husband and son, both at an early age, she says, "I can truthfully say that this shy, small-town country girl who entered Cornell in 1935 and retired professionally in 1980 has many things to be grateful for in her life." I thank you for a wonderful letter, **Jo**.

Doris Brooks wrote that her mother-in-law, **Eleanore Lange** Brooks, passed away January 21, 2004. We send belated condolences to her family. Here in Ithaca, **Jean Smith** Marshall McElwee died on July 12, '05 at the nursing home where she had lived for the last few years. Jean led an active life in Ithaca, working tirelessly for several hospital organizations and the Women's Community Building. Though badly crippled by arthritis, she never let her crutches hold her back. Our sympathy to her family and extended family. Condolences may be sent to Lynne Marshall, 1270 Route 221, Dryden, NY 13053.

By the time you read this, you will have received the 2005 News and Dues letter. If you haven't returned it, please do, and save me from the aggravation of facing a deadline with nothing to report. I would beg of you on bended knee—if I could bend my knee! ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

40 As you read this, fall is fading fast and winter is rapidly approaching, but the news is still from those who "reuned" in HOT Ithaca in June. How about some news from those of you who stayed home?

Our great reunion co-chair **William "Bumper" Baird** was looking forward to enjoying a relaxing summer in his home on a golf course, with a large family reunion later, including children, grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and an assortment of spouses. Our other worthy reunion co-chair **Toni Saxe Stewart** and husband **Jack '38** have reported the arrival of their fourth great-grandchild, who they were awaiting in June, the arrival of their third great-grand having been announced during our festivities. Another proud great-grandparent is **Clarence Padgham** who, after Reunion, visited his early home grounds in Rochester and a daughter in Binghamton before proceeding to Bethesda, MD, where he saw his granddaughter and, for the first time, his 9-month-old great-granddaughter. **Bette Limpert** Mayhew also saw a great-grandson in Arizona en route home, helping him celebrate his first birthday on what she said was a lovely cool day. Hard to believe in Arizona in June!

Ray Vittucci, BS AG '48, reports that for the last 14 years he has continued to put to use the landscape design and park maintenance courses he took at Cornell by working as a volunteer at beautifying Utica, NY's parks, streets, and playgrounds. Another "naturalist" is **Don Spittler** who, in spite of the summer heat, kept busy pruning his Christmas trees daily while looking forward to another reunion in September of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. **Paul Fox**, BArch '47, continues to use his architect expertise with pro bono work for the Antique Carriage House/Museum and for his church.

Kay Strong White (who took wonderful minutes of our class meeting) has been happily living in a senior community since 2001, where she says the services provided certainly "beat raking leaves and shoveling snow!" **Priscilla Coffin** Baxter is also enjoying life in a retirement community not far from her old home where the

family continues to vacation, while **Betty Russell** Owings is enjoying her new home with its swimming pool in Florida, all the way across the country, and much nearer her children, from her old home in California. **Jean Raynor** Mase remarked that she and Priscilla had wished that Reunion had been longer, as there was so much to see and do. Very true! She also mentioned that she and friends were planning "mystery trips" around the Northeast coast, but she didn't explain the details.

Elizabeth "Rikki" Schmeck Brown, MS '45, reported loaning an antique lockstitch sewing machine to the Yeshiva U. Museum in NYC for an exhibit opening in December called "A Perfect Fit—The Garment Industry and American Jewry," which she says sounds fascinating. She has loaned sewing machines from her collection to a number of museums, including Cornell's Johnson Museum. **Marge Baker** Tummans is proud of her grandson who graduated from the U. of West Virginia in May with a top award in anthropology. He'll continue there in graduate school this fall. **Bob Ray** spent the summer between Florida and South Carolina, trying to sell his property in both places. He enjoyed Reunion, especially seeing **Bob Johnson**, **Bob Wood**, MD '43, and **Bill Fisher**.

Edna Isaacs Lowe has three medical doctors practicing in various specialties along the East Coast. Sadly, her husband of 62 years, Irwin, died last April. Other sad news was the death of **Dean Wallace** just as Reunion was starting. Also, word was received of the death last winter of **Constance Logan** Gros.

As reported in the last issue of this magazine, **Carol Clark** Petrie is unable to continue as the class correspondent for the magazine, and there was a plea for a volunteer. As of this writing there hasn't been time for a reply, but there's a good chance the opportunity is still open. The column also needs news, as noted at the start of this column. So let's hear from you—if you want a column to read! Such communications can be sent to me or directly to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603; tel., (540) 665-5788.

41 **Elizabeth Turverey** Cornish of Ithaca reports that the brokerage business has filled her life since 1955. "Teletype operator, stock broker, and office manager rounded out my career. Launching my brokerage career ended 13 years of coaching the Cornell women's rifle team. Retiring last July from AG Edwards as a stockbroker was a major life change. At present, I am tending to the special problems of my nice antique house in downtown Ithaca. Meanwhile, I am making notes of my first book. Having just finished two terms as member of the McGraw House board, I remain active in the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce. In the summer I enjoy time on my boat and am a member of the Ithaca chapter of the US Power Squadron. I am so fortunate to have my daughter Carol Reeves and her husband Ken living in Ithaca, enjoying dinners, and boating together." Ken is the brother of our late classmate **Ann Reeves** Cope. Elizabeth is looking forward to our reunion in June 2006. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert**

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As mentioned in the previous column, your correspondent **Ralph Antell** died on July 20. We share the following. Shortly after graduating from Cornell's Hotel school, Ralph joined the Army and served in the US and Europe, rising to the rank of major. After the war, he worked in the personnel departments at Westinghouse, RCA, Philip Morris, and the U. of Richmond. According to an informative obituary in the Richmond (VA) *Times Dispatch*, "Ralph always considered his years as a baseball umpire and basketball referee as excellent personnel training." In addition to his work, he was active in professional organizations, in Rotary, at his church and his country club, and, of course, at Cornell. He had served as class correspondent since 1991. The obituary continues, "Despite an advancing disability that rendered speech and walking difficult, Ralph also volunteered at Johnston-Willis Hospital and with the local opera association." Ralph and his wife Anne were married for 62 years and had four children. **Bill Webber** expresses our sentiments when he says how much we all appreciated Ralph's energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to writing the class column.

This column continues with Ralph's own notes. **Bob Hoyle**, in perfect handwriting, says, "In good health after 20 years retired from Washington State U. as a professor in civil engineering. I retired my tri-pacer airplane. My claim to fame is that in WWII, I repaired Jack Benny's fiddle that came unglued in the Tropics. Driving in my jeep, Jack hummed 'Love in Bloom!'" From **Fred Riggs**, "Retired from Connecticut Light and Power since 1981. We moved to Illinois to be with our daughter. Love it."

John Matthews is still ranching—under better conditions. "The drought has broken, and for the first time in four years our creeks are running again. Losing my roommate **Pete Gifford** was tough to handle. Time passes with us; just enjoy it while you can. A couple of glasses of wine, a good supper, and tomorrow will be an active day. Regards to all." **Bill Turin** retired from dentistry in 1992. "I moved to the California desert in '93 and have worked part-time as a tax preparer and, for the last four years, as a bookseller at Barnes and Noble."

H. Seymour Fowler, PhD '51, reports, "Retired professor emeritus of science education at Penn State U." He enjoys time spent with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. **William Don** again praises the prettiest town in the South—Edenton, NC. He and wife Kathleen look forward to the 2006 reunion. We all should. Col. **Warren Olin** would like to be in touch with his classmates and any friends from his fraternity, Psi Upsilon. Warren's daughter Karen wrote on his behalf last summer: "Dad is in excellent health. He lives in Florida, and perhaps others he knows do, too. To my knowledge he's never been to a reunion, but I'm hoping to go the 65th next year with him." Warren can be reached at 218 Ash Ave., Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 (e-mail, woln1@aol.com).

Ralph wanted his readers to know of the deaths of two classmates. First, businessman and

former Cornell trustee **Chuck Lake** died on June 7. At a memorial service, former hockey star **Murray Deathe '67** delivered an address on Chuck's long association with Cornell and read a nice letter from Frank Rhodes. The service closed with the Glee Club singing the "Evening Song." Cornell was one of the biggest things in Chuck's life, his son said, and he always felt that the skills he gained there helped him rise to the presidency of the giant printing company R.R. Donnelley & Sons in less than two decades.

Ray Kruse died on March 26. A veteran, businessman, and accomplished musician, Ray had been in charge of each and every class reunion and was well-known for his piano playing and arrangements. While at Cornell, Ray was a member of the band, as well as the Quill & Dagger honor society. He served in the Navy in the Pacific theater, and after the war worked for Rohm & Haas and the National Association of Plastics Distributors. Ray, too, was active as a community volunteer in both Jaffrey and Peterborough, NH, and a member of the local band and chorus. In 1992, he was named Jaffrey's Citizen of the Year. Ray and his wife Deborah were married for 61 years, and they had two daughters. ♦ **Class of '41**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

42 Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy will attend a talk by **Kurt Vonnegut '44** at the Cornell *Daily Sun's* 125th Anniversary dinner in NYC, and also see **Huey Lewis '72** as the lawyer in the revival of *Chicago* on Broadway. The advantages of living in NYC never end. And in *News of the Weird*, two Cornell entomologists named three new species of beetles that feed on mold, after President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, saying it was a show of respect for "doing the very difficult and unpopular work of living up to the principles of freedom and democracy."

Ken Hubbard's (Fort Myers, FL) famous uncle Elbert Hubbard was widely known as the author of *A Message to Garcia*. Also a successful essayist and lecturer, he founded the Roycroft Shop in East Aurora, NY, specializing in fine bookbinding. He published two magazines and a book series called "Little Journeys." Elbert Hubbard died in the sinking of the *Lusitania*. Ken just had a wonderful new roof put on his home after the hurricane destruction of 2004. His gardens and fruits are coming back despite a citrus canker that's been discovered in the area, and he was hoping no direct storm hits this year.

Gladys McKeever Seebald (Wyomissing, PA) traveled to St. Louis, MO, for her husband's veterans' reunion. She enjoys bridge and crossword puzzles, plays solitaire on the computer, and talks on the phone with **Kathryn Fiske** Weikel (Pottstown, PA). Three grandchildren are in college and one is in high school. Kathryn has been happily retired for 26 years from her 25-year job as food service director for the school district. Volunteering for 12 hours a week at the local hospital keeps her busy. A trip to Alaska this summer completed her goal of visiting all 50 states.

Ferd Schoedinger (Columbus, OH) and

Mary love to travel. They have taken many trips with Columbus classmate **Joe Davidson** and wife Marge. They've been places around the world including China, Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland (including Auschwitz). Grandson **Jason Atwell '07** is in the Hotel school, and **Chris Atwell '03**, who was in Mechanical Engineering, is now at Stanford for his MA. **Art Foster** (Bellevue, WA) is considering a retirement home in Sun City, AZ. He is ready for some TLC—aren't we all?

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aren't we all?’

CAROLYN EVANS FINNERAN '42

Gordon Kiddoo continues to divide his time between Brevard, NC, and Hilton Head, SC. He still swims, but has cut back on golf. He is working on a history of his family, concentrating on genealogical research, personal reminiscences, and clippings from scrapbooks and photo albums sure to delight his three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He also participates in the annual conference of the US Colored Troops Institute, "to talk about my ancestor Gen. Joseph Barr Kiddoo, who commanded two different regiments of colored troops during the Civil War. His name is on two plaques of the African American Civil War Monument in Washington, DC, and he is buried at West Point."

Chris Haller, DVM '42 (Sun City Center, FL) volunteers at the Emergency Center of the SPCA, keeps up with Vet college activities, and takes courses in astronomy and bird-watching. His hobbies include golf and astronomy, which he thinks all young people should be studying to understand global events of the future.

Thanks for keeping in touch with me—and use all those e-mail addresses. Be sure to print your e-mail address carefully. And don't forget to visit our class website, <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu>. Pres. Liz updates it regularly. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com

43 Count, alas, among the missing and much missed: **Pinky Evans**, MS '48, **Bob Hughes**, **Parker Ketcham**, **Donald Ward**, and **TJ Love**, DVM '46, who died two weeks after writing the following: "Margie and I spend seven months in Florida and five months in Watkins Glen. We still play lots of bridge and some golf, but the golf is waning. We follow Cornell sports and Ohio State football (Margie is OSU '43). I still cover a few summer hours in my old veterinary practice. I look forward to my *Alumni News*, and, like all Cornellians, have a fond attachment to my alma mater." Amen.

Dept. of Proud Forebears: **Connie Austin** Misener (Niagara Falls, NY): "Just finished 53 years selling Avon. Have cruised the eastern Caribbean ('03) and western ('04) with daughter

Vicki; go to Arizona twice a year to visit son, younger daughter, four grandchildren, two step-children, five great-grandchildren. To Tennessee: two grands, two great-grandchildren. Putnam Valley, NY, to see my firstborn: four grands, five great-grandchildren. [Whew! Connie. That's a passel! You'd think one of them would come visit you on a Sunday.]

Frank Walkley (Gainesville, NY): "A second granddaughter, Katie Walkley, has applied for admission to Cornell. There have been at least

20 of my relatives, some of them second cousins, who were students or faculty at Cornell." [Late flash: Katie will enter Cornell September '06, about the time you'll be receiving this column. Right now she's an exchange student in Vermont.] **Muriel Blum Lipman** (Hamden, CT): "Our granddaughter **Sarah** (son Dan's daughter) is in her first year at the Hotel school—we have a legacy! **Bernard**, DVM '43, and I are in an assisted living facility and enjoy being pampered." **Virginia Bogert Sample** (Middleton, WI): "Happily visited Ithaca this past May for the graduation of my oldest grandson, Joshua Young." Flimsy segue to: **Josh Hurwitz** (Chestnut Hill, MA): "Retired from practice at Harvard Medical School after 50 years. My younger brother **Israel** '52 followed me at Cornell."

Mary Morrissey Boyer (Bradenton, FL): "Last year we relocated from Washington, DC, and are happy in Florida. Would love to hear from Cornell or Georgetown alumni. My husband George, a Georgetown alumnus, is a physicist and would like to meet others in the same field. [Must love Newton and long walks on the beach.] Our three sons are 1) in D.C.: an architect now consulting in Iraq; 2) at the U. of Texas: director of molecular biology; and 3) a recently retired, after 27 years, commander of the Naval Air Reserve Station in Jacksonville, FL. We have two daughters, one a secretary at Bechtel and one who lives with us.

Shirley Wurtzel Jacobs (Bridgeport, CT): "We have ten grandchildren; no greats yet. My husband Louis and I were both in real estate and retired in 1998." Shirley and Louis have five children: two boys, a doctor who was named Outstanding Psychiatrist for the State of Massachusetts 2004, the other a partner in a large NYC law firm; and three daughters, one who is head nurse at Katie Couric's NY-Presbyterian colonoscopy clinic [this space reserved for respectful but slightly off-color remark].

Bob and Carol Bowman Ladd (Poolesville, MD): "Spoke to **Jim Hughes** recently—a fellow S&S. I'm now retired; seem to be spending more time at weddings and funerals. Still have a grandson on the campus. If you're keeping score: five children, 14 grandchildren. There have been 33 Cornellians in the family. Back in 1952 I worked for Ike & Dick; stayed on with Nixon for three

years. Some education!" Late flash number two: Bob received a letter from a recent Cornell president advising that the Board of Trustees had named Bob a lifetime member of the Council to the president. If past is prologue, we can be sure that Bob will serve him/her well but not meekly.

Travel & Size of World Dept.: **Bob Miller** (Hendersonville, NC): "Two trips to Russia 11 years apart. First trip: empty streets. Second: gridlock. Populace now wearing more color, fewer jeans." [I see this as a trend, Bob, but not a major trend.] **Jay and Gladys Rosenthal** (East Hills, NY/Boynton Beach, FL) have vacationed in Sicily, Thailand, Kona, and Hawaii, and at treasured destinations in the lower 48, all the while flogging real estate. "With e-mail, computer, and cell phone, our business tags along uninterrupted." [I'd like to say I'm jealous, Jay, but I'd be lying.] **Roy Herrmann** (Ontario, NY): "Kay and I continue to enjoy the Rotary Exchange Program. Last year we had a fantastic time in Australia. This year: New Zealand. We've hosted and enjoyed visitors from England, Germany, Norway, and Australia. The world does seem smaller!"

This from a yellowing Letter To The Editor, signed **Leon Schwarzbau**m, North Woodmere, NY, and torn from the pages of the *New York Times*: "As an Elderhostel ambassador and graduate of more than 40 programs, I joined the group in Las Vegas a while back. I enjoyed, interacted, studied, and can now deal blackjack and understand baccarat, and am able to steer well clear of wheels that spin. We have a name for people who come to a program prepared to dislike it. We call them Hostile Elders." ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 Indefatigable is the word for **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten**! They've planned another Club '44 cruise—11 days in the Western Caribbean waters starting 27 February. As of this writing (8/05), 14 have deposited money and 26 may do so any day. If you are interested, check with Art. It may not be too late.

The news of the day is a move to a continuing care retirement community (CCRC). More and more classmates are opting for this comfortable, easy, active-as-you-care-to-be lifestyle.

Nancy and **Peter Miller**, MBA '48, now dwell in White Horse Village, Newtown Square, PA, with old and new friends and "gardening opportunities." They enjoyed the Cornell Alumni trip to northern Italy and are proud to report that another "grand" received a master's degree in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning in May '05. **George and Jean Zenner Kaelber** write from Green Valley, AZ. "After two years in this terrific independent-living apartment, we're as busy as 20 years ago." They recently attended the wedding of a grandson in Estes Park, CO—"beautiful setting but 8,000 ft. altitude not our bag!" **John Busch** settled into a CCRC in Greenwood, SC, but he still spends summers in Steuben County, NY. Nancy and **Sherman Burling**, BS ORIE '47, moved to The Marshes in Savannah, GA, near where they lived for 16 years before last year's move to Atlanta. Charles and **Marjory Underwood** Marker take part in activities and programs "when we have the energy" at Penny Farms, FL.

Robert F. Miller, BS Ag '48, PhD '51, lives in John Knox Village in Orange City, FL. His wife is ill, but at 84 he says he's physically active. **Christine Sexauer** Simons and her ailing husband are happily ensconced in Suncoast Manor in St. Petersburg, FL. Her sister **Marion Sexauer** Byrnes '43 is in a "family atmosphere" nursing home in Wisconsin. **Alexander Cadman** lives in a CCRC in Glenshaw, PA. **Janet Elwin Starr** '46, widow of **Jim**, MS '48, wrote from a CCRC in Hanover, PA, that she wants to stay in touch with '44. She has made many trips with Club '44.

Wedding anniversaries are proudly announced. Ann and **Bill Brown** celebrated their 60th in July. October 15 is the real day, but July 2-8 suited all the children and grands who occupied two townhouses at Bethany Beach, DE. **Ralph Seefeldt** wrote that he and **Nellann (Judson)** '45 were married 61 years ago in Sage Chapel while he was stationed on campus with the Army. They have four children, 11 grands, and a great-grand. The Cornell news "brings back many happy memories." **William Elkins**, LLB '49, of Burdett, NY, says he and Irene are enjoying their golden years "in the best place in the world to live." He closed his law office seven years ago to work full-time doing legal research for the county judge. Irene teaches a Bible study group at a home for older folks, and they both are active in the Conservative Party. They're grateful for their 61 years together.

And then there are reunions. **Hank Bates** reported a gathering in Rugby, UK, for grandson Henry Crum's wedding July 26. Sixteen members gathered for a "wonderful" family reunion. **Lucius Donkle** described a family reunion in Oshkosh, WI, with children and grands who jet-skied up and down Lake Winnebago while he watched from a pontoon boat. **Jim McTague** takes an annual trip with his four girls (no husbands)—this year to Hawaii. He also mentioned a Canadian Rockies trek with his two youngest grandchildren. He gradually got them to "shift their attention for only a moment from their iPods long enough to glance at some bears and a huge glacier." At home he's busy with charity work. **Fred Allen** tells of a cousins' reunion, now an annual affair at The Ranch. On the 4th of July, "the place was overrun with kids, grandchildren, cousins'

families, and several friends." He also attended the installation of son Scott into the High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. More than 500 people paid \$40 to attend the formalities and dinner. **Jerry Levitan**, MBA '48's son **Richard** '75 attended his 30th Reunion with his wife, daughter, mother, and father. A great time was had by all. This was Jerry's first off-year reunion.

Alan Lederman wins the most-traveled medal. Home is Alexandria, VA, but he and Judy don't spend much time there. Fall 2004 they were in Central and Eastern Europe for seven weeks, then two months in Anguilla (east West Indian Island). September '05 they planned a barge trip on the Canal du Midi in southern France, followed by a tour of "Wild Provence." And between glamour trips they visit 15 grandchildren "border to border and coast to coast," despite Judy's open-heart surgery and Alan's arthritic knee.

This will be published as the last '05 column, though it was written mid-August. The thermometer reads 95 degrees, but holiday greetings are in order. Merry holidays and good health and happiness to all in '06. P.S. Do call Art and sign on for the Caribbean cruise February 27. ♦ **Nancy Trolinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

45 It was good to see JoAnn Shaw Smith (East Amherst, NY) at our 60th Reunion, representing our late lamented classmate **Jim Shaw**. She furnished us with a rundown on her many activities since the 50th, mostly traveling with family; four weeks with grandson Nate in Australia and New Zealand, two weeks in the U.K. with grandson Jeff navigating while she drove from London to Edinburgh, across Scotland to the ferry to Belfast, then to Dublin, over to Wales, and ending up safely in Heathrow for the trip home. She also had a golf outing at St. Andrews and, with her granddaughter Cassie, drove from Rome to Pompeii, Florence, Vienna, and Venice; then flew to Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid, finishing with a river cruise on the Rhone. She and Jim's daughter Ann took a trip to Antarctica to kayak among the glaciers and say hello to all the whales and penguins. Another welcome reunion attendee was former chimes-master **Bob Frankenfeld**, BA '44, MD '47 (Long Beach, CA), as mentioned in the last column without noting that Bob is still in active internal medicine practice. He is another traveler, visiting with his four sons and seven grandchildren who are scattered about the country from Washington State to Washington, DC. Bob says he realizes that the years don't really pass more quickly as we grow older; they just seem to because we are doing the same old things instead of attending new events and making new friends, as we did in our younger days.

Robert Ornitz (Delray Beach, FL) and wife Ruth also travel extensively and play a lot of golf, resulting in his 3 handicap. Ruth has a 14, but plays tennis frequently and is a life master bridge player, occasionally acting as a director and keeping Bob on track. They are both healthy and enjoying life. By now **William Menges** (Verona, PA) should be over his bout of pneumonia and



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back to watching his granddaughter Mariel Zagunis breaking records in sabre fencing; she won a gold medal at the Olympics, first one in over a century for US fencers.

From Hingham, MA, **James Rodgers** reports that his 12 grandchildren range from 26 to 6; five are college graduates, but no Cornellians—yet. Their summer home near Greenville, ME, was the scene of a wedding of his grandson in July. Not too far behind, with eight, are Dr. **Seymour**, BA '47, and Rita **Rotter** (White Plains, NY), who celebrated their 50th anniversary in June. Sy says he is mostly retired and able to travel, the last trip being to St. John, USVI. He adds that one thing worse than getting old is *not* getting old and is looking forward to sending us more news in 2015. Way ahead in the grandchildren race are **Frank** '49, MS '50, and **Gilberta Stevens Cism** (Harpursville, NY) with 19, plus 14 greats. They were great travelers, too, but are still recuperating from a car crash last year, which brought a halt to Gilberta's EMT activities with the local ambulance corps. She'd much prefer going to a warm beach.

At last report, **Norman** '44, BS Ag '46, and **Gertrude Durfee Allen** (Schaghticoke, NY) were expecting their first great-grandchild in May, courtesy of **Brendon** '98 and granddaughter **Cynthia Moore Harrington** '99. **Robin Allen** '04 is presently deployed in Diego Garcia but working on her master's degree in education; **Travis Allen** '06 and **Aaron Allen** '01 have joined forces with Allenwaite Farms Inc.; and **Ross Allen** '03 works for First Pioneer ACA. Gertrude says she learned all about carpal tunnel syndrome surgery last March; we are glad that it didn't hinder her from writing us news!

Martin Evans (Sarasota, FL) regrets missing reunion for the first time in 25 years, but was in Bordeaux to celebrate his daughter's birthday and see to the birth, in Paris, of his first great-grandchild. Also sorry for not attending was **Louise Borntrager** Weigel (Columbia, MO), who celebrated her 80th birthday on a Caribbean cruise with her family of 22, who came from seven states to join in the fun. She has been attending some classes for seniors at U. of Missouri, which she finds interesting but is grateful that she doesn't have to take exams.

Elizabeth Price Meyers Wehrle (Henderson Harbor, NY) winters in Naples, FL, living in the same building with **Bill** and **Evelyn Knowlton Lambert**, and says she couldn't be happier in that beautiful place, where all needs are met and where there are nice walking paths and an aerobics instructor in the Olympic-size pool. Having visited Mo and Bill there, I can see why. Tish is enjoying good health and is glad to renew her friendship with Mo.

Harrie Washburn (Sharon Springs, NY), who has two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, and one great, taught at the Sharon Springs Central School and then was business administrator, retiring in 1978, only to take on the tasks of helping with the migrant education program and serving as mayor for 17 years. He claims that he has now learned to say "no." ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

46 I received a snapshot of **Gertrude Botsford Moseley** (Lake Placid, FL). Like many of us, she's having health problems—she was in a wheelchair surrounded by family, but looked happy. **Dorothy Hotchkiss Haberl** (Golden, CO) has four children: Judy is professor of art at Massachusetts College of Art; Jeff is professor of architectural engineering at Texas A&M; Jay is self-employed; and Jennifer is director of training at Winter Park, CO. Dottie also has seven grandchildren and one great as of the last dues notice. She keeps in touch with **Bev Smith** Whitehead, **Marion Graham** Bloise, and **Janet Buhsen** Daukas '44. "I'm fortunate to be living in God's country and in good health." Dottie skis, plays tennis, and gardens.

If you received the Plantations Annual Spring Report, you saw that the back page had a picture of the bench that **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith**, BS HE '45, and her family gave to the Plantations in memory of **Karl** '47. In the July magazine I learned of the death of a longtime faithful correspondent **Caroline Steinholtz** Goldsmith. I also read all the Legacy lists and found some freshmen who are third- and fourth-generation Cornellians with links to our classmates: **Jodi Klion** '06 (grandfather **Stanford Klion** '46); **Emily Hahn** '08 (grandmother **Jean Edsall Ford** '46); and **Richard Turner** '08 (grandfather **Richard E. Turner** '46). I'm sure everyone is proud of them.

I hope you all sent news with your class dues earlier this fall. How about writing to let me know if you're coming to reunion next year—or just because I haven't heard from you since the last one? ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565.

60-06, our 60th in '06 Reunion, is fast approaching. Our reunion committee, ably led by **Mavis Gillette** Sand, is hard at work. They are creating the finest and most fun reunion in alma mater's long history. She reported, "At the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) meetings in January 2005, **Lloyd Slaughter**, **Dick Turner**, and I attended reunion planning meetings. This is the first time that I know about that more men than women attended this annual meeting." She added, "All our classmates should doubly enjoy this reunion as we have now reached the stature of having our headquarters at the Statler!"

Your correspondent is pleased to announce two contests the committee has endorsed: 1) A nostalgic memoir of 300 words or less on an adventure from our college days. The entries will be printed and posted at reunion headquarters. Our reunion attendees will then vote for their choices in several categories (mystery, adventure, humor, etc.). 2) A parody of a verse from "The Song of the Classes," which we will try to have judged by the Alumni Glee Club and/or its director. Hopefully, they will credit and perform the winner at Cornelliana Night. As an example, following is a verse penned for a past reunion:

"Some come for nostalgia, to view the old house. / Some come back to show off a new trophy spouse. / Some show off their jewelry and all of their glitz. / Let's help alma mater before our obits."

It's easy. It's fun. Even if the Glee Club doesn't

use your entry, it may appear in a future column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, as might a segment of a memoir. Please mail or e-mail your submissions to **Paul Levine** at the address or e-address below by April 1, 2006.

Elinor Baier Kennedy will have more news on the committee's reunion preparations in her January column. Let's keep working for a mammoth "60th in '06" reunion turnout. Let's each of us call a classmate and ask him or her to join us on the Hill in June 2006.

TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail it to me. Include your name and city and state of residence. Send news to: ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, PBL22@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 I'm pleased to report that members of the Class of '47 are keeping their creative spirits, bodies, and minds very busy. Some are engaged in creative and artistic pursuits. **Mary Lou Gedel** sings with the "Note-ables" and performs with a band that plays homemade instruments including washboards, kazoos, and drums. The groups perform at nursing homes, retirement facilities, and churches in Montgomery, AL. To further her show-biz career, Mary Lou is also taking tap dancing lessons! **Shirley (Buck)** and **Raymond Rabeler**, BS Ag '64 (rcrabeler@odyssey.net) do western square dancing in Cortland, NY. Shirley was in a serious car accident a year and a half ago, so it's great to hear that she's back on the dance floor.

Robert Schultz (jabobb@iinet.com) in Murrieta, CA, continues to sing in the 60-member chorus that he started 12 years ago. **Elmer Robinson**, DVM '47 (remle78@aol.com) performs barbershop with the Key Largo Campers. **Alan Markham**, BEE '49, is doing some amateur radio in Baltimore, and **Irwin Gonshak** (igonshak@aol.com) continues to produce the Big Apple Short Radio Drama on WNYE. If you're not in NYC, you can hear Irwin's Festival show on www.wgaest.org.

Louis Schimoler, DVM '47, of Glen Head, NY, does wood sculptures and even had a show in a local gallery. He has also been acting in local theatre and an "off-Broadway" Chekhov play. **William DeWitt Jr.** (dutchdewitt@aol.com) also does woodworking in his Oberlin, OH, home. **Barbara Baze** Kelley designs flower gardens near her Southport, CT, home. **Raymond**, PhD '56, and **Vera Hakanson Fox** are in Ithaca, where Ray gardens and continues to work with Cornell Plantations and the Liberty Hyde Bailey Gardening Club. He is also being creative with his photography and watercolors. **Yetta Haber** Farber (hyfarb@yahoo.com), who lives in Ridgewood, NJ, and Delray Beach, FL, is working in ceramics. **Edward Wells** of Cincinnati, OH, spends time with model shipbuilding and gardening. **Mal Steinberg**, BCE '46 (mal_lizsteinberg@msn.com) writes in NYC while his wife Elizabeth paints. **Robert Shavick** (rshavick@aol.com) paints watercolors. **Nancy Wigsten Axinn** (axinn@msu.edu) is writing a memoir of the years she and **George** spent in Nigeria, Nepal, and India.

Others are pursuing athletic feats. **Bill Davies** (spudandbill@pacific.net) plays racquetball in Ukiah, CA. **C. Stuart LaDow** plays tennis and softball in the winter and golf year-round. (I appreciate Stuart's offer to take time out from his games, gardening, crossword puzzles, and community and church work to "straighten out" my politics. Ha!) Robert Schultz plays golf every week, and **George Popik** (vpop2002@aol.com) and his wife Ginny are both playing lots of golf in South Plainfield, NJ.

Patrick O'Sullivan is officially retired from sports, but says he feels as though he "spent the entire year in gym clothes" due to his regular physical therapy sessions and YMCA workouts following two knee replacement surgeries. **Arlene O'Hara** O'Connor walks and does water aerobics in Camillus, NY. **Jean Jephson** Gough-Schild spends time in Spencerport, NY, and Naples, FL, where she swims, walks the beach, and plays bridge. **Ursula A. Holahan** walks Folly Beach in Charleston, SC.

Jean Kuttler Schreiber of Lexington, MA, prefers to walk trails. **Harry Rubin**, DVM '47 (hrubin@berkeley.edu) swims in Berkeley, CA. **Muriel "Mike" Welch** Brown, BS HE '46 (rwb1@widomaker.com) is playing bridge and gardening at her home in Williamsburg, VA. Elmer Robinson, who lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, sails a Hobie, rows, and plays racquetball three mornings a week. **Barbara Christman** Wyatt (jim_wyatt@juno.com), who spends the summer in L.A. and the rest of the year in Boca Raton, swims, boats, and plays bridge. **Charles Cox** and his wife **Nancy (Lain) '48** split their time between Pittsburgh and Vero Beach, where they play golf and tennis. **Betty Rosenthal** Newman, BA '46 (bnewman201@comcast.net) plays golf, tennis, and bridge in Short Hills, NJ, and Atlantis, FL. George Axinn (axinn@msu.edu) plays tennis in Tucson. **Ernest Gray**, PhD '52, plays tournament bridge in Silver Spring, MD. **William Gerardi** plays bridge and pinocle in Baltimore. **Richard Greenfield** (rkgggs@comcast.net) of Lafayette, CO, does aerobics and strength training, as well as golf and bowling.

Speaking of athletics, **John "Tex" Bratten** of Fort Worth asked me to pass along the football schedule. He thought his old buddies from The Oaks would want to take particular notice. Since it is too late for the 2005 season, here's the 2006 season. September 23: Yale; October 28: Princeton; November 4: Dartmouth; November 18: Pennsylvania. Catch the Penn game this year on November 19.

Just today I received in the mail a dues form from Jean **Roche** of Sacramento, telling of the death of her husband **Henry** on July 31. Their family has four children and seven grandchildren. One of their grandsons will be doing graduate work this fall at the Eastman School of Music here in Rochester. This is a big deal, as Eastman is a school of excellence and noted prestige. Our sympathies to you and yours, Joan, and congratulations and best wishes to your grandson.

I have had a couple of difficulties this summer but should be fine when this is published. This column was completely written by daughter **Beth Anderson '80**. She and my son **Roger '78** have begun to know you all and that really pleases

me. I very much appreciate the very able help they have given. I wish you all a very happy holiday season! Send me news on your plans for 2006. ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 Joan Southworth, Sedlacek, Riverwoods, IL: "Retired after 26 years as a realtor. In April 2004 sailed in the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta on the *Star Clipper*, one of the Tall Ships. Exciting! We came in second, despite two blown-out sails. I authored a book, *Voyage to Aloha*, 204 pages with photos, about two mainland girls who sailed in 1952 to Hawaii to live their lives, and found adventure, challenge, romance, and their futures. Hundred Oaks Publishing, P.O. Box 1231, Deerfield, IL."

Charlie Elbert, Clifton, NJ: "Painting, plumbing repairs, raking leaves, roof repairs, estate litigation, and trust management. Read and enjoy fast-moving fiction. Completed very enjoyable 12-day western Mediterranean cruise followed by two days on the Portuguese Riviera. Lovely country, nice people. Most pressing problem today is terrorism. Solution: counter-terrorism."

Sally McGowan Rice, Wolfeboro Falls, NH: "Keep busy with AA, Hospice. Right now I'm visiting a lady who was given six months to live in October 2003. She's still going strong and will probably end up visiting me. I go back to Guilford, CT, and other parts to visit old friends and colleagues, and to Bedford, MA, for holidays with family. Realized, finally, that I learn more from the bad things that happen than from the good things. Not that I want to go looking for trouble, but it is a comfort to know that trouble can result in a positive outcome if I see it as a challenge or as an opportunity. Problem: staying healthy until dead. Solution: gym, walking, gym, walking, gym, walking, etc. World's problem is surviving another four years with Bush. Solution: the serenity prayer. 'Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves for we shall never cease to be amused.' (Anon.)"

Margaret Smith Brown, Lincoln, NE: "Homemaker. Returned from African trip last year. More recently helping husband recover from second knee replacement, getting ready for Thanksgiving here, keeping up my arthritis exercises, then down to North Carolina in the spring." **Bart Holm**, West Grove, PA: "Too much volunteering: community, YMCA, nursing home boards, AARP tax consulting. Compensate by trying to exercise regularly. Had a week in Bermuda recently. We still spend our summers on Lake Champlain. Plan a few short ski trips as I did last winter. Frustrated with world events over which I have no control. Solution: Go with the flow. Have found that if you don't keep active physically and mentally, you will get old fast!"

I. Roy Cohen, MFS '49, Tarrytown, NY: "Until May 2003 was on board of directors of AlphaPharma Inc., a NYSE generic pharmaceutical company, serving as chairman of executive committee. From late 1975 to early 1991 served as president and CEO, then worked as full-time consultant until 2002. Now do some advising of executives of medium-size corporations primarily engaged in pro bono consulting for the National

Executive Service Corps who work only to help nonprofit organizations. Joan and I have a home in Tarrytown, a small condo in Lincoln Center, and a condo as well in the Pacific Heights area of San Francisco. We do a good deal of traveling, most often in Europe, but most recently to the Galapagos Islands, Patagonia in Chile, and the lake district of Argentina, including Bariloche. Three married children and five grandchildren are in Frisco area."

Phyllis Flyer Kavett, Union, NJ: "Not retired. Approaching all-time faculty longevity record at Kean U. Now lead cap and gown processions as mace-carrying most-senior faculty member. Main interest has been instructing teachers in mathematics K-12. Hope to retire someday. Six grandchildren, all of whom will be in college within the next four years. Enjoyed 55th Reunion. Was 2004 Woman of the Year—Lifetime Achievement, Union County, NJ. Served as mayor and committeeperson in Howell, NJ, and as founding president of NJ Assn. for Elected Women Officials. Problem: combating negative changes to our country and way of life. Solution: promote humanities and humanism. Live (by the Golden Rule) and let live." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel. and fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 The heavens opened up and dropped a very welcome batch of news from you. There were even letters, which proves that our complaining is paying off. An examination indicates that a careful review and sorting is in order lest we mis-report—a real danger as this class finally matures. So we will just indulge ourselves for this issue and hope that we don't lose electrical power. This has been some summer, and the fall forecast is for some really big blows.

It is difficult to realize that you will be reading this in cooler weather, as the temperature has just popped over 100 degrees again. We just finished reading about the rebirth of ROTC programs at schools that had dropped them when 'Nam protests were the loudest. Already, some funky frosh at a small college in Ohio is complaining that the uniforms "are ugly, don't fit well, and are uncomfortably hot to wear." Reading on we find that he is talking about US Army summer uniforms (known as "Sun Tans" to WWII vets). These were much preferred to the "OD"s (olive drabs) or winter uniforms.

Army ROTC was not a choice when I was a freshman. You took it and pushed those artillery pieces—circa War of 1812—all around Barton Hall and Lower Alumni Field. Also, you were issued a moldy, well-used heavy winter uniform. Admittedly, they were itchy, depressingly heavy, hot, and stinking of dry cleaning fluids . . . to say nothing of mothballs. On ROTC class day, even a freezing Ithaca day, one could melt away in any lecture room and coeds would shun you. The experience was traumatic.

The supposed high point of ROTC was the compulsory weekend war games, always held on the wettest fall weekend. It was an act of faith that the heavens would open when the signal to commence fire was given. Unfair. Unfair. We had not met all the freshman women yet and there was a football game!

The war was fought in Dryden. Following the last lab session on Friday afternoon, the troops would gather at Lower Alumni Field and be transported to the woods/fields of Greater Dryden. The best mode of transport was provided by Crispell. Sleeping was under the raindrops. The battle for Dryden was fought all day Saturday and provided hilarious entertainment for the citizens who sparked to the battle cry of "Save the Dryden Inn!" There were some renegade shouts of "Find the Utica Club!" The terrain was not ideally suited for artillery, but pushing the guns around kept everyone busy and complaining. The only true winners in the games were the upperclassmen who had the Hill and the frosh women to themselves.

Finally, either the "Red force" or the "White force" was declared the winner and all the troops were back in their beds on campus for a Sunday of rest and civilized living. Oh, the war stories! Joe's did a great business. Fletcher's Cleaners could hardly wait for the mud-encrusted uniforms so they could start their life cycle again.

So to the Ohio frosh: Relax. Put the uniform on. Thank God you will never have to fight in Dryden. Every generation catches a break because of others. 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 To introduce myself, I (**Marion Steinmann**) am the new co-correspondent for this column, replacing **Midge Downey** Kreitz and alternating with **Paul Joslin**. I'm a journalist by trade. I was an associate editor at the old weekly *Life* magazine, writing about science and medicine. Since the weekly *Life* ceased publication, I have freelanced, writing magazine articles and books. My most recent book, as many of you know, is a report of a survey of the women of the Class of 1950 about what we did with our lives: *Women at Work, Demolishing a Myth of the 1950's*.

Our new class president, **Richard W. Pogue**, is a prominent lawyer in Cleveland. Dick formerly headed Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, at one point the largest law firm in the US. Dick is now back at Jones Day as a senior advisor. Dick also is or has been on the boards of many organizations, including Continental Airlines, the Cleveland Inst. of Music, the Cleveland Ballet, and Case Western Reserve U., among many others. At Cornell our senior year, Dick was managing editor of the Cornell *Daily Sun* when **John Marcham** was editor-in-chief.

The Tuesday Science section of the *New York Times* recently mentioned the PAIRS program developed by **Lori Heyman** Gordon (Weston, FL) in a lengthy article about therapies and other help available for couples with marital problems. PAIRS stands for Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills. PAIRS is not therapy or counseling, Lori explains, but a course—a series of classes. You can learn more about PAIRS and Lori's work from her website, www.pairs.com. **Alex Richardson** (Livingston, NJ) has published a book called *Understanding Parliamentary Procedure, A Tutorial*, available from his website, learningsystems.net. Alex's lifelong interest in this subject began

in fraternity meetings at Cornell. Alex was the project engineer for the telecommunications system for E-Z Pass on the New Jersey Turnpike. **Libby Severinghaus** Warner has donated the letters she wrote home to her parents during her four years at Cornell to the Cornell Archives. Libby earned a BFA from the College of Architecture. "It was a tough course," Libby recalls. "We had huge hours of labs, even on Saturday." But in the letters, "you'd think I did nothing but go to parties and football games. And ask for money." Libby has returned to her roots on Philadelphia's Main Line and now lives in Bryn Mawr. **Elaine**

granddaughter was graduating from high school. Ellen began her working life as a chemist and after her children were grown, turned herself into an artist. She has pieces on public view in San Diego and Los Angeles.

Arthur L. Brundage is a professor of animal science, emeritus, in the Department of Plant, Animal & Soil Sciences at the U. of Alaska. He has now turned his attention from the animal kingdom to the plant kingdom and become a serious gardener. "My collection of five different sunflower varieties," Art writes, "won Best in Show over all flower entries at the Alaska State Fair recently."

‘Approaching all-time faculty longevity record at Kean U. Hope to retire someday.’

PHYLLIS FLYER KAVETT '48

Engst, MA '72, the Cornell University archivist, was delighted to receive Libby's letters, as well as the survey questionnaires that the women in our class filled out and that formed the basis for the *Women at Work* book mentioned above. My husband and I delivered these questionnaires, which fill three three-inch-thick binders, to Elaine in June when we were in Ithaca for Reunion.

Preston Brower (Castorland, NY) has also recently published a book, *Stories of a Boy from Gobbler's Knob*. "The book chronicles life in the first half of the 20th century in the rural hills of the Adirondacks," Preston explains. "My life is used primarily as a timeline. This book is the first of a planned trilogy. I just turned 81 and am hoping to reach 87 to complete the trilogy." Preston was a quality-control manager and is writing this ambitious work despite being legally blind since 2000. **Bob Post's** number-three grandchild, **Katie Post**, was due to enter Cornell this fall in the Class of 2009. Bob missed Reunion because of Katie's graduation from high school. Bob recently took a "fabulous trip to Antarctica and South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. How Sir Ernest Shackleton's crew lived on Elephant Island for four months I'll never know." Bob, a mechanical engineer, "worked for 35 years for what was the American Brake Shoe Company and morphed into Abex. I was in sales of brake shoes, wheels, and trackwork to railroads."

Jane Humphreys Dieck, a grade school and high school classmate of mine in Rochester, NY, missed Reunion because she flew to Bermuda with her daughter to meet the Massachusetts-to-Bermuda sailboat race, in which Jane's son-in-law was crewing. After Reunion my husband and I visited another grade and high school classmate of mine, **Donald Snyder**, JD '52, and his wife Dorothy in their lovely home outside Rochester. Don was treasurer of Eastman Kodak Co. Last winter **Ellen Thomas** Phillips and her husband Bill (La Mesa, CA) traveled to Laos and Vietnam. Ellen and Bill met as teenagers when their families were Japanese prisoners-of-war in the Philippines during World War II. Ellen missed Reunion because their daughter was getting married and a

Hotel school graduate **John J. Carr** of McMurray, PA, is active as a consultant to clubs, hotels, and restaurants. John formerly managed the Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh. He lunches often with fellow Hotelman **Peter Papanou** '47. **Kirk Reid** (Hudson, OH) is putting his engineering know-how to use by "restoring the 1929 Ford Model A station wagon that I had at Cornell from 1947 to 1950." Kirk was a project engineer for the Terex Corporation. **Grace Perkins** Naccarato of Lake Luzerne, NY, who taught high school home economics, does volunteer work for her county historical society. **William C. Hagel** (Ann Arbor, MI), a metallurgical engineer, does oil painting and collects stamps and coins. Formerly president of Arbormet Ltd., Bill has produced two books about "superalloys" and more than 100 technical papers.

A sad note: Kenneth Kersey has written to tell us about the death of his mother, **Sally Morrison** Kersey, in February of this year. Sally was a social worker in Nevada. "I am sure Cornell had a lot to do with the discipline, determination, and dedication I observed in my mother's efforts in anything she involved herself in," Kenneth writes. "I am grateful she was able to show me the value of such an attitude about life. My mother loved her time at Cornell and spoke of it often."

For many years the Class of 1950 has held a dinner in New York at the time of the annual meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). This coming year CACO will instead meet in Philadelphia, and the class dinner will probably be on Saturday, February 18. Your class officers suggest that you come into Philadelphia a day or two ahead or stay a day or two afterwards, and we'll also plan some other activities. My husband and I will be happy to conduct tours of Center City and also our Historic District (Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, our new Constitution Center, and much more). We can also guide you out to Valley Forge, if you want. Watch your mail for more information about our class's plans for this weekend. Hope to see you here! ♦ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel.

(215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 **Harry K.**, PhD '58, and **Elizabeth Purdy Schwarzweller** '55, Okemos, MI, have six children doing well—three in Farmington, NY, and three in Denver, CO. Harry was awarded the Carlson Distinguished Professorship in Social Sciences at West Virginia U. for the fall 2004 semester. He taught Comparative Sociology and Sociology of Developing Societies. Now back at Michigan State U., he writes, "It is interesting that the Class of '51 is offering a copy of Achebe's book *Things Fall Apart*. Great! It was required reading in my West Virginia U. course this past fall, along with Naipaul's *A Bend in the River*. I'd be happy to provide my review questions to the '51 class, and, if any members are brave, they could take my exam. I promise to grade easy!"

'My original teacher used to hit my knuckles with a ruler. I quit after the recital.'

NANCY MILLIMAN BURNETT '53

Adele Mongan Fasick, San Francisco, CA, toured Argentina's Patagonia for two weeks in summer 2004, and headed for China in June. She is still teaching part-time for San Jose State U.—an on-line course on children's literature for the School of Library and Information Science. She reports hearing that **Mary Mundy Arillo** had died in December 2002. **H. Peirce** and **Ann Brawner** are finally reorganized and settled after a long and tedious move from Seattle, WA, to Warwick, RI. "Two of the greatest states from a sailor's point of view," he comments. Now that he's back in the East, he hopes to make the 55th Reunion. **Ken** and **Anne Ross** report from Dublin, GA, that they are beginning their next generation in college with two of their eight grandchildren this year.

Jim Bowers, Newtown, PA, is enjoying life, with some management consulting and some considerable time as deacon and more recently elder of his church after a successful year as stewardship chairman. In Rotary ("my second religion"), he was recently honored with his third Paul Harris Award and the State Vocational Service Award for leadership in vocational and career services and also as chair of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee of District 7510. For career services he initiated and led a program at ten high schools where students created a business plan to buy and operate a delicatessen, consulting Rotarian bankers about a loan. He also set up mentoring for Princeton High School students in science at Rider U. For the Ambassador Program he developed a Speakers Bureau of scholars for the 45 clubs in central New Jersey (District 7510). "They have taught us a great deal about various parts of the world through their experiences plus how they developed as special individuals and professionals,

many times from modest beginnings." He also reports staying in touch with **Keith Seegmiller**.

Erik '49 and **Phyllis Meyer Simons**, Spring Valley, NY, have retired from saving lives with the National Ski Patrol and now risk their own skiing the high peaks from the Rockies to the Alps. Phyllis keeps in touch with **Isabel "Lee" Lifson** Becker, New City, NY, and **Rhoda Horowitz** Levine, Scarsdale. **Aurilyn Wright** Allgor, Jackson Heights, NY, reports that her husband **Jerome** died March 20, 2005 after a long illness. **John G. Martin** writes from Yardley, PA, that wife **Marjorie (Mahoney)** died January 29, 2005. **Harry Ewald Petschek**, PhD '55, engineering physicist and one-time president of Avco, died on March 29 after a long illness. More about him in another column.

Cornell's Adult University attracted **Dave Swormstedt**, not heard from recently. He opted for *For the Birds: Landscapes and Habitats* of San Diego and the Southern California Coast in March with **Charles R. Smith** and **Michael Hamilton** as instructors. **Barbara Berkowitz**

Rubin, Rochester, NY, and **Vero Beach, FL** (winter), reports that while husband **Phil** completes the great oncology/anatomy text, she is happily reading and swimming. "Not bad for someone with M.S., who scoots instead of walking!" she says. I can sympathize with that. I have a daughter with M.S. She reports that **Stan Rodwin '50** and **Tom Hampson**, LLB '55, are both in great shape. Tom has a jazz program and teaches at jazz camps when he isn't out birdwatching.

Joyce celebrated husband **Kenneth De Gasper's** 80th birthday with a party in their Toronto penthouse with 35 friends, including brother **Ed De Gasper '48**. Kenneth writes from Amherst, NY, that he is closing his Buffalo law office after more than 50 years of practice. **Norman Solovay**, NYC, has recently authored a book published by the Law Journal Press, *The Internet & Dispute Resolution: Untangling the Web*, and has "embarked on something of a new career." Some years ago he left a partnership in a large law firm to start a firm with his son. That grew from four to 25 lawyers and was recruited by another large firm. Norman split and became counsel to Hartman & Craven.

Suzanne Briggs Johnson reports from Fort Washington, MD, that meteorologist husband **Harry**, PhD '54, has retired, and she is an educational therapist at Grace Brethren Christian School in Clinton, MD. **Walter Collins** writes from Maple Glen, PA, that he was the head of senior issues for the Hoeft campaign for the US Senate last fall (Specter won). He is an activist on Social Security issues with AARP and the Alliance of Retired Americans.

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.

52 Few things catch my attention faster than a letter with a first class stamp. So **Stephen Tauber**, Lexington, MA, leads the column. In 1998 Stephen retired for the second time, and writes, "I am now carried as a retiree on the records of three distinct companies—for none of which I ever worked." Nothing sneaky, though; he just worked for companies that were merged or sold off. The benefits match his donations to Cornell and cover prescriptions and pension. "A bit confusing," he says, "but it does seem to work out OK." He closed with regards to all. **Paul Franks**, Tulsa, OK, is "mostly retired but still doing consulting in environmental geology. He stays busy taking care of his 1930 [good year!] vintage house and enjoys a Celtic music series at Tulsa's performing arts center. **John Crager**, who summers in Upper Jay, NY, and winters in Bisbee, AZ, considers himself a snowbird with health club workouts. His younger sister says he is still a "health nut." He says, "So be it." **Whitney Mitchell** wrote from Stuart, FL, last November that all was going well despite the trees downed by the two hurricanes that hit the area. Things were fine with his Nantucket home. **Whit** runs into Cornellians in Florida and Massachusetts and sends "cheers to all."

George Vlahakis, Nashville, TN, is "still hanging in with fairly good health." He continued, "My wife Marina is still doing physical and occupational therapy. She can get around pretty well in spite of having her stroke over five years ago. I feel she's like the 'Energizer Bunny.' She just keeps on running. As for me, being a caregiver for her is a labor of love. After over 50 years of marriage and after all she's done for me in raising two wonderful children and putting up with me, I have no complaints." **Eleanor Moffit** Gates, Ivoryton, CT, who last wrote about researching and writing her own books and editing and finishing her father's, now writes, "In recent years I have dealt more with charities, organizations, and causes, which has gone far toward impoverishing me." **Joan Schoof** Hoffman is still in Bogart, GA. Joan used some spare time during the year to volunteer at the local hospital in its fundraising division and to knit afghans for the local shelters in the evening.

Don Collins, BEE '53, writes, "Same old thing—busy as hell enjoying retirement in Ft. Lauderdale, FL." Water keeps him busy, whether at two yacht clubs, on the *QM2*, or on the Danube. He also still looks forward to "seeing any surviving EEs or PiKAs or whatever." So call him if you're down that way. He is in the class directory. **Peter '53**, JD '57, and **Jean Thompson Cooper** are still in Southold, NY. The Coopers have eight grandchildren, age 30 down to almost 5, and five grandchildren all under 7. Jean's rug-hooking school and classes continue to thrive. **Helen Icken** Safa has been named to the editorial board of the *Latin American Research Review*. Her eldest grandson was married in June 2004.

Robert Lamb, Terre Haute, IN, turned 75 July 1, 2004. He'd been through two operations for colon cancer, and radiation and chemo, but

reported that he was recuperating OK. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are "happy, healthy, and doing well." Bob received his MLS from UC Berkeley in '61 and served 34 years as an academic librarian, retiring from Indiana State Library on June 30, 1995 as a full professor. **Don Parmet**, JD '55, who winters in Palm Beach, FL, and summers in Melville, NY, announced the birth of his latest grandson—no granddaughters. David James Cook was born August 12, 2004 to **Nancy Parmet Cook '85**.

That cleans out the mailbox. I'm sorry that so much of this was written by all of you last fall and winter, but with space and time constraints, that's the way it goes. As I have a little extra word space here, I offer some reminders. If you'd like to reconnect with a classmate or any kind of Cornellian, the online Alumni Directory (<https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>) is there to help. All you need to access it is your Cornell ID—those numbers that appear with your name on all mailings you receive from Cornell. For your entertainment and further education, Cybertower (<http://cybertower.cornell.edu>) is as close as your computer. Try it. Try, too, the Class of '52 Web page (<http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>), which **Paul and Polly Prine Herman** work hard to keep up. They, as I, would like to hear from you. Finally, the 2006 CACO and class meetings will be in Philadelphia in February. If you remember Philadelphia from the '50s or '60s, believe me, it has changed. So think about attending.

And as I have a few words left, do any of you know the whereabouts of Bernard M. Bates, Don L. Bates, or Alexander Bernitz? If so, let us know. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 The melodies linger on for **Jack Brophy**, **Al Packer**, and other Fifties vintage Cayuga's Waiters. Fourteen from the classes of '51 through '60 were guests of the kids from '55 at their 50th. Jack says they sang for five different audiences, looking particularly for "ladies from '55 to listen to 'Good Night Little Girl' and blush." No dice. But "one cute coed" jumped onto a singer's lap during the serenade at Cornelliana Night. "**Gerry Grady** said that I was the only one he knew that was still doing the things he did 50 years ago," says Jack.

Former Naval person **Ted Bauckman** (W. Yarmouth, MA) describes himself as a "Wash Ashore" on Cape Cod since 1984. But he retains vivid memories of the 1938 hurricane and the devastation it wrought. He offers assistance, advice, and directions to classmates who wander onto the Cape—and he ought to know whereof he speaks after all those years on that salty peninsula, many of them as a realtor. Ted says he's blessed with a family of 26 of assorted generations. Speaking of seagoing, **Ted Hunt Jr.** (Midlothian, VA) reports "a wonderful cruise visiting five islands in five days (St. Martin, St. Kitts, Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Thomas), with the unique experience of observing Christmas Day entirely on water." Not like the ones we used to know (no treetops glistering, no listening for sleighbells in the snow).

Alan Raynor (Venice, FL) is a former real estate person. He's left his longtime career to

embrace the creative arts. After a year of self-teaching, he feels comfortable creating sculpture in glass. The Gulf Coast sea creatures provide inspiration and life models that exceed the standard range of human imagination. Members of the Class of '53 are invited to critique his handiwork at outdoor shows around Florida, says he. **Dave Gatti** (Huntington, NY) is "still doing hand-lettering for book covers. After so many years working in pen and ink, I've recently taken up brush and paint to work in color again. Shades of those long-ago days on campus in Morse Hall (long gone—replaced by the Johnson Museum) with Profs. Evett and Daly, talking of Tanguy and Gris, and painting with alacrity. . . . We huddle near the hearth now, reading and talking of now and of yesteryear." **Paul Makosky** (St. Michael's, MD) tells of five grandkids who "develop and delight us. They're approaching computer/e-mail literacy, forcing us to acquire new communication skills." Meanwhile, Paul is completing a million-dollar performance space addition to the local art academy. It's tailored to small group musical events, like chamber music. He's seen the Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival into its 20th year of free performances. And, finally, Paul and spouse Linda have given in, acquired their first computer and digital camera, and are "teaching ourselves the new set of skills required to use them effectively."

Bill and Nancy Milliman Burnett split the year between Fort Myers, FL, and Slingerlands, NY, but wherever she's in residence Nancy goes bicycling for an hour every morning, swimming when the sun shines. (That's more frequent in Florida than in the Buffalo environs, we're guessing.) "On the other hand, son Bob has a pool and lives two blocks from us in Slingerlands, so I can swim there, too. I love to swim. But my favorite activity after reading is playing my keyboard. At home I have an electric organ. I'm still learning the left hand. My original teacher used to hit my knuckles with a ruler. I quit after the recital. So I'm learning the left hand once more." (But there's no knuckle-knocking now, we hope.)

Many move to the Southwest for golden years in the sun, but cattle rancher **Linda Mitchell** Davis (Cimarron, NM) was praying for rain for seven long, lean years of drought. We're informed that things were looking better last spring after a good snow pack and spring moisture. Linda is "delighted to have my six children and eight grandchildren involved in our ranch operation. Besides representing New Mexico on the board of the National Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City and several livestock associations," Linda's an emergency medical technician with the Cimarron volunteer ambulance, "serving an area larger than Rhode Island." It's a pleasure to note that she had time to attend Homecoming in Ithaca last year.

Genie Mandelbaum Deutsch has left the life that late she led back in Woodbridge, CT, for the wonderful world of Wisconsin. She and Stan sold the Connecticut place—home for many years—and have moved into an apartment in Milwaukee to be "closer to some of our grandchildren." There are three in Milwaukee, two in Seattle, two more in New Jersey, and 11 in Israel. They'll be wintering in Florida, where there are no reported grandlings. Guess they'll have to take a few with

them. **Virginia Wenz Cobb** (Jacksonville, FL) is going to lots of sports events again, as she formerly did to support people who were to become parents of her 11 grandchildren. There are three sets: two in Jacksonville and one in Chattanooga. She's in her 35th year as a volunteer under the 175-foot oak canopy at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens. She was getting around well enough on two replacement knees to enjoy last December's two-week African safari.

Recent Class of 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellow **Isabel Huacuja '05**, formerly of Laredo, TX, has been bitten by the Big Apple. After showing mom, grandmom, and little sister their first views of campus, gorgeous gorges, and bustling town, Isa became a Cornell grad and almost immediately thereafter an employee of a New York law firm.

See you at the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter activities in Philadelphia, Feb. 17-18? ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 I do believe we all benefit from the winds of change, be it in the form of location, friends, ideas, physical or mental endeavor, or methods of communication. Our reunion reinforced my perception of our willingness to seek new horizons in our lives. Following along with that thinking, this summer I have sought new ways of contacting class members via e-mail. I have offered this means of newsgathering as it is informal, convenient, and fast. My e-mail address is always at the end of this column, so you are just a type-and-send away from landing in the column with an update. The response to my initial e-mailing has been very positive in its simplicity of reply.

This column is written in August when the weather in the Nation's Capital is fit only for denizens of the Brazilian rainforest. That being the case I escaped briefly to the mountains of Santa Fe, NM. While there I spent a delightful evening with Susan and **Ash Collins**. Ash is almost fully retired after a career of consulting in the energy field, mostly electric utility clients. Ash says his work drew considerably on the great learning that he enjoyed at the feet of Prof. Alfred E. Kahn. Flying has been a lifelong love and, while his Angel Flights may have slowed some, he is still in the air instructing others in the joy of sailplanes (gliders). Another benefit of being almost retired is the time available for tennis, a sport he and Susan enjoy together.

George Gibson, another e-mail enthusiast, has been living in Ogden, UT, since retiring from the Air Force in 1984. George worked for Hercules Aerospace as plant engineer for eight years before the industry took one of its nosedives. At that juncture, in order to say out of Diane's hair, he started a small home remodeling business, which was a great success. Under the heading of helping his fellow man, George has served on the Salvation Army Board for 20 years and has been active both at the parish and Diocesan levels of the Episcopal Church. He has also been a SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) counselor, where he has helped others start their own small businesses.

"It's a wonderful life," according to **Doris Caretti Oniskey**, who is always upbeat and

engaged. This summer Doris returned to campus twice, once for **Len '55's** class's reunion and the next time for her first CAU experience taking a course in drawing. Doris ended her CAU week with the **Stan Tsapis**, LLB '58, family at their house on the lake. Having already covered a good deal of the world, she has, this year, added Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and the Dominican Republic to her checklist, which by my way of looking at things should have been first on her list. When at home Doris says she drives and visits people who are even older than we are. She is also the Home Ec component for her home-schooled grandchildren. It does indeed sound like a very good life.

Bob Bower retired from his first career with IBM, during which he traveled the globe in various management positions. He has now embarked on a new career that encompasses golf and flying his Cessna to various locations to play golf. Sounds like having fun as a means to more fun. Assume they also use it to see a grandchild or two en route. Bob sees **Don Henn '52**, BS CEE '53, **Bob Vogel '52**, and **Bob Appleby** regularly. They always plan on taking in a football game or two. In an e-mail, I had asked what advice we might give to those younger than ourselves and Bob suggested they "take the time necessary to find out what they like to do and then spend the time being the best they can at it. This applies to work and play and makes for a happy life." I think we could all agree with that.

Paul Napier has used his ILR education for the past 23 years as representative for the shared SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) jurisdiction in both the wages and working conditions deliberations and subsequent negotiations of contracts—making his participation more than that of any other member in either union's history. Paul's career as actor and voice performer dates from the early '60s and has decidedly not been one of a 9-5 pattern. Paul says he is as busy today as he has been for the past 40 years. Among Paul's many roles, he counts that of the original General Motor's "Mr. Goodwrench." Paul has taught at UCLA and USC and conducted weekend seminars in various locations. He lists founder of the annual national televised SAG Awards Show on his CV, along with that of coaching both high school football, since 1977, and Pop Warner football, since 1968.

Keep those e-mails coming. By my next column our new baby panda at the National Zoo will have a name (the Chinese have naming rights) and be on exhibit. Meanwhile, I am watching him very carefully during my stints running the panda cam. ♦ **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/>. Class news online, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>.

55 Just before Reunion, **Barbara O'Connor** Kenny sent a photo of five Cornell gals and their husbands, all decked out in red jackets, taken at the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Other '55 coeds in the group were **Alice Zufall** Fellenzer and **Mary Ann Meyer** Adams. "The evening ended around 1:00 AM, with loud

singing of all the Cornell songs playing on a CD player in one of the cars."

Among several post-Reunion comments were these: **Don Scheer's** wife Jan wrote to thank "all who did such a marvelous job of arranging everything for our pleasure." **Hilly McCann** Dearden's daughter Laurel Gardner commented, "I now understand in a deeper way what draws my mother back to Ithaca every five years." **Don Maclay** reported that Delta Tau Delta's freshman class had 21 members, and of those, ten were at Reunion! Don sent a Class of 1955 red jacket to **Gene Marsh**, who was recovering from leg surgery. **Roger Rothballer** was sorry to miss Reunion, as were **Bob '54** and **Wendy Witherell Hill**, who were celebrating their 50th anniversary. **Sam Salus** said he arranged for **Dick Hutman** and **Jerry Rosenau** to come to Reunion, and had also spoken to **Tom Litwin** and **Jerry Flagg**. **Rona Kass** Schneider was sidelined by a fractured kneecap, but adds, "I'll try for the 55th."

Bill Doerler is retired from the family business, Doerler Landscaping, so he and Pat spend summers in Avalon, NJ, and winters in Singer Island, FL. They had dinner with old pal **Tom Fricke** and his wife. **Roger Grigson** is president of the Downingtown, PA, Historical Society, among other activities, and sees fellow Hotelier **Dick Wood** regularly. These days, **Donald Demske** enjoys painting, gardening, and set building, but said he'd "rather be a hostile linebacker for the Redskins, designated hitter for the Nationals, or shooting foul shots for the Wizards!" Don adds that he's "married to his child bride and she's still a cute chick." **John Apgar** retired from J.C. Penney 11 years ago, and he and Peggy built a house on seven acres in Terre Haute, IN.

When we heard from **Bob Sanders**, he was making plans to attend our 50th Reunion (his first!). Bob has been teaching math for 47 years. "I like my job; that's why I keep doing it!" He's also "blessed with great health—a vote for low carbs, low fat, exercise, and multivitamins." **Jane Tyroler** Sweeney teaches piano and coaches singers in New York City and Westchester County. **Peter Haje** has three children, age 42 down to 13, and lives in New York City. **Pat Hewson** Mason is a member of three Ogunquit, ME, town committees, does P.R. for a local art gallery, and writes a weekly food column. Another couple celebrating their 50th anniversary in June were the Sutters, **Marcia (Willemen)** and Philip, who were married the afternoon of our graduation in the Lutheran Church in Collegietown. **Dorothy Conley** Cooper opened a ballroom dance studio last spring, and facilitated a countywide leadership group for the Chamber of Commerce. She appreciates being "part of an historic and forward-progressing community" (Circleville, OH).

Loved this story: Some 50 years ago, **Fred Antil**, our new class president, was invited to Elmira College's Centennial celebration by a girl he was dating there. He and some fellow DUs went down to Elmira, checked into the Mark Twain hotel, "and quickly discovered that room service would deliver pitchers of whisky sours to the room." Emboldened by these refreshments, Fred entered a waltz contest that night, which was being judged by Hollywood dancer Ann Miller. Fred and

his date came in second, which he felt was "not too bad, considering my sour-induced haze." Flash forward 50 years, and Fred gets a call from President Lehman's office at Cornell, asking if he would represent Cornell at Elmira's Sesquicentennial celebration! Fred readily accepted, "and this time I was in academic regalia, and not a rented tux." Hope the whisky sours tasted just as good 50 years later!

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56 I just returned from a two-week vacation in Russia on a Volga River cruise between Moscow and St. Petersburg, and I wanted to share a Cornell experience with you. While in St. Petersburg, I visited the childhood home of our professor Vladimir Nabokov, who was most famous for writing *Lolita*, but famous to us for his course on comparative European literature. The house is now a museum that contains Prof. Nabokov's memorabilia, including secretly circulated hand-copied Nabokov works officially banned for print in Soviet times, as well as photographs of each of his homes in Ithaca while he was a professor at Cornell. There was also a special collection of butterflies that Prof. Nabokov gave to his wife Vera, whom I believe was his teaching assistant in our classes. The property is so valuable that there is talk that the municipality may be selling it for redevelopment as residential condos. If anyone is planning to be there, it's worth a visit: 47 Bolshaya Morskaya, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Mini-reunions. This from **Carole Rapp** Thompson: "**Rivka Gebiner** Chatman, **Lillian Heicklen** Gordon, and I reunited in Rochester in July to celebrate a 'combined 210 years, honoring our achieving the big seven-oh.' The week included 'far above Keuka's (sic) waters' at Esperanza, a wine-tasting at Dr. Frank's vineyards, facials, salt rubs, a boat tour of the latest McMansions on Canandaigua Lake, courtesy of Mike Silver, Rivka's loving companion, and shopping at Wegmans and savoring the new corn, a real treat for a New Yorker like myself."

Lucille Snayerson Rich, New York City, writes: "Still living in Manhattan in the same apartment. I wrote a research report on post-traumatic stress disorder after 9/11." Lucille adds her best memories of student life at Cornell: "tray-sliding on the Libe Slope and working as a group leader in a settlement house for adolescents in downtown Ithaca." **Liz Wright** Tower, Sandy Creek, CT, sent news of an exhibit in June of her watercolors at the local Keyes Gallery, and a trip this past April with husband **Bill '55** and classmate **Ginny Tyler** Renouard and her husband Laddie to see the ruins in Sicily and Libya. Liz has offered to "round up" her fellow Kappas to attend our 50th.

Nancy Marx Thorpe, Carbondale, CO, is still at the Aspen Inst. in Aspen, CO, as office administrator/gallery curator, and spending more time at her home in San Pancho, a small fishing village north of Puerto Vallarta, brushing up on Spanish, beach walking, and doing lots of reading. **Murray Meltzer**, MD, Tenafly, NJ, is a professor of ophthalmology, Mount Sinai Medical Center after being in private practice and writing three books. **Arthur**

Reimann, Lakeland, FL, is still working as a self-employed food broker. **Foster Kinney**, Fullerton, CA, is semi-retired, selling income-producing property in Fullerton, CA, near Disneyland.

Vera Johnson Winter Lee, San Francisco, CA, reports that she has been happily retired for 11 years. Vera sings with the San Francisco Choral Society and ushers for the San Francisco Opera and San Francisco Ballet. **Marvin Kirschner**, Livingston, NJ, retired from the faculty of UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School, where he served as chief of endocrinology and is now emeritus professor of medicine. **Theodora Litner** Weihe, Boca Raton, FL, writes that she is retired, remarried, enjoying golf, and teaching water aerobics.

We've heard from **Norma Redstone** Shakun (Williamsville, VT), **Sharon Lee Babat** (Boynton Beach, FL), **Eric Truhol** (St. Clair Shores, MI, and Tierra Verde, FL), **Dixie Davis** Curtice (Washington Crossing, PA), and **Oliver Lednicer** (Mt. Kisco, NY), who in retirement has opened a mediation practice regarding disputes in communal living situations such as condos, assisted living facilities, etc. From **Bob and Judy Combs Gallinger**, Peru, NY: Bob is active in Habitat for Humanity and has been on a church mission in Jamaica to help build medical and dental facilities. Judy continues to volunteer combating illiteracy, and is "spending time at the Y to try to put off aging." From **Gene Rook's** wife Janet, Lyndonville, NY: Gene was retired with heart problems and from that was diagnosed with Alzheimer's five years ago. Janet knows that Gene would appreciate his classmates' prayers.

I am very saddened to report the passing of our classmate **Werner Mendel** of Neversink, NY, on June 26. Werner was a dynamic man who pursued his passion, refused to take the easy route, and inspired others to follow their dreams and heart. He will be missed most for his ability to create his visions, whether in the world of finance or in building the New Age Health Spa. We, his classmates, will miss him. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; tel., (212) 734-5009; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Among those celebrating the 70th (birthday, not reunion!) this past summer were **Jan Nelson** Cole and **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan. In June, Jan and her family enjoyed wonderful weather and a stay at Tide's Inn on the Northern Neck in Virginia. Swimming, fishing, and a dinner cruise on son Nelson's boat capped a great weekend. In early July, Jan was in Colorado for a few weeks and reports that a group of young alums was playing in a lacrosse tournament in Vail. Cornellians are everywhere! By the end of July, Jan was off to Ithaca and a week at CAU learning about the ecology, geology, and archaeology of Cayuga Lake and the region.

Hurricane Dennis caused a one-day postponement for Joan's surprise birthday party organized by her daughter in Tallahassee, FL. After making her entrance on a red carpet and greeting her many guests, Joan sat down, not to play the piano, but to enjoy the entertainment by some of her friends in the Tallahassee Little Theatre group. Joan wound up her summer of celebration joining **Marj Nelson** Smart for a Cornell

alumni trip to Italy's Lake District. **Shirley Waggoner** Johnson spent most of her summer in Maggie Valley, NC, after moving from her Lakeland, FL, home to a townhouse in Atlanta, GA. Also in the Atlanta area is **Lyn Nehrbas** Alexander. Lyn, grandmother of seven, age 2 to 19, has been teaching swimming lessons to children and aquarobics to adults, along with a bit of yoga.

You probably have received the class dues renewal form by now. PLEASE take time to fill in some information about yourself, family, etc. Your news is what keeps this column going. Class officers will be meeting in Philadelphia next February 17-18, and as plans begin to gel for our 50th, **Paul Gladstone** and **Dori Goudsmit** Albert will be looking for volunteers. Perhaps you'll be interested in adding your name to the list. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

We lost a dear classmate in August when **Jack McCormick** passed away a week shy of his 70th birthday. Jack was a great supporter of Cornell, and this was more than evident over the many times I visited him both in Florida and New Jersey. One of my fondest remembrances involves Jack's visit to our house in Kentucky many years ago when he was president of King Edward Cigars. He brought a box of samples, and I have a picture of Jack and my two sons (then ages 9 and 10) lighting up. A memorial service was held in Ponte Vedra. Thanks to **Gerry Grady '53** for keeping me posted on Jack's situation and the service.

Steve and **Lee Laden** hosted a pre-orientation pep rally for the 65 incoming freshmen in the Philadelphia area in August at their Mt. Airy home. In addition to meeting each other and several alumni/alumnae, the new Cornellians were treated to a vast array of horticulture originating at Cornell, thanks to **Brad Baker '83**, father of incoming freshman **Audrey Baker** and owner of a world famous landscape design firm.

Steve Levine, MBA '59, sent along a delightful e-mail in which he reminisced about Baker Hall freshman year when he and **Phil McIndoo** were hallmates, and the fact that the 50th is creeping up on us. Steve's father was a member of the Class of 1928 (as was my father) and his daughter **Lauren** graduated in '87. Son Jeffrey has an 8-year-old daughter who might be Ithaca bound in a few years, thus making the Levine family a four-generation Cornell conglomerate. Steve worked for Bell Labs for 38 years, followed by four years with a fiber-optic undersea cable division of AT&T. He and Elaine are now residing in an adult community in Somerset, NJ. Let's not tell the Admissions folks, but if it weren't for some "help" from freshman roommate (and high school classmate) **Bernard Horton** on a Latin Regents Exam in his high school days, the four-generation gig may not have had a chance. A note from **Gil Lamb**, BCE '59, recalls his Army years, which took him away from Cornell (he came back to finish in '59) and his fifth-year adventure of rooming with **Ike Eisinger**. They had both lost several roommates over the years, and Gil believes

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their membership in Mummy/Majura may have had something to do with their “extended” education cycle. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, Suitcase2@aol.com.

58 Classmates attending CAU seminars and study tours last spring included **Stephen**, MBA ’59, and **Evalyn Edwards Milman** ’60, and **John** ’55 and **Almeda Church Riley** (For the Birds: Landscapes and Habitats of San Diego); and **William** ’59 and **Karen Shannon Tafuri** (April in New York: A Spring Theatre Weekend).

The following note, “Tributes to Elsie Dinsmore Popkin,” was sent in by **Barbara Buehrig** Orlando after the last tribute in July of this year. With a little editing, here it is: “Along with classmates stunned by artist **Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin’s death in January from complications of chemotherapy, hundreds of admirers have honored Elsie’s passionate spirit, advocacy, and wonderful talent. Husband Mark and their three children were ‘overwhelmed’ by the tributes near their home in Winston-Salem, NC: an exhibit of Elsie’s paintings, two memorial concerts, more than 600 mourners at an evening service, and an editorial

from classmates to refill our empty In boxes. Please do return your News Form from the annual fall News and Dues mailing. Until next time, best wishes to all for Happy Holidays and a good New Year. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, rhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net. For more class news, check <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

59 Congratulations and best wishes to **Bob Mueller**, DVM ’68, and his college sweetheart **Marcia** (Meigs) ’60. After many years they found each other once again, via the online Cornell Alumni Directory Online, and were married on Valentine’s Day last February. They live in Albuquerque, NM—hopefully with lots of room, for they have 32 grandchildren between them!

On the animal front: Among the volunteer work of **Carolyn Babcock** van Leer of Freeville, NY, who retired some five years ago as district treasurer of the local school district, is training and socializing dogs at the Tompkins County SPCA. **Barbara Friedman** Ramrus of Boynton Beach, FL, left nursery and elementary school teaching years earlier for work in the field of animals. She started pet-sitting during that time and continued

remains interesting and limited—“doesn’t interfere with travel!” he notes. Trips include regular visits to their daughters who live in Miami and Santa Fe, plus jaunts to Ireland, Lake Tahoe, and Istanbul and the Greek Islands. Also on the go has been **Jean Finerty** Wandel of Falmouth, ME, who this year traveled to the Bahamas and India. Gerald and **Joan Travis** Pittel of Boynton Beach, FL, went to Machu Picchu, the Amazon jungle, and the Galapagos. And **Harriet Benjamin** of Forest Hills, NY, flew to St. Louis to attend her nephew’s graduation from medical school.

Paula Millenthal Cantor, Woodcliff Lake, NJ, has recently mounted a few shows of her watercolors and is working toward another show in 2006. **Rochelle Leffert** Spergel, NYC, had a recent art show at the city’s Temple Emanuel. And **Naomi Meltzer** Rubin, Gladwyne, PA, had her work on display in two shows in August, at American College in Bryn Mawr and the Third Street Gallery in Philadelphia.

“Lomax Prepares Global Human Resources Course for Fall” headlines an online article from the Moore School of Business at the U. of South Carolina, Columbia. The article portrays the newfound love for teaching of **Stan Lomax**, JD ’62, who has been at the Moore School since 2001. It also describes the course he created for seniors, Global Human Resources, which is being offered for the first time this semester. The course explains why human resources management provides a competitive edge in today’s global marketplace. “Low production costs, technology, and access to capital are still necessary, but the traditional sources of competitive advantage cannot provide a sustainable edge any longer,” he is quoted as saying. The article continues that it’s because the marketplace has become so global that humans are needed to “analyze and discover what to do next in the business, particularly when they are far away from headquarters on another continent,” says Lomax. “We’re in a new world. The ballgame has changed a whole lot.”

On a personal note, Stan enthuses about his recent journey to western China. He spent almost a month there with four other USC professors, following the silk route to Turpan, Dunhuang, and their ultimate goal, Urumchi. “This last city has the mysterious European mummies, over 3,200 years old. Our leader, Prof. Charles Alber, has made a lifetime study of Chinese history, and was incredibly helpful in opening some of the possible theories of how these people came, and left, this barren desert area. The very well-preserved bodies are housed in an old, dark museum, but even in the dim light, we were astonished at how fresh-looking these bodies are. Their clothing, almost tartan-like textiles, is incredibly well-preserved.” ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 **Jim and Betty Abraham Dowd** sent along pictures of their seven grandchildren, who, they say, “are our answer to what we have discovered is a frequently asked question of people who are retired—‘What do you do?’ One of the great delights of retirement for us is being able to

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JENNY TESAR ’59

in the *Winston-Salem Journal* honoring her many contributions to the community.” In April, “friends of Elsie,” led by Barbara, organized a tribute at the Johnson Museum that included Museum Director Frank Robinson, Director of Cornell Plantations **Don Rakow**, PhD ’87, Art/Architecture Prof. Jane Loucey, and members of the President’s Council of Cornell Women. Classmates participating included **Anita Podell** Miller, **Madeline Isaacs** Noveck, and **Harriet Auerbach** Peters.

Earlier in the year, Elsie had been eagerly awaiting the unfurling of *The Gates* by Christo and Jeanne-Claude in Central Park. Instead, sad friends joined Mark in the park on February 12, knowing that one of *The Gates* was being dedicated to Elsie. Then, this summer on July 25, **Lew Futterman** and his wife Starla hosted a Manhattan gathering planned by Elsie’s sister, singer/songwriter Anne Phillips, and brother-in-law Bob Kindred (who also plays a cool sax). There was melancholy jazz; Kayleigh Futterman, 12, who’s studying with Anne, sang; and slides were shown of Elsie’s garden pastels. Mark, the children, five grandchildren, and cousins from afar mixed with Cornellians, painters, and musician friends. “Elsie was always sketching,” a friend since grade school recalled; “one was a very good likeness of actor Peter Lawford.” How’s that for carrying us way back, Barbara asks? Thanks for the memories, Elsie. We miss you. Thus, our columns end for the year with this fine note of remembrance. Thank you, Barbara.

Jan Arps Jarvie and I now look for updates

to enjoy it following her move to Florida eight years ago. She now runs Barbara’s Boarding for dogs and puppies, providing “hugs, kisses, treats, and general spoiling.” Barbara’s husband Karl, a retired New York City teacher, works part-time in merchandising. The latest addition to their family is Sweetpea, a young wire-haired mini-dachshund.

“Much to the concern of my children and friends, I acquired a Newfoundland puppy at the end of January,” writes **Carol Vieth** Mead of Palos Verdes Estates, CA. “He is a rascal, but great company for me and my 6-year-old Newfoundland.” Carol’s daughter **Betsy Mead** Noel ’86 and spouse Andy (Cornell’s Athletic Director) had daughter Amelie Elizabeth last October. “She’s a darling!” enthuses Carol, who has made several trips to Ithaca to visit her granddaughter.

Toby Friedman Gottfried of Orinda, CA, retired as chief science officer of Calypte Biomedical after 14 years with the biotech company. She continues to provide consulting services to the company. Since **Jim Grunzweig** of Chagrin Falls, OH, appeared in this column at the beginning of the year, he has welcomed a new grandchild—number eight—to the family fold. **Barbara Sue McIntosh** Daley and her husband have five grandchildren, ages 3 to 12, living near their home in Trumbull, CT.

Paul, MBA ’65, and **Janet McCarthy** of Pittsboro, NC, spent the early months of 2005 rebuilding their hurricane-destroyed home in Vero Beach, FL. Paul writes that his consulting business

enjoy our grandchildren.” All of them and their parents recently joined the Dowds at their summer home in Michigan on Dewey Lake, which happens to be less than an hour away from South Bend, IN, where son Matt, an editor with Notre Dame U. Press, lives with his family. During the winter months, Jim and Betty are in St. Louis, not far from daughter Deb and her family. Betty has joined the bell and vocal choirs at the Second Presbyterian Church, where Jim has served as temporary pastor and teaches adult seminars to the parishioners.

In March, **William “Ron” Roach** of Rocky Hill, NJ, became a grandfather for the first time when granddaughter Kaitlyn was born to his son **David ’91** and his wife in Oakland, CA. Ron retired from his work as a physicist for RCA in 2001, giving him and Betty ample time to visit David and their other son **John ’89**, who lives in Arizona. **Dodi Bermudez** Eschenbach was recently sighted in Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts during a trip to visit family and friends in New England. Dodi and Harry are happily ensconced in Hilton Head, SC, after moving south from Topsfield, MA, several years ago.

It’s good to hear that former class treasurer **Dave Flinn** seems to have successfully recuperated from the surgery for cancer he underwent in late 2002. He continues to be involved with Rotary and is currently serving as international chairman of the Computer Using Fellowship of Rotarians. Dave and wife **Mary (Quick)** still live in Lansing, NY. **Don Strang** enjoys being able to divide his time between Cleveland and Bonita Springs, FL, while sons **Don III ’80** and **Pete ’84** run the family business, Strang Corporation. Son **David ’82** is busy developing Chili’s restaurants in northern Ohio, and daughter **Allison ’89** recently had her third child, bringing the grandchild count for the Strangs to 11. In what may be a first for our class, Don now has a grandchild at Cornell—**Peter ’08** in the Hotel school. “We had a great time visiting him in Ithaca when he attended the dedication of the Beck building,” says Don.

Walter “Wally” Williamson is presumably still among the regulars running in Central Park after his 2003 marriage to fellow runner Karen Zier, MD, a professor at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. Wally’s son Andrew recently received an MAT from Brown and is teaching high school English in Plymouth, MA, and his son Doug is a graduate student in the School of International Affairs at American U. in Washington, DC. Class Council member **Margaret McPhee Miano**, MS ’61, now has three grandchildren, all offspring of her son **Stephen ’88** and his wife. Margaret and **Ralph, PhD ’62**, now divide their time between New Providence, NJ, and Naples, FL, where they enjoy their condominium on the edge of a golf course, which is an excellent refuge from the northern winters.

Ruth Berberian Hanessian writes from Rockville, MD, of two major family milestones in the past year, the marriage of her son Daniel and the death of her mother Estelle Berberian at the age of 100. Ruth says her mother was active until the last, taking CAU courses at Cornell during the summer, including one on computers, and voting in every election; as a child, 90 years before, she had marched in the demonstrations for women’s suffrage with her own mother.

Forms with new contact information but no news have come in from **Arthur Block** of San Juan, PR, **Linda Karp** Blumenthal, MS ’61, of Columbus, OH, **Marguerite Martindale** Braden of Boca Raton, FL, **John Burget** of Houston, TX, **William Cooper**, MS ’63, of North Kingstown, RI, **Daniel Crabbe**, MBA ’62, of Locust, NJ, **Danila Darko** of Katy, TX, **Marcia Shankland Dunning**, BS Nurs ’77, of Fairlee, VT, **Alan** and **Elinor Ross Garfinkel** of Nanuet, NY, **Miriam Strigle** Glicker of Severna Park, MD, **Sandra Wolf** Gregersen of Solvang, CA, **Linda Hasbrouck** Hasenstab of Moneta, VA, **Manfred Hoffmann** of McKinney, TX, **Jeanie Lahey** Johnson of Southampton, NY, **Phyllis Raphael** Hundert Lippmann of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, **Gay-Emily Morrish** Massie of Garden City, ID, **C. William Patterson** of Timonium, MD, **Robert Plenge** of Lima, Peru, **Carolyn Huntoon** Russell of Whitmore Lake, MI, **Bob** and **Toby Jossem Silverman** of Rochester, NY, **Linda Strosberg** of Delray Beach, FL, and **Charlotte Seigerman** Zales of Macungie, PA. How about some news, folks?

As I write this in late summer, we’re at the tail end of the annual News and Dues cycle, so I’m low on “new” news. Do keep me posted throughout the year by e-mail or snail mail about events in your lives—interesting trips or learning experiences, children and grandchildren, classmates you’ve seen—or thoughts about such matters as retirement, actual or pseudo. Write ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 With Reunion 2006 just a little over six months away, our co-chairs have been working diligently on the details. The final phase of the planning effort began in September as co-chairs **Ginnie Buchanan** Clark, **Peter Greenberg**, **Jon Greenleaf**, and **Sue Rand** Lewis traveled to Ithaca for kickoff meetings. They announced that **Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76**, chairman of the American Studies department, will be our guest speaker on Saturday, June 11, 2006. Registration packages will be in the mail in the near future. Pre-reunion plans were further detailed at a planning session held on October 29 in Carefree, AZ. The weekend’s activities also included a reception hosted by Pat and **Dick Tatlow** at the Boulders Resort, a golf outing, and scenic tours. **Doug Fuss** has joined the 45th Reunion planning team. Working closely with the co-chairs, he will be coordinating the content of the class website. Comments and questions on the website may be directed to Doug at dougout@attglobal.net.

Affinity Committee members, one for each sports team, club, fraternity, sorority, and other undergraduate activities and pursuits, have been busy reaching out to classmates to re-establish long-standing social connections and to assure all reuniting class members that their friends from those affinity organizations will also be attending. The motto of the Affinity Committee, which is being coordinated by **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, **Judy Gubman** Goldfaden, and **Peter Greenberg**, is “The greater the affinity participation, the greater the reunion.”

Also, for the first time, the Board of Trustees has established as a priority *increasing the number of class member donors to the Cornell Fund*. The focus will be on increasing the number of gifts of any amount. President **Marshall Frank** has named **David Kessler** and **Bob Lurcott**, MRP ’68, to co-chair a committee to help ’61 meet its participation goals. Direct mail appeals from the committee are being sent to classmates; these will be followed up with phone calls from volunteers whose task will be to involve as many donors as possible in our 45th Reunion Campaign.

To ensure that next June’s reunion (June 8–11) will be as successful as past ’61 reunions, we welcome your input in any of these planning and participation activities. If you wish to volunteer—just a little bit of your time can be very helpful—please send me an e-mail message. For the Reunion Campaign participation effort, you can join a local phonathon, or even make some phone calls from your home or office.

Marlene “Alfie” Alpert Tein moved from Chapel Hill, NC, to Boca Raton, FL, in July. She was pleasantly surprised by the welcome she received from **Dale Abrams** Adams, who has been a Boca “denizen” for many years. The two former dormmates enjoyed a celebratory lunch in August just before Dale left for a grand tour of China. Marlene has moved her tax preparation business to Boca and is in the process of building up clientele. The move puts the Teins closer to Coral Gables, where son Michael, his wife, and granddaughter Paulina live. Daughter **Naomi Tein ’90** lives in Silver Spring, MD, with husband Carlos Ortega and another granddaughter, Gaby.

Barbara Jacobs Mitnick edited a newly released anthology entitled *New Jersey in the American Revolution*. Published by Rutgers U., where Barbara earned her PhD, the book is available at bookstores and online. The book was originally conceived as a legacy of the state’s 225th anniversary celebration of the Revolution. Former Governor Tom Kean said that “it should be required reading for all interested in our country’s beginnings.” Barbara is an adjunct professor at Drew U. in Madison, NJ. Lois and **Arthur Kroll’s** Douglas Kroll Research Fund, a charity they established to help find a cure for a form of blood cancer (AML) that their son succumbed to, continues to grow. The Fund is underwriting the expenses of researchers who are reported to be making progress in molecular-targeted therapy as contrasted with traditional chemotherapy, which kills both healthy and malignant cells. The progress has eased the grief somewhat for the Krolls, who have tried to carry on their lives following the death of Douglas. They traveled to the Galapagos in August.

Your correspondent, David Kessler, has been assisting the Town of Jewett in Upstate New York’s Greene County (southwest of Albany) with the updating of its master plan. Jewett, where I have a country home, has 950 residents in a rural area encompassing 50 square miles. Thanks to **Barry Hecht ’65**, I’ve been invited to participate in the activities of the Cornell Club of Albany.

A colleague of Dr. **William Francyk** reported that Bill died on July 11 in Salt Lake City. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu. Class website, www.cornell61.org.

Calendar Girl

BARBARA PARR '62

Thirteen years ago, Barbara Parr discovered that she was getting shorter. She had lost about two inches from her original height of five feet, seven inches. The culprit was osteoporosis, a disease in which bones, including those in the spine, become fragile and are more likely to fracture. So Parr volunteered for a two-year study in which she injected herself daily with an experimental treatment for osteoporosis. "I figured it was better than the alternative," she says. Now, at sixty-six, she has lost a total of four inches of height, but continues to fight the disease with medication, exercise, and attitude.

Parr is taking her battle with the disease public, along with a group of other women who have osteoporosis. They appear in the *Bone Diva 2006* calendar, sponsored by drug manufacturer Roche Therapeutics. (The calendar is free and available online at www.bonedivas.com.) Like Parr, the other "bone divas" lead active, health-conscious lives. They include a runner who set world records, a wilderness hiker, and Alpine and Nordic skiers. Parr, who studied nursing at Cornell, works during the school year



as a substitute school nurse and lifts weights three times a week. Her focus is less on appearing as Ms. February and more on encouraging women to take care of themselves. "I want the message to get out that it's important for women to take charge of their health," Parr says. "Bone density tests are there for a reason."

— Susan Kelley

62 In June, **Richard J. Levine** (richard.levine@dowjones.com) began his 40th year with Dow Jones & Co., where he is VP and executive editor of Dow Jones Newswires. Dick recently added responsibility as president of Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to training young people for journalism careers. Dick and **Neil Ann (Stuckey) '63** live in Princeton, NJ, where they enjoy their five grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 5. In July, the class made an additional gift to the Class of 1962 Photography Collection at the Johnson Museum of Art.

Cecily Tatibouet '95 was married in May to Peter Nisbet, PhD, the Daimler Benz Curator of the Busch-Reisinger Museum at Harvard. Cecily is assistant director of alumni affairs at Harvard Business School. The wedding reception was held at Tidelands Farm, the Cape Cod family home of

the bride's parents, Andre and **Jane Barrows** Tatibouet (tatibouet@aol.com), with a second reception at their Hawaiian home, Pualeilani. Cornellians were in attendance at both celebrations. Jane continues service on the Board of Regents of the multi-campus U. of Hawaii system.

H. Bryan Neel III (ivyneel@aol.com), a Mayo Clinic staff physician, has just completed 12 years of service on the U. of Minnesota Board of Regents. In April, Bryan participated in the Defense department's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, the department's premier civic leader program. Sixty citizens are selected annually to learn firsthand about US military personnel, equipment, capabilities, and national defense strategies. The group traveled at their own expense to bases in Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, California, and Colorado. Bryan's "day job" is professor of otolaryngology at Mayo; he and Ingrid live in Rochester,

MN. Maritza and **Thomas Zeisel** (zeiselmt@msn.com) moved from James Island to John's Island, still in the Charleston, SC, area. Their son Carlos is a professor of sociology at Morris College in Sumter, SC. Thomas is doing operational and sales consulting in the hospitality industry.

Lynne and **Terry Baker** headed from their home in San Rafael, CA, for a two-month summer RV trip to Alaska with their two Newfoundland dogs. Son **Jon '92** has taken a new position with Credit Suisse First Boston, based in San Francisco. Terry's email address says it all: Reteyedoc@aol.com. January will find Karen and **Rich Giustra** (samaluk@suscom-maine.net) heading to Cork, Ireland, where Rich, the 2005 recipient of the George Mitchell Peace Scholarship, will spend spring semester at Cork Inst. of Technology. They'll live in Cork City. Home for the Giustras is Brunswick, ME.

A long note from **Sasha Nudelman** Ferrer (sashaferrer@aol.com) updates us. She's worked in various aspects of international film and television management for Walt Disney, Warner Bros., and Dreamworks, and in program development for Triage/Viacom. She won the Humanities Award and an Emmy nomination for a 1989 NBC special. Sasha's husband, Steve Goldsmith, reps for Expanet, an Israeli company that makes high-tech digital data storage systems for use in the entertainment industry. Sasha and Steve live in Sherman Oaks, CA. Sasha's in contact with **Debbie Robbins Wolf '61** and **Adina Cohen**. After 30 years, the Hampton Classic will have to do without Jean and **Anthony Hitchcock** (tony@hamptonclassic.com), who will retire in April 2006. Tony has been executive director. In the August event, Cornell's Vet college took part for the third year in a row.

His neon-green business card reads "**Richard D. Thurston**, The Bookman." Now retired from the military, Richard (rthurs666@aol.com) buys and sells used books in Spanaway, WA. He's also active in civic affairs: land advisory commission, community council, park development commission. Can you believe **Mike Eisgrau** is retiring? After a 43-year career in broadcast news, and a decade directing public affairs for the Javits Center in New York, Mike and Betty will be dividing their time between their winter home in Englewood, FL, near Sarasota, and summer homes in the Northeast. They celebrated their 25th anniversary a year ago. She retired from the late TWA after 29 years as an international flight services manager on 747s and L1011s. Betty is also three years past a successful liver transplant—necessitated by arthritis medication.

It's been a while since **Wayne Olson** (wolson5428@aol.com) has checked in. In the late '60s, he ran a plague-control program in Vietnam and lived in various communities there. He then lived in Queensland, Australia, for two years before returning to California, then on to grad school at U. of Illinois, Chicago. He was also a member of the US Pharmacopeia committee of revision from 1990 to 1995. Wayne has his PhD in pharmaceuticals and is currently writing about Hopkins Pass, IL, "one of the poorest villages in the US—it resurrects images of villages I've seen in Vietnam and the Philippines." Wayne currently lives in Kankakee, IL.

From **John Neuman** (john_neuman@mind.spring.com), our class treasurer (have you sent in your dues yet?): "After two intense years at the head of eCornell, I left the venture last fall as we reached breakeven at the five-year point. We promoted a new and very talented CEO from the inside and the venture is plowing forward with excellent professional development courses being delivered in about 115 countries. I returned then to head the 1492 Consulting Group and am actively serving clients on strategic, marketing, and operational opportunities in several industries. To date, this is not taking all of my time, so a few things that were neglected for more than two years are now back in my life: golf (often with **George Slocum**) and grandkids (five!)." John and **Carolyn (Chauncey) '64** continue to live on the beautiful west shore of Cayuga Lake and seek classmate visitors to drop in.

As I write this on a beautiful summer day in Seattle, it's hard to think you'll be reading it as the holidays approach! Please send along a copy of your holiday letter to share with your classmates! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 The job of class columnist is not a difficult one, but sometimes I do make mistakes. It was brought to my attention that in writing about **Jennifer Patai** Schneider in the July/Aug issue, I mistakenly used her name in place of her daughter, Jessica Wing. Jessica was the one who founded a small New York City theater company before her death, not Jennifer. Jennifer wanted me to be sure to assure people that she was indeed alive and living in Tucson. Jennifer and I try to have breakfast or lunch together once in a while.

I had an e-mail from **Barbara Hartung** Wade, MEd '64, who is still teaching four high school classes and being the LOTE (Languages Other than English) department head for the past three years. Barbara is thinking of retiring—maybe next year. Meanwhile, she and her daughter travel a lot. They took two vacations this year, one to the Melia Carib Tropical in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; the other to her home resort of Vistana in Lake Buena Vista, FL. Barbara is a great golfer and was ready to play in the club championships this week. Another e-mail came from **Lila Fox Olson**. She and **Brad '62** hosted **Mike Neale '62** and his wife Barbara at the Olsons' home in Ithaca. Mike was Brad's freshman roommate and hadn't been back to Cornell since graduation. Lila encourages class members who haven't been back to campus in a while to come and rediscover Ithaca. She also wants us all to think about our reunion in 2008!

William and **Kay Sinclair** Garrison live in Port Angeles, WA. Their daughter Gwendolyn has a BS in biomedical engineering from Johns Hopkins. Son Thomas has a BA in physics and mathematics from Whitman College and an MS in mathematics from Purdue. **Mark Miller**, MD '67, moved from Irvine, CA, to Palm Desert this July. He has an active interventional radiology practice. Fred and **Wendy Oldfield** Kahn live in Palo Alto, CA. Wendy teaches ESL at Language Pacifica. She used to be an art teacher. She gave an ESL class at Baku State U. in Azerbaijan in May.

Larry, PhD '66, and **Margaret Musgrave Bennett** live in Fairbanks, AK. After they both had retired in the mid-Nineties, they had a two-year stint at Cornell, where Larry taught. They also had the same opportunity in Christchurch, New Zealand. While there they bought an antique auto—a 1947 Standard 8A Tourer. After taking many trips with the car in New Zealand, they shipped the car back to Alaska. Believe it or not, there is a vintage car club there that has weekly outings. Other travels have included a trip to Coventry, England, to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Standard Motor Company (2003), an awesome trip to Germany in 2004, and a return trip to New Zealand in 2005.

Martin and **Stephanie Krasner** live in New Rochelle, NY. Marty says he has no intention of retiring. His company develops products and programs for sale on QVC. His main hobby is step aerobics and platform tennis. Stephanie and Marty have three grandchildren, two of whom live a mile away. He mentioned that he exchanges e-mail jokes daily with classmate **Ira Levine**. **Edward** and **Carol Hoerning** are in Gastonia, NC. Edward is still employed by the US Dept. of Agriculture, AMS, serving as laboratory manager. Carol and Edward enjoy visits with their granddaughters Laura, 11, and Livy, 3. Anyone passing through San Francisco Airport should look for the Buena Vista Cafe. The cafe is owned by **Bob Freeman** and operated by HMS Host. It is located in the United Domestic Terminal between Gates 82 and 84. Bob also has a Buena Vista Cafe on Hyde Street by the beach in San Francisco. (It was pointed out that I put Bob's cafe in Sausalito in a previous article—sorry!)

After 28 years, **Alan Goodman** has retired as a professor of physics at Tulane U. in New Orleans. He and his wife Maurine moved to Decatur, GA. **Daniel** and **Barbara O'Connell** enjoy retirement in Red Creek, NY. Daniel retired in 2003. He keeps busy with a large garden and managing a 200-acre wood lot. He says cutting firewood keeps him healthy. Their youngest son, Chris, graduated from SUNY Brockport in 2004 with a criminal justice degree. **Martin**, DVM '66, and **Debra Kirschner Wolf '66** live in Harrison, NY. Debra is a literacy expert at PS 76 in the Bronx, and Martin still treats dogs and cats in Riverdale, NY. Their daughter and family moved in with mom and dad while they are remodeling their house. An extra five people in the house causes some confusion. Martin heard from **Nan "Penney" Prudden** Denning, who lives in Columbus, OH. Penney and Martin went to grade school together in Yonkers. **Barbara Allen** Guilfoyle is now assistant administrator for Patient and Family Services at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. She and her husband Roger live in Ridgfield, CT.

That's all for this month. ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@msn.com.

64 Maybe it's because we're getting older, maybe because last year's reunion was such a hit, but this month's news is from classmates we haven't heard from in some time, if ever. **David Keranen**, MAT '64, making his first appearance here, taught mathematics at Bakersfield (CA) Community College until he retired in 1994. Still

living in Bakersfield, David enjoys golf and deep reading (philosophy, history, politics, etc.). He and wife Elizabeth, who have three grown children, recently visited New Zealand.

Real estate lawyer **Lowell Willinger**, last in 11 years ago, wrote of the reunion, "... how nice it was to become involved with my classmates after many years." Lowell especially singled out **Nelson Keshen**, **Janet Spencer King**, **Jason Gettinger** (to whom he sends apologies for not playing tennis with), **Jack Litman** (of whose law practice he made special note), **Jim Cohen** (with whom he ran the 5-mile race), and **Steve Pieczenik**, MD '68 (who offered medicinal and other advice), and **Dick** and **Penny Norton Coombe** (with whom he and his wife shared meals). Lowell has a busy solo practice in NYC that gives him a lot of freedom and pleasure, and lives with "a wonderful wife, two daughters, five cats, and a wonderful environment in northern New Jersey."

Gary Schoenbaum, ME '66, last in a decade ago, is a senior manager for a development team at Coldwater Creek in Seattle. He and wife Kathy have three grown children and live on Mercer Island, WA, where Gary still enjoys coaching soccer. **Jack Ratcliffe**, in eight years ago, has been a realtor with Allen Tate Company for the last 14 years in Charlotte, NC, where he lives with wife BJ. Jack and BJ have two married sons, a newlywed daughter, and a current total of six potential-Cornellian grandchildren.

Patricia Knack McKay, last here in 1999, is a psychoanalyst in private practice in NYC, where she lives with husband Craig, a film producer, director, and writer, and their teenage daughter. Patsy notes that she, **Judy Vyse** Palmer, and **Lynn Steger** Gleason attended **Susan Stolp** Vieser's wake and funeral last year. Patsy noted that the four kept their friendship alive over the years and that Sue's passing was "a very grave loss for us."

Jill Waxman Polymeropoulos, who lives in Highland Park, NJ, has been retired since 1997, the last time she was in this column. Jill recently returned from visiting son **Marc '91**, MPA '92, and her two grandchildren in Kuwait, where he and his wife are both Foreign Service officers. Jill writes, "It's hard having them so far away—but I love the travel, too. It's a great opportunity for me to learn about different cultures—and buy rugs, of course." Jill is a CAU regular attendee who hopes to return again next summer. Of CAU, she notes, "I finally got to attend the Hotel school wine class."

Norman, ME '67, and **Barbara Conway Scheaffer**, also last in eight years ago, still live in Bellingham, WA, but she reports she's now semi-retired and working three days a week for Lark Textile Design, a studio that makes hand-woven custom rugs for the interior design market. Norm is a freelance engineer offering land development civil engineering and CAD services to local engineering firms. **Marcia McLean** Dunn, last here in 1998, is a senior paralegal for Selvin & Weiner, the firm she has worked at for the last 23 years. She lives in Los Angeles and has a grown son. **Ralph Cerny**, last here in 1999, retired last December after a 39-year career in hospital administration, the last 20 as CEO of Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI, where he lives. Ralph visited **Mike Strick**, MBA '66, in Hudson, OH, and **Burns**

Roensch in Birmingham, AL, en route to Florida following retirement. He adds, "The 40th Reunion was terrific! My congrats to the committee."

Three classmates are making their first appearance in this column since January 2000. **Miles Haber**, ME '66, a builder/consultant, has cut his work schedule to four days per week as an owners' representative for developers of large apartment communities in the Washington, DC, area. He's still very active in local and national homebuilders' associations. Miles lives in Chevy Chase, MD, and has two grown sons, both now married. Of his other activities, he writes that he plays "as much golf as possible—and some tennis." **Victor Orloff** is an assoc. prof. in the Dept. of Criminal Justice at Troy State U. in Alabama. Victor lives nearby in Wetumpka, AL. And **Henry "Hal" Logan**, ME '66, who has been retired for nine years, and wife Donna live in Chadds Ford, PA, and have four grown children spread from coast to coast. He enjoys collecting old wood-working tools, making an annual drive to a winter home in Arizona, and making periodic trips to London. Physician **Carl Plager** is also retired. He still lives in Houston, TX, but sent no other news.

Frank Grawi, ME '68, of Novi, MI, last here five years ago, is a retired engineering manager at Ford Motor Co., where he worked for 30 years. He and wife Mary Ann have two grown daughters and three potential-Cornellian grandchildren. Frank still enjoys skiing in Colorado and sailing on the Great Lakes. He and Mary Ann really enjoyed our 40th Reunion and he writes that it "brought back many great memories!" Fellow skier **Steve Gottesman** is also retired. He and wife Helen still live in East Aurora, NY, and have three grown children. Steve also enjoys golf, music, politics, and reading, especially biographies. More somberly, Steve reports undergoing fusion and abdominal surgeries, renal cancer, and knee scopings over the last decade. Still, he writes that he's "hanging in, and attending Berkshire Hathaway annual meetings," where he's been a stockholder since 1976.

Finally, **Ken**, JD '71, and **Patty Geer Kupchak** '67, who live on Oahu in Hawaii, recently went hiking in Iceland. Apparently to balance that, they also visited the Chiricahua National Monument in Arizona. Ken is vice chair of the board of trustees of the Mid-Pacific Inst. and is on the governing committee of the American Bar Assn. Forum on the Construction Industry. That's all for now. Keep the news flowing (especially those of you who have not sent in any in a long time)—and be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 Though brisk breezes and blazing fall colors dominate Cornell now, I briefly would like to return to our reunion (when we could have used some brisk breezes!), and provide some additional tidbits from the attendees. **Joe Levenson** and wife Margie from New York City enjoyed attending reunion. They have a summer place in Califon, NJ, where they sail on the local reservoir. At our table during the class luncheon, Joe told of his May 2005 trip when he, his dad, and his brother

visited Normandy, France. His dad had been in the 82nd Airborne during WWII and had gone into Normandy on a glider. Their guide during the visit was a local man who was a boy of ten during the war. It was a memorable and emotional time for them all.

Ron Singer is a finance professor at the U. of Houston. His twin sons are completing their graduate education, one getting an MFA and the other his law degree. **Ronnie Maxon** Kahn is living in Mahopac, NY. She has retired from teaching the visually and hearing impaired. **Nancy Gibbs** Pannier of the Washington, DC, area attended her first reunion in 40 years. She was thrilled to meet corridor-mate **Janet Schleicher** Arnold, who brought the frosh corridor photo with her. The two spent numerous enjoyable hours reliving the past. Pre-reunion, **Lou Ferraro** had fun calling and writing to classmates, and looked forward to seeing everyone.

Following one of the numerous reunion events, I ran into **Nina Martin** Lurvey. She handed me an article telling of 99-year-old former Cornell student **Robert Halgrim** '28. Robert attended Cornell for two years, courtesy of his mentor and employer, Thomas Edison. He left Cornell at Edison's request to help tutor Edison's grandchildren. After many years, Robert's one remaining wish was to be honored by Cornell. President Emeritus Frank Rhodes presented Robert with an honorary certificate and a letter signed by then-President Lehman. Nina, past president and current membership chair of the Cornell Alumni Assn. of Southwest Florida, put the pin on Robert's lapel. Nina said that he was absolutely beaming. He also received a Cornell hat, T-shirt, and 1928 yearbook, and a bottle of Ithaca water. He was thrilled by the event and the recognition. Robert passed away about one week later.

Barbara Rosenshein Wolfert and husband **Alan**, JD '66, shared many stories of their life since graduation. They live in New York, where they both practice law. Their three children, a son and twin daughters, are married and have made Barbara and Alan grandparents. When time is available, they enjoy their home on Cape Cod. There were many more stories and mini-reunions from our weekend together. I can only encourage those who couldn't attend the 40th to consider the 45th. The campus growth—building-wise—is unbelievable, and reconnecting with former friends and colleagues was fantastic.

News from **Susan Lehrer** Jones of Maryland: husband David has a very active and exciting architectural practice in D.C. Older son Jon is a recent graduate of Middlebury College and is a producer at ABC News in NYC. Her younger son attends Williams College. Susan has a post-college career coaching service called What's Next? Classmate **Anton Anderson** published "Power Nap Kit." It includes CDs and a booklet that has a commentary from Cornell Prof. **James Maas**, PhD '66.

Marco Di Capua is a science counselor at the US Embassy in New Delhi. Spare time is spent in Rome, Italy, at a family property. Daughter Emily graduated from Yale in '03, and other daughter Kathleen is a senior at George Washington U. **Jeffrey Rank** has five grandchildren who add much joy to his life. If barbecue is what

you love, **Alan Fleischman** currently owns and operates Tennessee Mountain Restaurant in Soho, now in its 23rd year. He has his own commercial real estate company and Restaurant Development Associates, which does full-time consulting to the hospitality industry. Alan is currently serving as a director on the New York State Restaurant Assn.'s NYC chapter, in addition to being on the board of directors of the Cornell Hotel Society's NYC chapter. Wife Denise co-owns a high-fashion accessory company. Daughter Courtney attends Boston U., and son Morgan is a junior at Columbia Grammar and Prep School. Morgan is the school's varsity goalie in ice hockey, winning MVP for the 2004 season.

Off to Argentina last September was **Phyllis Weiss Haserot**, MRP '67, and husband **Brad**, JD '67. They also spend long weekends in London annually, taking in lots of theater. Their son Zane works for ABC Sports and the YES network. Phyllis continues to head her consulting firm, Practice Development Counsel, which works with professional firms helping them increase their client base and improve their business skills. From Wisconsin, **James Goodrich** reports that his two older daughters are married. The oldest, Charlene, is working on her doctorate in education. Their youngest daughter graduated high school in 2005. James is a past commander of the VFW, and his wife Marcia is commander of a local American Legion post. He still owns his own business.

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66 Hello, people! Here are some more updates that have come in from our classmates. Please note that my e-mail address has changed; it is now Johngmiers@comcast.net. As some of you know, and as others may suspect, it is because I retired from the NIH in September.

Reunion is coming! There is a committee at work to ensure that this will be the best, most exciting, most fun, and coolest reunion ever. Now, on to the news. **Donald Goldman** writes from New York. "I retired from being a teacher and guidance counselor in July 2003, after 25 years in education. I'm enjoying retired life a great deal. It's nice to be my own boss. My wife and I were on a vacation in Italy for two weeks in late September 2004. In Florence, I asked a woman for directions, and she turned out to be the daughter of former basketball coach Sam MacNeil." **Norman Meyer** is living in Sebastian, FL (nm2101@yahoo.com), "to enjoy a quieter life."

Anne Ryder Hobbs is still in Ithaca (withane anne@aol.com). She is the FAQ person with the Lab of Ornithology; her husband **Peter**, PhD '72, is teaching, also in ornithology. Their 25-year-old daughter is finishing up her BS ("and paying for it"). Anne celebrated her 60th birthday in Capetown, South Africa. **Esther Lehman** (Teaneck, NJ) was kind enough to use a printed label, and writes, "We took a Jewish Heritage Tour to Spain and

Gibraltar in July; had a superb tour because of a guide who spoke 15 languages." She spends winters in Boynton Beach, FL. **John Deasy** (Doylestown, PA; Deasyjr@aol.com) retired in June 2004 "after 32 years of teaching agriculture." He camps in the Adirondacks and flies an old Bonanza.

Neil Chafetz (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA) can be reached at Oracleimages@earthlink.net (there has to be a story there!). "My wife purchased classmate Dr. **Alvin Rosenfeld's** book on the overscheduled child. I confess that I have been too busy driving kids to the appointments to have an opportunity to read it!" **Paul Anderson** (Brewster, MA; pkanderson@yahoo.com) is "enjoying the good life on Cape Cod, when home, and looking for the 'ideal' retirement location." **Judith Kurtz Polcer** is in Brooklyn, NY (jpolcer@nyc.rr.com), where she has just issued a CD called "Everything We've Got" and an ED (extended CD) entitled "Everything I've Got" (available on her website). She writes, "Life on the bandstand beats life in the office! I had a great lunch with **Nancy Hoffman** in New York; she's doing important and interesting work at Cornell and in the legal profession."

William May (Hutchinson Island, FL; mayfly@msn.com) wrote, "We've had an eventful year. In June, on our annual cruise from Florida to Lake Ontario, our new boat caught fire and burned to the water line. We got off with my wallet and nothing else! On September 3, 2004, Hurricane Frances tore the roof off our condo and destroyed all 15 units. Plus our docks, pool, and landscaping. Later, Jeanne hit in exactly the same spot and polished off the job. We are renting nearby and rebuilding! As gluttons for punishment, we bought the apartments next door, so come see us—next year." **Leonard Coburn** (coburnel@msn.com) is here in Washington, DC, and will be retiring from government service after 25 years. He is working on a variety of projects, including renewable energy in Central Asia.

Linda Lomazoff Roitman is in Cherry Hill, NJ (lrr2@cornell.edu). She and **David '65** have traveled to Rome on a CAU trip. "Our family continues to give us great pleasure—what a joy to have them all!" **Marion King Lonsdale** lives in Duluth, MN (ddlonsdale@charter.net), where she is "looking toward retirement and time with grandchildren in Oregon and Texas." She worked for the City of Duluth on stormwater issues. "Kind of a fun change in career direction." **Jon Ain** (Jonathanain@aol.com) has retired and moved to Vail full-time. "Trying to keep two daughters on the 'four-year plan' in college." Also in Vail is **Gwen Gartland Scalpello**. Gwen is a volunteer on the mountain one day a week, at a local performing arts center. "Still happily retired, thank you, despite the time commitments of many volunteer activities."

Mark Litman is in Edina, MN (malpatlaw@aol.com). "We should appreciate the 'low cost' of our Cornell '66 education. Retirement is approaching on June 30, 2012." Mark is now back to competitive swimming. **Andrew Berger** (Berger@tanhelp.com) was recently elected president of the Cornell Law Association, the organization at the Law school representing its 9,000 alumni. He said the goal of the association will be to foster a greater identification and involvement between

the school and its alumni. He reports that he, **Emily (Boykoff) '68**, and one of their two sons (plus a hyperactive Border collie) are still living in an 1870s brownstone in the Cobble Hill section of Brooklyn. Andy focuses on copyright and trademark litigation at Tannenbaum Helpert in New York City, and Emily is a federal prosecutor in Brooklyn. Andy is happy to report that their oldest son, who graduated from Stanford last year, is working in D.C. and is "nearly off the dole."

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67 If you needed any signal that the 40th class reunion is now less than two years hence, the har-binger's arrived with the recent reopening of the Rongovian Embassy, the fabled Trumansburg bar established in '73 by **Alex Brooks** (amb3athrbg@aol.com), who returned to the scene of multiple crimes last spring to witness the joint's Phoenix-like rise under a new owner who meets with Alex's approval: "It's a treat to have someone here who knows what they're doing." New York State still hasn't seen the error of its ways by putting the drinking age back at 18; the rise to 21 in '86 led Brooks to call it quits at the Rongovian after 13 years. But in the interim, he's based himself in Santa Fe and consulted for restaurants. According to the *Ithaca Times*, he

"became known in some circles—which include dignitaries from more countries than most people know—as 'the party guy,' showing others the good times he had while running the Rongo."

"My book, *The Digital Challenge for Libraries: Understanding the Culture and Technology of Total Information*, was published in May 2005," writes **Ralph Blanchard**, Rutledge, GA. "In it I draw upon nearly two decades of technology-based customer service experience gained from my info-tech business, concluding that even the best libraries are in danger of losing their 'customer base' to commercially driven Internet technologies. I make the case that this would not be good for undergraduates and the universities that educate them. Libraries need to be in the center of the educational experience, not at the periphery." Ralph adds that he's sold his information business (after 16 years) and is now managing partner of a commercial real estate investment firm (Morgan Partners LLC), which he established in 2003. He also serves on the board of the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, a Georgia non-profit.

Stephen H. Strand, ME '68 (Northfield, MN; sstrand@carleton.edu) has been named the Raymond Plank Professor of Incentive Economics at Carleton College. He joined the Carleton faculty in 1981 and specializes in government regulation of economic activity, managerial economics, and micro-economic theory. After 37 years of teaching science, **Jane Capellupo**, W. Henrietta, NY, retired this June. "I plan to stay in the Rochester area and take full advantage of all

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the cultural events here, especially those that fall on a 'school night!'" **Jim Doolittle**, Trumansburg, NY (in case you hadn't noticed, Trumansburg is the theme of this month's report) has a website for his winery, Frontenac Point Vineyard (<http://www.frontenacpoint.com>) and adds, "I open my e-mail once every six weeks whether I need to or not!" **Max and Laurie Frank Krotman**, Port Washington, NY, informed us some time ago (4-1/2 years to be precise) that son **Adam** was entering Cornell, and time surely flies—he's now a proud ILR graduate in the Class of '05.

Many classmates send in new addresses, which is great for the mailing department since the magazine still arrives by snail mail, but in this age of non-privacy, we're no longer running those addresses. I'll be happy to list your e-mail address, however, so send it on with news. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 I hope you all had a good summer and are enjoying the fall. During a recent visit to Scarsdale, NY, I stayed at the lovely home of **Nick '67** and **Cheryl Katz Kaufmann**. Cheryl is a busy eye surgeon in the New York City area, and Nick is involved in real estate development and investments. He is also an excellent tennis player—he beat me on his home court. The Kaufmanns have two daughters who are dermatologists in New York and a son working in private equity in Boston. **Art Tenner**, MME '70, and his wife Cynthia Beach have moved to Scottsdale, AZ. Art is continuing his management consulting practice part-time, in between golf, hiking, and building a home in the desert. In October 2004, the son of Laurene and **John Wallace '67**, ME '68, was married in a chateau outside of Chartres, France.

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ARDA COYLE BOUCHER '69

Attending this special wedding were classmates **John Seligman**, **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, **Al Fidellow**, and **Bill Austin** and their wives, and also **Pete Contuzzi '67**, who played violin for the wedding mass. Following the wedding, our class group traveled through the Normandy region and celebrated more than 40 years of friendship.

Ira Lupu lives in Bethesda, MD, and is a professor of law and associate dean for faculty development at George Washington U. Law School. Ira has been working on legal questions related to the president's faith-based initiative. Ira and his wife Nancy Altman have two teenagers at home and three grandchildren from their older children. **Ronald and Fay Schlosser Palma** live in Tulsa, OK. He teaches at Holland Hall School in Tulsa, and Fay is assistant director of development for the school. Ronald has received numerous professional honors for his excellence in teaching, including Fulbright and Rockefeller fellowships.

Margit Maakestad Coltvet and her husband Benjamin are missionaries at the American Church in Berlin. The church has 30 nationalities and numerous denominations.

Jim Michaels and his wife Karen Mankowitz live in Rockville, MD. Jim is a rabbi and serves as chaplain at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington in Rockville. **Robert Butkovich** lives in Tarrytown, NY, and has retired from his work in the food industry due to disability. During his career he worked for a number of well-known companies, including A & P, Swift & Co, Grand Union Company, and Consolidated Foods. Robert has three sons and a daughter. **Marc Silverman**, JD '72, and wife Lori live in White Plains, NY. Marc has joined the law firm of Schiff Harden LP as a partner in the New York office to complement their labor and employment practice based in Chicago. Marc's daughter **Kira** is ILR '95 and had their first grandchild in February.

Steve Steinhardt and wife Sherrie live in Albany, NY. Steve has seen **Mike Baron**, who retired from the federal government and is involved in consulting. **Anthony Morris** lives in Ukiah, CA, with his wife Mary. For 33 years he worked as a clinical laboratory scientist and in 1998 went back to school to become a licensed acupuncturist. He now has a full-time practice that includes Chinese herbs, and he sees about 65 patients per week. **Jeff Donahue** retired several years ago as CFO of a public real estate company and became president and CEO of the Enterprise Social Investment Corporation, one of the major public funders of low income housing. He is in touch with **Tom Horn**, who is a psychiatrist in Massachusetts, **Jim Hanna**, MBA '69, recently retired from the World Bank, **Todd Kiplinger**, vice chair of the Kiplinger Washington Editors, and **George Waldner**, president of York College, in York, PA.

James Hirsh and wife Kathleen live in Dunwoody, GA. He received the 2004 South Atlantic Modern Language Association Book Award for *Shakespeare and the History of Soliloquies*, published in 2003. **Jean Smiley Colling** and husband **Ken '67** have moved to Seattle. Jeannie has been involved in organizing the new house, and Ken is CEO of Seattle Goodwill Industries. They have three daughters and a son. **Alan Stoll** continues to live in the Worcester, MA, area with wife Nina. Alan currently serves as board chair of the American College of Medical Practice Executives, which is the professional certification and standard setting organization, based in Denver, for medical practice administrators. **Lincoln Yung** lives in Hong Kong and has started a new family with his second wife Polly. They have a 4- and 3-year-old. Lincoln's first son John was born in Ithaca in 1968 and has a 3-year-old. The three children all attend the same kindergarten in Hong Kong and, Lincoln

notes, "One day, they may become Cornellians."

Ed Kemp works with his wife Carol O'Loughlin in a real estate business on Cape Cod. The company, Carol O'Loughlin Real Estate, is an independent agency in Falmouth with 12 salespeople. One daughter works at Bloomingdale's in the Boston area, and their younger daughter attends Savannah College of Art and Design. **David Singer** reports that he has finally become an airline captain after 31 years of flying at seven different airlines. In February 2005, he became captain of a Boeing 757 for Transamerican Airlines, where he will face mandatory retirement at age 60 in July 2006.

Stephen Noll is vice chancellor (president) of Uganda Christian U. This Anglican-founded university was the first private institution to receive a government charter and has grown from 120 to 3,800-plus students. **Susan Kass-Johnson** and husband Alex live in Merrick, NY. Susan is an avid painter and cook. Their son Nick graduated from Columbia and is active in the art and poetry worlds of NYC. Their younger son Gabe attends Columbia and composes music. Alex is an architect and is presently doing on-site management at the new Richard Meier residential buildings in the West Village in NYC. Susan has seen **Mimi Herwald**, who lives in Pittsburgh.

I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; email, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

69 It's the time of year when the News Form arrives in your mailbox, so please take a few minutes to let us know what you have been doing and return it along with your dues. Our class president **John Rees**, ME '70, has sent an excellent account of the mini-reunion that was held for members of the classes of '67, '68, and '69 living in the Washington, DC, area. The event was hosted by **Knight Kiplinger**, his brother **Todd Kiplinger '68**, and his father **Austin Kiplinger '39**, and took place in the Kiplinger Exhibit Hall. John relates that **Jim Doub** traveled from Baltimore for the event and chatted about the successful men's lacrosse team and his mountain climbing adventures out west and in Africa. John learned that **Marsha Gold** works for Mathematica, and **James McKay** is senior assistant attorney general in the Appellate Division in Washington, DC. At the National Inst. of Standards and Technology, **John Gross**, PhD '80, specializes in fire and its effect on commercial structures.

Richard Burt was also at the mini-reunion; he has recently lectured at Cornell on "Reinventing the Transatlantic Alliance," which called upon his experience as the chief US negotiator for the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks with the former Soviet Union. Although **Lorraine Klein** also attended, John regrets that he was not able to talk with her before the evening ended. John did speak with **Ted Hudson** and writes, "Ted is potentially the last 1969 classmate with a child that just graduated from Kindergarten. Can anyone top that?" Although John lives across the country in Portland, OR, he was in the D.C. area to witness his daughter Sarabeth receive her MBA from Georgetown U.

"Still doing test-flying for United Airlines, based in San Francisco," says **George Silverman**. Wife **Merle (Ladd) '72** works part-time in Foster City, where the Silvermans live. Their son David is a Navy Seal and married Hollis (Wells '00), **Annie '00** works for E. & J. Gallo in marketing, and Doug (Annapolis '05) is slated for flight training. **Barbara Bessey** continues in her position as co-director of the Employment Equity Program at the American Inst. for Research in Palo Alto, CA, where she works with attorneys to address allegations in employment discrimination. They aid and serve as testifying experts in cases. She also continues as a senior volunteer providing interpretive services to Henry Coe State Park, the largest state park in Northern California. Barbara also writes the she and her husband traveled to NYC for the Metropolitan Opera's production of Wagner's *Ring*—their eighth production. The highlight was meeting the wonderful bass James Morris!

Norman and Catherine Reed Westhoff recently moved from their longtime residence and Cathy's hometown of St. Paul, MN, to San Francisco—Norman's hometown. He continues to practice occupational medicine and is Center Medical Director for Concentra Medical Centers. Entomology and restoration of natural areas is Cathy's specialty. Their son Alex also lives in the Bay Area, working with bird populations for the US Geological Survey, while younger son Ben is back in St. Louis writing feature articles for a local newspaper; daughter Julia is a librarian in Kansas City. Norman writes that he was recently in contact with **Christopher Burr '68**, who is a United Church of Christ minister in Burlington, NC. **Bill Robinett**, MRP '71, and his wife Judy are taking advantage of their new surroundings in Casper, WY, by visiting some of the nation's most beautiful places such as Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. He is also enjoying "the luxury of one-minute rush-hour commutes." Bill includes the news that his daughter Susie graduated from the U. of Tulsa in theater arts. She is married and lives with her husband in Overland Park, KS.

We hear that **Douglas Antczak's** wife Wendy Robertson bicycled 100 miles around Cayuga Lake to help raise money for AIDS. Doug says, "I am a slug"—although he did run the class forum during the 2004 reunion along with **Phil Reilly** and writes that he enjoyed it immensely. Doug is a professor of equine medicine and director of the James Baker Inst. for Animal Health in the Vet college at Cornell. He and Wendy have two daughters, **Lexie '03** and **Harriet '04**, BA '05. **Gail Merel** practices law in the Houston office of Andrews & Kurth LLP and has been elected chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. **George Frank** writes that his work at the Swedish Heart Center in Seattle keeps him busy, but he travels as much as possible and has started playing golf in preparation for retirement. He also relates that his two grown sons are on their own. Jamie (Pomona '04) is working as a financial analyst, and Matt, who graduated from Emory, is involved in Seattle real estate.

From press releases, we learn that **Fedwa Malti-Douglas** has been elected to the American Philosophical Society, the oldest learned society in the country. She joins other distinguished

inductees including Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and *Washington Post* chairman Donald Graham. Fedwa is a professor of humanities at Indiana U., where she has focused on the Middle East and North Africa, as well as immigrant populations in France and Belgium. Father **Michael McFarland** was elected the 31st president of the College of the Holy Cross located in Massachusetts. The press release goes on to say that Michael is a runner in his free time.

Our class has lost contact with a number of classmates, so each of the next several columns will list some of our missing friends. If you are in touch with any of the following people, please send contact information to me, and I will forward it to our class officers. Have any readers heard from: Robert H. Abrams, Christina L. Frazier, Susan L. Albert, Marc S. Goldberg, Peter J. Bambic, Howard A. Gonia, Eileen Box, Kenneth D. Carrington, Allan B. Kolber, Michael E. Hale, Linda M. Janss, Matthew C. Clark, Daniel W. Jones, James T. Curry, Marilyn Douglas, Sheryl F. Epton, Janet M. Fox, Benjamin M. Khoudari, or Zachary M. Hahn. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

70 **Chris Aylesworth**, DVM '74, and his wife Gayle live in Ferrum, VA, and can be reached at gayleandchris@earthlink.net. Their son **Ryan '05** graduated in May from Cornell and is headed to grad school for his MPA. Their other children are Jen in Maine, Brendan in Atlanta, and Jill in the Chicago area. After a three-year search, Chris finally found a college professorship and sold their business and their house all within a month in the spring of 2004. Chris has become the program coordinator for the new health sciences program at Ferrum College and will teach A & P as well. **Jack Bilson's** change of career from human resources to horticulture continues to be exciting. Several new daylilies have been introduced, including Sweet and Petite, named for his spouse Nancy. Three miniature roses, Jack's Fantasy, Phoebe's Choice, and Fancy Nancy were requested by a major distributor. Use Google to locate his website Rosy Hem Garden. Jack, Nancy, Pitt, and Temple live in Salisbury, NC, and he can be reached at jmb299@cornell.edu. Jack adds that flowering plants make people bloom!

Jacques Blinbaum (New York City; jb422@cornell.edu) is president of Old Court Equities Corp., a real estate investment firm in NYC. He is also founder and CEO of F2B, a payment solution technology company based in São Paulo, Brazil. He is married to Dr. Lauren Cassell (Penn '74), and their daughter Julie attends the U. of Pennsylvania '06; son **David** is Cornell '08. Jacques is establishing the American Israeli Cord Blood Bank to support the creation of the Israel Cord Blood Bank. **Christopher Carroll** now resides at the Dexter House Hotel in New York City. **Stephen Lowe**, also of NYC (slow44520@aol.com) proudly announces that his 18-year-old son **Alex '09** is now a freshman at Cornell in the College of Arts and Sciences. **Michael Crandall** and his significant other, Michele Markle, live in Medina, NY; his e-mail is Michael_Crandall@medinacsd.org.

Harry Brull (hbrull@aol.com) lives in St. Paul, MN, with his wife **Myra Barrett**, PhD '71. Harry is running for the national board of the League of American Bicyclists, a bicycle advocacy organization. He is training for the Tour of the Colorado Rockies, as well as the Death Ride that starts and ends north of Markleeville, CA. Myra has retired from her community mental health center position and is doing private practice. She was recently asked to be president of the Sheltering Arms Foundation, a grant-making organization dedicated to early childhood concerns. Their daughter **Jessica '06** spent the spring semester in New Zealand attending Victoria U., Wellington, where she was pummeled on the rugby pitch by large Maori women! **John and Sandy Shands Elligers** (McLean, VA; jelligers@msn.com) continue to work as attorneys at the NCRB. Their daughter Karen has returned to the U. of Virginia law school after several years of teaching. In July, son Andrew married **Julia Joh '01**. He is at the American U. law school, and she is in a doctoral program at the U. of Maryland. Sandy and John continue their travels, with only two states left to visit!

Merry "DD" Bloch Jones lives near Philadelphia in Gladwyne, PA (jonesmb@aol.com) with her husband Robert and their daughters, age 19 and 15. Her first novel, and eighth book, *The Nanny Murders*, was published on May 1 by St. Martin's Press. Congratulations! DD and Robert are avid rowers (scullers, to be exact) on the Schuylkill River, out of the Vesper Boat Club. **Greg Hill** lives in Chesterton, IN, and continues in the same job, but with more responsibility, managing iron-making at the Burns Harbor Plant. He is now on his third company—Bethlehem Steel for 27 years, International Steel Group for two years, and now the Mittal Steel USA Company. He says it is strange—the same place, excellent employees, one bankruptcy, and one merger! Last summer he attended his cousin **Hank Brittingham's** memorial service. Greg says he knows of few who were such strong supporters of Cornell, and that lower Delaware will not be the same without Hank.

Art Litowitz, DMD (ANLMD@aol.com) and his wife Kit Kimbl (U. of Michigan '71) live in New Smyrna Beach, FL, with their family. He is slowly, one class per term, earning an MBA online at Nova Southeastern U. Part-time, he is a clinical adjunct professor at the new Dental School of Orthodontics, Jacksonville U. Art also owns and manages his group orthodontic practice in central Florida (greater Orlando area). He recently enjoyed a ten-day trip to Maui and observed dolphins and humpback whales. His sister **Susan Litowitz '75** is in Boston, and his brother **Budd Litowitz '71** is in Plantation, FL. **Kirk Menard** (kmenard@menardintl.com) has an executive search business, Menard International Search, which specializes in filling senior level R & D positions in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industries. He also teaches management courses and conducts training programs for Cornell's ILR school, Siena College, and the New School U. (part-time). Kirk lives in Averill Park, NY, with his wife Ellen. Their son Matthew is an '04 graduate of Muhlenberg College, and their other son is a sophomore in high school.

Kirk is in touch with **Bill Jankun**, **Ken Brink '71**, and **Lee Reed '71**. Enjoy a wonderful holiday season and be safe and happy in 2006! ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 As you read this column, Reunion 2006 planning will be well under way and some of you may have already attended a pre-reunion event. I hope you are planning to join us in Ithaca, June 8-11, 2006. So much for promotion, let's get on to the news. Most of our material comes from our News and Dues mailing last spring. My apologies if some of it is dated. Please note the addresses below and let us know what you're up to. Linda and I love to get your e-mails.

As the university pushed forward to find a new president, classmate **Diana Daniels** chaired the presidential search committee. Diana has been a member of the Cornell Board of Trustees since July 1995 and became Vice Chairman in 2004. When she isn't occupied on matters in Ithaca, Diana serves as VP, general counsel, and secretary of the Washington Post Company.

Peter '69 and **Wendy Zisfein Fried** joined the ranks of grandparents earlier this year. The proud parents are both Cornellians, **David '98**, PhD '04, and **Marina Wencelblat Fried '98**. The peripatetic older Frieds journeyed across Italy last year and took a walking trip through the Cotswolds in England this past summer. **James Cornell** also reports grandparent news from Livonia, NY. His first grandchild was born to his middle son. At about the same time he was promoted to Director of Social Services for Livingston County. If that isn't enough to keep a man busy, James is a ski instructor and gardener in his spare time.

Other career movers include **Tom Kell**, who checked in from Needham, MA. He took a position as CEO of a startup, Specialty Adhesives Company. Tom spent New Year's 2005 exploring New Zealand. **Rose Anne Marie Raughley Zerra** also made a career move of another sort. She graduated from U. of Central Florida with an MA in Exceptional Education. **Victor Curran**, BA '73, made a couple of moves of his own. He joined DS Graphics last year and was re-elected president of Bookbuilders of Boston, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing together people involved in book publishing and manufacturing throughout New England.

Some people we haven't heard from in a long time checked in last spring. **Dave Mason** writes from Cornwall, CT, that he runs Mason Antiques in Tarrytown, NY, and exhibits at East Coast antique shows. **Dorothy Roller Wiswall** continues to "enjoy the wonderful life I have . . . playing violin with husband Tom and various music groups, swimming, and entertaining friends." Dorothy is an adjunct professor at Buffalo State, teaching German. **Dara Prisamt Murray** debuted her cabaret act, "Songs Along My Way" last June at Helen's Hideaway Room in NYC. She has been a featured singer with Dr. Joe Utterback, also in NYC. In the close call department, **Jonathan Ruskin**, JD '74, wrote that his son David was on a cruise ship, *Semester at Sea*, enroute from Vancouver to Pusan, South Korea, when it was hit by

a 50-foot wave. Amazingly there were only two minor injuries, and everyone returned safely. The Ruskins live in Falls Church, VA.

Elisabeth Kaplan Boas sent me some updates last summer from Ithaca at Cornell's Adult University (CAU). She ran into **Bruce Wagner '64**, ME '66, who joined her and husband **Art Spitzer** for "a little field trip we took around the lake, including a stop at the Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls and dinner at the very old-fashioned and famous restaurant in Skaneateles called The Krebs (est. 1899)." Elisabeth has three busy children. Her oldest daughter is in a joint MBA/JD program; her son spent last summer in Japan, then returned to Brown for his senior year; and her youngest daughter is a senior in high school.

Sad news arrived this past June about the death of **Gerry Shields**. Gerry's principal volunteer involvement with Cornell was chair of the property association for Phi Delta Theta fraternity; his commitment to this role was extraordinary and exemplary. Other sad news to report is that **Susan LaBarre Brittingham** lost her husband **Hank '70** to cancer in July 2004. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; and **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

72 Dr. **Ronald Kendig** died of lung cancer on April 27, 2005, though he was a non-smoker. Ron was associate professor of orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation at the U. of Mississippi Medical Center, specializing in pediatric orthopedics. "In this world, there are givers and takers. Ron Kendig was a giver. His presence in this world made it a much better place," said Dr. Robert A. McGuire Jr., chairman of the department of orthopedic surgery at Mississippi. "Ron was truly a gentle giant," according to Dr. Owen B. Evans, another of Ron's colleagues. "He was one of the kindest physicians I've ever known and a meticulous surgeon who always put his patients first. His young patients loved him." Ron frequently lectured for continuing medical education programs across the country about congenital orthopedic problems and metabolic bone disease in children. His obituary was sent to us by his sister Karen Walter.

Charles Stuart Heyman was recently cast as Henry Higgins for a production of *My Fair Lady* at the DeSoto Family Theater in Memphis. He also directed *Hansel and Gretel* for the Como Opera Guild and is in his seventh year of staging opera scenes for the Memphis Vocal Arts Ensemble. **Raymond De Stefano**, a thoroughbred racehorse breeder in East Williston, NY, evidently knows how to apply his professional skills to produce thoroughbred humans as well. His daughter Bethany, 10, is enrolled in a program for gifted students, enjoys dance class and gymnastics, and was recently accepted to start classes at a prominent modeling agency.

Anne Carver Rose writes: "My daughter **Ellie '05** graduated in May, making her a fourth-generation Cornellian (beginning with my grandfather, **Alvin W. King**, class of 1907 and followed by my uncle, **Douglas B. King**, class of 1937). Although she majored in English, her heart was in rowing. She has been a coxswain for

the lightweight men's rowing team for three years, earning a varsity letter each year as well as membership in the Red Key Honor Society (2004) and the Coach's Award (2005). Her varsity boat's silver medal at the national championships in June 2005 earned them a chance to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta in England in July. Ellie's father **Adam, PhD '74**, and I are professors at Penn State U. in the departments of geography and history, respectively. Our son Jon is a freshman in Penn State's College of Science."

Robert Profusek has been named global head of mergers and acquisitions for the Jones Day law firm, working in the firm's Manhattan office. **Jerome Goldman** is deputy global vice chair of global executive board accounts at Ernst & Young in New York City. His son **Larry '01** married **Jennifer Brown '01** last May, after meeting her in the freshman dorms on West Campus. **Randy Spector** and **Gary Sesser** (and spouses) reunited with Jerry at the Cornell-Yale hockey game in February. **Eugene Weber** is managing partner of Weber Capital Management LLC in San Francisco.

Jane Friedlieb Greenman joined Tyco Int'l two years ago as VP for compensation, benefits, and labor relations. Previously she was a partner and chair of the employee benefits department at Hughes Hubbard & Reed in New York City, and later VP and deputy general counsel at Honeywell (formerly Allied Signal). Her husband Charles is a partner at Troutman Sanders in NYC. Oldest daughter **Margot** graduated from Cornell in 2000, spent several years at the World Bank, and is now attending Harvard Business School. Middle daughter **Jaclyn** graduated from Trinity College and is now an MBA student at Johnson & Wales. Youngest daughter **Danielle '07** recently completed her sophomore year at Cornell. **Steven Silberman**, ME '73, spent 31 years at Kodak and is now a manager of system engineering at ITT Industries, following ITT's purchase of the Kodak division where Steve worked. Steve and wife Susie have son **Josh '03** now working at the Kodak Research Laboratories in Rochester, and son **Ari**, a member of the Class of '08 in the College of Human Ecology.

Edward, MBA '73, and **Muriel Mulgrew Klein** live in Sarasota, FL, and spend their summers in New York City. Mimi is pursuing an advanced certificate in creative arts therapy at the Ringling School of Art and is involved with several Sarasota organizations working with children in the schools and in "at risk" situations. Ed actively manages money through his own firm, KR Capital Advisors. They have a son who graduated from Vanderbilt U. and married his college sweetheart, another son who graduated from Duke U. and will be attending NYU law school in the fall, and a daughter who is still in high school. Mimi writes: "Over the past year we have seen **Bob Selander** and his beautiful wife Nancy; **Jeri Sielschott Whitfield** and her husband Pete and sons; **Paul Rubacha**, MBA '73, and his wife Frances and children; **John** and Wendy Small **Wannop** and all four children; and **Dave**, MBA '73, and Cheryl **Nash**! All of these people are dear friends from the Class of '72 and we've been lucky to catch up with all of them." ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov.

73 It was great seeing **Bill Welker** and other Glee Club alums at the class meeting last January and getting a chance to sing the senior verse of the "Song of the Classes," to which I (little-known fact) added the "still unemployed" punch line for the spring concert as a senior. It is my one published lyric. By the time you read this, we should be on the way to our most remarkable Christmas sojourn ever, but more about that later.

Paula Gutlove is living with her husband and two daughters, ages 17 and 22, in Cambridge and Martha's Vineyard, MA, and has put her Cornell degree in Human Development to good use as deputy director of the Inst. for Resource and Security Studies. She runs the International Conflict Management Program (ICMP) and has brought her conflict resolution concepts to groups in the US, the Balkans, the former USSR, Japan, Australia, and the Middle East. **Don Fisher** reports that he's taken full ownership of Pomeroy Appraisal Associates, the largest real estate appraisal and consulting firm in Central New York. His big project right now is a Syracuse shopping/convention/theme park/hotel/R&D complex called DestiNY USA, which would be the largest of its kind in the world. Who ever thought Syracuse would be a destination?

Yvonne Jara Dunbar lives in South Texas, where, she reports, the tea you leave in the car is hotter after work than when you fixed it that morning. She's completed her second year as coordinator of an Even Start Family Literacy program. Husband **Frank '74** teaches journalism at Porter High School in Brownsville, as well as helping with their gourmet dinner/education group, "Soiree." As for the kids, son Michael has graduated from Yale and teaches social studies at a private school in Ft. Worth. Eldest daughter **Gabrielle '00** lives in Las Vegas and works in the restaurant industry. Second daughter Nina graduated from U. of Texas, Arlington and has an executive position at Travelocity in Irving, TX. And **Adrienne '06**, the youngest, graduates from Cornell next spring.

After more than 25 years of working at Cornell in Plant Pathology and Plant Breeding, **Edward Cobb** is back at the Plant Biology department. If you need plants that can survive a "benign neglect" gardening style, Ed registered a new hardy boxwood called "Vera Green" that stays green even through tough Ithaca winters. **Jacqui Bower** lives in the Bay Area and took a job with Census 2000 to set a civic example for her youngest daughter. She enjoyed the work so much that she's now a lead field representative. She's also been surveying beaches as a volunteer with the Gulf of the Farallons Marine Sanctuary since 1995. Husband **Richard** is still plant manager at Evergood Fine Foods in San Francisco, hiking and refereeing soccer in his spare time. Oldest daughter **Caroline '99** is a captain in the Air Force, working as a typhoon duty officer on Oahu.

Mary Gilliland, MAT '80's poems have recently appeared in *AGNI Online*, *Passages North*, *Seneca Review*, and *Smartish Pace*. She directs the Writing Walk-In Service at Cornell, and will teach the spring '06 term in Doha at the Cornell Branch Campus in sunny Qatar. **Marcy Sonneborn** Fabiani continues to practice law part-time in Midtown Manhattan. Son Joseph is second year

Harvard Law School; son Michael is second year Tufts U.; and daughter Charlotte is in tenth grade. Marcy is president of the Human Ecology Alumni Association. **Ellen Walser deLara**, PhD '00's latest book is *And Words Can Hurt Forever: How to Protect Adolescents from Bullying, Harassment, and Emotional Violence* with Dr. James Garbarino (Simon & Schuster). Her youngest son is a junior at Princeton and spent last summer in Russia.

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DAVE ROSS '73

Roger Ellis, DVM '77, is a field veterinarian for the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets and lives in Granville, NY, with wife Claudia. Daughter **Lisa '00** is a master's candidate at the U. of Illinois. Son Tim is finishing his communications major in Albany. As a volunteer for Heifer Int'l for the past 20 years, Roger has traveled extensively in Central America, Africa, and the Mekong River Region of Southeast Asia. His latest project was working with dairy farms in Western Siberia. **Dana Friedman** lives on Long Island, where she's president of Women on the Job, spreading the word that Ozzie and Harriet are no longer. She reports being emboldened by her three daughters, the oldest of whom is at MIT.

David Felderstein remains an unrepentant tenor, singing in the symphonic chorus in Sacramento, CA. For close to 30 years, he's been the California Senate's go-to guy on collective bargaining and public employee retirement. He lives with Daniel Hoody, his partner of 15 years, and continues to be actively involved in the ongoing struggle for gay rights, contributing to the development of domestic partner laws. **Timothy Flanagan** reports that the daily grind of a trial lawyer isn't quite like TV, but he's finding inspiration playing in a band with people he describes as "quite a bit younger." We all know what he means. He, along with wife Nancy and daughters Caroline, 14, Claire, 12, and Fiona, 6, vacationed in Spain, and summer plans include a possible reunion of members of the Slaterville Inst. of Higher Level Wellness on Mount Rainier with classmate **Scot Finer**.

Harold Doty works for Dow Chemical and lives with wife Dee in Quintana, TX, one of the oldest (and smallest at population 41) communities on the Gulf Coast. He reports that if it weren't for the noise of the waves keeping him up at night, it would be paradise! **Michael Asmussen** lives in Brazil where Asmussen & Asociados does conceptual design and strategic planning for the lodging industry. His company's latest project is a full Amazon Jungle Eco-resort, which you can check out on Google Earth: 09 degrees 03' 45" South, 56 degrees 35' 36" West. Eldest son Christian Willy is an IT manager and recently married; second son Michael Aage just graduated as a physics engineer; and wife Camilla and their daughters Sophie Victoria, 7,

and Caroline Emilie, 9 keep dad in shape. Home is a farm that Michael shares with his parents and a herd of ostriches.

Tom Clausen is in his 30th year working at Mann Library in the Access Services department, living in the house he grew up in on Slaterville Rd. He commutes by bicycle, and in his spare time writes haiku, senryu, and tanka. His most recent collection is called *being there*, published

by Swamp Press, and he has a Daily Haiku link on the Mann Library home page. Finally, **Bill**, PhD '89, and **Lauren Tozek Cowdery '72**, PhD '80, report that daughter **Betsy** has just enrolled as a freshman at Cornell in Arts and Sciences and is following in her parents' footsteps, living in Risley College and pursuing music and theater. Bill works at the Congregational Church in Cayuga Heights and does adjunct teaching at Cornell; Lauren designs and constructs costumes for theatrical groups in the area.

Thanks for all the news. Our big Christmas trip will be a journey to Niger, where oldest daughter Emilie is in her first year of a two-year Peace Corps assignment. Wife **Patti (Miller) '72** and youngest daughter Caitlin can't wait to join her in her thatched hut, free of the constraints of electricity, running water, and ample food. Me? I've booked a beachfront hotel in Senegal. Thanks for the great response—which has forced us to push some your news into next month's column! ♦ **Dave Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 Thanks to all of you for responding to my e-mail for news (seems like a lot of you can empathize with pleas citing publication deadlines). For those we haven't touched base with, consider this a formal invitation to tell us what's happening in your lives. Don't wait for the News and Dues forms—just send an e-mail to any of the addresses at the end of this column.

Congratulations to the following classmates whose kids have been accepted into Cornell for the Class of 2009: **Chris Shiber's** son **Aaron**, **Alice Brown's** son **Philip**, **Evan Zuckerman's** son **Tyler**, **Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte's** daughter **Lynne** (number three for her!), **Nancy Baldini Howard '75's** son **Scott**, and **Perry Jacob's** daughter **Jessica** (who's in 221 Donlon!).

Also on the list, **Dan Vlock** shared the good news that daughter **Elizabeth** will be attending Cornell in Arts and Sciences in the fall. She follows her brother **Jonathan '03**, who is now working for a publishing firm in New York City. If she is lucky (or unlucky, depending on one's perspective), she may even spend her freshman year in Donlon as did her father and brother. Congrats to **David '73** and **Karen Farber Freedman**,

MAT '75, who attended the Cornell graduation of daughter **Amanda** this past June.

Larry Lewin is president of Niagara Casinos after nearly 30 years of running hotels and casinos around the world with the Hilton and Hyatt companies. Larry and wife Cher live in Clarence, NY. Ithaca resident **Diana Drucker** sent in a short e-mail expressing her disappointment in the university's decision regarding Redbud Woods.

‘Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte said she is on the long-term program of parenting.’

STEVE RAYE '74

Carol Bradford and **Jim Greenwald** are living in Syracuse. Jim teaches family medicine at Upstate Medical U., and Carol writes about gardening for the Syracuse *Post-Standard*. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last year. “Our older son **Andrew** graduated from ILR in 2003 and received his MBA from the Johnson School in 2004. He’s now working as an investment analyst in NYC. Our younger son Tim is in 7th grade. We get to Ithaca often, and were amused to see that our hangout Collegetown Bagels has moved out on Triphammer Road, far from Collegetown. But the Johnny’s Big Red neon sign is still up even though Johnny’s is gone.”

After 25 years in management and information technology (IT) consulting, **Hart Boykin Jr.** decided to pursue his dream of being an actor. “For the past couple of years, I’ve been studying and have landed guest roles on such TV projects as ABC’s ‘General Hospital,’ ‘Jimmy Kimmel Live,’ and Nickelodeon’s ‘Unfabulous.’ Film credits include *L.A. Riot Spectacular* and *Crown Heights*. The change from corporate life to the artistic life has been a nice and needed change of focus, but I’m not sure which is the more hectic pace. I still freelance as a consultant, as I don’t think I’ll ever lose my interest in technology and the automation of business and everyday life. My wife Aysegul and I celebrate our 18th wedding anniversary in October. Aysegul is from Istanbul, Turkey, and we met while I was on a consulting assignment in the Middle East in the early ’80s. We have started our retirement plan with the building of a home on the Aegean Sea in Turkey.”

Thomas Birch owns a group of radio stations in North Carolina and Virginia. He’s happily married, with three children—two college grads and one going into college. They have a summer home in Aurora, NY, on Cayuga Lake (30 miles north of Ithaca), and so get into Ithaca from time to time during the summer and fall. “Cornell has grown markedly since our years there. It’s still beautiful, but I’m not a fan of the architecture of the newer buildings. We travel between our two homes in Raleigh, NC (we moved to Raleigh in April, after 30 years in South Florida), and Aurora, and we’re stretched in three other directions as well—to see our kids in Florida, my wife’s mother and sister in Montgomery, AL, and my parents and sister in Binghamton, NY. And I have to take another side

trip to Cooperstown, NY, to visit my brother **Bob ’79** and his family. Biggest challenge we’re now facing is dealing with aging parents.” Tom is still close friends with **Stuart Lewis**, who now resides in Denver, and has seen **Pete Saracino** a few times; his next door neighbor in Aurora is **George Slocum ’62**, MBA ’67, who is a Cornell trustee.

Vincent Coggiola is general manager of Famous Dave’s BBQ in Hillsborough, NJ, where’s he’s

been working for the past four years. Vince is single and living in Hatboro, PA, about 20 miles north of Philadelphia, but recently visited **Mark Liebig** and his wife Connie. Former class correspondent Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte passed along the news that she sent daughter Lynne off to Cornell as a freshman in Arts. Brother **John ’06** is there in Engineering. **Lisa ’04** graduated from Arts last year and is living and working in the D.C. area. Paul will be a high school senior next year and is determined to check out other schools and see how they compare. Lauren will be in 5th grade. Jodi said she is on the long-term program of parenting!

Claudia Benack, MS ’75, is senior principal, Center for Science and Technology (CSAT) at Mitretek Systems. “I am moving on, following an exciting career with the GEOMET as director of the GEOMET BioDefense Laboratory.” She’s got a top secret government security clearance. She served on the Hum Ec Alumni Board from 1995 to 1999. Two children, Jonathan and Gillian, graduated from U. of Texas, Austin. Jon double majored in French and English literature. He’s studying for the Law boards and working as a bank loan officer. Gillian graduated with a BA (with distinction) in the natural sciences and is taking a year off and working in Austin.

Harvey Gold wrote to say that he celebrated his 20th anniversary at DuPont. “For the past five years, I have been a Six Sigma Master Black Belt, which is a type of quality initiative designed to understand the voice of the customer. In addition to training Six Sigma Green Belts in central research and development in Wilmington, DE, I have helped train Green Belts for DuPont Canada, and I have been the instructor for several Black Belt waves in the US and Europe. Quite a departure from my previous assignments as a PhD analytical chemist. In a sense I have come full-circle, back to an assignment centered around teaching, much like my seven years on the faculty at the U. of Delaware before joining DuPont. As one who is increasingly youth-challenged (as is everyone in our class), my daughter Lynn (age 15, entering sophomore year in high school) and son Rory (age 10, entering 5th grade) keep me tied to more youthful interests.” Please send your news to: ♦ **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net, or **Betsy Moore**, emooore@cazenovia.edu.

75 The crisp fall air as we read this column is an indication that classes are in session “on the Hill,” but many of us are still reflecting upon the events of our 30th Reunion in June. E-mails, phone calls, and correspondence that I’ve received during the past few months all confirm that if you missed our celebratory gathering, you should know that attending the 35th will be a must! Personally, Reunion was cathartic, meeting up with old friends and making a few new ones . . . participating in some of the same activities that I did 30 years ago (spending time with my DG and DU friends, checking out the Chapter House, and walking the campus and Collegetown), and also taking advantage of a few new challenges (watching the Alumni Baseball Game in 90-plus-degree sun, sleeping without AC, and even climbing the indoor rock wall).

In addition to renewing old acquaintances, a new group of class officers was elected during Reunion to guide us through the next five years: **Charlie Temel**, president; **Rich Marin**, MBA ’76, VP; **Vickie Thaler** Vaclavik, secretary; **Karen Kaplan**, treasurer; **Mario Giannella**, ME ’79, webmaster; and **Martin Mack**, membership contact. Cornell Fund representatives are **Charles McClure** (Major Gifts) and **Stephanie Feit** Gould. **Susan Fulton** and **Jeanne Fattori** Smith will once again assume the daunting role of reunion co-chairs after doing a great job with our 30th. Representatives for Class Council will be **Kenneth** and **Elaine Johnson Ayres**, **John Halloran**, and **Dean Toriello**. Your class correspondents will remain **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, **Mitchell Frank**, **Deborah Gellman**, MBA ’82, and **Joan Pease**.

And now, here’s more news from Reunion attendees. **Julia Loeb** Aurigemma is an administrative judge of the Middlesex Superior Court in Connecticut. She and husband Andrew are both reunion regulars, and are now experiencing the “empty nest.” Son Will is a junior at Boston U., a Marine ROTC, and will be a Marine lieutenant in 2006. In honor of his commissioning, Julia will run the Marine Corps Marathon! Their other son, Dave, is in the master’s program at Boston U. Medical School, planning to enter medical school in Sept. 2006. **Susan Corner** Rosen came to Reunion from Charleston, SC, taking a break from a thriving civil trial law practice. Check out an impressive list of her litigation accomplishments at rosen-lawfirm.com.

Howard Green flew to Reunion from Los Gatos, CA, where he is a technology marketing consultant. You can reach him at sr.verde@comcast.net. In a related area of business, **David Glass** is an independent consultant in licensing technology transfers in Needham, MA. He reports that son Josh, 18, starts at BU this fall, and daughter Tamara, 16, is doing well. **Lil Konowitz** Calish came to Reunion from Boston, showing pictures of the spectacular 1894 home that she and husband Jeff, a computer consultant, own. Lil, who works in quality control for Winthrop Printing, has daughters Abby, 14, and Zoe, 16. **Konrad Wos** works in real estate management, traveling to Reunion from Rye, NY, with daughter Carson. Residing in Rockville, MD, **Jill Siegel** owns OMR, a thriving market research company.

Ken Wingate is a commercial builder in Baltimore and is kept (forever) young by wife **Lisa, MA '85**, and son Matthew, 6. Another contractor that I met up with at Reunion is **Ben Peyton**, currently in the Watertown, NY, area. With the exception of his long wavy hair having turned white, I wouldn't have known that the clock had moved forward 30 years!

Traveling to Ithaca from Dallas, where she works at U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the Dept. of Clinical Nutrition, Vickie Thaler Vaclavik says, "Reunion was fun and it brought back good memories as well as new friends. In my days at Cornell studying in the field of nutrition I met lifelong friends, a husband, and co-authors. I built my faith, and more." Could any of us ask for more out of Cornell than that? You can contact Vickie at Vickie.Vaclavik@UTSouthwestern.edu. **Michael Tannenbaum** is dean of the School of Science at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. A recent highlight he recounts was watching Cornell win the ECAC Hockey Tournament this past spring in Albany. Fellow DG and class correspondent Karen DeMarco Boroff and husband Joel brought their two children to Reunion for a great family vacation. Each time I saw them they were heading to another sporting event such as canoeing on Beebe Lake, climbing the indoor rock wall, or hiking through the gorge . . . fun things that I wish I had done more of while a student!

While not in attendance at Reunion, we have news from a few classmates whose hearts were with us! Graphic designer **Laurie Musick Wright** was home in Vermont attending the high school graduation of her twin daughters. **Karen Leung Moore** was continuing her travels around the world with Build-A-Bear Workshop, having recently opened two new stores in Australia, four stores each in Japan and the UK, and one at Tivoli Gardens in Denmark. Son Jamie is now a senior at U. of Kansas, while daughter Kristi is a Williams College freshman.

Nancy Baldini Howard wrote that she attended husband **Walt '74's** 30th Reunion last year. They have three sons. The oldest, **Brian '04**, graduated from Cornell Engineering and works as a consultant for PRTM in Stamford, CT. Warren is a senior at Lehigh U. majoring in chemical engineering, and youngest son **Scott '09** is a Cornell Engineering freshman. She writes that we can only imagine what living with all of those engineers must be like! **Christine Curran** Williams lives in Potomac, MD, with husband Keith and three children. Oldest daughter Kelly attends Ithaca College. High school senior Elizabeth attended a Cornell summer program, while son Matt went to UVA during the summer for his college experience.

Please send your news with your class dues to any one of us who faithfully write the 1975 class column: ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; and **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@aol.com.

76 Thanks for the influx of news via our annual News and Dues mailings! **William "Willy" Bemis** writes, "In June 2005, I relocated from the U. of Massachusetts to Cornell to serve

as Kingsbury Director of the Shoals Marine Laboratory and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. It is great to be back at Cornell! My wife, Betty McGuire, is also joining the faculty in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Our children Kate, 12, and Owen, 9, are looking forward to happy times in Ithaca and on beautiful Apple-dore Island, home of the Shoals Marine Lab. I am looking forward to our 30th Reunion next year!"

Many of us have had occasion to return, at least for a visit. **Gay Eng** writes, "I attended my niece's graduation at Cornell in May, and the campus sure has changed. I am a financial manager for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dept. of Housing and Community Development. I have two children and am married to **Jerry Sun**, who is also a Cornell alum (PhD in psychology). I recently visited classmate **Raul Rivera**, who has a flourishing architectural practice in Puerto Rico and would love to hear from fellow Cornellians." **Jean Toni Benson** Griffiths, MPS '05, has been back at Cornell on a more extended basis, having just completed her MPS degree with a major in animal science and a minor in education. During 2004, she wrote both a thesis and an equine science book. Jean is a Cornell Cooperative Extension horse specialist and lives in Freeville.

John Berndt sends best regards from a new address in Kowloon, Hong Kong. He says, "My wife and I enjoy Hong Kong very much. We have been in Asia since 1995. We enjoy traveling and are challenged by the present bullish economy and growth opportunities in China. I have recently joined a well-established development company, HK, parent for Marco Polo Hotels, participating in the regional growth opportunities. We have had the pleasure to see many alumni and friends passing through on interesting business/holiday travels."

Richard Neff writes from Manhattan Beach, CA, "After running a boutique international intellectual property law firm (Neff Law Group) for 12 years, I merged it into Greenberg Glusker last July (2004), a very appealing mid-sized L.A. firm with a strong reputation in litigation and entertainment. I'm heading up the intellectual property and technology department. I've been to Mexico and Peru in the past six months with my girlfriend." Richard's son Josh must by this time be a junior at Harvard, and Sara has started at Berkeley. Richard says, "She finished a good year as co-captain of L.A.'s club women's varsity crew team (Marina Aquatic)." As of May, Hilary was "finishing eighth grade at Chadwick School and occasionally riding the national circuit (equitation over fences)."

On another coast, **Marjorie Silberman** recently joined the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the U. of Miami's Miller School of Medicine as assistant chair of finance and administration. **Joseph Colosi**, ME '77, and his spouse Sheila must be proud to have seen oldest daughter **Lisa '03** graduate from Cornell. Her degree was in biological engineering. **Sarah Getman Steele** was recently appointed associate VP for faculty relations at Quinnipiac U. in Hamden, CT, after serving more than 21 years as director of personnel services at Hamilton College. And our old friend **Gil Gleim** reports that he has a new position as clinical monitor

with Merck, which required him to relocate. He is now based in Rahway but trains from Princeton Junction most of the time.

Another friend and fellow *Daily Sun* alumnus **Rob Simon** had a book published in May that will be of great interest to many longtime sufferers: *Snore No More: Remedies and Relief for Snorers and Snorees Everywhere*. Rob describes it as "a funny look at a serious problem, mixed with well-researched info on what causes snoring and how to stop it." Rob says he had gone to great—yet unsuccessful—lengths to cure his own snoring problem and began to do some serious research. He writes, "Turns out 90 million people snore in America. That means there are perhaps another 90 million people—the snorees—who try to live with the snorers. The snorees are the ones suffering even though they aren't the ones with the problem. My book is one of the first to 'feel their pain' and make them laugh a little about it, while giving them practical advice. And since mostly men snore, my book is mostly for women." Rob's wife Marisol is also a writer. Her first novel, published by HarperCollins, *The Lady, The Chef, and the Courtesan*, "tracks three generations of South American women struggling with issues of love, duty, work, and family." It won Latino Novel of the Year. Rob says, "Meanwhile, I decided to sell my interests in my ad/marketing/PR agency, the one I had for the last 16 years. I'm working out of my house, solo, trying to make a career of consulting, writing, and, just in case, a new business idea I have for database marketing. Nothing like an approaching 50th birthday to motivate me to think big!"

Judith Brown responded kindly to an e-mail request for news, writing, "I'm an assistant attorney general in Connecticut, handling a variety of civil litigation, collections, and paternity cases for the state, as well as a small amount of criminal prosecutions. My husband Michael Schub teaches Arabic at Trinity College in Hartford. Our daughter Naomi has just finished her first year of college at Eugene Lang College of the New School in Manhattan. Our son Zachary is in high school." **Cynthia Soffen** Cooper is a gynecologist in private practice in Dover, NH. She serves on the committee of the National Board of Medical Examiners that makes up the certification tests that medical students take in order to become licensed physicians. She and her spouse David and children Kathy, 18, Kara, 16, and Sam, 13, live in Durham, NH. Cynthia saw our classmate **Bradley Britigan** in May and reports that he recently became chairman of the Dept. of Internal Medicine at the U. of Cincinnati.

More Ohio news: **Pat Briscoe** DeJarnett and her spouse Alexander live in Cincinnati with daughters Simone, 14, and Camille, 13. Pat is interim president/CEO of Neighborhood Health Care Inc., in Cincinnati. **Michael VanDemark** and spouse Connie are in Springboro, OH. Their children are Jessica, 25, Christina, 22, Matthew, 19, and Catherine, 11. We wish the very best to **Christine Butler** Lenoir, who has been recalled to active duty in the Navy Nurse Corps as commander in support of Operation Noble Eagle, whose mission is defense and civil support at home. She will return to civilian work at the Virginia Beach Dept. of Public Health in June 2006.

Speaking of 2006, let's all plan now to get to Ithaca for our 30th Reunion. It's a must for anyone who missed our 25th. And anyone who went to our 25th will require no urging to repeat—and perhaps enlarge upon—the fun. I'll plan to see you there. Cheers! ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@tds.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsky54@aol.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@rcn.com.

77 **Scott and Elaine Zajac Jackson '78** are the very proud (and tuition-poor) parents of two Cornell students. **Aaron '06** and **Meredith '08** are both in the Engineering college. Aaron also works for **Lynn Wingate Baird '78** at the Cornell Theory Center. Scott notes that he continues to survive the relentless cutbacks at an unnamed major chemical company (note that the Jacksons live in Wilmington, DE, so the attempt to protect the innocent(?) unnamed company may fall to deductive reasoning . . .). Another '77/'78 couple sent in news of a child at Cornell—**Chuck Ortenberg** and **Patty Stone '78** noted that their son David was accepted as an early admittance to Arts and Sciences for the Class of 2009. Chuck and Patty live in Menlo Park, CA, and keep in touch with a number of classmates. They saw **Bob Dutkowsky** and his wife during the 2004 summer. Bob and his wife Lorraine live in Boston, where they are adjusting to the empty nest syndrome. (Don't even remind me! I have three years before my son graduates high school and I'm already a wreck.) Chuck and **Mike Weber** got back in touch after our 25th Reunion and spend lots of e-mail time trading jabs about the ALCS. Chuck is thrilled because it's the first time his team won. Mike is with Xerox in Rochester, NY.

Rachel Wechsler '07 is the daughter of **Ron and Debbie Biegelson Wechsler**, who met during our junior year. Rachel lives on campus in JAM ("Just About Music"). The Wechslers' other two children, Bennett and Jordan, are 16 and 12, respectively, and they all live on the Upper West Side in New York City. Debbie recently started a job at McBride & Associates, an architectural firm. Ron works at Citigroup in real estate finance with a number of (much younger) Cornell alumni. The Wechslers stay in touch with a lot of classmates and have recently seen **Roxanne Nersesian Paul**, **Roy Cohen**, **Eric Brook**, **Gilles Sion**, and **Alvin Lee**.

Algernon and Nancy Garmus Greenlee reside in Sacramento, CA. Algernon recently was promoted to director of marketing for Blue Diamond Almond Growers. Nancy manages her own landscape design business, helping to make Sacramento a beautiful place. The Greenlees have two children. Rachel was busy applying to colleges when news was sent in and Ben was a high school freshman starring in the school play. **Bruce Patterson** is a dentist in New London, CT, and has two children at the U. of Vermont: Gilbert, a junior, and Lucy, a sophomore. Bruce's youngest child, Daniel, is in 11th grade at the Williams School. Bruce notes that classmate **Mike Wald** attended his 50th birthday party. **Andrea Warnick Masterman** and her husband **Jim '76** have three children, including Justin, who is a sophomore at the U. of Pennsylvania. Their other children

are Kayla, 13, and David, 16. Jim is a partner at Masterman, Culbert & Tully in Boston. The Mastermans also reconnected with **Laura Konowitz Ratner**, whose daughter Jess chose Brown. From the complete other end of the alumni children spectrum, **Paula Zwerdling Zirinsky** of New York City announced the birth of her new baby, Ethan Albert, born May 13, 2004.

Classmate Kudos. **Duo Dickinson**, BArch '78, lives in Madison, CT, and recently published his sixth book, *The House You Build*. He's gotten a lot of media exposure: the book was promoted on CNN, plus Duo writes the "By Design" column for *This Old House* magazine and has had many speaking engagements. In between all of this, Duo still runs an 11-person architectural firm in Madison. Duo's wife Liz is a "lapsed" lawyer-turned-editor and they have two boys fully into music. **Rita Redberg** is a professor of medicine at UC San Francisco in the cardiology division. Rita recently returned to UCSF after a one-year sabbatical as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in Washington, DC. She worked in the office of Senator Orrin Hatch and loved the entire experience of being so close to the heart of health policy and politics. While in D.C., she got to see classmates **Jeff Bialos** and **Susan Warshaw Ebner**, JD '80. Since she was on the East Coast, she also visited Cornell for the Vet college open house and saw **Gail Ruterman Schwartz**.

Fran Wallace Epstein has been selected to be the consulting psychologist to the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition. She also has the honor of being the captain of "The Bagel Bunch," first place winners for the past two years in the Relay for Life, the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. She was one of three people who walked for 24 hours, nonstop. Fran and her son Alex, 16, live on 23 beautiful acres in the foothills of the California Sierra Mountains. Fran's brother **Lee '72**, DVM '75, has a thriving veterinary practice, which is managed by his wife, **Marsha (Kusnitz) '75**. Fran recently visited **Gary '74** and **Shelly Weiner Bettman '75**. Gary is living the Cornell hockey fan's dream: he's the "top dog" of the NHL. Speaking of hockey, **Joseph Bruce** of Rochester Hills, MI, sent in a picture of himself with **Mark LaCasse '83** and **Paul Landgraf '82** holding the NHL's Stanley Cup, the WNBA Championship Trophy, and NBA's Larry O'Brien Award. The Cornell alumni and the trophies got together at a Guardian Industries executive function. Guardian's owner also owns the Detroit Pistons, the Detroit Shock, and the Tampa Bay Lightning sports teams, which all won championships in the same year.

Quick Bits. **Joyce Smith** Mackessy has numerous credentials following her name: MS, MBA, RD, CND, CNSD. She and husband Dan live in Fayetteville, NY, where she works for Upstate Medical U. in hospital administration as service line administrator for ancillary services. **Jeff Brown** of Roswell, GA, manages a portfolio of long-term contracts for heavy-duty gas turbines with GE. **Mark McNamara** of La Verne, CA, is married with three children and is medical director for City of Hope Medical Group in Pasadena, CA. **Sharon Dolin**, PhD '90, and husband Barry Magid live in New York City with

their 7-year-old son Sam. Sharon teaches poetry seminars and workshops at the Unterberg Poetry Center of the 92nd Street Y and coordinates the annual Letterpress Poetry Chapbook Competition at the Center of Book Arts. Sharon has published three books of poems, including *Realm of the Possible*, published by Four Way Books in 2004.

Margarita Knoepffler Dilley was elected to the board of directors of CH Energy Group and will serve on their audit committee. She recently stepped down as CFO and member of the board of Astrolink Int'l, a satellite telecommunications venture that provided high-speed broadband services. After leaving Cornell, Margarita earned a master's degree in chemistry from Columbia U. and an MBA from Wharton and spent her early career at Intelsat and Comcast. Margarita lives in Washington, DC. **Sari Lee Schaumberger** Gordon, an optometrist and mathematics instructor, sent with pride the news that her daughter Melissa received a scholarship to attend Ithaca College as a theater major with a math minor. Sari Lee is sure that Melissa will love Ithaca, just as she did while at Cornell. ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, lorrie_b_rudin@fanniemaec.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 **Jonathan Warach** still enjoys the practice of neurology, which he describes as "a fascinating specialty that embodies the full range of human experience and interfaces with the mind and soul." He also addressed the AMA Litigation Center to discuss the peer review process as it pertains to expert witnesses in medical malpractice cases. This is an important issue related to diminishing "junk lawsuits." Jonathan lives in Dover, NH, with his wife Robbie. **Peter Ressler** (pressler@rmgsearch.com) is president of a Wall Street executive search firm. He co-authored a book in January of 2005 titled *Spiritual Capitalism: What the FDNY Taught Wall Street about Money*. Peter was a volunteer firefighter when he lived on Long Island, but has now moved to Tewksbury, NJ. He and his wife Monika have three children, ages 22, 20, and 9. His daughter graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College in 2004.

Stephen Colm, MBA '80 (sbcolm@msn.com) lives in Colorado with his wife Beverly, where he has a private practice in oral surgery. Stephen is also the chief of dental services at the VAMC in Denver. Stephen and Beverly adopted a second daughter, Bowen Mei Colm, from Yi Yang, Hunan, China, last year. They were quite impressed with the Chinese hospitality and their Asian experience in general. Stephen also notes that the brothers of Sigma Pi started a "Name that Pi-Man" e-mail last year. There are now hundreds of brothers receiving news and participating every week. It is great for catching up with old friends and memories. **Richard Chuchla** (rchuchla@aol.com) has finished an assignment managing Exxon/Mobil's exploration program in Angola and the Congo. Currently, he is the company's strategic planning manager and lives in Houston. Richard is married to Elizabeth (Green) and they have three children. Matthew is at Princeton U., **Maresa '09** ("Reese") attends Cornell, and Robert is in high school. Richard also reports that he saw **Ted**

Snedden, MS '83, at a recent gathering and mentioned that President Rhodes was in town for an enjoyable dinner and talk. **Gary Smotrich** is still a plastic surgeon in Lawrenceville, NJ. He and his wife Susan have boys Danny, 9, and Jonathan, 6. Gary saw **Bill Maher** at a party in L.A. He also saw **Alan Schulman**, DVM '83, and noted that he was mentioned in *Newsweek* as a veterinarian doing cosmetic surgery on dogs. They compared notes on canine vs. non-canine cosmetic surgery.

Kathy Landau (klandau3@aol.com) is now living in Joshua Tree, CA. She is a manager of a nearby "Curves," has lost over 30 pounds, and is having a blast managing "a place that is dedicated to the health of women of all ages, colors, and sizes." Kathy still writes every day between 3:00 and 6:00 a.m.; she is convinced that she has not left East Coast time. She has been involved in the Hi-Desert Playhouse and Cultural Center, performing in one play and helping with lights in two others. **Court Williams** (cdwelliot@aol.com) lives in Fairfield, CT, where he works as an executive recruiter with Elliot Associates specializing in CEOs and department officers in the restaurant chain industry. He is also an executive coach for incoming students at the Hotel school at Cornell. Court's wife Stacey has earned a master's degree in community counseling and is working with a State of Connecticut court-appointed substance abuse agency as a counselor. Court and Stacey have children Peyton, 12, and Grant, 10. Both are avid swimmers and lacrosse players. Grant also participates in karate and is keen to earn his black belt. The Williamses also have a second house in Vermont ski country.

Alexandra Swiecicki Fairfield, PhD '85 (afairfield@msn.com) and her husband David Cheney live in Silver Spring, MD. David, daughter Austin, 10, and son Alex, 13, have all earned their black belts in Tae Kwon Do. They divide their time between Maryland and a vacation home on a lake in the Poconos. They ski all winter and swim all summer; guests are always welcome. Alexandra teaches microbiology part-time at a local college. She reports that her former roommate **Leslie Branch Kulick** '77 has children **Matthew** '07 and **Rachel** '09 attending Cornell. Alexandra and **Margie Ferris-Morris** hope to attend the reunion of the International Living Center, which she describes as a "great dorm where we made life-long friends." Margie's husband Peter spent five weeks overseeing relief efforts in Sri Lanka and Aceh, Indonesia, after the tsunami last year. **Cindy Fuller**, PhD '92 (cjfuller@mindspring.com) reports that she and **Julian Vrieslander**, PhD '81, have fallen into a crowd of fellow "foodies" who make regular explorations into Seattle restaurants and ethnic groceries. They also visited Victoria and the Olympic Peninsula. Cindy has had a chapter published in the second edition of *Cardiovascular Nutrition*. She teaches part-time and does freelancing as a medical writer.

Mark Rouleau (nassaugroup@hotmail.com), his wife Lisa, and two sons live in Derby, KS. They found a 40-acre property with stables. They don't have any horses yet, but they have been clearing brush and "getting poison ivy every other weekend." Mark took his sons to Minneapolis to see their first Cornell hockey game and Mark's first in

27 years! He said that the Cornellians that were there "took over the place cheering for the Big Red." That game disappointingly resulted in an overtime loss for Cornell. Mark follows Big Red sports closely and the Internet access has made it that much easier. **JuanMa Morales** (sonidocosteno@msn.com) lives in Brooklyn with his wife Maria. JuanMa's band Sonido Costeno placed third in the *Billboard* songwriting contest for Latin music.

More news is always welcome! ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; **Diane Elliott**, dje35@cornell.edu.

79 First, I want to thank those of you who responded to my e-mail pleas. This column is written for you, and your class correspondents need news from you to make this happen. Send an e-mail or note to me, Kathy, Cynthia, or Alumni Affairs and let us know about you, your spouse, your partner, your children, your pets, your career, your leisure pursuits, your volunteer activities, exciting travel, plans for the future, etc. Have you attended an on-campus or off-campus program with Cornell's Adult University? Are you involved with your local Cornell Club? Let us know!

Kenneth Schwartz FAIA, March '83 (kschwartz@ciesthatwork.com) is serving as program chair for the AIA National Convention, June 8-10, 2006 in Los Angeles. He invites all Cornell Architecture graduates to join 30,000 others in L.A.! "My family and I love living in Charlottesville. I teach at the U. of Virginia and

some groundbreaking projects in South America over the past few years. I love the access to the mountains, bay, and beaches that the D.C. area provides, but eventually hope to spend more time living south of the border."

Jody Hiller Winter (jodywint@aol.com) writes, "So, far, it's been a fun ride. I am living in Vienna, VA, right behind the Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts. After working at George Washington U. for 14 years, I hung out my own shingle this past spring—JFW Consulting! I provide real estate consulting and project management services to a number of university and non-university related clients in the Washington area. My focus is on helping my clients solve complex real estate problems with "out of the box" solutions. Steve and I will celebrate our 18th wedding anniversary in December. Steve is president of a PR and communications firm in Falls Church, VA. My children Samantha, 15, and Maury, 11, keep me busy. Sam participates in competitive diving and Maury plays ice hockey and baseball. Can't wait to take the kids up to Cornell again. Sam says that's her first choice of schools—of course she hasn't been there in the winter yet!"

From Alpharetta, GA, **Chuck Bengochea** (cbengochea@hbham.com) shares news. "My wife Laurie and I celebrated 29 wonderful years this year. My oldest son is married and working in sales and marketing. My second son is just about to be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. My two daughters, 15 and 13, are still at home. They are sweet and beautiful. Our passion is our faith. We love our church

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practice with my urban design firm, Renaissance Planning Group. My oldest daughter is a sophomore at Princeton, while my youngest daughter is still in high school and starting her college search process." **Jeff Bloom**, MA '92 (annejeff@comcast.net) is the Japan Country Program Director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. Jeff lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife Anne, and children Jordan, 15, Jonathan, 12, and Ryan, 5. "I'm still playing hockey and singing in the men's choir. I am an assistant coach for my sons' hockey and football teams and have been sailing with my son's scout group in Key West."

Also living in Arlington, VA, is **George Rogers** (georgero@iadb.org). "I have 15- and 11-year-old daughters, have been happily married for over 20 years, and have lived in New York and Buenos Aires prior to the D.C. area. For eight years, I worked in the area of foreign policy/human rights and then studied law at Columbia U. I now work in development in Latin America at the Inter-American Development Bank in their legal department. I am supervising a team of project attorneys involved in international project finance, in addition to having worked on

(North Point Community Church) and lead couples Bible studies. My other passion is triathlons. I have competed in Ironman triathlons in Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, and the US, and was a member of the USA Triathlon team in 2003 and 2004. Professionally, I am president and COO of Honey Baked Ham Company. I love our brand and our company. It is a privilege to be able to do what I do. I feel very blessed."

If you visit the Cornell campus, be sure to go to Martha Van Rensselaer Hall and see the Dr. Cynthia B. Green and Lee Cohen Conference Room, located in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management. **Cynthia Green** (cbgreen3@aol.com) and husband Lee Cohen provided a very generous gift to the College of Human Ecology. Cynthia and Lee live in New York City, along with their children **Claudia** '09, Ben, and Aliza. Claudia entered the freshmen class in the College of Human Ecology this past August. **Kelly Banach** (kelliricky@aol.com) and her husband Richard live in Allentown, PA. "I was elected judge to the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, PA. I sit in the criminal division and hear criminal and juvenile delinquency cases. I have sons ages 11

and 17. Older son Brett is a senior and college shopping. Cornell is high on his wish list. He spent three weeks at Cornell last summer, experiencing the academics and campus life. My husband is a 30-plus-year veteran of the Allentown Police Department and continues to keep the peace. We spend our spare time reading and home redecorating and taking regular trips to New York and Philadelphia for cultural events, shopping, and dining."

And finally, I would like to congratulate members of the Class of 1979 who have been

traffic at all." Another familiar face from freshman year, **Scott E. Thompson** has a new position as VP, Global Trademarks at GlaxoSmithKline and is based in King of Prussia, PA. Scott wrote that he "would like to reunite with any classmates or Cornellians in the Philadelphia area, as I am new to the area." **Kathy Richman** relocated to Menlo Park, CA, to take a Stanford Humanities Fellowship in the Dept. of French and Italian and would be happy to hear from friends via e-mail. She received her PhD in French literature from Harvard in 2002.

Landmark College, and Lucas, 10. Kathleen has her own Pilates studio and trains athletes and new teachers, and Geoffrey is head of institutional equity sales for Bank of America in New York. **Hans '81** and **Diane Henke Drenkard, MS '84**, are looking forward to visiting their daughter **Liz '09**, a freshman in the Ag college, and report that they have been "on a national park kick" visiting Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and Denali. ♦ **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Tim O'Connor**, tvoc0744@optonline.net; and **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu.

'This month I will be in England, Holland, Senegal, and Tunisia, which is pretty typical.'

TONY SATTERTHWAITE '82

elected to various Cornell alumni leadership positions. Elected to the Cornell Alumni Federation are **Mary Maxon** Grainger, MPS '87, director-at-large, and **Mary Kahn**, director-from-the-region (Mid-Atlantic). Elected to the Cornell University Council are: **Mark Hansen**, **Todd Krasnow**, **Michael Littlejohn**, **Ronald McCray**, **Ted Teng**, and **Matthew Witte**.

Enjoy the holiday season! ♦ **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; and **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com. Class e-mail, classof79@cornell.edu. Class website, http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu.

80 This is my first column and a great opportunity to share news and get back in touch. I would love to hear from you via e-mail—or call me when you visit the New York metropolitan area. My husband **Stephen Radin** and I live in New York City with our children Jason and Jeffrey, ages 11 and 9. I am an employment law and human resources consultant and serve on the board of directors for the ILR Alumni Association. Steve is a partner at the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, specializing in corporate governance counseling and litigation. Steve was honored at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress in June for his receipt of the Burton Award, given to lawyers who exhibit clarity in legal writing (no jokes, please). We visited with **Linda Ripps** Feder, her husband **Richie**, and their children **Kenny** and **Lauren**, ages 15 and 12, during the summer and enjoyed the sun and sand at the beach. Linda is living in Philadelphia and continuing with her work in the nutrition field after completing a PhD in health education from Temple U.

We have lots of news to share from many classmates. My neighbor from U-Hall 2 freshman year, **Ellen Kaplan Halfond**, moved upstate with her husband **Ira** to Craryville in Columbia County, NY, where she is developing a market research business and Ira is starting a law practice. She reports that they are now "enjoying the rural community and don't miss Long Island

Brian Joondeph is back in this country working as a retinal surgeon in private practice in Denver and enjoying skiing with his wife **Shirley** and children **Stephanie**, 17, **Chris**, 14, and **Eric**, 12. He reports that this is a "big change after working in New Zealand with its national health service (true socialized medicine)." **Kim Nedelman** Fish writes that she has returned to her hometown of Springfield, OH, after an absence of 20 years, with her husband **Larry** and her children **Lauren**, 15, and **David**, 13. Kim is a consultant to biotech clients and involved with community level strategic planning.

Robert Manfred, executive VP and labor counsel for the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, reports that he was ranked number nine on Baseball America's list of most powerful in Major League Baseball. **Scott Peer** writes from Glendale, CA, that his "big news is the successful Saturn Orbit Insertion for the Cassini spacecraft" and he "developed the software for the attitude controller and star tracker and still spends a little time on the star tracker." In his spare time, he is ski-racing with masters and clubs and racing inline (skate) downhill and luge. **Raymond Disch** reports from Hopewell, NJ, that he has "started his own real estate business and will provide the full range of real estate services for both residential and commercial customers."

Several of our classmates are very excited that their children are attending Cornell. **Robert, JD '78**, and **Jamie Pundyk Davis** have two children in Arts and Sciences—**Billy '07**, a junior, and **Peter '09**, a freshman—and a third child, **Katie**, who started high school. **Gregory Gordon** has son **Steven '08**, who is in his sophomore year, and two other children, **Heather**, 16, who is starting the college application process, and **Jonathan**, 12. **Jim** and **Jenny Wartik Carpenter** report from Ann Arbor, MI, that their son **Ted '08** is a sophomore in the Engineering college and that they saw **Matt** and **Jody Hill Mischel** in Los Angeles when Jim traveled with the U. of Michigan football team to the Rose Bowl as the team physician.

Geoffrey, MBA '87, and **Kathleen Cote Snyder** have daughter **Claire '09** who is a freshman, and two other children, **Aaron**, 21, a student at

81 Life in Florida is moving along very well. After getting married to **Russ Levine** on April 2, I feel that this part of my life has blended exceptionally well with my volunteer work (Junior League, MS Society, Cornell, etc.) and recreational interests (snorkeling at John Pennekamp, bicycling in Shark Valley, and camping in the Everglades). Russ and I braved torrential downpours to attend the Networking Happy Hour in Miami in July, hosted by the Cornell Club of Miami and the Florida Keys at the lovely home of Dr. **Alejandro Badia '85**. (Alejandro was featured in the July/August Class Notes on page 93!) It was wonderful seeing everyone—over 60 guests were there! We also saw **Tanis** and **Mike McKay Bell** at a big party at their home in Plantation, FL. They were superb hosts and a good time was had by all. They told us to get ready for a good time—and that it was!

Also in Florida, but in Orlando, is **Lisa Early** (lisa.early@cityoforlando.net), who was appointed by Orlando Mayor **Buddy Dyer** to serve as Orlando's first Director of Children & Education. Her husband, **Credo Sinyangwe '77**, MBA '79, is now a stay-at-home dad for their boys **Samuel**, 16, and **Noah**, 7. **Roger Wertheimer** (RLJRW@adelphia.net) is the VP, general counsel and secretary for Independent Energy Partners Inc. in Colorado. Also in Colorado is **Lawrence Wang** (LChaoing@aol.com), a neurologist with three children.

Moving on to the Midwest, **Dan Kloiber** (danexstream@hotmail.com) has a company, Extream Software (www.extream.com), with five offices in Europe and Sydney, Australia, ranking 3180 on the inc. 500 last year! You go, Dan! He lives in Lexington, KY. **Miriam Harris** (harrisdonohue@yahoo.com) is retired from the US Navy after 24 years of service. She has moved from Naples, Italy, to St. Louis, MO, with her husband **Patrick Donohue**, a captain in the USN who is stationed at Scott AFB.

On the West Coast, **Kevin Haroff '77**, JD/ MBA '81 (kharoff@mac.com) tells us he is a lawyer with Sonnenschein in San Francisco, CA. He has three children, one of which he adopted from Chongqing Fuling First Social Welfare Inst. in 2002. Kevin is a trustee of the World Affairs Council (Northern California) and vice chair of the American Bar Association's Int'l Environmental Law Committee. **Paul King** writes us from San Jose, CA (paul@kingwealth.com) that he published the "Identity Theft Resource Kit" and founded Knights Bridge Castle Corp. to provide identity theft protection, detection, and recovery services to individuals and families.

Pamela Reiss (pbr8@cornell.edu) received an MA in psychology/counseling from Pacifica Graduate Inst. in Summerland, CA.

Marshal Watson (actmid@sbcglobal.net) received a master's in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech U. He was accepted into the doctoral program and awarded the Chancellor's Endowed Fellowship, also at Texas Tech. **Marilyn Trautfield Sugarman** (msugarman@courts.state.ny.uc), who's living in New York City, vacationed in Arizona and arranged to meet up with **Debbie Hirsch** Ewing and her family. They all had a fabulous time and are looking forward to our 25th Reunion, June 8-11, 2006. Make sure you mark it on your calendars now so you can be sure to attend. Also in NYC, **Edgard Nau** (en21@cornell.edu) is a podiatrist and a community member of Columbia U.'s Institutional Review Board. Writing from Upstate New York (Mechanicville) is **John Tuttle**, CEO/president of Day Star Technologies Inc. (jtuttle59@earthlink.net). He used to live and work in California. He saw Dr. **Les Neal Freeman** in Melbourne, FL, and reports that Les and his family are doing great!

Mike Stocker (barry.m.stocker@smithbarney.com) joined Smith Barney in Allentown, PA, after 17 years in telecom with AT&T Microelectronics and Lucent Technologies. He hosted a Cornell weekend at his home, and attendees included **Jim and Shelly Macklin Taylor '83**, **Louis Meyer '83**, **Lauren and Bob Jones '83**, **Georgie and Leo Smigel**, and **Allen Holms**. He certainly is getting psyched for June! **Gary Lapera** (glapera@michael.graves.com) lives in Pennington, NJ, and is married to Ruth Wells. They have children Patrick, 13, and Lyndon, 11-1/2.

In Toronto, **Scot Martin**, MBA '83, tells us that he went to his first Cornell hockey reunion in many years. He saw **Tim Strawman**, **Doug Berk**, and **Jim Gibson** and his wife **Rari**. All plan on returning for our 25th and dragging along many others, particularly **Roy Kerling** and **Bobby** (the Root Hog) **Hallstrom**. Overseas is **Cindy High-Fischmann** (cynthia.high@kodak.com), VP of Human Resources-Asia for Kodak. Her husband Rob is leading commercialization and manufacturing for one of Kodak's businesses. They live in Shanghai with their two kids and love it!

Please let us know what's going on in your lives—and include your e-mail address. We love news! Thanks! ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com. Or you can also send your news online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>.

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Robert Coll (New Rochelle, NY) is a man of varied interests and talents: "I am a poet. [I am] currently working with Edward Ostrander, Emeritus, of Cornell University. Presently I am the CEO of Moon Water, a not-for-profit corporation that assists people with mental health problems. I am also well known in the culinary field and have been granted two degrees from the Culinary Inst. of America. These degrees are Certified Executive Chef and Certified Chef Educator." Robert would like to get in touch with **Peter Needle**, MS '85.

Brandy Alvarez-Lazzara, husband Giuseppe, and son Niccolo, 10, live in Plano, TX. Brandy is returning to graduate school to complete ("finally") her PhD. She reports that **Carol Diamond** had a baby, and she is interested in hearing about **David A. Smith**, ME '83, and "his buddy" **David Gordon**. Also in school is **Holly Gates** Travis, who lives in Punxsutawney, PA, with husband Gary. She is currently teaching biology and science education at Indiana U. of Pennsylvania in Indiana, PA, and is pursuing a doctoral degree in education. Giving hope to Brandy and Holly, **David Weiss** (Alliance, OH) reports that he just completed his PhD at the U. of New Mexico and is now on the Dept. of Communication faculty at Mount Union College, teaching mass communication, media studies, and film courses.

Also finishing a degree was **Leon Singletary** (Blue Bell, PA), who received an MS in human resource development from Villanova U. in May 2005. In 2004 he launched HR First Contact (www.hrfirst-pa.com), which is a full-service pre-employment screening business based in Fort Washington, PA, that provides background information so that employers can make informed hiring decisions. In 2004 Leon and fellow biking team members traveled more than 1,500 miles and raised over \$40,000 for the American Diabetes and Multiple Sclerosis associations. He also takes great satisfaction in helping others to achieve their goals through taekwon do instruction, the Cornell alumni student mentoring program, and teaching HR management topics.

Earl "Skip" Adams, wife Jennifer, and their six children moved to a 12-acre farm in Lima, NY, which they have named "Grateful Hearts Farm" and on which they plan to have sheep and llamas. **Jo Klingenstein** Ziesing mentions spouse Peter and children Lee, 16, Annie, 14, and Will, 12, and succinctly reports, "Was teaching. Now home." Also changing jobs is **Elizabeth Wootan** Metura (Brooklyn, NY), who has left Marsh USA and now owns her own company, ERM Realty Services (ermrealestate@yahoo.com). The company does property management, real estate advising, renovations, repairs, etc., and specializes in the small homeowner, with custom packages and short-term and long-term relationships. She says, "Going on vacation? Can't be there when the repair people come? We are here for you."

Cornell taught us to be independent thinkers and engaged citizens, and in this case it means that **Mary Loehr** (Ithaca, NY) was active in working with students and more than 330 faculty to try to prevent Cornell from "cutting down Red-bud Woods," a green space that the City of Ithaca declared a Historic District. She wrote that she was doing this "as an alum who feels Cornell is misguided in this instance." Also socially active is **Mizin Park** Kawasaki (Los Angeles, CA; humaneparenting@sbcglobal.net), who published a book in summer 2005, *Better Mothering: Advocating Breastfeeding and Stay-at-Home Mothering*.

Nir Margalit (Emeryville, CA) is enjoying his position as EVP, General Counsel, at Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants with fellow Hoteliers **Joe Long '83** and **Ben Rowe '96**. Kimpton is an "industry-leading hotel company for lifestyle and eco-friendly stays." Nir has been in touch with

Richard Mahon '81, a law firm partner in Newburgh, NY. Living in rural Stockton, NJ, on an old farm ("lots of work") are **Mike Jenner**, wife Vivian, and sons Jack, 10, and Will, 6. Mike says, "AT&T remains a great place to work. I continue to be VP Product Mgmt. for IP/Data/Hosting businesses." **Livingston "Tony" Satterthwaite**, wife Ann, and two sons live in Edina, MN. He keeps busy playing soccer in an over-40 men's league, watching his older son win 13 medals (nine gold) at the 2005 state swim championships, and coaching his younger son's soccer team. He writes, "I continue with Cummins as head of Power Gen Distribution and Marketing, which continues to entail lots of international travel. This month I will be in England, Holland, Senegal, and Tunisia, which is pretty typical." Over-40 soccer and regular travel abroad! This correspondent is jealous!

Rick Eno and wife Courtney have been busy since their wedding was reported two columns ago. **Steven Crump** reports that Rick's daughter Marguerite Claire was born on July 23, 2005. After finally getting married at 43 to Claire, **David Weiss** reports that daughter Talia Danika was born on May 23, 2005. David lives in Boca Raton, FL, and telecommutes to his work in Boston, MA, where he maintains his careers as co-owner of the Beacon Hill Athletic Clubs and as senior partner at Wainwright Investment Counsel. ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

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A number of classmates reported recent job promotions and professional honors this news cycle.

Tom Herman was recently promoted to CFO at Ariel Capital Management in Chicago. Ariel is a fast-growing investment management company with over \$22 billion under management, Tom informs us. He joined Ariel just last year as their controller—proof that engineering is a great foundation for many careers, quips Tom. On the home front, he says kids Nathalie, 12, Caroline, 9, and Michael, 7, are doing great and enjoying soccer, softball, and T-ball. Nathalie and Caroline can already tell you where they want to go to college (Cornell, of course—no pressure from Dad). Tom caught up with classmate **Joel Zackin** and his wife Celeste in New Haven, CT, in February to watch the Cornell men's hockey team kick some Yale butt. He and his family were looking forward to vacationing in the Adirondacks this summer.

Peter Sunderland tells us he has been appointed assistant professor at the U. of Maryland in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering. **Winnie Sandler** (taking advantage of the ease of sending news on our class website) proudly informs us that her husband **Steven Grinspoon** was selected as the 2005 winner of the American Federation for Medical Research's Outstanding Investigator Award. It is AFMR's top honor for medical investigation given to an investigator age 45 or younger in recognition of excellence in biomedical research. Steven is an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and is the founder and director of the Massachusetts General Hospital's Program in Nutritional Metabolism.

John "Ralph" Russek Jr. from Orefield, PA, writes that he was recently promoted to general design division manager at the Pidcock Company, a civil engineering and land-planning firm located in the Lehigh Valley. Ralph retired from the Navy Reserves as a commander on Jan 1, 2004 after more than 20 years of service. His daughter Erin, 16, enjoys riding and showing her horse, while son Erik, 13, is fascinated by "tough" video games and loves to follow Cornell men's hockey. **Sheri Rabinowitz Reig** of Bedford Corners, NY, writes that she is "of counsel" at the firm of Bingham-McCutchen. For the last six years she has been intensively involved in the Swiss banks Holocaust settlement. She was also appointed by Eastern District of New York Chief Judge Korman in 2002 to serve as deputy special member of the settlement. So far, she reports, over \$750 million of the \$1.25 billion settlement fund has been distributed to Holocaust survivors worldwide. Her husband **Neil '81** has a thriving estates and elder law practice in Westchester, NY, and she and her husband celebrated the arrival of Adam Phillips Reig in December, who joins big sister Samantha, age 10.

Hunter Johnson of Old Greenwich, CT, checks in to tell us that he was recently named VP and treasurer of Asbury Automotive group (NYSE: ABG), and he and his wife Michele are the proud parents of boys Clark, 11, and Karl, 8. Hunter brings news of classmate **Steve Amador**, MBA '86, who, Hunter says, could use a call from anyone who knows him. **Cheryl Siegel Schneider** from Maplewood, NJ, says she can't believe she is sending her child off to college already. Her son Sam will be attending Vanderbilt U. this fall to study music education—a major that Cornell apparently doesn't offer, so she couldn't convince him to apply. But she's working on her other two children. As a consolation, Cheryl says she will at least feel right at home when they play their Alma Mater—Vanderbilt is apparently one of the schools listed in the *Alumni News* as having "stolen" Cornell's Alma Mater!

I still find our mailbag quite full of submissions from our e-mail blast a few months back. So while I am enjoying the present luxury of selecting from a large pool of interesting notes, please keep the news coming for the next round for my fellow correspondent Dinah. And I'll make one last plea to send some recent photos of yourself and classmates and those from your days at Cornell for inclusion for our class DVD scrap album. Time is running out for the grant money given to our class to fund this project. Also note my new earthlink address to e-mail me your scanned or digital photos. ♦ **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net; **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinahgodwin@earthlink.net.

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before returning to teaching." **Jeannette Allen**, MBA '87 (Eldersburg, MD) reports that she is kept busy with her two children. Tia is 8 and Ward is 6. **Matt Arnold** wrote a novel that has been published! He said he would be honored if anyone from his Big Red days would check it out. It's called *Crossroads*. Find out more at Amazon.com.

Amy Brooks-Kayal was promoted to associate professor of neurology and pediatrics at the U. of Pennsylvania. **Susan Bariahtaris** Karp and her husband Allen are living in Glastonbury, CT, with their children Alison, 14, Danielle, 12, and Nicholas, 10. Susan was just elected chair of the Glastonbury Town Council. **Jon Kimball** and his family really enjoyed living in North Carolina, but are excited about returning to California and the Bay Area. Jon was offered the opportunity to serve as a general manager at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco—the same hotel where he began his career, starting as a management trainee following graduation. "It is very exciting to be back!"

Jean Nelson's husband Matthew Di Gioia is a real estate developer in Wilmington, NC. They have children Matthew, 13, Dana, 11, and Jeannette, 9. Jean enjoys the beach, piano, working out, and being a mom. She is also a partner in Wilmington Anesthesiologists, a private practice group in Wilmington. They provide all anesthesia services to New Hanover Regional Medical Center and Cape Fear Memorial Hospital. **Susan DeBari** and husband David Hooper have been married for nine years now. They have two children, Nina, 5, and Cecelia Grace, 3. The whole family spent the winter in Grenoble, France, and both girls are now skiing on their own. "Back here in Bellingham, WA, we ski, kayak, hike, and bike as a family." Susan is an associate professor of geology and science education at Western Washington U.

Anthony Galbato was recently appointed to senior VP for human resources with Amazon.com after 17 years with General Electric. He is in the process of relocating from Connecticut to Seattle. **Sylvia Bartok Reich** and her husband **David '83**, MBA '84, are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Their daughter Nikki is 15 years old and plays singles tennis on the girls varsity tennis team. When the Reichs wrote, their son Alan had just finished 7th grade, and son Noah had just finished kindergarten.

Vicki Seiden Sherman and her family relocated to Melbourne, Australia, for two years, due to her husband Jeff's job. In addition to their children Alec, 13, Katie 11, and Tyler, 7, their black Lab Wendy will be making the trip. When they return in 2007, they will move back to their home in Chappaqua, NY. They saw **Beth Marshall Marfurt** and her husband **Jeff** at their daughter's bat mitzvah. Also there were **Adrienne Bell** Podell and **Laura Beckwith** Diehl.

Paul Royer and his wife Karen have been married for 17 years and have two beautiful children, Jordan, 12, and Anthony, 8. "Both are exceptional athletes and students hoping to attend Cornell in the future." Paul is a licensed clinical social worker with a thriving practice in Pasadena. He has developed and implemented programs for psychiatric facilities for adolescents and their families. **James Clark**, MAT '85, and his

wife Shirley live in Rixford, PA. James is an extension educator for the Penn State Cooperative Extension in McKean County. In his spare time, he volunteers for the McKean Federal Prison and McKean County Hospice, teaches 4-H dog obedience classes, and is helping to form the McKean County Animal Response Team. In 2004, he received the National Individual Program Leadership Award from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP). ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Some of you did send in news with your dues payments, and we were very happy to hear from you. **S. Coleman Bookbinder IV** (aka Coley) wrote to tell us about his recent promotion to VP, Investment Officer at Wachovia Securities in Philadelphia. Coley is married to Eileen and they have a 2-1/2-year-old son Quinn and a daughter, Grace, born on April 11. Coley sent a great photo of himself, his wife, **Jim Mann '84**, and Jim's wife Mai at a recent dinner. Coley also has been in touch with **Michael Seznec**, who is enjoying the new Wynn Las Vegas as the general manager of the brasserie.

Nina Patterson wrote that she ran into **R. Penza** (aka Scott) in the Oakland, CA, airport. Nina is the co-owner of Sports & Orthopedic Leaders Physical Therapy, as well as Sol Companion (canine physical rehabilitation). **Amy Smith** Linton is living in Tampa, FL, with her husband Jeff. They were sorry to miss Reunion, but Amy sends her best to the English majors and "car-guys" (we assume you know who you are!). **Elizabeth Fathaver** Otto wrote to us from Urbana, IL. She married Milton on October 23, 2004 and the guests included **Karen Winey** and **Pam Slighter**. Milton exports farm equipment while Elizabeth is a promotions manager for the Campaign Public Library.

Dr. **Nicholas Theodore** writes to us from Phoenix, AZ, where he lives with his wife Effie, and their sons Costa, 7, and John, 4. As the director of the Barrow Neurological Inst., Nicholas coordinates multiple research projects in brain and spinal cord injury, and was the first neurosurgeon worldwide to use Cethrin, an experimental drug to treat acute spinal cord injury. **Margorie Reimer** Setchko is living in Richmond, CA, with her husband Dirk. Their son Quinn, born March 6, joins the 8 (yes, now 9!) other children

in their household. Marjorie also tells us that she heard from **Sue Mould** Engdahl, who is happy and busy raising children, working eBay, and battling javelinas (an animal, for those who don't know—and I was one of them) in the Southwest.

Jennifer Levenson is in Miami, FL, busy with Piece of Cake Productions offering portrait, landscape, and wildlife photography. Besides earning several degrees since being in Ithaca (MA, MSL, JD, etc.), Jennifer still finds time to be a biology workshop leader at the U. of Miami, volunteering at the Pet Loss Support Group/Greater Miami Humane Society, and to send us her news. If you are ever in Point Loma, CA, stop by Rosecroft, a B&B on the national register of historic places that was recently restored by **Scott Ellis Clifton**. Scott writes that he is enjoying retirement (yes, he did write that!) with his wife Mary and their children Scotty and Katie. Scott is involved with several charities, including being on the board of the YMCA. He also finds time twice a week to sail/race their 52-ft. racing sloop *Brushfire*—many wins have brought national recognition. **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez is living in New Jersey with husband Jack and their three adorable (our editorial addition) children Jesse, Sydney, and Isabelle. Tara has developed a very successful (again, our editorial addition) business as a director with Southern Living at HOME.

Last but not least, you can now read a bit about us. Joyce Zerkowitz Mingorance is living in Florida, where she meets up with Cornellians of different classes (often much older) at the Cornell Club of the Gold Coast events. She also hears many stories from the residents of Covenant Village, where she is the director of dining services. She recently listened to a resident tell a story about the Cornell football team beating the Ohio State Buckeyes back in the mid-1930s! Joyce's son Daniel, who is handsome and a lot of fun (that is Leslie's editorial addition), is the reason for the sparkle in her eyes. During the past few years, Leslie Nydick transitioned from her corporate real estate career to the conflict resolution profession (aka mediator). Her negotiation skills prove to be helpful whether she is mediating conflict in business, real estate, the workplace, or a family. Leslie is still living in (and loving) New York City after 20 years because she balances it with long summer weekends out on the East End of Long Island or at the Jersey Shore. Send news to: ♦ **Leslie Nydick**, LNydyck@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz**, ChefJoyce503@aol.com.

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There's no avoiding it. Even though it feels impossible, our 20th Reunion is close enough to touch. So mark your calendars for June 8-11, 2006, and while you're at it, think about becoming a class officer! Each reunion brings with it a changing of the guard, so please consider volunteering for a role in the evolution of our fabulous class. Consider your strengths (any writers out there?) and interests, and send an e-mail to class president **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster (lisahman@aol.com), or call her at (203) 625-9629. Are you a Web developer? Our class also desperately needs your help updating our site *before* reunion. If you have the skills and the inclination, please contact Lisa today.

As usual, we have several reports from our California classmates. **Robert Clendenin** writes, "Although many engineering firms were very impressed with Bob's 2.3 GPA, the right offer never flowed in, so he pursued the far more stable career of acting. He has lived in Los Angeles for a dozen years and works steadily playing various oddballs in film and TV. He resides in Burbank with his wife and son and a pug named Helmut." **Wendy Wong** of La Jolla is director of Digital Marketing as well as a "busy mom of two—Daniel, 12, and Kristin, 9—plus dog Max." Husband **Han S. Chiu '84** is managing director of a successful venture capital firm, Novel Bioventures, in La Jolla.

Melinda Stephenson Ohmer of Tiburon, CA, loves life out West with husband John and a son in first grade, but also enjoys her summer visits back East. "About a year ago, I resigned my role as head of organization development at Gap Inc. to start consulting independently," she says. "I love the freedom and balance this gives me." She also completed a one-year training program and is certified as an exercise coach. **Eve Saltman** of Burlingame, CA, reported that she and husband Skip "welcomed Sydney Simone into the world 18 months ago."

In East Coast news, **Ji-Hi Kim** of Princeton, NJ, is a medical chemist who moved from Merck to Wyeth Research in January 2005. She "recently married a Scottish man, a chemistry professor," and has daughters Danielle, 7, and Lauren, 5. **Jenifer Ong-Meyers** of Iselin, NJ, moved back to the ad agency realm from the ad software supplier side. "After more than six years at IMS, a client recruited me and I accepted the new position of VP, associate media director at ZenithOptimedia as of April '05. There are some new responsibilities and faces, but familiar duties and people as well."

Lisa Klass Davin, a category manager for cosmetics/suncare at American Sales Company Inc., lives in Lancaster, NY, with husband Jim, who's been with Procter & Gamble for 22 years, son Connor James, 11, and daughter Cassandra Diane, 9. **Kim Traugott**, DVM '95, moved from the US Virgin Islands to the east end of Long Island—Bridgehampton, NY—in September '02. She works at the Veterinary Clinic of East Hampton, and visits sister **Stephanie Traugott Frawley '90** and husband **James '92**, as well as nieces Emma and Isabelle, as much as possible. Kim is eager to hear from classmates as well as any "budding veterinarians" at ktt1@cornell.edu.

My Connecticut "neighbor" **DeEtta Crutenden** Spalding owns a financial advisory business, S&P Financial Services, in Willimantic. She has children Carilee, 15, and Alan, 11. Interesting DeEtta factoid: she collects Studebakers—and owns 18 cars and trucks. **John and Kelly Greig Ten Hagen** of Boyds, MD, have three kids, Katie, 13, Tommy, 7, and Jenny, 6. Kelly runs a molecular biology lab at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. John is VP, commercial banking at SunTrust Bank in Rockville, MD.

William Alba was named the first director of Carnegie Mellon U.'s Science and Humanities Scholars Program, run jointly by the College of Humanities and Social Science and the Mellon College of Science. Previously, Alba was the associate dean of studies at Bard High School Early

College in New York City, an innovative institution that allows high school students to complete two years of college while earning a high school diploma. Alba has also taught science and the liberal arts at St. John's College and the School of the Art Inst. of Chicago, Phillips Academy, and UC Berkeley.

Christopher Reynolds, MD '91, and wife **Jennifer Becker '87**, MD '91, moved to Portland, OR, with kids Alexandra, 8, Andrew, 5, and Ben, 2. Christopher works for Oregon Hematology Oncology Associates. **Mary Elizabeth Metcalfe Hall** home-schools her daughters Karen, 12, and Kristen, 9, and teaches guitar in South Carolina. Husband **Matthew '87** is a design engineer. "We are working together with other families to help plant a new church in our area with Sovereign Grace Ministries." For details, visit www.sovereigngraceministries.org. **Lane Marvin** and Rachel North were engaged early this year at the home of classmate **Aaron Donnan**, and married in July in Rachel's hometown, Perrysburg, OH. They live in Hillsborough, NJ. Lane is still an avid polo player and enthusiast, as he was when he played for Cornell. He and Rachel will have a delayed honeymoon in November as spectators at the Argentina Open.

Watch your mailbox (and, hopefully, our class website!) for Reunion 2006 details! ♦ **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu; and **Donna Mandell** Korren, dk26@optonline.net.

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Writing this column on the hottest day of summer makes me look forward to the crisp fall day when you all will be reading it. I will start this column with some news of my own. My husband was recently elected to the Mount Vernon Board of Education. I served as his campaign coordinator, the children were involved as well, and it was truly a family event.

Mike Moore is living in Concord, MA, with wife Stephanie and sons Nolan, 4, and Ian, 3. **Craig Standen** gets together regularly with Chicago-based Phi Delt. **Roberta Samuels** spent a weekend at Mt. Tremblant in Canada with a group of friends to celebrate everyone's 40th birthdays.

We have doctors in the house. **Lisa Gangarosa** is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the



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U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. **Mary Boname** is practicing optometry at Montgomery Eye Care in New Jersey. **Allison Fennel** is living in Virginia, where she runs a veterinary practice and is busy with her young child Zachary. **Rob Goldberg** is living on the beautiful island of Kauai with his wife Mary and their daughters Julie, Mollie, and Leilani.

Classmates on the move. **Boris Cvetkovski** moved to North Carolina with his wife Lisa and children Laura, 7, and James, 5. **Brenna Frazer McGowan** moved from Boston to Baltimore with her husband Jack and children John, 3, and

fairly new arrivals include: Daniel James Alonso, born to **Dan Alonso** and wife Karen; Samuel Singer Glusker, who joins mom **Dalia Gold**, dad Peter, and big brother Joseph; and Bronwyn Rose, who was welcomed by her mother **Maya Crone**, father Scott, brother Aidan, and sister Charlotte. **Bart Schachter** recently tied the knot with Charlene Garland. Bart continues his work as a venture capitalist at Blueprint Ventures. The newlyweds are living in San Francisco. Also newly wed is **Kathleen Dowd**—to Wayne Mattox. Kathleen is a director and team leader at Pfizer Inc. in New York.

to “have fun your last semester. Travel or explore, and don’t worry—you will find a job if you put in your best effort!” **Mary Barber** and spouse Alleyne Fraser have children Kennedy and Trinity. Mary just finished four years as president of the Association of Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists, and is working on a documentary “exposing the harm done by treatments that seek to change people from gay to straight.” Mary recently lunched with **Rebecca Wolff ’87**, who is completing her advanced law degree at New York U., and keeps in touch with **Melita Charles ’86**, who is working as a breast surgeon in Brooklyn, NY.

Susan Bregman, DVM ’92, married **Joel Nezezon**, DVM ’92, on May 8, 2004 in a small, private ceremony in Saratoga Springs, NY. In August they had a big bash on their farm in Brasher Falls, NY, to celebrate with friends and family, and many Cornellians were in attendance including ’88ers **Gail Wertheimer**, MPS ’90, and her husband Mark Palmer, **Kim Russell** and her partner Len Loomans, and **Jeannine Rippa**.

Rebecca Schmidt Haydock has a new home in Earlsyville, VA, having moved from S. Salem, NY. Her husband John is senior VP of marketing and creative at Crutchfield. Rebecca is at home with her two young boys, and is a part-time oil portrait artist. **Jane Gorham** Ditelberg makes her home in River Forest, IL, and has been married to Joshua for nine years. Their daughter Claire is 3. They keep busy with gardening, antiquing, and studying great books. Jane works three days per week as counsel in the private clients, trusts, and estates department at Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood in Chicago. From the other side of the US, **Karen Franklin** Smith writes from Lake Oswego, OR, that she and husband Jimmy and kids Andrew and Shannon are busy with family activities such as Little League, Cub Scouts, and dance classes. Karen is still working for CNF Service Company as manager of the retirement plans administration.

Alison Diamond Levasseur and husband Laurent are in New York City with daughters Lucie and Charlotte. Also in the Big Apple, **Anna Weber** is the director of program planning and operations for Carnegie Hall. Husband Martin Schapiro and daughter Hannah, born in November 2004, round out her family. **Jane Wiener** Parish moved out of New York recently to Tenafly, NJ, with her husband Craig and three children. Jane is working as an administrator at the Solomon Schecter High School of New York.

We end with the happy news that **Deborah Shalvey** Buelsing has “finally found the love of my life, even though it took some time!” Deborah and Scott were married on May 15, 2005 in Dunedin, FL. Cornellians at the wedding included **Carrie Gallup Friend ’90** and **Lynne Raymond** Martin ’87. They had a brief honeymoon to Siesta Key and West Palm Beach, and plan a longer trip in the fall to Palau (the “Survivor” Palau!). Deborah works as a pharmacist at Bayonet Point Regional Medical Center in Hudson, FL. Congratulations to all the fabulous Cornell women who do what you do so well! We are all in good company!

Did you know that almost twice as many women as men write in to us with their news? Are women better at keeping in touch? Are they leading more interesting lives?! Hey, guys, do you

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LAUREN HOEFLICH ’89

Meredith, 2. **Verna Ng** Tyree and her family (husband Dave and son David, 4) moved to a new home in Bowie, MD, in June. She is enjoying suburban life and going to Lowe’s and Home Depot a lot! The **McCormick** family—**Marty, Nicole (Clessuras)**, Jack, 10, and Zoe, 8—moved to Chicago and are looking forward to seeing any Cornell friends in the area. **Karla Griffin** is headed back to the West Coast after some time spent in Ithaca. **Mark and Susan Arndt Gorman ’89** recently moved to Tampa, FL. Finally, after years traveling and working in the Far East, **Rick Rivere** and his family (wife Sabrina and son Samuel) are now living in Manalapan, NJ.

In the halls of academia, we have **Yana Van der Meulen** Rodgers, who started a new job as tenured associate professor at Rutgers U. in the Dept. of Women’s and Gender Studies. **Mary Hohenhaus** wants everyone to know she accepted a faculty position in the division of general internal medicine at Brown, and plans on being in Providence for the foreseeable future.

Jacklyn McFadden Case is busy with three small children, Hannah, 7, Harry, 4, and Celia, 2. She and husband Thomas remain involved in the hotel business. They run a frozen food distribution business that supplies institutions and wholesalers. They just won a five-year contract to supply the National Health Service for England and Wales. **Heather Behn** Hedden is a freelance indexer and website designer. She recently became head of the Web Indexing Special Interest Group of the American Society of Indexers.

Shari Petronis Vander Gast is a surveyor for the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, a watchdog agency for hospitals and healthcare providers. **David Schreiner** recently took a trip to Puerto Rico, where he snorkeled in the sea for the very first time. **John Rosenberg** works for USI, a Johnson Controls Company. **Bryan Colangelo**, Phoenix Suns president and general manager, was named the NBA Executive of the Year by the *Sporting News*.

John Kenney writes to announce the birth of John Jerome Kenney Jr. John reports that the family has finally settled into their home in Menlo Park, CA, after a year of unpacking! Some other

Published authors among us include **Sophie Glasser**, who wrote *I’ve Known Since I was Eight* (iUniverse, 2003), the story of a lesbian and her coming out. **Dave Aldwinckle** wrote some very interesting news. After he became a naturalized Japanese citizen, changing his name to Arudou Debito, he launched and won one of Japan’s first racial discrimination lawsuits. He then went on to write two books about the experience, one in Japanese and the other in English. The book is entitled *Japanese Only: The Otara Hot Springs Case and Racial Discrimination in Japan*. You can find out more about this at www.debito.org. ♦ **Debra Howard** Stern, dstern39@yahoo.com; **Tom S. Tseng**, ttseng@stanford.edu.

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Greetings, Class of ’88! As you read this, the air will be cool, leaves will be falling, football games will be going on, and hot chocolate, apple cider, and PBR (that’s Pabst Blue Ribbon for those of you who’ve forgotten popular upstate New York beers) will be flowing plentifully. As I write this in mid-August, it is 103 degrees on the East Coast, and the only hot chocolate in sight is the miniature Dove Bar I accidentally left in my car to melt pathetically in the cup holder. Sigh.

This issue’s column is all about fabulous, hard-working women! **Denise Filler** Strauss hails from Weston, CT, is married to Craig, and has children Emma and Nathan. She is the director of global advertising and marketing for Schering Plough in Kenilworth, NJ, and was named one of Advertising Age’s Top 25 “Women to Watch” in June 2004! She has also been named one of the Top 25 Marketers of the Year for 2003 and 2004 by *USA Today*. Congratulations! **Cheryl Dyer** Kojima writes that she has been assistant professor in animal science at the U. of Tennessee since summer 2004, and teaches undergraduate animal breeding and genetics, as well as pork production. She is also currently doing research in livestock genetics and genomics. She lives in Knoxville, TN, with her husband Freddie Kojima and children Mia and Erin.

Pam Anderson is busy at home taking care of her three girls—Rebecca, Allison, and Sarah. She recommends to recent graduates and seniors

accept the challenge? Write in and tell us what's happening with you! ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; and **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 Lots of news to share—still from the e-mail we sent out in April. Let's get right to it! **Julie Bestry** writes that she rarely gets to see her '89 cohorts, but Cornellians are part of her daily life. Her group from Cornell, including **Mark Mironer** (Minneapolis), **Paul Quagliana**, MS '90, and wife **Kindra Kelly-Quagliana** '90 (Starkville, MS), **Jason Garbis** (Boston), **John and Lisa McCurry Basile**, MD '93, and **Brett Walker**, talk almost daily in their own e-mail chat group. This year they celebrated the arrival of the Basiles' new baby girl and Brett Walker's return from three-plus years in India with his new bride Zahira. Julie also chats via e-mail almost daily with Dr. **Valerie Spreng** '90, her webmaster and pal **Biana Brukman** Babinsky '98, and **Mark Anbinder**. Since graduating, Julie is most proud of leaving the television industry and starting her own business as a professional organizer. She received the 2004 Tennessee Small Business Administration Home-Based Business Advocate of the Year Award. She is the proud adopted auntie of her Cornell crowd's little ones: Brian and Mae Mironer, Shira Garbis, Cullen Quagliana, and Robert and Sara Basile.

Rachel Morgan is most proud of her PhD at Emory U. in infant perception/cognitive/motor development. The last Cornellians she saw were people from the Cornell Club on Long Island while they were recruiting new students. **Melinda Hammer** Lehman is living in Larchmont, NY, and raising her children Matthew, 8, David, 6, and Julia, 6. **Elliot Sokoloff** shares his pride in his wife of ten years, Nancy (who is director of a school for children with special needs and a candidate for a doctorate in education), daughter Katherine, 4, and son Alexander, 2. Elliot's law firm, Sokoloff & Weinstein P.A. entered its 13th year in Royal Palm Beach, FL, practicing in the areas of injury law, wills, trusts, probate, and business, as well as real estate transactional work. He is licensed to practice in New York, D.C., and Florida and is a member of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers; his practice was featured on Kiplinger's Financial News. Elliot never dreamed he would be living in Florida, since he loves the cold weather and skiing. He saw **Brian Bock** '88, who came to Florida from L.A., where he practices labor law and has a wonderful wife, Judy, and son Sam.

Tim Sherwood joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, as an attending surgeon in thoracic surgery and lung transplantation, and he is also the proud parent of three boys, ages 5, 3, and 1. **Scott McMahon** became a teacher about five years ago. He still plays soccer and coaches. He lives in Guilford, CT, with wife **Erin (Simpson)** '90 and daughters Emma, 11, Julia, 8, and Olivia, 1. He still uses some Hotel skills serving 300-plus people at church dinners.

Garrett and Lisa Friedman Stackman '91 have tried on their entrepreneurial hats. They have invented and are marketing a product that can convert a sink into a personal diaper-changing station that can easily fit into a diaper bag.

(They have two boys and have had a lot of practice changing them in less than desirable places.) This is a big stretch from their day jobs; he is an attorney for a pharmaceutical giant and his wife is the director of human resources at an executive conference center. The product is called the Diaperbridge and is patent pending. You can find out more about the product at www.diaperbridge.com or you can e-mail him for more information at stackmg@wyeth.com.

After graduating from Cornell, **Donald Lynam** went to graduate school in clinical psychology at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. After getting his PhD, he took a tenure-track position at U. of Kentucky in 1995. He married his graduate school sweetheart, Margo Monteith, who took a tenure-track position at UK the year before he did. He and Margo, who have both been promoted to full professor, have two adorable daughters, Madeline, 5, and Alexandra, 4. **Daniel Coultoff**, a partner at the law firm of Gronek & Latham in downtown Orlando, FL, is most proud of having been awarded the Community Relations Award by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando (July 2004) and receiving a second place award from the Florida Press Association for a column entitled "An Ambulance for Israel" (2002). In June 2005, the *Orlando Business Journal* also listed him in their Top Forty Under Forty for community and professional leaders. Daniel now has daughter Alexa Lee, who joins her brother David. He saw **Jordan Alliger** and **David Vollweiler** at the bar mitzvah of Jordan's son Zachary in January 2005. He also saw **Stu Rogers** '90 that month.

Brian Krabak had an outstanding year traveling the globe as a sports medicine physician for Johns Hopkins. In August 2004 he was a physician for the Athens Olympic Games, taking care of athletes in the Aquatic Center. The experience was wonderful, as Michael Phelps is from Baltimore, so Brian was able to spend time with the US team and watch them compete. Last spring, Brian headed to China as medical director for a 150-mile six-day staged race through the Gobi Desert (www.racingtheplanet.com), in which over 100 of the world's elite runners race across the desert. **Peter Chase** is most proud of the company he started called BPC, a "creative development consultancy" and management group. Since inception, he has collaborated with **Ian Sklaver** on the development of Skybar Miami Beach, the Hudson Bar at the Hudson Hotel, NYC, and the Redwood Room at the Clift Hotel in San Francisco, just to name a few. He has just christened a new relationship with Starwood Hotels, creating and managing bar concepts in some of their new W hotels, with the opening of Wunderbar Montreal. Last spring he joined forces with Jeffrey Chodorow to open a bar in the meat packing district of New York City that is of Japanese design and completely outdoors—with a retractable roof. He says that many more are still to come.

Dina Stein Propp and husband Doug had their first child, Ilana Michelle, on June 3, 2004. Dina has been working at her job in the strategy and planning department at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital about four days a week. Dina and her husband live in Manhattan. **Ilissa Rubinstein** Sternlicht celebrated her tenth wedding

anniversary. She and husband David have daughters Rachael, 6, and Natalie, 3, and live on Manhattan's Upper West Side. She works as director of operations for *Entertainment Weekly* magazine, having been there over ten years. She sees **Randi Rimerman** Serota often, sometimes in Boca Raton, FL, where their parents have all retired (and so has the father of this columnist—must be a trend!). Randi is married to Howie Serota and they have sons Max and Adam. **Aaron and Amy Parker Sumida** are the proud parents of two girls, ages 2 and 4, and a newborn boy. Aaron has been with Aldi Foods Inc. since graduating and is responsible for the entire New York division, based in the Syracuse area. Amy enjoys staying at home with her three children and being an active volunteer in the community.

Remember, not only can you submit news with your dues form, but you can always e-mail us. We love to hear from you! ♦ **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeftlich@yahoo.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; and **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com.

90 Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! I'm the second of your new class correspondents and look forward to a newsy stint. Speaking of news, let's get right to it!

Parenthood—what else do you expect from a bunch of thirtysomethings?—is our first headline. **Cynthia Loizides-Weber** and her husband Michael Weber adopted 5-month-old twins Alexander and Olivia in December 2004. Cynthia sends word that **Valerie Braun** Malerba, now living in Italy, has a new son, Andrea. **Halle Levine** Farber and husband Paul welcomed daughter Risa in January 2004 and then life really changed. Halle writes: "After the baby was born, we re-evaluated our lives and careers and decided it was time to have an adventure. So we quit our jobs (me, benefits consultant; him, lawyer), packed our bags, and got out of New York City. Friends and alumni were super nice about opening their homes across the country while we researched different cities and options." The Farbers settled in Phoenix, AZ, where Halle is combining motherhood and art.

W. Ming Shao and wife Alexandra Wagner welcomed their first child in October 2004. Lukas was baptized this past April in Alexandra's hometown of Dortmund, Germany, where the guests included godfather **Julian Ha** and his wife Annett. Ming is now vice president and associate general counsel for MicroStrategy in McLean, VA. Also adding to our Cornell family tree are **Andrew and Arlene Goldstein Stein**, who announced the birth of Samantha on Feb. 22, 2005. She joins brother Brandon. Andrew is now manager of publishing strategy for LexisNexis Matthew Bender in Newark, NJ. The Steins could have a joint birthday party with **Nick**, PhD '96, and Patricia **Kolias**, who welcomed son Gianni on Feb. 10, 2005, in Massachusetts. And, OK, it's not quite the same as becoming a father, but it's his baby nonetheless: congratulations to **Paul Albanese**, whose company, Albanese & Lutzke, golf course architects in Royal Oak, MI, celebrated its first anniversary.

Let's hear it for our class physicians! **Todd Oravitz** tells us he is now chief of hepatic transplant anesthesia at the V.A. Pittsburgh Healthcare System and has been named a diplomat in peri-operative transesophageal echocardiography by the National Board of Echocardiography. Hey, Todd, make sure you and wife M'Lisa teach son Todd Jr. and daughter Maile how to spell all those big words right! **Mark Eskenazi** is a spinal surgeon in private practice in Palm Beach County, FL, when he's not spending time with wife Anna, daughter Alexa, and son Jordan. Special kudos go to **Jessica Lattman** for being brave enough to share her professional space with her spouse. Jessica specializes in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery of the eyes, and hubby **David Rosenberg '89**, MD '93, is a facial plastic surgeon. They see their patients in Manhattan and their daughters Alexandra and Samantha at home in Scarsdale, NY.

In other professional news, **Katrina Christakis** writes that she is a partner at the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr in Chicago. She and husband David Hussar have son Ronan, with whom they sail Lake Michigan and root for the Cubs. Also making partner is **Gary Kravitz**, who's with the firm of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler in Bloomfield, MI. Gary and his wife Sara have kids Evan and Elise. **Joanne Dinello** Karchmer has been promoted to executive director, career development at the UC Berkeley School of Law. When not helping future legal eagles, she oversees the development of son Nathan and daughter Caroline. **M. Jeffrey Hoffman** is founder and CEO of Basho Strategies, an international sales training firm. Now living in Andover, MA, with wife Jennifer and sons Charlie and Max, he'd love to hear from his Theta Chi brothers and any classmates in New England.

Let's spread out a little on our map of the United States. In Salem, OR, **Douglas** and **Anne Dierckes Kirkpatrick** have their hands full with children Elizabeth, Andrew, Stephen, and Jane. Anne stays home with them and volunteers while Doug works for HDR Engineering. From New Orleans, **Andrew Powell** writes that he is an All-state insurance agency owner and a licensed landscape architect and that he and wife Victoria have sons Gavin and Wyatt. And in Forestville, CA, **Eric Sussman** is a winegrower and partner in Radio-Coteau, a Sonoma County vintner.

Now for something completely different: how **Kim Mussman** was going to spend her summer vacation. Kim and **Bruce Rubin '85**, both humanities teachers at the Professional Performing Arts School in New York, wrote of their plans to travel to Tibet and India to study the Tibetan Buddhist diaspora and to hike to base camp at Mount Everest, all with the help of a grant from New Visions for Teachers. Because of our deadlines, we don't know how the trip turned out, so Kim, tell us!

And the rest of you, put us on your holiday card list and tell us how *your* lives are turning out! ♦ **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net; and **Tamiko Toland**, stmoluag@yahoo.com.

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Greetings and salutations to everyone. It always seems like six months goes by quickly—and as usual, I am excited to have yet another

opportunity to bring you the news and notes from the Class of '91. We are sweltering here in the Carolinas as we are currently deep in the dog days of August, but since this will appear in the Nov/Dec issue, I am trying to get myself in a "fall" state of mind and maybe it will make me feel cooler. Regardless, it's time for the news, so I will start, as always, with the birth announcements from around the class.

Karen Schmeidler Sagor tells us that she and her husband had their first child, Ariela Diane, on Mother's Day this year. Certainly that was better than flowers or a card. **Erika Ackerman** Duffy also had her first child, Jonathan Tuckerman, on May 1, 2005. She says that the middle name is from the trail on Mt. Washington where she and her husband got engaged. Also becoming first time parents were **Cathy Merrill** Williams and her husband Paul. Wynne Philip Williams was born January 6, 2005. Congratulations to all the newbie parents. The second one is the hard one, but after that, you don't really notice the difference with a third... or a fourth.

Robert Weiner and his wife had their second child, Joseph Isaac, in June 2005. **Munisha Mehra** Bhatia had twin girls on November 1, 2004, Mira and Riya. Munisha says that she is enjoying taking some time off from pediatrics to be with her daughters. Class of '91 couple **David** and **Kristin Markussen Karcher**, MS '93, announce the arrival of their second child, Duncan. Kristin also informs us that the family moved to the Philadelphia area, where David is working as a litigation support manager for Drinker, Biddle and Reath.

In general news and notes, another Class of '91 couple **Ben** and **Amy Seegal Kutell** tell us that their sons are growing up fast. Jonah is 6 years old and already a green belt in karate. Two-year-old Ethan is a ball of energy, so obviously he keeps his parents busy. Amy has started her own mural and freelance art business and invites her fellow Cornellians to visit her website at www.creationsbyamy.com. She also reports that **Steve Schwartz** and wife **Melanie (Rebak) '90** had their second child, Reid, earlier this year. **Susan Rosenblatt** is now co-owner of Kindness Animal Hospital in Waltham, MA. She received her DVM from Tufts in '99 and says she is "deeply single," having thrown herself into her work at this point in her life. I have seven cats and one dog, so I appreciate any veterinarian who is dedicated. **Susan Lipetz** lets us know that after 14 years at Mercer, she has now moved to Siemens Corp. as director of compensation for the US.

Ina Kurcz left her job in August 2004. Since then, she says, she has had a "fabulous" time traveling and visiting friends in the US and Australia. She also says that she spent two weeks on the island of Molokai developing her new hobby of non-traditional watercolors. Ina tells us that classmate **Liz Rosenfeld** joined her for an adventure in Australia visiting Sydney, Cairns, and Cape Tribulation, and sailing in the Whitsunday Islands. This all sounds amazing! **Karen Goodhart Hammerstone** says she is enjoying being at home with her children Andrew, Sarah, and Jessica. She is teaching piano part-time, and husband **Rick** is a manager for a software company. Karen lets us know that **Anne Marie Case** lives in Wilton, CT, with her daughters Nicole and Sarah.

Lastly, **Carolyn Ball** writes to tell us that she and partner Maureen McLaughlin celebrated ten years together last December. Carolyn says, "I met Maureen post-Cornell, so nobody knows!" and asks, "Have you ever had a 'coming out' announcement in Class Notes?" Well, Carolyn, I can't speak for every correspondent for each class, but I can say it's a first for me. However, it is great news and I am sure everyone wishes you and your partner continued success and happiness in the future. Congratulations! Carolyn also notes that she is getting her third master's degree from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Yes, Carolyn, it is time to stop now.

That brings me to the end of this edition of the notes. As always, I hope you had as much fun reading it as I did writing it. Keep the news coming to your friendly class 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 enjoying the fall months. Many of you sent in your news forms this summer, so I have a lot of news to report. Keep the updates coming! Several of our classmates have recently relocated. **Tiffany Doggett**, along with her husband John Lynch and their three children (ages 6, 4, and 1), moved back to the East Coast after spending 12 years in California and Colorado. They now live in Groton, MA, where she grew up. **Shelly Cerio** and her husband Kurt Wettlaufer relocated to Princeton, NJ, after Shelly started a new position with GE Healthcare. Shelly and Kurt also added to their family in October 2004 with the birth of their second child, Gage.

Business is booming for **Anthony Sapia**. Tony's Big Easy took home top honors at the *NY Bartender's Magazine* Cocktail Competition. Tony writes, "It's a great honor to be ranked number one in the cocktail world—so head to Ruloff's and drink many 'Gypsy Dreams.'" Tony and his wife Karen's twin boys Jack and Enzo turned 4 in August and can't wait to help with the family business. **Joshua Miller** sent in an update about his employment. He works in Chula Vista, CA, for Ultimate Hotel Parking Solutions, where he is the director of asset management.

More business news comes from **Wendy Schkolnick** Solganik who, four years ago, started her own business, Luscious Verde Cards, a custom invitation and announcement business. She conducts business nationwide and has 20 employees. She and husband Randy are also building their family. Maya Isabelle joined big sister Sophia on January 1, 2005. **Chris**, DVM '95, and **Leisa Pautler Brockett**, DVM '96, are also business owners. Chris and Leisa, both veterinarians, own their own veterinary hospital and employ 30 people. They happily live in Saratoga Springs, NY, with their children Megan Estelle, born October 15, 2000, and Charles Alexander, born November 22, 2003. In education news, **Rachel McGuire** received her MDiv in May 2004 and was ordained by American Baptist Churches in November 2004. She is working on a PhD in Biblical Hermeneutics and Social Ethics at the Inst. for Christian Studies in Toronto.

There are a number of weddings to report. **Kathleen Facey** married George Caudill Jr. on September 25, 2004 in Okoboji, IA. She currently works for SAIC (Science Applications Int'l Corp.) in McLean, VA, as the deputy director for human resources. **Frank and Bonnie Howarth** were married on March 27, 2004 in Portland, OR, where they currently reside. Frank is an architect with the firm Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership. **Abby Davenport** and Tony Murtagh were married in May 2004. They currently live on Sanibel Island, FL. Abby recently became VP of food and beverage for Merritt Hospitality.

Geoffrey Hess married Stephanie Buening in October 2004. Geoffrey lives in Longmont, CO, and he just celebrated his 13th year with Monrovia Growers. **Scott Livingstone** married Kelli Pontaski on May 21, 2005 in East Aurora, NY. Scott changed jobs in October 2004 and he is now employed as a senior soil scientist with Earth Dimensions Inc. in Elma, NY. **Lisa Anne Martin** was married on May 21, 2005 to Roy Hendrickson just outside of Chicago, IL. Classmate **Amy Bonsall** Harry and her husband Lance traveled from Rhode Island to share in Lisa and Roy's celebration. In February 2004, Lisa moved from a law firm to MCI Inc., where she is in-house counsel. Lisa drafts and negotiates commercial agreements for MCI's enterprise customers and finds it a welcome change from litigation.

I received many other family updates as well. **James Mitchell Tacy** and his wife Dorian Ryan have two boys, Connor, 3, and Jimmie, 1. James and his family live in Berthoud, CO, where he has a private law practice focusing on business and family law. **Brian**, MD '98, and **Melissa Hilton Hession**, MD '00, have children Jack, 6, and Maggie, 4. Melissa works part-time as an internist and Brian works in a local emergency room. The Hessions live in Hatfield, MA. In May 2005, they saw **Rachael Perkins** Arenstein and her twin boys Micah and Noam, and **Christine Bubrick** Bang and her twins Hannah and Theo.

Jeanne Rosen Goldberg and her husband Kenneth had twin girls Sophie and Julia on Christmas Eve in 2003. Jeanne recently moved to Needham, MA, and is currently a stay-at-home mom. **Alexander Hoffert**, the VP director of integrated marketing for McCaffery Ratner Gottlieb & Lane LLC in NYC, writes that he just finished a two-year term as the vice chairperson of his son's preschool. Alexander's sons Harrison, 5, and Nathaniel, 1, keep him very busy!

Enjoy the holiday season and best wishes to everyone in 2006. ♦ **Debbie Feinstein**, debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com; **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com; and **Renee Hunter** Toth, rah24@cornell.edu.

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In a demonstration of true class loyalty, **Nihal El Rayess** dropped me a line from Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Nihal and long-time boyfriend Brian Colbert have traveled extensively across

the Middle East and Asia since moving to Izmir, Turkey, almost three years ago. This past summer, they spent several weeks in China and Bali before arriving in Java in August. Nihal wrote, “We will wrap up our trip with a few weeks in Thailand and then back to Turkey for the beginning of the school year in the fall. I have been teaching Web design and corporate identity classes. I hope to spend about a month studying intensive Arabic in Aleppo, Syria, between semesters. And lastly, last March I had a one-woman photography show in a small gallery space in Izmir. The photos came from our travels last summer.” View them here: <http://nihal.net/web/photo/show2005.html>. Another frequent traveler is **Lucia “Angela” Spina** Castaneda. Lucia and husband Joe welcomed daughter Gabrielle Marin on December 5, 2004. Gabrielle joins sister Cassandra Emily, now 2-1/2.

‘We quit our jobs, packed our bags, and got out of New York City.’

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Lucia writes, “The baby's already used her passport since we travel extensively due to my husband being a professional motorcycle road racer! For now, I'm really enjoying being a full-time mom.” She and her family live in Boonton, NJ.

Closer to home, **Stacie Heck** Fitzgerald moved to Greene, NY, almost two years ago. Stacie is working in psychiatric assessments at the hospital in Binghamton, and her husband Justin graduated with his master's in May and is working as a therapist in Norwich. She writes, “Our son Jordan, 7, daughter Brooke, 5, and new son Teegan, 1, are growing quickly. We were hit with the flooding in April and have been having to replace our first floor (kids' bedrooms, etc.), but we are almost complete! We are very happy here in New York, back near family.” Get in touch with Stacie at stacie27@frontiernet.net.

Hotelies **Mike** and **Alice Herrick Daood** also enjoy life on the East Coast (western Connecticut). Alice and Mike have two sons: Peter “the big brother” and new baby Jeffrey Charles, born July 26, 2005. Alice writes, “Charlie is a big guy, like his brother, and rests very well . . . we are so lucky.” Mike has recently become a partner in LodgeWorks LLP, a management/development/ownership company that specializes in the upscale extended-stay hotel market. Alice has been working with a community theater and a local community service fund group “in between changing diapers and claiming that I'm just about to go out for a run.” The Daoods have stayed in touch with several classmates. “**Winnie Larsen**, **Rob Liubicic**, and **Scott Jackson** made it out to our place for a ‘Pink and Blue’ party a few months ago. They were here with us at the end of the party when we opened the envelope from our doctor letting us know that our son, Charlie, would be a boy. None of the class of '93ers won the betting pool—I guess we should have fixed it!”

Adrian Sexton married Bonnie Graves on September 25, 2004 in Sundance, UT. “Our ceremony took place in spectacularly colored Elk Meadows on a glorious fall afternoon filled with family and friends. Raised on opposite coasts, Bonnie and I are weirdly parallel; she is the only girl with three brothers to my solo brotherhood and three sisters, and our mothers were both married exactly 34 years ago to tall, vaguely goofy husbands named Robert. We now live in Santa Monica, where I continue to work as the VP of digital media for Lions Gate Films (*Fahrenheit 911*, *Monster's Ball*). I also have several scripts in development. Bonnie spent the last two years working as a sommelier for Wolfgang Puck at Spago Beverly Hills, and is now studying for her upcoming Master Sommelier exam while working on a wine-themed television concept. We would love to hear

from old friends and classmates at happycouple@bonnieandadrian.com.” **Tamar Dolgen** also makes her home on the West Coast. In May, she and husband Sergio Bicas moved into their first house in Studio City. In June, they welcomed a baby girl, Rose Abby—“Class of 2027, we hope!”

Another California resident, **Caroline Madden** wrote to share her experience attending her father **William X. Madden '50's** 55th Reunion this summer. “We don't get to see each other enough since I live in South Pasadena and my father lives in Atlanta. The Class of 1950 treated me as their adopted daughter (or granddaughter). I felt like an honorary member. The Class of the Century, as they like to call themselves, are an amazing group of men and women. Some entered Cornell straight out of high school, the rest (including my father) joined after armed forces duty in WWII. It was truly an honor to meet these alums.”

Thanks again for sharing your stories with us. We look forward to hearing from more of you! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazzz@aol.com; and **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

94 Greetings from New Jersey. I'm writing during yet another 90-plus-degree day—we certainly had our share of hazy, hot, humid days last summer. I hope it's a distant memory now as you prepare for what I'm sure will be a festive holiday season. As always, this end-of-year column is a light one, as the last dues renewal cycle is winding down and the next is just starting. News of our classmates is hard to come by at the moment, so please remember to e-mail or mail in news of weddings, births, job changes, life changes, moves, graduations, etc., when you send in your annual Class Dues, so we can all salute you!

The *New York Times* was a good source of wedding news. In February, three Cornell '94 grads took their marriage vows—two to each other!

Erika Ozer and **Jeremy Sperling** wed February 20 at Chelsea Piers in New York City. Erika and Jeremy hadn't met until 2001, when they were picked for the same jury, but quickly learned they had Cornell in common! Erika works as a senior lawyer in Armonk, NY, for the American unit of Swiss Re, a reinsurance company. Jeremy is the assistant director of the emergency medicine residency program and an attending emergency room physician at the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. In the same issue, the *Times* reported the wedding of **Michael Hodes** to Megan Richards on February 26 in New York City. Michael is a VP for investment research, specializing in finance and credit card company stocks, at Goldman Sachs in New York.

Greg Coladonato '93 was kind enough to e-mail another wedding recap. A good-sized group of Cornellians was reunited in balmy Houston on June 11 for the wedding of **Dave Martin** and Kay Kirkland. Classmates present for this elegant southern affair were **Kirk** and Sarah **Vashaw**, **Justin** and Tara **Antonipillai**, **Dirk Hallemeier**, **Scott** and Aly **Shambo**, **Ken Worthington**, **Brian** and **Sandra Petrevski Anderson**, **Chris** and **Ralane Randolph Bonn**, **Jenn Drais Wagener** and husband **Ryan '93**, **Channing** and **Jenn Saylor Hamlet**, and **Sheila Cohen**. The group was pleased to discover one of Houston's culinary gems, Goode Company BBQ—so succulent they awarded it the moniker of Official BBQ of the Martin-Kirkland wedding.

visited **Ali Craib** Rentz and her husband Jeff in Boston. "Ali has finished her fellowship and is now a neonatologist in Boston. They just had her first son, Jack." Finally, Clayton visited his sister **Andrea Sparks** Van Voorhis '89, BArch '91, in San Francisco. "While there I played squash with teammate **John Mao '91**. John was one of the alumni leaders that help raised over \$80,000 this year for the Cornell men's and women's squash teams."

Michael, Lindsay, and I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season, and a Happy New Year! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifermarchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dineen@wasyluk.net or dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 Hello, everyone! Due to the funky time delay between when events happen and when they appear in print, this is the first chance I've had to write about our 10th Reunion. Therefore, let's wax nostalgic on a cold November day and step back to that incredibly hot, humid weekend this past June when we all converged once again on Ithaca. For those who weren't there, this is your chance to feel like you were. For those who were there, this is your chance to remember what you did.

Reunion highlights for many include: sleeping in the U-Halls for the last time (they were torn down shortly after Reunion); Hot Truck and

from our time on the Hill run deep. An interesting observation several '95ers made was that they noticed the love of Cornell, and that the openness of Cornellians to Cornellians (for lack of a better phrase) is not as widespread between alumni of other institutions, at least to the degree that it is with us. What a wonderful observation!

Now, on to class news. **Cecily Tatibouet** married Peter Nisbet on May 14, 2005, in Harwich Port, MA. Cecily works at Harvard Business School as an assistant director of alumni relations. Last June 2004, **Jolyn Arisman** and Nicholas Enright were married in Manhattan. Jolyn works as a personal trainer as well as a producer of a monthly dance party called Bared Soles. On the professional front, **Stephen Friedfeld** recently left Cornell for the orange pastures of Princeton U., where he is the associate dean of graduate affairs in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. In nearby New York City, **Josh Bretstein** works at First Choice Legal Staffing, an executive and legal search firm in midtown Manhattan, as a director. And in not nearby Chicago, **Jason Wejnert** joined Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione as an associate attorney. Jason concentrates on trademark, patent, copyright, and trade secret law areas.

Lisa Taylor sent in a great news-packed e-mail. "I married Brent Taylor on April 17, 2004, in Atlanta, GA. Aside from my sister, my bridesmaids consisted entirely of Cornellians (and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters): **Cathy MacIntyre O'Neill**, **Melissa Damann**, **Atena Rosak**, and **Kirsten Mixter '94**. Brent and I live in Atlanta, GA. He owns a construction business in Conyers, GA, and I recently took a job as a law professor at the John Marshall Law School located in the midtown area of Atlanta. I am teaching courses in civil procedure and contracts to first-year law students and I love it. Brent has never been to Ithaca, but I can't wait to get him up there to show him around!"

Lisa also provided updates on her bridesmaids. **Cathy MacIntyre O'Neill** and her husband Tim had their third baby, Michael, in four years in July 2004. Michael has a 3-year-old sister Rebecca and a 4-year-old brother Patrick. The happy family lives in Sparta, NJ. **Melissa Damann** has a 2-year-old son Julian and lives in Raleigh, NC, where last fall she began a master's program in linguistics at UNC, Chapel Hill. Rounding out the bridesmaids of 1995, **Atena Rosak** is a third-year resident in general surgery at the medical center at Dartmouth College. Atena owns a little cabin in the woods about 20 minutes from the hospital in a small New Hampshire town. Lisa adds, "I visited her in October, and the beautiful fall New England countryside caused me to reminisce about fall at Cornell. It's just not the same in Atlanta, though the winters probably make the tradeoff well worth it!"

There was a fortune-cookie fortune Scotch-taped to the frame above the door of the U-Hall room I stayed in at Reunion. It said, "Your exotic ideas lead you to many new adventures." Please send in news of your new adventures and exotic ideas. Although this column has been mainly devoted to wedding, birth, and promotion announcements, it is also wonderful to hear about vacations, favorite pastimes, chance meetings, and fun events you have experienced. Don't let the bonded spirit of our reunion fade—send

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ABRA BENSON '95

Miscellaneous reports: **Dennis Byron** writes that he is currently the magazine editor for the *Atlanta Tribune*, a leading African-American business publication. He is also in the process of publishing his first novel, and writes, "Thank you, Cornell, for the guidance and experience!" **Teresa Kieun Nam**, MS '98, received the Ohio Dept. of Aging Award at the May 15 diploma ceremony of the Case Western Reserve U. School of Medicine, at which she also received a medical degree. The award is given to a graduating senior who had demonstrated a strong interest in geriatric medicine. Finally, in baby news, **Neil Mlawski** and wife Elisabeth welcomed son Jonathan Max this March. The family, along with their 3-year-old son Matthew, resides in Springfield, NJ.

Just got a last minute e-mail from **Clayton Sparks** (thanks for writing in!). Clayton is working as a photographer in Colorado—"trying to become the next Ansel Adams"—and spent some time with various Cornellians over the summer. He was a groomsman at the wedding of **Peter Rocha** and Amy Magill in Santa Barbara. "Pete was in Army ROTC at Cornell and just returned from a tour in Iraq, where he was director of the Iraqi Business Council, a US government organization that gives money to Iraqi entrepreneurs." Clayton also made his way to the New England area and

ordering in code ("I'll have a WGC and a PMP for AMB"); walking up Libe Slope, across the Suspension Bridge, and down Fall Creek Gorge; tent parties—some things don't change; eating ice cream at the Dairy Bar—thank goodness some things don't change; listening to President Rhodes speak—really glad some things don't change; our class photo (special thanks to all those who showed up for that); golfing at Robert Trent Jones; swimming in the gorge, although this time we all had matching red beach towels (our class Reunion gift!); wine tasting, either at vineyards in the heat or on campus in air conditioning; shopping at the Campus Store (several of us weren't prepared for three days of 100-plus temperatures and needed to add to our hot-weather wardrobe); group picnics and BBQs, even a reception with Frank and Rosa Rhodes; and hanging out chatting with old and new friends alike in the courtyard between U-Halls—only now we spoke of spouses, babies, new houses, jobs, and pug puppies instead of roommates, prelims, crushes, rushes, and problem sets.

The atmosphere at the 10th Reunion differed from that of the 5th. We were much more relaxed, laid back, and comfortable with each other as well as ourselves. Maybe we had less to prove; maybe we had improved. We were (and are) a more cohesive class, and the common ties

in updates and let's hear how you are doing! Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 Greetings, 'Sixers! I am writing this column during an incredibly sobering time. The Gulf Coast has just been ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, and it's hard to comprehend the amount of loss and despair for the residents of the region, their families, and loved ones. For those of you who have ties to New Orleans and the surrounding areas, we'd like to let you know that you are in our thoughts, and we wish you strength, courage, and hope. On a positive note, it has been a great comfort that the Cornell community has been doing so much to alleviate the devastation in the area. At this very moment, current Tulane students are attending classes and acclimating to campus life in Ithaca. I think that those who opted to attend school in a more temperate climate would not have Central New York on the short list of places to live, but here's hoping that the current students don't have to deal with the blizzard we got hit with our freshman year . . .

A hearty congratulations to **Jodi Erlandsen**, who completed her law degree at night AND has passed the New York and Connecticut Bar exams. She was recently promoted to in-house counsel at ING Investment Management in New York City. And if that wasn't enough good news, Jodi also has relocated to a bigger apartment on the Upper West Side (which, as I understand, is quite the coup in the NYC real estate market). **Lori Unruh Snyder**, MS '98, has taken a new position as a lecturer and undergraduate coordinator in the agronomy department at the U. of Florida. Lori and husband Justin reside in Gainesville, FL.

Marnie Beecher Aznar just celebrated her fifth year in business as a fee-only financial adviser (check it out at www.aznaradvisors.com). Marnie lives in Morris Plains, NJ, with husband Eric and daughters Chloe and Sophia. **Melissa Martinez-Whitehead** and husband Wilver Martinez, along with children Emily Rose and Kevin Edward, call Houston, TX, home.

Vita Craine Cohen wrote that she and husband **Evan** welcomed Lily June into their lives on June 21, 2005. Vita writes, "She is a beauty like her sister Mia." The Cohens still reside in the Boston area, and had a great summer with their girls, including a visit to New York to see **Andy** and **Jessica Brief** and daughter **Jordana, Marc** and **Jen Turner**, and **Darren** and **Stefanie Senzon**. Also in Boston is **Marci Levine**, who is chief resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. Marci is relocating to New York City after six l-o-n-g years of residency (so if anyone in NYC is in need of an oral surgeon, keep Marci in mind!).

Matthew and **Maureen McCafferty Stanton**, MPA '97, have a new addition to their family—Lilia Mary was born on April 14, 2005. The Stantons live in Cleveland, OH, where Matt is returning to school full-time to pursue an MBA at Case Western Reserve U. Maureen reports that **JP Chaine** deployed for Iraq during the summer.

Our thoughts are with you, JP! Also in pursuit of higher education is **Ian Craig**, who is leaving the Navy after nine years to enroll in the MBA program at London Business School.

Ingrid Schmidt is a veterinarian with Davis Animal Hospital in Stamford, CT. Ingrid and husband **Brian Davis '93** have been married since 2001, and are about to celebrate their one-year anniversary in their first house. Previously, the pair were living in London and New York, and are enjoying being closer to family and friends again. Ingrid writes that **Mike** and **Eliza Barton Holland** are living nearby in Norwalk, CT, and **Kirsten Bell** is living outside of Chicago, IL. Great news from another veterinarian 'Sixer—**Christine Welker** and Michael Wilson were married on the beach in Belize on June 15. Christine and Michael (also a veterinarian) recently purchased a house in Fayetteville, GA. Christine writes, "I would love to hear from anyone else that was in Animal Science. We live in a suburb of Atlanta, which is a great city—come visit!"

The *New York Times* reported that **Kathryn Rubenstein** and **Lewis Pine** were married in New York City on June 25. Kathryn is a certified Pilates instructor in New York, specializing in postnatal fitness and rehabilitation programs. Lewis is the director of finance for the marketing, advertising, and public relations division at Polo Ralph Lauren. **Karl Schimmeck** and **Anne Snelgrove '97** were married on July 16 in Anne's hometown of Naperville, IL. Cornellians in the wedding party were best man **Paul Schimmeck '97**, maid of honor **Sarah Snelgrove '97**, MD '01, **John Tolpa**, JD '99, **Darcy Peterka**, **Jessica Adema '97**, and **Julia Laukys '97**. There were so many Cornellians at the wedding, it would be hard to mention everyone by name, but we here at Class Notes want to tip our hat to our class co-president **Erica Gantner**, who introduced the happy couple when they were all located in Boston. (Erica, are you available for hire?). Karl and Anne, a recent graduate of Kellogg, live in Westchester, NY. Congratulations to all!

And just in case you haven't been counting down the days to Saranac and Corn Nuggets at the Chariot like I have (really—try to find deep-fried canned vegetables in Northern California!), our 10th Reunion is just around the corner! Come enjoy the old and the new in Ithaca in June 2006. Best wishes to all! ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, slm1@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Allie Cahill**, alexandrachill@aol.com. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Greetings from the Windy City! Can you believe it is only a year and a half until our 10th Reunion? I've already been recruiting people to head back to campus in 2007. How about you? If you've been wondering what classmates have been up to since our last rendezvous in Ithaca, read on.

Thinking of trying a new career? Here are some suggestions. After a year of working with his new PhD at Abt Associates Inc., **Joseph Sabia**, PhD '04, has pulled up stakes from Cambridge, MA, and now has the U. of Georgia on his mind as he breaks into academia as a professor of consumer

economics. **Rafael Cox-Alomar** (rcoxalomar@yahoo.com) has joined the international law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP in their Washington, DC, office. Rafael completed his law degree at Harvard Law School and received a Doctor of Philosophy from the U. of Oxford in England where he was a Marshall Scholar. He has also been admitted to the District of Columbia Bar. Congratulations to both Joseph and Rafael on their great career moves.

Don't forget the wedding bells! Tying the knot in September 2004 were **Kristen Taylor** (kristen@flynndfriends.com) and Christopher Zachary. The wedding was in East Aurora, NY, and a star-studded Cornell event. Kristen's father **Leonard Taylor '68**, sister and matron of honor **Karen Taylor Moran '91**, DVM '95, brother **Kevin Taylor '92**, and brother-in-law **Allan Slotte '93** joined in the festivities, while Ithaca friends and classmates **Julie Gallagher**, **Rachel Stone Hadingue**, and bridesmaid **Catherine Bailey Watkins** rounded out the Big Red guests. The happy couple honeymooned in Iceland and the United Kingdom. They live outside Buffalo, NY. Another Cornell-filled festivity was the wedding of **Denise Kothe** to **Christopher Monti '96**. The couple celebrated their union in Woodstock, NY, in August 2004. Denise is a doctoral candidate in microbiology at the U. of Alabama in Birmingham, while Christopher works as a golf course architect. We all know that when two Cornellians marry, everyone is bound to have a good time!

Who has the stork visited lately? **Mark Klemptner** (mtk2@cornell.edu) sends word of his new arrival. Mark and wife Cara Siano welcomed David Emanuel on June 18, 2005. The family resides in Costa Rica and eagerly awaits the publishing of Mark's book on the Holocaust, which is due out in the spring of 2006. **Scott** and **Kathryn Boniti Wallace** welcomed baby girl Anne Elizabeth on March 8, 2005. Scott and Kathryn (kathryn@optonline.net) have begun brainwashing and expect both Anne and big brother Jackson to be future Cornell alums. Numerous Cornell visitors have contributed to the campaign, including **James** and **Michelle McKee Cubbon** and **Zoran '96** and **Marija Filipovic**.

Who is winning fabulous cash prizes? **Eunny Carl Cook** (eunnycarl@finsvcs.com) sends word that her daughter Kaelan recently won first place in a healthy baby contest for chubbiest cheeks. Eunny and husband Geoff hope a few more contest winnings will help fund her 529 account for her future Cornell education. Since Kaelan has already been to her first surf contest on her home island of Maui, perhaps she is a future surf star! Eunny, Geoff, and Kaelan spent Christmas 2004 in New York, where they saw classmates **Meghan Work Boedges** and **Nikki Arvanites Deluca**, as well as Eunny's brother **Chong Carl '02**.

While I have not changed careers, gotten married again, had another child, or won fabulous cash prizes, I am tempted to bore you with the details of my summer vacation to Colorado. Why, you ask? Because we have no more news to share. If you haven't done so yet, please send Erica and me all sorts of updates when you receive the annual News and Dues mailing, so we can use all the space that we earn. Get a new pet? Drop us a note. See a classmate? Send an e-mail.

Star on a reality TV show? We'd love an exclusive interview. Contact us via the class website at <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu> or the e-mails below. We can't wait to hear from you! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Welcome to another Class of '98 column. As a bonus, we would like to take you behind the scenes and explain to you the "making of" this particular issue.

As we hadn't yet received any of your updates from the recent class mailing, and news was at an all-time low, Gregg again contacted his friends to scavenge for things he could report. This is probably about the third time that Gregg has done this—but every time he did it in the past, a whole new bundle of news got sent to him from the folks in Ithaca. So much so, that he had to postpone the news he was going to report about his friends. Gregg was worried that his friends would no longer trust him to actually submit their news to the alumni magazine, but the third time's the charm and this column is hence all about Gregg's friends. Gregg would like to emphasize that he actually has more friends than this, but, understandably, the response rate to his solicitation was not overwhelming. If you're sick of us whining about the lack of news, you know the drill! Send in your News card or e-mail us any time of the year. Our contact information is at the end. For now, happy reading.

Kevin Brown wrote that it is about 95 percent certain that he will be working in the UK starting in January 2006 and be there for one to one and a half years—he should hear definitive news in September. Visitors will be welcome, as he should be getting a two-bedroom apartment. He can't wait! **Jennifer Hogan** reports that she moved to Boston in August 2005 and would love to hear from local alums. Also, she is looking for a job in the environmental consulting field, so if anyone in the Boston area has any leads, please e-mail Jen at jenlhogan@hotmail.com.

News from **Emily Lobel**: She is with Ernst & Young in New York and is an assistant director with their Office for Gender Equity Strategy. She has been with the firm for over six years and is enjoying focusing on their diversity efforts. She moved to Hoboken at the end of April and finished her first year of graduate school, where she is pursuing a master's in organizational change management at Milano (a division of The New School) part-time, while continuing to work full-time. She reports that there is never a dull moment! She still sees and is in touch with lots of classmates, including **Nicole Sandman** Karp, **Jennifer Sturtz** Goldstein, **Priya Kalwani**, **Karen Bernstein**, **Jessica Gruner** Studness, **Beth Fingerman** Spirn, **Sara Leeder**, **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, and **Keri Stahl** Young.

Chris Pernoud is apparently too busy to e-mail Gregg back himself. His wife Katie, however, was kind enough to report that Chris is now doing trading for Merrill Lynch Commodities in Houston and loves it, stress and all. Doug Lerit went to the wedding of **Justin Mayer '99** and **Tina Meyer '99** on June 12 in Washingtonville, NY. Cornellians in attendance included Justin's brother

Wesley '01, Tina's brothers **Alex '94** and **Marc '99**, and Tina's sister-in-law **Leanne Cronin '99**. Also attending were maid-of-honor **Kristin Bovalino '00** and over a dozen other Cornellian classmates and near-classmates of the bride and groom. **Lindsay Hamilton** Kruse is at Columbia Business School studying social enterprise. She sent an update from her old roommate who launched her business with another '98 classmate **Lindsey Wieber**. Their address is www.thelaundress.com and they've received a lot of press! Check it out. They created a luxury fabric care and specialty detergent line to take the chore out of laundry.

A big thanks to the above for sending news to Gregg. And another big thanks to the following, who volunteered news without prompting! That's the spirit, guys! **Cristzayda Matos** wanted to share with the rest of the class that she graduated from the U. of Puerto Rico School of Law this past June. Congratulations! **Jack Lu** sent us a little blurb. He is in his third year of internal medicine residency at SUNY Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse. He is doing a chief resident year next year and will be applying for a hematology/oncology fellowship for after that.

And that's it, folks! If you haven't done so yet, please mail in the News card from your annual fall News and Dues mailing. Send information about what you or your friends are doing, so Gregg doesn't have to beg to his friends again! Looking forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

99 The holidays are approaching. Celebration hangs in the air. The hankering for visiting friends and family is kicking in. And there's a sweet bouquet of sesame chicken with egg roll and plum sauce tickling your nose. That's right—it's time for the Chinatown bus. "The picture, hanging in the bus restroom, of a chubby, robed cartoon cat with Chinese characters reminds you that you ain't going Greyhound." (I read that somewhere.) But, really—what better way to spend 30 bucks than on a roundtrip ride from NYC to D.C. (to visit me)?

Listen up, folks. Eligible passengers include: **Liz Witmer** and Amherst alum husband Josh Dudman, who were married last August and honeymooned in the south islands of New Zealand, wine touring and hiking along the way. Liz is a PhD candidate at St. Johns U. in Queens and works at the Women's Health Project at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in NYC; **Mike Pressman**, double-Ivy-ing it at Columbia Law; **Helen Hwang**, director of Cushman & Wakefield's Capital Markets Group, whose team of six handled the \$1.72 billion sale of the MetLife Building at 200 Park Avenue—the largest single-asset office sales transaction in the country; **Carlos Rodriguez Infanzon**, who started his own architecture firm in NYC, Rodriguez Studio, catering to Cornell and non-Cornell residential clients throughout the northeast and Puerto Rico; **Sophia V. Francis**, who is owner and manager of three childcare facilities in Brooklyn, servicing children ages 2-15. Sophia received an "Outstanding Woman" award in May from the Progressive Democrats Political Association for her educational contributions to the community.

After graduating from Boston College School of Law, **Liz Rose**, my old summer-in-D.C. roommate, is in Manhattan doing bankruptcy litigation at Schulte Roth & Zabel. **Alexis Alpert**, **Meridith Bogart** Krell, and **Marjorie Kulak** are among many '99 classmates at the firm. Ladies—come visit! **Gabby Ruda** has almost finished her rookie year as an assistant district attorney in Manhattan. Go get 'em, Gabby! **Barbara Brody** and hubby **Brian Damiano '00** married last August on Long Island. **Amy (Lesser)** and **David Lyons**, **Erin (O'Hare)** and **Matthew Lindenberg**, **Darcy Partridge**, **Risa Shapiro**, PhD '05, **Jennifer Kwong**, and **Gerry Lee** were all in attendance. B. Brody is a senior editor at *Weight Watchers* magazine, and Brian's an associate at Kelley Drye and Warren LLP.

Alternatively, Inside-the-Beltwayers, we could head to the Big Apple. The D.C.-New York trip has the best Chinese rock videos and soap operas around. All aboard: **Blair Lee**, who entered the post-baccalaureate pre-med program at Georgetown this year after five years at Accenture; **Mandy MacDonald**, who's newly "added to the lawyer pile" after graduating from Northwestern Law—she's working at Williams & Connolly in D.C.; **Jen Kantor** who's a new D.C. bride after marrying Mike Gershberg Memorial Day weekend with Cornellians **Rachelle (Loranger)** and **Sean Consideine '98**, **Sarah Berger**, **Jen Mahl**, **Seth Saide-man**, **Brad Schwack**, **Sabrina Cerretani '98**, **Casey Morse '00**, and **Becky Harris** Mulvaney in attendance; **Diana Fitek** who just celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary (!) and is working on her dissertation in clinical psych at George Mason U. Her research includes studying the history of substance abuse by prisoners in Fairfax County—in the same facility where the sniper Malvo was being held. Diana, get out of there stat—you'll be much safer on the streets of NYC!

Speaking of Chinese soap operas, some in our class have had the opportunity to catch up on *days* of mid-day TV drama after having a little one. Amy Lesser Lyons excitedly e-mailed me within days of the birth of little Jacob Arthur on July 2. Congrats, Amy and David! **Cheri Shack** Day and husband Jonathan welcomed tiny Catrina Lynne in April. In May, **Cindy (Moore)** and **Brendon Harrington** had Kelsey Leigh on the 25th. Good fortune cookie fortunes to these future Cornellians!

One place the Chinatown bus won't go, but where you'll find **Sam Goldberg** these days: the great Down Under. Sam has been memorizing the appropriate cooking methods for different beef cuts in Christchurch, New Zealand. "In case you were wondering, cuts of beef should be brushed with oil and seared in a hot pan before being placed in an oven at 160-170 degrees Celsius. Nine-fifths, subtract 32—oh, YOU do the math," he reports. (What am I supposed to do with this, think I, the former Moosewood waitress/quasi-vegetarian?) **Nina Kullander** is also far from the Chinatown bus, but you can find her "minding the gap" on the tube. She's the new learning and development manager at Claridge's hotel in London. **Nancy Allen** too is enjoying the UK as a VP at Securities Finance. **Dara Sher** and **Jonathan Miller** are living in Paris and work for Johnson & Johnson Consumer Properties. Adjusting to the culture and language has been interesting, they say, "but

being able to see the Eiffel Tower every day and eat the delicious food makes it all worthwhile." Salut!

Ciao, folks. I'm grabbin' some veggie lo mein with my duffle bag and chopsticks and hitting the open road! ♦ **Jess Smith**, jessica@fenton.com; **Melanie Arzt**, snoopymel@gmail.com; or **Jennifer Sheldon**, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com.

OO Hello, Class of 2000! I'm thrilled to write my first column for our class. Being a columnist is right up my alley, since I am finishing up a master's degree in mass communication from the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. My other exciting news of late is that last year I married **Christopher Weld**. We live in Vicenza, Italy, where Chris is a captain in the US Army and works with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. We love exploring Italy, but we're currently spending time in different parts of the world. Chris is serving in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and I am spending time with friends and family in New York.

The *New York Times* recently chronicled **Angela Yu's** search for the perfect apartment in NYC, an experience that I'm sure many of you are all too familiar with. Happily, Angela and her fiancé found a great apartment in Battery Park City and are now focused on wedding planning, another task many of us are quite familiar with. The *Times* also reported on **Allison Dunloy's** May 21, 2005 wedding to **David Shaw '99** in Bedford, NY. Allison is a product manager at Fiduciary Trust Company Int'l and a chartered financial analyst. Another recent bride, **Allison Byers** Horner, headed to beautiful Maui for her nuptials on February 12, 2005. Allison is currently living in Texas and started her master's in physician assistant studies at the U. of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Allison also reports that she and her husband just bought their first home. **Nancy Poon** recently married **Brian Eng '99** at a winery in California. She rode the dot-com boom and bust in Silicon Valley and is currently a project manager at QuinStreet, her fifth job in as many years! In April, **Jessica Levy** Christoferson started her own business in Exeter, NH. She runs an upscale retail flower shop called Cymbidium Floral (www.cymbidiumfloral.com, 603-772-1300). Jessica provided the flowers for several Cornellians' weddings, and recently got married herself.

Jane Erica Feinson Coulter happily shares that after working in marketing and public relations for five years, she's enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom. Erica says, "Life is peaceful for a change, and I delight in seeing the world through the eyes of my baby." **Ari** and **Nancy Gross Mayerfield** are also new parents. The couple welcomed Hannah Kate to the world in July and are looking forward to another Cornell graduation for the Mayerfield family in 2027. Nancy and Ari live in Tel Aviv, Israel, where Ari attends Sackler School of Medicine and Nancy is a senior consultant in the transfer pricing department at Ernst and Young. Also enjoying life abroad is **Jenelle Berrien Piscitelli**. She and her husband **Nicholas**, **ME ORIE '91**, moved with their daughter to Barcelona, Spain, where Nicholas accepted an assignment with Alcoa for several

years. The family plans to do a lot of traveling while living abroad!

Several of our classmates headed back to school recently. **Arriel Atienza** served in the Navy, which brought him from Maine to Seattle via Virginia, Florida, Colombia, Panama, San Diego, and San Francisco. He is studying for his D.O. at Western U. of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA. **Anthony Cooper** is another military veteran returning to school. Anthony spent four years in the Army as an officer with the 3rd Infantry Division. He was deployed to Bosnia, Kuwait, and Iraq. Anthony is married with a son, Anthony Wayne Cooper III, and is currently a medical student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Azais Manalich-Elguea has spent some time on both sides of the classroom since graduating. She pursued a master's degree in global economy with a concentration in environmental

were married on May 21, 2005 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Cornell family alumni in attendance included Larry's dad **Jerry Goldman '72** and Larry's brother **Michael Goldman '04**, who served as the best man. **Marissa Antoinette** and **Brooke Schneider** were bridesmaids, **Greg Rubenstein** and **Adam Sloyer** were groomsmen, and **Jon Bernstein** and **Scott Valins** were ushers. Other classmates at the wedding included **Ben Brucker**, **Liz Axelrod**, **Dan Ruff**, **Peter Diamond**, **Ben Rubin**, **Matt Resnick**, and **Eric Kussin**. Other Cornell friends in attendance included **Eunice Shatzman '49**, **Ed Schechter '73**, **MBA '74**, **Jenna Mitchell '06**, and **Andrew '97** and **Debra Weissman '96**.

A double congratulations to **Angie Hunter!** She graduated with an MD degree from the U. of Washington School of Medicine on June 4, 2005. She began her residency in family medicine

‘Sam Goldberg has been memorizing cooking methods for different beef cuts in Christchurch, New Zealand.’

JESS SMITH '99

policy at the U. of Pittsburgh. In January, she became a professor when she accepted a position as the official institutional researcher of Carlos Albizu U. She is also teaching statistics in the undergraduate department of the university. Azais is currently applying to PhD programs in ecological statistics and conservation policy. She also reports that she fulfilled a teenage dream in August when she bid on and won charity tickets to an Alanis Morissette concert that included a backstage pass and a picture with the artist. Azais says the experience was the most emotionally charged and surreal ten minutes of her life!

Jared Friedmann recently completed a clerkship term and reports that he will return to the litigation department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York. **Lauren Kohn** is also working in the legal arena and recently relocated to Atlanta to take a job with King & Spalding LLP. She plans to live with **Jeff Dayton**, who is currently finishing the first year of his pediatric residency at Emory. Lauren shared that both **Dina Koss** and **Lauren Thal** recently received MBA degrees. Lauren also keeps in touch with **Kristin Bovalino**, who is busy working at Schulte, Roth & Zabel as an attorney, and **Gwenn Krasner**, who works for Morgan Stanley.

I look forward to helping share your news. Keep those updates coming! ♦ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Happy holidays, Class of 2001! We hope that you're all doing well and enjoying the holiday season! Here's some news from your fellow classmates. Congratulations to **Jen Brown** and **Larry Goldman** (both class officers), who

at Ventura County Medical Center in Ventura, CA. The other great news is that in May 2004, after she returned from her ob/gyn rotation in Anchorage, AK, her boyfriend of nine years (all throughout her Cornell years) proposed marriage on their anniversary. They wed on May 7 in their hometown of Lacey, WA, the day after their ten-year anniversary. The happy couple honeymooned in Maui for a week. Bridesmaids included **Kate Bledsoe** and **Ivy Bigelow**. **Andrew DeJohn** was a groomsman. Also in attendance were **Elise Ferer**, **Theodore Kim**, and **Nadia Liu** (currently at Cornell). Congratulations to Dr. Angela Sparks!

Congratulations also to **Annie Pomeranz** and **Chris Stambaugh**, who were married last September on Lake Tahoe. In attendance were Annie's brother **David Pomeranz '04**, Annie's sister **Leah Pomeranz Bernthal '98**, Chris's brother **PJ Stambaugh '98**, and classmates **Susannah Mrazek**, **Nick Fash**, and **Josh Kulkin**. Another congratulations to **Steve McBrady** and **Kristine Cash**, who were married on May 28, 2005 in Washington, DC. After a honeymoon in the British Virgin Islands they returned to D.C. to clerk for the summer before their final year of law school. Steve and Kris were thrilled to have Steve's classmates **Peter Bowen**, **Andrew Sachs**, **Jamie Carmody**, MPA '02, and **Jake Kramer**, plus **James McBrady '99** and **Adam Sills '02** as groomsmen in the wedding!

Congratulations to **David Peterson**, who was promoted to project engineer at S E A Consultants Inc. (Scientists/Engineers/Architects) in Cambridge, MA. David has worked at S E A and has proven his value at the company by working on diverse projects. He has been involved in the development of comprehensive wastewater

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SUSAN VERNI '01

Susan Verni has big dreams. “I really want to change the face of how people buy greeting cards,” she says.

Toward that end, she has launched “Best Regards, Susan Verni,” the small greeting card company she founded in 2003, into the wide world of the Internet marketplace. The New York City resident designs custom handmade cards based on her original photography and sells them at an online site (www.bestregardscards.com) created with the help of Web designer Stephanie Cockerl '96. The blank backs and nature scenes on Verni's creations—from a seagull on a lonely beach to pink peonies in a secluded New York garden—make them more versatile and personal, she says. “You could use these pink peonies for everything from a wedding to a birthday to Mother's Day. You just write a short little message tailored to the occasion.” She also sells her cards from a pair of midtown Manhattan boutiques, and says that she believes her work is more meaningful than the typical card pulled from a drugstore rack. “If somebody sends you a card from Hallmark, you throw it out three or four days later. But each of my cards is a piece of art.”

A Spanish literature and anthropology major at Cornell, Verni says her



business grew naturally out of her photography hobby. “I've always enjoyed taking pictures of landscapes, botanicals, and images like that,” she says. “Then, two years ago, I wanted to do something with these photographs.” Notwithstanding her embrace of online retailing, Verni has a determinedly old-fashioned commitment to the handmade and handwritten. “I've always had a strong belief in written communication, especially in today's world of e-mail and Palm Pilots,” she says. “It's important to use written correspondence when thanking people and staying in touch.”

— Michael Morisy '07

management plans, water treatment plant chemical feed systems upgrades, hydraulic modeling for water distribution systems and wastewater collection systems, and wastewater pumping station evaluations. David is an active member of the Water Environmental Federation and the New England Water Environment Association. **Josh Blackler** checks in to tell us that he started grad school as part of the inaugural class of the Paul F. Harron Television Management Program at Drexel U. He is now living in the Philadelphia area and still dating **Sandra Cheever '02**. He'd love to hear from people passing through Philly, and is looking forward to reunion next year (has it already been five years?!). Josh can be reached at joshua.blackler@gmail.com.

Megan Kell is now in her second year of getting her MBA at Berkeley. During the summer, she worked for Accenture doing health strategy consulting in San Francisco. During the summer, she frequently ran into **Cari Varner**, who is a graduate student at the U. of Michigan and an intern at the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association. **Mariana Niell** let us know that she is getting a master's degree in genetic counseling at Brandeis U. Another classmate getting her graduate degree, **Sophie Aiyyer** is attending Johns Hopkins U. and getting her PhD in public health. And **Lyndsay Wegman** has now moved to New York City, where she continues to work for Bank of America.

And as one last piece of news . . . our 5th

Reunion is coming up! Mark your calendars—June 8-11, 2006. Get psyched! The Class of 2001 class officers wish all of you a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season. Let us know what you have been doing recently and what the future holds for all of you. E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. From Trina and me, all the best and keep the news coming! ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Trina K. Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu.

02 It was so unbearably hot last summer in New York City. Thank heaven I missed it. I returned in mid-August from chaperoning 31 15-year-olds around the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Hawaii. Yes, I know, but somebody had to do it, and being the self-sacrificing martyr that I am, I knew I had to take one for the team. I climbed a 50-foot tree and jumped onto a flying trapeze, water-skied in Tahoe, summer-snowskied in Whistler, and managed to accidentally whack a Hawaiian sea turtle in the head while snorkeling (sorry, Myrtle!). Seeing Pearl Harbor was overwhelming, and something I feel extraordinarily grateful to have done. And of course, there's being around those hormonally charged, adolescent, socially un-filtered teenagers on summer vacation.

Since graduation **Ryan Horn**, MPA '04, has continued his conservative activism by working as “a consultant, ghostwriter, and researcher for a Washington-based political action committee.” He also continues his journalism part-time as both a freelance writer and at RyanHorn.com. Recently, Ryan has also stepped into the business world by working the Hamptons tourism industry with **Donald Whitehead '64**, president of Harbor Resorts Inc. Ryan also wrote to tell us that **Jason Minard** graduated with distinction from the U. of Miami School of Law and took the New York State Bar in July in preparation for a new job at Drake, Sommers, Loeb, Tarshis, Catania, and Liberth PLLC in Newburgh, NY. He will focus his practice on real estate and business law.

Sean Esmende writes, “After working in genetics research at Stanford U. since graduation, I'll finally be a medical student at the UCLA Geffen School of Medicine. It's great to finally be closer to my home in sunny San Diego!” **Matthew Lowenbraun** moved back to the NYC area—from Pittsburgh, PA, to Jersey City, NJ—to take a position in the consumer products division of L'Oreal. Congratulations to **Sarah Graham**, who was selected by Halloran & Sage LLP in Connecticut because she was the First-Year Honor Scholar through the honors program at UConn School of Law. She is working with a handful of different lawyers in the litigation and transaction practice groups researching and drafting for attorneys. Sarah has also had the opportunity to sit in on a few client meetings and depositions during her internship.

Matt Braverman writes, “On the weekend of June 18, **Joel Haenlein** and **Kelly Criddle '04** were married at Sage Chapel. Fellow 2002 graduates (and residents of Donlon 3 and 202 Eddy St.) **Laura Chipkin**, **Stephen Enochson**, **Chris Foster**, **Adam Krauszer '01**, **Joanna Lai**, **Chris**

Maheer, Jonathan Meer, Colin Murchie, Jeffrey Siddiqui, Andy Zilch, and I traveled across the country to wish them well."

"Hello, Class of 2002!" writes **Tom Mantos**, who resides in Bethesda, MD. "I thought you would want to hear about two CU '02 weddings that occurred within two days." On July 2, 2005, Tom was in **Andrew Luria's** beautiful wedding in Santa Barbara, CA. Andrew and wife Alyssa met in Eureka, CA, a year and a half ago when Andrew was starting out his sportscasting career. The two now live in Santa Maria, CA. "The next day," Tom continues, "I attended **Luke Vernon's** wedding to Brie Doyle in Lyons, CO, just outside of Boulder, where the couple currently live." Luke and Brie were introduced four years ago by **Allie Gunter**. The Vernon wedding was full of '02ers, including **A.J. McGuire, Miky Kuo, Jesse Capel, and Ryan Cheesman**, and '01er **Brendan Roche**. Sounds like you had a busy 4th of July weekend, Tom! ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Elizabeth Richards**, elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com.

03 Hey, Class of '03! As you read this, the leaves are turning to their fall colors, but here in Seattle, as I write this, we're all still enjoying the dog days of summer. I'm sure many of us are reminiscing about our college days when we had summer vacations to enjoy.

We have two couples who did take advantage of the summer weather—to celebrate their weddings. **Johanna Hartnagel** and **Aaron Birkland '02** tied the knot back in June right where they met—Ithaca. Now they've moved up to Syracuse. Johanna writes, "I start my PhD work at Syracuse U. this fall in the field of instructional design." **Michelle Newton** wrote, "I left New Jersey for sunny California about two weeks ago. Joey and I took a seven-day trip and logged over 3,500 miles in a sexy yellow Penske moving truck. We stopped in good old Rapid City, SD, on the way and Joey proposed that night." So after completing their drive cross-country (and that mid-country proposal), Michelle and Joseph Clement celebrated their wedding in late August on Lake Tahoe. They now live in Los Angeles. Congratulations to the new couples!

Congratulations are also in order to **Greg Andeck**. Having completed his master's degree at Duke U., Greg just moved north to Boston. He writes, "I began my first REAL job at Environmental Defense. I specifically work on the Corporate Alliance team, where we partner with leading Fortune 500 companies to create value while protecting the environment. Needless to say, this is a great opportunity for me personally and professionally. I can think of no other city that has the incredible history and charm of this place; my bedroom apartment looks out onto Fenway Park (Go Sox!)." Sounds like a great fit!

Well folks, that's all from this coast for now. If you're in Seattle, let me know. I've finally been here long enough to be able to show folks around. Please continue to send your updates to me and Sam as often as you can! ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; and **Sam Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu.

04 Wedding celebrations! Congratulations to our newlyweds! **Allison DiMartino** and **Justin Morgan** were married on July 3, 2005. They are living in Boston. Allison is attending law school at Boston U. while Justin is working in software. Allison writes, "We met during orientation week in the fall of our freshman year, when we both lived on the fourth floor of Class of '22. We were dating by Fall Break that year, so we were able to share all of our Cornell experiences. Then, on May 24, 2004, less than a week before graduation, Justin proposed at Stewart Park. We got married at the Fox Hill Inn in Brookfield, CT. Two of the bridesmaids, **Steff Hiltz** and **Jen Howard**, were also residents of the fourth floor of '22 during our freshman year."

Our next couple met sophomore year in their Psychology 265 class. On August 7, 2005, **Tessa Montijo** married **Jeremy Riley** in Tucson, AZ. Tessa currently attends the James E. Rogers College of Law at the U. of Arizona, while Jeremy works at Raytheon Co. in the contracts leadership development program. Fellow alumni **Courtney Grandner, Emilia Gianfortoni, Michelle Gottlieb, Matthew Perl,** and **Jonathan Powers** honored the bride and groom by participating as attendants in the wedding party.

Send in your updates, anything from stories about your travels, to new endeavors, jobs, or relocations. Also, join the Cornell 2004 Group on both friendster.com and thefacebook.com. ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

05 **Jessica Hayes**, like most Teach for America (TFA) Corps members, is knee-deep in her first year of school. She spent the summer at the Houston TFA training institute, where she found the work "stressful but rewarding." During the week she participated in intense training sessions on teaching techniques, but still managed to spend some time in Houston's Rice Village area. The TFA center ran buses for participants, where Jessica and her co-trainees were able to check out local bars, shops, and even an outdoor symphony. She's currently one of two Cornellians from the 2005 TFA program in Clarksdale, MS. (**Lin Yang** is living and teaching in Helena, AR. He just started teaching high school math in late August.) While it isn't Ithaca, it has been an enjoyable place. "It's home to the Delta Blues Museum and the crossroads where blues great Robert Johnson supposedly sold his soul to the devil," Jessica writes. "For the Delta, it is a fun place to live, because there is live music, Southern cooking, a Wal-Mart, and a grocery store."

During the week Jessica teaches first grade math in Duncan, MS. "I have 23 active, intelligent, and very far-behind first graders," she writes. While she marvels at how anyone could be behind in first-grade math, after a statistical look it starts to make more sense. "By age 4, children from poor families have heard more than 30 million fewer words than their counterparts from professionals' households," she notes. Jessica is also quick to point out that the average household income of her students is \$14,000, and that 75 percent of the families with school-age children

are below the poverty line. "On the whole, though, they are your average 6-year-olds—silly, talkative, gullible, easily distracted, serious about learning, usually self-involved, hilarious, and, in groups, very frustrating to deal with," Jess shares. "But I adore them, and I really hope that I can move them forward in their education."

Cornell's favorite weatherman, **Adam Daum**, is also experiencing early mornings with silly, talkative, and self-involved individuals, but instead of teaching, Adam is working in television. He's currently holding down two jobs as a weather producer: one for NBC's "Today" show, and the other for NY-1 news. Since the jobs are both part-time, Adam is able to juggle them. During the day he uses his wit to fashion scripts that we hear on the air. The next time you listen to Al Roker, don't be surprised if he sounds a bit like Adam! Adam also designs the graphics used to illustrate various weather conditions. He's currently living at home, and saving money for an apartment in the city. When he's not working he spends time with his local friends, and assisting with the United Synagogue Youth Leadership, a Jewish youth organization. While he loves his job and his free time activities, Adam secretly pines for the day when he'll be able to step in front of the camera.

After weighing various offers from environmental analysis firms on both coasts, **Claire Debergalis** was snatched up by Haley and Aldrich in Rochester, NY, where she has been since late August. Like the rest of you "real world" folks, Claire spent the summer apartment shopping. She finally settled on a cozy place about a mile away from Rochester's modest nightlife scene. Her summer weekends consisted of searching various decorator holy grails, including garage sale hunts for lamps and coffee tables. **Adam Sinovsky** has traded in his photographer lens for a job at Philips Electronics. Currently in the company's corporate development program, Adam will be in Corning for the next several months until he is shipped off to another Philips research facility. He's ultimately looking forward to next summer's destination—Amsterdam—where he'll complete his training program. In his free time during the week, he hits the gym, but on the weekend Adam often hits the road, traveling all over central and downstate New York. He also recently installed satellite radio in his car, and highly recommends it for anyone else who is stranded in smaller towns.

Finally, **Josh Dormont** writes with a request for help. Another TFA Corps member, Josh started at an elementary school in NYC this fall, and is highly concerned about the health of his students. "There's this great site called 'Donors Choose' that lets teachers write grants; people all over the world can fund all or part of them to help out teachers in under-funded schools," he notes. "My first grant is for a clean carpet for the kids who have a severe tendency to get sick because there's a lot of filth around. If you're feeling generous, you can donate—or just spread the word to your friends. I'd be amazingly thankful. And for all you lawyerly people, it's a tax deductible gift, so that's pretty cool too" (http://www.donorschoose.org/locale0/donors.php?action=view_proposal&id=25374). ♦ **Matthew Janiga**, mwj3@cornell.edu; and **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

Alumni Deaths

'20 BArch—Joseph E. Doan Jr. of Landsdowne, PA, November 6, 2004; retired architect; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'25 BME—Irwin Weill of Maplewood, NJ, December 5, 2004; executive vice president, Arrow Manufacturing Co.; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'26 BA—Lauriston S. Taylor of Mitchellville, MD, November 26, 2004; established first national standard for X-ray exposure; former president, Nat'l Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements; head of X-ray group, Nat'l Bureau of Standards; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

'27, BArch '25—Thomas F. Keeher Jr. of Englewood, FL, December 17, 2004; architect. Sigma Chi.

'28 BS HE—Grace Whitwell Putnam (Mrs. John S. '28) of Kenmore, NY, November 14, 2004; former dietitian, Niagara County Dept. of Social Services; active in community and religious affairs.

'32 BArch—William W. Freeman of Burlington, VT, November 20, 2004; retired architect; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Nu.

'35 BA—Perry D. Slocum of Winter Haven, FL, and Franklin, NC, November 29, 2004. Acacia.

'36 BME—Charles W. Egbert of Ridgewood, NJ, November 21, 2004. Alpha Tau Omega.

'36 BS Ag, MS Ag '47—Edwin S. Shepardson of Ithaca, NY, December 10, 2004; retired dept. head, Agricultural Engineering, Cornell U.; researcher, USAID; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'37 BA—Gardner R. Lloyd of Albion, MI, November 9, 2004; vice president, Hayes-Albion Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'37, LLB '40—Ellsworth A. Van Graafeiland of Rochester, NY, November 20, 2004; senior judge, US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; active in civic and professional affairs.

'39 BS HE—Elizabeth Shultis Hering (Mrs. Chalmers B. '37) of Cayuga, NY, November 27, 2004; probation officer; active in community and religious affairs.

'39, BS HE '38—Charlotte Lehr Solberg of

Carpinteria, CA, December 1, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'39 BS Ag—Ruth Heineman Thorpe (Mrs. Eugene S. '40) of Gibbon, NE, November 4, 2004; hematology technician; active in community and religious affairs.

'40, BS ORIE '45—Col. Richard J. Lindo of Palm Harbor, FL, formerly of Dewitt, NY, November 21, 2004; retired chairman, Minfelt Wholesale Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'40 BS HE—Esther Button Murphy of Tully, NY, November 27, 2004; asst. manager, Wandering Brook farm; home economics teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'40 BA—Marion R. Treiber of Fairlawn, OH, November 4, 2004.

'41 BS Hotel—James S. Fortiner of Ft. Myers, FL, November 29, 2004; realtor and developer; owner, Fortiner Commercial Realty; hotelier; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'42, BArch '43—Cynthia Adams Dawson of Miami, FL, November 5, 2004. Alpha Phi.

'43 BA, JD '48—Albert A. Dorskind of Los Angeles, CA, November 28, 2004; MCA executive; created the Universal Studios tour and developed Universal City; veteran; photo collector; attorney, Paramount Pictures; asst. manager, KTLA; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'43, BA '44—Helen Heinig Maginnes of Hampton, NH, November 10, 2004; market analyst and chemist, DuPont; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'43 BA—Malcolm Marlis of Marina Del Rey, CA, December 2, 2004; dentist; restaurateur; real estate investor; active in community and professional affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'43 PhD—Frieda L. Meyer of LaPorte, IN, November 4, 2004; retired director of nutritional research, U. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

'45, BS Ag '46—Margaret C. Ohlander of Maplewood, NJ, November 10, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'46 PhD—Evelyn J. Lorenzen of Moore, OK,

November 15, 2004; pediatrician; expert on child nutrition; author; active in professional affairs.

'47 BA—Edmund T. Weiant of Davidson, NC, November 27, 2004; chairman, foreign language dept., College of Charleston and Queens College; former head of the Far Eastern Desk, Radio Liberty; veteran; cellist, Charlotte Symphony; active in community and professional affairs.

'47 BEE—William T.S. Whistler of Gwynedd, PA, November 8, 2004; electrical engineer; worked for the Naval Ordnance Lab, General Electric, and U. of Pennsylvania; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'47 BS Ag, MS Ag '48—Harold Young of Santa Fe, NM, November 5, 2004; authority on processing, handling, and use of dairy whey; retired from Kraft Foods; dairy product technology consultant, Harold Young & Assocs.; veteran.

'48-49 SP Ag—Robert C. Thompson of West Palm Beach, FL, formerly of Deer River, NY, November 9, 2004; owner, Thompson's Campers; owner, Bobart Toppers; active in religious affairs.

'49 MS Aero—Stuart C. Brown of Palo Alto, CA, November 15, 2004.

'49—Frederick D. McLaughlin Jr. of Gates Mills, OH, November 26, 2004; owner, Process Power Inc.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'50 LLB—Charles H. Lake of Louisville, KY, November 13, 2004; attorney; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'50 PhD—Charles R. Mangam of Knoxville, TN, December 22, 2004; retired English professor, U. of Tennessee; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'50 BEE—Robert C. Moore of Sarasota, FL, December 4, 2004; professor, Western New England College.

'50 BS Ag—William D. Stalder of Morristown, NY, November 7, 2004; businessman; board chairman, Community Bank Systems; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Acacia.

'50 BEE—Hugh D. Thuerk of Plymouth, MA, November 26, 2004; vice president, Standards and National Policy, American Nat'l Standards Inst.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'51 BA—Barbara Mayr Funk of Charlottesville, VA, December 1, 2004; homemaker; active in artistic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'51 BS Ag—John H. Litzelman of Canandaigua, NY, December 25, 2004; worked for GLF and Agway; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'51 PhD—**Howard C. Miller** of Syracuse, NY, November 25, 2004; professor emeritus, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry; expert in forest and urban insects and diseases; veteran; consultant, Poison Control Center; author; active in professional affairs. Wife, Virginia (House), MS HE '49.

'51 BA—**John M. Ravage** of Cloverdale, CA, December 18, 2004; active in civic and community affairs.

'52 LLB—**Rocco E. Ciocca** of Penacook, NH, formerly of Peabody, MA, December 3, 2004; retired administrator, General Electric; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'52, BS HE '54—**Nancy Francis** Jones of Ather-ton, CA, December 29, 2004; artist; active in civic, community, religious and alumni affairs. Husband, Paul S. Jones '51.

'52 BA, M Ed '53—**Harry A. Simon** of Boca Raton, FL, December 18, 2004; teacher, Palm Beach Community College. Tau Delta Phi.

'53 PhD—**Marilyn Horn** Bohmont of Reno, NV, December 15, 2004; professor emeritus, U. of Nevada; dean, School of Home Economics, UNR; expert on history of clothing; author of *The Second Skin* and other books; also taught at Middlebury College, Pratt Inst., and Purdue U.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53 BS Ag—**Harry A. Merrell** of Gasport, NY, December 18, 2004; high school vocational agriculture teacher; raised Christmas trees; laundromat owner; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53 BS ILR—**Clifford V. Rowland** of Newfield, NY, December 23, 2004; retired asst. regional postmaster general for human resources; vice president, W.R. Grace & Co.; bed & breakfast operator; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'54 BS AEP—**Robert L. Hoeppe** of Evans, GA, formerly of Burlington, NC, December 26, 2004; retired field engineer, Western Electric and AT&T; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

'55—**Mary Pottle** Russ of Williamsville, NY, and Silver Bay, Ontario, December 4, 2004; active in community affairs. Alpha Phi.

'56-58 GR—**Robert H. Gaumond** of Newfield, NY, December 27, 2004.

'58 MA—**Barbara Bristol** Rotundo of Belmont, NH, December 24, 2004; English professor, Union College and SUNY Albany; member, Assn. of Gravestone Studies; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'58 BME—**J. Lynah Sherrill** of Chattanooga, TN, December 15, 2004; owner, Chattanooga Surgical Co.; former president, National Motor Club;

also worked for Westinghouse; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'59 MS—**Roger C. Haas** of Clarence, NY, May 1, 2004; inspector, Ptl-Inspectorate Inc.

'59 ME ORIE—**Hasso F. von Falkenhausen** of Bad Homburg, Germany, December 14, 2004; managing director, Polytechnos Venture Partners; worked for the firms of Quandt (chairman of the board), Bosch (head of planning and financial control), and McKinsey & Co. (partner and director); active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'60 BA, M Ed '61—**Edward D. Cliggott** of Hyannis, MA, December 9, 2004. Psi Upsilon.

'61, BS Hotel '67—**Fred B. Stoner** of Tylertown, MS, December 12, 2004; retired food and beverage manager; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'63 BS Hotel—**Bennett Ashley** of Palm Springs, CA, November 13, 2004.

'63 PhD—**Krishna S. Keshavan** of Sunnyvale, CA, December 25, 2004; professor of civil engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Inst.; professor of civil engineering, U. of Maine; UNESCO consultant; active in professional affairs.

'65 PhD—**John A. Henning** of Syracuse, NY, December 24, 2004; professor emeritus of economics, Maxwell School, Syracuse U.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'66 MRP—**Neil A. Sieminski** of Candia, NH, December 22, 2004; worked for federal agency of Housing and Urban Development; active in civic and community affairs.

'67 MBA—**George L. Carvalho Jr.** of West Haven, CT, December 11, 2004; general manager, Contractors Register.

'68 BA, MBA '71—**Ann Ottoson** King of Oakton, VA, December 10, 2004; owner, Trade North America.

'69 PhD—**Inta Miske** Ezergailis of Ithaca, NY, January 1, 2005; professor of German literature, Cornell U.; specialist in nineteenth- and twentieth-century German and Latvian literatures; poet; author, *Male and Female: An Approach to Thomas Mann's Dialectic, Women Writers—The Divided Self, Nostalgia and Beyond*, and *Inta's Poems*; active in community and professional affairs.

'89 BA, JD '92—**Michael G. Nast** of Lancaster, PA, December 9, 2004; attorney; worked for attorney general of Pennsylvania; asst. district attorney, Lancaster County, PA; active in civic and professional affairs.

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TWO INSTITUTIONS BRIDGE A 75-YEAR-OLD RIFT

GILBERT HARRIS ARRIVED ON the Hill in 1883, an undergraduate interested in science. He left fifty years later, a distinguished paleontologist embittered by Cornell.

In between, Harris pioneered the study of the Tertiary period (65 million–2 million B.C.) and became a world authority on marine clam and snail fossils. Traveling the world, Harris amassed thousands of specimens that now form the bedrock of one of the country's largest such collections, with 3 million fossils. He also founded two paleontology journals, printing them himself on presses in McGraw Hall, that are still published and are among the oldest of their kind. His students described him as a terrible teacher in the classroom but an inspiring one in the field. They often found themselves boating up Cayuga Lake and hiking miles to gather fossils embedded in Oriskany sandstone.

Harris's dedication to research was apparently matched only by his growing animosity for his employer. He communicated with his department chair via typewritten letters sent from one floor of McGraw to another, and generally felt that Cornell didn't appreciate his work. The tipping point came when the University refused to build a fireproof space for his collection. So in 1932 he founded an independent scientific organization, the Paleontological Research Institution, in a concrete building next to his Ithaca home.

Harris's departure essentially left Cornell without a paleontology department. Meanwhile, PRI published research, gained a global reputation, expanded its collection, and moved into a former orphanage on West Hill. When Harris died in 1952, he apparently passed on his dislike of the University. His successor at PRI refused to conduct business with Cornell, and his daughter, Rebecca Harris '13, vowed that if PRI ever restored ties with Cornell it would forfeit her endowment.



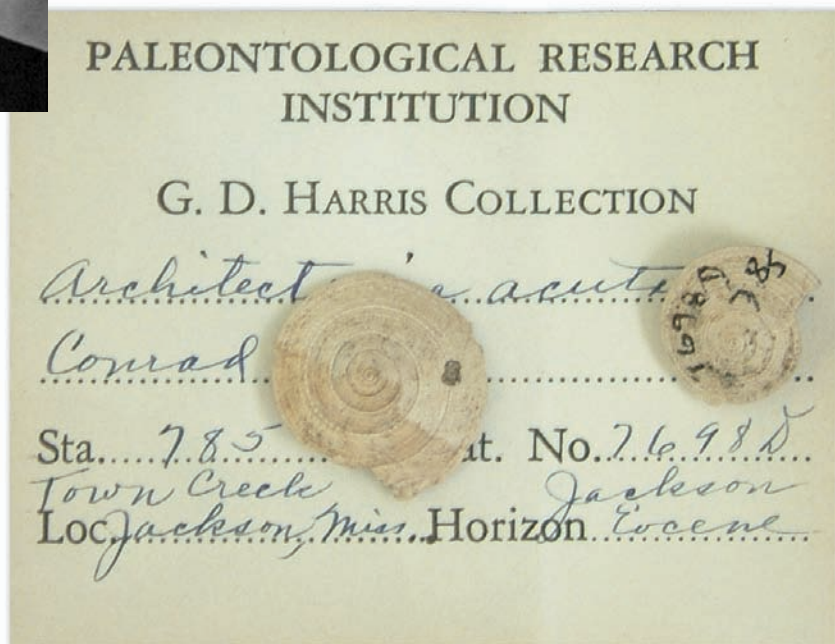
Now, nearly seventy-five years after the rift, Cornell and PRI have reconciled. PRI Director Warren Allmon set the stage thirteen years ago, stipulating that he would take the directorship only if he could try to make amends with the University. Last November, PRI and Cornell signed an affiliation, although one without financial or legal ties.

PRI now owns Cornell's nonbotanical fossils (including specimens purchased by Ezra Cornell in the 1860s) and houses its modern mollusk collection. PRI displays some 650 of these and other wonders, as well as Cornell research exhibits, at the Museum of the Earth, an \$11 million addition completed in 2003. Cornell staff and faculty serve on the PRI board, while Allmon is an adjunct associate professor. As the partnership evolves, both Cornell and PRI are reaping the benefits.

But what would Gilbert Harris have thought?

"I think he'd like it, but I don't know," says Allmon. "The main thing that upset him was his sense that he and his science were not valued at Cornell. Paleontology is now valued at Cornell again. If he was convinced of that, he'd likely—albeit grudgingly—approve."

— Julie Zeveloff '07



Frozen in time: *Architectonica acuta*, one of thousands of fossils collected by pioneer paleontologist Gilbert Harris

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