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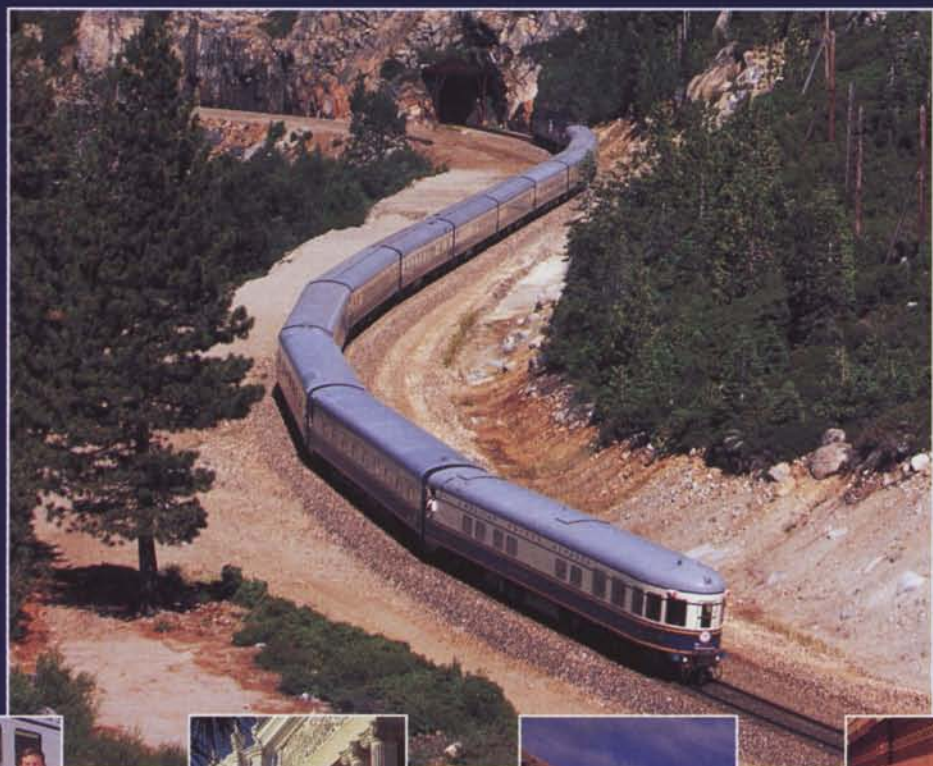
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BRAD HERZOG

Cameron Argetsinger, JD '54, had a passion for two things: fast cars and upstate New York. He brought them together when he founded the races at Watkins Glen in 1948. Fifty years later, after a series of fast runs and a few pitfalls, the raceway (and its creator) are still going strong.

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ALFRED GINGOLD

At his thirtieth reunion in June, humorist Gingold regaled his classmates with memories of their undergraduate days, from the perils of orientation to the joys of the Boburger. "The greatest pleasure of returning to the scene of the crimes of your youth," he said, "is running into your accomplices."



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A labor organizer turned scholar, Kate Bronfenbrenner '76, PhD '93, has been tracking the resurgence of unions after decades of decline. When she was slapped with a slander suit by the nation's largest nursing home chain last February, the ILR proffed herself back in the trenches of the labor-management struggle.



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WORLDS AWAY

ARE THE IMPORTANCE AND methodology of the Small World theory overblown ("Small World," July/August 1998)? As an historian of auto racing and maritime subjects, I deal with small numbers of people in very restricted communities. I am struck not by the closeness of those communities, but by their sharp divisions. (Sailors have an activity similar to motor boaters, for instance, yet there is minimal crossover.) I see the usefulness of mathematics in plotting the possible spread of disease, but the extension to the idea that the world's entire population is connected in a tight network strikes me as a feel-good fantasy.

Gordon E. White '55, BA '56
Deltaville, Virginia



AT AGE NINE I EARNED SPENDING money by delivering the *Saturday Evening Post*. One day a customer, a lively lady of seventy-nine, told me to shake her hand. "You just shook the hand that shook the hand of President Lincoln," she said. This lady, in 1863, at the age of nine, met Abraham Lincoln through her uncle, an undersecretary in the War Department. I never forgot her.

This anecdote may support the idea that one's connections to the rest of the world are fairly tight. But can one act on this concept? Unless one knows what each person in the chain knows, obviously an impossibility, one cannot reach credible conclusions to support one's choices based on knowledge resident in the chain. Bottom line: one has to find enough facts to form a rational basis for action. In spite of the small world in which we live, each of us must act on what he knows. Conjecture: can one by looking at his own "networks" draw on resources he might otherwise have ignored? If so, the Small World theorem may help individuals to act independently but benefit through interdependence.

F. William Ballou '60, MS '62
Williamsburg, Virginia

PARTY POLITICS

"PARTY'S OVER" WAS BLATANTLY biased, unprofessional, boring, and lacked understanding of the student experi-

ence (Currents, July/August 1998). Regardless of one's feelings toward the agenda of any student group, there's more to the story than your dismissive sentiments. Although I am uninvolved and unfamiliar with Students United and its concerns, I applaud the efforts of all students who use valuable free time and energy to engage their world and its problems as their own. In my day, I was appalled at student apathy. The students of SU took on a lot, and probably learned a lot, but I'm sure they've accomplished more than you've given them credit for.

John Wolff '90
Ithaca, New York

AS A MEMBER OF LAST YEAR'S Student Assembly, I am disappointed that you portrayed the assembly and Students United as failures. Last year the SA passed numerous resolutions which empowered the student body. Thanks to the determination and persistence of SU members, Cornell has a fully funded women's center like other major universities. We also passed legislation regarding student choice in dissection, and funding for Students Helping Students. With all of these accomplishments, how can one claim SU failed?

You criticized President Stolzman and Students United regarding NYPIRG. Unfortunately, there was not much interest in finding out all of the facts. When I attempted to call another

assembly meeting about false information distributed by a NYPIRG opponent, this meeting was boycotted. The article failed to discuss such tactics by NYPIRG opponents.

You wrote that I *concealed* my Holocaust revisionist views as if I had a covert motive. I ran on the SU platform and stood by those beliefs throughout my term. My revisionist views were not relevant to the Student Assembly. If others want to make a conspiracy out of it, then so be it. This is Cornell government, not national government. Should not we all stick to campus issues when running for office?

Joy Johnson '98
Ithaca, New York

Correction: The co-founders of Cornell Choice were Matt Galin '01, Brian Glanz '98, Cyrus Patel '99, and Josh Stirling '00. Jeff Kozlow '99 was a member of Students United. — Ed.

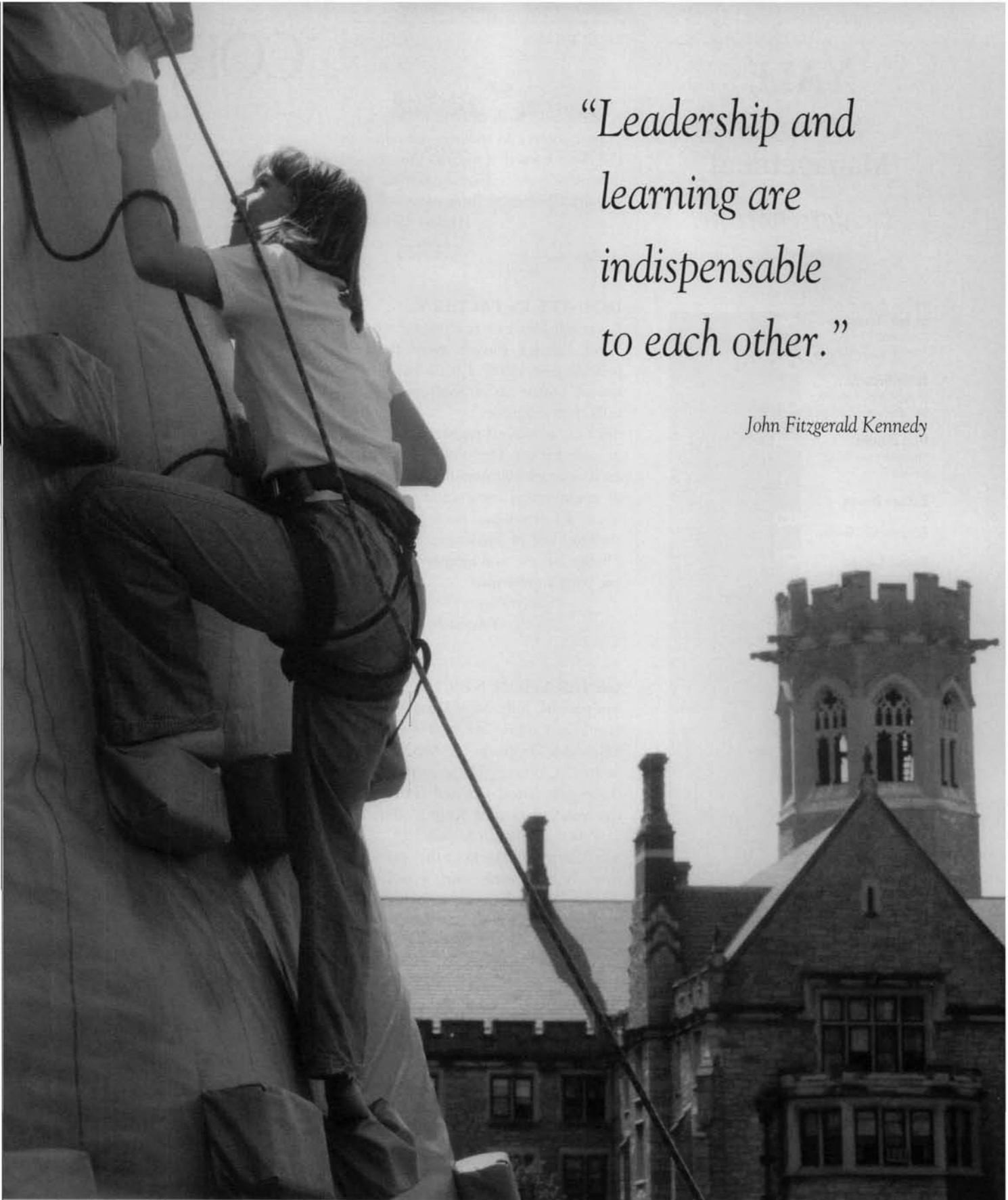
CORNELL SEEMS EMBARRASSED THAT the Cornell College Republicans, with over 600 registered members, comprise the largest single student organization on the Hill (From the Hill, July/August 1998). Judging from your campus political coverage, I assume you share this disconcert. In particular, your snippet on Ralph Reed's lecture listed protesting groups, but not the hard-working sponsor.

It isn't easy upholding conservative values at a school where speech code talk is openly bandied about, where the Student Assembly has a seat reserved for gays, and the idea of forcing every undergrad to fund a political lobbying organization is considered laudable. But we do. And for the record, we elected more to student government than Students United and the Cornell Choice combined.

Jason Cho '98
Ithaca, New York

AT WHAT COST?

I REGRET TO READ THAT THE BOARD of Trustees has unanimously agreed to increase tuition rates with total disregard for the rate of inflation (From the Hill, July/August 1998). This action merely digs deeper the gulf between the haves and the have-nots. Ultimate-



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ly, this could spell trouble in our democratic society. In industry we adjust to the times even if it means cutbacks and downsizing. An educational institution should adjust to realities too.

William Gavitt '37

Lyons, New York

INFINITE IN FACULTY

I was saddened to read that Professor Scott Elledge passed away (Letters, July/August 1998). I took his Shakespeare course as a sophomore—my only non-engineering elective. Little did I know when I registered what was in store for me. The course was an oasis of vibrant discussion in a semester of engineering, science, and mathematics, and I developed there a deep and abiding love of Shakespeare. Professor Elledge left me, and I expect many others, with a great gift.

Robert Lanza '80, ME Ch '82

Takoma Park, Maryland

GENERATION NEXT

My parents, John M. '43 and Elizabeth Hopkins Collins '45, and we (David '68, MBA '70, James '70, MBA '71, and Scott '73, BS Ag '79) were noted as a three-generation Cornell family with the matriculation of Kilty Collins '00, David's daughter, in August 1997 (Legacies). You failed to note that the tradition began with our grandfather, Edison M. Collins '20, making Kilty a fourth-generation Cornellian.

James Collins '70, MBA '71

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Sandra L. Ferry is a fourth-generation Cornellian. Daughter of Phillips M. Ferry Jr. '71 and granddaughter of Mary Fish Ferry '44, BS Ag '43, her great-grandfather was the late Louis Washburn Fish '11.

Emily L. Fish Haynes '79

Nederland, Colorado

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B IS FOR 'BIG BANG'

To be or not to be?" is a good question, but Cornell physicists have another one in mind. "Why is there matter?" It may be one for the philosophers. Or it may be solved sixty feet below Alumni Field in the Wilson Synchrotron, where physicists are poised for the next big race: the effort to understand

an elusive particle that could explain why the universe is made of something, rather than nothing at all.

They call it the B meson, a particular combination of B (for "Bottom") quarks that exists only in the rarefied world of the particle accelerator. After losing a bid to build a "B factory" on the Hill five years ago, Cornell scientists opted to upgrade their machine anyway in an effort to stay on the cutting edge of a field Cornell has led for the past two decades.

"I don't think it's overstated to say that Cornell has absolutely dominated the field of B physics," says Professor Persis Drell. "Our machine was just the right size to study the B quark. It was incredible good luck. Cornell really had a corner on the market, but that's going to change."

Drell is at home, sitting on the playroom floor fingering Legos and pondering the fundamental nature of the universe. Breaking a toy ambu-

lance into its constituent parts, she holds up a handful of plastic pieces. As her four-year-old daughter stacks Beanie Babies, Drell goes down the


ladder of abstraction that is Physics 101. You start with molecules, she explains, and then you get down to atoms, which are made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. Electrons are fundamental particles (generically classified as "leptons"), but protons and neutrons can be split into quarks. "What's the smallest individual building block out of which you can make everything else?" she says. "To the best of our understanding, the world is made up of quarks and leptons. But I don't think any of us believe we have the final answer yet."

Physicists may not have the answer, but they have a strong suspicion where it could lie: the B quark, discovered at Cornell in 1980. "It's not usual for things to be interesting eighteen years later," Drell says. "But B physics is more interesting now than when the B meson was discovered."

What's its appeal? The B meson, containing two quarks rather than the typical three, is considerably less stable than protons or neutrons. Made up of a B quark (the second-largest of the six quarks) plus an anti-quark, the meson decays in unusual ways that allow physicists to explore the basic nature of the universe. "It turns out that the Bottom quark is a very, very powerful tool for studying the fundamental building blocks and the forces that hold them together," Drell says. "It's the versatility of the B quark that makes it great. You can probe so many



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things with it. It's the workhorse."

One of the fields to be explored—and the major reason that B physics is so hot these days—is the area of CP violation. Simply put, CP violation means that in some subatomic processes, matter and antimatter behave differently, even in cases when physicists expect them to behave the same. (The phenomenon occurs in a tiny fraction of most particle collisions, but in a larger proportion of B meson decays.) And understanding CP violation is key to explaining one of the more vexing mysteries of the universe: why there is matter in the first place.

The conundrum goes back to right after the big bang—a trillionth of a trillionth of a second afterward, to be precise. Then, according to our best understanding of how the world works, the equal amounts of matter and antimatter that had been created in the bang should have destroyed each other. But they didn't; the laws of physics, as we know them, were broken. "The fact that there's a matter-antimatter asymmetry is kind of an astounding thing to us," says Professor Ritchie Patterson. "This is a biggie."

Antimatter, fuel for the fabled starship *Enterprise*, is no longer just the stuff of fiction. It's cooked up regularly in Wilson Lab and its sister facilities—but nowhere else. "For as far as we can tell in the universe, there is no naturally occurring anti-matter," Drell says. "In terms of the evolution of the cosmos, it's a really fundamental issue. Where did the antimatter go?"

Studying such things requires relatively large quantities of B mesons, hence the contest to build a better B-maker. "The rare stuff is rare," says Professor David Rubin. "We only expect to see it in one in 1,000,000 decays, or one in 100,000 decays, something like that. Seeing one of them isn't really compelling. You have to see a lot of them, and that means you need an enormous number of B quarks."

B factories are in the works around the world, with upgrades in progress at facilities in Germany, Japan, Switzerland, and at Fermilab in Illinois. But Cornell's main competition is Stanford, which won a Department of Energy contract to build a dedicated facility in 1993, amid grumbling that politics had

trumped Cornell's lower bid. "Doing it for less doesn't always win," says Professor Karl Berkelman, PhD '60, director of the Newman Laboratory of Nuclear Studies. "It's a mystery to me." Cornell's \$30 million upgrade, funded by the National Science Foundation, is scheduled to be completed in 1999, as is Stanford's. "It will be interesting," he says. "I wouldn't want to bet on which one will be successful."

Physicists talk about particle accelerators as eccentric relatives: each has its own character, its own specialty. "What Cornell is world famous for is how the machine has performed," says Drell, "how much it just *delivers* in terms of collisions per second." At the Wilson Synchrotron, the last of the original crop of university accelerators, being on top has meant staying on the Bottom. "If we know anything about CP violation, it will be in the B quark system," she says. "That's why the race is on."

— Beth Saulnier

A WIZ THERE WAS

AFTER FRANK MORGAN '12 dropped out of Cornell, he was a cowpuncher, a coal stoker, a pool hustler, a traveling salesman—and the wonderful Wizard of Oz. Years before the landmark 1939 film went into production, Hollywood was rife with speculation about who would play the title character. W. C. Fields said no (not enough



MORGAN AS
PROFESSOR MARVEL

money); so did the comedian Ed Wynn (not enough lines). The role eventually went to Morgan, a New York native who hung around with Jimmy Cagney and Spencer Tracy and

helped form the Screen Actors Guild, but still struggled to get the parts he wanted.

The future wizard was born Francis Philip Wupperman in 1890, the youngest of eleven children in the family that ran the Angostura Bitters Company. He

spent 1908 and 1909 on the Hill, but, as a *Cornell Alumni News* blurb later explained, "no one thought much of his histrionic ability while he was a student." He made his Broadway debut in 1914, under the stage name Frank Morgan, and his first film, *The Suspect*, was released in 1916. Sixty-seven more would follow.

Although he got a Best Actor Oscar nomination for the 1934 comedy *The Affairs of Cellini*, he still had to fight for good roles, and the Wizard was no exception. "He begged for (the part)," recalled screenwriter Noel Langley. "He said, 'Let me go onto a stage and do an ad-lib test' . . . It was marvelous, as funny as Buster Keaton." Morgan was hired in September 1938, earning \$2,500 a week, the same salary as the Cowardly Lion and less only than the Scarecrow and the Tin Man (and far more than Dorothy, who got just \$500).



... AND GUARDING
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The making of *The Wizard of Oz* was frantic. Five different directors and nearly a dozen screenwriters were involved in the film, which took six months to shoot. Morgan's role was expanded late into production, giving him a total of five parts: traveling showman Professor Marvel, the guard at the gates of the Emerald City ("Who rang that bell?"), the cabby who drove the Horse of a Different Color, the sentry at the Wizard's palace, and the Wizard himself. "He

was a very, very professional player. He always knew his lines, and he was always ready," Wicked Witch Margaret Hamilton recalled decades later. "But he did like his drink."

Indeed, Morgan, the bitters salesman, was an alcoholic. Every morning, he would stroll onto the set carrying a small black briefcase containing a miniature bar. He never missed his lines, but he never missed his martini breaks

either. Still, his co-stars remembered him fondly. Scarecrow Ray Bolger described him as "a divine man." Hamilton said he was "very lovable, very sweet, very considerate, one of the nicest people I ever knew."

Morgan died just ten years after the movie was released, the first of the film's principal players to pass away. Most obituaries mentioned *The Wizard of Oz*. Some didn't. Despite its success at the box office, the movie had lost money for MGM due to the high costs of production and publicity. Although the American Film Institute would eventually rate *Oz* the sixth-best American movie of all time, at the 1939 Oscars it was overshadowed by a slate of remarkable pictures like *Gone With the Wind* and *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. (Nominated for five Oscars, *Oz* won for Best Song and Best Original Score.) It wasn't until it was leased to television in 1956 that it began to emerge as an American classic—and transformed its title character into a movie icon.

— Brad Herzog '90

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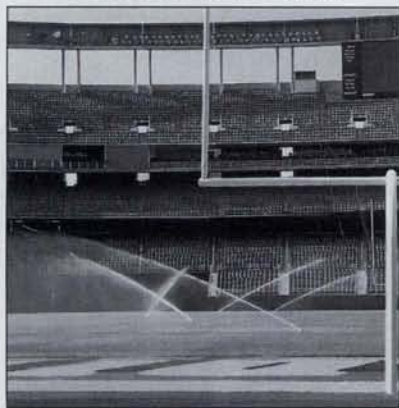
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ME & MONICA

BEFORE MONICA LEWINSKY, White House interns were fairly anonymous. But as the unsavory allegations emerged last winter, strange things started happening. Sally Jesse Raphael tracked me down. "Entertainment Tonight" showed up at my front door. MSNBC even sent a stretch limo to whisk me off to TV land.

On the ride to that first live interview at MSNBC's affiliate in Detroit, I didn't know what to expect. I desperately scrawled out a few thoughts, hoping to avoid major embarrassment on camera. Talking via satellite, I pondered whether Monica might have actually had an affair with the president; never mind that I had never actually met her.

When I got home, my answering machine was overflowing. MSNBC wanted another interview. "Dateline" wanted to ask me a few questions. Geraldo Rivera wanted me to be on his guest panel. The situation was spinning out of control, and I was beginning to wonder if I should hold out for Oprah.

Of course, none of it really made sense. As a junior in 1996, I had gone to the nation's capital for the Cornell-in-Washington program, a semester combining an internship with academic courses. My primary role at the White House was to help develop the presidential website. I had shaken Bill Clinton's hand a couple of times and may have passed Monica in the hall, but that was about as much of an insider as I could claim to be.

But to the media, it didn't matter.

LADY IN RED



LAURIE EDWARDS

IF YOU WERE IN HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, LAST YEAR, MAYBE YOU SAW HER. A seventy-seven-year-old lady, surrounded by Dartmouth green, waving a Big Red flag at the Big Red band and giving her regards to Davey. If you've ever been to a Cornell-at-Dartmouth football game, you probably have seen Lenore Breyette Roche '42; with one exception, she's been in the stands for every contest since 1940.

It started before Pearl Harbor and *Citizen Kane* and Bear Bryant. Dartmouth called itself the Indians in those days. Cornell, riding a fourteen-game winning streak, called itself a football powerhouse. (Yes, it was *that* long ago.) "Lenny" Breyette was a junior history major. On a fine November weekend in 1940, she headed home to Whitehall, New York, a hamlet on the southern tip of Lake Champlain, and then drove with her hometown sweetheart, Jimmy Roche, to the Cornell-Dartmouth game in Hanover. It turned out to be one of college football's most storied contests: the Fifth Down game. But for Lenny and Jimmy, it was more than that. They eventually married, celebrating their thirty-ninth anniversary before his death in 1985. The Cornell-Dartmouth encounter became their bi-annual pilgrimage. "I can remember driving through ice storms, snow, rain," says Roche, who still lives in Whitehall. "You name it, we had it."

Every other fall for nearly six decades, the Roche entourage has made the seventy-mile drive through Vermont, stopping at Bridgewater Corners for food and Quechee Gorge for drink. "It just happened," she says of the streak. "We just wanted to go for fun." Only once have the elements prevented her from completing her appointed rounds, when Dartmouth advised against traveling on icy roads.

— Brad Herzog '90

The press and public were more interested in whether I had heard rumors of Monica spending too much time with the president, where she liked to party, who she dated, how she dressed. When the crew of "Entertainment Tonight" showed up to do a profile on me, my living room was transformed into a television studio. With the cameras rolling, bright lights blazing in my face, and microphones taped to my body, I spent five hours speculating on the allegations. To put a family-friendly spin on an otherwise lurid subject, the producers even shot footage of me strolling through the woods with my mother's dog.

The frenzy continued when I appeared on a Geraldo panel during the first week of February. I tried to dish out zingers, but it was hard to face off against veteran guests like conservative commentator Arianna Huffington and Judith Regan, the book publisher. I brought some of my cherished White House loot on stage (a group photo with the president, White House insignia M&Ms, a T-shirt), and Geraldo suggested with a smirk that the shirt might be marked with "presidential stains." One of the panelists even leaned across the stage and insinuated that I had had an affair with Monica.

Predictably, the excitement ended as quickly as it had begun. When all-things-Monica were no longer the rage, everything returned to normal, except that I decided to shut off the TV for awhile.

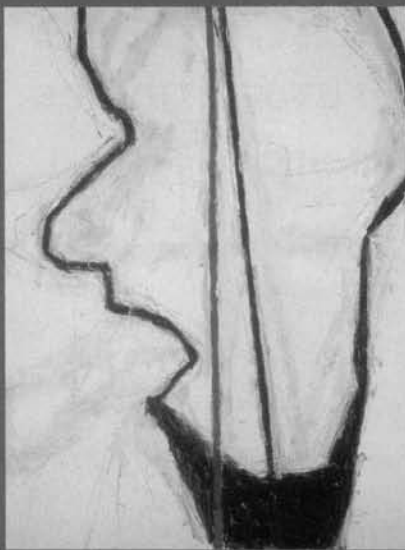
— Noah Goodhart '97

GENIUS AT WORK

THERE'S BOOK SMARTS, AND then there's street smarts. A person can be brilliant in math, but clueless in social situations. We've all heard the clichés, but the fact is that researchers have long agreed that intelligence is less of a monolith than a mosaic. "Depending on which theorist you talk to," says human development professor Stephen Ceci, "there are anywhere from one to 120 different kinds of intelligence."

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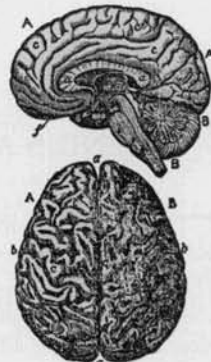
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language and mathematics. Now some researchers, inspired partly by a steady rise in IQ scores this century, think the mosaic may be shifting as other types of intelligence become more relevant in a faster-paced, more stimulus-rich world.

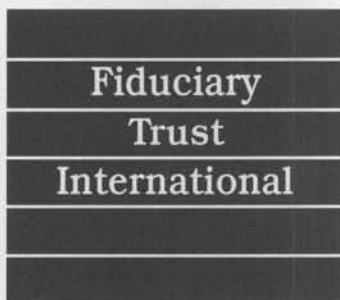
Intelligence tests were first given extensively to U.S. troops in World War I to identify those with the potential to become officers. Since then, the tests have been a popular topic of study, but not until the early 1980s did New Zealand researcher James Flynn notice the increase in average scores—about three points a decade, or a net gain of nearly twenty points since 1930. This phenomenon, known as “the Flynn effect,” has created a cottage industry of its own as researchers try to figure out what it implies.

The hypotheses on causes run the gamut from better nutrition to the prevalence of puzzles like Rubik's Cube to improvements in schooling. But a key point of agreement among researchers—including Ceci, psychology professor Ulric Neisser, and associate professor of human development Wendy M. Williams—is that the rise in scores *doesn't* result from a rise in general intelligence. “It's very hard to think,” says Neisser, “that our ancestors were dumber than us.”

Furthermore, since the increase isn't spread out over millennia but concentrated in a few decades, it's unlikely that higher IQ is a matter of evolution. “The real issue might be what IQ tests measure, says Neisser, whose book on the subject, *The Rising Curve: Long-Term Gains in IQ and Related Measures*, was published in June. “Because of television and movies and advertisements and the whole visual culture, we're used to picking up information in a different way. Our grandparents aren't like that and can't program the VCR, but on the other hand our vocab-



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FOR HIS BOOK ON LIFE AT THE NATION'S TOP universities, college placement guru Howard Greene surveyed more than 4,000 students on twenty campuses (the Ivies, plus such schools as Stanford, MIT, and Berkeley). *The Select: Realities of Life and Learning in America's Elite Colleges* was published by Harper Collins in July. Among Greene's findings: Cornell has the highest perceived level of academic stress of any campus surveyed, with a score of 6.4 on a scale from 1 to 10. In terms of social stress, it tied for first with Georgetown and Northwestern, with a 4.2.

In other results, Greene found that 55.8 percent of Cornell undergrads (versus 37.0 percent of Ivy students as a whole) said their academic environment was "rigorous." Asked why they chose Cornell, 85.2 percent said specific academic programs were "very" or "extremely" important; 82.7 percent cited prestige. Cornell had the lowest percentage of women students complaining of sexism or sexual harassment out of all the schools surveyed, with 9.6 percent. Of the Ivies, Cornell had the lowest rate of students who felt a direct negative effect of campus drug use, at 3.3 percent. And the university was right in the middle of the Ivy pack in terms of alcohol consumption, with 18.2 percent claiming negative effects.



ulary is probably worse and our general knowledge is no better."

The answer, then, may be that what is emphasized in the tests and what is required to function in today's society happen to be converging. Most IQ tests, rather than drawing on specific knowledge, rely on questions best characterized as visually abstract. Williams points out that sixty to seventy years ago, when the tests first came into widespread use, everyday activities didn't require much abstract thought. "Probably the most complex thing you ever saw was a bus schedule, in terms of a lot of numbers on the page," she says. "Life did not have a lot of numbers in it and a lot of geometric shapes, things that we take for granted." She offers this example of a test question: "You're given random pieces of a horse and you're asked to assemble them and make them into a whole. And a kid in 1930 maybe hasn't seen that kind of puzzle as often as a kid in 1998. It's as though you sat down to take an SAT and you had never used a pencil to fill in the little ovals before."

Ceci's research on behavior at race-tracks, casinos, and video game arcades suggests that what constitutes intelligence in one context may not matter as

much in another. For example, bettors at horse tracks have to do complicated math to interpret odds and race results. They can do it rapidly and accurately in their heads, Ceci says, but they can't repeat it with pencil and paper. "I try to understand how people make their decisions, what are the variables they have to consider, what are the weights they attach to those variables," he says. "Then I ask, 'But how does any of that relate to their IQ scores?' And the answer is it does not, and yet it deserves to be called a type of intelligence because it involves complex thinking." Similarly, he says, "if you have good spatial skills, you can lay carpet or cut tile to fit an odd-shaped room. But if I give you the same task on a computer, you may not be that good at it. The skills people have in one format don't predict their behavior in another."

The bottom line, Neisser says, is that "some cultural chance," some environmental factor that researchers are still trying to pin down, is at work whenever we try to measure intelligence. Williams and Ceci would like to see more schools and employers recognize the various faces of intelligence by substituting specific skills assessments for general tests. General intelligence scores, they say, do no more

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YOU SAY NATURE (I SAY NURTURE)

LAST FALL, STEPHEN EMLÉN and I taught a class on the evolution of human behavior. Stephen's an ornithologist—a hard-sciences guy—and I'm an anthropologist, usually considered a social scientist. We wanted to explore whether there was any evidence that certain patterns of human behavior are directly encoded in our genes and passed down through generations. We know that human physiology (that is, the size and shape and workings of our bodies) is molded by evolution, but is it possible that human behavior is designed by evolution as well? The class was a mix

of biology types—students working on insects and birds mostly—and several undergraduates in cultural anthropology. We planned to discuss such topics as mate choice, altruism, and morality: are these the result of biology or culture? We expected confusion, and we got it.

We realized, first of all, that all of us, professors and students alike, were unclear about the very terms we were tossing about the room each week. What did we mean by "biology"? Does something have to be genetic to be biological, or just mediated by hormones and muscle action? Did we need to prove that a behavior could be tagged to a certain line of DNA to make it "biological"? Humans are subject to some of the same natural laws that all animals must deal with—we all get hungry,

try to avoid danger, and reproduce. In that sense, we are just as "biological" as lizards. But we are also clearly thinking animals capable of choosing among various options before we make a move.

Most confusing of all was "culture." There we were discussing how it interacts with or impinges on biology, and we hadn't really defined what we meant by the word. The biology students asked the an-

thropology students to tell them, one by one, what they meant by "culture." As we went around the room, there were many agreements about specific aspects of culture; most included things like "belief systems," "symbolic behavior," and "mutually agreed upon traditions" as part of their definition. But the most striking feature of the various explanations was that each person had



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NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF AMERICAN kitchens have microwave ovens, and microwavable foods are a \$4 billion-a-year industry. So why is microwaving still such a hit-or-miss way to cook your TV dinner? Why does the apple cobbler boil while the turkey stays frozen? And why can't you microwave a decent French fry?

Those and other questions have been occupying Ashim Datta, a professor of agricultural and biological engineering. Working with graduate student Hua Zhang, Datta has been using supercomputing power to study microwave power. Running elaborate simulations, he's developed mathematical models to explain how different properties of food affect microwave heating.

Microwaves are a kind of electromagnetic wave, like light. In your home zapper, the microwaves are generated by a magnetron and fed into the oven through a tube called a waveguide. Inside, the microwaves reflect off the six metallic walls and interact with the water in the food, creating heat. And since the waves make pockets of high and low energy, some parts of the oven are hotter than others—which is why manufacturers developed those rotating trays.

Unlike cooking in conventional ovens, the physical properties of the food being microwaved can make a big difference in how the heat is distributed. Using three different areas of engineering (electromagnetics, heat transfer, and moisture transfer), researchers are pondering how altering such factors as saltiness and portion size might build a better micro-meal. It could be a major boon to the microwavable foods industry, which sees 90 percent of its products fail every year.



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1 Small amounts of added salt can change a food's heating pattern, which can often improve its microwavability.

2 Because a microwave oven heats a food's internal water, it also creates water vapor. But the ovens don't actually heat up inside, so the moisture doesn't evaporate, resulting in soggy pizza, flaccid Tater Tots, and rubbery cobbler.

Also, water drastically increases in volume when it turns to vapor. That leads to a dramatic learning experience for the new microwave owner: exploding eggs.

3 Although frozen foods are the bread and butter of the microwave industry, they're actually prob-

lematic. Since ice absorbs very little microwave energy, cooking starts at the very edges and moves inward as the food thaws—which is why the outside of your macaroni and cheese may boil while the inside remains frozen.

4 The larger the item, the more energy is absorbed—but the more slowly the temperature rises due to its greater mass. As in a conventional oven, a small piece of meat would cook faster than a large one.

5 Rounded items, like a potato, a scoop of vegetables, or a bowl of soup, can act like a lens to focus the microwaves. That's why it's so easy to overcook them or burn one section of the food while the rest stays raw.

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his or her own quirky translation. Clearly, we were dealing with an amorphous mess.

The biology students were feeling smug, thinking they at least had a cleanly defined and objective scientific framework to guide their studies—until the anthropologists pointed out that their field was not exactly free of distortion either. The biological framework, the anthropologists explained, is merely another “culturally constructed lens” through which some choose to view the world. Scientists might think the scientific method results in some sort of “truth,” but that truth, according to the anthropology students, is warped by the very people who ask the questions—researchers molded by their very own cultural traditions to be interested in certain subjects and seek certain answers. For example, the focus on reproduction might just be a reflection of the human penchant for sex, and not a univer-

saral force of nature. Or maybe science has been warped beyond reality by the fact that most scientists are men, with their particularly strong attachment to subjects such as aggression and status. We were back where we started.

The confusion in class only echoed what scientists and philosophers have been arguing about forever, the importance of biology versus culture to human behavior, the old “nature/nurture debate.” What part of human behavior is driven by biology and what is culturally molded? Is biology—genes, hormones, physical action, and the way the brain fires neurons—the driving force behind what we do, or are we free of those physiological constraints to merely “think” our way through life? This debate has plagued the humanistic sciences for decades, and as our seminar last fall showed, the debate is alive and well.

Part of the problem is that humans are thinking creatures. Although anthropologists are not really sure why humans evolved such big brains, we now have the ability to reason, solve puzzles, and ponder the past and the future. In western cosmology, especially, these abilities have been used to set humans

apart from other animals; humans are considered less animalistic, less driven by nature, because they are so smart.

And yet recent research on the power of genes to affect behavior and personality has reintroduced the hand of Mother Nature to human behavior. In areas such as mental disorders, sexual orientation, and basic elements of personality such as temperament, scientists are demonstrating that genetic make-up may have a profound effect on who we are. So far, they can show that some of these traits appear in some families more than others, suggesting genetic inheritance. What they don't know yet is exactly how genes, which

simply code for specific proteins, actually translate into particular patterns of behavior.

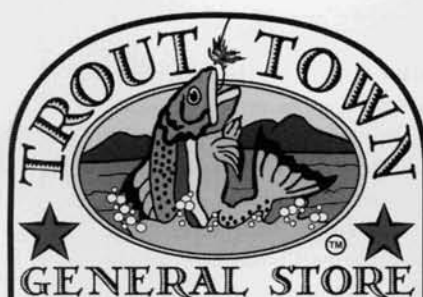
Until we understand how the mind works, how the firing of neurons results in ephemeral thoughts and unconscious decisions, the nature/nurture debate will continue.

Clearly we are biological organisms. Like any animal we eat, sleep, develop, reproduce, age, and die. And like other animals, we must also bend to natural forces such as climate, react to the supply of resources, and avoid the threat of predators. But we are also affected by nonorganic forces, the complex of culture that we construct ourselves. And so how we are loved, what we believe, and what brings us joy and sorrow also mold who we are.

At the end of the semester, we all left dissatisfied because there seemed so much more to say. Questioning individual students later, I discovered that both sides had learned a bit about the other side, and they seemed more accepting of the information than they had the first few weeks. But even more important, the students spoke of each other with respect. If nothing else, for a semester we had built a bridge between nature and nurture and met in the middle for a spirited chat.

— Meredith Small

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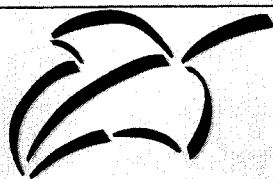
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FROM THE HILL

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ITHACA & BEYOND

WALTER SCHOLL JR., 79

TOSSED THE LEGENDARY 'FIFTH DOWN' PASS



SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

A HERO ON THE GRIDIRON, SCHOLL WENT ON TO WIN THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

WALTER SCHOLL Jr., the football great who threw the final touchdown pass in the famed Fifth Down game, died May 17 in Boynton Beach, Florida. He was seventy-nine. Scholl earned a degree in Hotel Administration on the Hill in 1941, then went on to become a highly decorated pilot in World War II and a vice president of what is now Merrill Lynch. His contribu-

tions to two of Cornell's biggest gridiron victories (over Ohio State in 1939 and 1940), as well as his baseball prowess, were cited when he was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979. But Scholl was best remembered for his role in the 1940 Fifth Down game, after which Cornell willingly forfeited its victory over Dartmouth upon learning that its winning touchdown had come on an extra down.

'LAKE SOURCE WHAT?'

A COOL QUESTION

THE UNIVERSITY HAS been spreading the word about Lake Source Cooling since 1994, but many local residents don't know much about the project, according to a survey by students in an Industrial and Labor Relations class. The poll, conducted by phone last spring, asked 158

GIVE MY REGARDS TO...

These Cornellians in the News

James C. Moore '61, JD '64, named president, New York State Bar Association.

Richard Blahut, PhD '72, professor of electrical engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana, winner of the 1998 IEEE Alexander Graham Bell Medal.

Benjamin Widom, PhD '53, Goldwin Smith professor of chemistry, awarded two Boltzmann medals by the Commission on Statistical Physics of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics.

Susan Rothenberg '66, recognized for distinction in the arts by the Cornell Council for the Arts. Rothenberg's paintings will be exhibited at the Johnson Museum this fall.

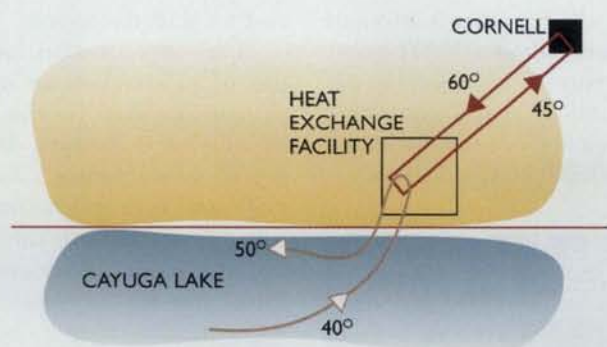
Richard E. Stearns '75, appointed head of the U.S. operations of World Vision, the Christian relief and development organization.

Neal Zaslaw, Gussman professor of music, elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Robert Langer '70, awarded the Lemelson-MIT Prize for biomaterials research and technology.

Joan Jacobs Brumberg, Stephen H. Weiss '57 Presidential Fellow and professor of human development and women's studies, elected a fellow of the Society of American Historians.

Edward Copland '65, named president of the Society of Surgical Oncology.



"LAKE SOURCE" CONSTRUCTION BEGINS THIS WINTER.

Ithacans how they felt about the \$55 million proposal to cool campus with lake water.

The survey found that 36.7 percent weren't familiar with how the project would affect them; 38.6 percent knew basic facts; 20.3 percent were moderately informed; and 4.4 percent were well informed. The poll also found that 35.6 percent of residents supported Lake Source Cooling; 20.8 percent opposed it; and 39.6 percent were undecided. Because of the small sample, the margin of error was plus or minus 8 percent.

With all of its state and local approvals in place as of September, the project is set to break ground this winter.

Preliminary work, such as relocation of some utilities, began last summer, and more than four miles of pipe are on order from Texas. Construction is expected to continue through the summer of 2000. "The review process is over," says project manager Lanny Joyce '81. "Now we're on to building it on time and on budget."

HILLARY ON THE HILL

FOR A FUND-RAISER

HOURS AFTER PRESIDING over the 150th anniversary celebration of the women's rights movement in nearby Seneca Falls in July, First

Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton dropped in at the Statler Hotel. At a fund-raising reception for incumbent 26th District Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Clinton gave a half-hour speech touching on education, health care, and the ills of negative campaigning. The event drew about 250 people at upwards of \$100 each, garnering between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for Hinchey's reelection coffers. "People come up to me and say, 'How can you stand politics?'" Clinton said in her only nod to the ongoing Starr-Lewinsky travails. "And I have a pretty good idea what they're talking about."



CLINTON, AT THE STATLER



SEMINO, OFF TO THE EAST

ROAD TO SINGAPORE

GRAD WINS FULBRIGHT

A RECENT GRADUATE in policy analysis and management has been named a Fulbright Scholar. Matthew Semino '98, of Winthrop, Massachusetts, will use the award to conduct economic research in Singapore. Semino, who won Cornell's Truman Scholarship as an undergraduate, plans to attend Columbia Law School next fall.

MANN POWER

SAVING AGGIE LIT

WITH THE HELP of land-grant universities in fifteen states, Mann Library is working to preserve documents chronicling America's rural past.

Under a \$1.75 million grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Cornell librarians are identifying historical literature on such subjects as plantation life, abolition, sharecropping, and westward migration.

The documents, dating from 1820 to 1945, are in danger of crumbling on library shelves; the NEH project will allow them to be preserved on microfilm.

YO QUIERO WRAPIDOS

CORNELL'S FOOD SCIENCE BRAINS ARE BATTING .750. In June, a student team took first place in the Institute of Food Technologists' national competition, its third win in four years. The blue-ribbon product: Wrapidos, a cone-shaped meal-wrapper made of a flour tortilla. Winning the \$1,000 prize, Wrapidos beat out such competitors as second-place S'morsels (Iowa State) and third-place Chicotillas (Kansas State). Cornell first won the contest in 1995 with toaster snacks called Pizza Pop-Ups, and in 1996 with Stir-Ins, chocolate-covered cookies for stirring coffee. Last year, the team took honorable mention for its Swiss Crepes.



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R&D

Fraternity men drink twice as much alcohol as non-Greeks, reports Philip Meilman, director of counseling and psychological services. Male college athletes consume 52 percent more than non-athletes.



ILR professor John Bishop reports that high-school seniors who complete Minimum Competency Tests earn more than their counterparts upon graduation. MCTs guarantee employers that students have met minimum standards in reading, writing, and math.



Johnson Graduate School of Management professors report that lay stock-investors, even when they have access to equal information, lose out to professional investors because they tend to overestimate the trustworthiness of stock news.



After studying nine leading companies, Johnson school professor Randall Peterson found that effective senior management teams play a greater role in company success than charismatic CEOs.



Providing subsidies to adoptive parents leads to a 22 percent increase in the chances that older, handicapped, or mentally challenged children will be adopted, says policy analysis and management professor Rosemary Avery.

WASTE NOT

INCINERATOR SCRAPPED

AFTER TWENTY months of deliberation and 150 meetings, the Cornell/Community Waste Management Advisory Committee has concluded that the university should not build a veterinary incinerator. In June, the committee recommended that rather than build an incinerator to handle waste such as animal carcasses and bedding, the Vet college should pursue a hybrid of alternative technologies including chemical digestion, steam sterilization, and recycling.

The Vet college had announced its plans to upgrade its existing incinerator in 1993, sparking an outcry from local residents who objected to its possible environmental effects, as well as a proposed 177-foot-high emissions stack. "We are completely committed to the success of this innovative plan as the most effective and environmentally sound method of waste disposal for Cornell," the committee said in its recommendation, "and we hope it can serve as a

model for other institutions around the world." The university is now studying the feasibility of the committee's recommendation, including its safety, cost, and efficacy.



NOBEL WINNER RICHARDSON

BUILDING A CABINET

TWO PROFS NAMED

PRESIDENT RAWLINGS has named two professors, including a recent Nobel laureate, as the university's new vice provosts. Robert Richardson, the Newman professor of physics and winner of a 1996 Nobel Prize, will serve as vice provost for research. Cutberto Garza, a medical doctor and director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences, was named vice pro-

vost for academic liaison.

The appointments are part of an administrative restructuring that Rawlings announced in January, designed to strengthen Cornell's academics and streamline its reporting structures. Under the new system, responsibility for the university's overall operation is centered in the office of provost Don Randel. The two vice provosts will be members of a new academic cabinet, to meet with Rawlings every two weeks. The cabinet also includes the provost, two college deans (now Philip Lewis of Arts and Daryl Lund of Ag), as well as Walter Cohen, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School. Says Rawlings: "This group will ensure that the university's primary academic missions in instruction, research, and public service remain consistently central to our thinking at the highest levels of the administration."

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

FLOOD AT NY HOSPITAL

AN EARLY MORNING water main eruption that flooded part of Manhattan's Upper East Side forced New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center to close its main entrance and caused minor damage to computers and medical instruments in basement labs. The July 15 accident opened a sinkhole that swallowed a Lincoln Town Car at 68th Street and York Avenue. "It was huge," said Myrna Manners, director of public affairs for the hospital. "It was like a war zone." Flooding disrupted service at nearby hospitals, but patient care at New York-Cornell wasn't affected, Manners said.

FAME, PLUS SIX NEW TIRES

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, ENGINEERING students won the Formula SAE race car competition. The contest, held in May at the Pontiac Silverdome in Michigan, pitted Cornell's design against cars from top engineering schools throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain. "This car was so well engineered, so well prepared, so well driven, and so well maintained that it withstood the rigors of this severe competition and never missed a beat," said Neil Schilke, '62, MME '64, director of engineering for General Motors of Canada. The twenty-five-member Cornell team took home \$7,500 and six Goodyear tires.



STEWART



ZUBROW



BROADHEAD



MORGAN

IN JUNE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTED EIGHT NEW members. **Alumni-elected:** C. Evan Stewart '74, JD '77, general counsel for Nikko Securities; and Jan Rock Zubrow '77, founder of Medcapital LLC. **At-large:** James Broadhead, BME '58, chairman of FPL Group, a utility holding company; and Rebecca Quinn Morgan '60, former California state senator and president of the non-profit Silicon Valley Network. **Trustee fellows (non-voting):** Stephen Ashley '62, MBA '64, chairman of The Ashley Group, a real estate management and investment company; and Thomas A. Mann '64, chairman of Amersham Life Sciences, a biotech firm. **Faculty trustee:** William Fry, PhD '70, professor of plant pathology. **Student-elected:** Katharine Dealy '00, a government major.



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\$1.3 MILLION SHORT

SUNY TALKS CONTINUE

WITH FUNDING for the 1998-99 academic year allocated under a new State University of New York formula, Cornell's statutory colleges are facing a \$1.3 million shortfall. Last spring, the state legislature allotted (and Governor George Pataki approved) enough money to match last year's budget plus increases in such areas as salaries and rent: \$129.1 million, or a 4.8 percent increase over 1997-98. "These are not discretionary things that we wanted more money for," Nathan Fawcett, assistant vice provost for statutory college affairs, says of the cost increases. "These are things we were mandated to do."

But in an effort to streamline the budgeting process for its campuses, SUNY has adopted a new system, called the Resource Allocation Model. Using its discretion to supersede the governor's budget, SUNY recalculated Cornell's share at \$127.8 million. "We cannot operate the same programs if we only get a 3.5 percent increase," Fawcett says. "We'll have no option but to make up that \$1.3 million in program cuts." The new RAM formula doesn't take into account the university's unique status, Fawcett says, stressing that, unlike other SUNY campuses, Cornell devotes half of its statutory college budget to research and extension work. Negotiations between Cornell and SUNY are under way.

The state budget did offer some good news for the university's capital improvement efforts. Construction funding included \$22 million

for the Mann Library expansion; \$11.9 million to renovate Bailey Hall; \$22.9 million to rehabilitate Stocking Hall; and \$6.8 million for an addition to Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. However, Pataki's line-item vetoes included a number of cuts, such as \$250,000 in student aid and \$550,000 for rabies, deer, and pest-control programs.

CIRCLING THE BLOCK

PARKING CRUNCH

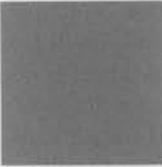
STARTING THIS FALL, some Cornell commuters will have to look harder for free parking. In May, Ithaca's Common Council voted to implement resident permit parking in several neighborhoods near campus, including parts of Collegetown and Cornell Heights. The move came after residents complained that more than 500 commuter cars crowded neighborhood streets every day.

LAW DEAN DEPARTS

A GRINNELL PRESIDENT

RUSSELL OSGOOD, dean of the law school since 1988, has left Cornell to become president of Grinnell College. He is succeeded by Charles Wolfram, a scholar of legal ethics, who has been named interim dean through June 1999. An interim dean has also been named for the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Porus Olpadwala, MBA '73, MRP '76, PhD '79, chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning, will serve until a permanent replacement is found. Former dean Anthony Vidler returned to UCLA in June after eighteen months in the post.

Driving Force



*In 1948, Cameron Arget-
singer started an amateur
road race, where Maseratis,
Bugattis, Alfas, Jags, MGs,
and others vied for glory on
the streets of Watkins Glen.
A half century later, Cam's
little hamlet is still a prime
pitstop for the auto elite.*

*By Brad
Herzog*



Frank Griswold in his 1938 Alfa after winning both the 1948 Grand Prix and Junior Prix.

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*urrounded by dust, smoke, fumes, shouts,
and the roar of unmuffled exhaust,
Cameron Argetsinger gripped the wheel*

*of his bright red MG TC. He was waiting for the green
flag to drop—or perhaps the other shoe. In six short
months, he'd helped transform his little sandbox into*



FRANK OMBRE / UP

Venice Beach, his sandlot into Yankee Stadium. The country roads of the upstate New York hamlet he called home had become the streets of Le Mans, a biscuit reincarnated as a brioche. If it were at all possible while wearing driving gloves, Argetsinger would have pinched himself.

Twenty-two other gleaming automobiles joined Argetsinger's roadster on the starting grid, wheel to wheel and two abreast along Franklin Street, the main route through Watkins Glen. In celebrity, the drivers were second only to their cars. There was George Weaver in a Maserati, Briggs Cunningham in a Bu-Merc, Frank Griswold in an Alfa Romeo coupe, the Collier brothers (Sam and Miles) from Florida in matching supercharged MGs. Famed *New Yorker* cartoonist Charles Addams was on hand, too, driving a Mercedes-Benz, but he let it be known that his competitive potential came only in the form of "animate scenery." He was there for a speedy drive; the others had come for a road race, the first ever in the area—indeed, the first that many of the drivers and most of the spectators had ever witnessed.

Until that sunny autumn afternoon fifty years ago, Watkins Glen had been best known for its salt mines and the magnificent gorge at the center of its state park. Twenty-five miles west of Ithaca and slightly less populated than today's typical Cornell freshman class, it was an unassuming little village, the

county seat of one of the smallest counties in the state. It oozed serenity and charm; if somebody outside of the region knew of it, that usually meant they either had a cousin there or a Cornell degree. But in early October 1948, the streets of Watkins Glen were lined with spectators, thousands of them, standing three and four deep, leaning out of windows, balancing on rooftops, straining to get a glimpse of the larger-than-life men in their louder-than-thunder machines.

It was a bit like staging a ballet in a barn. The pit area was set up on Franklin Street, behind the start-finish line, which lay opposite the Schuyler County Courthouse. The cars were paddocked in the parking lot of Watkins Glen State Park, and inspected wherever they happened to be stored. (Starting the next year, they would be inspected at the Grand Prix Technical Center, otherwise known as Lester Smalley's garage.) But when the green flag dropped, it signaled more than just the start of the race. It was the beginning of a town's newfound identity, something that would distinguish this hamlet on a hill by a lake from all other hamlets on hills by lakes and would make Watkins Glen a name familiar around the globe, from the dirt roads of Alabama to the streets of Brazil.

Although it is likely that road racing arrived with the construction of the second automobile, the first publicized race in the States was a jaunt through

Chicago on Thanksgiving Day in 1895, the winner averaging 7.5 miles per hour. Within a few years, racing circuits emerged in places as disparate as Savannah, Santa Monica, Milwaukee, and Long Island. But while the sport continued to increase in popularity in Europe after World War I, it was virtually abandoned stateside in favor of oval track racing—hit the gas and turn left. By the time Cam Argetsinger was born in 1921, American road racing seemed en route to extinction.

Yet Argetsinger, JD '54, was raised with a passion for the two elements that would rekindle the pastime: fast cars and the roads of upstate New York. His mother, Louise Williams '11, was a native of Montour Falls, the village adjoining Watkins Glen. His father, J. C. Argetsinger '05, JD '07, came from nearby Burdett. In 1917, the Argetsingers moved to Youngstown, Ohio, where J. C. became vice president and general counsel of a steel company. They lived there the rest of their lives, but young Cam spent every summer in Schuyler County, visiting his grandparents and, after his father purchased a farmhouse by Seneca Lake, visiting his summer home.

J. C. Argetsinger collected classic Packards and instilled in his son a hankering for horsepower. "He always had fast cars, and he liked to drive them fast. I inherited it, I guess," says Argetsinger. "My father and I both liked to get from Point A to Point B in the fastest

possible time—in a safe manner, of course—without getting arrested.” By the time he was twenty, Argetsinger was co-owner of a Packard dealership in Warren, Ohio, a role interrupted by a three-year stint as an enlisted man during World War II. With the Allied victory came myriad changes in American society. Prosperity was possible, and the modern world was speeding into focus. Uncle Milt had just inaugurated the television boom with “Texaco Star Theatre.” Jackie Robinson was burning up the National League. Marlon Brando was Stanley Kowalski. The war’s end also meant the return of thousands of servicemen from Europe, who brought with them an acquired taste for unusual automobiles. Sports cars, they called them, and they anxiously waited for the first postwar models to reach this side of the Atlantic.

Argetsinger hadn’t served overseas, but his ardor for the automobile was as strong as ever. In 1947, at about the time he enrolled in Youngstown University, he heard about a fledgling organization called the Sports Car Club of America. It was just a small group of enthusiasts at first, but over the next decade it would evolve into a full-blown subculture. To the people who poured their hearts and souls (and occasionally their last dollar) into Allards, Austin-Healeys, and Aston-Martins, the sports car was more than its traditional definition, a vehicle suitable for competition or utilitarian purposes. It was a toy, a mechanical work of art, a bragging right, a means of resisting conformity, a connoisseur’s choice, a companion, a state of mind.

“A good sports car, like any other piece of good sporting equipment, should be something you can work up a real affection for,” said auto writer Tom McCahill. “You may even have a pet name for it, and you may even talk to it when you’re alone, because you and the sports car, out on the road, are a couple of pals together, and if you’re incapable of working up such affection over a jewel-like piece of machinery, you’d be far better off with a Buick.”



**Cameron Argetsinger and Lester Smalley at Smalley's garage (top).
The flag drops (bottom) to start the 1952 race.**

The sports car was a means of picking up your favorite lady, your favorite bottle of scotch, or a cloud of dust. It was only natural that the latter would translate into a competitive yearning, a willingness to risk life and limb just to go faster than everybody else. The time was ripe for a step forward in American racing. Argetsinger was ahead of the

curve, and Watkins Glen provided the dust. “It would have happened someplace soon because people were ready for it,” says his wife, Jean, his former high school sweetheart. “But it happened here because of him.” One had to own a sports car to be a full-fledged member of the SCCA, so Argetsinger bought an MG TC. Nineteen-inch

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wheels, leather upholstery, an elaborate instrument panel, four speeds forward . . . most Americans had never seen anything like it, let alone a competition featuring it. But Argetsinger had visions of sports cars scuffling in Schuyler County, in part, he says, because "I wanted to race in it myself."

During the winter evenings of 1947-48, he sat on the floor of his living room in Youngstown laying out a proposed Watkins Glen course with magazines and toy cars. By spring, it was time to unveil his plan. He first approached Arthur Richards, a flamboyant reporter for the *Elmira Star-Gazette*, who presented the idea to Don Brubaker, president of the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce. The image of goggle-wearing drivers, their scarves flying in the breeze, appealed to the former. The notion of an early autumn race extending the tourist season well beyond Labor Day appealed to the latter. "By the end of April, Arthur wrote me," Argetsinger recalls, "and he said, 'Bring on the cars.'"

At the end of May, practically the entire membership of the Sports Car Club of America journeyed to the Indianapolis 500. During a pre-race dinner, Argetsinger, still only twenty-seven, presented his idea to the membership and received an enthusiastic response. He spent the next four months angling for publicity, participants, and permission. As general chairman of the event, he mobilized the entire business community and attracted drivers by christening the race "The Watkins Glen Sports Car Grand Prix." The name, conjuring images of racing-built cars and international governing bodies, was chosen with care. "We knew what it meant, what a Grand Prix should be. We took a little poetic license," says Argetsinger. "And Watkins Glen didn't want this to be a flash in the pan any more than I did, so we called it the 'first annual' at the beginning. I was highly optimistic."

Argetsinger had to approach nine different authorities for permission to

race on the public roads, including the Village of Watkins Glen, the adjacent townships of Reading and Dix, the County of Schuyler, the State of New York, the Finger Lakes State Park, the State Police, and the State Department

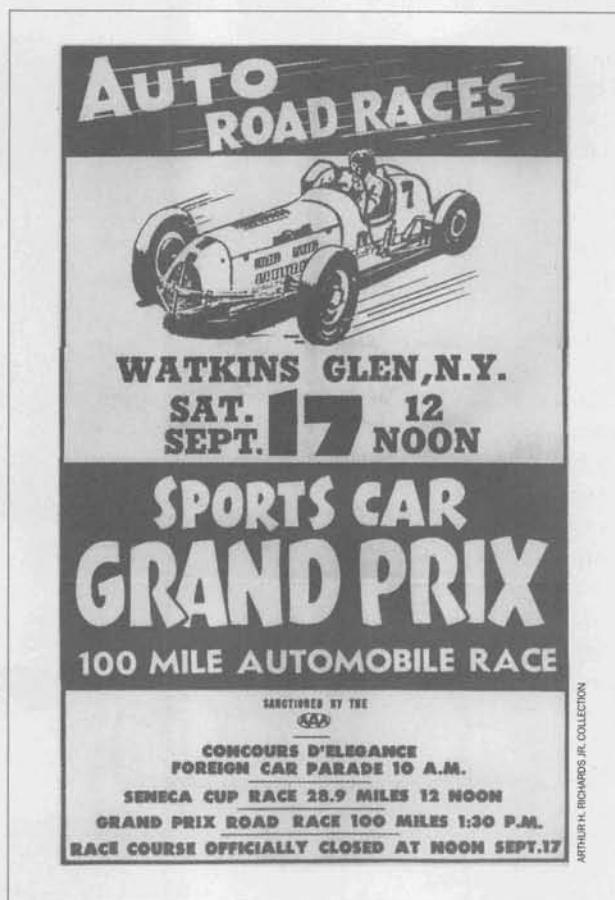
October 2, 1948, which saw the rebirth of road racing in America, became *The Day They Stopped the Trains*.

It was a perfect autumn afternoon, clear and crisp with a light breeze, as the twenty-three sports cars sat in the center of Watkins Glen surrounded by four times the village's population. There was electricity in the air, sparked by the heady aroma of motor oil. Two races were scheduled. The first, which they decided to call the Junior Prix, was a four-lap, 26.4-mile "qualifier" to determine starting positions for the Grand Prix (actually, they drew names from a hat). At 12:30 p.m., SCCA member Nils Mickelson waved the green flag to start the first-ever race in Watkins Glen.

Argetsinger had fashioned a remarkable circuit out of the rolling countryside—6.6 miles of road, four different driving surfaces, and more than 1,000 feet in elevation change encircling the famous gorge. The drivers started south up Old Corning Hill, veered west at Townsend Road Corner, and roared up a steep tree-lined passageway through a seventy-five-mile-per-hour White House "S" curve at the top of the hill. They then thundered across a 100-mile-per-hour straightaway and under a railroad overpass, before slowing

slightly to negotiate gentle right and left sweeps. They braked and shifted at School House Corner and began an abrupt descent into the state park and White's Hollow. Three miles from the starting line, they crossed what is now known as Cornett's Stone Bridge, an homage to Denver Cornett, who rolled his MG into the creek on the second lap of the Junior Prix.

The cars then went up and out of the hollow into Archy Smith's Corner, home to a dairy farmer, where the surface turned from macadam to dirt and where Argetsinger blew a tire on the third lap, leaving him one lap short of finishing the Junior Prix. From there, the drivers sped east down a dusty straightaway and leapt over the railroad



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of Public Works (which mandated the placement of several dozen ignored "No Passing" signs along the course).

And then there was the New York Central Railroad. At one point along Argetsinger's course the cars were forced to cross a set of railroad tracks. The New York Central was not inclined to stop its service for a handful of daredevils, so up until a week before the competition the racers were going to have to come to an absurd stop on every lap before crossing the tracks. But Watkins Glen Mayor Alan Erway, who tooled around in a motorized wheel-chair himself, came to the rescue. He convinced one of his close friends, railroad superintendent Frank Chase, to alter the schedule for the day of the race.

crossing before zooming past Friar's Curve, where the land on both sides was owned by the Franciscan Brothers. The racers then headed back into the village, flashing through a sweeping downhill stretch of cement known as Big Bend, where the unfocused driver enjoyed a breathtaking view of Seneca Lake.

As the drivers reached the bottom of the hill, the road angled sharply left and then right again onto Franklin Street and the finish line. At this turn, on the final lap of the Junior Prix, Bill Milliken, chairman of the technical committee for the race and a director of flight research at the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory in Buffalo, was running third until he found himself upside down in his Bugatti. He crawled out grinning; he was the fellow in charge of race safety. The intersection has since been known as Milliken's Corner. Frank Griswold, who had taken over the lead from George Weaver midway through the second lap, won the Junior Prix with an average lap speed of 64.5 miles per hour. In the Grand Prix, the Pennsylvania native was only slightly slower, leading from start to finish in the fifteen-car, eight-lap competition. As in the qualifying race, Briggs Cunningham and MG driver Haig Ksavian placed second and third, respectively. The Collier brothers were fourth and fifth. Argetsinger's red MG finished ninth.

That evening, at the awards banquet, Jean Argetsinger invited everybody in attendance down to the lake for breakfast the next morning. It was that kind of atmosphere, a clubby group of friends spending a Saturday afternoon tooling around town. But it soon became clear that when they stopped the trains in the Glen, they had started something big. The Second Annual Watkins Glen Grand Prix roared through town 350 days later. This time, an estimated 20,000 spectators were on hand and three-time Indy 500 champi-

on Wilbur Shaw was the honorary starter. Miles Collier won the Grand Prix, now expanded to a fifteen-lap, ninety-nine-mile event, in a Ford-Riley, despite the fact that he couldn't get the car started until the race was a

year-old Sam Collier careened off the road after the railroad underpass and crashed end over end into an apple orchard. He died in a hospital later that day. Argetsinger had lost more than a race; he'd lost a friend. "Auto racing is dangerous. Everybody knew that," he recalls. "But like soldiers, you always think it'll happen to the other guy."

Two years later, it happened to a seven-year-old boy. So many people had converged on Watkins Glen that safety became secondary to spectacle. Restraining ropes were disregarded as eager fans crowded the roadside. On the second lap of the Grand Prix, one of the cars veered off the road and into a group of spectators just past the start-finish line. A dozen people were injured; the boy was killed. The media ran with the story, criticizing the race as "an orgy with thousands of persons traveling thousands of miles to get a glimpse of blood." The insurance carrier refused to issue a policy if the race went through the village, putting an end to Argetsinger's legendary circuit.

As troubled as they were by the accident, race organizers were determined not to allow the demise of an event that had put their town on the map and, thanks to the lar-

gesse of race fans who visited, in the money. Argetsinger himself had just enrolled in Cornell Law School and moved his growing family to the house by Seneca Lake. So the race committee found a solution: if they couldn't race through town, they'd race just outside it.

The not-for-profit Grand Prix Corporation was formed, and a smaller, safer, 4.6-mile circuit was created in the adjoining town of Dix. Three years later, the Corporation purchased 550 acres of land adjacent to the second circuit and built a 2.3-mile course at a cost of \$200,000. Cornell engineers designed the circuit to imitate the winding country roads that it replaced, and it received high marks for its potential. "This new course," declared the



Bill Milliken on the corner named for him.
In charge of race safety, he had rolled his Bugatti.

minute old. Argetsinger, driving a Bugatti, was snake-bit again, stopping on the second lap with a clogged fuel line.

BY 1950, THE event had become so popular that it drew as many as a hundred thousand spectators. Argetsinger, in a Healey-Silverstone, was running third in the Grand Prix before his engine blew. But the race was also the stage for real tragedy. Amid a driving rain, thirty-eight-

WILLIAM GREEN MOTOR RACING LIBRARY

December 1956 issue of *Road & Track*, "is guaranteed to be a favorite with the crowd."

With the completion of the permanent racetrack, Watkins Glen solidified its position as the capital of American road racing, where even the professionals came to test their mettle. In 1958, the Glen began to attract top international drivers for the Formula Libre, which it hosted for three years. The ultimate validation came in 1961, when the Grand Prix Corporation, with Argetsinger as its executive director, put in a bid to host the U.S. Formula One Grand Prix. By October the world's most prestigious racing series had come to the shores of Seneca Lake.

Over the next two decades, the U.S. Grand Prix became a major event on the international racing calendar. It was the glamorous Grand Prix's folksiest setting, described by *Sports Illustrated* as

"courage and corn pone; sophistication with straw in its teeth; hazard in the midst of hokum." But as the Sixties brought a yen for fast cars to America, they also brought a penchant for youthful demonstration. The Grand Prix at the Glen became a sort of Woodstock with wheels. For an ever-increasing army of college kids who arrived that first weekend in October, it was a chance to, as one observer put it, "brawl and booze and puff on strange weeds against a backdrop of screeching mechanical music." The epicenter of the movement was The Bog, a mud pit just outside one of the tunnels leading to the racetrack's infield, where a drunken mob once incinerated a Greyhound bus.

The Bog was eventually bulldozed into submission, and it wasn't the only Glen tradition to go. In 1969, Argetsinger decided Watkins Glen racing had

evolved to such a point that it needed to be run more like a business, and so he made an unsuccessful attempt to purchase the raceway for \$1.3 million. Disappointed at his fellow villagers' refusal to sell, he resigned from his paid position as executive director and moved to Midland, Texas, where he accepted a leading role in the attempted expansion of Chaparral Cars, Inc. "What, Watkins Glen without Cam Argetsinger?" wondered the *New York Times*. "It seems unthinkable." Argetsinger moved to Denver in 1972, joining the SCCA as director of professional racing and then executive director. He would return to Schuyler County and his private law practice in Montour Falls five years later. By then, much had changed on the hill by the lake.

The decade had a promising beginning, as the Grand Prix Corpora-

Track Stars

CAMERON ARGETSINGER MAY have taken the country roads of Watkins Glen and turned them into racing legend, but he never took first place. Rob Dyson, MBA '74, and Mike Borkowski '95, on the other hand, have grabbed enough checkered flags at the modern Glen course to wallpaper a garage. "If I had to race one

track all the time, I'd pick Watkins Glen as my favorite," says Borkowski, a full-time racer who drives for Bobby Rahal's Indy Lights team. "The track has such a variety of corners. From a racing standpoint, there are probably five or six good passing places every single lap. And I love the area up there." That could be because his girlfriend's parents own a house on Seneca Lake. Or it could be because his first professional win came in a Pro Sports 2000 series race at the Glen in 1992, when he was eighteen. He won the series championship the following year. In 1994, Borkowski moved up to the Pro Formula 2000 series. Again he won at the Glen, and again he won the championship. After earning SCCA Trans-Am Rookie of the Year honors last year, he was recruited by Rahal, one of his idols.

Dyson, who spends about 15 percent of his time on racing, is chairman and CEO of the Dyson-Kissner-Moran Corporation, which owns manufacturing businesses throughout the coun-



ROB DYSON, MBA '74

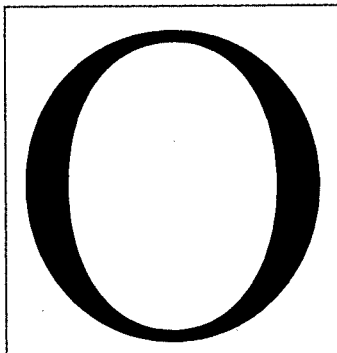


MIKE BORKOWSKI '95

try. He owns and occasionally drives for Dyson Racing, winner of the 1997 World Sports Car Championship. Dyson also took his first checkered flag at the Glen, in a 1974 SCCA regional event. "The first time I raced there I realized I was actually going to be competing on the same course where some of the greatest drivers I had ever seen or read about had raced," he says. "It was great

tion borrowed \$3.5 million in 1971 to expand the course and a wide variety of competition was soon traversing it, including the Can-Am, Trans-Am, Six Hours, Formula 5000, and CART Indy Car Series. But promotional problems plagued the Glen. The Bog, along with the memory of gridlock caused by more than half a million fans converging for a rock concert in 1973, prompted families to stay away. The deaths of a pair of Grand Prix racers raised new safety concerns. Some in the racing world felt the track was outdated for Grand Prix purposes. By 1976, Formula One officials decided to conduct a second U.S. Grand Prix in Long Beach, California. The Glen's version survived only another four

years, and the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corporation filed for bankruptcy in 1981.



VER THE NEXT two years, the track fell into disrepair, hosting only a few SCCA events. The capital of road racing had run out of gas. But then a minor miracle started the re-

surge of the Glen. In a deal closed in Argetsinger's law office, Corning Enterprises (a subsidiary of Corning Glass Works) purchased the track for \$1.45 million in early 1983 and formed Watkins Glen International. It was a partnership with International Speedway Corporation, which now owns 100 percent of the raceway.

The new ownership brought new life. The track reopened in 1984 and reentered the national consciousness two years later with the first "Budweiser at the Glen." Since then, the race has been the centerpiece of the raceway's schedule and a regular feature of the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit. Crowds of more than 150,000 fill the facility every August, watching the likes of Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon vie for purses of over \$1 million in one of only two road races on the senior stock car schedule. It and the rest of the race weekends have had a lasting impact on the community. Shops, motels, and restaurants are full, the waitress can pay the dentist, the dentist can pay the plumber—there is a ripple effect long after the motors have died and the throngs have disappeared. Fast cars are to the Glen what baseball is to Cooperstown.

Stroll through the village today, and it's impossible to ignore the residue of that fateful Saturday fifty years ago. At the main intersection, joining Franklin Street and Fourth Street, an enormous checkered flag is painted on the pavement. Scattered throughout the business district are race memorabilia shops, where you can buy model cars, decals, key chains, T-shirts, and decades-old Grand Prix programs. Down the road a bit is the newly constructed Watkins

Glen Motor Racing Research Library, where serious scholars and casual browsers can probe the history of speed and the people who chased it. Engraved along the village's Walk of Fame are the names of men who excelled at accelerating—Graham Hill, Jackie Stewart, Richard Petty, Bobby Allison.

The annual NASCAR event may not have the international cachet of the Grand Prix, but the glory of the Glen is now as familiar to a new generation of racing fans as Daytona or Charlotte or Talladega. It is another example of how racing has put the village on the national and international map. Mention Watkins Glen to someone in Monaco or Muscle Shoals, and there's a good chance they'll respond, "Ah, Emerson Fittipaldi" or "Oh, Geoff Bodine."

Funny, though, that they may not know Cameron Argetsinger. After all, he never actually won a race at the Glen, just like Abner Doubleday never rapped a base hit. To many, Argetsinger's sons may be more recognizable. His oldest, J. C., now a Schuyler County judge, was commissioner of the International Motor Sports Association for five years. His second son, Michael, raced in Europe for a decade. His third son, Peter, is a former Formula Two English champion.

The seventy-seven-year-old patriarch hasn't raced since 1960, but he can still recall the cars he's owned with the clarity and precision that only comes with affection bordering on obsession. That first Packard in 1935, the fateful MG, the Ardent Alligator, the '53 Jaguar XJ120M, the '56 Mercedes 300SL, the Alfa-Romeo Veloce, the 427 Cobra, the Mustang 325 . . . sixty in all, changing cars more often than some of us change toothbrushes.

And in September—when the Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix wraps up the 1998 race schedule at the Glen and a parade of vintage sports cars gather on Franklin Street for a fiftieth anniversary reenactment of the race that started it all—he expects to be sitting proudly in one of the old classics, a Cadillac-Allard, waiting for the green flag and the opportunity to pick up some speed.

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to go through the same corners that those guys did and accelerate up the same straightaway. That's what was going through my mind—that I was on hallowed ground."

The win jump-started a career that has included a victory at Daytona, a ninth-place finish at Le Mans, and an SCCA national championship. By passing his Indy Car rookie driver test in 1989, Dyson also became one of the few car owners ever to possess a CART competition driver's license. His racing team has won three races at Watkins Glen, including the 1997 Six Hours of the Glen. Dyson, himself, has competed there nearly three dozen times. "I've been around to see it go from the pinnacle of international Formula One racing to the pinnacle of domestic U.S. racing," he says. "I've got a lot of miles on that course. I could probably drive it in my sleep."

A REUNION SPEECH BY ALFRED GINGOLD

THE ONCE & FUTURE FRESHMAN

'THE GREATEST PLEASURE OF RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE
CRIMES OF YOUR YOUTH IS RUNNING INTO YOUR ACCOMPLICES.'

More than three decades have passed since we embarked on our Cornell years, the experience that still connects us. Remember the night before our first day of classes as freshmen? There was that ceremony at Barton Hall. Then my corridor date and I went to Noyes Lodge, where we stood with our beverages on the deck overlooking Beebe Lake. It was nippy so we decided to go inside. Politely, I led the way and strode full tilt into one of the sliding glass doors.

Even though knocked practically unconscious, I could see that every head in the



HELLO!

MY NAME IS

Alfred Ringold '68

place had turned and everybody was laughing. It was the first of many moments to come when I was deeply, acutely grateful that I had ignored the advice of my high school college adviser and selected the relative anonymity of a large, somewhat impersonal institution, instead of the small liberal arts type place he had advised.

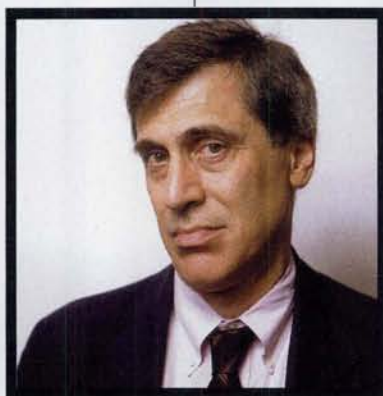
With any luck, I thought to myself, these jokers are all Aggies and I'll never see them again. They look like farmers to me. Then I realized I was wearing my big name button, the one with, "Hi, I'm Alfred Gingold '68" on it.

I have come to think of that experience as a metaphor for my Cornell years. Obstacles presented themselves, often without warning, not even a little decal to let you know there was glass there (not that I'm bitter). But by confronting them—that is, walking directly into them, using my head—I could achieve recognition in my chosen métier.

As an English major, I can tell you this is not a metaphor you want to dwell on, but by the end of freshman year, I had acted in some plays and begun to make a little place for myself. After our finals, I remained on campus during reunion week. A theater guy named Andy Potter '65 had gotten hold of a little camera and enlisted me to perform in a parody of *Hiroshima, Mon Amour*. I got to smoke a lot of Gauloises in it. I don't think the film was ever completed; I certainly never saw any of the footage. However, should I ever run for office, I'm sure it will resurface.

It wasn't the busiest shoot you've ever seen. We worked only at night and our director mostly fiddled with his light meter while the rest of us shmoozed about foreign movies, which we referred to as "film." Mostly, our little group wandered around the campus, smirking at the fogies returning to the scene of their wonder years. It was Cornell's Centennial, you may recall, and there were lots of festivities. One night we went to a party in a tent. There were kegs, free tin beer mugs (I still have mine), and Bo Diddley was the main attraction. Bo was great, but what I remember best is looking at the boogying alums with contempt and loathing. I swore I would never, ever, ever return to one of these things. How pathetic and old and depressing to revisit the past, I thought.

Times change—although Bo Diddley is still working—and with them, our values. I can't imagine anything I'd rather be doing than celebrating our time together here and our subsequent descent into maturity and middle age, not that we don't all have plenty of good years left. And I'm grateful to the reunion committee for this opportunity to speak to you, to articulate the common bond of knowledge or values that



we shared and continue to share as Cornell graduates of a particular time and place.

That's difficult to do of course, because of Cornell's justly renowned diversity. You remember how Ezra—or was it Andrew?—described his dream: "an institution where any person can find instruction in any study." Probably neither of them suspected that that would one day mean Telegu, road-building, and wine-tasting. Here, as you know, our classmates were not only the yearbook editors and the class presidents, the poets and the pre-

meds, the debaters who lettered in three sports, the SAT samurai. We attended class with the sons and daughter of farmers, people with 4-H blue ribbons, with people who already knew, as seventeen- or eighteen-year-olds, that they wanted to manage hotels or have relations with industry and labor, with Home Eccies, until Home Economics became Human Ecology and we called them "Hume Ekkies." But despite all our differences of background, interests, field of specialization, race, creed, and social affiliations, there were shards of common values, common interests, common truths, that we shared then and which continue to unite us today. Truths like these:

A Boburger is a cheeseburger with a fried egg and onions (the onions may be raw or cooked).

A Moseburger is a bacon-cheeseburger, with lettuce, tomato, mayo, onion.

A Tullyburger: cheeseburger, hold the bacon, with lettuce, tomato, mayo, onion.

A Yeagerburger: bacon-burger, hold the cheese, with lettuce, tomato, mayo, onion.

I'll explain why this is important later, but for now I want to talk a little more about the food we ate. No one of our generation could claim Ithaca as a good food town; we were here, you recall, before Moosewood and Turback's. Yet an awful lot of my most vivid Cornell memories are food-related. Probably too many: I can still name most of the Taughannock Farms desserts, though I get confused somewhere around the

vanilla chocolate chip ice cream pie with graham cracker cookie crust; and who can forget their jellied consommé, a dish no other restaurant in history has had the nerve to put on its menu?

But these delicacies are not what stick in the brain. The dishes that do are the m.b.c. (meat ball cheese sub) and the p.m.p. (poor man's pizza) from Johnny's Hot Truck or the sewey (beats me, I think it has something to do with suicide) with cheese from Louie's Lunchwagon. The cheese, if that's what it was, on Louie's subs still haunts me; no matter how soft and warm it got, it retained its shape perfectly and exuded the aroma of burning brake linings. And who could forget Barf Bar Eddie's omelets? Barf, as we called him, was the fastest fry cook of them all; he kept all the grill burners on high, blackening food decades before it became fashionable. Can't you taste the apple turnovers at Obie's, which always had a strong hint of whatever had been on the grill before: onions, eggs, a burger? And let's not forget Noyes Lodge's chili, which no one would regret your having had for lunch more than the poor soul sitting beside you in your next class. And Ivy Room coffee, from which my teeth still bear the stains. It was only a dime a cup, and not a paper cup either. Melmac!

It is, I'm sure, the sign of a deteriorating mind that when I think about these delicacies, I think I miss them. I know I miss some of the people I ate them with.

But Cornell was about more than food and friendship and education. It was also about . . . drugs.

Our generation is, let's not forget, the most pharmaceutically blessed in history. Wonder drugs have been saving our bacon ever since our wonder years. As tots we had the Salk vaccine. Just as we reached puberty, the Pill arrived. Would we have

had a sexual revolution without the Pill? Of course, as young idealists blazing a new path of consciousness through a wilderness of outmoded and repressive moral protocols, we needed a little help loosening up. And presto, there were recreational drugs, uppers and downers, psychedelics and relaxants, pot and acid. (Incidentally, I was happy to see that you can still get these Zig Zag one-and-a-half-width papers in Collegetown. They're hard to find in Brooklyn.) Of course, our drug use could hardly have been more innocent. We had no cocaine, no heroin, nothing harmful or habit-forming. Sure, occasionally you'd write a five-page paper on one page without noticing, or you might listen to the first bar of "A Gift from a Flower to a Garden" for half an hour because the needle got stuck and you really got into the lyrics: "Wear your love like heaven . . . heaven . . . heaven . . ." But you can't tell me that those youthful exuberances created any long-term problems. Nowadays, drugs are much more powerful, so it makes sense to tell our kids to just say no, but then, hell, I ask you, what harm did those drugs do us? What real, long-lasting harm?

. . . Where was I?

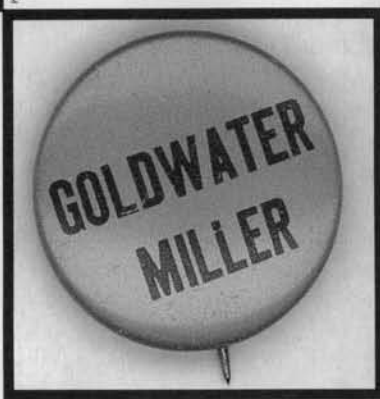
Well, all things must pass, including youth and the dreams of youth. No sooner do we land with a thud on the bleak shoals of middle age—just early middle age, mind you—and wham—Prozac. Now as our, um, powers, start to, um, decline, we have Viagra. Me, I'm waiting for the decaffeinated version, and I know it will come. I thank Cornell for teaching me the patience to wait.

Cornell was mind-expanding socially and intellectually as well as chemically. For one thing, I hadn't gone to school with girls since fifth grade. At my boys' high school, we saw the girls from the girls' school on the bus and that was it. Suddenly there they were in college, nicely dressed on blizzardy Tuesday mornings, taking horribly neat notes in class, even highlighting important parts with yellow marker, while I cut a dashing figure usually in the same clothes I'd worn the day before, eating a barf bar delight in one hand as I clambered,





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not without difficulty, up Libe Slope to biology class at the Ag college, which is in a different time zone. By the way, am I the only humanities type who was told that bio was a gut?

At Cornell, the insecurity and anxiety usually saved for the weekend could now flower all week long. Cornell is a wonderful place in which to be wretchedly unhappy, especially over romance, because there are so many scenic backdrops to one's misery. So I took advantage of the situation and managed to fall in love with the right people at the wrong time; the wrong people at the right time; too many people, right and wrong, at the same time; or just the wrong people.

The *agita* was all the sweeter because we knew that no matter how bad we felt, it would pass. At Cornell, we could truly experience the joy of misery.

And then there were my roommates. I'd never had a roommate and frankly, I dreaded the thought. The day we arrived, my freshman roomie put up a Barry Goldwater poster on his side of the room. It was the only Barry Goldwater poster I ever saw at Cornell. Even after LBJ won, George didn't take the poster down. He was, I suppose, expressing his values, staking his claim as a free thinker; mostly he kept it up because he knew it got on my nerves. It stayed up until the night before rushing began. Then he joined Sigma Chi, so you wonder why he bothered taking down the poster.

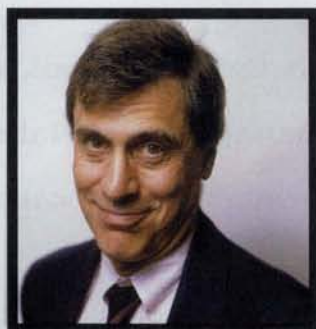
Much has been said about fraternities as bastions of social stratification and cliquishness and I'm sure in some institutions they are. But not at Cornell, not in our day. Then, they reflected the full scope of student life. Fraternities and sororities, you recall, were classified either as Jewish houses or white houses (and Watermargin), reflecting Cornell's diversity. I belonged to a Jewish house. A very Jewish house. It was so Jewish that the only whites in it were black. But within our ethnographic limitations, we strove to expand our range.

Our pledge class represented great swaths of Nassau County, including all five of the Five Towns. As a Manhattanite, I represented geographic distribution. But we weren't satisfied

with that. We longed to be inclusive. And through carefully plotted rushing strategy, we turned things around: within a few years our membership included *goyim* from weird, outer-borough states like Minneapolis, Detroit, Missouri, Michigan. So by hook and by crook, we broadened each other's horizons. Not long ago I received a letter about this weekend from one of my bro's: "In a deep place inside," Richie wrote, somewhat alarmingly, "you are all my brothers, every last one of you, and you always will be . . . even Al Gingold, even though I never understood a word he said." I could have taken umbrage at that, especially since no one has called me Al since I left the frat (and let me say now that you *can't* call me Al), but that's not the point. The point is that the poor guy had never heard someone without a Long Island accent. So it was a shame that my fraternity couldn't have gone on doing its good work. Instead, it closed before I graduated, but not before swapping its reputation for a high grade point average for a rep for some of the cheapest dope on campus.

As wide a world as Cornell seemed, we live in a wider one now, and we've lived

in it for a longer time. All of us have some regrets, some bruises, some losses that we didn't have thirty years ago. Coming back here really makes that clear. Which is why I think one of the emotions we share this weekend is insecurity. Not that most of us don't have plenty to feel good about; we are still vertical at fifty, and we all know people who aren't. But we remember each other as young people, not the middle-aged—early middle-aged—ones we've turned into. When I was preparing this talk, a friend e-mailed me: "Why not get to the real point and talk about aging and/or how everyone looks NOW, since it's the only topic anybody's thinking about



anyway." I think my friend was being unfair. We're also thinking about who looks happy, who looks successful, what kind of cars people are driving. Looks, money, cars. When you think about it, nothing's changed at all.

And in some ways I think we've gotten better. I was looking through my old pig book. Have you looked through yours lately? You think we look bad now? Most of the pictures in there were taken during Orientation Week, mostly on the same day. It's *inconceivable* that every one of us was experiencing bad hair on the same day. Trust me, we look a whole lot better now. With age, you know, comes wisdom, or at least poundage. We are diminished in numbers, but certainly not in gross tonnage. And when I say "gross," I'm speaking technically, not aesthetically.

Seeing each other older is only part of the story. The unsurprising part. The real question we want to answer is how did everyone turn out? So much time was spent dreaming about the future, thinking about the impact a "Cornell education" would have on our lives. For some, it was a linear progression, I guess: pre-med, med school, MD plates on your beamer. Or law school, law review, then a lifetime of smiling through the sort of nasty, unfair lawyer jokes that you're certainly not going to hear from me tonight.

For me, the thought that I was preparing for the future barely entered my mind at Cornell. I loved acting and then I loved directing and I certainly planned to be a brilliant success, but the kind of future my circle thought about was a schedule with classes only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or one that let you leave for Thanksgiving on the Monday before.

But even so, Cornell had an immense impact on my career, not least because I completed a second degree here. After a year out, I returned to Cornell for an MFA in stage directing, a field I was sure would soon explode with jobs and possibilities for advancement. It's a most unusual degree, the MFA—that's "Mighty Fine Accreditation"—and Cornell has awarded only two in stage directing. The other one happens

to live in my neighborhood and is the daytime bartender at an establishment called Snooky's. I stumbled through a decade of working and not working in the theater, until my first book was published, and I found myself doing for a living what I'd always done for free—trying to think of something clever to say.

Whether things have gone pretty much according to plan or you can't believe how in hell you got here, now we all face some of the same concerns: our mortality, our hopes for ourselves. In short, it's just like freshman year, only now we have our kids to worry about, too. "Conscience doth make freshmen of us all," as Hamlet says, sort of. And even though it's been a while, it's a deep comfort to hang with people with whom we came of age, who can distinguish the near-far from the far-near, or the Tully from the Yeager. That knowledge, those memories, are small connections perhaps, but they are real ones. Real life teaches us not to take real connections for granted. They are too rare and too precious. The greatest pleasure of returning to the scene of the crimes of your youth is running into your accomplices.

So that's why I'm here. And of course, it's still incredibly beautiful around here, when it's not

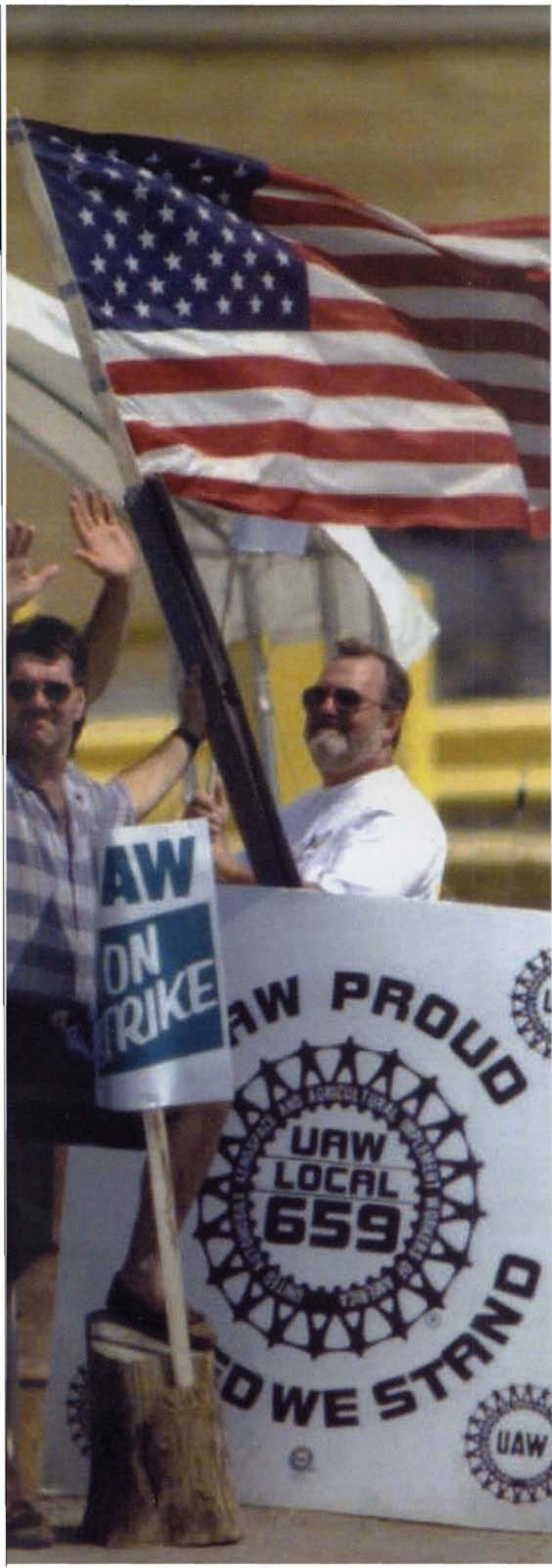
cold and rainy. I'm looking forward to visiting the new theater building, even though I was a little disappointed to learn there's no plaque for me there or anything. Fortunately, I'm not bitter.

Before I close, I'd like to share my three Ithaca must-sees with you. First is the Asian Flu, where I dearly hope they still have cellophane noodles on the menu. Second is the little bench overlooking Libe Slope between Uris and—is it Morrill Hall? The bench has a little poem on it, under which are the initials ADW and HMW and the date 1892. This bench was always my first choice for sitting and feeling sorry for myself. The poem gave me a lot of comfort then and continues to today, in much the same way that talking to you this evening has:

To those who shall sit here rejoicing / To those who shall sit here mourning / Sympathy and greeting / So have we done in our time.

Finally, I'm going to my most beloved of all Ithaca sites: the Royal Palm, where all the guys are cool and all the girls desirable, where for the price of a beer, you had a home. I'm going to see if I can find my initials carved into a certain table, say hello to the dogs in the giant Pepto Bismol pink mural by Constance Depler. I'm going to walk up to the bartender and ask what kind of chardonnay he's got by the glass. No, I think I'll have a beer, because speeches can only do so much to conjure up those golden, or at least amber, memories of yesteryear. On a weekend like this, one pitcher is worth a thousand words.

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At the ILR school, which trains both managers and labor activists, one researcher got caught in the middle.

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**BY EDWARD HERSHEY
& CAROLE STONE**

Strikes against United Parcel Service in 1997 and General Motors last summer produced results rare in the 1990s: union victories. Did they signal a resurgence of organized labor, or were they anomalies in an era when unions represent fewer than one in six American workers? It's a union comeback, if you ask researcher Kate Bronfenbrenner of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, who has been seeing the signs over the past decade. When Bron-

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fenbrenner was slapped with a high-profile slander suit in February for condemning anti-union practices by the nation's largest nursing home chain, many scholars saw it as evidence that some companies are digging in for a fight.

In May 1997 the forty-three-year-old Bronfenbrenner '76, PhD '93, was invited to a Congressional "town meeting" in Pittsburgh to testify about proposed federal legislation to exclude firms convicted of labor law violations from



government contracts. She was asked to describe the activities of one such company: Arkansas-based Beverly Enterprises, operator of the nation's largest chain of nursing homes, with 63,000 beds in 900 facilities. Citing the research of the National Labor Relations Board and the General Accounting Office as well as her own work, she called Beverly "one of the nation's most notorious labor law violators."

She hardly considered it a revelation. The NLRB had ruled against the nursing home chain twenty-five times (it

ees who tried to organize. In the suit, the company sought to examine all of Bronfenbrenner's research—twenty-five separate classes of documents, including confidential interviews with the corporation's employees. Beverly contended that Bronfenbrenner had distorted the truth and that the company had cleaned up its act since the most damning part of her research was done ten years ago. "There has been a constant and widespread repetition of negative and even false things," says Donald Dotson, who headed the NLRB under President Reagan and is now Beverly's senior vice president for labor and employment. "We do ignore a large number of these things. But it reached a point a year ago when it just got out of hand, this anything-goes campaign." A Beverly lawyer, Hugh Reilly, went further. "With little or no basis in fact," Reilly told the journal *Lingua Franca*, "Professor Bronfenbrenner wants the public, legislators, and the academic community to believe that her peculiar opinions are well-researched fact. They are not."

The suit sent a shock wave through some quarters of academia. More than 700 scholars signed a letter of protest claiming that the company, which contended that it was falsely accused of intimidating its employees, had resorted to the ultimate intimidation: using the

rules of evidence to find out who talked. Acting on a motion by Cornell lawyers supported by a friend-of-the-court brief from the American Association of University Professors and the Labor Law Trust Group, a federal judge dismissed the suit in June. Then Beverly filed a motion to expand its action, adding another \$225,000 penalty for remarks Bronfenbrenner made about the case in a National Public Radio interview; the judge dismissed it. The company first appealed both dismissals, then dropped the case in August. "I'm very frightened and outraged by this," Bronfenbrenner told the *New York Times*, "because it represents a real attack on scholars like myself taking part in public debates."

University of Denver law professor George Pring coined a term for cases like *Beverly v. Bronfenbrenner*: a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation in government, or "SLAPP" suit. "This is, frankly, one of the more unsophisticated and obvious complaints that we've seen," Pring told NPR. "It's very clear [Bronfenbrenner] was testifying . . . in a town hall meeting on an issue about pending legislation in Congress. It just doesn't get any more SLAPPy than that."

In moving to silence her, says Nicholas Salvatore, a Cornell professor of American studies and labor history, Beverly was trying to control the flow of information, which is "antithetical" to what a university is all about. "Beverly argues this is not research, it's union

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did not find labor law violations in forty-one other cases against the company), and the GAO, Congress's accounting arm, had identified Beverly as one of fifteen companies guilty of "more serious" labor law violations. Several months after Bronfenbrenner's testimony, an administrative law judge would find Beverly guilty of "widespread and persistent misconduct" and "coercive tactics such as blatant surveillance of union activities, threats of retaliation, suspensions and discharges of union supporters." In her testimony, Bronfenbrenner says, she did little more than summarize material already in the public record. "It was as if you gave a speech saying that cigarettes are bad for your health," she says. "The knowledge is that common."

But in February, Beverly hit Bronfenbrenner with a \$225,000 slander suit in federal court, citing her testimony that the chain had intimidated employ-



"YOU PUBLISH, THEN YOU DEBATE," SAYS SALVATORE. "THAT'S HOW IT WORKS."



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Beverly slander suit riles academia

BY BEN DOBBS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Labor scholar fights defamation lawsuit

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Describing her comments as libelous and defamatory, Beverly sued her in February for at least \$25,000 in damages. The company also demanded that she open up her research to inspection as part of pretrial discovery.

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propaganda," Salvatore says. "But any debate of whether she's a polemicist or a scholar is just a false pitting of one against the other. First you publish, then you debate the results. That's how it works. Beverly has been much too brash for its own good. They've made a cause célèbre, which is the opposite of what they wanted to achieve."

A former union field organizer,

Bronfenbrenner specializes in the dynamics of union campaigns. As director of labor education research at ILR, she has become a counselor to union leaders, who call on her to help them plan campaigns and analyze the results. "No one else in the academic community does work of this kind that is as useful to unions," says Paul Booth, director of organizing and assistant to the presi-

dent of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. "Kate's work on the outcome of a union organizing effort is like a laboratory dissection. Enough data is amassed and analyzed that you get a clear picture of exactly what happened and why."

One of six children of the noted Cornell social psychologist Urie Bronfenbrenner '38, co-founder of the federal Head Start program, she grew up in the Forest Home section of Ithaca. (Her mother, Liese, is a locally prominent quilter and textile artist.) Instead of attending high school in her junior year, Kate and one of her brothers traveled around the world with their parents on a sabbatical leave. The trip, along with family dinner-table conversations, did much to shape Bronfenbrenner's world view. "I was only fourteen when Martin Luther King was killed," says Bronfenbrenner, a veteran of anti-war and civil rights marches. "But it did not escape my attention that he died supporting a garbage strike in Memphis. I always believed that real change was going to come from the labor movement. They had the power. They also had plenty of problems, and I realized that."

Fresh out of Cornell's Arts college with a degree in sociology, she tried to organize pulpwood cutters in Mississippi, then went to work for the Service Employees International Union. When Bronfenbrenner returned to Ithaca to study for her doctorate, Professor Harry Katz, her thesis adviser, suggested she choose a practical research topic. Her dissertation, "Factors Influencing Success or Failure of Organizing and First Contracts," struck a chord with union officials. "Kate's labor experience gives her a grassroots understanding of workers," says Tom Juravich, research director of labor relations at the University of Massachusetts. "You might say she devised a new paradigm of labor research. Prior to Kate's work, there had been thousands of studies of organizing, and every one of them forgot one component part: no one had ever thought to talk to an organizer."

A key point in her dissertation—that unions need intensive bottom-up, rank-and-file organizing efforts, not top-down mailings and campaigning at the plant gate—was especially well re-

ceived by a group of mavericks led by her old SEIU president, John Sweeney. When Sweeney became head of the AFL-CIO two years ago on a platform of aggressive organizing in the face of a huge drop in membership and influence, Bronfenbrenner's stock rose even further. "Her work was not only invaluable from an academic standpoint, it was incredibly heartening to the labor movement," says Juravich, Bronfenbrenner's co-author on a book about a pivotal West Virginia steelworkers strike. "She showed that it was not just what employers or governments did, it was what unions themselves did that mattered most."

THAT IS A RECURRENT theme of Bronfenbrenner's research, and not every labor official finds it heartening. Although Bronfenbrenner makes no effort to conceal her pro-union agenda—much of her work at Cornell is supported by union-sponsored grants—it hasn't stopped her from criticizing labor leaders and Democrats. Her candor has been known to raise the hackles of her presumed allies. For instance, when Sprint, the telecom-

union campaign, 62 percent of firms which had the option to relocate threatened to do so rather than to allow employees to unionize, and 15 percent closed down. White House officials refused to release the report until *Business Week* magazine unearthed a copy. "I consider myself a part of the labor movement," Bronfenbrenner says. "But that doesn't mean my work is biased. The best gift I can give the labor movement is to do objective scientific research. They know that they can't censor me. I won't change my results to fit their expectations or tell them what they want to hear."

Surrounded by stacks of documents pertaining to the Beverly case in her small first-floor office in the ILR Extension Building, Bronfenbrenner says she was "flabbergasted" by the lawsuit. She admits that the case took its toll on her work schedule and home life with her husband and two children; even plans to remodel a kitchen had to be shelved when the bank counted the \$225,000 claim as a liability. And, she adds, the thought of risking a contempt citation by defying a court order to surrender confidential files was difficult to contemplate given the medical problems she still has as a result of a crushed

aspect of tenure: not the guarantee of lifetime employment, but the protection of intellectual freedom. At Cornell's other land-grant colleges (Agriculture and Life Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, and Human Ecology), extension and public service activities are often undertaken by tenured faculty. But at ILR, extension associates outnumber tenure-track resident faculty, seventy-five to fifty. Even those who teach and publish, as Bronfenbrenner does, are not eligible for tenure. "It has brought to the forefront the academic freedom issue for extension faculty," says Edward Lawler, dean of the ILR school. "They're actually out there doing research that can get them very strong negative reactions."

Academic freedom has always been a simple issue at the ILR school, says David Lipsky '61, director of Cornell's Institute on Conflict Resolution and Lawler's predecessor as dean. "You let every faculty member pursue his or her own interest and search for the truth as best they can and you let the marketplace of ideas resolve the issues," Lipsky says. "You don't clamp down or try to stifle anyone."

But how it all plays out can be tricky. There have been dozens of controversial findings and activities over the



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— DAVID LIPSKY, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION

munications corporation, closed a division in Mexico in the face of an organizing campaign, the tri-national secretariat of the North American Free Trade Agreement asked Bronfenbrenner to determine if the trade pact had been used to defeat unions. To the embarrassment of the Clinton Administration (which had lobbied hard for NAFTA) she found that when confronted with a

spine she suffered at the hands of a random attacker twenty years ago. "This lawsuit hurts me no matter what the outcome," she says. "Just because everything I've said is true doesn't stop me from becoming notorious. Now, instead of being 'that ILR researcher,' I'm 'that ILR researcher who was sued.'"

Her case underscores what academics have considered the most important

years, Lipsky says, infuriating union officers or company officials and occasionally leading to protests and threats. In one case, a communications union objected to research findings that its members earned more than those at non-union companies, which it argued could buttress management calls for concessions. In another, several of the school's corporate partners were in-



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censed when a prominent faculty member initiated opposition to the TEAM Act, which would change federal labor law to promote company-sponsored unions.

And early this year International Brotherhood of Teamsters presidential candidate James Hoffa accused Bronfenbrenner and a former ILR associate, Michael Belzer '72, of abandoning academic neutrality at a 1996 union convention by supporting Hoffa's rival, then-Teamster president Ron Carey, thus making Cornell an illegal contributor to Carey's campaign. University officials defended the actions of both, and a court-appointed officer (who later removed Carey from office on other grounds) found the charge baseless. But if elected, Hoffa could move to sever ties with Cornell, eliminating hundreds of thousands of dollars in union support. "The ILR school actually has a statutory mission to serve both management and labor," Lipsky says. "This is our unique feature. Few people realize it, but the school was founded by Republicans—Irrving Ives, Thomas Dewey, and other politicians who wrote the legislation that created the New York State school in 1944. In the earliest days there were trustees of the school who thought it was bound to fail. They said, 'You can't play both sides of the street.' Well, we've been juggling that relationship for over fifty years now."

CONSTRUCTION OF the school's new \$23 million teaching and library facility demonstrates how awkward the juggling act can get. Work on the structure was delayed several weeks after unions, which had lobbied the State Legislature for funding approval, threatened to pull members off the job and picket the site unless the primary contractor abandoned plans to hire some non-union subcontractors. Lipsky shuttled between

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Ithaca and Albany for weeks to work out a compromise.

The school's year-long fiftieth anniversary celebration in 1996 was, among other things, an opportunity to revisit the question of whether to change the school's name to reflect the breadth of employment relations taught and researched on campus. But no one could come up with a title that would satisfy both labor and management, and the name recognition of "ILR" was considered a worthwhile trade-off for its 1940s ring.

Ives, briefly ILR's first dean before his election to the U.S. Senate in 1946, imagined a day when the key parties to an important labor-management confrontation—union and company representatives and their mediator, too—would all have been educated at Cornell. Whether or not that has ever been the case, the guest list at the dedication of the new building, which bears Ives's name, attests to the scope of the school. Among those who attended were John Bronson, MILR '75, senior vice president of human resources for PepsiCo; Randi Weingarten '80, president of the United Federation of Teachers; and Stanley Aiges, MILR '58, a well-known arbitrator.

Still, ILR has always produced many more managers than labor leaders. The number of students who take positions in the labor movement has never exceeded five percent, says the school's career services director, Karin Ash. In part, that is because entry-level union salaries are low, and despite their pro-labor leanings many students come from families where it is important to make money.

And, she adds, "going to work for a corporation and designing a compensation system doesn't mean you're anti-labor." But although the numbers have stayed the same, what working in management actually means has changed. "In the 1960s if you studied collective bargaining and went into the corporate sector, the chances are you'd get a labor-relations job working for Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, Kennecott Copper, or some other heavily unionized companies," Lipsky says. "They put you in charge of processing grievances at a plant dealing with unions, and so on. Now, you get a hu-

man resources job. You go to work for IBM, Intel, a financial services company, and they're not unionized."

In the last three years, there have been signs of change on campus that reflect the union resurgence in the marketplace, say ILR administrators Lawler and Ash. "What's changed is that there is a core group of student activists genuinely interested in justice for workers," Ash says. "Cornell Organization for Labor Action, which was almost dead for years, is now drawing twenty to thirty students to meetings every week."

This summer, fifteen undergrads completed three-week internships with unions in cities across the country. And for the first time in recent memory, ILR sponsored a Union Day last spring, drawing representatives of ten international unions and about sixty students. "Is this a blip or a resurgence? The short answer is that it's too soon to tell," Lawler says. "Part of it depends on the efforts of the AFL-CIO and the unions to reshape themselves in light of a new economic reality, especially globally."

A big part of it, too, Bronfenbrenner insists, is commitment to organizing, which she says many unions abandoned decades ago. Although service-industry unions expanded by pouring energy and resources into organizing a quarter-century ago, she says, it took decades for some of the manufacturing unions to catch on, preferring to pin the blame for their low membership on anti-union companies and politicians.

Changes in the global economy, technology, and the political climate played their part, but she believes that the unions' own unwillingness to recruit new members—particularly low-wage, unskilled, non-white workers—was greatly responsible for the union slump. "Lynn Williams of the Steelworkers called me one Sunday night



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when I was living in Pittsburgh," she says, "and said he had an executive board meeting the next day. 'You've got to come in and yell at them,' he said. 'To tell them that it's us to blame, not just that we have the worst employers.' This is what happens to organizations. A woman actually asked at the meeting, 'Do we really have to organize?' I just looked at her and said three words: 'Organize. Organize. Organize.'"

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Character Issue

Freedomland

RICHARD PRICE '71
BROADWAY BOOKS

FOR NINE DAYS IN the fall of 1994 the nation hoped for the safe recovery of Susan Smith's young sons, and Richard Price barely paid attention. But when she confessed her story was a hoax—the children hadn't been abducted by a black car-jacker but had drowned, strapped into the back seat of the car she had rolled into a lake—he was hooked. Price traveled to Union, South Carolina, falling in with the media hounds covering the story. "When I returned to New York," he says, "what stayed with me was the intersection of racial paranoia, media frenzy, and personal tragedy." That intersection drove Price as he researched and wrote his latest novel, *Freedomland*.

As in his 1992 novel, *Clockers*, gritty dialogue and frank descriptions of the inner city set the stage. The pursuit of realism drove Price's intense research as he shadowed journalists and big-city police officers. The novelist has also authored screenplays including the Spike Lee-directed *Clockers* and *Sea of Love* and *The Color of Money*. His authentic characters have earned Price popularity with the real people upon whom they're based. "I have contacts going back to the mid-Eighties when I did *Sea of Love*," says Price, "the urban network—cops and bureaucrats and people living in the projects and dealing with real life on a daily basis."

A Bronx native and graduate of the College of Industrial and Labor Relations, Price published his first novel, *The Wanderers*, in 1974, while a graduate student in creative writing at Columbia. His latest is the story of a Dempsey, New Jersey, woman who, like Smith, claims her son was abducted by a black carjacker. The book is set in a fictionalized Newark, seething under the heat of



BEAT POET: PRICE

RALPH GIBSON

summer and its own urban tensions. Price explores the boundaries of race and class with characters such as Lorenzo, the popular black police officer handling the case, and Jesse, the young white reporter covering it.

"Her hair was shoulder-length and lank, her face pale and thin," Price writes of Brenda Martin, the white woman who is his main character. "She had no lips to speak of, but her eyes—the building-mounted anti-crime spotlights picked them up as startling electric gray, like a husky's, so light and wide as to suggest trance or blindness." Engaging yet pathetic, Brenda is not so much sympathetic as compelling. "You've got to like your characters," says Price, "whether they're good or nice or obnoxious. You have to live with them for a long time while you're writing. You've got to believe in them, because you've got to make them believable."

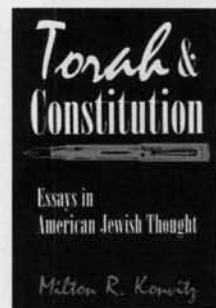
The disappearance of Cody Martin grips the residents of Dempsey. As the police crack down on the housing projects, and tensions escalate, the characters confront their own beliefs about class, race, and motherhood. And as Brenda's story begins to ring hollow, they examine their desire for the truth as well. "I'm interested in exorcising the melodrama," says Price. "What we don't know we build up as unbelievably alien or dramatic or exotic."

A popular and often un-credited Hollywood script doctor, Price is about to begin work on the *Freedomland* screenplay, to be produced by Paramount. "I'm temporarily avoiding it," he says, "so I can get some distance from the book. Novel and film are two separate mediums. There's going to be a lot of reinventing."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

In Brief

TORAH AND CONSTITUTION: ESSAYS IN AMERICAN JEWISH THOUGHT by Milton Konvitz, PhD '33 (Syracuse University Press). In a collection of essays spanning his forty years as a Cornell professor of industrial and labor relations law, Konvitz compares Jewish religious and legal thought and American constitutional law. He argues that the two traditions share a fundamental loyalty to original documents (the Torah and constitution), yet an ability to evolve.

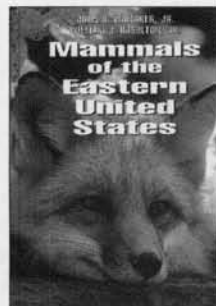


A SHORT HISTORY: THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF 50 LITTLE GIANTS by Joan Kanel Slo-

manson '53, with illustrations by T. R. Nimen (Abbeville Press Publishers). This "small" book, a collection of one-page biographies and caricatures of diminutive luminaries, features notables such as Joan of Arc, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, and Mother Teresa (all three under 5'1"). The sketches include Humphrey Bogart's aphorism on Hollywood agent Swiftly Lazar: "Smaller than a minute, but bigger than life."



MAMMALS OF THE EASTERN UNITED STATES by John O'Whitaker '31 and William J. Hamilton Jr. '26, PhD '30 (Cornell University Press). The late professor Hamilton and his former student Whitaker co-wrote this third edition. It provides scientific descriptions of mammals east of the Mississippi, from jackrabbits to armadillos, porcupines to flying squirrels.



The Mangurian Candidate

PETE MANGURIAN SPENT THE past decade in what's supposed to be football heaven. The National Football League. The Big Show. The Mountain-top. So why is he so glad to be on the Hill? "A lot of reasons why people got out of college football to go to the NFL ten or fifteen years ago don't really exist anymore," says Cornell's twenty-third head football coach. "You know, continuity in players. That doesn't exist. Players leave all the time now. The money situation. The contracts. The salary cap. Decisions get made in the National Football League now for a lot of reasons other than football. So some of the things I liked about the NFL ten years ago have dramatically changed."

Mangurian's ten seasons as an assistant coach in the pros included a 1989 trip to the Super Bowl with the Denver Broncos and stints with the New York Giants and Atlanta Falcons. Before turning to the NFL, he coached at Southern Methodist, New Mexico State, Stanford, and Louisiana State (where the 1978 graduate was a defensive tackle). But while Cornell may seem a step down in talent, for him it was a step up in responsibility. For the first time, his office door will read "Head Coach." "I was an offensive line coach, and I was at a point in my career when, after twenty years, I had to make a decision whether I wanted to be an assistant or take this step. It was a step I always wanted to take, but the timing never seemed right or the opportunity never seemed right. In this instance, it did," says Mangurian, who was hired, ironically, after Jim Hofher '79 opted for an assistant coaching position at the University of North Carolina.

Mangurian has quickly surrounded himself with a staff boasting equally impressive credentials. Three holdovers from the Hofher era remain—director of football operations Peter Noyes, defensive line coach Pete DeStefano, and running backs and tight end coach Bill Lazor '94. The rest were hand-picked by Mangurian, who believes that players at each position reflect the personalities of the position coaches.



COACH: "WE DEMAND PERFECTION."

His offensive coordinator is John Reaves, who spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach at South Carolina after five years at the University of Florida. "I wanted somebody who had a philosophy, who had a system in place, who understood something extremely well, whatever it might be," says Mangurian. For Reaves, that means the passing game. During his Florida coaching tenure, he was instrumental in the development of Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Danny Wuerffel. As a player, Reaves was an All-American quarterback at Florida whose fourteen-year NFL career came to an end in 1987. "John is an exceptional quarterbacks coach," says Mangurian. "There's a distinction between guys who tell quarterbacks what to do and guys who really coach quarterbacks."

Also joining Mangurian's staff are defensive coordinator Greg Gigantino, who had held the same position at Hofstra University since 1990; offensive line coach Ron Prince, who coached

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Home Meets: Robert Trent Jones Golf Course • Sept. 12-13 Cornell-Colgate Invitational • Sept. 18-19 at Bucknell Invitational • Oct. 4-5 at St. Bonaventure Invitational • Oct. 16-17 at Lehigh Invitational

MEN'S SOCCER

Home Games: Berman Field • Sept. 12 St. Francis • Sept. 18 No. Carolina-Greensboro • Sept. 20 No. Carolina • Sept. 23 Iona • Sept. 26 Pennsylvania • Sept. 29 at Colgate • Oct. 3 Princeton • Oct. 7 Syracuse • Oct. 10 at Harvard • Oct. 17 at Adelphi • Oct. 21 at Hartwick • Oct. 24 Dartmouth • Oct. 31 Brown • Nov. 3 Army • Nov. 7 at Yale • Nov. 14 at Columbia

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Home Games: Berman Field • Sept. 11 Vermont • Sept. 16 Bucknell • Sept. 19 Princeton • Sept. 22 at Penn State • Sept. 26 Pennsylvania • Sept. 29 at Colgate • Oct. 3 at Columbia • Oct. 6 at Army • Oct. 10 at Harvard • Oct. 16 George Mason • Oct. 18 Northeastern • Oct. 24 Dartmouth • Oct. 25 Villanova • Oct. 28 Syracuse • Oct. 31 Brown • Nov. 4 Lafayette • Nov. 7 at Yale

MEN'S TENNIS

Home Matches: Reis Tennis Center • Sept. 19-20 Cornell Fall Outdoor Invit. • Sept. 26-27 at Yale Invitational • Oct. 9-11 ECAC Champs. at Princeton • Oct. 23-25 Cornell Fall Indoor Invit. • Nov. 5-8 Rolex Champs. at Princeton

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Home Matches: Reis Tennis Center • Sept. 12-13 Cornell Fall Invit. • Sept. 25-27 Cissy Leary Invit. at Penn • Oct. 2-4 at Penn State Fall Invit. • Oct. 10-11 at Yale Invit. • Oct. 16-18 ITA/ECAC Champs. at Rutgers and at Princeton • Oct. 31- Nov. 3 Rolex Indiv. Regionals at Syracuse

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Home Meets: Newman Arena • Sept. 11-12 Big Red Invitational • Sept. 18-19 Jefferson Cup Invit. at Virginia • Sept. 20 at Radford • Sept. 26-27 at St. Francis Tournament • Oct. 3-4 at Northeastern Invitational • Oct. 9 Harvard • Oct. 10 Dartmouth • Oct. 12 Lehigh • Oct. 16 at Brown • Oct. 17 at Yale • Oct. 23 Columbia • Oct. 30 at Pennsylvania • Oct. 31 at Princeton • Nov. 3 at Syracuse • Nov. 6-7 Cornell Invitational • Nov. 13-15 Ivy Tour. at Brown

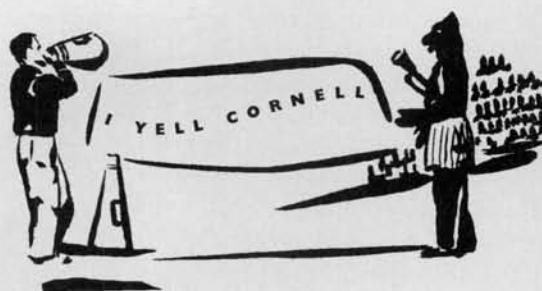
the line at James Madison from 1995-97; and defensive secondary coach David Arnsparger, wide receiver coach at Northeastern Louisiana since 1994. In a football rarity, Arnsparger will be joined by his father, Bill, who will coach the special teams. The elder Arnsparger was head coach at Louisiana State, athletic director at Florida, and a twenty-three-year veteran of the NFL, where he coached in five Super Bowls, served as head coach of the New York Giants for three seasons, and was the architect of Miami's famous "No-name" defense of the 1970s and its "Killer B's" defense of the 1980s. Mangurian describes his mentor's return to the game in simple terms: "Bill loves to coach. Whether it's the NFL, college, Division I or II, or anything else, he just loves to coach."

The new staff takes over a team that finished 5-5 last year, including a 3-4 Ivy League mark. Cornell, which tied for fourth in the league standings, lost seven offensive starters to graduation. Mike Hood '99, who saw part-time duty at quarterback last year, is expected to get top billing this season. He passed for 1,128 yards and ran for another 279 last year. He'll be joined in the backfield by 5-foot-7 speedster Justin Bush '00, who rushed for 277 yards and caught thirty-three passes in 1997. Punter Charles Watson '99 and place-kicker John McCombs '00 return as well, after setting school records for highest season average by a punter (40.76 yards) and most points by a kicker (63), respectively.

Three of the top four leading tacklers on last year's squad are back again for a final season. Four-year starter John Hanson '99 returns at linebacker after leading the team in stops each of the last two seasons. He'll be joined by linebacker Jorge Alvarez '99 and cornerback Tom Nunes '99. End Joe Norris '99, the team's most valuable down lineman in 1997, anchors the defensive line.

The Big Red is the only Ivy League team to finish in the top four in six of the past eight years. But the team hasn't won a league title since 1990, Hoffer's first season. Mangurian has his sights set on the top. "We demand perfection," he says. "We're here to win the Ivy League."

— Brad Herzog '90



NO ORDINARY JOE After being disappointed by a fourth-place finish at the Winter Olympics as a member of the Canadian hockey team, Joe Nieuwendyk '88 led the National Hockey League's Dallas Stars to the best record in the league. Nieuwendyk paced the team with 69 points and was seventh in the NHL with 39 goals. The center placed second in the league in face-off winning percentage (.595).

RED AGAIN Nieuwendyk and Carolina Hurricane Kent Manderville '93 may be joined in the NHL soon by Big Red goaltender and team MVP Jason Elliott '98, who signed a professional contract with the Detroit Red Wings in March. Elliott and field hockey/lacrosse standout Cari Hills '98 received Outstanding Senior Varsity Athlete Awards at the Senior Athletic Banquet in May.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION Pat Gillespie has been named Cornell's director of sports communications, replacing longtime director Dave Wohlhueter, who retired in July. Gillespie spent the last six years as an assistant to Wohlhueter after serving five years as sports information director at Alfred University.

IN THE SWIM Pablo Morales, JD '94, has been named to the International Swimming Hall of Fame. A 1984 Olympian who failed to make the 1988 team, Morales was nicknamed the "comeback kid" when he took gold at the 1992 games.

ON ICE Carol Mullins, assistant women's ice hockey coach for the past six years, has been tapped to lead the team. Mullins replaces Julie Andeberhan, who left to become head women's hockey coach at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.



ROB KOLL

FIRST PLACE Big Red wrestling coach Rob Koll continues to lead his team by example. Koll was named the outstanding wrestler at the Cerro Pelado and Granma tournament in St. Spiritus, Cuba, last February. Competing as a member of the U.S. national team, Koll earned first-place honors at 167 pounds with a 4-0 record in the tournament, including a 10-0 win in the championship bout.

ACE ATHLETE Cornell men's tennis player Josh Benjamin '99 is one of seven regional winners of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sportsmanship and Leadership Award. Benjamin, president of the Cornell Student-Athlete Advisory Council, was the Region I (Northeast) recipient of the award, given by *Tennis* magazine and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

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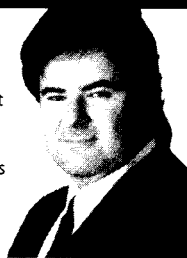
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Reunion opened with registration Thursday afternoon and was attended by (in alphabetical order) **Earle C.**

Adams, Louise Emery Angell, **Paul J. Buhl**, BArch '33, **Alvin R. Carpenter**, MD '31, **Eugenie Zeller** Evans, **William C. Graf**, **John R. Hawkins**, A. "Madge" **Marwood** Headland, **Samuel C. Jones**, **Constante D. Larco**, BS Ag '29, **Howard S. Levie**, JD '30, **John B. Mordock**, MME '29, **Argus J. Tresidder**, PhD '35, who left early, **Ludolph F. Welanetz**, PhD '38, and **Kathryn Altemeier** Yohn. All were attended by a wife, son, grandson, daughter, or friend. Some were in wheelchairs, some used walkers or canes, but all were in good spirits.

Our events started with dinner on Thursday night, when we were entertained by the *cappella* group Class Notes, serenading us with beautiful harmony. **Jarvis Leng** '54, BME '55, son of our classmate, the late **Bob Leng**, showed the films that his father and he had taken at previous reunions. Some of our members attended the Savage Club show after dinner.

On Friday morning we held a class meeting. Earle Adams moved that the reunion chair, yours truly, be elected to fill all vacant class offices (**Ted Adler** remains as treasurer). The motion was passed unanimously. It was also decided that any funds remaining in the class treasury after the 75th Reunion in 2003 should be divided equally between the '28 Library Fund and Daisy Farrand's Secret Garden. Jarvis Leng also showed slides of past reunions, the Secret Garden, and the Mundy Wildflower Garden at the Cornell Plantations, made possible by gifts from **Floyd Mundy** in honor of his wife, Muriel. Also on Friday, there was a reception where one of our loyal supporters of the university, Kathryn Altemeier Yohn, was honored by President Emeritus Frank Rhodes as a Foremost Benefactor. Vice President **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94 attended, as well.

Friday evening we were honored to be joined by President Hunter Rawlings and Elizabeth Rawlings for our happy hour, and at dinner we were entertained by the Hangovers, a group of young men singing in close harmony. Our guest speaker was Sara E. Thomas, university librarian, who told us of the books that had been purchased during the past five years using proceeds from the '28 Library

Fund. Another speaker was residence hall director Jennifer Davis, who told us of activities at our Class of '28 Hall dormitory on West Campus.

On Saturday morning many of us attended President Rawlings's address on the State of the University. I devoted most of that day to locating Reunion Co-Chair **Alyene Fenner** Brown, who was expected, but had yet to put in an appearance. By knocking on doors in the neighborhood of her Ithaca residence, I found she had been admitted to the hospital, but telephone calls yielded the good news that she was much better and could receive visitors. Thus it was that four of us were able to see her on Saturday afternoon.

Another son of one of our regular reunioners, Robert S. Salisbury, son of **W. Seward Salisbury**, PhD '38, came to our Saturday night reception from Oswego, NY, wearing his father's reunion jacket. I invited him to stay for dinner, and he did. Seward Salisbury died last November at age 91. He was a sociologist and chaired the anthropology and sociology department at SUNY, Oswego, where he retired in 1974 after 39 years. His textbook, *Religion in American Culture*, has been widely used in colleges across the US.

Our Saturday night dinner was preceded with the taking of the class picture. Our honorary classmate, President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes, posed with us. He attended our reception with his wife, Rosa Rhodes. We were entertained at dinner by yet another close-harmony singing group, After Eight, and our speaker was a charming young woman named **Colleen Akehurst** '98, president of the newest class of alumni. We all enjoyed both her personality and her remarks. Many of our group went to Bailey Hall after dinner for the Cornelliana Night festivities.

Our 70th Reunion was made very pleasant by members of the Alumni Affairs Office staff, plus our class clerk, a lovely young Russian emigre, **Sofia Merzon** '01, who anticipated everything that needed to be done before I had even thought of it. Our quarters and the meals and service at the Statler were excellent in almost every way.

It is my intention later this summer to issue a report to classmates with photographs (taken by my granddaughter) of our activities at reunion—my eyes permitting. From my point of view the reunion was a success, first, because

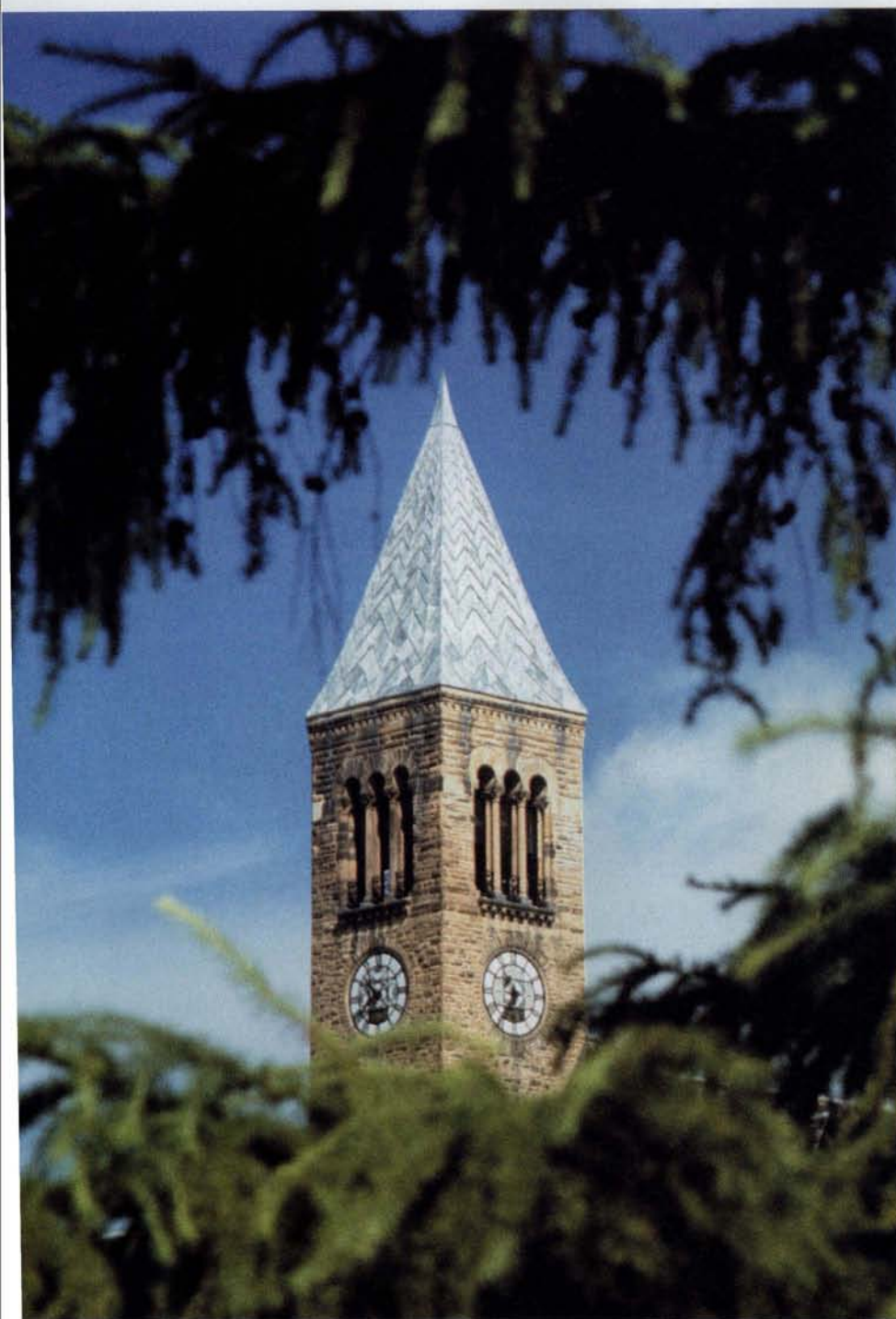


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I received so many hugs from wives, daughters, and granddaughters who attended and, second, because all classmates who attended were able to return home in as good shape as they had arrived. ♦ **John B. "Bud" Mordock**, 640 Winnetka Mews, #107, Winnetka, IL 60093; tel., (847)446-4298.

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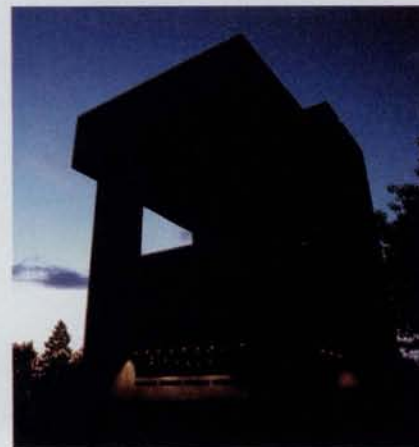
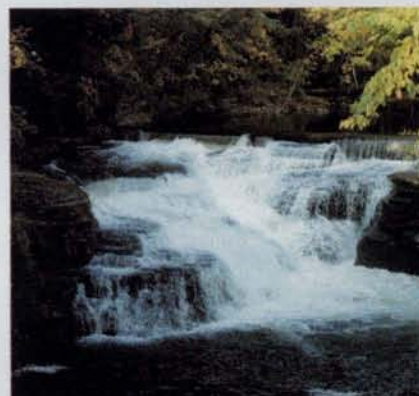
This report is a combined effort of past and future class correspondents: The 65th Reunion of the Class of 1933 was a great success. The 29 returning members, accompanied by husbands, relatives, and/



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OUR MOST INSPIRATIONAL DAYS ANYONE COULD EVER SPEND AT THIS GRAND INSTITUTION" — BOB PERSONS '48

or friends, were headquartered in the Statler, a superb hotel and meeting place. Cornell President Hunter Rawlings III and his lovely wife, Elizabeth Rawlings, visited us Thursday evening at cocktails. The President welcomed us back to the university in a short and excellent speech. As at our 60th Reunion, **Fran Rosevear**, PhD '37, playing a clarinet, his wife, **Ruth (Fisher) '36**, on cello, and **Eugenia Gould Huntoon**, at the piano, provided great music between courses. Led by **Henry Horn**, we had a most enjoyable song fest.

The main business that night was the elec-

tion of class officers. **Marion Ford** Fraser, our outstanding and hard-working president, decided that one term was enough—she favors term limits scholastically, as well as politically—so the nominating committee proposed the following slate: President **Nat Apter**, PO Box 5218, Hanover, NH 03755; Vice President **Deane Dunloy**, 31 Woodland Manor, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724; Treasurer **Charles S. "Ted" Tracy**, BS AEM '34, 111 Burlingame Rd., Syracuse, NY 13203-1604; Secretary/Class Correspondent the Reverend Henry Horn, address below; Reunion Chair Ted Tracy; and Cornell Fund Representative **Ken**

Ashman, 590 Village Pl., Apt. 300, Longwood, FL 32779.

Later Thursday evening, many attended a great Savage Club Show, an annual reunion event. But one of the highlights was our Henry Horn, who sang his famous "Ballad of Street Car Sam" to a standing ovation.

On Friday morning, the Class of '33 was awarded a cup for breaking the 65th Reunion class dollar contribution record, some \$2,800,000! This almost doubled the previous record, held by the Class of '29. Also that morning we had an interesting and informative tour of the Cornell Plantations, which in-

cluded the Newman Arboretum, the Botanical Gardens, and other natural areas of that part of the University campus.

Friday and Saturday informal luncheons were held in Barton Hall, where every reuniting class had tables and the band played on. On Friday afternoon, the reunion guest speaker (the "Olin Lecturer") was Dr. **Joyce Bauer** Brother's '47. She walked onto the Bailey Hall stage with President Rawlings, who is six foot, eight; Dr. Brothers, in high heels, might be all of five feet tall. It was quite a contrast. She made up for her short stature by giving an informative and frequently humorous talk on a subject (relationships between men and women) which could not even have been mentioned in 1933!

The Class Dinner on Friday night, again with our superb musical trio and again with Henry Horn leading a songfest, was most enjoyable. After dinner many attended a concert by the University Chorus in Sage Chapel, which was very good.

Saturday morning's feature was President Rawlings's State of the University Address in Bailey Hall, a traditional reunion event.

Finally, the Class Banquet on Saturday night brought **Charlie Moore '51**, BME '52, athletic director, and his wife, Judith Moore, as our guests. Charlie spoke about the state of athletics at Cornell. After dinner, most attended Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall, where the Glee Club and Chorus performed brilliantly.

Then, on Sunday morning, it was goodbye for another five years when most of us will be 92! [Submitted by the outgoing class correspondent, **Ted Tracy**.—Ed.]

Twenty-nine classmates are mulling over memories of the four days of their 65th Reunion at Cornell . . . and the fact that in our mid-80s we who were fortunate enough to be back on the Hill could still stand up and take it all in . . . we have much to be thankful for.

I will include brief excerpts from our new president's speech at reunion. In full, it was descriptive of our whole life pathway.

"Our 65th Reunion certainly deserves a glance backward and a glimpse at future prospects . . . Our common history began on campus when the dark broodings of the Great Depression accompanied us to classes daily. In the years that followed graduation, the narrow opportunities of employment yielded insufficient rewards to keep us in the style to which we had not yet become accustomed. As soon as we acquired a modicum of experience and skill at the work that was available, we were called up to participate in the struggle to preserve the civilization we learned to appreciate so deeply at Cornell. We returned from the worldwide battlefields at the commencement of the atomic age and settled down with the conviction that we could now fulfill our lives in peaceful and loving cultivation of our families, communities, and work . . . During recent years we have been able to utilize our leisure to enjoy grandchildren and great-grandchildren in a setting of unanticipated prosperity. Nevertheless, the uncertain intergenerational compromise of the early 1980s persists, especially in the moral realm, so that we are sometimes

puzzled by the nature of our legacy to our successors.

"The celebration of our 65th Reunion can dissolve such issues with the future. Our current good humor is based on reconvening with those with whom we share a common history . . . We are deeply moved to be in the company of those with whom we shared four unforgettable formative years."

As our class's new secretary and class correspondent, I will have much more to report of our reunion, but I appeal to you to send me any news about your doings and whereabouts. That is necessary for me to do an honest job of it. ♦ **Henry E. Horn**, 49A Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138; tel., (617) 876-8633.

38 The big event has come and gone, all too rapidly, but leaving us with heart-warming memories of old friends, past events, and lives shaped by our Cornell experiences. It was an award-winning 60th also. **Eileen Mandl** Goodwin and **Bernard Gartlir** reported that '38 won an Ezra Award

lege buildings and sports facilities, and this also included Collegetown and the Suspension Bridge—a touch of nostalgia! Yet another highlight was President Rawlings's State of the University address at Bailey, when he presented his assessment of Cornell's achievements, and the challenges ahead in a changing world. The speaker at the Olin Lecture was Dr. **Joyce Bauer** Brothers '47, who also drew an enthusiastic audience. Then there was the music! Thursday evening was the wonderful Savage Club production. On Friday night the Univeristy Chorus and After Eight women's a cappella group were featured in Sage Chapel, while in Barnes Hall two pianists from the music department, Edward Murray and David Borden, presented musical selections from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*.

Sage College, where many of us had lived as freshmen and juniors, has experienced a total make-over, inside and out, and now houses the Johnson Graduate School of Management. All the colleges had special events; there were lectures, tours, and exhibits of all sorts. We visited the various libraries, and saw the special



"AFTER DINNER, MOST ATTENDED CORNELLIANA NIGHT AT BAILEY HALL, WHERE THE GLEE CLUB AND CHORUS PERFORMED BRILLIANTLY." — **HENRY E. HORN '38**

by raising during the year just ended, in cash, pledges, and estate commitments, the sum of \$1,560,900 from the largest number of donors of any Cornell 60th Reunion class in history! You are all to be congratulated! Our reunion "chaperones" (provided for us by the Office of Alumni Affairs) had produced some other statistics. At graduation we numbered 1,312; those now deceased, 592; drop-outs, 157; and living members, as of June, 563. Total reunion attendance in '38's Expeditionary Force was 167, of whom 108 are active members of Cornell's arguably greatest class.

Now for more details. With the Statler as our base, and campus tour and special events buses leaving regularly from its entrance, we enjoyed in comfort a detailed tour of the Cornell Plantations (with time out to check our living memorials). Another tour introduced us to dozens of magnificent newer col-

exhibits at the Johnson Museum of Art. The tradition of the class taking part in the All-Alumni Luncheons at Barton Hall continued, and gave us the opportunity to fraternize with returnees of other classes, as did the reunion tents on the Arts Quad—refuges from some chilly evening winds. There were canoeists on Beebe Lake, periodic chimes concerts, and even guided tours of McGraw Tower.

The Saturday night finale was picture-taking and our formal class dinner, culminating in the presentation of an enlarged photograph of President **Harry Martien**, a souvenir of his prowess at the Lake Placid "mini" two years ago. Accolades also to **Bill and Elsie Harrington Doolittle**, who did so much to coordinate these many events, and whose "hospitality room" drew over-flow crowds! More details will follow later. Start planning now for the 65th! ♦ **Fred Hillegas**, 7625 E. Camel-

back Rd., #220-A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251-2116; **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. Second St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

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Our 55th Reunion is history. Glorious history. Best ever: 117 class members returned, new record for a 55th; 197 souls in all. Due, you'll agree, to roots of our original bonding: love of learning, love for one another, love of beer.

Class president while on the Hill, and, after 55-year furlough, class president once more, **Roy Unger**, along with indefatigable **Dick Nickerson**, chaired weekend. Smooth as silk. Cold as a glacier. Shiverers thankful for 11th hour arrival of sides for tents. Buses/vans ferried us whenever/wherever we chose. **Peggy (Clark) '44** and **George "Champ" Salisbury** mostly chose Shank's Mare. Evening food and drink. Thursday buffet in tent by Hurlburt House. Friday lobster dinner in Ag Quad tent. Saturday sumptuous hors d'oeuvres on Terrace at Willard Straight. Still another tent. Squinting through plastic windows could vaguely make out Cayuga. Impressive pond. Soup-to-nuts banquet (no soup; no nuts) in soaring baronial hall, the Memorial Room. Treated each night, as always, to Johnson Estate's top wines, gift of the late **Fred Johnson**, BS Ag '46. Like our good-selves, wines continue to get better with age. But now it was Fred's widow Cecily and son **Tony S. Johnson '80** whom we thanked and toasted. Albeit with their own vintage. Fred, alas, had died scant weeks earlier. In celebration of his life, '43 made unrestricted contribution to Agriculture college he loved and strongly supported for lo these many years.

Music. Dinner Thursday, serenaded by The Hangovers, a flock of striplings (how do they get to Cornell so young?). Friday, by somewhat older Sherwoods, including Dr. **David W. Hunter '68**. Vocation: singing with Sherwoods and telling clean jokes in Norwegian accent. Hobby: radiology. Son of **Thelma (Emile) '45** (Norwegian) and **Sam Hunter** (Irish) producing, Dave said, a hot-tempered dolt. Saturday, Hotfoot Club sublimely filled Straight with Big Band sound. Lucky are we. Had good fortune to dance then/now to best music the US ever produced.

Down at Collyer Boathouse Saturday morning '43 became first-ever class 55-years-out to put (won't sully record by further defining "put") eight classmates in racing shell. Oarsmen: **Bill Dickhart**, **Chuck Spransy**, **Furn South**, **Hope Ritter**, **Du Bois Jenkins**, BS Ag '42, DVM '43, **Dave Belt**, MBA '50, **Roy Unger**, **Tom Nobis**. Coxswain **Jess Dall** guided shell back down Inlet and gently into dock for—his term—"eggshell landing." On dock, temporarily sidelined, crewmen **George Crofts**, JD '49, **Bob Underwood '42**, BME '43, MME '49, 50th Reunion Chair **Donald "Bud" Kastner**, BS '46 (Hotel), along with host of landlubbers. "New era," noted outgoing class co-prexy South: "boat has no ashtrays."

Wandered then next door to roam Ithaca Farmer's Market with **Virginia "Ginger"**

Shaw and visit booth of her talented wood-carver daughter.

Events. Some heard President Hunter Rawlings review State of University; some heard Dr. **Joyce Bauer** Brothers '47 reveal things she knows about men/women. Some attended Savage Club Show, or Evening of Porgy/Bess. Some visited Johnson Art Museum, Kroch Library, Plantations, Old Haunts, and New Haunts built on site of Old Haunts.

Long-time class leader **J. E. "Jack" Slater**, knees rebelling after 70-odd years' mistreatment on all kinds of racquet courts, held different kind of court in Hurlburt's lobby. Got to visit with and know some highly interesting classmates who had heretofore been only names/faces. In our gathering room, Chivas and beer flowed like . . . well, these days, more like glacier. Into wee hours, or at least after sundown, we rehashed war stories, mostly true, some even about war.

Being driven around campus with **John A. Newman**, B Chem E '44, and his devoted gentle-giant grandson Jeff, hopelessly looking for spot to park van, we said: "John. This place is chockablock with buildings with your family's name on them. Where the hell is the Newman Memorial Highrise Garage?" We asked. "It's probably," John lamented, "too late."

Segue to: Cornell's first ever distaff chimesmaster—toiling/tolling high above the Libe: **Phyllis Ditman McClelland**. In recognition, class earmarked \$10,000 of accumulated class funds (50 grand according to treasurer **Shig Kondo**) for casting of Class of '43 Bell. Our first.

Welcome returnees. (For complete list write Roy Unger, 106 Savage Farm Rd., Ithaca NY 14850-6500. Addresses of specific classmates I can deliver quickly. MasterCard number takes longer.) **Wayne "Pinky" Evans**, MS '48, who toured cyclotron with us ten years ago, but missed 50th. Turned out it was pneumonia, not cyclotron. Welcome spouses: **Dick Nickerson's** wife Jan; **Mary Louise Snellenberg Harris '45**; **Edie Newman Weinberger's** husband **Joe '42**. Back for first reunion ever, **Ruth Ohringer Frank** and husband **Jim '40**; **Nancy (Spatz) and Dave Mertz**; Marion and one-time ski captain **Phil Gibson. Barber Conable**, BA '42, LLB '48, lunched with us Friday in cavernous Barton. Retired from Congress but still digs photo ops. Near middle of class picture. Can't miss him. Suit/tie. Why weren't rest of us suited/tied? Because rest us were not addressing 50th Reunion of our Cornell Law School class. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

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Back on the Hill for what were probably the four most inspirational days anyone could ever spend at this grand institution of Cornell were 368 souls consisting of 219 '48ers, 34 alumni of other classes, and 115 significant others. The lodgings at the Townhouses seemed too luxurious to be occupied during the school year by common

OUTTAKES '98

Earle Adams '28 came to his 70th Reunion from Kennebunk, Maine, with his wife, Beth, arriving, said classmate John "Bud" Mordock, "with no cane, no walker, just striding right along as he has to every single class reunion since graduation."

Alvin R. Carpenter '28, MD '31, spoke about life as an undergraduate, medical student, Navy physician, and orthopedist. He talked with Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64 for Preserving the Past, in which members of earlier classes are interviewed by more recent grads. The tapes are part of the archives in Kroch Library.

Before heading home on Sunday, S. Miller Harris '43 attended the Quill & Dagger breakfast, where he told the assemblage, "I was greeted by a gentleman at my table with: 'I'm Ezra Cornell,' to which I replied: 'Yeah, and I'm Andrew D. White!'" The meeting was chaired by Ezra Cornell '70, BS Ag '71.

Also on hand for the Quill & Dagger breakfast: freeze-dried remains of the McGraw Tower pumpkin in its display case, which had made appearances elsewhere on campus during the weekend.

A debate on "Presidential Peccadillos" drew a standing-room-only crowd to Goldwin Smith's Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium. Professors Joel Silbey and Glenn Altschuler focused on the role of the press in the sex scandals and the necessity (or lack thereof) of exposing the private lives of public figures.

Overheard at the Johnson Museum (in a gallery containing art contributed by an alum), a man to his wife: "If I had those, I'd give them away, too."

OUTTAKES '98

The Reunion Row drew an eight-oared shell of men from the Class of '43, a couple of whom—Furm South and Roy Unger—were making good use of their new artificial hips. It was the first time that a 55th Reunion class filled a boat.

Three new rowing shells were dedicated on Saturday: the Charles P. E. Von Wrangell '48, a gift of David Brooke '50; the Alan Danser '73, a gift of Danser; and the August Marx '03, a gift of Graham E. Marx '38, who has given shells to honor his grandfather and three uncles. As Coach Dan Roock said, "We're very grateful, and we're sorry he didn't have any more uncles."

On Saturday morning in Balch, women of the Class of '58 were asked to join discussion groups on such subjects as "Travel," "New Careers or Volunteer Work After Sixty," and "Coping With Loss." A tip from the travel group: a supply of recloseable plastic bags comes in handy on trips.

The Class of '48 kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration on Friday by drinking milk punch. The early morning crowd enjoyed the sun on Beebe Lake's Sackett Bridge, sipping the traditional creamy concoction that was dispensed in the shade on the nearby Class of '48 Overlook.

The chimes concert (which required all four appendages of chimesmaster Kristen Simpson '98) featured the Fourth Movement of Brahms's *Requiem* as well as the requested "Alma Mater." Some listeners came prepared with wads of Kleenex and stuffed their ears before ascending to the top for the bell loft's vertigo view.

people or undergraduates. The student concierge and reception desk personnel, organized and programmed by our stalwart **Jean Genung Pearson**, provided the ambiance of a world-class hotel. The food at our banquets and balls, arranged for by **Martha Clark Mapes**, MS HE '49 (Mrs. **Barth E. '49**) and provided by Hope's Way of Ithaca, was the kind for which you bring all the extra doggie bags you can in order to take home a week's supply. (But there wasn't much left over.)

You should all have received a full report of our doings in June, sent by your network-ing curmudgeon around Labor Day. Your 1999 News and Dues notices were to be included in the same mailing. Don't forget to respond, so you can continue reading about your classmates and they can hear from you.

Class records: ours was the class with the highest (\$11,475,000) contribution to the Cornell Fund, as well as that with the highest participation rate (572 donors out of 1,217 members = 47 percent) of Cornell Fund givers. We are also the class with the most Cayuga Society members (estate planned giving and bequests) and that with the highest increase in money raised since last reunion. We also broke the record of the Class of '39 for dollar giving among 50th Reunion classes, and broke the record for number of donors. And finally, we broke the **Bob Persons** Curmudgeon Award record for the reuning class having the most fun!

My personal undergraduate support group of 14 Class of '48 electrical engineering graduates was the largest alumni group at the breakfast held by faculty of the various schools and colleges. We enjoyed a delicious menu, including Cornell Scrambled Eggs. Two of our EE professors were there, still full of all the old mustard, which proves that electricity prolongs life and happiness.

On the way to attend our class visit at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, I learned that **Bart Holm** had finished first in the five-mile Reunion Run in the 70-or-over age group. Later Bart informed me that he had been the only one in that group. The art displays in the Johnson Museum are second only to the view one gets from the fifth floor of the museum from whence one can see Wells College to the north and Elmira College for Women to the southwest, in addition to Lake Cayuga and the beautiful Library Slope. I've been told a million times not to exaggerate.

Also on Saturday morning, President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes addressed us all in Bailey Hall and President Rawlings delivered an extremely enlightening, informative address on the State of the University, punctuated with much humor and the statement that the greatest thing we have to look forward to is that by the next reunion, Bailey Hall will have been air conditioned.

By 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening we had all donned the loudest, most ridiculous sports shirts we could find and congregated at the large tent on the north shore of Beebe Lake near what we used to call the Johnny Parson Club for a Hawaiian-Caribbean Luau with dancing on the temporary dance floor to Johnny Russo's Band. From there we went

straight to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night, where **Dick Keegan '49**, president of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) announced the awards for reunion class attendance and giving, interspersed with songs of Cornell with everyone singing, led by a stage full of Alumni Chorus and Glee Club members. I even learned and memorized the words of one song which I had failed to absorb fully 50 years ago. Then it was back to reunion headquarters for another ice cream party sponsored by **Nancy (Horton)** and **Hank Bartels**—complete with sauce, nuts, sprinkles, and chips, as well as beer, soda, and singing—led by **Jane Bowers Bliss** (Mrs. **Ted '46**) and **Barbara Stryker Pratt**—with **Dave Dingel '50** at the piano . . . and bed.

Our new class officers for the next five years, elected at the Saturday night banquet according to Robert's Rules of Dis-Order, are: President **Frank Collyer III**, who lives next door to President Rawlings in Cayuga Heights; Vice President/Treasurer Jean Genung Pearson, who lives up near the airport in Ithaca; Cornell Fund Co-Representatives **Cal Landau** in Miami and **Harold Guzy** of W. Orange, NJ, and Boca Raton, FL; 55th Reunion Chairman, Mover, and Shaker **Bill Copeland**, Hamilton, OH; Correspondent/Columnist/Networking Curmudgeon **Bob Persons**. You could not buy this job from me for any amount of money, but I will obey the will of the class and at any time when you think I've gone completely bananas, let me know and I will take a hike.

Many thanks to **Charlotte Smith Moore** (Mrs. **E. T.**) for five years of hard duty organizing and leading our class to this consummate 50th-Reunion experience. ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel., (516) 767-1776.

53 **John Newton**, BS HE '52, our reunion housing honcho, welcomed returning alums with Newton's law for Reunion '98—you won't need air conditioning. He got that right. Ithaca provided crisp football weather for the first weekend of June, but no reunion rain except for a slight shpritz that caressed the last departees.

Fifty-three checked into gothic old Risley under a practically glitchless system of registration orchestrated by **Dick Halberstadt**. Thursday arrivals—105 of them—bused down to the Inlet for a cocktail cruise on the waves of brown. People, some who hadn't seen each other in 40-something years, could view the panorama far above as they sipped over the waves. The social element is alive and well. The beer was dissipated on the outbound leg. But the people weren't.

Dinner was at Risley, a Mexican fiesta, with food and drink from south of the border, and fitting tempos by Ithaca music maker Johnny Russo. He wound up the evening with a Latin-beat "Alma Mater." For the first time in recorded history, there were no classmates around the piano at 3 a.m.

More arrived on Friday, in time for the vast range of activities that Mater provides. This year that included the Bailey Hall **Spen-**

cer T. '21 and Ann W. Olin lecture by Dr. **Joyce Bauer** Brothers '47. Meanwhile, a gallery of candid photos of classmates on hand, many of them tightly cropped and catching the most fleeting twinkle of an eye—from the ubiquitous Nikon of **Bob Beyers**—began to grow on the walls of Risley. As in 1993, classmates will be seeing them from time to time.

In the evening, the class trekked over to the Statler Hotel for a reception, a roast beef dinner, and dancing. **Lilyan Affinito** was made an honorary member of the Class of '98. **Brian Gaither** '98 thanked her for a challenge to the class—and it was quickly met—to donate funds, which she matched, for a '98 Scholarship Fund. **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** announced the results of the class Cornell Fund drive. The fund-raisers had set out to attract 56 Tower Club members, and that's exactly what they achieved. They sought 53 Cayuga Society members—that's for mentioning Mater in your will—and 57 came in. They had hoped to enlist 480 donors and got 531. They set a goal of \$2.5 million for the class gift. John gave President Hunter Rawlings III a check for \$4 million. That occasioned lusty cheering and Rawlings noted that the class is not only generous but "raucous. And, I can see, proud of it."

During an interval in the Statler Ballroom dinner, **Dave Kopko**, chairman of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers to take us to the next (i.e., 50th) reunion. Allowing as how one good term deserves another, he proposed **Claire Moran Ford** for five more years. He offered six vice presidents: **Rosalyn** "Roz" **Zalutsky Baron**, **Mort Bunis**, JD '55, **Clark Ford**, **Dave Gatti**, **Jane Little Hardy**, and **Joyce Wisbaum Underberg**, BS HE '52. The new treasurer, succeeding **Bill Gratz**, is **Judy Resnik Chabon**. And your obedient servant, little old moi, was named to continue as secretary and class correspondent, with, as we used to say, additional duties. The nominations were accepted by those present with, may one say, warming approval.

Then it was back to Risley for a bit of a singsong, featuring those Dekes of Dixieland, **Don Lathrop**, MD '57, at the keyboard, and **Bruce Johnson**, MBA '54, at the washboard. We pretty much remembered the words to the old standards. We did work in a few suggestions about activities over in the clover and maybe one or two other songs that didn't get sung back then until the girls left the fraternity houses on Saturday night. Once again, it was mostly quiet after 1 a.m. We're not getting older, just smarter. Maybe.

In the morning, Reunion Co-Chairs **Roz Baron** and **Bill Sullivan** called upon **Gerry Grady**, BME '54, to work his magic once more and the milk punch flowed. From time to time Class Clerk **Mary Hoffer** '98 slyly lifted a pantsleg and keen observers might notice that she was wearing only one sock. Hmm. Pianist **Tom Foulkes** '52, BME '53, clarinetist **Louis Pradt**, BME '54, and tenor **J. O. "Jack" Brophy**, BME '54, made a mean combo in the Tammany Room of Risley. The milk had the punch of yore.

One event that comes to mind was the alumni baseball game at Hoy Field, in which **Bill Whelan** and **Vince Giarrusso** participated, and completed a **Robert J. "Rip" Haley** '51 (third) to Whelan (second) to Giarrusso (first) double play.

Once again classmates gathered Saturday morning to reflect with **John Twiname** on what we've learned in the last 45 years about dealing with life and some of its harder questions about the strife of life past 50. Once again, it was a reunion high point.

Dinner was a Caribbean barbecue at the Johnson Museum. **Dick Kirwan**, BS HE '54, was wondering why he came all the way from St. Thomas for Carib chow but marveled that the fish, for instance, remained so sweet. Another five-star repast. Singing followed, along



"... AND LATE NIGHT CAROUSING IN THE ARTS QUAD TENTS." — DIANE WEISBROT '88

with a display of the amazing feats of **Harlowe "Cork" Hardinge**, MBA '54, dancer.

In the morning, farewells were exchanged at a class headquarters brunch, and then **Mort Bunis** presided movingly at readings (organized by **Caroline Mulford Owens**) to honor the memory of friends who are no longer with us. Sixteen classmates read out the names on the ever-expanding list.

Hail, all hail, Roz and Sully, for another smashing reunion. Plan now for the 50th. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., NYC 10009.

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Wow! What a great reunion we had! The Ithaca weather was absolutely superb—cool, crisp, and sunny—and when Ithaca smiles, it's glorious. All of us who went, and there were more than 300 including close to 50 first-timers, had a wonderful time and now have renewed memories of reunions and the good old days on the Hill. For those of you who missed out, start thinking now about 2003! Our wonderful Reunion Co-Chairs **Chuck Hunt** and **Jerry Linsner** did a splendid job and even had a good time themselves.

It all began with a marvelous Tex-Mex dinner on Thursday night in the tent. Being

from Texas and a lover of Mexican food, I can assure you, it was good. The attendance was really overwhelming for Thursday and the weekend was off to a roaring good start.

Friday morning was the '58 class forum, "From the Fifties to the Millennium." It was so good and well done, coordinated by **Barb Beuhrig** Orlando, that **Gerry Freedman**, BME '59, and **Harvey Dale** want to take this idea and run with it. Stay posted for news in upcoming columns. Our class speakers were **Howard Abel**, a prominent physician in hematology and clinical oncology; **A. J. Schuler** Cushman, a former newspaper reporter and now very active community volunteer; **Bob Hoffman**, vice chairman of Monsanto, which has recently been bought out, if you noticed; **Mike Midler**, B Chem E '59, PhD '64, who has had a distinguished and long-distance run at corporate research and development at Merck, playing a key role in the development of the "cocktail" drugs for AIDS; **Gordon Anderson**, BEE '59, who has had a distinguished career at the Naval Research Lab; and **Carol Ostergren Orts**, a former assistant to the president at Wheeling College. Carol's position of accomplishment and trust ended abruptly and many adjustments had to be made. The forum was extremely enlightening and well done.

All day Friday there was more to do than you can imagine—tennis tournaments, volleyball games, luncheons, tours, etc.; and of course, just to walk around campus is such a treat. The campus is in very good shape and the new buildings are terrific. The latest of these is the Johnson Graduate School of Management's new home, not quite finished yet, but quite a marvel. Old Sage College was gutted, yet the exterior remains the same with a few additions and, of course, mass cleaning. The inside is truly wonderful and a must-see, if you get a chance.

Friday night we had a wonderful festival dinner and class meeting out at the Plantations' Newman Arboretum. The emceeing at the event was performed by our inimitable **Al Podell** in his favorite psychedelic reunion jacket. Many laughs were had by all. **Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin was gracious enough to paint a beautiful waterfall scene and auction it off at the dinner with the proceeds to go to the **Ron Lynch** Scholarship Fund. I'm sorry to report I don't know who finally got it, but there was some very competitive bidding by **Alan Goldman**.

On Saturday, we had a very impressive Ron Lynch Memorial Walk from Bailey Hall to the Johnson Museum, led by bagpipers and President Emeritus Frank Rhodes. Ron's widow, Susan, and their sons, Ronald, **Charles** '90, MBA '95, and **Andrew** '95, were there to join us. We presented the university with a check for \$50,000 to get the scholarship started. We also presented a check to the chimesmasters for \$15,000 to tune and restore one bell. The Libe Tower (now known as McGraw Tower) is under scaffolding and will be silent for one year while they retune and clean the bells. The chimes will be missed. As you remember, they are a big part of Cornell.

We set up a slate of new officers, with most continuing in place, except **Betty Steer** Merritt and **Chuck Hunt** are changing hats. Betty will be the reunion co-chair with **Gerry Linsner** and **Chuck** will serve as co-president of our class with **Carol Boeckle** Welch. We are also setting up a permanent website on the Internet for our class. We had to go to an outsider for this—**Nancie**, wife of **Fred Clark**. Oh, almost forgot the biggie, we presented the university a check from our class for over \$5 million! I think we are the class that has given the most money over the years. Pat yourself on the back, but rest assured that **Allan Tessler**, LLB '63, will still be after you.

The Sherwoods sang at several events and they are still as good and funny as ever. Of course, **Bill Hazzard**, MD '62, told geriatric jokes funny to all of us! There is just so much to remember about this weekend, it's hard to bring it all to mind. Even the class photo was fun! **Eddie Taylor** did a great job of getting around campus on crutches—an Achilles tendon problem was rather untimely, but he was in great form. **Jack McFadden** was sporting a big gold "Olympic Metal," having won the 60-and-over five-mile run. Surprise! There was a wonderful geological and botanical tour of Cascadilla Gorge led by **Pete Stifel** which was extremely popular. And also the ice cream social and Dixieland jazz party with genuine milk punch by **George "Duffy" Mathias**. I also need to mention the Savage Club show, Olin Lecture featuring Dr. **Joyce Bauer** Brothers '47, Cornelliana Night, the college breakfasts, Greek events, and much more, but mostly the camaraderie and reuniting with our classmates. It's like going back in time 40 years! I would love to hear from more of you who went to reunion and we can print more of the personal goings on. ♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75240; fax, (972) 387-0160; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com.

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One hundred twenty classmates and spouses returned to the Hill for a fun-filled 35th Reunion weekend. We missed all of you who weren't there. **Vivian Grilli** De Santo and her committee did an outstanding job of organizing every aspect of the weekend. Thanks, Vivian! Cascadilla Hall was our home during the chilly but sunny weekend. Friday morning, **Francine Siegal** Zieverink and **Jennifer Patai** Schneider organized our class symposium on renewing and re-inventing ourselves. Panelists who shared life-changing experiences were Professor **Ted Lowi**, (who hasn't lost his sense of humor or his youthful looks), **C. R. "Dick" Lynham**, **Marci Bergren** Pine, and **Sharon Klig** Krackow. There was considerable sharing by others, as well.

Lunch followed at Barton Hall. Some of us then attended the Sage Hall lecture given by classmate **Allan Chimacoff**, BArch '64, whose architectural firm designed the building's renovation for the Johnson School of Management. Sage's interior had been gutted while the exterior was maintained and modified. At 3:00 p.m., Dr. **Joyce Bauer** Brothers

'47 spoke at Bailey Hall on relationships between men and women today. Dinner was held at the Cornell Plantations Overlook tent in less than desirable weather.

Saturday morning broke forth with sunshine. **Warren '62**, **BME '63**, and I (**Nancy Bierds Icke**) went down to the Boathouse for the Reunion Row. For lunch, a barbecue was served up in an Arts Quad tent with President Emeritus **Frank Rhodes** and his wife, **Rosa Rhodes**, as guests. The Sherwoods alumni singing group entertained us for lunch.

After a free afternoon, our class dinner was held at the Biotech Building. At cocktail hour, new class officers were elected. **Carol Bagdasarian** Aslanian is now our enthusiastic class president. Our vice president for fund development is **Dick Lynham**, and yours truly continues as class correspondent. Reunion chairs and a treasurer still need to be found. Many thanks go to **Craig Peterson** for his leadership over the past five years, and more thanks to **Paula Trested** Oeste, who has been our treasurer.

Sunday morning was filled with goodbyes

Strategy and Technique, Handling Land Use Litigation, and "Tourism without Tears," which is to be published by Island Press in 1999. Their children are **Liz** (Connecticut College, Boston U, graduate school) and **Jon '92** (U. of Massachusetts grad school). Reunion Chair **Vivian Grilli DeSanto** and husband **Marty** are really enjoying life and retirement in **Wilmington, NC**. They travel "anywhere and everywhere" in their motor coach. Together they enjoy golf, cooking, entertaining, walking, and their three young grandchildren. **Vivian** is a retired Ithaca real estate agent and past-president of the Cornell Club of Ithaca.

Apologies to **Edward "Ned" and Suzie Young Allen**, who submitted their Alamo-16 light hydroplane racing summer schedule several days past our previous deadline. Last summer they covered 13,000 miles in their motor home, covering the race circuit from Montreal to San Diego. They actually won the National Points Championship. The remaining schedule is September 20 in San Diego, September 27 in Las Vegas, and October 18 in Honolulu. Good luck. **Suzi** was recognized by



"ALL THE COLLEGES HAD SPECIAL EVENTS; THERE WERE LECTURES, TOURS, AND EXHIBITS OF ALL SORTS." — **FRED HILLEGAS '38**

and promises to return in 2003. Our 35th Reunion Campaign raised over \$2,000,000 with 516 members contributing. An amount of \$5,000 from our dues and additional Class of '63 donations will be set up as an endowment. Interest from the endowment will go to encourage volunteerism on campus. New Class President **Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian** lives in Manhattan with her daughters, **Leslie Aslanian '97** and **Elizabeth** who's in the ninth grade. **Carol** is director of the College Board of New York. She assists colleges throughout the country to adapt to new programs in innovations in higher education.

Former Class President **Craig Peterson** lives with wife **Claire** (McCarthy) in **Evansville, IL**. **Craig** is professor of law at John Marshall law school in **Chicago**. He and **Claire** travel eight or nine weeks per year. They have written several books together: *Arbitration*

the College of Human Ecology as one of 13 alumni who graduated from Cornell between 1958 and 1978 who have demonstrated significant volunteer efforts. Awards were presented at the National Forum of Life Cycles and Volunteering at Cornell, April 30-May 1. Congratulations, **Suzi**.

Vivian sent a big thank you to all those who helped with reunion:

"Cascadilla looked so festive and happy with tons of balloons with shimmery strings, flowers, wall decorations, and lots of photos from past reunions, thanks to **Connie Purick** Hunter, **Margaret Musgrave** Bennett, **Paula Trested** Oeste, my own **Marty DeSanto**, **Nancy Lore** Einhorn '64, and **Don Allen '64** (chairs of next year's 35th Reunion), and our fabulous class clerks, **Nicole Cain '00**, **Amber Roche '98**, and **Matthew Hill '98**. **Arthur "Bing" '62** and **Cathy Dedek Stef-**

fen also helped everywhere, and **Pam Wilcox** Cheek did a great job with the "Personal Profile" books. Most of all, **Judy Clarke** Bennett, BS Ag '64, our registrar, once again did a marvelous job. Last, but far from least, are **Craig Peterson** and **Cathy Hogan '00** (Cathy's our class liaison at Alumni House). Also thanks to **Patricia Podolec** Fontecchio and **James Byrnes**, MBA '64, who ran the reunion campaign, which I'll discuss next time.

That's all for this month, but thanks again to all our classmates who did a great job to make our 35th Reunion such a success. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, ickc@execpc.com.

68 This is an initial report on our fabulous 30th Reunion, which was held June 4-7. Great credit goes to **Bette (Nelson)** and **Bob Zippin** and **Helen Karel** Dorman, BS HE '67, **Jane Frommer** Gertler, and **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz, who did a super job planning and running everything. The weather was perfect, as promised. The Friday evening cocktails outside Uris Library and dinner at the Ivy room were great events. **Alfred Gingold**, MFA '71, gave a terrific talk during dinner, and there was a follow-up class reception with wonderful desserts. The next morning I participated in the Reunion Run along with **Joel Negrin**, who was in athletic running shape. Joel is a partner in a New York law firm and his wife, **Linda (Schwartz)** '69, is an interior designer. They live in Mamaroneck, NY.

Rich Kasdan looked great, and continues to practice medicine in the Pittsburgh area. I had a nice talk with **Jim Philip**, BEE '69, ME E '69, an anesthesiologist practicing in the Boston area. Jim also does a lot of lecturing and consulting work. **Howard Gladston** had a room across from me in the dorm, along with his son. Howie's attention to physical fitness has paid off. He and his 26-year-old son were mistaken for brothers. **Joel "Kipi" Turok** came from Mexico. I also enjoyed seeing **Joel Kurtzberg**, BME '69, **Barry M. Shaw**, and **John Currihan**, JD '78, a lawyer in Cleveland. **Elliott Meisel** practices law in New York City, and is a specialist in advising co-op apartment boards.

Saturday night reunion events included a class barbecue, and Sunday was a meeting and class brunch at Beebe Lake. The following officers were elected for the next five years: **Mark A. Belnick**, president and Cornell Fund representative; **Bette Zippin**, executive vice president, communications; **Helen Dorman**, vice president, networking; **Seth Goldschlager**, vice president at large; **Elizabeth Deabler** Corwin, treasurer; **Gordon H. Silver**, class correspondent; **Bette** and **Robert Zippin**, **Helen Dorman**, and **Jane Gertler**, 35th Reunion co-chairs.

Turning to other class news, **Paul Joskow**, a professor who chairs the economics department at MIT, has become a trustee of the Putnam Funds in Boston. I see him regularly in that capacity. **William Decou**, BS Ag '70, lives in Missoula, MT, where he is partial-

ly retired. He fractured his lower back vertebra in 1997, but is near recovery. He missed the 30th Reunion due to a long-planned trip to China with wife **Nancy (Schweinsberger)** '70.

Felicia Ackerman is a philosophy professor and short story writer who works at Brown U. in Providence. Her current work is on medical ethics. Felicia reports that by the time she is old, she hopes society will have realized that the lives of sick old people are just as valuable as those of healthy young ones. **Susan Heldt Davis** lives in White Plains, NY, and started her own tutoring business last year. Her older daughter graduated from Skidmore and is starting a directing career in NYC. Her younger daughter is a junior at Harvard. Her husband, **Michael** '69, is a philosophy professor at Sarah Lawrence College.

Marshall Katzen lives in Worcester, MA; his son is **Brooke** '01, in Architecture, Art, & Planning. Marshall and wife **Bari Boyer** '71 have recently returned from a six-week trip in Asia. Marshall was volunteering in the National Referral Hospital in a mountainous region bordering Tibet, where they have few surgical specialists; he taught and practiced orthopedic surgery.

Ken Greenberg chairs the history department at Suffolk U. in Boston. Princeton U. Press recently published his book, *Honor and Slavery*. He is the editor of *Confessions of Nat Turner*. **Ken Miller** lives in Orange, CA, and reports that his company, Pegasus Research, is doing well enough that he is buying a 42-foot sailboat. The company produces products for respiratory care. **Nancy Kaye Litter** lives in Calabasas, CA. In addition to her interior design business, Nancy volunteers at the Getty Museum, where she gives architectural site tours. Her husband, **Bob** '67, is a stockbroker specializing in high-yield bonds at Schroder & Company.

Jeff Parmet, BA '69, lives in Potomac, MD, and was sad to report that both of his parents had passed away this year. This reminded him of "the importance of family and tradition." If not for them, he would never have been able to attend Cornell, among the many other things they made possible.

James Ponsoldt lives in Athens, GA. He was named to a special professorship at the U. of Georgia law school and will be lecturing in France this year and in Buenos Aires next year on a State Department grant. He also writes poetry. **Susan London** Russell lives in Baltimore and works at the Maryland Office on Aging. One of her responsibilities is working on efforts to support grandparents who are primary caregivers of their grandchildren.

Rich Felder lives in Bethesda, MD. Son Jeff was admitted early to the Class of '02 and is to join brother **Jon** '00 on the Hill. Rich and wife **Debbie (Slater)** '69 have lots of good reasons to visit Ithaca. **Doug Capogrossi**, BS Ag '69, PhD '94, lives in Hilo, HI, where he is president of Greenwich U.

That's all for now. I look forward to hearing from you. Send reports of your summer vacation. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Sq., Boston, MA 02109.

OUTTAKES '98

In her Olin Lecture, attended by 1,500, Dr. Joyce Bauer Brothers '47 gave the crowd three quizzes: "Do You Know Yourself?"; "What is Your Sex IQ?"; and "Are You an Expert on Love?"

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Ginny Schreter, director of the Equestrian Center, had more riders than available horses this year, even with six rides scheduled for alumni on Friday and Saturday and another on Sunday morning. Mid-afternoon on Friday, Barry Berkowitz '78 was hoping for a no-show in his group so his wife could join him and their four children on the ride, for which he'd made only five reservations.

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Late Saturday morning, a brace of bagpipers and Class of '58 standard-bearers led a stream of marchers from Bailey Hall to the Johnson Museum, where classmates and friends honored the memory of Ron Lynch '58, an active university trustee who died in June 1996.

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It was an off-year reunion for Mary Porter Durham '22. At ninety-eight, she was the oldest alum to attend, but may have traveled the shortest distance, coming just a mile, from her home on Court Street in Ithaca. Bill Walker '73, MBA '75, traveled the farthest to attend Reunion, coming from Singapore.

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The stats: 4,032 alumni returned to the Hill for Reunion 1998, representing the Classes of '22 to '93. The Class of '93 had the highest alumni attendance, with 542 registered. The Class of '88 had the highest overall attendance, with 676 alumni and their guests (kids not included). Reunions are celebrated each June. For information about your upcoming reunion, call Alumni House at (607) 255-7085.

What a great 25th Reunion we had! We missed all of you who were not able to share the fun with us. The 354 adults at reunion included 238 members of the Class of '73 and 21 Cornellians from other classes; there were also 119 children (not to be confused with adults acting like children) in attendance. Once again, the weather was on our side. Yes, it was a bit colder than a typical early June weekend, but that was the weather ordered by your reunion organizers because each adult received a lined, red Cornell Class of '73 wind breaker. For those of you who missed reunion, we have a limited number of wind breakers and other 25th Reunion "favors" on sale. The items and their prices are: wind-breaker (large and X-large only), \$20; Class of '73 25th Reunion watch (unisex-gold etched face, Seiko insides, black leather strap), \$40; Class of '73 25th Reunion canvas tote bag (tan canvas with Libe Tower logo stenciled in black, red handles, snap closure), \$7; Class of '73 Directory (made from the biography pages completed by our classmates), \$10. If you are interested in any of these items, please contact **Marty Slye Sherman**, MPS HHSA '75, at (508) 359-0108 or, by e-mail, at rjs Sherman@earthlink.com.

Classmates came from far away: **Elisabeth Tresch**—Switzerland, **Michael Asmussen**—Brazil, **Sunil Lamba**—India, **Bill Welker**, MBA '75—Singapore; and from nearby (Ithaca area): **Rosie Batt**, **Scott Anderson**, BS Hotel '74, **Cheryl Covey Evans**, **Pat Knapp**, and **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94. From the North came **Michael Aaronson**, **MJ Kelly Anderson**, **Gary Apps**, **Bill Cagney**, and **Christina Miller Sargent** and **David**. From the West Coast came **Robert Alter**, **Leah Bissonette**, MS '76, **Jacqui Preziose Bower**, MS '75, and husband **Richard**, **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74, and **Irene Kohan Greenberg**. (Irene brought fiancé George; the wedding took place the following Sunday.) The East Coast was well represented by the likes of **Jim Bradley**, **Kathy George**, **Ray Van Sweringen**, and **Elizabeth Zimmer**. Some of the Southerners who journeyed to Ithaca are **Robin Story Powers**, **Dusty Profumo**, MBA '74, **Mark Bromberg**, MBA '74, **Celia Smith**, and **Thilde Peterson**. And of course there were many, many more.

Not everyone who came let us know ahead of time. **Steve Chmiola** was one of our "lost" classmates because of frequent moves due to his military career; he just happened to bring his children to Cornell to see the campus and realized it was reunion. We were glad he stopped by headquarters. Steve said he was never lost—he always knew where he was.

Thanks to all classmates who donated the terrific door prizes that were awarded at our Saturday night dinner (after President Rawlings's address). **Fredd King**, BA '77, won a prize for being the first to send in his registration. The San Francisco package was won by **Jim Sawyer**, BArch '74. **Ruby (Beiloh)** and **Howard Lee** are the lucky couple who will be staying at the hotel owned by

Elisabeth Tresch in Switzerland. **Joan Rabinor** was twice as lucky as most of us and won a stay at the Baltimore Inner Harbor, as well as a behind-the-scenes tour and brunch at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC.

I have hardly scratched the surface of my memories of our 25th Reunion. I know I returned home exhausted and elated. (And a few pounds heavier, thanks to the fudge from **Mark Wurzel**, MBA '74, plus the dinners and beers!) Indeed, none of us are 22 years old now (as our "Wall of Fame" photos indicate), but we are all still kicking and hanging in there. About a third of our attendees had been at our 20th Reunion, another third had been to at least one other reunion (but not our 20th), and for the other third it was their first reunion experience. No matter which group I talked with, all agreed the return to the campus was great. Start planning for June 2003... because once again it will be time to return, but this time it will be for the big 30. See you there. ♦ **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko**, 4900 Raven Way, Marietta, GA 30066; tel., (770) 592-8480; e-mail, lskalko@juno.com; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, 1531 Woodside Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823; e-mail, grummonp@pilot.msu.edu.

We don't want to make anyone feel badly, but... if you didn't come to our 20th Reunion, you missed out on the best party since graduation! We had at least 630 people there, more than double those in attendance at our 15th Reunion. We came together from such far-flung places as Israel, Australia, and Hong Kong. Some of us were easily recognizable (we liked those people anyway) and the rest of us maintained our humor about the changes that a mere 20 years have wrought.

We also had about 200 prospective Cornellians with us, ranging in age from 5 months (yeah, **Mary Bowler Jones**!) to 15 years. Many of the kids got their first delicious taste of Cornell through the outstanding Youth Program. Kudos go to co-chairs **Ken Mogil** (and his ever-helpful wife, Randi) and **Cindy Fuller**, PhD '92.

Plans are already underway for our 25th Reunion, a mere five years away. It will probably be two weeks after Memorial Day weekend, so mark your calendars now. We can't promise better weather (it was very Ithaca-ish, although no rain), but we can promise an absolutely wonderful time.

Elections were held for our new officers: President **Cindy Fuller**; Vice President, Membership **Roger Anderson**; Vice President, Communications **Sharon Palatnik Simoncini**; Treasurer **Nina Silfen**; Secretary **Jeanne Arnold Schwetjje**; Class Correspondents **Eileen Brill Wagner** and **Pepi Leids**; Class Historian **Lori Wasserman Karbel**; Cornell Fund Reps **Sunny Bates**, **Suzanne Bishop Romain**, and **Angela DeSilva DeRosa**; Reunion Chairs **Libby Waldman Strugatch**, **Mary Bowler Jones**, and **Ken Mogil**.

There are so many other opportunities for you to get involved with Cornell—especially

if you had a great time at the reunion (which we know you did). If you're now regretting the fact that you missed it (which we know you are), or if you're planning to come to the next reunion (which we know you will), and if you are interested in serving on the class council, the Cornell Fund committee, or in organizing a regional class event, please contact **Cindy Fuller** at cjfuller@mindspring.com or call her at (336) 288-9812.

Speaking of the Cornell Fund, we are proud to announce that we received the Ezra Award as the class with the highest number of donors at reunion (750!) and the largest increase in Tower Club membership (those who had donated \$5,000 or more since the last reunion). Special thanks go to **Andy Paul** for all his hard work and **Mary Bowler Jones** for all those last-minute friendly follow-up calls. The Cornell Fund provides scholarships for students who might not otherwise be able to attend Cornell. And why, you might ask, should anyone be denied the experience that we remember so fondly? University President **Hunter Rawlings** and his wife, **Elizabeth Rawlings**, even joined us at our cocktail hour Saturday night at Miss Minn's Garden to thank us for our contribution of \$843,348.

In closing, we look forward to communicating with even more of you in the upcoming months and years. Don't forget to pay your dues, send us your news, and visit our website. It seems that as we get older we're gaining a greater appreciation of the experiences, such as our Cornell years, which helped make us the people we are today. Our fondness also seems to grow for those people who were such an integral part of that experience. ♦ **Eileen Brill Wagner**, 4649 W. Carla Vista Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226; e-mail, brillcon@aol.com; **Pepi Leids**, 7021 Boot Jack Rd., Bath, NY 14810.

On Thursday afternoon, classmates began driving up outside Class of 1926 Hall (U Hall #5); kids of all ages descended on Class Reunion Headquarters. Yes, the kids were all ages, infants to toddlers to young teens. Approximately 90 children joined the class for our 15th Reunion! For four special days, 230 members of the Class of '83 turned a few years back in time for Cornell days of reminiscing, socializing, revisiting favorite spots, and walking up Libe Slope with strollers. Who would have thought Cornell's hills could be so difficult? Often, bottled water was the beverage of choice.

In May 1983, we celebrated in unique ways during graduation when the Hotelies donned chef's hats, the Aggies carried straw, and the Engineers tossed IBM punch cards. Fifteen years later we celebrated outdoors with class receptions and meals at the Plantations and on Beebe Lake Beach, a large grassy area which did not exist when we were on campus. The Beach is down behind the old Noyes Lodge Pancake House (now the language lab) just across the street from Balch. Beebe Lake provided the perfect backdrop for our class photograph on Saturday morning. We thank

Dana Gordon and **Elanor Brand**, reunion co-chairs, for an outstanding job in selecting reunion sites and coordinating countless details to create a weekend to remember.

Some of us had our first opportunity to meet Cornell's new president, Hunter Rawlings, on Saturday after lunch. Our class president, **Ellen Bobka**, welcomed the group and Cornell Fund representatives **Jean Parker Hill** and **Lisa Esposito Kok** presented our class gift and our 15th Reunion T-shirt to President Rawlings. He extended thanks and congratulated to the class on increasing overall participation. The university recognized the class with an Ezra Award for the largest increase in overall participation during the last year. More than 1,025 classmates paid class dues or made a gift to Cornell during the year preceding our reunion. Special congratulations to all who contributed to our success, including those who didn't make it back to campus.

During reunion, colleges and programs sponsored breakfasts, receptions, tours, and speakers with a wide appeal. Dr. **Joyce Bauer Brothers '47** provided the **Spencer T. '21** and **Ann W. Olin** lecture on Friday afternoon. She was engaging, humorous, and down to earth, classmates reported. On Saturday morning, President Rawlings gave a State of the University address for those interested in the latest campus happenings. Cornellians of all ages joined together at Bailey Hall on Saturday evening for the traditional Cornelliana Night of songs and merriment. Where else can one find such a large group of alumni with voices raised in celebration on a Saturday night?

The explorers among us tested our skills at the Lindseth Climbing Wall, rode horses at the Equestrian Center, paddled canoes around Beebe Lake, and participated in the Reunion Run. Other diversions included a high tech tour of the Synchrotron and the Nanofabrication Facility, which specializes in the fabrication of very small structures. Classmates toured the new ILR complex and a renovated Sage Hall, new home of the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Do you remember lunch and dinner downstairs in Sage co-op dining?

One couldn't go too far from our reunion headquarters without observing the scaffolding around McGraw Tower. After 107 Ithaca winters, the tower will be restored over several years. Plans include a scientific tuning and restoration of the bells at a special studio in Ohio. The first chimes rang on Cornell's opening day, and they have never been tuned together.

We noticed that the Uris Library room that our Senior Class Gift helped renovate has been converted into a pc lab. Funny, pcs didn't even exist when we were in college. Today each dorm room is wired for access to Cornell's systems, including e-mail. Students do many things on-line that we handled by waiting in line, written forms in hand.

Pizza at the Nines and the Chariot is still delicious, although it still takes ages to get a pizza at the Nines. The Connection appears to be run down/closed; Oliver's, the Uni Deli, and the IGA are gone; however, the Souvlaki House is blessedly the same.

The reunion class souvenirs reflected

present interests—a disposable 1983 camera to capture pictures of friends and family, temporary tattoos for kids and adults—and a connection with our past, a 15th anniversary edition of our Senior Class T-shirt. The text on the back of the shirt highlights our four years at Cornell (see below). It's not too late to purchase this special shirt for \$10. Send a check payable to the Class of 1983 to Ellen Bobka, 76 Plymouth Rd., #2, Stamford, CT 06906. Indicate large or extra large preference. Direct any questions to eb47@cornell.edu.

We extend special thanks to the students who worked with us during reunion: **Reo Frazier '00**, **Mary Goll '98**, **Lee Humphreys '99**, **Henry Landais '01**, and **Valerie Nannery '98**. Who knows—in future years we may see Mary and Valerie when they re-



"KIDS OF ALL AGES DESCENDED ON REUNION HEADQUARTERS." — **ELLEN BOBKA '83**

turn for their class reunions.

During the weekend we elected new officers for a five-year term: **Ellen Bobka**, president; **Lisa Esposito Kok**, vice president; spouses **Lorraine "Dee" Longfellow** and **James "Andy" Sosa**, treasurers; **Michelle Rhodes Hennessey** and **Sean**, secretaries; **Jim Neville** and **Dave Tralka**, reunion chairs; **Jean Parker Hill**, **Mark** and **Kim Osborn Rhodes**, Cornell Fund representatives; **Ann Mejias Rivera**, Webmaster (she will coordinate updates to the Class of '83 page at www.classof83.cornell.edu). The new class correspondents are **Scott** and **Patty Palmer Dulman**, and **Jennifer Hughes Kern**. We extend our thanks to **Nancy Schlie Knowles**, MBA '89, and **Matt Tager**, BS HE '84, for writing the class column since 1993. Please keep this column filled with your news and send in updates on your friends.

How many of these do you remember? orientationlabordayclassespsych101chem207 PMPsswimtestfoosballfallbreak1unideliprelims blackout'80asbestosdeephroatolympichockey ECACchampsrainyfridayjanefondamudslide primalscreamharrychapin"freethhostages" reaganwins"billions"draftregistrationHDFS315 olympiclessendlessbreakcenterithacamardigras

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The tents are now dismantled, the dorms are brimming with summer students, and I am back in Denver, reminiscing over our recent 10th Reunion. A tough job, writing your first class column and trying to encompass all the excitement and nostalgia of the long Reunion Weekend. When you first arrive back at campus, you can't avoid thinking about the passage of time. How do you define ten years of post-Cornell life? In our case, one Gulf War, two Presidents (for country and campus), the fall of the Soviet Union, the rise of the Internet, and the arrival and departure of *Seinfeld* are but a few points of reference that mark the decade since our graduation. Bags packed and diplomas in hand (well, in the mail, actually), we left in 1988 to discover ourselves, expand our horizons, and then return ten years later to talk about it.

First, to those of you who have not been back in the last few years, I am pleased to report that the campus is still as expansive and beautiful as you may remember. The recent renovation of Sage Hall, which will house the Johnson School of Management, and the new **Carl A. Kroch '35** Library, the underground extension of Olin Library, are testimonials to architectural sensibility and taste. The clock tower, though hidden behind a mass of construction scaffolding as it undergoes its first-ever cleaning, still chimed faithfully on the quarter-hour. Dogs still roam the campus, and the deep, tree-lined gorges are as impressive as ever. And the weather hasn't changed: conditions throughout the long weekend varied from warm to brisk to slightly north of nippy. Caveat: remember your cardigans and fleeces when you come for the 15th Reunion!

Attendance for our 10th Reunion was outstanding. We had 537 classmates, about 16 percent of our class, attending the event. With spouses and guests included, our class was represented by a total of 676 adults, just short of the maximum attendance of any class this year. I'm not going to even try to mention everyone in this column, so if you don't see your name, I promise you'll be mentioned soon.

Class members started to trickle in on Thursday morning. **Traci Nagle**, BA '98, arrived from New York City, where she works as a manuscript editor for W.W. Norton. She was accompanied by fellow New Yorker **Lori May** and by **Gail Frieden**, who flew in from Paris for the occasion. Lori works for Salomon Smith Barney. **Sheryl Lindros Dolan**, who works for the environmental consulting firm

of Jellinek, Schwartz, Connolly Inc. in Washington, DC, brought husband Reilly to see the campus for the first time. **Kurt Jordan** didn't have far to travel. He is an archeologist, excavating Iroquois sites in upstate NY, and is finishing his PhD at Columbia U.

By Friday evening, most of us had arrived and settled into the Class of '17 Hall (aka U-Hall #1), our lodging and headquarters for the weekend. Planned events included a class barbecue on the Arts Quad, a class happy hour at Ho Plaza (the landscaped walking plaza at the end of College Avenue and between Willard Straight and the Campus Store), two class dinners and breakfasts, and a volleyball challenge to the Class of '93. The four days were packed with lectures by university faculty and staff, school breakfasts, fraternity and sorority receptions, the State of the University address by President Rawlings, sports competitions, and late night carousing in the Arts Quad tents. I am pleased to report many of our classmates have not lost their ability to carouse.

On every quad, in the bookstore, and walking through the stacks, you couldn't help but run into familiar faces and names, all with news. **Greg Gilda** is a structural engineer in Seattle. **Howard Stone** has a new job as marketing manager for Williams Worldwide—a direct response TV agency in NYC. **Chris Brown** Piller finished her residency at Johns Hopkins and, in August of 1997, moved to St. Louis with husband Ken, who works for Monsanto. Chris now works as a surgical pathologist for the Air Force.

Betsy Taber wed **Andrew Magre '90**, BArch '91, soon after Reunion, on June 20, '98. Betsy does fund-raising for Cornell's highly respected Shoals Marine Lab. **Suzanne Bors** was a bridesmaid at the wedding. **John MacPeck** came all the way from Barcelona, Spain, where he is a supervisor at Airtel.

But reunion wasn't all dinners and receptions. On the business side of the event, our 10th Reunion Campaign was a rousing success. Thanks and appreciation again to those of you who made a gift to the fund. At the time I was writing this column, we were just shy of reaching a 25 percent class participation, which had already exceeded our original target goal of 574 alumni. On Friday night, in our class tent, we presented President Hunter Rawlings with a check for more than \$184,000, an impressive feat for our class. Sincere thanks go to **Jeffrey Anbinder '94** and **Steve Tomaselli** who, along with a dedicated cadre of callers, did a remarkable fund-raising job for our Reunion Campaign.

Another important piece of Reunion 1998 business was the approval by the class of the slate of new class officers. As approved, our officers for the next five years are as follows: President **Kelly Smith**, MBA '92 (smith.kj@pg.com); Vice President, Membership **Robert Rosenberg** (rosenberg@willkie.com); Vice Presidents, Fundraising **Alan Riffkin** (alan.riffkin@gs.com) and **Doug Kaplan**; Vice President, Regional Events **Lesley Topiol** Kowalski; Treasurer **Charles Snee**; Communication Chair **Steve Tomaselli** (stomaselli@mindspring.com); Reunion

Chair **Pamela Darer** Anderson; and Class Correspondents **Diane Weisbrot** Wing and **Lawrence Goldman**. We extend our thanks and appreciation to our outgoing officers for their time, effort, and dedication during the past five years: **Eric Hoerl**doerfer, **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, **Jane Scannell**, **Christina O'Neil**, and **Wendy Myers** Cambor.

A new officer position is that of secretary/historian, which has been filled by outgoing Class Correspondent **Alison Minton**. Alison's primary responsibility will be amassing the Class of '88 Archive, a collection of paraphernalia related to our class and its members. This trove can include such memorabilia as photos, banners, reunion buttons, fraternity and sorority items, class schedules, old exams, and even examples of your major post-graduation achievements (e.g. books published, sports trophies, Nobel prizes). The quality and depth of this collection will depend wholly upon your generosity, so please sort through your attics and closets for items to donate to the Archive. Send your contributions to Alison (333 E. 56th St. #11B, NYC 10022) or to **Elaine Deutsch** Engst, MA '72 (University Archivist, Cornell University Library, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853 Attn: Class of '88 Archive). Now if only we could make old class notes tax deductible!

So now that reunion is over, how can you keep in touch with those classmates you saw for the first time in ten years? Did you know that our class sponsors an e-mail list through a Cornell list server? The list serves as an open forum for class members to network and exchange news and announcements. We also have the Class of '88 website (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1988/default.html>), just the place to find up-to-date Cornell and class information, including instructions on how you can subscribe to the e-mail list. If you have photos from Reunion and the ability to scan them into a jpeg or gif format, send the electronic versions to Steve Tomaselli (stomaselli@mindspring.com), who will post them on the website.

Do you have reunion news or stories that you'd like to contribute to the class column? We'd love to have them, either by regular mail or e-mail. And for those of you who were unable to attend this reunion, please send us your news so we can stop worrying about you and get some quality sleep. Well, that's it for my first column. My personal thanks to Alison Minton for her help in gathering information and to the class officers and reunion chairs for a fantastic reunion. ♦ **Larry Goldman**, 3019 Grove St., Denver, CO 80211; e-mail, lgoldman@decisioneering.com; also **Diane Weisbrot** Wing, 727 Anita St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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First and foremost, a big congratulations to **Lauren Bailyn**, MBA '94, and **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller** for putting together a fantastic reunion. Congratulations to our class for having the most (491!) returning classmates of any reunion class this year. For those of you who weren't there,

here's what you missed out on. Our class was housed mainly in Dickson where we got to relive freshman year memories of dorm life—including a 6 a.m. fire alarm early Sunday morning! (OK, so maybe we could have lived without that one). Thursday night began the trip down memory lane with the return of \$1 Shaeffers at the Palms. Friday allowed people the chance to wander around campus and take in all the changes or to head out with classmates for a great wine tour. Friday night dinner continued the trip down memory lane with a hot truck dinner. Then it was on to the Arts Quad, where three tents were set up with a swing band, a rock band, and a DJ. Most of our class could be found partying it up in the DJ tent. Saturday included a picnic lunch with special guest President Hunter Rawlings, a '93 vs '88 volleyball game, and the revisiting of favorite campus or Ithaca haunts. Saturday evening we had a happy hour on the Arts Quad at which President Emeritus Frank Rhodes spoke, and then a great dinner catered by Coyote Loco, followed by a concert by the Hangovers. Saturday night we were back on the Arts Quad for more party action, where a special treat could be found in Goldwin Smith—many of the *a cappella* groups sang with their current members and alums, including the Sherwoods (a group from the '50s and '60s). We finished up with an after-hours and ice cream party in our class tent outside of Dickson. Sunday morning was a last chance to take pictures with our souvenir Class of '93 cameras and to say good-bye until the 10th Reunion. Once again, it was a fantastic weekend—a great reminder of how beautiful Cornell was and still is, and what a great place it is to be (especially now when there are no prelims or papers). It was a chance to hear the chimes or an *a cappella* group, to stop in on an old classroom or revisit the gorge, to see old friends and make new ones. All in all, it was great and I hope to see you all at the 10th!

Thanks to our outgoing class officers and the class council volunteers for all their hard work during the past five years! They are President **Kirsta Leeberg** Melton; Vice President **Pippa Loengard**; Secretary **Loren Rosenzweig**; Treasurer **Pam Jaffe**; Class Correspondents **Yael Berkowitz**, **Jen Evans**, **Alyssa Frantz**, MRP '94; Reunion Co-Chairs Lauren and Christine; Cornell Fund Representative **Claudia Goldman**. Class officers for the next five years are President **Eva Johnson**, BS Ag '97; Vice President **Kristin Byrd**; Secretary **Loren Rosenzweig**; Treasurer **Jessica Graus**; Class Correspondents **Yael Berkowitz** and **Gregg Paradise**; Reunion Co-Chairs Lauren and Christine will repeat; Cornell Fund Representatives **Jennifer Hoblitzell** and **Priya Khosla**. Anyone who is interested in helping out should contact our new president.

Another great thing about reunion was the chance to catch up with friends we may not have seen in five years or more, or maybe just don't get to see as often as when you were living together senior year. With that I bring you some of the news I gleaned while on the Hill. **Matt Kleiner** and **Jenny Butler** (who were so

great as to give me a ride up to school) were married on Sept. 9, '97 at the boat house in Central Park. Guests included **Lisa (Ness)** and **Scott Seidman**, **Staci Mayer** and **Will Friese '88**, **Kelly McKittrick '92**, **Andy Waisburd** and **Beth Schwartz**, **DVM '97**, **Monica (Bernstein)** and **Rich Levine '91**, **Shari Presworsky**, **Beth Fisch**, **Melissa Kanter**, **N. J. "Andrew" Lazzaro**, **Jodie Thorz '92**, **Charlie Dawson '94**, **Josh Zapin**, **Mike Kraner '94**, **Nicole Teitler**, **Ron Fromberg**, **Dave Rosenberg**, **Amanda Urish**, **Carrie Epstein**, **Risa (Cherry)** and **Mark Kesselman**, **Louis Diamond '92**, **Steve Cooperman '89**, and **Sheri Rabiner**.

Irene Herman is a resident in Chicago; **Jocelyn Spielman** is working as an environmental engineer; **Kathy Fleming** is a school psychologist in Boston. **Christine (Watters)** and **Dave Stuhlmiller '92** moved to Indianapolis, where Dave was to start his residency right after reunion. **Julie Levinson** and **Scott Werner** were about to celebrate their one-year wedding anniversary, and **Amy Chizk** is in Texas teaching deaf students. **Alyssa Frantz**

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Seventy-something active alumni for whom only one reunion every five years just doesn't do it made appearances at the Continuous Reunion Club's 92nd convocation. This time, the weekend residents of the Jerome Holland International Living Center on the North Campus ranged in age from **Bill Vanneman '31** to his great-granddaughter, age 2. They were seen in the Plantations, on the lake, in classrooms, and around the Quad in the tents between the tornado of one Sunday and the deluge of the next. The 2-year-old doesn't do tents yet.

They met with notables from the athletic department at the annual CRC Luncheon at the Statler on Reunion Friday, and heard a paean to a pumpkin and a report on the state of our **Joe Driscoll '44**, **BA '47**, **MBA '49**, Cornell Tradition fellow, **Lauren Thal '00**

horses have the right people.

The new football coach, **Pete Mangurian**, spoke to most of the group for the first time. He said he intended to "educate the kids in the tradition that exists here" and teach them how to win. Winning is one of the traditions, he observed. Just ask Ohio State. Pete has learned quite a bit about winning in the NFL. He assured the assemblage that the Big Red team will be tough.

Director of Athletics **Charlie Moore '51**, **BME '52**, gave the state of CU athletics address. It's building. He swapped stories with senior (and honorary) member **Ted Thoren**, the long-time baseball coach and one-time freshman football coach, who provided pungent punditry and parables. "You don't know me, I don't know you." **Warren G. Grady Jr. '53**, **BME '54**, presented the financial report and evoked the memory of CRC members who, since last we have met, will be coming back in spirit only: the late **Rollin McCarthy '22**, **BA '21**, **MME '25**, **Manning Gasch '33**, **Paul Vipond '34**, **BA '37**, **Harry Glass '35**, and **Walt "Pop" Scholl '41**.

Back at the dorm, members fell into good company, conviviality, and conversation. There were tales from **Sy Volpe '49**, **Don Spittler '40** (prominently wearing a vintage '40 reunion jacket and savoring collegiate capers of the pre-World War II era), **Len Oniskey '55** (looking much better), **Ann Morrissey Merick '55**, **Nancy Livingston Hopkins '55**, and **John Henrehan '71**, **BS '76**, to mention but a few. The golfers and tennis players swung and the tents were booming after 9:00.

Art Kesten '44, **BA '49**, and **Lou Daukas '44**, **BA '47**, played in the alumni baseball game on Hoy Field Saturday morning. Between innings they rested in the dugout over which Thoren presided, with help from Ted's wife, **Jeanne**, former *Ithaca Journal* sports scribe **Kenny Van Sickle**, **Dottie Kay Kesten '44**, **BS HE '43**, **Janet Buhsen Daukas '46**, and a roisterous crew of the usual suspects from '53.

In the evening, about 15 began a CRC tradition with dinner at Leonardo's What's Your Beef, just a couple of par fives from the Crescent. Then off to Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night. Volpe and **Chuck Stanton '57** sang on the stage. Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Prez **Dick Keegan '49** took note of meritorious achievement in attendance by several classes with special notice for CRC, "our most loyal of all reunion groups, the one group that returns every year."

CRC trod those hills again in joyful nostalgia and excellent companionship here and now. They couldn't have done it without dedicated, inventive help from class clerks **Helene Richards '98**, who minded the books and the beer for an encore CRC year (apparently willingly; she seems otherwise to be of sound mind), and **Brooke Benlifer '01** (in training), food-gatherer extraordinaire, and **Deanna Quvus** of the alumni affairs staff.

Plans are afoot to do it again June 10-13, '99, and there is room for a few good men and women to join us. So write. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009.



AT NINETY-EIGHT, MARY PORTER DURHAM '22 WAS THE OLDEST ALUM ATTENDING, BUT MAY HAVE TRAVELED THE SHORTEST DISTANCE—FROM HER HOME ON COURT STREET.

wrote, "**Sharon Hartnett**, **BS '94**, married Guillermo Ricart on May 9. Cornellians involved in the wedding included: the bride's parents, **Kathy Riemer Hartnett '63** and **John, PhD '68**, maid of honor **Alyssa Frantz**, and brother of the bride **Mark Hartnett '91**, an usher. Guests included: **Deana Herrick '92**, **BS HE '93**, **Alice (Herrick)** and **Mike Daood**, **Tony Kent**, **Heidi Grenek '92**, **MEM '93**, **Debbie Kemper '92**, **Danielle Teachout '97**, **Rolf '66**, **ME AESP '67**, and **Nancy Nystrom Frantz '68**, **Barbara Wade '63**, **M Ed '64**, and **Mary Jane "Bert" Adams-Kucik**, who works in Cornell's athletics office. **Sharon** and **Guillermo** recently moved to Santa Cruz, CA."

We'll be able to fit in more news in the next issue. Remember, we can't write about it if we don't know about it, so please send us news! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, 310 W. 95th St,

(excellent). They also heard that one of the most continuous regulars, **Jerry Loewenberg '29**, **JD '31**, had an excused absence. "I'm in my 92nd year" (like CRC), he wrote, "and that wouldn't be so bad except that I feel like 100." The regrets he sent were from deep in the heart, and not only of Texas.

CRC made a donation this spring to the women's equestrian team, which is in its third year (and first under coach **Lisa Eklund**). The coach couldn't be at the luncheon, so **Virginia Augusta**, **MPS '97**, assistant director for compliance and student services in the athletic department, jumped in for her. Besides a gracious thank-you for the gift, she gave deep background on the team. It's been beating former national champs already. Somebody said it's widely known that to be successful in athletics you have to have the horses. In the case of these Big Red riders, it's clear that the

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Last spring, in April, to be exact, **Clarence R. "Keeze" Roberts, DVM**, of Roanoke, VA, sent the news that he and his wife, Florence, were "quite elated that our family is celebrating our 75th wedding anniversary this June 18, 19, and 20th. Our three children have arranged the three-day celebrations at Smith Mt. Lake (about 45 minutes from our retirement home at Brandon Oaks).

"We expect all of our children and their spouses, grandchildren and spouses, as well as six great-grandchildren to be there: the first time we have had all of our 'clan' together. If all make it, there will be 29 of us for a grand celebration. Both my wife and myself are very grateful for our good health, and I expect to compete in the "Doc" Roberts Golf Tournament."

How about a report after the fact, Keeze?

♦ Class of '22, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Two women of the Class of '23 sent information last spring. Both had high hopes of attending their 75th Reunion on the Hill in June, but, as the daughter of **Ruby Wheaton Naeter** wrote, "It is just not possible." Carol Naeter Estrem continued, "Major surgery in November 1997, with complications causing memory problems, and being left very frail physically, she is now living at Southern Acres Health Care Center, 2000 Oakdale, W. St. Paul, MN 55118. She had looked forward to being at the 75th Reunion and sends best wishes to classmates."

Gladys Wellar Usher wrote, "In October 1997 I fell here in the hall at the Brewster House and fractured my pelvis. I was in the hospital in Cortland, NY, for two weeks; then in the nursing home at the Taughannock House at Kendal at Ithaca for six weeks, where I received excellent care, with physical therapy five days a week. My oldest daughter, **Carolyn Usher Franklin '46**, BS HE '45, and her husband, **Ben '50**, JD '52, live in a cottage there at Kendal, so it was nice that I saw one or both of them several times every day, and we often ate dinner together in one of the three dining rooms. I hope to get over there [to campus] either either Friday or Saturday evening for my 75th Reunion." Maybe next year, Gladys, for your 76th! ♦ Class of '23, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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What did Pres. Livingston Farrand tell us in his commencement address to the Class of '25? The report of Cornell's 57th Commencement, in the contemporary *Alumni News*, tells us that the subject was "The Open Mind," a warning against intolerance. The subject was a timely one—the still-famous Scopes trial, concerning the teaching of evolution theory in public schools, was then in progress in Tennessee, calling attention to this and other state laws which he assumed we would oppose, but should be warned about: "Astounding and even ridiculous as the recent statutory inhibitions of certain of our commonwealths may appear to you and me, the very possibility of their enactment is of the gravest significance . . . The attention of the public is focused today upon the trial of a schoolmaster in a rural community of Tennessee for violation of a statute forbidding the teaching of evolution in the public schools of that State. The verdict is not the matter of chief concern. It is again the fact of the legislation and its demonstration of a public opinion dominated by a primitive, crude, and uninformed intolerance that demands our notice . . . There can be no doubt that the liberty for which our fathers fought through centuries in Europe, the liberty which they came to this continent to establish, is being challenged in the home of their children." According to the *Alumni News* article (for which we are indebted to modern copying techniques and old-fashioned digging by *Cornell Magazine* staff, he closed with a story of the Pilgrim Fathers, with the "last reported words of John Robinson . . . to the little band from his Leyden congregation . . . 'If God . . . should reveal anything to you by any other instrument, be as ready to receive it as ever you have been to receive truth by my ministry.'"

In *A History of Cornell* (1962) Prof. **Morris Bishop '14**, PhD '26, tells us that Dr. Farrand was inaugurated as president of Cornell Oct. 20, '21—hardly a month after the Class of 1925 came into existence as such (when we arrived, **A. W. "Uncle Pete" Smith 1878**, the director of Sibley College, was acting president). Born in 1867, Princeton Class of 1888, Farrand was in his mid-50s when he came to Cornell. He had taken an MD from Columbia, studied abroad two years, been an instructor in psychology, and, in 1903, before many of us were born, was appointed professor of

anthropology at Columbia. Thereafter, among other things, he had been president of the U. of Colorado and chaired the Red Cross. "He was a very extraordinary public speaker. Standing at ease . . . , his hands clutching his coat lapels, he spoke without notes, informally but with spontaneous elegance of diction . . . Each listener had the sense of receiving a message of importance; the only trouble was that he later had some trouble in remembering just what it was." But that is probably the usual effect of commencement addresses upon the addressees. As **Romeyn Berry '04**, JD '06, observed in a 1942 column (in the *Behind the Ivy* collection): "I dare say that half the graduates of Cornell never heard their Commencement address because what they were thinking about at the moment was whether they'd get out in time to catch the D. L. & W.'s noon train for New York, where they were going to see a man about a job." At present, I suppose, celebration of the sailing of the Pilgrims is not politically correct; and no one could seriously contend that there has been any such loss of freedom as Dr. Farrand warned us about—perhaps because people like him recognized the danger. I looked at a recent edition of the *World Almanac*, where, under United States History, the publisher lists, by year, events considered significant. For the year 1925, the only entry was: "John T. Scopes found guilty of having taught evolution in Dayton, TN, high school, fined \$100 and costs July 24." ♦ **Walter Southworth**, 744 Lawton St., McLean, VA 22101; e-mail, walters669@aol.com.

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When last heard from—some time ago—**Donald B. Whitney** of Wyncote, PA, had this to say, "93 years old and still no beard. Hello Walt. [We assume he means class treasurer **Walt Buckley**, who died in December 1997.] I see my doctor every other month."

Henry L. Schmeckpeper of Chester, CT, says he "enjoyed a tour of the campus during the 45th Reunion of daughter **Joan Schmeckpeper Torelli '52**. I'm now living in the Chester Village West retirement cluster. Have five grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, all lovely and my jewels."

Milo E. Thompson, on the other hand, sent no news to share. He lives in Sebring, FL, year round.

Classmate **Marie Underhill Noll**, a Foremost Benefactor of the university, died on June 24, '98. Her husband was the late A. Robert Noll, who had headed the patent department at IBM for many years and gave generously to support education. Marie Noll, in keeping with her many years as a teacher, was strong in her support of excellence in teaching. She endowed scholarship funds and three professorships at Cornell and was appointed a Presidential Councillor in 1978; she had served as vice chair of the University Council 1968-70.

Marie Underhill Noll's dedication to education had its roots in her long career as a teacher. Beginning in 1928, she was a teacher

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and history department chair in the Hewlett-Woodmere school district on Long Island, continuing until her retirement in 1963. She also served on a NY State Board of Regents committee that wrote the state examination in American history.

During her more than 35 years as a resident of Manhasset, NY, she was active in the Cornell Club and the American Assn. of University Women. In retirement she lived in Florida. She was a resident of Ithaca, NY, in recent years and was 93 at the time of her death. ♦ Class of '26, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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I was so shocked to hear of **Betty Wyckoff Balderston's** death. I depended on her for taking care of many things done in Ithaca for the class. She seemed indestructible. The obituary read, "She taught tennis well into her 60s . . . she played outdoor winter paddle tennis in her 80s, only stopping because the rest of her team was afraid she would be hurt." We could not have had such successful mini-reunions without her. Friday night was always dinner at her country club. We would meet at her home and go to the club, where a long table was prepared for us on the porch overlooking the 18th green. The dorm where we were staying had a small kitchen assigned to us, adjoining a meeting room. I could always depend on her to get perishable food for the meals we provided there. A picture of the group of us sits on the top of my desk now, facing me. Also, on the wall, is a plaque that says A CLEAN DESK IS A SIGN OF A SICK MIND. When Betty's husband, **Gene '28, LLB '29**, died, she gave it to me saying, "I'm sure this fits with your desk . . . you and Gene always got along so well." (It does—my desk is piled high.) I often went to regular reunions very early and enjoyed her hospitality until I could get into the dorms, especially the 50th before Donlon opened for us.

A telephone call from **Barbara Cone** Berlinghof and one from **Gertrude Godfrey** Ronk, BA '29, after the Newsletter came out were appreciated. Barb's voice was strong and clear. She was looking forward to her 93rd birthday celebration on June 15, to which all of her family were coming, staying at her Binghamton home, which she has not sold. Gertrude was delighted that the Newsletter was so easily readable—she could read it herself without having to have it read to her. I told her I'd pass on her thanks to my daughter, Syd, who put my thoughts on her lap-top computer which gives copy that is larger and clearer than my typing.

Mary "Polly" Enders Copeland says she is "wallowing to my earpits in nostalgia, for the kids have been after me for memoirs. My son wants the tale of the antique furniture, my granddaughter a story of Morris's life; my grandson, the story of my life; my son-in-law, a story of our travels, and he reinforced his request with a tape recorder. It's amazing how difficult it is to say when a book was published. I'm not in a very good position to do research. Rover can't help; I have to sit and think like

mad. It sometimes takes me days. It's amazing how tricky memory is. Often I am better than my family, probably because like Avis, I try harder." Polly wondered if the pumpkin was not on the Library Tower but on McGraw Hall which has a tower that looks like a widow's walk. In the May issue "Letters" pages, *Cornell Magazine* explains how there could be a mixup for us as there were several McGraws and some building names were changed after our times.

Norma (Ross) and Tom Winfree returned from their trip to Paris and Germany, but it was not what they had planned. When they got to Paris it was raining and on the weekend, so things they wanted to see were not available. In Germany, most of the streets where they stopped were cobblestone, too risky for Norma to walk on. After eight days in Germany, Tom was hospitalized for exhaustion. They flew back to Newark, not Boston, where Norma's son met them and got them on a plane back to Arizona. They returned home exhausted and in mid-June are still working to get back strength and energy. NO MORE TRIPS. They have had it. Norma is trying to replace a hearing aid she lost with a better one.

My grandson Ken Gau and his bride expect to live for two years in Ithaca, as he has been accepted in Cornell's Johnson School of

good pitcher, right out of high school. [*The university received news of Mr. Kohn's death in April 1998.—Ed.*]

George Heekin, BA '30, was active in track doings and never lost interest in later years.

Irv Cohen was a football halfback and was known to most of us as "Murph." **Al Underhill**, CE '30, turned out to be as good a salesman as he was an engineer.

Bill Scott (who's still with us), **Herb Marples**, and I were usually out of step in those ROTC days. We were a real awkward squad, but we improved. When World War II came around we learned fast. For instance, we learned from experience that although the M-1 rifle only weighs 9.5 pounds, after you've been carrying it for an hour the decimal point drops out. ♦ **Don Layton**, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Those of us who knew **Marge Rice** will remember her as a caring, beautiful person. What more fitting a choice than to have her memory honored by the Marjory A. Rice Memorial Scholarship Fund. Marge died tragically in 1979. She had been visiting her sister in New Hampshire and was waiting in the La Guardia Airport in New York City for the limousine to take her to her home in Bronxville. A senseless tragic bomb was set off, killing

"Although the M-1 rifle only weighs 9.5 pounds, after you've been carrying it for an hour the decimal point drops out."

— DON LAYTON '29

Management, where he will work to earn an MBA. Sage College, the dormitory we knew primarily as a residence for junior women, has been completely renovated for that school and Ken will be in the first class entering there. When we were back for the 70th we witnessed the changes in progress. It is now higher and larger. The outside walls were saved on this historic building, and the interior completely rebuilt.

Once more, I hope the men of '27 will get a volunteer to do justice to their news. I am physically unable to take on any more duties.

♦ **Grace "Sid" Hanson** Reeve, 1563 Dean St., Schenectady, NY 12309.

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I was happy to hear from **Walter Voelker**, who reached the respectable age of 90 just this June. He and I used to discuss world affairs when we were 20, mostly in terms of good guys versus bad guys. Strange how the world has become much more complicated since then!

Not many letters trickling in these days, so I'll fall back on memories of our departed 'mates to fill in the space.

I remember **Irv Kohn**, MD '34, was a pretty fair first baseman when I thought I was a

Marge and several others. Her devastated classmates soon started the wheels to set up a scholarship fund in her memory, not an easy venture. To quote the Cornell records, "**Anna K. Schmidt** and **Agnes Gainey** Williams, with help from you [yours truly] and **Marian Walbancke** Smith, were instrumental in setting up the fund and requesting funds from classmates. Donors include the Altrusa Club of New York and Bordon Funds, as well as many members of the Class of '29 and the family of Marjory Rice." The fund was set up in May 1979 with \$8,000. The fund now totals \$58,502. The scholarship is for undergraduate Cornell women who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.

The first scholarship was in the amount of \$400 for the 1978-79 academic year to a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The scholarship has now been awarded annually for nearly 20 years. The 1997-98 Marjory A. Rice Scholar was **Jennifer Augustine '98** from the College of Arts and Sciences. She received an award of \$5,000.

I happened to phone Anna Schmidt in Framingham, MA, last Sunday and found she was celebrating her 90th birthday with relatives from all over. I had a nice conversation with her niece, Lyn. Time marches on and we

all rejoice in our Cornell heritage. I had a delightful visit with my sister, **Claire Kelly Gilbert '37**, who recounted the excitement of her Cornell Mortarboard reunion and the unique experience of spending that weekend in Ithaca. ♦ **Agnes "Tib" Kelly Saunders**, 106 Spencer Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563; e-mail, tib106@aol.com.

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Dear Friends: Did you know that at the Association of Class Officers (CACO) mid-winter meeting in New York City,

last January, the class was awarded a certificate for having the highest percentage of Cornell Fund donors? We thank you all! That is showing real loyalty. News from the campus is that the Libe Tower bells are going to be silent for a year! How strange it will seem! They are all to be shipped to Meeks and Watson Bell Foundry in Ohio to be re-tuned. One bell will be retired and two new ones added. During their absence, the tower itself will also be repaired and refurbished. It is hoped that the bells will be back in time to play for the 1999 reunion, though they will not be returned to the tower till summer. (Perhaps you may remember that our classmate **Emily Blood Diffenback**, now deceased, was a donor for upkeep of the bells. Were there others?)

(Now back to 1997 and 1998.) **Ione Koller Borsner**, BS HE '31, recalls how happy she was to attend our reunion with her two daughters. She had memories of a long-ago reunion we attended with our husbands. Her husband and I had a fine talk about our methods of bread-making. He, a busy surgeon, found it very relaxing after a day of tensions. I wonder if any of our classmates have discovered the joy of producing those lovely brown loaves. And eating them, so superior to boughten loaves.

Bea Foster Whanger reports that her husband, Elton, died on February 4 after a long illness. The bad storm which closed roads and shut off electricity at that time made his last days very uncomfortable. She hopes to

Agnes Talbot. Dorothy Wertz, was elected president of WAA, and **Jean Randall**, of YWCA. Also announced were those elected to Mortar Board: **Anne Andrews, Caroline Dawdy, Priscilla Hicks, Doris Montgomery, Mary Murphy, Edith Nashe**, Jean Randall, Agnes Talbot, and Dorothy Wertz. Doesn't that carry you back? Later, what I remember most is our last night, when many of us sat out on the steps in Balch Court and sang for hours, unwilling to break away into the unknown world, our last time together . . . Next day, GRADUATION.

And I must end on a sad note. Word has come that **George Tyler '28**, '28-35 Grad, died on March 30. He had seemed to be recovering, but that was not to be. We all join Dorothy (Wertz), PhD '36, in her sorrow at the loss of her life's companion.

Please, I'm going to be short on news this year, so I do need help. Please write down your thoughts and memories, old and new! ♦ **Joyce Porter** Layton, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Dr. Morris Alpert went from retirement in 1979 as a surgeon to the deanship, for 15 years, of St. George's medical school in Grenada. He was located in a satellite, St. Vincent, retiring again at age 85. He brags ("most exciting . . . Ah! those golden years") about his quadruple bypass at age 88 and thinks he'll make it to the 70th Reunion. He'll make it, no doubt, preparing us for the "story of his operation." If you're listening, **Jim Giltitz**, LLB '33, he's still trying to reach you, but gets no answer to his phone calls.

Stanford C. Bates announces, "Apr. 28, '97, and our peas are up and looking good." This, apparently, in the "20th year of living on the Henderson Harbor, NY, shore, during which time Stan has rebuilt 16 old player pianos. Son **Jared '63**, BS ILR '64, has for more than a year been inspector general of the US Army with three stars." Congratulations, Stan, and for the peas and player pianos, as well.

Montie F. Cone, '30-31 Grad, is blessed

G. Van McKay '31. Bud chatted with **Bob Terwilliger** at the above 45th Reunion and he sends regards to all who remain in the "ranks." ♦ **Benedict P. Cottone**, Bay Plaza #802, 1255 Gulf Stream Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236; tel., (941) 366-2989.

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I scanned the list of legacies in the May/June issue of this magazine (page 108) and spotted **Jason R. Moore '01**,

grandson of our **George C. Moore**, PhD '35, deceased, and son of **Richard G. Moore '67**. Are there any others that I, or the compilers of the listing, overlooked?

(Mrs.) **Emma Gray Quillen** (15 Highland Pl., Maplewood, NJ 07040-2507) sent in some cheerful family news: "In February 1998 I had my Umpteenth GREAT-grandchild. [This claim is ineligible for prize for greatest number of "greats"!—W.M.V.] The baby was named Daniel after his grandfather, Daniel Quillen, who is professor of pure mathematics at Magdalen College, Oxford U., England. The name Daniel Quillen goes back on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to about the 1640s. Consequently there are scores of Quillens, dead and alive, (including me) who rejoice over the choice of name for this newcomer."

Michael Z. Kay '61 (Hotel) reports "Family News" for **Evelyn Fineman Miller** (601 Townsend Pl., Atlanta, GA 30327). "Mother broke her hip in December 1997. Following a difficult recovery she has moved to the Jewish Home here in Atlanta. Her spirits are good, and she talks often of her Cornell years."

Tom Kelley (Thomas D., 11770 NE Yeomalt Dr., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-1973) reports, "... interesting correspondence with fraternity brother (in Beta Theta Pi) **Bill Neckerman**" (William M., 1310 Fifth Ave., Apt. 506, Youngstown, OH 44504). One reason his correspondence is interesting is because it is so legible. Bill penned the following for us on the 1931 news form in his best 1927 Engineering Drawing 101 lettering: "Still breathing, still eating, and still playing 18 holes of golf three or four times a week, in good weather, but have to use a cart. I belong to a senior golf group called 'The Order of Extinct Volcanoes.' I don't remember if I reported losing my vocal chords in 1933. I can't speak very well, but due to lots of practice can say 'gin and tonic' quite clearly." Under "Recent Activities" he notes: "Writing nasty letters to those clowns we have in Washington. Try to keep my mind working by playing bridge every week." On this record it appears he is successful.

Martin Riger (6463 LaCosta Dr., Apt. 605, Boca Raton, FL 33433-6627) has some third-generation Cornellian "Family News": "Back to Ithaca after a long interval for the graduation of grandson **Scott Potash '98** in May. Scott is the son of my daughter, **Andrea (Riger) '66** and her husband, **Andrew Potash '66**." (The latter, if I recall correctly, was a very good lacrosse player for Cornell.)

William H. "Bill" Vogel Jr. (12 Strawberry Lane, Warren, CT 06777) has no good "Family News" to report. His wife is still in the

"Still breathing, still eating, and still playing 18 holes of golf three or four times a week."

— **BILL NECKERMAN '31**

have a "change of scene" when all the papers are signed, and take a trip to the Outer Banks, where some of her family congregate in nice weather. We all wish you the best, Bea. We know this has been a long, hard time for you.

Now here is a touch of nostalgia for you. Cast your mind back to the spring term, 1929. I discovered a torn yellow clipping from the *Sun* which brings it all back. We were being organized to be the FIRST CLASS to live in Balch, that splendid new building. The presidents of the four units were to be **Gertrude Coyne, Elizabeth Irish, Myrtle Pullen**, and

by having son Michael, who was a Cornell post doc in chemistry in 1972, cure his "muddled" handwriting problem by setting him up with a large screen Mac 630 computer. With tutor help, he has "finally managed the beast." His family includes nephew **Charles Berlinghof '53**, BME '54, and grandnephew **Todd Berlinghof '85**, whom Bud joined at Charles's 45th Reunion in June. Also included: Aunt **Agnes Cecelia McKay Champion '13**, sisters **Catherine Cone Todd '24** and **Barbara Cone Berlinghof '27** (Mrs. Clifton), brother-in-law **John Todd '24**, and cousin

nursing home in Milford, where he visits every day. However, this spring his "honeybees are doing fine." And Bill is "planning ahead!" He hopes to bring some of his honey to our next reunion, but adds, "Though I drive, I hope I can hitch a ride. Others in our class may want to do the same. Maybe the alumni affairs staff can get younger alumni to give us rides." Bill voices a common complaint of Cornellians who live in New England. "You can't get there from here" except by driving. (A Cornell recruiter reported recently that this is even an obstacle in admissions work. Families don't want little Johnnie going to Cornell because they won't be able to get to see him often!)

Nice letter from **A. Richard "Dick" Cohen** (Box 279, Old Forge, NY 13420). The "Mayor" and "Lord-High-Everything-Else" of Old Forge seems to continue to do very well. "I am still working. At the office every day. Don't travel much any more. Too damn much trouble packing and unpacking."

Hilda Smith Doob (Mrs. **Hugo '30**, PhD '37, Givens Estates, 11-F Wesley Dr., Asheville, NC 28803-2037) once again does a nice job of keeping us up to date by filling out the 1931 news form: "1. Family News: Daughter Katherine Sakenfeld is a professor at Princeton Seminary. Son David is a film editor in Boston. (When your grandchildren begin to graduate from college you know you're over the hill.) 2. Remember When We: went down from Tyler House on winter nights to swim in the Old Armory pool, and on spring nights to practice on the rowing machines there. The Women of '31 had a crew of eight who competed on the Inlet with other classes. We wore huge bloomers. 3. Recent Activities: Still giving marionette skits on Saturdays for health-care folks. 'Body Recall' sessions grease aging joints. 4. Encounters with Cornellians: Mrs. **Helen Malony Hensley '34**, Givens Estates Health Care, 100 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28803. Mrs. **Elisabeth Tanzer Battle '32**, now widowed, spends winters in Florida with her family. Her home address: PO Box 1297, E. Dennis, MA 02641. ♦ **William M. Vanneman**, Thirwood Pl., #250, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2079; tel., (508) 760-4250.

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After I submitted my notes for an earlier issue, I received the News and Dues form from **Dr. Richard C. Ringrose**, PhD '36. I had asked for news from **Dick and Helen (Schroeder)** and am embarrassed to say that he had provided it months earlier but the form (and many others) languished in Ithaca for five months. They report that they live in a retirement community close to Albany, NY, having moved from Durham, NH, so they could enjoy transportation, security, and lovely surroundings and still have independence. A bonus is that their son is city engineer and director of public works in Guilderland, so they have family close by. Dick adds that there are a number of Cornell graduates in the complex.

Norman H. Foote has a great attitude. Despite the recent loss of his wife and son, **Norman Jr. '63**, he writes: "The 65th Re-

union was great; I'll be back for the 70th." We had responses to the News and Dues appeal from two fellows we hadn't heard from in years. They are **John A. Bizar** of Wildwood, FL, and **Vernon L. Bishop Jr.**, BS Ag '34, of Penfield, NY. We love to hear from all of you, but it is especially gratifying to rediscover classmates who have been too long silent.

Stanley J. Mayer hadn't put any news on his form for several years and we twitted him and a few others in a recent column. Stan came through with a letter saying he had decided to update us. He says he's alive and kicking but not very vigorously because spinal stenosis has him using a walker. Stan has two daughters, two granddaughters, and a "great" on the way. One of the granddaughters graduated from Cornell in 1988.

Lt. Col. **Lewis M. Nutting** says he watches his grandson play football and soccer. Lewis reports that he is a very good point-after kicker, but he doesn't say whether this takes place at the high school or college level so we don't know whether Lewis is going to point him in the direction of the Big Red. I received a welcome letter from **William R. Bagby**, BA '33, telling that he and Elizabeth have had some medical problems but it appears that after a "bad year," they are back on track again.

♦ **James W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

Elisabeth Oldenburg Parsons, MA '33, (Mrs. **Merton**, PhD '37) reacted quickly to my cry for help in the May/June issue of *Cornell Magazine*. As there is nearly a three-month gap between the deadline when news must be in and the time you read it, this makes it slow going in getting news to you. Elisabeth's good news is that she became a great-grandmother in 1997, and is favorably impressed in the current way of "bringing up baby" as opposed to what was considered correct in our time. She also highly approves of the greater role Dad now plays as a matter of course. Elisabeth is also intrigued as to how the "fearsome feat" (the Great Pumpkin Mystery) was accomplished. She doesn't think that **Hugh Troy '26**, the famed Cornell trickster, could have done it.

It was a surprise to me to learn that **Renee Smith** Hampton and Willard had, in 1991, signed up to live in Arbor Glen, the continuing-care retirement community where I now live. (My husband, the late **Nelson '34**, and I also signed up in 1991.) Since construction here was so delayed, the Hamptons decided to move into Stonegate in Delaware, where they are very happy. In August 1997, Renee and Willard had their seventh great-grandchild, Amy Rose. She is the granddaughter of Renee's elder son, Sanford, and his wife, Mari. Sanford is the assistant bishop of Olympia (Seattle, WA).

There are 38 of you out there who returned your News & Dues paper enclosing a check. That is good news! You could have written: "Hi, Martha! My life is so boring that I have no news!" But, you know, I don't really

believe that. At least you could complain about the food, the weather, and that young people aren't what they were in our day! ♦ **Martha Travis Houck**, 421 Monroe St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807; tel., (908) 526-7417.

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Putnam C. "Put" Kennedy, MD '37, Wilsonville, OR, reports he interned at Boston City Hospital (pathology), trained in radiology at St. Luke's Hospital, NYC. Starting January 1943, he spent 3-1/2 years in AUS Medical Corps including overseas service in France and Japan, first lieutenant to major. After discharge, Put moved to Glendale, CA, in August 1946, and practiced radiology in a partnership for 37 years, until 1983. Put and Mrs. Kennedy moved to Wilsonville, OR, in 1994 and now reside in a retirement home.

Ed Borjesson, CE '35, Sayreville, NJ, writes, "In January 1998, Judy and I had a perfect vacation by Eurorailpass from Halmstad, Sweden (my family base) through Copenhagen to Vienna and Innsbruck. The sleeping cars are futuristic and the Volksoper and the Staatsoper in Vienna as splendid as ever (*Wien-erblut*, *Serail*, and *La Boheme*). The food, pastries, atmosphere, and the Danube scenery can't be beat. Revisited haunts in Innsbruck not seen since my 1945 and 1946 days with the Armistice Commission."

Ed Sulzman, N. Palm Beach, FL, still lives in Lost Tree Village, but has moved to the ocean side on Turtle Beach Rd. He's cut back on golf but is traveling and writing.

James Allen, Alpine, NY, our distinguished men's Cornell Fund rep, practices what he preaches. In 1995 he donated 95 acres to Cornell Plantations in the Cayuta Lake aquatic system. The system, including its surrounding wetlands, is relatively pristine and noted for the presence of rare species and high biodiversity. The Allen Preserve, which begins on a hill above Cayuta Lake, includes meadow, upland forest, swamp forest, and wetland shrub thicket as you approach the inlet to Cayuta Lake. The upland vegetation is a red maple (*Acer rubrum*) and sugar maple (*A. saccharum*) forest on the upper slope. The wetland forest is dominated by red maple, but hemlock and white pine are also abundant. (To be continued in future issues.)

Lloyd Lovitt, Germantown, TN, just can't retire. He still manages his real estate company, developing land in the Memphis suburbs. Jane and he travel a lot: Barbados in January, Jamaica in February, New Orleans in April, New York in May, and California in July. Jane went solo to Russia in June to visit her niece, who is a missionary in St. Petersburg. "That's a bunch," Lloyd writes.

Lester Rawlins, Canton, NY, suffered from heart attacks in 1996 and 1997, but still manages a round of golf at their club in Canton or at their winter residence in Orange City, FL. Marla and he joined the 60th wedding anniversary group with an open house for family and friends last July.

Horace Nebeker, Houston, TX, rambles—"At my age, 86 in November, our activities are somewhat limited, and then there's

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not much of interest to report. We are still enjoying our vacation home in Wimberley. My golf has terminated because of sore shoulders, though I have enough equipment to stock a sporting goods store. Had the pleasure of watching the Cornell-Colgate football game on television at a local sports bar and thought that the Cornell team looked good although they lost the game in overtime. I keep up with my classmates through *Cornell Magazine* but I am running out of acquaintances. I am the last survivor of my class in my fraternity. So I rely heavily on remembrances, such as watching **Rod Bliss** play golf in the snow and helping to retrieve a golf ball from a sand trap under a foot of snow. We traced it from the hole it left in the snow. I hope you no longer have any doubts about me." None, Ned.

Best wishes for a grand fall season to all.
 ♦ **Karl F. Schmidt**, 4780 Mount Rose Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8279; tel., (916) 771-4734.

This is being written in June, and what a floral spring we have had in the Northeast. I guess the warm winter and rainy spring resulted in this most glorious display on any flowering shrub or plant.

Sophie Jacobs Drezon writes that she lives in Florida and runs her own travel business, Travel With Honey Inc. She keeps in touch with former roommate **Dorothea Wiener** Marvin '35. She would like to hear from Cornellians in her area: 6005 Magnolia Ave., Tamara, FL 33319.

Lucille Le Cocq Robins lives in Houston, TX, and regrets that she will be unable to attend our 65th Reunion, but says she is proud to have been a part of Kappa Delta and Cornell. **Lucy Boldt Shull** and husband **Frank** are still relatively well and very active; going to concerts, the theater, church, and last, but by no means least, family!

Elsie Starks Shreeve has an address different from that in our directory. It is 415 Russell Ave., #305, Gaithersburg, MD 30877. Elsie is fortunate in having many members of her family visit over the summer. What fun! **Eloise Ross** Mackesey is now in a retirement community. Her address is 719 Maiden Choice Lane, HR524, Catonsville, MD 21228. She was in Ithaca for the wedding of a granddaughter in Sage Chapel. She says that walking isn't great, but she still gets around. No steps!

Writing this column is a bit of a downer. So many "not well" comments. But then we are senior citizens and I think we are terrific!

Remember that our 65th Reunion is only one year away. Stay well and let us hope that we can all somehow manage to get to Ithaca for that Big Event. It is hard to believe that so much time has passed. When we recall specific events, they don't seem to have happened so long ago. ♦ **Eleanor "Dickie" Mirsky** Bloom, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209.

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This issue, at long last, includes the news notes of those who faithfully paid dues last year. Please excuse the delay.

Your classmates are glad to hear from you any time. **Joseph A. Romagnola**, of Rochester,

NY, is a General Motors retiree whose wife's Alzheimer's disease keeps him occupied. However, he keeps fit with daily exercises and a mile-a-day walk. Joe has four grandchildren whom he sees as much as possible. **Esther Major** Batchelder, of Williamsburg, VA, participates in the international organization FISH, serves on local boards, and is active with Retired Teachers. Her travels include a trip to California to visit family and a recent tour of Norway. In between all that, Esther does genealogy searching, gardening, reading, and sewing for her family—which includes "seven of the best grandchildren."

Vivian H. Melass, Jackson, TX, says he retired in 1966 and was a director of his county chamber of commerce. In 1996, he and wife Barbara celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She is retired and recovering from a stroke. They have four children and six grandchildren, three of whom are college graduates. Of the other grands, two are in college, and a 3-year-old is studying computers in preschool! **Charlotte (Dredger)** of Somers, NY, is a retired reading supervisor. She and husband **C. Hubert Vail** '37, attended his 60th Reunion. Also in 1997, they traveled to Polson, MT, to attend the wedding of their grandson together with 25 of their family. They have four children in a family which includes Cornelian son **Peter C. Vail** '60; son-in-law **Steven La Rocca** '69, BArch '70; and grandsons **Peter C. Vail Jr.** '86 and **Jonathan Vail La Rocca** '01.

Earle R. Elmer, formerly of Kansas City, MO, now of Elkridge, MD, corresponds with Electrical Engineering classmate **Lawrence "Larry" Dwon**. He received an award for service to Meals-on-Wheels and he also participates in Habitat for Humanity and HELP. Now living with his son, Earle enjoys time spent with his grandson and granddaughter, fixing things, and trying to work the computer. **Doris Struss** Huster, of Grosse Pointe, MI, is treasurer and former president of her local chapter of AARP. In October 1997, she visited Hawaii and attended her grandson's wedding in San Francisco. Doris plays tennis and bridge and reports having two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren (two in California and one in Michigan), plus a great-grandchild in California.

E. Allen Robinson, of Bellingham, WA, speaks of a delayed ski season. He traveled in August 1997 with Elderhostel, visiting colleges in Denmark, Sweden, and Finland. Allen has changed his reading habit (haven't we all!) from *The New Yorker* to great books long neglected. His granddaughter Clare, who in 1995 had a serious skiing accident (our column, April 1996 issue), in 1997 was back in her regular grade, while continuing therapy. **Lawrence R. McAfoos** of Pittsburgh, PA, volunteers in a rehab institute and plays golf. He has nine grandchildren to keep up with. **Dr. Eugene F. Murphy**, of Kendal at Ithaca, and a former participant in Fulbright Assn., has been appointed an honorary advisor and he is a member of the local Advisory Committee of

Accessible Transportation. His nephew, **James K. Murphy, MBA '72**, of Danville, CA, and wife Noel were guests at Kendal while attending James's 25th Reunion. Now I'm ready for 1998 news notes—keep 'em coming! ♦ **Ed Miller**, 10101 Grosvenor Pl., #1515, Rockville, MD 20852.

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Michael Golben, Chem E '37, retired from 3M Co. in St. Paul, MN. In 1995 he and wife Norris, with the concurrence of their six children, established the Golben North St. Paul High School Scholarships for graduating seniors. Their scholarships are perpetual annual awards provided by the investment gain from \$100,000 proceeds from the sale of their primary residence in Minnesota. The Golbens, now permanently living in N. Port, FL, are gratified that this fund, administered by the St. Paul Foundation, has over the past three years furnished \$11,000 for college expenses for five graduating seniors chosen for their academic achievements.

Kermit Goell died in December 1997, and had an exceptional life with many accomplishments in the fields of authorship, songwriting, archaeology, and the Army Air Forces (during World War II). Among many famous artists who performed his songs was Frank Sinatra, who, of course, also died recently.

Elsa Meltzer Bronstein and husband Arthur live in Oakland, CA, in winter and in Monterey, MA, in warmer months. Arthur is a retired professor of linguistics at U. of California, Berkeley. Elsa works with jewelry as a silversmith and a glass bead maker. She is also involved with a "wonderful" senior group called Alternative Lifelong Learning, in which she takes a group out periodically to visit some of the lovely local marvels, historic places, "nature's best," where one has to walk, listen, and learn; plus great classes and folk dancing. She added, "Having our kids within reach is the serendipity of it."

Lt. Col. **Charles Leet**, USAF, ret., and his wife spend the year in Chapel Hill, NC, and Old Town, ME. He wrote: "As new Mainiacs (June to October) our travel now consists of exploring Maine. Carolina Meadows at Chapel Hill is working out well as our permanent home: golf, walking, and arthritis pool exercises keep our joints moving. **Jack Freund** and wife Ellie are active friends here. **John G. Machemer** '37, a fraternity brother living nearby, is tough to catch up with. He's always traveling."

Katrina Tanzer Chubbuck spends the year in Fairport, NY, and Sarasota, FL. She is thankful for pretty good health, and enjoys the warmth of the weather in Sarasota and her Cornell friends. She wrote, "One I'm going to miss is **Eleanor Elste** Freeland, who has moved to Washington State to be near a daughter and won't be coming to Florida. My sister **Elisabeth Tanzer** Battle '32 and I have been together for this Florida time for several years."

Margaret Morgan Lawrence, MD, has seven grandchildren. She lives in Pomona, NY. ♦ **Allegra Law** Ireland, 125 Grant Ave. Ext., Queensbury, NY 12804-2640.

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When Brother Christopher—classmates at Cornell knew him as **John D. Gardner**—came to the Monastery of Christ in the Desert in 1970, he joined the three Benedictine Brothers who had founded the community six years before. Hidden in a remote canyon of the high desert mountains in northern New Mexico, the monastery provides for a life of prayer and praise, study, manual work, and hospitality. Jack, who became a Benedictine monk at the Monastery of Saint Saviour near Elmira, has seen the community grow seven-fold and, while remaining true to the mission of prayer and contemplation, extend the scope of “work” to include developing a monastery website, as well as using the monks’ expertise in computers to set up an electronic business which now does work almost entirely for the Vatican. Brother Christopher has also taught in a seminary. Now retired, he lives at the IHM Seminary in Sante Fe, NM. He came East last year to attend our 60th Reunion and visit family and friends in Pennsylvania.

One of the few members of the Law school class of ’39 still in active practice, **Joseph M. Mandel**, JD ’39, manages to take enough time off from the office to indulge his travel hobby. When in eastern Turkey “in search of Noah’s Ark” near Mt. Ararat on the Armenian border, Joe and Roz and **John** ’47 and Meta Alice **Bratten** were surprised to find a Cornell sticker on the entrance to their hotel—a kind of Big Red “Kilroy was here.” The Mandels visited New Zealand and Australia last year and, in the fall, traveled to South America. Son **Lewis** ’69 is a special counsel with the Internal Revenue Service. Grandson Ken (U. of Rochester ’00) was on an archeological dig in Israel this past summer and is now at the U. of Melbourne, Australia. Diminutive granddaughter Nina is on the tennis, lacrosse, and basketball teams in high school, while consistently making the dean’s list.

Not content with one 60th Reunion, **John W. Rogers**, BS AE ’38, intrepid co-chair of last year’s gathering, was back in town for the six-decade celebrations of the Class of ’38 in June. John has contacts with both classes, having received his engineering degree a year after the rest of us. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

The smaller the class membership, the shorter the space we are allowed for reporting whatever news we receive from our ’37 women. You will discover, therefore, that some of the news may go back a year or two. **Shirley Leighton** Doughty’s four children range in age from 54 to 41, including daughter **Elizabeth Doughty** ’74. Shirley’s nine grandchildren (one deceased) range in age from 33 to 6. She has great-grandchildren also: Michaela, 3, Patrick, 1, and Nickolas Lloyd, 4. Shirley’s hobbies are reading, knitting, and walking. Her travel took her to Alabama to visit son Michael and his family. Michael, a lieutenant colonel, US Army, had command of the Defense Distribution Region East. He has now

Living History

ALICE WAGER WICKS ’37

As a landscape architecture student, Alice Wager was a farm girl who barely had time for her theater group. Sixty years later, Alice continues to enjoy theater, but this time she owns the stage—the Quiet Valley Historical Farm in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. When she and her husband, the late Wendell Wicks ’36, purchased the farm in 1958, they decided to have some fun with the antiques and clothing which had been left behind. They started by dressing up and throwing theme parties for friends and neighbors.

In 1963, the couple opened the living museum, similar to Colonial Williamsburg, which now operates with twenty-five paid actors and more than 500 volunteers. Alice invented most of the characters in the nineteenth-century German family and herself plays Martha, the great-grandmother. “In the costume I look 100,” Alice says. “People keep coming up to compliment me, but I’m really not that old.”

—Emily Hovland ’98



gone to the Pentagon. Shirley finds herself very busy, now that she is living in Maine. **Mary Chaney** Carson asks, “What makes good copy?” She finds that every day she lives is a joy, but thinks that her doings are not interesting to readers who do the same things we do. However, her Plymouth Embroideries, she says, might make good reading, and if you want details, Mary will send us some of her printed booklets. **Elizabeth Stevenson** Bennett, MS Ed ’48, enjoys reading and gardening. She is a retired home economics teacher and housewife. She is active in the Presbyterian Church, in a Civic Club, and as a volunteer in the local library. **Bertha J. Kotwica**, MS HE ’54, is still reading, gardening, and sewing.

Helen Saunders Engst, MS ’65, finds that life is not slowing down as she expected it to when she reached the 80s. She finds Ithaca a delightful place to live and living on the edge of the Cornell campus makes it all the more so. Having a large family—five married children (including **Dona Jean Engst** Greene Bolton ’61 and **Nancy Lee Engst** ’65, BS HE ’66), ten grandchildren (eight of whom are married), and nine great-grandchildren—living in seven different states—keeps her busy. Eleven of her descendants and/or spouses are Cornellians. Her daughter-in-law, **Elaine Deutsch** Engst, MA ’72, (Mrs. Christopher), the university archivist on the Hill, keeps her coming to the campus for the marvelous exhibits in the Kroch Library on Ezra Cornell, Andrew Dickson White, the 125 years of the College of Architecture, etc. If

you do visit the campus, be sure to call Helen.

Shirley DeVoe Corney’s granddaughter Bess, 28, is a graduate of Miami U., and grandson Ray is a student of the Sparta School of Avionics in Tulsa, OK. Shirley’s three children—Mary Colclough and Ann White of Rochester, NY, and George Corney of Shawnee, KS—have grown children. Shirley is a retired physician who specialized in tuberculosis. **Clara J. Swan** was active in research for a book on the history of Pennswood Village and helping with the publication. She assists on orientation of new board members and is a member of several resident committees. Clara enjoys the classmates who live where she does: **Miriam Reed** and **Bea Stump**. **Augusta P. DeBare Greyson** (Mrs. William) reports on her grandchildren: Ellen, 27, attended Princeton; Sara, 24, attended Brown; Devon, 19, attended Oberlin; and Erin, 16, is still in high school.

I hope there will be lots of letters arriving this fall. Your classmates and I look forward to receiving them. ♦ **Gertrude Kaplan** Fitzpatrick, PO Box 228, Cortland, NY 13045.

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“It’s a good life,” says **Charlie Hunt** from his home in Winter Haven, FL (for six months), the remainder in Wyoming County, NY. Lots of volunteer work and some good travels to say nothing of the gatherings of children and families—seven children, 23 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren—from California, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, and New York. Can anyone

beat it? Charlie says his golf swing isn't all that great, but his bridge game is improving.

From a Christmas letter **Harvey Scudder**, PhD '53, wrote in 1997 came word that he had a "fuzzy logic" paper closing the discussion he began over 50 years ago with the "fly grill." Better write him for an explanation! His wife, Florrie, is still painting and has been accepted in several shows in California. The Stewart Valley insect fossils with which Harvey has worked for some 25 years, are now on the Web from Cal Academy. They planned to join son Paul and family at Oxford whenever last spring had tempered the English climate.

Bob Wilson, who previously lived in Eustis, FL, for 21 years of wonderful retirement, has now moved north to 40 Autumn

quests for his photographing of the parties and weddings of his many friends.

Tidbit: If you don't scale the mountain, you can't see the view. ♦ **Russ Martin**, 29 Janivar Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

An art show, "In My Mind's Eye," featured watercolors by **Evelyn "Toni" Zimmerman Linowitz**, June 24 to July 19, at the Foundry Gallery in Washington, DC. Pictures exhibited were cityscapes and landscapes. Toni and husband **Sol M., JD '38**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking children and grandchildren to a resort in the Poconos in 1989. Last year they decided not to wait for their 60th anniversary and to celebrate early gathered in Hershey, PA, with 17 friends and family in July 1996. They enjoyed such a good

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— ELLA THOMPSON WRIGHT '39

Dr., Slingerlands, NY. Is he crazy? Thinks he may be! He hoped his future issues of *Cornell Magazine* would be sent to his new address, and they were.

From **John L. Present**, Chem E '40, comes word that his wonderful daughters gave him a surprise 80th birthday party with 20 of their closest friends attending. While I'm at it, I want to report that my wonderful bride of June 1995 gave your class correspondent a surprise BIG 80 never-to-be-forgotten party with family from Colorado and Maryland. What a great weekend it was!

A trip to Alaska and another to visit daughters in Tulsa and Denver were occupying the time of **J. S. "Stan" Hall** and **Florine of Attica, NY**. From **Bob Boochever**, JD '41, came word that one of our outstanding classmates, **Lyndon Stevens**, passed away in July 1997. Lyn was manager of the track team and resided only a few blocks from Bob in Pasadena. He will be sorely missed.

Admitting that he has been remiss in sending class notes material over the years, **Walter Barlow** really loaded us up. Walt wrote he was still president of Research Strategies Corp., a consulting firm in the opinion and attitude research business that he set up some 25 years ago. They specialize in research to help major companies manage their corporate reputation assets. They have an impressive list of companies for whom they get needed data. Their four children, including **Debbie Barlow** Rockey '75, BArch '80, are all making names for themselves in the business field. Incidentally, Coach Tom Ford, you better check out a promising baseball player in the person of his grandson. On the side, Walt has set up a little business called, "Pictures by Walter" to help defray the cost of many re-

time that they repeated it in 1997 and were to have another reunion in July 1998.

Charlotte Lehr Solberg, BS HE '38, writes that she now has 2,500 spools and will sell her collection to anyone interested. Her son Bud had his second heart surgery and is fine now. Her sister is confined to a wheelchair after a third stroke. Charlotte has had a melanoma cancer removed and is under the doctor's care for an aneurysm in the aorta. However, she is still a docent at the museum and dispatcher for HELP. She is also active in Senior Citizens Inc., and plays a lot of bridge.

Paul Roxin, co-founder of the Geriatric Pilots Assn., sent me an article about **Dawn Rochow Seymour**, who was the first woman to complete the Civilian Pilot Training Program at Cornell. She earned her private pilot's license in 1940. Today, she and husband Morton reside in Naples, FL, and spend winters in Tucson, AZ. They have two sons, three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

Patricia O'Rourke Smith writes from Sun City, FL, that she and **Harry L. '38** celebrated the marriage of their granddaughter, Michelle Taylor, April 1997 and mourned her death in a helicopter accident the following August. Both events occurred in Mexico City, where Michelle resided.

Ethel "Piney" Piness Abrams, class co-vice president, recently visited her grandson in California. She is still fascinated by her part-time job as a cross-cultural and writing consultant to international executives at New Jersey oil and pharmaceutical companies. She's amazed at the pace and stamina for conducting international business.

I must report more sad news: the death of **Janet Peters** Sigman in September 1997. ♦ **Ella Thompson** Wright, 7212 Masonville Dr., Annandale, VA 22003; tel., (703) 573-5403.

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Leigh Grimes Colver, with husband Don, moved into a CCRC, Medford Leas apartment in Medford, NJ, in 1995. She wrote in 1996 that they still move about between Folby Creek and Medford, VA. Leigh enjoyed the Clipper Cruise to the Sea of Cortez and another train trip to Copper Canyon in Mexico.

A 1996 item from **J. William Robinson**, LLB '42, who has been celebrating 50 years of marriage with wife Dorothy. A planned cruise to Alaska was canceled when the ship had a fire and was retired. Instead, they visited British Columbia. Later, still celebrating, they went to Maui, HI, to enjoy sunny days of golfing. Returning home to Gig Harbor, WA, they awaited a visit with **Neal Stamp**, JD '42, on his Canada-Northwest tour.

Arthur W. Galston said in 1997 he had retired from Yale biology faculty in 1990. At that time he was still teaching one course a year in bioethics. His wife, **Dale (Kuntz) '41**, has retired from Clifford Beers Clinic after 28 years' service as a psychotherapist. Their son **William '67** is professor and director, Inst. of Philosophy and Public Policy, U. of Maryland. Daughter-in-law **Miriam (Steinberg) '67** is an associate professor of law at George Washington U.; their daughter **Beth '70** is a sculptor in Somerville, MA.

Martha Sweet Webb confirms that Cornell friendships never die! In June of 1996 she joined **Jean Rodger** Condon, **Eunice "Bickie" Munger** Ferguson, and **Trudy Johnson '38** at the Williamsburg Inn in Virginia for three days to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their first meeting at Cornell in 1936. In June of 1997 they met at Bickie's home in Lincoln, MA, for five days. Martha adds that she and husband John have visited **Leah Herb** Dye in Camp Hill, PA, twice in recent years. Proof positive! Plan ahead for our 60th Reunion!

Carl Schoenacker's wife, **Ruth (Buf-fum)**, writes from Waterloo of the 50th anniversary of the first troop ship to be sunk by a guided missile during World War II. National coverage of the event by CBS radio was given by Charles Osgood. Carl has been very actively pursuing more recognition of the 1,015 Americans who died. A new duespayer, **Baird Bauder**, living in Irvine, CA, reports attending an Elderhostel in China. I always appreciate a note for the column on those colored sheets.

Martha Willerton Bruce of Chester Village, West, in Chester, CT, gives time and energy to the local hospital thrift shop, is a literacy volunteer, and is also director of activities in her retirement home. Her son, Stephen, is president of Ransom & Benjamin, publishers of business works. Her daughter, Caroline B. Cooney, is the author of young adult books such as *Face on the Milk Carton*. Martha enjoyed a cruise through the Panama Canal and up to San Francisco.

Charles A. Hunt, retired from the Civil Service Commission, lives with wife Kay in Jackson, MI. They enjoyed a visit with **Tony De Fino**, CE '41, and wife Mary when they stopped in for lunch on their way to northern

Michigan. After 57 years they haven't changed much! Better come back to Cornell in the year 2000! ♦ **Carol Clark Petrie**, 18 Calthrope Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945.

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Fine day at Harvard, May 2, '98. **Walter "Pop" Scholl's** granddaughter, **Heather Scholl '01**, a freshman, played lacrosse. In the stands were her parents, **Roben** and **Walter B. Scholl '70**. By portable phone, **Bob Brunet** talked to Pop, who was as cheerful as ever. The death of Walter on May 17, '98, was a shock to all who knew him. Now we can recognize all the fine qualities of his leadership. He overcame a stroke of some years ago and had recovered his speech with difficulty. He returned to Cornell for reunions and the graduation of grandchildren. Pop enjoyed his football officiating. He led by example. As class correspondent for the men of '41, I feel we are blessed to have had him in our class. May God bless the Scholl family with his love. For the whole class, amen.

Howard Dunbar, MD '44, is, in his words, "Still playing golf at Sawgrass and caring for my wife recuperating from operation on her foot. Mary Jo and **Clark Burton** stopped by to see us and both are doing well." **Jules Wiener**, JD '47, retired in Savanna, GA. His health is good, he has a fine second wife. His daughter is **Leonora Wiener '83** and a granddaughter graduated with the Class of '96. **John Teach** resides in Ridgeway, Ont., Canada. Address: 4479 Erie Rd. He lives in Green Valley, AZ, in the winter.

Irving Drantch, BS Ag '81, has a fine game plan. "We take a cruise once a year. There is plenty of local stuff to keep us busy." **Bob Harley** is busy with four family birthdays. Bob and Elsie celebrated their 54th anniversary in Copper Canyon, Mexico. **Earl Howes**, BS Ag '42, travels—Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia. Earl and Ruth still travel in their Airstream, too. **Bill Webber** took a three-week trip in Germany and Austria. **Sid Slocum** sold his Pontiac/Subaru dealership—is fully retired and loves it. He has five great-grandchildren and says he is "looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2001."

Patty and **Bill Peters III**, BS AE '42, celebrated their 55th anniversary in December 1997. They have a quiet life, are in good health. **Ed King** enjoys a new hip. A mild Rochester winter made for an easy recovery. Flowers bloomed in mid-March, he reports. **Ralph Corley** in good shape and sends best regards to all.

From **Howard Schuck**, MS '43: "Have recovered from serious illness. Am beginning to write, but no more Cornell football or athletic department stories." **Stan Davis**, BA '47, PhD '51, retired in 1983 from the Hotel school. To escape Ithaca winters he lives in Vista, CA. He does volunteer work and some traveling. He welcomes mail from classmates. **Jim Fisher Free** spent years as a member of the Coming Scottish Rite. He was a member of the audit-budget finance committee for 25 years, chairing it for 16 years.

Bob Simon went back to work to keep

busy. His grandson will apply for college in the Class of '03. Dr. **George Potekhen** cruised the Caribbean. He plans to winter in Nevada. His grandson is in U. of Colorado on an ROTC scholarship. **Jim Hutson** still an active Mason. This year's travel plans include Virginia and Salt Lake City. He will spend time with his oldest son in Maryland. **Howard Freeman**, BA '47, enjoyed the *Cornell Magazine* article about **Joyce Bauer Brothers '47**. "I do like to read '41 class news written by **Ralph Antell**. I wish to thank him for his hard work." ♦ **Ralph E. Antell**, 9924 Maplestead Lane, Richmond, VA 23235-2240.

Reporting mid-June from Ithaca, the reunion tents are folded, alumni wearing class jackets have departed, seniors have slipped their bonds, and a quiet descends on the Cornell campus, but just until the flood of summer students and activities begin. In our non-reunion year it was a treat to host Class President **Eleanor Slack Randles**, MS '78, at lunch on June 5 in The Windows Cafeteria of Kendal at Ithaca. She was in fine fettle, jumping up from the table to greet some of her many friends.

Charles H. Acton '40, BA '41, and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary in January here at our Kendal at Ithaca cottage. With many Cornellians and retirees associated with the university and Ithaca College living here, we boast a delightful cultural mix.

Allene Cushing Knibloe is "treasurer for the Florida Flower Show Judge Council and this spring became president of the Garden Club Circle of Sarasota. I saw former roommate **Ruth Pierce Moyer**, PhD '69, and husband **James W. '38** several times when they were visiting in Florida from their Ames, IA, home." Ruth echoed the same pleasure in visiting with Allene during two months' vacation of rain, some sun, and golf.

Col. **George H. Hallanan Jr.**, US Army, ret., and **Alice (Williams)** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in November 1997 on a three-day Caribbean cruise from Puerto Rico to St. Thomas and St. Martin. Twenty-eight family members and friends joined them on the *Nordic Empress*. The Hallanans live in Alexandria, VA, where Alice is active in the Army Officers' Wives Club of the Greater Washington Area.

News of you and your friends is especially welcome. It does not need to be on a Great Class of '41 form. Please date your communication, write legibly or type, and explain abbreviations. Send personal notes and clippings. ♦ **Jane Webb Acton**, 459 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6507; tel., (607) 257-4914; e-mail, 104374.67@compuserve.com.

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Newly added participants on the Big Band Cruise are **Bill Sloughter** (Houston, TX), another of **Hal Hazen's** musicians, and **Harry Hoose** (Ithaca, NY). Bill and Harry both grew up in our old college town. **Bob**, BS AE '43, and **Betty McCann** (Portland, OR) will also join in the fun. Bob recently spent five weeks flying a small airplane

completely around Australia visiting some very remote outback spots. His whole family gathered on Baja California, in Mexico, for Christmas.

Had another fun meeting with **Gene Schneider** (Tacoma, WA). He's cut down to working one day a week and enjoys acrylic paintings of marine settings, often winning prizes. Joining Adult University (CAU) tours were **Lloyd Peelle**, BME '43, (Rock Stream, NY) who enjoyed the Coastal Ecology from Sag Harbor to Montauk Point and the Ernest Hemingway Key West, FL, tours. **George** and **Barbara Crohurst Howell** toured South Africa from Transvaal to the Cape of Good Hope; and **Ralph** and **Jeanne Kanders** toured London and Charleston, SC.

Edith Sheffield Lesure (Altamonte Springs, FL) wrote that she would like to finish some craft items long languishing on her shelves and have old friends over for lunch. She ranks daily medications, her car, and kitchen appliances as things she can't do without. Her favorite place is any she shared with a loving person and she enjoys knitting for family and relief organizations, and cooking and gardening, as well as all of nature's gifts.

Richard Hanson (Corvallis, OR) retired from 70 years of raising chickens and exotic birds, but couldn't be busier. He works with the American Heart Assn., Preserve Planet Earth Committee, and Rotary World Poultry Science Assn. and chairs the Saltwater Fly Fishing for Oregon Council of the Fly Fishing Federation. He and Aileen visited Mt. Rushmore, Chile, Argentina, and Alaska for fly fishing; also took in an Elderhostel at Washington State U. on Mozart and Islamic culture. **Emanuel Baum** (Bethesda, MD) is vice president of Acres Int'l Ltd. He and **Norma (Goldsmith) '46** have three sons and seven grands. **Sarah "Sally" Osborne** Fitzgerald (Ventura, CA) has a home telemarketing business. She enjoys volunteering as eucharistic minister at the Sacred Heart Church. She and Tom enjoyed a Club Med II sailing ship cruise through French Polynesia. **Elza Chaszar Gilboe** (El Paso, TX) is past president of the Friends of the Ciclovista Library and a volunteer with the Police Community Outreach program. Elza takes trips to New Mexico and Arizona, attends art shows, and collects owls, bird carvings, and Western art.

Phil Hugin (Greenwich, CT) sends his e-mail address: pehugin@worldnet.off.net. (Remember, there are no dots at end of e-mail addresses!) **Heith Tracy-Bronson '01** is the recipient of the '42 Memorial Scholarship. The grandson of **Thomas R. Tracy** (Kirkwood, NY), Heith is an engineer and is a member of the varsity lacrosse team.

Claude Wall (Blue Bell, PA) cruised from Los Angeles to Alcapulco with his daughter. **Bill** and **Betty Luxford Webster '39** (Hamburg, NY) enjoy good health and visiting their children in Wyoming and Vermont, gardening, and playing tennis. Bill plays piano for Senior Citizens and sing-a-longs and works one day a week as the physician he is. **Dorothy Clark Hulst** (Modesto, CA) cruised to Costa Rica and up the Caribbean Coast.

She enjoys a Great Decisions course and writing her memoirs. Following angioplasty in December, she wintered in Tucson. Visiting Costa Rica with CAU were **Norinne (Miller)** and **George Manning** (Cos Cob, CT).

Frederick Shelley (Stamford, CT) has retired from profitable endeavors but turned to enviable achievements. He was honored with the Nawce Literary Award for Excellence in Literary Achievement. And after five years of climbing church towers, he published a book on *Early American Tower Clocks (Pre 1870)*.

J. L. "Jack" Slee (Seattle, WA) has been ordained by the Episcopal Church as a retired priest. He is active and very busy in the Northwest Climate Control Council; AsiaPacific Task Force; Church Council of Greater Seattle; AA Student-Seattle Central Community College in environmental issues and problems, Inst. of Deep Ecology; Diocese of Olympia Native American Committee; and Commission of Church in the World. E-mail him at: jslee@ix.netcom.com.

Margaret Austin Gooding (Golden, CO) welcomed a new set of grand-twins. She enjoys knitting, reading, and aerobics. Doctor daughter **Ann Gooding Trask '73**, has joined her in Colorado. **Evelyn Kassman Green-span** (Ft. Myers, FL) spent a term at Ohio State U. auditing a law class. Her husband, Earl, passed away in 1996.

Ruth Gregory Gregg, (Sun City Center, FL/Afton) took an historic tour of Savannah and Charleston, SC, and cruised through the Panama Canal. Congratulations are in order as she scored her THIRD hole-in-one, although her hobby is bridge. She visits daughter **Carolyn Gregg Will '74** and granddaughter **Erin Will '01**. **Doris Stone** Hanrahan (Punta Gorda, FL), when not playing her own version of golf, is cruising on barges in France; hot-air ballooning (and sometimes crash landing). This exciting life is supplemented by theater trips to New York City, summering in Montauk, and taking classes in Southern literature at U. of Southern Florida. ♦ **Carolyn Evans Finneran**, 2933 76th SE #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040; tel., (206) 232-3092; e-mail, CeeFinn@juno.com.

44 Here I go again—exhorting each of you to contribute to the "Cornell Class of '44 Tales." **Bob L. Schmidt**, the collector, reports a trickle but hardly the deluge he had hoped for. Surely in more than 54 years you've had an experience or accomplishment to interest all of us. Let's make this project a success—send to 12 Sidney Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11201, ASAP.

Gretchen Eichorn Facq writes from Bound Brook, NJ, that she's "still enjoying the outdoors on foot, on a bike, or in a canoe, and playing cello in an orchestra and a chamber group." Instead of their annual trip to France, she and John visited a French niece temporarily working in Mexico. **Helen Knapp** Ingerson was awarded The Nathaniel G. Herrshorf Trophy for outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing. She received the trophy in Newport, CA, at the annual meeting of US

Sailing in October 1996.

Hildred Gleason Merrill, 50 years a registered dietitian, is to be honored by the American Dietetic Assn. at the annual meeting in October in Kansas City, MO. She credits her Cornell education and Johns Hopkins internship with her career success. Her current title is International Consultant in World Nutrition, and her work involves travel at home and abroad which she thoroughly enjoys. **Robert Langbaum**, BA '47, heralds the 1997 paperback edition of his book *Thomas Hardy in Our Time* (London, Macmillan; New York, St. Martin's Press 1995). **Charley Weiss** sent more details on his award from Norwich Free Academy. The proclamation states, "Personified perfection in football, baseball, basketball, and also achieved excellence in academics." Because he was offered 24 scholarships and a teammate 16, the reporter wonders what careers these athletes might have had if football then were as celebrated as it is today.

Patent lawyers **Beatrice Noback** Robbins and Frank are still working together full-time. Retirement before the beginning of the next century is their plan. Last fall they studied astronomy at the Greenbrier with 25 other Cornellians and thereby highly recommend Adult University (CAU) programs. **Bill Wood** writes, "still engineering part-time for enjoyment (I think)—ten grandkids so far." **Rolando Ortiz**, BCE '43, a retired federal government engineer living in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, claims membership in the Inst. of Engineers and Surveyors and the Society of Engineers. He serves as president of the City of Humacao Absentees Assn. and as director of the Annual Domino Tournament of same.

Many of you have written of your illnesses and surgeries and the deaths of classmates, but don't find the news in the column. Necrology "Alumni Deaths" covers the latter. In the interest of an upbeat, timely column we hope the traumas will be conquered—we do care. **Philip Collins** and Jo, both recovering from cancer treatment, took an East Coast and St. Lawrence cruise and a Canyonland (Tauck) trip last fall but didn't feel up to the Australian/New Zealand trek. It loomed strenuous.

Art Kesten, BA '49, sends the following comments from his report to his 34 fellow travelers: "Bryce! Bryce! Bryce!" ("Brace!" in New Zealand jargon) commanded the captain. Thirty seconds later there was a loud landing-gear ker-chunk. An hour and a half into the flight they were back in Los Angeles, safe but with blown tires, foamed runway ringed by fire trucks. Eighteen hours later, fed and bedded, they were transported in driving rain to a twice-delayed takeoff, arriving 14 hours later in Auckland. It was midnight; only one slightly-built porter was at the motel; weary travelers opened bags to find most of their clothes soaked through and through. Next morning the group, determined to be cheery, set forth to enjoy the 21-day 33,260-mile trip. And they did: the Farmstay (most hospitable hosts); three-day Sydney inter-island ferry trip; "Habitat," where they could touch uncaged

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kangaroos, wallabies, koalas [birds and bats, too, we wonder?]; International Antarctic Centre, where the wind-chill machine enabled them to feel 50 degrees below zero. They even got a glimpse of Mt. Cook (a rarity); had only one day of rain, and that in the rain forest; and were well fed and bedded (like that phrase). One of the highest lights was finding the Royal Sydney Chorus (40 men in blue blazers) gathered for a group photo. Club '44 belted out the "Alma Mater," and were applauded but told, "Sorry we have no openings." Those who went on to Fiji for four days were delighted with the island, people, culture—but it's just too far away to revisit.

Californians are sending news. **Harold Sheble** writes, "Jake (black Labrador) and I live quietly on Coronado—remodeling house and patio, playing golf, taking short trips—planning Alaska and Panama cruises." **Inez Johnston Murdoch** reports that **Louise Eadie Williams** and husband **Evan '43**, JD '47, visited them in Mammoth Lakes, CA, last August. (The Murdochs spend summers there to escape the Palm Desert heat). They hiked Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Sierras, where the trees have been scientifically dated to be the oldest living vegetation in the world. These trees were establishing growth in this area before the pyramids were constructed in Egypt.

One more plea for "Cornell Class of '44 Tales." We'll polish your prose if need be. (Note to **Thomas Dent**, please resubmit news in larger clearer writing!) ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Flacons Landing Cir., #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 It is a pleasure to review the news forms you send in and they are really appreciated. Being limited in the space our class can use and having an almost three-month delay from my feeble submission until it's printed, please don't be unhappy if your contribution doesn't turn up immediately. The more dues-paying subscribers we have, the more news we can print; preaching to the choir will only help if you encourage some of your non-subscribing friends to join the crowd. Our faithful contributors may feel neglected but this is a "news" column, so it usually starts with those from whom we haven't heard in a long time. For instance, **Mary Wright** (Batavia, NY), one of our old-faithfuls, didn't include any new news because her last report hadn't yet been printed. **Bill Berley**, BS Ag '48 (NYC), wins the leather medal for sending in the most news, but we can't use it in every issue and hope he continues unfazed.

Now, from those who are plebes in the corps of reporters: **Sidney Bludman** (Philadelphia) persists in his theoretical research on astronautics and cosmology. (Sounds impressive to a dumb engineer but maybe he could make a practical buck by a contribution to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*.) It was good to hear that **Joe McKeenan** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL) is golfing even though he says that he's learned that "growing old isn't always fun." He's taking good care of Ruthanne, his now-arthritis wife of 52 years, so they "stick close to home

but love it." Another Floridian, **Brigitte Watty Miller** (Naples), thought she had retired—from her personnel management post at an Ohio health-care facility—but, unfortunately, her youngest daughter fell victim to a long and fatal illness. Three years ago Brigitte took over active management of Sun Aircraft Services, an aircraft maintenance and avionics facility at the Naples airport. One compensation has been having the granddaughter live with her.

An unexpected pleasure was hearing from **Theodoor Seth Meyer Ranneft**, BA '48 (Houston, TX), now living with his granddaughter and her mother, **Danielle Ranneft**, PhD '83. Ted left Cornell after freshman year, spent four in the Dutch army, and returned to graduate in 1948. He had a successful career in geology, was a consultant to oil companies in Oklahoma, Texas, Philippines, and Australia, where he met Valerie, whom he married in Paris in 1953. She left him a widower in 1984. Ted isn't sure that he really belongs to '45, but we would be proud to claim him!

Helen Smith Hughitt, BA '44 (Moorestown, NJ), is active in the local library but gets away to visit her daughter **M. Lynn Hughitt** '80, who lives in Evanston, IL, and uses her MBA from U. of Chicago to good advantage as director of financial planning for United Airlines. We hope Lynn's economies don't extend to denying her mother free tickets!

I had a chance to visit with my Beta Theta Pi roommate, **William Pearson**, MME '48 (Bethesda, MD), who is in good spirits despite being unable to ski any more, as he's wheelchair-bound from a stroke. Bill would appreciate hearing from you and enjoys visits. Another Beta brother, **Donald Ehret** (Lawrenceville, NJ), is a big golfer but, in addition to volunteering to help with reunion, says that the most recent thing learned is that he "has many things to be thankful for." Fellow golfer **George Valette** (Fulton, NY) wants to know "who thought of that question and if a real pardon would be forthcoming if convicted." Since he's a retired lawyer, city court judge, mayor, and still-active Oswego County counsel, he should be able to figure that out himself. He's busy with bridge and downhill skiing, but is willing to help with reunion. So is **Elizabeth Lind-Welsh** (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL and Pittsburgh, PA), who's also a bridge player, golfer, and traveler (Ionian Sea last year), and had no trouble with the "most recent thing learned" question—that two unaltered cats can produce 420,000 offspring in seven years. Since Libby has two cats but did not specify as to their alteration status, we are left wondering.

Gertrude (Durfie), BS HE '44, and **Norman Allen** '44, BS AG '46 (Schaghticoke, NY) are experts on offspring; their granddaughter, **Cynthia Moore** '99 comes courtesy of **Judy (Allen)** '68 and **Joseph Moore** '68 and grandson **Aaron Allen** '01 is the son of **George E. Allen** '72, BS AG '73. They say that they've "learned to limit procrastinating" which explains the receipt of the first news we've had from them in 18 years, but they also observe that "surviving is to be

Springing Forth

JOHN CRAVEN '46

What do you get when you combine cold roots and hot fruits? Dr.

John Craven, ocean engineer and founder of Common Heritage Corporation in Hawaii, answers that question by pumping chilly deep-sea water in pipes through sun-baked soil at the root level, prompting several bursts of spring growth in crops throughout the year.

"Innovation is a long slow process, because everyone expects the innovator to fall flat on his face," says Craven, who began his experiment seven years ago with a bed of strawberries and is now harvesting everything from pears to tulips. He is ready to take the method to the global level, beginning in Haiti and on the west coast of Africa.

"Ocean water is the natural energy fluid that moves the world," says Craven, "so by utilizing the stuff we are able to have a coastal desert bloom like a rose."

—Nicole Neroulis '01



celebrated." **James Monroe**, BS AE M '44 (Covington, KY), managed to survive by taking a trip to Palm Desert, CA, where he looked up native **Fred Gault**, BCE '48, and **John B. Rogers III**, BCE '49, MBA '50 (Ithaca, NY), who was also enjoying the winter weather there.

Robert Campbell Jr. (Short Hills, NJ) survived by having a cancer taken out of his brain by a particle accelerator only a week before writing that "science is wonderful" and "don't predict the future." Bob and Florence welcomed their ninth grandchild this year and continue to enjoy great friendship with **George Bailey**, LLB '49 (Lake Toxaway, NC), and two other roomies who've gathered annually since 1945. ♦ **Prentice Cushing, Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; fax, (757) 716-2401; e-mail, Cescova@aol.com.

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production in about 2090 and of world production about ten years later. He speaks of the need to develop alternate, unconventional, and renewable energy sources. His abstract makes no mention of conservation.

Robert A. and Irma Bennett, BS ME '45 (Wantagh, NY) had another exciting adventure. In the fall of 1997, they embarked on the *Regina Renaissance* for the Smithsonian's "Voyage to the Black Sea and Byzantium." From Venice, they sailed to Istanbul via Croatia, Corfu, the Corinthian Canal, through the Dardanelles, into the Black Sea. They called there at ports of the Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria. Bob advised, "It was a great tour with good weather. We're off to Alaska by ship in 1998." **Joseph**, BME '45, and **Lea Brozina** (Clifton, NJ) cruised in March 1997 as guests of the US Navy, aboard the Aegis guided-missile cruiser, USS *Normandy* CG-60. Per Joe, "It was a fascinating experience, particularly for Lea. She had never before been at sea on a warship. We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in October on our favorite island, beautiful Bermuda." The two couples should compare their cruises.

Peter J. Verna, MS Eng '48 (Charlotte, NC) celebrated his company's 20th year as residential and commercial building consultants and contractors with significant change. As of Jan. 1, '98, the company's new name will be Verna and Associates Inc. It will be an employee-owned stock company.

Adelbert H. "Del" Sahberg (Elmira, NY) retired in 1990 as an officer and board member of F. M. Howell & Co. Since then he has served as treasurer and on the board of the

Elmira Little Theater and is a member of the National Warplane Museum. He assisted the secretary of Ridgeway Military & Aviation Research Group, Oxfordshire, England, in writing *The History of Grove Airfield 1941-1996 (the busiest airfield in the ETO)* published in April 1997. Del also worked on a family genealogy. He found in his research that the British had prepared the ruins of Baconsthorpe Castle in Norfolk, constructed in the 13th century by his family, as a base of operations for a "secret army," had the Nazis invaded. Del's played lots of golf locally. He and wife Adele are doing fine and enjoying their golden years.

See you on the Hill for our 55th—2001, An Ithacan Odyssey! Please send news. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com.

Deaths of beloved husbands: **Janet Elwin Starr**, BE '47, (Fayetteville, NY) wrote that **Jim '44**, MS '48, died unexpectedly in September 1997. "We had over 52 years of marriage, including ten years of retirement together. Family, friends, and volunteer work keep me busy and help me move ahead." **Barbara Kelsey Martin** (Rockville Centre, NY) wrote, "Frank died in October 1997 after a brief illness; he had just semi-retired in July. All 11 of our children were together with 13 of our 14 grandchildren. At times like these, large families are a great comfort. I was glad he got to my 50th Reunion (his first time) and we were looking forward to the 55th. Presently awaiting birth of grandchild Number 15—life goes on!"

Elouise Decker Bretch, BS HE '45 (Terre Hill, PA) lost her husband, **Bob '53**, in December 1995 after a lengthy illness. They were married almost 50 years. She retired from teaching in July 1997, having taught 32 years in New Holland, PA. Elouise has rheumatoid arthritis and has had both hips replaced. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. "I am very appreciative of my Cornell education, which I have used over and over again as a wife, mother, homemaker, and teacher." **Hilda Spodheim Debacker**, BA '45 (Charleston, SC) lost her

roommate **M. J. Vandewater D'Arrigo**, BS HE '45 (Boca Raton, FL) cruised the Inside Passage from Vancouver to Anchorage, AK, on the last tour of the *Rotterdam V* before its retirement from Holland American Lines. Mim's daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren returned from missionary service with a remote tribe in northwest Ghana, Africa, and presently live in Frederick, MD. ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607.

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What are our classmates doing? **Lawrence Katchen**, BCE '48, still runs his steel construction company but finds time for travel to Greece, Turkey, and the South China Sea, and claims to do skydiving, para-gliding and bungee jumping. "Sold my boat, spend my time playing golf, dancing, and dining when I'm not working, which isn't often. I love what I do; why quit!" Larry and June live in Highland Beach, FL, and Jamesberg, NJ.

Dr. **Robert Romano** is only partly retired. He is a practicing clinical psychologist, an actor performing on the Pittsburgh stage, and a writer, whose first mystery novel, *Overkill*, has been published. He and Mary Jo travel to St. Croix, where they own a condo. They have three grandchildren.

Seymour and **Francis Rock**, Sunnyvale, CA, (e-mail, seymourock@aol.com) have been cruising to Barcelona, Casablanca, Canary Isles, and Puerto Rico. Seymour is active in Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) interviewing local Cornell applicants. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Andy and **Nancy Geller**, Atlanta, GA, and Highlands, NC, travel the world: Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, Brazil, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. Their e-mail address is: andrewgeller@juno.com. **Charlotte Bullis Pickett**, W. Palm Beach, FL, and Mechanicville, NY, toured the West in a motor home. **Lee** and **Dolly Taylor**, Kailua-Kona, HI—e-mail, leet@aloha.net—spent two weeks in the interior of Turkey, two weeks sailing the Greek Islands on the *Sea Cloud*, the former private yacht of Merri-

mebarrow@mindspring.com.

Muriel Welch Brown and **Richard '49**, love being "retired" in Virginia. Lots of itinerant classmates drop by. Their travels included a stay in St. Petersburg, Russia, in March for the meeting of the European chapter of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen. They can be reached by e-mail at rwb@widomaker.com.

Bill Davies, Ukiah, CA, has written and published short stories, humorous essays, and children's stories in his retirement. He's also taking classes in Spanish, computer science, and creative writing at Mendocino College. Bill and "Spud" stayed with a family in Quito, Ecuador, as part of the Experiment in International Living Program, and they're off to Italy this year. Their 52nd wedding anniversary was Feb. 24, '98. They have five sons and ten grandchildren.

George and **Shelia Gurnee** went to Egypt in March with **Harold Parker '44**, BA '47, JD '50, and wife **June (Smith)**, MS '50. **Robert C. Olney**, BA '46, retired as chairman and CEO of 3M UK, PLC, Blacknell, England, and is a member of the Cornell Club of England. He and wife Ann still maintain homes in Surrey, England, and in Montchanin, DE. Bob's first wife, **Wanda (Gasch)**, BA '46, died in 1988.

Joan Flynn Rogers, Elmira, retired in 1991 after 32 years of teaching. She spends February to May in Naples, FL, and gets together with other Cornellians in the area. Her travels included visits to Italy in 1977, France in 1988. We are sorry to report that her husband, Henry, is deceased.

We are sad to report other deaths, too: **Doris Zolenge** Pricenthal's husband, Philip, died in June 1997. Doris is retired and lives in Forest Hills and frequently sees **Yetta Haber** Farber, **Joyce Bach** Berlow, and **Shirley Choper** Zelner. **Ellen Frederick Haner**'s husband, Albert, died in January 1998. Albert enjoyed attending reunions with Ellen and attended our 50th. His burial was at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors. Ellen lives in Sarasota, FL. **Hanna Bieber** Parker died in April 1997. Hanna and husband Bill lived in Fountain Hills, AZ.

Glenn W. Cline, MS '61, died Feb. 28, '98. Glenn was a US Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving 1942-45. He served in the China-Burma-India Theater. From 1948-69, he was Cooperative Extension agent in Chautauqua County. From 1969 until his retirement in 1978, he was coordinator of Extension in Ithaca.

Note that many of your classmates have been returning their e-mail addresses with their dues notices. If yours appears here, please check it and e-mail me any corrections. If any of you want an address, e-mail or "snail mail" me. Send news. Check out our class home page at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>. Then click on "Alumni Organizations," then "Classes," followed by "Class of 1947." ♦ **Peter D. Schwarz**, 12 Glen Ellyn Way, Rochester, NY 14618; tel, (716) 244-5684; fax, (716) 244-1373; e-mail, PeterDSchwarz@compuserve.com.

"I do occasional bungee-jumping and some hang-gliding but am beginning to slow down now that I'm in my 70s."

—JAMES FARRELL '50, JD '52

husband, Rene, in March 1997. Belated condolences to all of you.

Trudy Botsford Mosley, BS HE '45, has been ill and unable to participate in her activities with the Cornell Women's Club of Cortland County (NY). If you'd like to send a card, her address is HC65, Box 404B, DeRuyter, NY 13052.

Miriam "Mim" Cudworth Henderson, BS HE '45 (Ormond Beach, FL) and former-

weather Post and E.F. Hutton, and two weeks in the interior of Greece. **Evelyn Weiner** Barrow and husband Morton enjoy retirement in their college town just outside of Chapel Hill, NC, allowing them to take advantage of all Duke and U. of North Carolina have to offer. Their travels have taken them to Indonesia before the unrest, Greece and Turkey when the Turkish lira was only 170,000 to a dollar. The Barrows' e-mail address is

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Are you studying, traveling, being adventurous? Never too old to learn—it's just remembering that's the problem!

Bernice Gray Whitney, Barstow, CA, has identified and photographed more than 35 different wildflowers blooming in the Mojave Desert, thanks to El Nino. During her first year of retirement she is writing, traveling, and busy with family and gardening. Her e-mail address is: Yukon29787@aol.com. **Howard K. Loomis**, MBA '50, Pratt, KS, hoped to scoop up lots of pearls on a Kimberly trek in Australia. A five-week trip last April included Adelaide, Kangaroo Island, Perth, Fremantle, and, acting like Crocodile Dundee around Darwin. He still checks in at the bank to see that the interest machine is well-oiled!

Some are really looking to the future.

John Robert Jones, Grand Blanc, MI, is active in Vision 2020, a local community committee charged with determining the economic, cultural, and political needs for the year 2020 and prior years. He socializes regularly with **Lisbeth "Betsey" Beach Lamb '51**, and **John '50. Fred Joy**, Scottsdale, AZ, expects to see his ninth grandchild graduate from Cornell in 2022! He spends wonderful summers at his place, "The House of Joy," at the Thousand Islands; also says he actually enjoys **Dick Keegan's** letters! (Hi, Dick!)

John Cornelius, Galesville, MD, moved into a new home in June. He says, "It's been a great life!" Forty-seven years as State Farm agent; five children; ten grandchildren, from 2 to 26; and he expected to celebrate their 50th anniversary with wife Bettie on August 6. **Roland Jack White**, Chestertown, MD, is happy and busy with wife Dorothy, although 78 and half blind. He is advisor to a bank, member of an Educational Enhancement Foundation Board, treasurer of a computer club, and editor of a church newsletter: "Life is still good."

Betsey Rannells Wood, MS '51, Berkeley, CA, writes: "Am either stuck or steady—40 years in one house. Had two parties to celebrate longevity, with 100 of my paintings plastered all over—most big and wild. Shared poems, songs, dance, and talk among 120 friends." She loves to help with reading in K-1, paints, hikes, plans Elderhostels, and visits granddaughter in icy Montana.

Richard J. Gilbert, Lexington, MA, manages his apartment houses and enjoys their second home on Cape Cod. Since his wife, **Joy (Stern) '51**, retired as a high school guidance counselor, travel has been to New Zealand, Australia, and the Mediterranean, with future trips to China and Tibet. **Ray C. Bump Jr.**, N. Abington, MA, has a second home on New Smyrna Beach, FL, from November to May. **Donald Feiman** lives in Naples, FL, and summers in Lenox, MA. With his wife, Donald cruised South America through Panama Canal with side trips to Cuzco, Peru, as well as Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca. "Just to keep my mind active, I built a strip shopping center with my son-in-law and have started a regional office building."

After selling their chain of art galleries,

Robert N. Holzman, MBA '51, and wife Elaine, of Chesterland, OH, purchased a winter home in Boynton Beach, FL. They've also traveled extensively, with Paris and Scandinavia the most recent destinations. **Louise Newberg Sugarman** and husband Robert, Erdenheim, PA, join many other retirees on Marco Island for the winter—their seventh coming up. "Saw **Larry Greenapple '50**, JD '52, in *Cornell Magazine* and reminisced about when he picked me up on his motorcycle to go to a frat party. Hard for kids to believe!" Speaking of Cornell, **Donald Webster**, Pine Plains, NY, says his father graduated in 1916, both of his brothers attended Cornell, and he always enjoys returning.

Austin P. "Putt" Story, Chillicothe, OH, is still traveling the world. Three weeks in China discovering culinary treats: fried jellyfish, chicken feet, eel, and others! Great place for walking. Halfway around the world in London (from China, that is), **Arno Nash** is sure many '49ers come through London: "It would be a pleasure to hear from them—to have a spot of tea or a walk on Piccadilly. Have more free time, not necessarily due to better organization!"

Severn Joyce, Toledo, OH, had a great trip to Ireland. He met the head of the Joyce clan, "a very pleasant chap who gave me some clues as to the origin of the Joyces in Maryland." **Anthony W. Cocchini**, Hilton Head, SC, has visited Italy once a year for the past 25. Last year he and wife Helen Ryan went to Ireland for her family reunion—300 attended with 61 from the US. Various functions for a week—well planned. They traced seven generations, identified by color on their badges. **Rob Johns**, Covina, CA, has found his early Virginia (ca. 1638) ancestors, Roger and Richard, were among the founders of Quakerism in America. Rob plays golf regularly with his wife, son, and grandson Robby, who was voted MVP on high school team and "looks forward to taking on the Tiger in a couple of years!" Rob recently spoke to **Jim Mann '51**, who started with the Class of '46 and is involved with ham radio.

Anthony G. "Tony" Tappin, BA '50, Oak Brook, IL, enjoys being a grandfather for the first time—and retirement. "Wonderful to read until 2 or 3 a.m. knowing you don't have to get up at 5:30." Active in Cornell Fund, he chairs the Tower Club for Chicago area, is planning commissioner for Village of Oak Brook and president of Homeowners Assn. He does some oil painting of memorable golf holes he has played and takes care of wife Nancy, who has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Two 1949 mid-year graduates were **William W. "Bill" Mendenhall**, MS Eng '60, Fairbanks, AK, and **George H. Hull**, Monkton, MD. Bill plans to attend our 50th and had plans to be in Ithaca for the 1998 reunion, as well. A professor emeritus of civil engineering at U. of Alaska, Fairbanks, he enjoyed teaching elementary surveying the most, and volunteers as a surveying lab assistant every

spring semester. George Hull is semi-retired on 27 acres with his wife of 48 years. He's traveled—in the beginning with the US Army to Japan and Korea, and more recently for business and pleasure to Alaska, Mexico, Australia, Hawaii, New Zealand, the Caribbean, and through the Panama Canal. He fishes in the summer and hunts in his backyard in the winter. Happy hunting! ♦ **Mary Heisler Allison**, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

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Many of our classmates are living in two homes, having selected warmer places for the winter months. **Edward**

Jedrzejek, Little Valley, NY, spends February and March at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. He enjoys fishing, gardening, woodworking, and traveling, among other things. **Ruth Simon Feinberg** and husband **Herbert, JD '50**, E. Norwich, NY, spend winters in Murrells Inlet, SC, at Wachesa Plantation, an 18th century community south of Myrtle Beach. They enjoy a winter college with courses in computer literacy, art, and history of the area. **George Casler**, MS '59, Ithaca, NY, is now retired as an agricultural economics professor on the Hill. He travels regularly in early fall to Ashland, OR, where he and his wife enjoy Shakespearean theater. During the winter they can be found at Anna Maria Island near Bradenton, FL. He visits often with **Maurice Mix** and wife **Alice (Halsey) '51**, who winter in Venice, FL, and summer in Brattleboro, VT, May through October.

Some in our class enjoy a colder climate.

Jeannette Gordon Rosenberger and husband **C. Arthur Jr. '48**, BS AE '49, are involved in travel, choral singing, and time at their summer lake home. Jeannette says, "winter in New Hampshire isn't bad when we can watch someone else do the shoveling!" The Rosenbergers have eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Then there are those classmates who travel to stay in other places only temporarily. **Margy Saecker Eldred**, Princeton, NJ, writes, "Every time husband **Bill '49**, JD '53, hears of a friend ill or dying, he plans another trip. We have done a lot of traveling." Last year they cruised in the Caribbean. Other trips have been to East Africa, Bermuda, Hilton Head, Denver, and Wisconsin via Coopers-town, NY, and Mackinaw Island, MI. They have eight grandchildren and say retirement is great!

Esther Artman Hammer, Rochester, NY, enjoys stimulating Elderhostels, both in the US and Europe. She is again participating in musical activities in piano and voice. These include classical, jazz, and improvisation. She is grateful for her good health, a loving spouse, and loving children. **Dorothy Hadley Brandis**, Houston, TX, journeyed last November by ship from Athens to the Seychelles, stopping in Jerusalem, Cairo, Petra, Luxor, and Djibouti. She flew from the Seychelles to Nairobi for a brief safari. She further tells us that she was in Luxor just two weeks before the terrorist attack on the tourists. She was

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happy to be home safe and sound!

Thomas Hollowell, also in Houston, TX, tells us he has been retired for 12 years with most of that time spent traveling and cruising with his wife of almost 43 years. They have lived in Houston for 27 years, after spending earlier years traveling up and down Tenneco Inc.'s pipeline system from Texas to New England. They have two grandchildren and expect to stay in Houston.

John Carr, Bridgeville, PA, retired in 1996 after 18 years as manager of the Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh and 40 years in the hospitality industry. He received a lifetime membership in the club upon retirement and is enjoying the golf in his increased leisure time. John and wife Lillian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Another couple with a September Golden is **Doug and Dot Patterson Dodds**, Willsboro, NY. Congratulations to both couples!

Elizabeth Alexander Weis, Wilmington, NC, continues to practice law full time, specializing in elder law and estate planning. We could all keep her busy! Another practicing attorney is **Stanley Mailman**, JD '52, New York City. He continues to revise and update a treatise on immigration law with fellow Cornellian and Ithaca resident **Steve Yale-Loehr** '77, JD '81, who teaches as an adjunct professor at Cornell's law school. When last heard from, **Richard Ottinger**, Mamaroneck, NY, had been appointed dean of Pace U.'s law school.

Seward Besemer, along with wife **Virginia (Elliott)** '49, is now in Veradale, WA. "Despite leaving the world's most perfect climate in San Diego after 37 years, we are enjoying more time with our two daughters and their husbands, and six of eight grandchildren." Even the change in seasons is a great treat for the Besemers. They travel back to San Diego and to Tucson to see their sons and families and journey East to visit friends and relatives. They say they have the best of several worlds.

Jacquelin Bash, Brattleboro, VT, tells us that she retired before age 50 from a successful career as a technical writer in programming in the early years of computer and system programming. She had supplemented her BA from Cornell with a degree in electrical engineering from the U. of Florida. Since then she has indulged in various avocations and is currently involved in herbal medicine as a teacher and lecturer. She also travels with friends to the more exotic parts remaining on the earth.

Aileen Enright Moore writes that she is in the same location in California; however, the town was annexed by the city of Hemet. She and husband **Harry** '49 say, "Our lives sail serenely on with occasional trips in our 20-foot Explorer van, including one to the Olympic Peninsula. Cool, literally and figuratively." **George Cammann**, Darien, CT, is a volunteer recruiter for International Executive Service Corps. He has been coxswain for the Ancient and Honorable Four at the Norwalk River Rowing Club. He is pleased to say he competed against and beat **Howie Smith's** crew at the Delaware Regatta. Some of these

Cornell Crewmen never tire of competition! How great to be in such athletic shape! And, speaking of great shape, **James Farrell**, JD '52, Livingston Manor, NY, says, "I do occasional bungee-jumping and some hang-gliding but am beginning to slow down now that I'm in my 70s."

Bill Atkinson, Weston, MA, some time ago was in New South Wales, Australia, touring, rock climbing, and floating down remote canyons on air mattresses. He went on to Yosemite for more rock-climbing on the lesser of the "big" walls. We always knew our '50 men and women were exceptional!

Unfortunately, we occasionally hear about a classmate we have lost. Forrest Brown wrote recently that his wife, **Carol (Rasmussen)**, died last March. She had a long battle with lung disease and a lengthy hospital stay with pneumonia. We send our sympathy to her family.

I had the special opportunity to join about 100 Cornell women in April for a luncheon in Washington, DC, with Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54. She is a most gracious and erudite speaker!

It's time again to send your news and dues. We try to keep current and include as many of you as possible. If you sent news last year and we didn't print it, please send updated news again. We do appreciate hearing from you. Your officers will be meeting in January at the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) mid-winter meeting to continue 50th Reunion plans. We welcome your suggestions. **Carl Atwater**, BS ILR '52, Hot Springs, AR, has added his name to the list of attendees. ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey** Kreitz, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, ruthbill@erols.com; **Bob Fite**, 310 Howard St., Cape May, NJ 08204.



Correspondence from Class President **Rip Haley** indicates that there will be class meetings at Homecoming and Trustee/Council weekends to get an early start on planning our 50th Reunion.

This news came by e-mail from **Jack and Marybeth Weaver Ostrom**, Ithaca, NY: "Had a grand time on our UK journey with **Louise Squire** Bishop, Columbus, OH, **Betty Grimm** Hague, Pennington, NJ, and **Catherine 'Kitty' Welch** Munn and husband Dev, Raleigh, NC. Spent a week in a small castle outside of Edinburgh, Scotland, and then in another castle near Abergavenny, Wales, both rented through the Landmark Trust. Marybeth was the tour director, while Jack and Dev were the van drivers. When people found out we were from four different states but had been classmates 50 years ago, they were fascinated. We visited many historic sites, castles in ruins and some still in business, attended Welsh male chorus rehearsals, and spent many hours just talking and enjoying each other's company. Betty and Louise spent several days together in London following our two weeks while Marybeth and I stayed on for

several days in Kent, near Canterbury, and then had a week in London." In late March, Jack and Marybeth attended an Elderhostel in Albuquerque, NM.

Donald A. McNamara, Ponte Verde Beach, FL, joined other members of the F-86 Sabre Pilots Assn. in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the US Air Force in Las Vegas. In fall 1997 he traveled to Ireland, Spain, and Portugal. In February he played in a South Florida golf outing which was also attended by **Don Auty**, BS ILR '52, Naples, FL; **Ed Coene**, BME '52, Rumson, NJ; **Bill Dunn**, Florham Park, NJ; and **John Dyson**, Naples, FL. **Leon Bush**, Tarzana, CA, is retired. He is now an instructor in ceramics at Los Angeles Valley College. His article on crystalline glazes appeared in *Studio Potter*, an international ceramics magazine. In 1997 he traveled to Scandinavia, and a Seine barge trip in France was planned for July 1998. **Marian Roberts** Woodhead wrote, "I plan to return to the US from Panama in July for a year's furlough." She has been a missionary teacher there for nine years.

William Bean, Cortland, NY, died Jan. 19, '98. **Robert Webber**, St. Louis, MO, died Feb. 4, '98. **Ralph Randel**, Greeley, CO, died Apr. 9, '98 after several years of illness.

William Dana, JD '53, Atherton, CA, is still working as a sole practitioner doing corporate and patent law in Silicon Valley. Recent travel includes three trips to Bangkok, Thailand, and vacationing in New Orleans and St. Croix. **Howard Jensen**, BME '52, is retired in Chalfont, PA. Recent travel took him to Ireland, England, Belgium, Holland, Costa Rica, Germany, Russia, and Egypt. His hobbies are sailing and golf. **Peter Spencer**, BME '52, Cleveland, OH, retired ten years ago and has been a part-time student at Cleveland State U. ever since. In 1997 he earned an MS in mechanical engineering. Now he is back at CSU studying mathematics. He plans to be at our 50th Reunion in 2001. **Ed Abram**, Binghamton, NY, retired from high school teaching in 1983. He still plays piano in bistros, etc., mostly for fun. In April he entertained at the Airborne Awards in Atlanta, GA, for the 13th year. Ed contacted **Jim Corradi**, Santa Barbara, CA, by e-mail after 45 years of no contact. **Bob Bradfield**, PhD '55, Orinda, CA, has retired as U. of California, Berkeley clinical professor and attorney. He has started as a travel photojournalist. Recent travel: Venice Carnival, Hudson Bay, Alaska, Peruvian Amazon, Rio Carnival, British Samoa, and New Guinea. **William Zimmer** retired from the NY State payroll in 1997 and now works three days a week as a computer programmer for a consulting firm. He is a volunteer firefighter and a master gardener with Schenectady County Cornell Cooperative Extension. He chaired his high school's 50th reunion in Schoharie, NY. February 7, on the way to Florida, he stopped in Goose Creek, SC, to have dinner with **Robert Williams**, PhD '62, who teaches part-time at The Citadel.

Both **Winifred "Wink" Bergin** Hart and **Betsy Leet** Sherman raved about a trip to Rome they took together in March. They en-

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joyed nine days of good food, good wine, and excellent company. Wink lives in Arlington, VA. She serves as a docent at the National Cathedral. Betsy lives in Falls Church, VA. She retired in 1994 but works part-time in the Falls Church registrar's office. Her hobbies are gardening, knitting, reading, and a new grandson. She comments, "Life just gets better." **Bob Ackerly** is enjoying retirement in La Mesa, CA. He has traveled to India and Nepal to fulfill a longtime desire to see the Taj Mahal and Mount Everest. **Sandy Beach**, BCE '53, moved to Lantana, FL. He enjoys fishing, golf, gardening, and woodworking. He has played golf with **Buzz De Cordova**, JD '56, Poughkeepsie, NY, at the Country Club of Florida. **Dorrey Baird Norris**, Franklin, TN, made a presentation entitled *A Taste of Spice* at the Fourth Annual Herb Festival at Cornell Plantations, June 13, '98. **Ernest Schmid**, Goldsboro, NC, retired Jan. 1, '98 after 22 years in the Air Force and 25 years in real estate. He and wife Evelyn traveled to Alaska in May 1997 to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Ernie's hobbies are travel and golf.

Keep the news coming. It's good to hear from you. ♦ **Jack and Betty Meng Howell**, 289 Ashford Ave. Tonawanda, NY 14150-8563; tel., (716) 833 9543; e-mail, jack-howell@classic.msn.com.

52 We'll start with some people who were still working, as of fall 1997. **Elsa Fienberg** Blum is a psychologist and sculptor and **Harrison Efferth**, BArch '53, is a Christian Science practitioner and teacher. **Jack Craver** is still a hotelier and **Libby (Hunsberger)** teaches horseback riding to handicapped people. **M. Carr Ferguson**, JD '54, is a partner in a New York City law firm and an adjunct professor of law at New York U. **David Macdonald** has retired from the practice of law and now runs his own foundation targeting the privatization of welfare and the awarding of scholarships to inner-city high school students. **Evelyn "Kris" Hoffman** Huffman is an instructor of speech and drama at Kansas City Community College, and **John Hyman**, BCE '56, is a construction consultant in Chicago. **Alan Rose**, BS Hotel '53, does real estate appraisals, and **Arthur Reader** is a senior research chemist at BASF. **Tom Weber**, BChem '53, PhD '63, still teaches chemical engineering at SUNY, Buffalo. Last year his regular lap swimming paid off when he set an age-group record for a one-hour swim.

Col. **Barton Hayward** doesn't think he will ever fully retire. He teaches American history and geography at the U. of South Carolina at Sumpter with church work and a little theater for volunteer work. **Carl Gortzig** (our class historian) teaches two classes in the floriculture and ornamental horticulture department at Cornell and advises students. **Steve Prigozy**, BEE '53, has retired as a professor of electrical engineering at the US Merchant Marine Academy, but still works two days a week as an electrical engineer. **Henry Borys**, who started his 11th retirement in 1998, is enjoying

his nine grandchildren and a great-grandson. **Liddell (Marjory) Tauscher Bald** does some substitute teaching, but she and **Konrad '55** enjoy traveling during the school year and having time to visit their distant children and grandchildren. Retirement has given **Irwin** and **Arline Braverman Broida** more time and energy to play with young grandchildren, as well as doing volunteer work and lots of traveling.

Jean Thompson Cooper still teaches rug-hooking in her studio on Peconic Bay on Long Island and enjoys getting out on the water in her new kayak. **Will White** in Sarasota has been chairing the Southwest Regional Harbor Board and has written *The Sunfish Bible*. More sailors: **Larry Cullen**, BS Hotel '55, no longer races, but sails a 28-foot Stewart knockabout and does a lot of race management. **Donald Parmet**, JD '55, sails summers in Long Island and New England waters on his 42-foot sloop. We assume that **W. L. "Bill" Hodges** still takes his eight-day batteau trip down the James River, and **Philip Gregory** reports lots of fishing during his eight winter months in Florida.

Back on shore, golf is a frequently mentioned activity. **John J. "Jack" Brennan**, BS Ag '51, DVM '52, and **Mary (Shear)** are—one or both—"dimpled white sphere chasers," gardeners, dog walkers, and of course, travelers. **Walter Bortko** lives conveniently just off the eighth hole green of a Florida golf course. Also in Florida, **D. Anne Bezer** Lombardo enjoys golf as well as bridge, travel, and grandchildren. **Alfred Pagano** golfs when not doing environmental consulting or taking courses at the U. of Delaware, and **Floyd Brown's** golf game shares time with flying radio-controlled airplanes.

Vincent "Vinnie" Crane, BME '53, now lives in a Florida golfing community and travels part-time as a training consultant for a West Coast firm. He retired from Cambridge Filter Co., then from his own sales rep business. Back in upstate New York, **Donald Ross**, BME '53, has retired from Armstrong World Industries and keeps very busy planting chest-

married. **Stuart Haskins** works part-time as associate conference minister of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ. **Stuart and Katherine (Woodbury)** now have more time for travel, gardening, and reading. **Howard Voelker** retired as a United Methodist pastor in 1995, having served in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Howard fills vacant pulpits and also enjoys travel and gardening.

Paul Blanchard, BCE '53, has once again organized Homecoming events for our class on Sat., Oct. 17, '98. There will be block seating for the Bucknell game, cocktails at the home of **Bob and Judy Resnik Chabon '53**, MEd '55, followed by dinner at Leonardo's What's Your Beef with the Classes of '53, '54, and '55. If you need more information call Paul at (203) 406-0766. ♦ **Bob and Jeanne Irish Lewis**, 34 Hickory Ridge Rd., Rochester, NY 14625-1809; tel., (716) 381-6370.

54 We are on a countdown to our 45th Reunion, so grab those handy crayons and set aside June 10-13, '99. I shall relay details as I get them from **Mary (Gentry)** and **Dave Call**, PhD '60. **Jan Jakes Kunz** has designed our Web page and it should be available for your viewing. Please look for it at: www.alumni.cornell.edu:8001/orgs/alumni. Let us know your thoughts and ideas for additions, improvements, corrections, etc.

The fun group has been golfing once more in Vero Beach. Perhaps we should let **Peter and Lorrie Pietryka Plamondon '55** plan our mini-reunions by just expanding theirs. Those gathered and admitting their singing to be better than their golf scores were: **Mike**, MBA '55, and **Dotty Noll Hostage**; **Clancy**, BME '55, and **Barbara Gavin Fautleroy '55**; **Tom Fischer** and **Gig; M. O. "Bus" and Carmen Lovre Ryan '57**; **Lee**, BS Hotel '55, and **Mary Fitzgerald Morton '56**; **Frank DelleCave**, BCE '55, and **Joanne**; and **Marv**, BME '55, and **Pat Wehman Anderson**.

Robert F. Morrison, BS Ag '55, has a marvelous redirect program in mind. He is

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— BOB & JEANNE IRISH LEWIS '52

nut trees with the American Chestnut Society and playing lots of GOLF! Two classmates are active in the Central and Western New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy: **Allen Galson**, BME '53, of DeWitt is the new chapter chair and **Sue Ekstrand** Baglow of Penfield continues to lead hikes through that town's Thousand Acre Swamp Sanctuary.

The Rev. **Richard Crews**, BEE '53, who is priest-in-charge of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Marble Dale, CT, is baptizing and marrying the kids of kids he baptized and

closing down his hospital equipment sales company and launching a new career in the field of voice-overs and narrations. Bob, let us know where we might hear you in the future. **Richard Walker**, BCE '55, reports from Marblehead, MA, that he, too, is selling his business but doesn't divulge his future plans. **Hugh Schwartz**, McLean, VA, has been a visiting professor, economics department, Federal U. of Parana, Curitiba, Brazil, for several months in the past year. His publication, *Rationality Gone Awry? Decision Making Incon-*

sistent with *Economic and Financial Theory*, Prager Publishers, should be available soon.

David E. Lewis is employed as a senior scientist/chemist at the Crane Army Ammunition Activity in Indiana and resides on a 15-acre farm with his two dogs, two cats, and a pond stocked with bass and blue gill. Dave, it sounds like a great balance. **Barbara Jones Jenkins** appears to have found a great way to stay young, having grandchildren who enjoy her favorite sport, tennis. A very happy note from **Sylvia Taub Bernstein-Tregub**. Sylvia married Burt Tregub last September. Their families have known each other for 30 years and when both became widowed they remet and are now looking forward to living happily ever after. My only request, Sylvia, is that you return in June and let us congratulate Burt.

C. R. "Pete" Nesbitt, along with **Richard '58**, PhD '65, and **Connie Case Haggard '58**, rode the world's tallest Ferris wheel in Vienna on its 100th anniversary—speaking of things you had never even thought of doing. Pete's first alumni trip was the Blue Danube Adventure which they all found most enjoyable. **Robert M. Morrison**, BME '55, and Susan left their island paradise of Hawaii to meander the canals of France with four other retired Naval officers. That barge captain surely had a lot of over-qualified assistance. They have also visited **Peter**, MBA '58, and **Marion Howze Eising '55**, BFA '56, at their beautiful new home in N. Kohala on the Big Island. **Jerome "Jerry" and Lila Hochberg** of Washington, DC, travel halfway around the world and halfway to the stars to trek the Himalayas in Nepal. The adventure suited them so well another trek with another view is in the works. Sounds like a refreshing change from federal litigation, primarily in antitrust law. **Robert Rodler's** 40-year-old landscape company is in the able hands of his two sons, as he and Carol lift off for destinations from Israel to China. **Stephen Kaplan**, chairman of Eagle Electric Supply Co., a company he has been with since graduation, has reduced his office time enough to enjoy a new house on the Cape, his first grandchild, singles four times a week, exploratory time among the vineyards of France, and a bit of skiing in Maine and Montana. Another candidate for the Life Balancing Award.

Claire Adami Holden has retired after 36 years in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry and moved to Jackson, OH, to be close to her eldest daughter and her family. Last September she visited **Bill '53**, BEE '54, and **Gwen Slater Millager** at their farm in Arkansas. **Irving Gozonsky** is consulting in the over the counter market, mainly in the realm of cough/cold products. Dedicated to community work, the **Cohens—Elaine (Harrison) and Ernest B.**, BA '53, MA '55—are founders of the Sustainable Society Action Project Inc. and maintain advisory positions with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commissions and the Philadelphia Community College. An update from the itinerant **Sam Alessi**. He has paused in Fort Myers, FL, after being on the road in his motor home for four years. Sam says he has not sold his metal

carapace, 'cuz you just never know. Sam, you will drive it North next June, will you not? Note from **Jerome A. Halsband** indicates he is still running Raquette Lake Camps and living in White Plains. **Joan Dinkel Crews** and the **Seymour Feldmans** report the arrival of a new generation—always a very special event for all of us.

Ronny Colen Fogel lost her husband, Harry, quite suddenly in 1996 and has started life anew. She began by selling her home in Lexington, MA, and moving to Bedford, to be closer to her daughter, **Alison Altman '79**, M OR IE '80. Ronny, come back to reunion—we are a fabulous support group. Many of us have been, and still are, redirecting our lives for one reason or another. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 17 Hillside Ave., Kentfield, CA 94904; fax, (415) 925-9404; e-mail, LJReed@aol.com.



Our 45th Reunion is not that far away, and as Ed Sullivan would say, it's going to be "really big"! Please write June 8-11, 2000 on your calendar and get ready for a millennium experience you won't want to miss. **Dick Schaap** promises that his 33rd book, an autobiography, will be published in time for our 45th—"Finally, I'll have Cornell in one of my books." **Bob Harnsberger**, BME '56, says he's already "working on 18 fellow Delts" to make sure they're in attendance, and **Phil Harvey** and **Ron Mulliken** will gather their Theta Chi compadres. Ron, who lives in Lutz, FL, checked off on his "continuing list of things to do" a three-day white-water rafting trip down the Colorado River, which he proclaimed "awesome!"

Recognizing that many '55ers have moved to Florida or North Carolina, we hope to plan some pre-reunion get-togethers in the land of retirees. If you've moved South, or are spending winters there, please send me your address so I can forward it to **Joan Steiner** Stone and **Otto Schneider**, our class co-presidents. One who's already expressed interest is **Ken Mason**, LLB '60, who's in Ponte Vedra Beach and (as I recall) never said "no" to a party! Ken is limiting his law practice to helping disabled veterans get benefits from the VA—he's one of only 50 lawyers in the country who do this work. **Joe and Vera Steiner Simon** are in Sarasota, so we'll see if we can round them up, and we know that **Barbara Brott** Myers spends winters in Englewood, FL. **Joanne Nussbaum** Leef says she's spending long winters in the Florida Keys (Islamorada) and is "ready to go fishing or play tennis with any passing classmates." **Ken Sanderson** is building a new house ("a real task") in Sarasota, where he extols the beach, theater, and cruises. However, instead of being retired, the Sandersons are raising their 14-year-old grandson, which, understandably, is "slowing us down on our travels." Ken reports there are "lots of Ivy Leaguers and Cornellians here."

Irv "Bin" Pettit (Hilton Head Island, SC) raised his hand to be a class contact and suggests that "more Cornellians are needed here in Paradise!" **Fran Goldberger** Rubenstein

might offer a different opinion: she believes that the Berkshires, where she and her husband have a home, is "God's country." They bump into Cornellians occasionally, since, according to Fran, "everyone ends up here, sooner or later."

Class contact volunteers are needed for all parts of the country. **Ann Overbeck**, "living a quiet life being a chauffeur" for her 96-year-old father, is "somewhat isolated here in the mountains of North Carolina," but offers to call and write others. **Carolyn Dell Wenzel** (Rye, NY) who's still with IBM, says she'll help out, and in nearby Pound Ridge, **Joel Mallin**, BS Eng '56, and wife **Sherry Hope (Vogel)**, BS HE '54, have offered to organize a get-together. The Mallins recently held a reception and tour of their sculpture garden as part of the Johnson Museum's 25th anniversary. **Craig Atwater** (Englishtown, NJ) keeps in touch with Lambda Chi Alpha brothers **Al Blomquist**, BA '56, MBA '57, and **Tom Sanford**, so we can assume the three of them will make reunion calls to the rest of their fraternity class. **Shirley Sanford** Dudley says she'll contact the Hartford, CT, contingent, **Avra Friedman** Metzger would like to locate classmates in the San Luis Obispo, CA, area, and **Elaine Rose** Cerny is looking for a list of classmates in and around Dayton, OH. **Al Brezinsky** (Weed, CA) also endorses the idea of regional pre-reunion parties. Three more Californians are **Charles Rogers**, BS Hotel '58 (Santa Rosa), **Ralph Greenlee**, BArch '57, (Livermore) and **Ann Blodgett Brown**, who moved with **Graham '51** to Larkspur.

Rudi Schelbert, who's also volunteered to be a class contact, reports that the Swiss alumni met in Lucerne last spring. "Hotelmen dominated, but the minority accepted this good-naturedly," Rudi adds. The next meeting will be at Rudi's Hotel Fleur du Lac. **Henry Purcell** still owns and runs the Portillo ski area in Chile. Henry's willing to organize a class get-together, but says fellow '55ers are few. "You'll have to come down and visit!"

Ann "Toni" Telfer Eaton (Gill, MA), who works for a software development company, found some time to see former roommate **Sarah "Sally" Kiernan** Torodash during a recent business trip. Sally (Lenox, MA) is working on two books about a 19th century Stonington, CT, family and an annotated transcription of letters written during their 1856-57 European tour, plus continuing to work with her husband in their antiquarian book business, Overlee Farm Books. **Naomi Kahn** (Oakland, CA) writes, "I have an array of photos of Cornell in the '50s at <http://www.merriewood.com/cornell.html> and a page about the *Cornell Widow* at [/widow.html](http://widow.html)." Check out Naomi's website for a nostalgic look at "the way we were."

And, in closing, we send our sincere condolences to **George Liptak**, whose wife, Elizabeth, died last March. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Morris, 110A Weaver St., Greenwich, CT 06831; e-mail, nancy_morris@cshgreenwich.org.

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It was nice hearing from **Elaine Dehan** Burger, BS Nurs '56. She is an assistant professor at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY, where she is tenured. Her address is 26 Coolidge Ave., Glen Head.

Maria Radoslovich Cox loved the Adult University (CAU) trip to Holland. She writes from her home at 435 E. 52nd St., NYC, that others would love this trip, if it is ever repeated. They ended up at the Maastricht Art Fair, where her husband, Frank, went crazy over the Rembrandts.

Ronald H. Hartman, MD, is chairman of the Lakewood Regional Medical Center and professor of ophthalmology at U. of California, Irvine, medical school. He and Sylvia have been married for 40 years and have four sons and seven grandchildren. He may be reached at 3721 Manor Dr., Lakewood, CA 90712.

Liz Wright Tower (Mrs. **Horace L. '55**, MBA '60) went to her two grandchildren's baptisms last summer in Marbledale, CT, and officiating was Father **Dick Crews '52**, BEE '53. The church organist is Dick's wife, **Joan (Dinkel) '54**. The Towers toured the Copper Canyon of Mexico last spring with **Ginny Tyler** Renouard and her husband. They will travel again this year to India. The Towers live at 50 Wallace Rd., Stony Creek, CT 06405.

Jorge Urrutia, Calle 87, No 9-40, Bogota, Colombia, is a member of the Inst. of Political Science in Bogota, a director of Universidad de los Andes, and a member of the board of the Fulbright Commission in Colombia, etc. He has three married sons and four grandchildren.

Henry "Hank" S. Dogin of 28 Long Pond Rd., Armonk, NY 10504, is a US immigration judge in Newark, NJ. **Barton Friedman**, PhD '64, 2916 E. Overlook Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 is retired from teaching. He took a Greek Island cruise last summer with CAU and went to Antarctica with the same group.

Hoteli **John Harney**, Harney & Sons Tea Co., is "bringing joy and happiness to tea drinkers from Berlin to Hong Kong" with the help of offspring **Michael '77** and **Elyse '87**. We send him luck with his tea leaves at 11 E. Main St., Salisbury, CT 06068.

Congratulations to **Sandra Rodetsky** Slipp of 220 Chestnut St., Englewood, NJ 07631. She just celebrated the 20th anniversary of OPT Associates, consultants in diversity in the workplace. She is also writing a book on the subject. Sandra is a Democratic committeewoman and told us that her daughter was married last April.

Bob Safford is a senior national sales director of Primerica Financial Services, a subsidiary of Travelers Corp., run by **Sanford Weill '55**, who is also my supreme commander at Salomon Smith Barney. Three of Bob's four kids are also in the business. Bob married Barbara after his first wife, Pat, passed away. Believe it or not, George Washington slept in his home at 1248 Pawling Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460.

Our beloved former class president, **Curtis Reis**, of 1 Wagon Lane, Rolling Hills, CA 90274, is still chairman and president of Alliance Bank in Culver City. He is a director of the California Bankers Assn. and the Culver City Chamber of Commerce. As we know, he is a former university trustee and the Los Angeles Tower Club chair. He tells us that his wife, Pamela, has been elected a trustee of the U. of Pennsylvania and that he went on the recent Antarctic CAU trip with President Rhodes.

James R. Sterling of 2148 Loma Dr., Hermosa Beach, CA, is the vice president of Network Marketing for Metro Networks, a broadcasting company. He recently went on a one-week safari and spent another week scuba diving in the Seychelle Islands.

Richard P. "Dick" Terhune retired a year ago from Barclays Bank after 17 years. He was a survivor! He is busy in retirement with Gretchen, his wife of 40 years. Dick has three married children and two grandchildren and resides at 19 Prospect Ave., Darien, CT 06820.

Barbara Gross Thomas has a new address: Palm Village Health Care Center, 701 Herbert, Reedley, CA 93654. Unfortunately, Barbara suffers from MS and is paralyzed, but can answer the phone, and would like to hear from her classmates, especially **Ann Shaw**, if anyone knows where she is. We send Barbara our best and will get the *Cornell Magazine* to her.

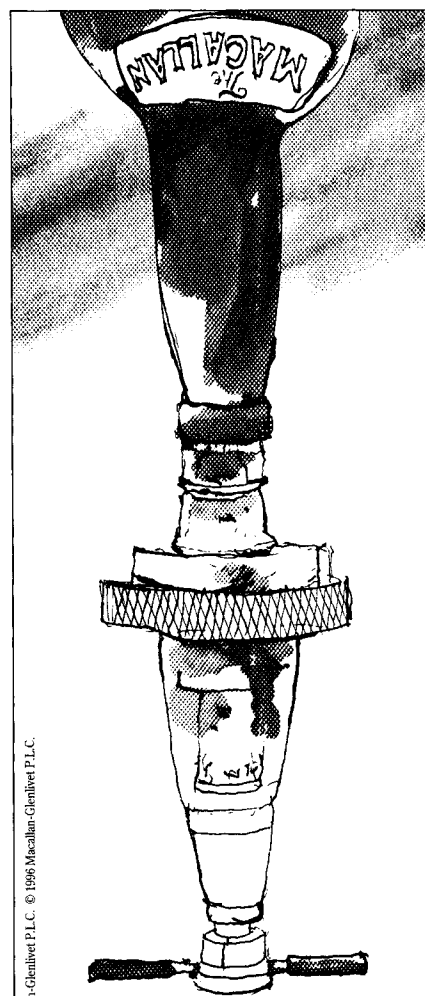
It was nice hearing from **Eve Lloyd** Thompson of 2455 Muir Cir., Wellington, FL, who, for the past six years was secretary and director of the American Horse Assn., and has held many positions related to the equestrian world.

Please keep writing to **Phyllis Bosworth** and to me. We will print as much as we can in the space allotted. ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., NYC 10128; **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83rd St., Apt. 10C, NYC 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

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Summer's just about over but if you're retired you probably do summer vacation things all year round—visiting friends, seeing the grandchildren, and traveling to far-away places. I didn't go too far away—just south to Atlanta, Charleston, and Hilton Head, where I spent a few days with **Lyn Nehrbas** Alexander. Lyn lives at this resort island year round and keeps very busy despite that fact that she doesn't play tennis or golf. Along with her volunteer activities she's been trying to get a Cornell group organized and is happy to see classmates when they're in the area. You can reach her at (803) 842-7773, if you get down that way.

John '56, B Chem E '57, and **Bert Grunert DeVries** started the summer by opening their Ocean City, NJ, home to visitors. Bob and **Betty Starr** King; **Ed**, BME '58, and **Adelaide Russell Vant**; and **Bill**, BEE '58, and **Jan Charles Lutz** were among the friends who stopped by. The Lutzes had just returned from a marvelous trip to Hawaii. They snorkeled, climbed Diamond Head, and visited Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and the big island of Hawaii. Bill and Jan welcomed a new



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grandson last December and in the spring had a chance to reminisce about Cornell days with **Gail (Klas) '58** and **Wayne Taylor, MBA '58**, and **Don Garrett** and his wife. They also heard from **Dick and Dale Reis Johnson '58**, who were on a bridge cruise which sailed from Rouen to Copenhagen. Their challenging schedule called for duplicate bridge every afternoon and evening. Before joining the cruise, Dick and Dale toured the Normandy beaches in France.

I mentioned a few columns ago that some class officers are in the idea stage for getting a class trip organized. Thanks to the wonders of e-mail (if you've just gone on-line please send

by *Club Management Magazine*, the bible of the industry. After his five-year Air Force hitch (ROTC-induced), which included some officers-club management, Stan held positions in the hospitality business, including the general managership of the Firestone Country Club in Akron, where he developed the World Series of Golf from four players to its present expanded format. He then served four years as general manager of the Denver Athletic Club before starting his Philadelphia experience.

More accolades: **Jim Manion** has been elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the society of internists. This distinction recognizes achievements in the spe-

Ron informs us, "**Marc Fishzohn, BME '60**, is living in Baltimore and writing a book about investing for the unsophisticated investor. After completing his Navy ROTC stint and getting an MBA at Harvard, Marc spent 25 years managing money." Ron attended the May Tower Club dinner at the Bronx Botanical Garden, as did **Bill Kingston, BEE '60**, and wife **Jackie (Grimm) '61**, **Bob McClellan, BCE '60**, and **Patricia "Paddy" Hurley**. "Bob has been working with **Dave Dunlop** (now retired from university development but busier than ever as a consultant) on an endowed scholarship. Bob promises that it will not be limited to civil engineering students from Chicago who are members of Alpha Delta Phi."

Dale Rogers Marshall alerts us that there is a scholarship fund in honor of **Carol Clark Tatkon**, who died last October. "Hopefully those who loved Carol will consider designating their Cornell gifts for this scholarship," she writes. Dale and **Don '58, BME '59**, were at Cornell earlier this year together with numerous other family members to honor Dale's parents' gift to the Lincoln Hall Renaissance.

Webmasters **Mary Petermann Merrill, Bill Day, BME '60**, and **Alan Rosenthal, BEE '60**, have done a fabulous job developing the '59 website: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1959/>. It contains lots of great information, including continually updated information on our 40th Reunion. Recent class columns are there, too, beginning with the January/February 1998 column. Indeed, the website gives you the opportunity to see a class column about two months before it is published in *Cornell Magazine*. Be sure to let us know if we can use your e-mail address in the on-line columns. Doing so will enable your friends to contact you just by clicking on your name!

Bill Day, who resides in Avon, CT, continues to enjoy his work managing advanced engineering development programs for Pratt & Whitney's industrial gas turbine business. His wife, **Sue (Phelps) '60, MEd '62**, gets pleasure from her work as assistant to the director of the Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College. Last fall Bill was re-elected to chair the board of the Gas Turbine Assn., the trade association of the gas turbine industry. In that capacity he had his first experience of testifying before a congressional subcommittee, as the group considered research and development funding by the Dept. of Energy.

Robert Wegryn, MD '63, of Westfield, NJ, maintains a large surgical practice and has been medical director of The Center For Hope Hospice since it was founded in the late 1970s. He is a two-time recipient of the New Jersey Hospice Organization Physician of the Year Award in recognition of his community service and personal compassion for others. He and wife Roberta—who was his high school prom date—are the parents of two sons and a daughter and have two grandchildren.

Jean Ellen Finerty Wandel of Falmouth, ME, works at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, located on Mackworth Island, an ap-

“Lee Poole and Virginia (Glade) '54 had plans to celebrate their Steinway's 105th birthday.”

—JOHN SEILER '57

me your address—it's not only a quick way for me to get news but it beats writing it on a form and finding a stamp!) I got a response from **Anne Hutchinson Lee**. She thinks a trip would be a wonderful idea, as she's been trying to get together with **Michelle Striker Boffa, Nan Leonard Reita, Jane Hymans Bennett, Joan Davis Callahan, and Mary Jane Turnpane** Lachowicz ever since they were dormmates in Dickson 5. Anne was at a luncheon in Washington, DC, last May for Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, as were **Jerry Neuman Held and Lois Ernststoff Stekler**. Anne and **Charlie '56, BCE '58**, took a trip through the Panama Canal last November and are ready to travel again. We'll keep all of you posted on the progress of plans for a class trip. ♦ **Judith Reusswig, 5401 Westbard Ave. #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.**

An interesting article in the *Schenectady (NY) Gazette* explains the decision of **Bill Dake, BME '58**, to discontinue the practice of selling milk in reusable cartons. Bill is president of the 276-store chain of Stewart's Shops convenience stores in New York and Vermont. Stewart's sells about 150,000 gallons of milk weekly, and the cost and public apathy (the reuse per carton rate had dropped from 25 to 15) convinced the company that it was time to go to a one-use plastic container that is acceptable in most recycle programs.

Paul Miller, BME '58, has progressed from my freshman year hallmate to Lexington, VA, where he is building a retirement home that will be a "virtual office" until such time that he retires completely. He'll be in the vicinity of **Rod, BME '58**, and **Liz Beckwith**, who have built a terrific home outside of Charlottesville and have provided your correspondent with their wonderful hospitality.

Stan Orr, general manager of the Union League Club of Philadelphia since 1988, has been named 1997 Club Manager of the Year

cialty of adult medical care. Jim earned his medical degree from the Albany Medical College of Union College.

Bill, BEE '58, and **Jan Charles Lutz** have done quite a bit of traveling since leisure set in, recently exploring the national parks in the West and cruising in the Mediterranean, winding up in Rome. Bill helped his son, Chris, add a new room to the latter's home. After 37 years as a minister, **Lee Poole**, with wife **Virginia (Glade) '54**, has retired to Vermont, where he can buy milk at Stewart's and work as a PhD in psychiatry and social affection. They plan to celebrate their Steinway's 105th birthday shortly. (I just report 'em—I don't make 'em up.)

As this article fades into the sunset, we see **Roger Jones, MPA '60**, still living on his sailing vessel in Ft. Lauderdale (dock address-100 Isle of Venice). His seventh grandchild arrived last March and Roger returned to Ft. Lauderdale last November after a five-month cruise. ♦ **John Seiler, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207-(502) 895-1477; e-mail, Suitcase2@aol.com.**

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As you know from the March letter sent out by Class Presidents **Ron Demer, BME '60**, and **Marian Fay Levitt**, our reunion class project is to fund a student practice room and grand piano in Lincoln Hall, home of Cornell's music department. The room will be dedicated at our reunion—next June 10-13—to Professor Emeritus Karel Husa, a Pulitzer Prize winner who taught many '59ers. Ron generously pledged that if we collectively raise \$25,000 for the campaign, he will add another \$25,000 to the total. We are delighted to announce that a second donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has also made a matching \$25,000 gift. "Hence, contributions will be well leveraged," notes Ron, giving our class the opportunity to make an exceptionally fine gift to the university.

proximately 100-acre (depending on the tide cycle) gem in Casco Bay. She has a "challenging, creative, open-ended job" writing grants, producing a newsletter, and doing other development work. Jean helps interview prospective Cornellians and is involved with the Cornell alumni group in Maine, which hosts several activities every year. She also finds time to sail, sea kayak, and participate in activities at the theater, art museum, and botanical society.

Stuart Alexander, B Ch E '60, of Pittsburgh, PA, has retired from ECC International and is preparing seminars and lectures for some of the colleges that specialize in pulp and paper. He plans to continue to be active in TAPPI (Technical Assn. of the Pulp and Paper Industry), and to remain on the board of directors of the Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation. **Allen Marple** of Toronto retired as CEO at Spectrum United Mutual Funds "after eight wonderful years," building the company from \$300 million to \$6.6 billion in assets under management. **Cal '58**, B Chem E '59, and **Marsha O'Kane Allen** are happily retired in Sisters, a community in central Oregon. They flew east to Bath, ME, earlier this year to launch the DDG77 Destroyer *O'Kane* in Marsha's dad's name. "Four generations of our family were present for this special occasion honoring my dad's naval career," writes Marsha. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801-2643; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, 102433.3653@compuserve.com.

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Congratulations to **Ken Ackley**, B Ch E '61, ME Ch '66, who was honored in April by being named to the lectureship in chemical engineering named for Prof. **Raymond G. Thorpe**, M Ch E '47. This award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the department over the years; Ken is now teaching on the Hill after phasing out his plastic packaging business. In the large audience for Ken's presentation were **Roger West**, B Chem E '61, PhD '65, and **Joe Degenfelder**, B Ch E '61. It is worth noting that two of the three previous recipients of the Thorpe Award are classmates **H. L. "Larry" Fuller**, B Ch E '61, and **Sam Bodman**, B Chem E '61.

Kudos also to **Dick Gibbons**, BS '61, recently named a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Fellows are elected in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the profession. Dick, cited for his "dedication to natural resource management," works as an environmental program manager for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and lives with his wife, Jean, in Richmond.

Recently sighted in the outer regions of Cape Cod were **Dan Bidwell**, MBA '61, and wife **Juliann "Jann" (Powell) '61**, on vacation from their home port of Grand Rapids, MI. Both are now retired—Dan from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for which he now works occasionally on special projects, and Jann from her position as a computer specialist for the local school district. The Bidwells

have daughters **Debbie '88**, who is married to **Scott Ainslie '88**, MBA '96, and living in Ft. Worth, TX, with their two children; Lisa, also the mother of two and living in Ft. Campbell, KY, where her husband is a helicopter pilot; and Lori, who is a student at Michigan State U. veterinary school.

While on the Cape, the Bidwells saw **Bob Williams**, BEE '61, MBA '62, and wife Karen, who divide their time between Brewster, MA, and Weston, CT. Bob retired from IBM about five years ago and now serves as vice president of the International Executive Service Corps, an organization that places experienced business people with companies needing assistance in such regions as Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Dan reports that **Carl Volckmann**, BCE '61, who lives in Westport, CT, has also retired from IBM and recently started his own software company.

Marci Martindale Braden and **Ken '59**, BME '61, returned to the US after five years in London, which Marci says was "a wonderful experience." The Bradens have resettled in La Canada, CA, but made the trip to Ithaca for the graduation of their daughter Jennie Lynne in May.

Jay Harris, BA '61, writes from New York City that his daughter, **Jenny '91**, is a producer at CNN Business News, and his son, **Jesse '91**, is a musician-songwriter and co-founder of the band Once Blue, which has released its debut album. **Ginny Seipt**, also in New York City, is a television producer who recently completed programs on Princess Diana, Myrtle Beach, and the Women's Sports Foundation.

Sue Wood Brewer sent along an article on **Becky Quinn Morgan**'s work as head of Joint Venture in the Silicon Valley that recently appeared in the Stanford business school's magazine. Sue and **Don '59**, BME '60, just relocated from Houston, TX, to Chapel Hill, NC, a city they chose after exploring a number of possibilities. "This is a retirement move," says Sue, "and Chapel Hill offers a lot to do." Sue and Don would be happy to hear from classmates in the area. They can be found at 601 Lakeshore Lane, Chapel Hill 27514.

Anne Woolf Oney reports from Los Altos, CA, that she "spent a great evening with **Dacey Latham** at Christmas in New York City," where they had dinner at the Cornell Club—New York. Anne's son Brian is in graduate school at Syracuse and "learning to love those upstate New York winters." **Phyllis Yellin Schondorf** also has a child in graduate school: her daughter Nancy is in the MBA program at the U. of California, Berkeley, where her new husband is a fellow in astrophysics.

Dr. Ronald Young is now director of the division of gynecology at the Baylor medical college in Houston. **Bill Ballou**, MS '62, is a manufacturer's representative in Williamsburg, VA, and active in the Marine Corps Aviation Assn. Bill says he is "an inactive certified ski instructor who still hits the slopes," as well as "a decent tennis player" who is now learn-

ing to play golf. A chance encounter with **Bob** and **Dede Porchenick Savelson** near their home in Scarsdale, NY, elicited the information that Brian Savelson, their youngest child, is to study on the Hill in the Class of '02.

The year 1998 is the one in which '60 turns 60 (at least most of us), and I'm curious about what special things people have done to celebrate. Rumor has it that **Dixie Palmer** Peaslee climbed a mountain solo in Washington State on her birthday, and I have a firsthand report from **Tom Dandridge**, BME '61, MBA '62, that he went para-sailing off the sand cliffs of the outer Cape to mark the occasion.

The annual class newsletter is on its way to you. Meantime, send news to me directly. ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02161; tel., (617) 969-2657; e-mail, jwittenberg@vmsvax.simmons.edu.

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Led by Resort Assn. President **Thos Rohr**, the Kona Kohala Coast on Hawaii's Big Island was host to a Pepsi Co. 100th birthday party celebration last winter. Thos is president of Waikoloa Land Co. which developed Waikoloa Beach and Village Resort, including the Hilton and Royal Waikoloan Hotels. Though based in Honolulu, Thos's companies develop properties throughout the US.

The GTE Corp.'s chairman, **Charles R. "Chuck" Lee**, BS Eng '62, received the Whitney Museum's American Art Award in New York City in June. Chuck and his wife, Ilda, were among the 400 guests at the museum benefit where he received this award.

Pauline Sutta Degenfelder continues to be amazingly active. As vice president of The MetroHealth System in Cleveland, she is responsible for all post-acute services and directs the managed-care program. She is also on the board of directors of the American Rehabilitation Assn., and was inducted last spring as a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives. Pauline also finds time to serve as the first woman chair of the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland. She was interviewed in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* last March. And, the Sutter family—Pauline, **Joe '60**, B Ch E '61, and **Eric '86**—have provided financial support to Cornell's Chemical Engineering school for the purchase of needed hardware and software.

Miriam Adam Martin is toxicology operations manager at Alza in Los Altos, CA. Miriam says that her 17 years at Alza developing products that improve the quality of life (or, of death—e.g., chronic pain treatment) have been rewarding. **Bob Clifford**, BEE '62, of Yorba Linda, CA, has been with Hughes Aircraft (now Raytheon) for more than 30 years. As a sideline, he and his wife became owners of Barney's Pet Center last year.

Jerry Friedman of Scarsdale, NY, is 12 years into his second career selling commercial real estate. Also in Westchester County, **Ed Furtick** invites all of you to please stop by the music department at Borders Books to say Hi! Ed's fourth grandchild arrived last April. **Larry Ross** is still a partner at his law firm in Florham Park, NJ. Meanwhile, wife **Lynn (Litwin) '63**

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has a new career as a real estate broker. Son **Sacha '94** is editor of the *International Law Journal* at the Cornell Law school. Daughter **Darah** was captain of the soccer and lacrosse teams at U. of Pennsylvania.

Based in London, **Gary Busch** is spending a lot of time in South Africa building a multimodal transport system. And, based in Nashville, TN, **Tony Seibert** is writing country music. His son is **Ethan '00**. Among those receiving honors recently was **F. Landis Markley, BEP '62**, who was elected a fellow of the American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Dr. Markley, one of the top specialists in spacecraft attitude and control, has received 16 awards from NASA at Goddard, MD. **Irene H. Su** So of Murray Hill, NJ, has been named a member-at-large of the administrative board of the University Council. Irene is currently serving as president of the New Jersey Assn. of Orthodontists.

Now let's hear from our '61 retirees. **Ellie Rubin** Charwat retired from Marist College, but still teaches a course in American government there. She also teaches a course on mystery novels at Barnes & Noble. **Ellie Browner Greco** just retired from teaching. She continues as president of the local historical society. **Dave Heinzelman, BME '62**, uses the Rochester, NY, area as a base for travels since retiring from Xerox. Son **Steve '95, MS E '96**, is with Andersen Consulting and daughter **Cathy '97** is in graduate school at Syracuse U. **Erlinda "Beck" Enriquez** Panlilio retired from the hotel and resort business and is enrolled at the U. of the Philippines as an MA candidate in creative writing. Dr. **Deanna Spitzer** Nass left college teaching in New York City (she's listed in the current *Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care*) and is looking forward to renewing earlier interests in the visual arts. Deanna would like to network with other Cornellians who look upon retirement as a "new beginning."

Ed Schechter retired from ophthalmology and now serves on the boards of both the Hebrew Homes and the Polinsky Child Abuse Foundation in San Diego. His son, **Seth '90**, is an assistant US attorney in San Diego. **Pat Laux Richards** and **Jack '60, BCE '61**, spent two weeks last fall in the Burgundy Region in France. They were joined for a one-week barge canal trip by classmates/spouses **John Sobke, BCE '62**, and Marilyn, and **Bruce Le Page** and Abby. They recommend French Waterways Inc. Jack retired last year, and the Richardses sold their farm and bought a house in town.

A highly successful meeting of the 40th Reunion committee and class officers was held at the Cornell Club—NYC in May. This was the first planning session for Reunion Co-Chairs **Ginny Buchanan Clark, Peter Greenberg, Jon Greenleaf, and Sue Rand Lewis**.

Hope to see many of you at the Cornell vs. Princeton football game on September 19 in the Tigers' brand-new stadium. Call or e-mail me for info on '61 tailgate party. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, 288 Lexington Ave., NYC 10016; tel., (212) 696-9203; e-mail, dsk15@cornell.edu; also, **Joyce Berger**

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It's been suggested that columns carry e-mail addresses instead of geographical ones.

So, we'll experiment: since you all received real addresses last year with the reunion materials, we'll print address changes and e-mail for those who provide that information. Your feedback is most welcome!

For starters, **Bernard S. Siegal, BEE '63**, a "lost" classmate, is at 1780 Holly Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025 (bsiegal@ix.netcom.com). **John D. Cooper** of Turin, NY, works for Benchmark Materials, "soon to be Cornerstone." He's looking for former roommate **W. D. "Doug" Call**.

In the missing persons department. **Jack Loose, BME '63, MME '64**, is looking for **G. Tom Evans**. Jack mentioned that **Byron McCalmon, MEd '70**, came through Huntsville, AL, last April and they played "some great golf." Connie and **Vic Ericson, BA '63**, write that daughter Britt graduated this year from U. of Virginia law school and will be joining a Seattle law firm this fall. The Ericsons enjoyed a great week of skiing in Telluride, CO, with **Warren '62, BME '63**, and **Nancy Bierds Icke '63** last January. The Ericsons are in Edmonds, WA (VCB1DOLPH@aol.com). Good skiing in that part of the world, too!

R. Elwyn and Helen Copeland Grattidge bring us up to date from Camrose, Alta, Canada. They were planning a rafting trip on the Burnside River, NWT, ending up at Bothurst Inlet to see the migration of the 300,000-head caribou herd. They looked forward to an August Grattidge family reunion in England this summer.

From Caracas, Venezuela, **Kennett Richardson, BS Eng '63**, writes that he is enjoying his assignment as human resources director for Procter & Gamble there. Ken and Patty are taking full advantage of the great climate and opportunities for travel (richardson.kt.2@pg.com). Also working south of the border is **J. Benjamin Watson, MBA '63**, who manages a facility at San Jose Iturbide, Mexico, which manufactures corrugated paper packaging specialties. Son John is chef at Claude's in Stone Harbor, NJ, and daughter Kathryn (U. of Delaware '92) teaches biology in Bucks County, PA. Benjamin's mail goes c/o InterPack Corp., 51 Washington Ct., Conshohocken, PA 19428.

Four years ago, **Pat Yoder** Arney began an Italian villa rental agency. Pat specializes in Tuscany, but also handles rentals in Cabo San Lucas. Pat is based in Sicklerville, NJ. Have you made your vacation plans? **J. Mike '59** and **Char Jones Collister** were looking forward to traveling to China with Adult University (CAU) in September. Char (charlotte1.collister@aep.com) was also looking forward to a Reunion-less June.

Joan (Weill) and Stuart Levin, MD '66, are enjoying retirement in Los Angeles. Stuart retired from surgical practice two years ago to

devote time to enjoying their new granddaughter, Alexandra (whose mother is **Anne Levin Marsh '87**), traveling, taking courses at UCLA, and collecting contemporary art. Joan and Stuart recently attended the Chicago wedding of **David "Buzz" Ruttenberg's** daughter, where they saw **Bob Goldberg**. Also enjoying the retired lifestyle are **James, BEE '63, MEE '64**, and **Linda Edgett Evans, Grad '63-64**, of Forked River, NJ. He retired from Bell Labs in 1995 after 32 years, and he and Linda spent that winter cruising the Bahamas in their 36-foot sailboat. James (evans@winlab.rutgers.edu) is now a part-time professor at Rutgers.

"After 18 months of temporary retirement, I feel I can be productive for 18 more years, based upon my father's life," writes **John Brewer, B Chem E '64** (johndbrewer@hotmail.com). He's in Daytona Beach, FL, and sees **John Meikle, B Chem E '63**, in nearby Deland. "It's a small world from Pottstown to Scranton and Daytona Beach to Deland." **Eric Von Schilgen** (ericvons@erols.com) is ready to "take early 'out' from Amtrak and go full-time into internet antiques business" from his home in Reston, VA. Eric has spoken with **Bill Stowe** in Lake Placid and with **Jim Harre** in southern California.

Send in your dues! And news! ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034**; e-mail, (jmc50@cornell.edu).

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Know what time it is? It's nine months to reunion time! So start making plans now. Meantime, here's more news from your classmates, grist for when we all get together next June.

Congrats to **George Ecker, MA '70**, and wife Ruth (106 Dover Rd., Wellesley, MA), who have just adopted an 8-year-old Russian boy. George is a partner in Organizational Dynamics. Congrats also to **Tom Mann**, founder and former chairman and CEO of US Biochemical Corp., on his election to a three-year term on the President's Circle of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineers, and the Inst. of Medicine. He and wife **Diann (Goodman) '66, BS HE '65**, still live at 80 Quail Hollow Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH.

Judith Schwartz Kramer, MEd '65, just retired after 32 years' public school teaching. Husband **Henry '63, JD '66**, has co-authored a legal text and is at work on another. This month Henry became a visiting fellow in the ILR school. The Kramers moved back to Ithaca from NJ and are hoping to build a house in Ellis Hollow. Still in the Garden State, **Bruce Wagner, BEE '65, MEE '66** (375 Middlewood Rd., Middletown, NJ) is an engineer with Lucent Technologies.

Brian Wruble, BEE '65, MEE '66, is a partner in a New York City private equity investment firm, having returned to the Big Apple in 1995 after three years in Philadelphia as president of Delaware Investment Advisors, which was sold. He and wife Kathleen, who live at 318 W. 78th St., NYC, have two

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grown children in graduate school and one still at home in grade school. Their principal recreation is sailing from a weekend house on the Sassafra River in Maryland.

Joseph Cangis, BS Eng '65, is Asia-Pacific regional manager for Crane Pumps & Systems. He and wife Ellen share interests in golf, antiques, food and wine, carpets, and travel. Joe is on the social and dining committee of the Singapore American Club. The Cangis, who have a grown daughter and a son at home, live at 201 Tanjong Rhu Rd., 07-10 Parkshore, Singapore.

Micki Badger Magno (6295 Badger Dr., N., Lockport, NY) is in customer service for US Airways. Micki reports: "Full circle. Moved away to school, [was] married for 31 years, [raised] two wonderful [grown] daughters, lived up-and-down the East Coast, divorced, and [moved] back home again to western NY. Built a house practically in my parents' backyard, in the pine forest my father planted 50 years ago. Cosmic! What a great time of life—older, wiser, still well and strong, and past many of life's hurdles, we have some time and space to call our own. Don't you just love it!"

Poet **Eric Torgersen** has a new book out: *Dear Friend: Rainer Maria Rilke and Paula Modersohn-Becker* (Northwestern U. Press, 1998). It's about Germany's greatest 20th century poet (Rilke) and the also great but much-less-well-known painter who died at 31 from complications of childbirth. Eric, who is an English professor at Central Michigan U., says, "The new book is my first real chance to put to direct use my Cornell BA in German literature." Eric's last book of poems was *Good True Stories* (1994). Eric and wife Ann, who have a teenage daughter, live at 8475 Chippewa Trail, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Director/CEO of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Denver, **Ed Thorsland**, BA '65, sees the end of his career in sight, noting this is "my eighth (hopefully last) assignment with the VA, and third directorship [El Paso & Dayton before this]." Ed and wife Sylvia, who have two grown children, the second about to finish college, live at 9120 N. Palomino Dr., Castle Rock, CO. His interests are running and computers. Gastroenterologist **Stephen L. Herr** has a new address: 16219 Dickens St., Encino, CA.

One of our classmates, never before in this column, has built a successful career playing around. No, not *that* playing around. **Thomas Sturdevant** invents games! He founded a company called Grand Isle Games. One of his creations, a card game called Letres, won a Dr. Toy Award as one of the ten-best children's games. Tom does all kind of playing around (really; his hobbies are piano playing and songwriting) at his home at 4418 Scenic Dr., Nashville, TN.

Barbara Cade Pringle, MA '68, is in Pretoria, South Africa, where husband **Bob**, PhD '67, is deputy chief of mission of the US Embassy. Barbara says, "On a two-year leave from teaching, I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the history, current situation, and natural history of South Africa." Write to

the Pringles c/o Embassy-Pretoria, Dept. of State, Washington, DC.

Pete Gilbert, B Chem E '65, retired from Dow Chemical Co. last December after a 32-year career—then started his own consulting practice, The Piney Woods Group Inc., which concentrates in the areas of information

tion ceremony. "We then spent a few days in Hong Kong and then a few days in Hanoi, with a side trip for me to Haiphong. Vietnam is quite beautiful in the north and Hanoi is worth a visit." He concluded with news that both he and Ingrid participate in the Dallas Paleontology Club and "Ingrid is working on

"Built a house practically in my parents' backyard, in the pine forest my father planted 50 years ago. Cosmic!"

— MICKI BADGER MAGNO '64

technology architecture and in service and outsourcing. Peter and wife **Mary Ann (Blewer)** '63, sans their two grown children, still live at 1112 Wildwood Dr., Midland, MI. Physician **Harvey Kayman** (3 Estrella Ave., Piedmont, CA) is another recent retiree who immediately leapt into something new. He retired from Permanente Medical Group in June—then began a master's of public health program at the U. of California, Berkeley, specializing in international health policy.

Congrats to **Elaine Emling**, MA '69, MRP '83, on her August 1997 marriage to Englishman Michael Jenner, whom she met in her sailing club when she lived in the Washington, DC, area. Following a honeymoon in Paris and Venice, they moved to 8 Warren Dr., Greenford, Middlesex (near London), UB6 9ER, England—but are moving again soon, so stay tuned. Elaine, a regional planner, works with her local English community on UN Local Agenda 21 community systemability projects. She also joined the Cornell Club of London and attends concerts with Cornellians she has met there. Her marriage also netted her two grown step-children. Be sure to keep sending news and dues. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

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We hope this finds each of you well rested after a glorious summer of fun and relaxation.

At this time of the year, our thoughts naturally gravitate to campus and those magnificent fall days, which are forever etched into our memories. We urge you to share this nostalgia with us and to send your class correspondents some desperately needed news for this column.

Far from Ithaca, in Grapevine, TX, **Alfred Center**, ME Ch '66, wrote that he returned to Cornell last year for a week to help out with a design course in the Chemical Engineering school. "It's a wonderful tonic to work with so many bright people . . . also great to see my old professors still active." Alfred continued, "work takes me to a number of countries in Asia on a fairly frequent basis." He explained further that when Caltex finished its \$1.7 billion refinery project upon which he worked in Thailand, he and wife **Ingrid (Berlin)** '66 attended the mechanical comple-

finding her dinosaur in the local creek beds. For those who care, we are at the upper/lower Cretaceous boundary here in Grapevine, TX."

Dr. **Robert Leshner**, MD '69, who directs neuromuscular services at the Medical College of Virginia, informed us from Manakin-Sabot, VA, that he and wife Deborah "remain active in parent support groups for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. and Lou Gehrig Disease support groups. For the past 24 years, my family and I have served as support staff and camp physician for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. summer camps in Colorado, South Carolina, and Virginia." The Leshners, who both enjoy travel, foxhunting, and scuba diving, have grown children: David, Elizabeth, and "T.W."

Another classmate, Dr. **Ronald Becker**, wrote from Chico, CA, where he has been practicing cardiac surgery in northern California for the past 14 years, that his current main hobby is flying. Daughter Heidi graduated from Reed College and went on to a post-baccalaureate pre-med program at Bryn Mawr; son Mark is thinking about film school; and son Noah is a student at Emory. **Daryl Goldgraben** Smith also sent news from California, where she is professor of higher education and psychology at the Claremont Graduate School. Daryl enjoys photography and her son, David, is a computer consultant. **Carol Blau** and husband **Bill Jolly** '64 reside in Olympia and "both work for Washington State. I am environmental policy advisor to the governor; Bill is a manager in the state parks department." They have daughters Beryl, who works for the Joseph Papp Public Theater in New York City, and Rachel, an environmental educator in Maine.

Dennis Howe took an early retirement from Eastman Kodak in 1992 and relocated to Tucson, AZ, where he is research professor, Optical Center, U. of Arizona. We heard from **Howard F. Zuckerman**, who is "currently under a three-year assignment as senior vice president and chief financial officer of Grupo Insacell, Mexico City, a wireless telecom company owned 43 percent by Bell Atlantic." Howard reported he visits the US on business and for home leave as time permits and has become bilingual in Spanish. He went on to say that he is "enjoying the challenging experience as an expatriate. Insacell is a publicly held com-

pany with more business challenges than I've ever faced. Will be returning to the US by Dec. 31, '99. See you at Reunion in 2000." Howard and his wife have sons Brian David, a

nology department at Georgetown medical school. He is a neurologist and maintains a secondary appointment in neurology and continues to run the Multiple Sclerosis Center.

union of wife **Carole (Newman) '67**.

On a personal note, this correspondent (**Susan Rockford Bittker**) has been promoted to laboratory research coordinator in the division of infectious diseases at New York Medical College. We are a small but active clinical research department, with an emphasis on Lyme disease, as well as participation in clinical trials for various antiviral and antifungal medications. Son Josh Bittker (MIT '99) has been elected chairman of *The Tech*, (MIT's version of the *Cornell Daily Sun*). Steve and **Stefani Waldenberg Weiss's** son Jonathon graduated from Lehigh U. He is a manager with the Athena computer network at MIT.

Most of the news we report is of lifestyles and life changes, usually happy, but not always. We extend our condolences to **Tom Grayboys** on the death of his wife, **Caroline (Rigby) '67**, this past February. Caroline was well known in the Boston, MA, area for her rescue of the Fuller Museum in Brockton, MA, an institution in near financial ruin when she took over in 1991. Over the years she returned the museum to a stable and thriving entity.

We hope you will send us your news as things happen, not just when you pay dues. Send directly to **John Miers, Bill Blockton**, or me. Think about the next reunion in terms of ideas for a class gift, or celebrations or memorials, etc. We are interested in what you think. It is your class. ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, 424 Pea Pond Rd, Katonah, NY 10536; e-mail, Ladyscienc@aol.com.

"As a retiree I rise earlier than when I was working, and I do 'retired' things."

— STAN KLEIN '67

Philadelphia lawyer; Lawrence Neal, a graduate student at U. of North Carolina; and Ryan Seth, a recent graduate of Towson State U. The Zuckermans can be reached at PO Box 311, Mendham, NJ 07945-0311.

Geoffrey S. M. Hedrick and wife Susan, who traveled to New Zealand, Australia, and France last year from their home in Malvern, PA, informed us that they enjoy skiing, golf, and flying. Geoffrey is chairman/CEO of Innovative Solutions and Support Inc. and Susan is a risk management consultant. Their daughter Stephanie (Smith College '93) is vice president, Beacon Advertising and Design. **Diwan Kailash Chand** reported from Lake Worth, FL, where he is presently a real estate developer, that he visited his home country, India. He and wife Anita have children Meena, Raj, and Vijay.

Finally, **Deborah Dash Winn**, former class correspondent, wrote to encourage classmates to participate in the Cornell affinity card. Having returned from an Alumni Federation trustees meeting in NYC, which she attended as a representative from the western region, Debbie wanted to remind us about the Cornell affinity credit card—a Visa card offered to Cornellians and others. "Cornell gets a return for everyone who signs up, as well as a small percentage from the monthly payments. It costs the cardholder nothing for Cornell to get these benefits. The card has travel benefits and is a great deal and a great way to help Cornell. We could have used it to pay our dues! I hope that all readers consider getting one!" ♦ **Florence Douglas Bank**, 6420 Goldleaf Dr., Bethesda, MD. 20817; email, rkbank@erols.com.

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Lifestyle changes, job changes, and travel are the areas that have involved classmates over the past year or so. **Stuart**

Peterfreund reports that he was divorced last December. This past spring he had a book, *William Blake in a Newtonian World*, published. He is working on another book on Shelley and language. His daughter, 9, is an avid horseback rider. **Ralph Janis's** son Andrew was to begin study at Cornell this fall, and son **Dan '95** was a French major. Last year at Homecoming, Ralph saw **Lloyd Dropkin**, MD '70, **Norm Stern**, **Lou Schwartz**, and **Mike Kalafar**. He also saw **Doug Wise**, BA '67, and **Norm Stokes**. Norm's daughter **Tracey, Grad**, is now a fourth-year student at Cornell Medical College and son **Ricky '98** studied government and economics. Dr. **John Richert** chairs the microbiology and immu-

Bob Feldman, PhD '75, is director of information services for Cornell Cooperative Extension, providing technical support to CCE staff and faculty in Ag and Human Ecology for networking, World Wide Web, and instructional design. Dr. **Jonathan Krauss** is secretary of the Richmond County Medical Society and is a member of the technology committee of the College of American Pathologists. The committee met last year in Kauai. You can now reach Jonathan at PO Box 12611, Augusta, GA.

Ted Mandigo has left the formal accounting and corporate world and has started his own independent hotel consulting practice. Ted has been active for many years on various Illinois CPA committees. He is now president of the ICPA. Col. **David Feigin**, MD, US Army Medical Corps, is a professor of radiology, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Army membership was a job requirement, as was a move to Washington, DC.

Madras, India, was the setting for the marriage of **John Rueppel '93** and **Aparna Venkatesan '93** in August of 1997. John is the son of Mel and **Leonora Gray Gulick Rueppel**. This was a traditional Hindu ceremony and several '93ers, as well as the Rueppel family, attended.

Nina Kaplan Singer lives in New York City but also has a home in the Woodstock, NY, area at 91 Fred Short Rd., Saugerties. She would like to connect with Cornellians in this area. She has a 3-year-old and would like to meet families with young children. **Eugenia "Jeanne" Brown Sander** got out of Acapulco last year just before Hurricane Pauline hit the area. The Sanders then cruised through the Panama Canal. Jeanne reports that daughter Amy graduated William and Mary in 1997 and daughter **Kristin '99** is in the Hotel school. **Diann Goodman Mann**, BS HE '65, has traveled to many places, including Egypt (taking a side trip to Jordan), Australia, New Zealand, and even to Ithaca (NY) with Adult University (CAU). Robb and **Linda Ro-keach** Gordon celebrated their tenth anniversary with a trip to Hong Kong. Linda has been a guidance counselor at Norman Thomas High School for 31 years. Robb is a stock options trader.

A consulting and lecture trip to Norway was also a family vacation for **Gary Schoener**. He was also featured on an NBC-TV "Date-line" segment. **Thomas Allen**, ME E '67, was in Ithaca in the spring of 1997 for the graduation of son **David '97** and the 20th Re-

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After leaving Cornell, he taught math and science as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines and Thailand; earned a master's in math from the U. of Washington; and taught in Seattle, three New York high schools, and in Scotland, on a Fulbright exchange. He's taught at Montclair Kimberly Academy in New Jersey for the past ten years. Son Bruce carries on the Peace Corps tradition as a volunteer in Guinea, West Africa, and daughter Anna is finishing high school. Wife Nancy teaches voice and supervises a large choir program at the New Paltz Reformed Church.

Judy Martin Schwartz, 3267 S. Leisure Wood Blvd., Silver Spring, MD, asked Cornell about alumni activities as a newcomer to the nation's capital. The Cornell Club of Washington, DC is one of the most active, operating out of the Cornell Center at 3148 O St., NW. **Emilie Gostanian** Marchant, MPS HA '85, 408 Rotherwood Dr., Charleston, SC, manages visitor centers for the Convention and Visitors Bureau there and manages to visit

Ithaca, where her mother resides and where she's purchased property, four or five times a year.

Speaking of Cornell Clubs, **Sylvia Lewis**, 2122 W. LeMoyne St., Chicago, IL, who's director of publications for the American Planning Assn. there, attended a club luncheon there last fall and heard "a very funny talk by **Dave Price '87**, who works for the local CBS TV station." Sylvia adds that she's in close touch with fellow Chicagoan **Ann Martin** (636 W. Waveland Ave.) and "spent the last year pumping up my employer's website: www.planning.org. What an adventure!"

Stan Klein, 1822 Floumoy Rd., Manhattan Beach, CA, is another club-goer: "As a retiree I rise earlier than when I was working, and I do 'retired' things: went to a Cornell Club screening of an episode of 'Law and Order' at Universal Studios." Stan also talked with **Sharon Cohen Bahr**, 205 Third Ave., NYC, and **Tom Salinger**, 15 Cambria, Corona del Mar, CA."

Dr. **Bill Samek**, 4605 SW 89th Ave., Miami, FL, is a psychologist specializing in trial consulting and in assessment and treatment of sexual abuse. He's on the executive board of the Florida Psychological Assn. and received the Public Advocacy Award of the American Psychological Assn.

Thomas K. Allison, Jr., 204 Highland Ave., Moorestown, NJ, reports that "Allison Systems Corp., our family company, furnishes precision ink-metering blades to printers worldwide," and that son Tom III won the 1997 Star 420 class championship in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Assn. **Don Buch**, 1158 Coronado Dr., Anacortes, WA (buch@fidalgo.net), is vice president and general manager of Harrah's Skagit Valley Casino, 70 miles north of Seattle. Son **Jason '97** is working for Habitat for Humanity in Portland, OR, and daughter Vanessa is at Oxford U.

Kathy Jassem Kaplan, 1764 Russet Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ, (KJ18@cornell.edu) is portfolio manager and equity analyst for Sturdivant & Co., a minority institutional investment firm. Daughter Karen works for Vanguard; son Jonathan is at U. of Maryland; and son Justin is a student at Cherry Hill East High School. **Merle M. Troeger**, 2201 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO, is an attorney there. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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Another summer gone! Another fabulous fall watching the aspen trees turn flaming gold on the mountainside outside my window! Time to get back to business. **Ronnie Kwell** writes from Washington, DC, that she has a wonderful job with Abernathy Anderson, a public relations firm that works for labor unions and progressive non-profit institutions. She married school teacher Barton Turner in March 1998.

Sam and Ann Goldsholl Varsano's son **Joshua '94** married **Karen (Ellis) '94** in May 1997. Attending the wedding were **Susan Baitler**, Ann's former roommate, and **Jeff** and

Ellen Kaiden. The Varsanos' son, **Doug '98**, was best man. **Ingrid Vatsvog Wachtler**, MEE '70, started her own nursery business, Woodbrook Nursery, in Gig Harbor, WA. She specializes in native plants. Ingrid, an engineer, says although she uses her education for things like irrigation systems, she wishes she had taken some horticultural classes! **Joe Miller** writes from Needham, MA, where he lives with wife **Linda (Germaine) '71**, that their son Charlie will graduate from the U. of Wisconsin, and son Aaron has started Connecticut College. He has also seen former roommate **Lloyd Meisels '67**, DVM '71. Joe is a consultant with Oxford Health Plan in Nashua, NH.

Mousa Natan is manager of information technology at Cigna in Philadelphia. His son, **Shaw '97**, is attending Temple U. medical school and daughter Daria attends Princeton. **Linda Tatelbaum**, PhD '72, is an associate professor of English at Colby College in Waterville, ME; a publisher (About Time Press); and an author (*Carrying Water as a Way of Life: A Homesteader's History*). Her husband, Kalman Winer, is a personal counselor and they have son, Noah (Amherst College '01). She writes, "We raise most of our family's food, generate solar electricity, and live as simply as possible in late 20th century America!"

Jim Tompsett is a clinical veterinarian in Rochester, NY. He and wife Sally have grown children Scott, an attorney, and Lisa, Kevin, and Nicole, all students. **Don Verdiani '70**, ME Ch '71, is assistant to the chief administrative officer of Sun Co. He lives in West Chester, PA, and restores antique motorcycles as a hobby. **Art and Judy Greenhill Weisel '71** have children **Cara '98** and **Seth '01**. They live in W. Orange, NJ. **Saunders E. "Ed" Wilson Jr.** lives in Manlius, NY, and was elected secretary of the Cornell Society of Engineers.

Joan (Wolfers) and Steve Belkin have daughters **Julie '98** and **Amy '01**. The Belkins live in Weston, MA. **Nick Carino**, PhD '74, is group leader of structural engineering researchers at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD. He and wife Mary have sons **Stephen '97** and **Christopher**. He attended the advisory council meeting for the Civil and Environmental Engineering school last October and wants to know, "How did the pumpkin get on top of the tower?" Rabbi **Mordechai (Marvin) Liebling** writes from Wyncote, PA, that he is the executive vice president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation and has four children, ages 13 to 5. His wife, Devora, died of breast cancer in the spring of 1997. **Bruce Walker '70** is a process system manager for Dow Chemical's planning systems division for North and South America in Midland, MI. He and wife Marion recently purchased property on the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, MD, and plan to build their retirement home in a few years and enjoy many years of sailing and boating.

Michael Wood is a veterinarian in Middlebury, VT, specializing in bovine medicine. He and **Nancy (Blakeslee) '68** have children

Mika, Jamie '96, and **Katie. John Yau**, MBA '70, has moved back to California (Orinda) after working for two years in Hong Kong. Dr. **Arthur Eisenberg** works in biomedical research funding for CTR-USA Inc. in New York City. He and wife Deborah live in Darien, CT, and have a son, Michael, 11. **Luis Garcia** is a geotechnical engineer and consultant with Geo Cim Inc. in Puerto Rico, where he lives with wife Julie and sons Luis, 10, Fernando, 9, and Mario, 5. He is active with the local Cornell Club and is "looking forward to our 30th Reunion in 1999." **Marianne Goodman** is a psychiatrist in private practice in NYC. She and husband William Norden, an attorney, have daughters Samantha, a third-grader, and Hillary, a sixth-grader.

Joan (Tabor) '71 has written that her husband, our classmate **Paul Marionni**, died in June 1997 in Baltimore, MD, of Legionnaire's disease. Our deepest condolences. ♦ **Suzy Sacks Zeide**, PO Box 2589, Breckenridge, CO 80424; tel., (970) 547-9650; e-mail, suzyzeid@colorado.net.

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Here is some "old" news from the summer of 1997. **Karen Brody Reber** and her family celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter Kate in April 1997. Attendees included **Roni Kirschner Levine**, husband Ellis, and son Nicholas; Kate's aunt and uncle, **Judith (Brody) '62** and **Jerry Elbaum '61**, JD '64; and **Karen (Silverstein) '77** and **Michael Ossip '76**. Karen Reber's older daughter, Rebecca, is now in her sophomore year at Amherst College.

Dr. **Jack Kimple** is a family practice physician in northern California and loves his work. He and wife Joy have a daughter, **Claire '99**, thriving in Ithaca. Jack says that **Tom Delaney '71**, MD '75, is an anesthesiologist in Maryland. Jack also reports that he went on the 12th annual "guys only" camp and hike trip last year with **Tom Samuels**, BArch '71, and **Peter Carlstrom '71** in the Trinity Alps.

Fran Stern Rubenstein has been teaching first grade in Eastchester, NY, for more than ten years and loves it. Husband **Larry '66** is a partner in a marketing research company. Their daughter, **Beth '97**, was a design and environmental analysis major and son **Greg '01** is now on the Hill. **Andrew '69** and **Jean Love Goldstein** left New York City for Portland, OR, more than 23 years ago. They have been gratified to watch the college experiences of their son **Aaron '00** in Ithaca. It is far from Oregon and very different, but he seems to have been thriving on the fast pace at Cornell. They have a new address, 7260 W. Ascot St., 97225, and their e-mail address is anjean@aol.com.

Dr. **John Nees**, MD '74, has been successful with his cosmetic surgery practice, Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Center, PS. In May 1997, he vacationed in Paris and the French Riviera after he came through in first place in his local performing arts festival. John played Beethoven and Debussy works on solo piano. His building projects: a beachhouse south of

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Lima, Peru, in 1997 and a new office in 1998.

Here are new addresses for some of our classmates: **Leslie Harrison**, 125 W. Bissel Ave., Richmond, CA 94501; **Lawrence Wolcott**, 429 W. Capitol, #25, Hartland, WI 53029; **Ken '69** and **Kathie Hale Bedell**, MS in T '76, 4949 W. Pine Blvd., #11G, St. Louis, MO 63108 (e-mail: kathie@cyberfaith.org); and **Mark E. Novisoff**, who is retired and loving it at 7900 Rockwind Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89117 (e-mail: mnovisoff@worldnet.att.net).

In July 1997, **Roger Kent** moved his family to the Sierra Foothills, PO Box 997, Oregon House, CA 95962 (e-mail: gantchart@aol.com). That June he had a mini-reunion with his roommates from junior year: **Josh Freeman '69**, **Paul Mayfield '69**, and **Stuart Luppescu**, BA '71, MA '74. All three had lived in Chicago, but Josh is now in San Antonio, TX. As a project management trainer, Roger has been to Kazakstan, Korea, and Singapore in 1997 and also to such "mundane" locations as Sacramento, CA, Tulsa, OK, and Olympia, WA. **John Macionis** (e-mail: macionis@kenyon.edu) and **Richard Barron** got together at the Macionis's summer house at Lake George, NY, for an historic musical reunion to mark the 30-year anniversary of their "Dirty Old Band" which had played around campus from 1967 to '70. Reports are that their kids thought they were great!

Michael Pendergast, MPA '72, and his family now live in New Sweden, ME (RR1, Box 58, 04762); e-mail (school year), smp9769@siena.edu; (summer/vacations), kristiane@ainop.com. By July 1997 he was 60 percent through a second bachelor's degree in philosophy and planned to begin work on a PhD in the same at Boston College in the fall of 1998. He began his second career after retiring from the US Air Force, where he had spent ten years as a B-52 pilot and aircraft commander, as well as ten years as a program manager working with space launch vehicles, radar systems, and range control/computer systems. It is projected that there will be a shortage of college professors about when he expects to have his PhD completed. His wife, Kristiane, who has been with Sears for ten years, continues working as a sales associate in home electronics and computers. Their eldest son, Michael IV, 21, is an art major at the U. of Maine, Presque Isle (UMPI). Their middle son, Ben, 19, started as a freshman at UMPI in the fall of 1997 to study math, but he is also considering becoming a chef. Their youngest, Daniel, 16, completed his sophomore year at Caribou High School and is now at the Maine School of Science and Math. **Jafar Jafari**, MS '73, is at the U. of Wisconsin, Stout (e-mail: jafari@uwstout.edu) in Menomonie. As chief editor for the "Encyclopedia of Tourism" (Routledge, London) to have been published this year, he has been busy!

Janet Seelbach Lawrence-Nelson (4 Iona Ave., Narberth, PA 19072) sadly reports the death of her husband, George L. Nelson, PhD, from a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 52 on Aug. 24, '96. He had taught organic chemistry for 26 years at St. Joseph's U. in

Philadelphia. He had grants from the Office of Naval Research for 16 years as he studied prostaglandin. His doctoral research at the U. of Wisconsin, called the Benson-Nelson experiments, proved Nobel-prize-winning theories of organic chemistry formulated at Harvard by Woodward and Hoffman. George left children Stacy, Emily, and Matt Nelson and stepchildren Heather and Christopher Lawrence.

♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.



As the Class of '02 enters Cornell this month, the Class of '71 finds itself slouching (or careening) toward the millennium experiencing an assortment of career and family circumstances. For many, once-traditional expectations of life-long jobs and marriages have been discarded, while others are thriving in both. Herewith, news gleaned from the 1997 (!) dues mailing, as **Joel Moss** and I await the torrent of 1998 tidings.

Bill Stephens, JD '74, added "two wonderful stepdaughters" (Jennifer and Kimberly) to his own family of two daughters—Holly, a student at the U. of Florida, and Meredith—when he married Elaine Arndt in 1996. A year ago, the family moved from Michigan to Houston, where Bill is executive vice president and general counsel for an oil and gas company.

Rosalie Hornblower Catlin, a former nurse, writes from her new home in Cambridge, MA, that she has changed both her profession and marital status. "I love being free of my marriage, although it was sad to end it at 24 years," she wrote, adding that she was earning an MA in counseling psychology at Lesley College. Two of her four daughters have graduated from college, while two were finishing up at St. Paul's in Concord, NH. Mother and daughters all sound like accomplished athletes. "None!" is what **Sandie Feinman** wrote on the "spouse's name" line of her news card. "Eager to tell all my old CU friends that I'm separated from husband and soon to be divorced," said Sandie, who lives in Great Neck. "Advice and expressions of friendship are welcome!"

Elliot Klein wrote from San Francisco that he had become director of development and marketing for the Studio for Technology and the Arts at Yerba Buena Gardens. This creative center for school children was due to open this past June. Elliot invites Bay Area parents to call or e-mail him for a visit. He's at eklein@ybgstudio.org. After 14 years in Hawaii, **Brad Jencks** and wife Betsy relocated to Phoenix, where Brad is general manager of the Pointe Hilton Resort on South Mountain.

"I've gone from entrepreneur to employee once again," wrote **Michael Kubin**, because his company, Media Inc., was acquired in October 1996. His wife, Nicole (U. of Pennsylvania '75), commutes from their Manhattan home to Philadelphia once a week to teach at the Wharton School and also runs a venture capital business. Their sons, Zac, Daniel, and Gregory, "are a constant joy, and a LOUD one."

Michael reported that classmate **Ted Grossman**, JD '74, is a partner at Jones Day; **Marty Michael** is a lawyer in New York City; **Cliff Essman** is a Washington, DC, psychologist; **Stu Oran** is an executive with United Airlines in Chicago, and **Bert Distelburger** is a food broker in Stamford, CT. Another Stamford resident, **Elliot Mandel**, in January 1997 joined the Manhattan law firm of Epstein, Becker & Green. He and wife Kathryn have pre-teens Josh and Sarah. After almost 19 years at *Newsweek*, **Aric Press**, in early 1998, joined *American Lawyer* as editor-in-chief. It's been several years now since **Barbara Kantrowitz** left *Newsweek* for *People* magazine.

Laurie Berke-Weiss spent 1997 as president of the New York Women's Bar Assn., working to advance women in the profession and "use the law to advance women in society." But, wrote Laurie, "the biggest event of the last year was the bat mitzvah of my daughter, Alexandra Berke." The November 1996 event resembled a Cornell reunion. Joining Laurie and husband Brian Berke were her sister, Dr. **Sara L. Weiss '73**; former roommate **Deborah Korenblatt** Matz (who did not yet know that in January 1998 she'd be named deputy assistant secretary for administration at the US Dept. of Agriculture!); **Lorraine Schaffer**, who flew in from London with son Michael; and an array of younger Cornell alums.

A classmate who's set a high standard for female achievement in the law is the Honorable **Edith Hollan** Jones, a judge in Houston. Edith, who was a Young Republican in the days of SDS hegemony, was mentioned as a possible Supreme Court justice before the Dems retook the White House in 1992. I heard her on NPR's "Morning Edition" last February, discussing the peculiarities of Texas's 153-year-old bankruptcy laws.

Alan S. Miller of Rockville, MD, left the executive directorship of the Renewable Energy Policy Project for the World Bank's Global Environmental Facility in April 1997. During that summer, he taught at the Vermont law school. Daughter Joanna was just about to enter kindergarten.

This past spring, Penguin expected to publish **Susan Devins** Rubenstein's cookbook for children called "Making Muffins." "With all due respect to 'Seinfeld,'" Susan wrote from her home in Toronto, "the recipes are for making the entire muffin, not just the tops!" It cost her 52 cents (Canadian) to send in her postcard—so where's your news? ♦ **Marsha Ackermann**, 1612 Waltham Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; e-mail, ackerm28@pilot.msu.edu; also, **Joel Y. Moss**, 110 Barnard Pl., NW, Atlanta, GA 30328; e-mail, jmoss5849@aol.com; tel., (404) 255-0565; fax, (404) 255-0955.



Hello, everyone. Do you realize that this September is the 30th anniversary of our arrival in Ithaca as wide-eyed freshmen? I remember taking the 12-hour bus ride from Pittsburgh, not really knowing what to expect. What I got was four years of great

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CORNELL ALUMNI FEDERATION



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LABORS OF LOVE

1998 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award winners

Does Cornell care about my volunteer work for the university? You betcha! Alumni are extremely important to Cornell in many ways, not the least of which are the hours of volunteer service they donate. Alumni serve as critical members of many key teams. They participate in the recruitment of new students, plan for reunions, lend expertise to university advisory councils, participate in regional clubs, and plan special events involving the university community. Alumni provide the spark and energy that keep all of these initiatives vital and interesting.

In recognition of special service, the Alumni Federation announces the winners of the 1998 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service awards. These awards are bestowed annually on some very wonderful men and women who love Cornell. This year the awards recognize eight distinguished alumni who have given most graciously of their time and talent over the long term.

This year's winners (in alphabetical order):

• **R. Davis "Dave" Cutting '48**, (Hotel) has a name familiar to all Ithacans. He has served on the University Council, the Real Estate Council, and as president of the Cornell Club of



Ithaca. He co-chaired the Beebe Lake 150th Birthday Party and has played major roles in the Class of '48, including service as president and chair of multiple reunion planning committees. In addition, he chaired Ithaca's Hotel school campaign.

• **M. Arthur "Art" Gensler '57**, BArch '58, has presided over the Cornell Club of Northern California and has also served on the Architecture Advisory Council, the Trustee Buildings and Properties Committee, the San Francisco 125th Celebration, and many other fund-raising initiatives. He has interviewed potential students for 21 years through the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and was honored in 1995 as Entrepreneur of the Year.



• **Arthur Kesten '44**, BA '49, is a life member of the University Council and has served on the Association of Class Officers (CACO) board and as president of the Cornell Club of Fairfield County in Connecticut. He has held all possible class offices and has chaired or co-chaired every Class of '44 reunion planning committee since his graduation. A tireless cheerleader, he has organized tour groups for his class, hosted countless dinners, and founded the Class of '44 Reunion Band. His wife, **Dorothy (Kay) '44**, BS HE '43, is also

being honored—not only for keeping up with her husband, but for serving on the University Council; as an active member of the

Class of '44, the Cornell Club of Fairfield County, and CACO; and for planning the very first West Coast Reunion. Together, she and Art have been a great duo: she has joined with



• **Michael Nadler '56**, BCE '58, serves on the University Council; is vice president of his class; was regional chair for the recent capital

him to host many Cornell parties, including fourteen annual family nights at the Cornell/Yale hockey game in New Haven.

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Seeking Nominees for Exemplary Service Awards

Do you know a Cornell alumnus/a who should be considered for the 1999 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service awards? If so, members of the selection committee ask for your help in nominating those whose service to Cornell warrants review and consideration. What will the committee be looking for? Extraordinary service to Cornell University, in both length and quality of contribution by the individual, through activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's various alumni organizations, associations, and related groups. Such service may be reflected in the leadership roles the individual has assumed in Cornell's alumni organizations and activities, or through the unique contributions made by the individual as part of his/her alumni service on behalf of Cornell. Personal financial contributions to Cornell, business or professional achievements, or outside community service are not among the qualifications the committee will consider. University trustees will not be eligible until they become inactive/emeritus.

To obtain a nomination form, please visit our website at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/federation/FHTR/default.html> or call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-2390. Nominations for 1999 awards are due at Alumni House no later than September 15, 1998.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / SEPTEMBER 15–NOVEMBER 15

For updated information on Cornell Club events, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-3517.

ITHACA

Johnson Museum, Sept. 16–Oct. 21—Collecting and connoisseurship: a short introduction to art collecting from Johnson Museum curators. Call Catherine Davidson, (607) 254-4563.

Johnson Museum, Sept. 20—Plants in Art series presented by the Plantations and Johnson Museum, 2:00–4:00. Call Catherine Davidson, (607) 254-4563.

Athletics, Oct. 3—Big Red football vs. Buffalo in Ithaca. Call Ryan Snider, (607) 255-7333, or e-mail rs86@cornell.edu.

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 16—Dinner and presentation of 1998 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service awards, Statler Hotel Ballroom. Call Lorie Dalola Hine '82, (607) 255-3517.

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 16–18—Homecoming Weekend. Call Margaret Gallo '81, (607) 255-7085.

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 17—Homecoming luncheon with President Hunter Rawlings and Mrs. Rawlings, the Cornell cheerleaders, and the Big Red Band at Lynah Rink. Cost, \$8. Call Margaret Gallo '81, (607) 255-7085.

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 17—All-alumni post-game gathering, Schoellkopf House Hall of Fame Room. Call Margaret Gallo '81, (607) 255-7085.

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 17—Young alumni post-game gathering: refreshments, music, and facetime in the Lynah Rink parking lot. Call Margaret Gallo '81, (607) 255-7085.

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 17—Glee Club fall concert at Sage Hall, 8 p.m. To order tickets, call Margaret Gallo '81, (607) 255-7085.

Asian Alumni Association, Oct. 17—Career Connection. Network with Asian alumni and current undergraduates. Call the CAAA hotline, (212) 606-4072, or e-mail Lorraine Leung at lorraine7@juno.com.

Johnson Museum, Oct. 17—A Celebration of Latino Arts, 1–4 p.m. Call Catherine Davidson, (607) 254-4563.

Athletics, Oct. 24—Big Red football vs. Dartmouth in Ithaca. Call Ryan Snider, (607) 255-7333, or e-mail rs86@cornell.edu.

METRO NEW YORK

CC/Princeton, Sept. 18—Pre-game welcome dinner for Big Red football team. Cost, \$30. Call Penny Skitol Haitkin '65, (212) 986-7202.

CC/Princeton, Sept. 19—Big Red football vs. Princeton. Pre-game barbecue, game,

and post-game celebration at the "Cornell Village." Cost, \$20. Call Penny Skitol Haitkin '65, (212) 986-7202.

NEW YORK/ONTARIO

CWC/Batavia, Sept. 26—Scholarship FUNdraiser. Call Mary Wright '45, (716) 345-9422.

CWC/Batavia, Oct. 24—"Women in the 1940s" presentation by Helen Batchellor, board member of the Batavia Historical Society. Call Mary Wright '45, (716) 345-9422.

CC/Genesee-Orleans, Nov. 4—Fall dinner meeting at the Village Inn of Childs, NY. Call W. Douglas '62 or Donna Hunt Call '62, (716) 343-1050.

NORTHEAST

CC/Princeton, Sept. 18—Pre-game welcome dinner for Big Red football team. Cost, \$30. Call Mia Spada, (607) 255-3516.

CC/Princeton, Sept. 19—Pre-game barbecue, game, and post-game celebration at "Cornell Village." Cost, \$20. Call Mia Spada, (607) 255-3516.

CAA/Maine, Sept. 19—Whitewater rafting on the Kennebec River with Unicorn Expeditions. Call J. R. "Jay" Schurman '80, (207) 725-2255.

CC/Greater Hartford, Sept. 27—Lunch with U.S. Attorney for District of Connecticut Stephen Robinson '79, BA '81, JD '84. Call Tom '86, JD '94, or Cathy Gordon Bartell, MHA HE '90, (860) 651-6332.

CC/Boston, Oct. 10—Big Red football vs. Harvard pre-game tailgate. Call Cecily Tatibouet '95, (617) 557-4168.

NORTH CENTRAL

CC/Cleveland, Sept. 15—Professor Emeritus of Political Economy Fred Kahn speaks on "The Deregulation Revolution"; reception to follow. Call Susan Miller, (216) 241-0642.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Oct. 11—Annual Cornell Fund phonathon, Greater Cleveland area. Call Susan Miller, (216) 241-0642.

MID-ATLANTIC

CC/Princeton, Sept. 18—Pre-game welcome dinner for Big Red football team. Cost, \$30. Call John Hedlund '91, (607) 255-1271.

CC/Princeton, Sept. 19—Big Red football vs. Princeton. Pre-game barbecue, match, and post-game celebration at the "Cornell Village." Cost, \$20. Call John

Hedlund '91, (607) 255-1271.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Sept. 23—Dinner. Call Chris Mullins '97, (610) 519-0136.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Oct. 13—Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network training. Call Amy Norr '82, (610) 667-4988.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Oct. 23—All-Ivy Happy Hour, Boathouse Row Sports Bar in Rittenhouse Hotel. Call Elizabeth Bunta Haussman '91, (610) 525-2897.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Oct. 24—Eastern State Penitentiary tour; luncheon to follow. Call Howard Greenberg '76, (610) 353-8763.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 8—Tour of the Delacroix exhibit, Philadelphia Art Museum; brunch to follow. Call Melissa Sperling '90, (610) 825-9055, ext. 331.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 13—Friday the Thirteenth happy hour in Manayunk. Call Bob Nahmias '97, (610) 407-5901.

WESTERN

CAA/Northern California, Sept. 16—Bay Area happy hour at the Blue Chalk Cafe. Call Kelly Ames, MBA '96, (650) 691-7005.

CAA/Northern California, Sept. 17—Young Entrepreneurs alumni event. Eric Young, co-founder and partner of the capital firm CANAAN speaks in Palo Alto. Call Shannon Murray '94, (415) 550-70139.

CAA/Orange County, Sept. 19—Anaheim Angels baseball game. Cost, \$14, club members; \$19 non-members. Call Michael Liess '85, (714) 838-3621.

CAA/Northern California, Sept. 24—Engineering Professor Thomas D. O'Rourke speaks on earthquakes. Call Marcy

Strauss '92, (650) 363-5975.

CC/Arizona, Sept. 27—Third Annual Tee Fee Crane Pool Party and chicken barbecue, a family get-together at the home of Harvey Young. Cost, \$4. Call by September 24, Harvey Young '57, (520) 531-8938.

CAA/Northern California, Oct. 9–11—Adult University seminar at Lake San Marcos, *The Presidency—Permanence and Change*, with Cornell professors Lowi and Blumin. Call Dorothy Weber '56, BA '58, (562) 987-7500.

CC/Colorado, Oct. 14—Downtown Denver annual Cornell Fund phonathon, hosted by Greg Smith, JD '72. Dinner provided. Call Susan Hennessee, (713) 629-5113 or e-mail, syh2@cornell.edu.

CC/Southern Arizona, Oct. 24—*Secret Agent Man* play with front row seats, Gaslight Theatre, Bloomington. Cost, \$14. Call Floyd Tewksbury '48, (520) 444-5552.

CAA/Northern California, Nov. 4–5—Bay Area Cornell Fund phonathon. Call Alex Barna '72, (650) 604-5074.

CC/Colorado, Nov. 7—Colorado Symphony Orchestra's "Hollywood Scores," Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver. Call John Sanders '84, (303) 471-2864.

CC/Colorado and Cornell Society of Hotelmen, Nov. 14—Community service with the Mercy House Project in Denver. Call Lorie Dalola Hine '82, (607) 255-3517.

INTERNATIONAL

Alumni Affairs, Oct. 8—Spirit of Zinck's Night. Join Cornellians in more than 80 cities around the world as they celebrate. Call John Hedlund '91, (607) 255-2390 or see the website, www.alumni.cornell.edu.



Mark your calendar—the Big Red Band parades down New York City's Fifth Ave. on Nov. 14.

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campaign; has been instrumental in many campaigns including Special Gifts 1990-95 and those of the Arts and Engineering colleges, Southern California regional projects, and Delta Chi; and has sat on the board of the Cornell Club of Southern California. He is a champion of planned giving, always eager to speak at meetings and seminars to explain how planned gifts make it possible for alumni to "give back and get back." President and director of the Delta Chi Housing Corporation at Cornell, Mr. Nadler is helping to en-



gineer a renaissance that will enable the fraternity to thrive in Ithaca in the next millennium.

• **Les Stern '60** (Hotel) has chaired the Alumni Trustee Nominations Committee and served the Hotel and ILR schools, including working on the search for a Hotel dean. He is a lifetime member and former chair of the University Council and was instrumental in the development of the Cornell Tradition and Cornell Connection programs. He served as the first chair of the Tradition Summer Job Network Program and conceived the idea of Alumni Area Coordinating Boards.



• **Pat Gunderson Stocker '53**

(Human Ecology) co-chaired (with husband Jim '53, see below) the San Francisco 125th Celebration and has served as president of both the Cornell Club of Philadelphia and the Cornell Club of Northern California. She is a member of the University Council and has been active in the College of Human Ecology alumni organization. She represented President Rhodes at the Rosemont College Presidential Inauguration and currently serves on the Plantations Development Committee. **Jim Stocker '51** (Arts) also received a Rhodes Award for his service on the Board of Trustees, the University Council, the Arts and Sciences Advisory Council, the



Cornell Club of Philadelphia, and on many campaigns, including the National Special Gifts and Campus Life. He is a member of the Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Committee.



This listing of alumni achievement is a breathtaking recitation that represents real time and effort devoted to making Cornell University the extraordinary institution it will always be. Cornell University is very grateful! Thank you, 1998 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award winners for all you do for Cornell.

— Nancy Cooke McAfee '63

SPRIT OF THE RED!

Kick off Cornell's 1998 football season with a fun-filled weekend as the Big Red take on the Tigers at Princeton. Cornell fans will welcome the team's new football coaching staff, including head coach Pete Mangurian, and cheer the players on to victory. The festivities include a welcome reception on Friday at the official team hotel and on Saturday a pre-game "Cornell Village" barbecue and post-game celebration. Don't miss this historic day for Ivy League football and all Cornell fans. Princeton's new football stadium will be dedicated at halftime, so tickets will sell out fast. Order your passport package, including game ticket, gourmet barbecue, entertainment, and reserved parking passes, today.

Friday, September 18, 1998
Welcome Team Reception and Dinner (tickets limited)

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Where: Holiday Inn, 4355 Route 1, Ridge Road, Princeton, NJ

Saturday, September 19, 1998
Pre-game barbecue, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., "Cornell Village" at Broadmead Field

Cornell vs. Princeton Kickoff, 1:15 p.m., Princeton's new football stadium

Post-Game Celebration, 4-6 p.m., "Cornell Village" at Broadmead Field

For more information, visit the athletic department website www.athletics.cornell.edu. To order your Cornell Village passport, call (607) 255-7333.

CAU—A Family Affair

For Rosalie "Lee" Seely Brown Parker '57 and husband Garth, MBA '57, this summer at CAU was very special. They chose to celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary with a week in Ithaca. Since Cornell is the place where they met, they felt the campus would be a good place for the celebration—and they brought the whole family along—three sons and their wives and four grandchildren. Everyone participated in their own CAU program, from three-year-old Hayley Rose Parker, who was in the Li'l Bear group, to Garth Sr., who took a course on the American presidents, "The Presidency, the Presidents, and Presidential Leadership from the Founding to the Present," taught by Glenn Altschuler, dean of continuing education, and historian Joel Silbey. The three Parker sons, Garth Jr., Richard '84, and William, all took "Outdoor Skills and Thrills—On the Ropes," taught by David Moriah, founding director of Cornell's outdoor education program, while Lee took "Exploring the Finger Lakes Trail," taught by Verne Rockcastle, profes-



The Parkers celebrate their fortieth anniversary with an Ithaca vacation.

sor emeritus of science and environmental education. Daughter-in-law Evie took "Swimmer's Clinic," taught by Pam Arnold and Joe Lucia, head coaches of the Cornell's women's and men's swim teams. Karen took "Home Landscape Design Workshop," taught by Marvin Adelman, professor of landscape architecture, and Vicki took "Now You're Cooking: A Culinary Workshop," taught by Charlotte Bruce. Grandchildren Christopher, 6, Robbie, 7, and Jennifer, 9, were in the Tykes, Sprouts, and Junior Cornellian (International

Art) groups, respectively. The family hails from Florida, Pennsylvania, and California and all were delighted to be together in Ithaca. "This was our present to ourselves," says Lee. "It was a wonderful week and we recommend it to all families."

You can give the gift of learning to a loved one or friend. CAU will prepare a certificate, in any amount, for participation in a future CAU program. Call Ralph Janis '66, at (607) 255-6260 for more information.

The Disney Kingdom

SARAH ELDER '73 AND
BRUCE TATUSKO '72

There are people driving slow, gawking out the window," says Bruce Tatusko about the traffic in Celebration, Florida. "And I'm out there trying to mow my lawn. I feel like a gorilla in a zoo." Bruce, who designs stunt shows and roller coasters for Universal Studios Florida, is one of the founding residents of Celebration, a two-year-old town owned and run by Disney Incorporated. "I wanted something more than a house," says his wife, Sarah, of their home a half-hour's drive from Orlando. "I really love it here because there are a lot of community-minded people."

When they move to Celebration, residents agree to follow rules—from the color of their curtains to the length of their grass. But despite the regulations and the ogling crowds, the couple and their nine-year-old daughter, Rachel, enjoy living there. "The fact that Disney runs it is a plus," says Bruce. "You won't find anyone's lawn filled with old cars or anything like that here."

—Emily Hovland '98



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memories and a lifetime of friendships.

Mark Goldfarb of Dryden, NY, was elected president of the Landlords Assn. of Tompkins County. After 21 years in the Air Force, **Jim Hill** is a DC-10 flight engineer at Federal Express in Tennessee. Jim and wife Bonnie have children, Mark, 3, and James, 7, who is busy with soccer, piano, and Nintendo 64. **Sue O'Hara**, BA '71, reports from Rockville, MD, that husband **Alan Miller** '71 is with the global environment facility of the World Bank. Daughter Joanna, 6, is in first grade. In 1997 **Alan MacRobert** married Abby Hafer, a biologist teaching at colleges in the Boston area. Alan continues as one of the editors of *Sky & Telescope* magazine in Cambridge, MA. **Bruce Tatusko**, MPS HA '75, wife **Sarah (Elder)** '73 and daughter Rachel, 9, moved to Florida to help build a new theme park: Universal's Islands of Adventure. They also built their own home in Disney's Celebration, a new town south of Orlando. The family loves the town, the new school, and their house. Bruce hosted a cocktail party for the Central Florida Cornell Alumni Assn. in May at Universal Studios-Florida. We hope Universal has recovered from that Big Red invasion.

Dr. **James Hotz** finished his novel, "Where Remedies Lie," a sequel to the book and movie, *Doc Hollywood* (starring Michael J. Fox), that was based upon how Jim started his medical practice in rural Georgia. The novel pits a late 1960s idealist against a modern "rob-

ber baron" of the for-profit world of corporate medicine. The first printing is a fund-raiser for a state organization that encourages poor and minority kids to consider careers in the medical profession. If you are interested in purchasing the book, contact SOWEGA-AHEC, PO Box 528, Albany, GA 31702. Jim says that most of his friends at Cornell never thought he would read another novel, much less write one.

Nancy Abramowitz "retired" from a partnership at Arnold & Porter several years ago and is now enjoying teaching at American U. law school. Spouse **Mark Ellenberg** is a partner at the DC law office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. Daughter **Julia** '01 is studying in Arts & Sciences, son Alex is a high school senior, and daughter Molly is in eighth grade. Nancy reports that their seasons are defined by sports—from football to soccer to basketball to softball. **Will Fudeman** graduated from the New England School of Acupuncture and is practicing Chinese medicine in Ithaca and Syracuse. **Diane Spanier** Linker writes that daughter **Jennifer Linker** '01 is a member of the women's basketball team, so the family became Big Red basketball groupies last winter. They had fun watching the team play in Ithaca and up and down the East Coast from New Hampshire to Florida. Diane also has an adopted daughter, Beth, who graduated from Amherst College in May; a son Michael in ninth grade; and a daughter Anne in fifth grade.

My daughter, Kelly, graduated from St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco

in May, where she received the school's Christian Life Council award. Lauren McGeoch, daughter of Cynthia and **Bruce McGeoch**, is a junior at Castilleja School in Palo Alto, CA, where she is a star on the water polo and swimming teams. **Carl Valley**, BS Ag '73, joined Dean Witter Discover in Elmira as an account executive. Daughter Sarah is a senior at Emma Willard School in Troy, and son Parks is in tenth grade at Elmira Free Academy.

Dr. **Susan Rosenthal** is an associate professor of pediatrics, practicing pediatric gastroenterology at Robert Wood Johnson medical school in Piscataway, NJ. She is also assistant dean of students there. Susan is married to George Karp, a hematologist/oncologist in private practice in New Brunswick, NJ. The couple have children Rebecca, 16, Aaron, 14, and Jonathan, 5. Susan still plays the flute for various groups and informs us that **Leslie R. Brody** published a book on growing up as a Jewish woman in America. Susan says that she always enjoys seeing **Carolyn Jacobson** on trips to Washington, DC, for meetings. Dr. **Alan Weitberg** is currently chairman of medicine at Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence, RI. Alan was also promoted to professor of medicine at Brown U. and the Boston U. medical school.

Carolyn "Merle" Ladd Silverman, BFA '74, (Mrs. **George** '69) is the mathematics acquisitions editor for K-12 material at the supplementary division of Addison Wesley Longman Inc. Daughter **Anne Silverman** '00 enjoys the Hotel school and is diving for the Big Red swim team. Son David graduated from the US Naval Academy in May and has started SEALS training. Son Doug is a sophomore at Bellarmine College Prep, in San Jose, CA, playing football and baseball. Merle reports that she saw **William Cunningham**, BArch '73, and **Alfreda (Radzicki)**, BArch '73, in NYC. The Cunninghams' son, Andrew, was accepted at Stuyvesant High and son Peter is a joyful fourth-grader. Merle also keeps seeing **Robert Maroney** in airports—first Kennedy, then San Francisco. Send news. ♦ **Alex Barna**, 1050 Eagle Lane, Foster City, CA 94404; e-mail, abarna@mail.arc.nasa.gov; **Gary Rubin**, 512 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090; tel., (908) 232-8468 (H), (212) 686-7700 (O); e-mail, glrubin@aol.com.

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Bob and Joan Saltsman Oelschlager have moved, yet again, but at least are keeping the same mailing address. GE

thought their Spanish skills would be put to good use in South America. Bob was given the job of general manager for Central and South America for electrical distribution and control in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Learning Portuguese after Spanish hasn't been too bad, they report. Son John, 12, is at the Escola Graduata studying an American curriculum and loving it. Trips to Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca were being planned.

This past April, **John T. Williams**, BS Ag '75, owner of Frog's Leap Winery in Rutherford, CA, hosted the third wine dinner of the 1998 season at the Plaza Hotel in NYC. John and wife Julie were presenting wines

from their winery, which they had co-founded in 1981. John grew up on a dairy farm in western New York and attended Cornell to pursue further studies as a dairyman. He discovered wine and found himself in the master's program of enology and viticulture at U. of California, Davis. Moving to the Napa Valley in 1980 after being winemaker at Glenora Wine Cellars, John took the post of winemaker at Spring Mountain Vineyards. A year later, John and Julie started their own winery on the land of a previous frog farm. An old ledger revealed that around the turn of the century, frogs were raised there and sold for 33-cents a dozen to the Victorian gourmets living in San Francisco. According to Thomas Norberg, director of beverage at the Plaza, "Frog's Leap has become one of America's premier wineries, with their wines selling out year after year."

Ken Chew e-mailed me a note about his family. Wife **Tricia Cahill** is a doctor of child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry at Kaiser-Permanente, Irvine, Ca. Tricia manages to keep Ken and their two kids "supplied with music lessons, comic books, and audio equipment." They live in Irvine.

Allen Ekman of Tucson, AZ, wrote that he and his wife spent four days in San Louis Obispo, CA, with the former theology school dean **William Boldt** and met **Bob Griffin '69**, who had studied in the Hotel school. With their dues came news from Henry and **Laurie Kaufman** Amber, MBA '75: Laurie has become the president of the Children's Cancer Fund. Their son is now in remission from leukemia. Laurie has also become certified as a family and civil court mediator. They call S. Miami home. Taking a figure drawing class, as well as working as a social worker/child therapist is **Judith Friedman** Babcock. She recently learned how to give her figures more form. Judi and husband Robert have son Jimmy, 11, and live in Bedford, MA. **Sandra Whitney Curry**, MD '82, made a trip to Cornell last September while husband **Donald '73** interviewed law school candidates. When not chasing her "rambunctious" 4-year-old, Peter, around, Sandra is a specialty board examiner for anesthesiology near their Chappaqua, NY, home. **Gayle (Stamp)** and **Tom Digan** are stationed in southeastern Georgia, where Tom is the commodore (or is that commander?) of Submarine Squadron 16. His squadron has five trident submarines in it. Keeping them busy are their four kids. **Craig Esposito** started a new job as a mortgage broker after 22 years of fund-raising. Craig is located in Niantic, CT.

Ken Gittelson, BA '75, remarried in April 1997 and honeymooned in Paris. He and his wife reside in Flushing, NY. A note came from **Walter**, ME C '76, and **Nancy Baldini Howard '75**: "**Ben Brungraber** and I (Walter) seem to enjoy each other more and more, as fewer and fewer classmates retain their immaturity as well as we do." Wally was closing a financing deal for a water treatment plant in Mexico. He and Nancy live in Fairfield, CT.

From Westfield, NJ, **Bill Howard** writes that he was named one of the computer indus-

try's Ten Most Influential Journalists by *Marketing Computers* magazine. Bill was promoted to senior editor of *PC Magazine*, where he has worked for 13 years. Bill also writes two columns a month for *Roundel*, a BMW-owner's magazine. He and **Gary Rubin '72** play racquetball, since their offices are across the street from each other in NYC. Gary's wife is also the pediatrician for Bill's family. **Sandra Brown Kryger**, BS Ag '75, found "lost" classmate **Jack Unterberger**. Jack is a veterinarian at the Pine Bush Animal Hospital in Pine Bush, NY. Sandra lives in Walden, NY, with her kids, Kristen, 16, and Matthew, 13. Sandra started her own business, Sundown Veterinary Management Consulting. She is a NYS-licensed veterinary technician and certified veterinary practice manager. **Steven Marks** moved to Rockville, MD, after 22 years in Illinois. He had a paper published in October 1997 in *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Steven misses pizza and the Bulls. Now that he works in DC, he says, "one could say I traded the wind for hot air."

Paul Mayne, BS Eng '76, PhD '91, took a sabbatical in Norway working on geotechnical engineering. He toured Oslo with his wife, Karen, and daughter Shannon, 5. Stateside, they can be found in Marietta, GA. Paul has been in touch with **Art Woolf**, BA '73 (in Vermont) and **John Ramsay** (in Virginia).

Received the following news from **Mary Berens**: two of our classmates passed away this year. Dr. **Robert C. Morris**, DVM '78, died last March. He had been living in Highland, IL. **Diane S. Behar** lost her ten-year battle with cancer. Diane had been working for the City of New York and living in Manhattan. She was a regular attendee at the annual Class of '74 cocktail parties held in late January each year.

Several classmates returned to Reunion 1998 to help plan for our 25th Reunion in 1999. They are: **Brian Beglin**, **Andy Chang**, **Alison Dreizen**, **Bonni Schulman** Dutcher, **John Foote**, **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, **Mary O'Connell**, BS ILR '75, **Kris Rupert**, **Jaclyn Spear**, BS Eng '75, **C. Evan Stewart**, JD '77, **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure, and **Carolyn Gregg** Will. Mary Berens hosted the group for a Sunday planning brunch at her house. The rest of the time, she was busy with Reunion 1998 in her role as director of alumni affairs. Make your plans for our 25th Reunion in Ithaca, June 10-13, '99. For details, check our Class of '74 web page at www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1974. ♦ **Linda Meyers** Geyer, 25926 Monte Carlo Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692; e-mail, lgdesigns@ibm.net; also, **Steve Raye**, 25 Litchfield Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070; and **Betsy Beach**, 4 Thoreau Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824; e-mail, ebeach@baynetworks.com.

75 Reunion 1998 has just passed, which reminds me that our 25th is just around the corner in 6/00 (or 6/2000, for those who worry about Y2K!). I thought that I

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would let you know about one of our class projects as we approach the next century. Those of you who contributed to the Cornell Chimes Project (and the rest of the class) should know that the project has just gotten off the ground. After Reunion 1998, crews removed all 19 bells from McGraw Tower (Total weight: 21,766 pounds!). There is now one bell known as the Class of '75 Bell. The plan is for all the bells to be tuned, for the first time since their initial installation in 1868. In addition, McGraw Tower will be completely refurbished and the bells reinstalled during the summer of 1999. So have no fear, they will be ready to help us celebrate our 25th with a concert.

One of our classmates, **Daniel Barry**, spent nine days in 1996 as a mission specialist on the *Endeavor* space shuttle flight. The flight was a joint effort between NASA and the Japanese Space Agency to retrieve a Japanese satellite from its orbit. This past October, Daniel came back to Phillips Hall on the Hill to recount his adventure to Cornell students in Engineering and former professors.

Jill Siegel, owner of Olchak Market Research, opened up a new location in Washington, DC, last June. OMR is a market research company based in Greenbelt, MD, near Jill's home in Rockville, MD. **Deborah Barlow** Rockey, BArch '80, was recently promoted at The Hillier Group, an architecture and interior design planning company. Deborah recently worked on a project for Cornell's Sage Hall and is currently working on a project at Columbia U. in New York City. She lives in Hopewell, NJ. **Sol Vazquez** lives in Harrisburg, PA, and is the founder of Teatro Urayoan, a Puerto Rican Youth Theater Ensemble. Sol can be reached via e-mail at: boricua@paonline.com. Also in Pennsylvania is **Stephen Pearlman**, who lives in Kennett Square near Philly. He and wife Ellen have children: David, 9, Rachel, 7, and Arielle, 3. Stephen is a physician specializing in neonatal medicine and is director of the fellowship in neonatology at Jefferson Medical College in Philly and associate director of neonatology at Christiana Hospital in Delaware. His e-mail address is spearlman@christianacare.org.smtp.

News also comes from **Christine "Ting" Magill Kamon**, in Westchester, PA. Husband **Mark** is now at Bethlehem Steel after the merger with Lukens (Mark was with Lukens for 23 years). Ting hears from **Cindy (Johnson)** that her husband, Ed Giambastiani, is a three-star vice admiral and is taking over command of submarine force of the Atlantic Fleet. They have children Peter, finishing sophomore year at Annapolis; and Catherine, just graduating from high school.

International news comes from **William Ridlon II**, a lieutenant colonel in the US Army Reserve recently stationed in Sarajevo. Bill was deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina in March 1997 to serve as the theater claims officer for the NATO-led Stabilization Force. Bill has traveled throughout Bosnia and Croatia and finds the country breath-taking and the people open and hospitable. He was awarded a Joint Service Achievement Medal, a NATO Medal, and a Defense Meritorious

Service Medal. He should be back in the States by the time you read this. More news from abroad is provided by **Jack Brewster**, who reports from Kuwait that wife Debbie gave birth to Maria McAuliffe Brewster on Mar. 18, '98, to join siblings Nonni and Kate. I heard from Dr. **Maria Recurt**, who graduated from the U. of Puerto Rico medical school in 1979 and practices rheumatology there. She has two sons and is married to Joe Sampson (Syracuse U., MBA '70) and is active in Puerto Rico's Cornell Club.

Mehmet Yavuz Corapcioglu, PhD '75, is a professor of civil engineering at Texas A&M U. and was named a Texas Engineering Experiment Station fellow.

On a personal note, I became a double aunt! My brother, **Jonathan '70** and sister-in-law, **Bette Kirschstein '79**, became parents for the first time to identical twin daughters Elizabeth and Sarah, on May 8, '98. Keep your letters and e-mails coming. Even just short notes are welcome to classmates who want to hear your news. ♦ **Deb Gellman**, 330 E. 79th St., #8G, NYC 10021; e-mail, gellman@bloomberg.net; also, **Joan Pease**, 6335 Hillary Ct., Alexandria, VA 22315; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, 49 Fuller Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928; e-mail, boroffka@lanmail.shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, 6613 Crenshaw Dr., Orlando, FL 32835; **Barbara Foote Shingleton**, 43 Chestnut St., Boston, MA 02108; tel., (617) 722-0124; and **Amy Cohen Banker**, 50 E. 89th St., Apt. 24-D, NYC 10128.

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Greetings! I'm writing to you from The Greenbrier, a resort in West Virginia, where my husband and I had the opportunity to catch up on all the news in **Frank Tataseo's** life. We are here for the Grocery Manufacturers Assn. conference and Frank is the vice president of sales for The Clorox Co. Frank lives in the San Francisco area with wife Mary Ann, daughter Maya, son Anthony, and the newest addition to the family, Olivia. My husband, **Don Sussman**, MBA '79, is here on behalf of the Stop & Shop Supermarkets, where he is the senior vice president of non-perishables.

Eric Elice is co-creative director of America's largest theatrical advertising agency, Serino Coyne Inc., which is now celebrating its 20th anniversary as the leader in Broadway advertising. Eric earned his keep for eight years as an actor/singer/dancer, with credits ranging from Broadway musicals to television Shakespeare. In addition to other works, he wrote and staged a revue, *Bad Times Are Just Around the Corner*, for which he won the Boston Phoenix Award. Eric holds a master's degree from Yale's drama school and served for two years as a teaching fellow in fine arts at Harvard.

Art Steinberg writes that **Larry Bloom**, **Bill Panitch**, and **Mark Ruderman** had planned a July 4 reunion at his Berkshires lake house. Additionally, Art writes that Mark and wife Lois reside with their children, Lauren, Alison, and Michelle, in their new house in Warren, PA and **Bruce** and **Lisa Hersh-kowitz Gould**, DVM '79, and their children,

Rachel, Taryn, and Zachary, were planning a trip through the Wild West this summer by motor home. Art travels all over the country as president of Greenhouse Inc., a management consulting group with offices in New England, Chicago, and Tucson, AZ. Art's wife, Jennifer, keeps order at home looking after daughters Briel, 13, an active equestrian, and Rebecca, 12, preparing for her bas mitzvah on Labor Day weekend in 1999.

Deanna Kathleen Raih, JD '79, is the director of human resources at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault in Boston. Deanna specializes in employment and benefits law. Via my ex-roomie and co-correspondent, **Pat Relf Hanavan**, we learned that good friend **Larry Epstein**, MBA '78, has been named CFO and vice president of finance at Princeton Video Image Inc. Larry is leaving Primestar Partners, LP, the nation's second-largest direct broadcast satellite provider. Prior to this, Larry has held several senior financial positions with a number of CBS Inc. units, including the CBS Television Network, CBS News, and CBS-owned and -operated stations.

Dr. **Samuel Strauss** graduated from the U. of Florida's veterinary college in 1982 and has been in small animal practice in Pembroke Pines, FL, since then. He and wife Judy have children Jamie and Melanie. **David E. Short** has been appointed senior legal counsel to the International Air Transport Assn., based at its headquarters in Montreal. Previously, he had been with the Washington, DC, office of Baker & Hostetler, LLP, a national law firm, where he specialized in international aviation law. David was looking forward to returning to his hometown of Montreal, after having spent more than 20 years in the US, since his days at Cornell.

David Smith and wife **Donna (Bacchi)** send word from Lubbock, TX. David is the former commissioner, Texas Dept. of Health, and was named president of Texas Tech U. Health Sciences Center in October 1996. Donna is a pediatrician and was named associate professor of pediatrics and chief, division of community pediatrics, TTUHSC in July 1997. **Rafael Sharon**, BArch '77, is an architect living in Princeton, NJ, with wife Lorna, step-daughter Ashley, 14, and daughter Cimarron, 4. Rafael is a partner in a 33-person architectural firm, Kehrth Shatken Sharon Architects (KSS), which along with providing services to corporate, residential, and government clients, does a majority of their work for academic institutions. He is finally "back on the Hill," renovating a major lecture hall in Olin Hall.

Carol Comstock Bussell is the owner of Creative Works, an origami and art seminars small business in Indianapolis. Carol was honored to have her works exhibited at an international exhibit of origami at Purdue U. **Martin Heinstein** and wife Jeanette are living happily in Teaneck, NJ, with their three children. He is a partner at a Midtown Manhattan law firm specializing in real estate law. Martin says he tries to get up to Cornell once a year, as his kids love it. **Steven Flatow** and wife Nancy happily announced the birth of James Steven on June 20, '97, to join his older brother,

Robert Anthony, born July 4, '94. **Janis Fleishman** and partner Valerie Rhoades became parents in October 1996, when Janis gave birth to Samantha Rhoades Fleishman. Janis works in the education services division of Oracle Corp. She and Valerie live in Wattertown, MA. **Cameron Munter** is a foreign service officer enlarging NATO. He resides in Washington, DC, with wife **Marilyn (Wyatt) '75**, son Dan, and daughter Anna.

Dr. **Lee Prisament** is a managerial director at Zurich Capital Markets. He is married to **Marcia Rappaport '78** and they have son, Seth Daniel, 2. Dr. **Steven Tremaroli** is a chiropractor who has been married for more than 18 years. He and Marianne live in Syosset, LI, NY, and have sons, Robert, 14, and Nicholas, 11. In the last year, **Janet Brothers Fallon** has taken a job as a field agronomist for Agway, after nearly 20 years at the Agway Research Farm. Janet is also enjoying her activities in the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and would encourage other alumni to get involved.

Dr. **Kirkchai Charoen-Rajapark**, ME ORIE '77, MBA '78, writes from Bangkok, Thailand. He is a business man involved in office building, shopping center, and hotel real estate. He has set up a college granting a degree in business administration and engineering. The college has been operating for two years. This past year with a group sharing the same ideals, Kirkchai has set up the Ram Siam Political Party. The goal of the party is to govern the country with great efficiency and justice in accordance with natural law, and to bring peace, harmony, and happiness to all the people by using the proven scientific knowledge and the knowledge of natural law. At present he is the acting party leader and believes his party is well received by the press.

Pat Saucier Collopy has been in Portland, OR, for nearly seven years. She has returned to Price Waterhouse as a senior audit manager in September 1996, after a six-year absence during which she was at home with children, Lauren, 11, and Sean, 9. Her husband, Chuck, is with Wells Fargo Bank.

Keep on sending your news our way, though timeliness is not a major strength due to production lead time, there are people out there waiting to hear about you. Be well and best regards. ♦ **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, 29 Margaret Ct., Great Neck, NY 11024; e-mail, krinsk54@aol.com; **Lisa Diamant**, 31 Ingleside Rd., Lexington, MA 02173; and **Pat Relf Hanavan**, 6301 Winding Lane, Richland, MI 49083; e-mail, relf@aol.com.

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Mary Louise (Burke) made some major changes in her life in the past year or so. In January 1997, she married **Lester Vincent '78 (EE)**; in July she moved to Palo Alto, CA, after having lived in Los Angeles for 12 years. Her first child, Isabelle, with a full head of red hair, was born in March 1998. While in LA, Mary had worked at Universal Studios for nine years. Now she's taking a sabbatical to care for Isabelle. Mary also was one of the founders of "My Friend's Place," an or-

ganization that helped homeless youth in Hollywood. In 1988, "My Friend's Place" started out as a Friday night feeding program—now they have 100 clients per day and an annual budget of \$500,000. **Laura Konowitz Rattner** writes of another classmate who is a new, first-time mother of a daughter—**Carol Rosenblum Levin**. Laura, who lives in Potomac, MD, visited Carol in New York City and they were joined by **Loren Krause Luzmore**. Laura also saw **Gina Davis Kerner**, who lives in Great Neck with her two children. Laura and husband **Mark '76**, have children, Jess, 11, and Zachary, 8. Laura is a psychotherapist in private practice; Mark is a urologist.

Another birth, in April 1997: **William Schweizer** and wife Alison welcomed twins Noah and Elizabeth. William is assistant professor at the New York U. medical school in the obstetrics and gynecology department, and, no, he did not deliver his own children. "Being the dad was hard enough." **Gwen Pospisil** and husband Doug White also had twins; Sarah Gwendolyn and Elizabeth Lindsay were born in November 1996. They live outside Philadelphia, where both parents are lawyers with the EPA. This news came from **Elizabeth Nelson**, who lives in Minneapolis with husband Peter Komarck and son Brady. Elizabeth is a mergers and acquisitions attorney at Norwest Corp. and since the birth of her son in March 1996 has been working four days per week. Elizabeth says that "after living in Manhattan for more than ten years, my main activity in Minneapolis is keeping warm!" **Richard Shaffer** is also moving from the New York metropolitan area to a colder climate. He is having a house built on a mountain in Colorado, even though his business will remain in New Jersey. He says that Colorado has much better skiing and the golf balls travel farther! Rich and wife Natalka will "commute" to New Jersey to manage their investment advisory business, Chartwell Consulting. Chartwell has been in business five years, helping institutional investors manage their assets. Rich sees **Steve Vaccaro '76**, BA '77, occasionally. Steve remarried and lives in Manhattan (when he's not on a plane to Latin America for Chemical Bank).

Rita Redberg is associate professor of medicine (cardiology) at U. of California, San Francisco's medical center and co-director of the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. Somehow, she also found time in between caring for children Anna, 4, and Rebecca, 2, to write a children's book, *You Can Be a Woman Cardiologist*. Rita saw **Gail Ruterma**n and her family at Cape Cod for a week last August. After years of medical training at Yale and the U. of North Carolina, **Peter Arvan** spent eight years at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston in the biological/biomedical sciences program. While in Boston, he met and married Amy Chang, a scientist. Amy took a job at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and, after two years of a commuting marriage, Peter got a job in the Albert Einstein developmental and molecular biology department. **Lynette Turner Prosser**

also has a commuting marriage. She lives in Indianapolis, IN, and last October she married Ron Prosser, who lives in Richmond, VA. **Cindy Powell '76** attended the wedding, which was held in Indianapolis.

Cynthia Fairbank Lewis and husband **Steven , DVM '78**, have an equine and a small animal clinic in western New York. Their oldest son, Craig, is an engineering major and football player (short season due to a broken wrist) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.; son Jeffery plays high school football and is considering Cornell for commercial design or architecture; daughter Kerrie is on the high school swim team. An athletic and smart bunch—perfect potential Cornellians. **Steve Yale-Loehr, JD '81**, is happy and busy (in that order) with his family and work in Ithaca. Steve teaches immigration law at the Law school. All three of his kids play hockey. **Jeffrey Brown**, on the other hand, recently moved to South Carolina and is pleased not to have to shovel snow. Jeff, GE's manager of new product introduction for gas turbines, says that he, wife Kay, and children Matt and Christine are adjusting well to the South. Jeff also keeps in touch with **Mike Weimer**. **Mary Decker, ME E '78**, lives in Charleston, SC, where she practices radiation oncology. Mary has children, Reed, 6, Evan, 5, and William, 2, and they take advantage of the beach and water sports in Charleston.

Cheryl Spielman was promoted to tax partner at Ernst & Young, LLP in their global employee solutions group. Cheryl lives in Englewood, NJ, with husband **Ronald Kohanski '75** and "enjoys the challenges of six children and a new daughter-in-law." **Dennis Zeleny** was appointed vice president of human resources for Allied Signal, located in Morristown, NJ. This appointment caused him to relocate to New Jersey from Bloomfield Hills, MI. Dennis has children, Zara, 7, Alexander, 6, and Meredith, 3. **Steve Marsland** and wife Mary Anne are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Stephanie Angeline on Aug. 8, '97. **Goetz Martius, BS Hotel '78**, lives in Berlin, Germany. In the summer of 1994, he opened his own firm as an accountant and tax con-

sultant and says he appreciates his professional independence. Goetz describes life in Berlin as fascinating, particularly as Berlin experiences the transition from a divided city to the capital of unified Germany.

Dennis DiMaria vacationed in Italy last year. Their trip took them to Assisi, where they stayed the night and saw the Basilica San Francesco. The major earthquake that destroyed many of Assisi's treasures hit less than 24 hours after they had left. Back at home on Long Island, Dennis has been attending Polytechnic U. at night in order to earn a master's in computer science. During the day, he works at the American Inst. of Physics, where they publish (what else?) physics research journals. **Debbie Demske** travels internationally a great deal as a global account manager for Hewlett-Packard. Debbie's husband, Harry Fox, doesn't travel as much, so son Benjamin, 2, is well taken care of. Grandpa **Don Demske '55** helps out, too. Debbie stays in touch with **Karen Lorentz** and **Brenda Peterman Kline**. **Emily Agis-Wahl** has also had the opportunity to travel to many parts of the world both on business and pleasure. Emily works for BMC Software as director of worldwide marketing operations. Previously, she'd spent 17 years at IBM. Emily, husband Tom, and children Jacqueline and Stephen live in Houston, TX, where they water ski and snow ski.

Drew Nieporent writes that his Myriad Restaurant Group continues to expand with the Steelhead Grill in Pittsburgh, PA, and a new Nobu in London. Take it from me, Drew's restaurants are the best. As part of a Thanksgiving ritual, my husband, Ken, and I go out with my brother **Bob Panzer '81** and wife Doreen; my sister **Ellen Panzer '88**; cousin **Glenn Guior '80**; and cousin Rick Guior and wife **Barbara Frank '83**. We visit a different Drew Nieporent restaurant each year. (What can I tell you? We're loyal Cornellians...) We've been to Montrachet and Nobu and each has been a truly memorable dining experience. ♦ **Lorrie Panzer Rudin, 14833 Botany Way, N. Potomac, MD 20878, rudin@erols.com.**

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While reading the various notecards from classmates, I was struck by the variety of emotions evoked as we anticipated turning, or actually turned, 40 over the past year. Uniformly, there was a certain glee detected in the writings of those classmates who could proclaim, as **Freeman Fessler**, BA '82, did, "Luckily I haven't reached it yet!" Freeman is living in Shortsville, NY, with wife **Anne (Payne)** '81, DVM '84, and their children, Andrew, 10-1/2, Jessica, 6-1/2, Kayla, 4-1/2, and Lauren, 3. Freeman joined Kodak full-time in January of 1995 and "survived several 'right' sizing efforts." **Lorraine Weiss Kaplan** wrote about turning 40: "I'm still 39!" Lorraine and husband **Jonathan** live in Wilmette, IL, with twin daughters Alexandra and Elizabeth, 6-1/2; they moved last year from Larchmont, NY, to the Chicago area. Currently, Lorraine is at home raising her family, volunteering at school, playing tennis, and singing with the North Shore Music Adult Choral. Previously, she was vice president for merchandising for the Victoria's Secret Catalog in NYC. Jonathan did turn 40 this year and celebrated with a special dinner with close family members. Jonathan was promoted in October 1997 to director of midwest healthcare consulting practice for Ernst and Young. Jonathan and Lorraine keep in touch with **Audrey Levine** who has a daughter, Allison, and **Larry Wilkins**, MBA '84, who has a son, Max.

Iris Finkelstein Stoner, noting that most of us turned 40 during 1997, wrote "I'm not 40 until 1998!" Iris and husband Tad have been living in Hong Kong for nearly 14 years. Iris notes: "After three years of pretty much seven-days-a-week work running our own pub, we have hired managers and taken back our lives." Under the new arrangement, Tad and Iris are hardly working, taking in profit from the pub, and spending "loads of time" with their children, Erin, 11-1/2, Benjamin, 5, and Adam, born on Nov. 14, '97. As Iris writes, "Not bad!" Another classmate with a 1958 birthday is **Lisa Barrett Nadler**, MD, who is married with four cats and no kids and living in Durham, NC. Lisa has a new job with the Triangle Family Practice in Durham. She has kept in touch with **Sharon Kapeluk** '77, an anesthesiologist in Lewisburg, WV, and **Sandra Wozniak**, an emergency room physician in Middleton, MA.

A humorous note came from **Dan Leonard**, who stated: "I've yet to admit I HAD a 40th." Dan lives in Spencer, NY, and is a member of NY State Senator Thomas Libous's staff. Sharing a similar philosophy, **Bernice Churnetski** Rogers wrote in response to the question of how did you spend your 40th: "Quietly! I mean—what 40th? I stopped having birthdays at 27!" Bernice has been married nearly 16 years and has children Will, 11-1/2, and Alex, 6-1/2. She coaches basketball and soccer for her sons' teams and has taken up tennis. In the past year, Bernice was promoted to start-up manager at Tritium Facilities' Savannah River site in Aikens, SC.

Not wanting his entrance into a new decade to go by without a trace, **Phing Kwee**,

BArch '80, "bought a Ferrari Marenello 550. (Life begins at 40!)" Phing is happily married to Teck Al and they have lovely children: Natalie, Ker Fong, Valerie, and Ker Chen. Phing is doing property development and designing work in Singapore. **Allan Bonadio**, Sunnyvale, CA, celebrated his 40th birthday by climbing to the top of Mt. Agung in Bali, Indonesia. Allan invites us to see pictures of the climb at www.well.com/nbonadio, travel section. **Sharon Rowe** Freeman offered these comments on her 40th: "I had dinner with my husband then was sick with a stomach flu! (Getting old, I guess.)" Sharon is working as a manager at North Carolina State U.'s metabolism education unit, where they are busier than ever. She and her husband added 300 square feet to their house last summer (kitchen and utility room), purchased a bass boat, and are generally enjoying life (without children).

Lisa Alcazar-Pesante wrote two notecards which both strongly stated her dislike about the prospect of turning 40: "I cried every day for two weeks straight then decided that the only thing worse than being old, middle aged, wrinkled, and over the hill is not getting there and [I] started a savings account for a face lift. I figure I'll have just about enough by the time I hit 50." Lisa went on to say that she is self employed, has never been married or had children, has never been in trouble with the law, and has stayed off welfare. Lisa lives in Houston, TX.

In Kennett Square, PA, **Jay and Roberta Moloff Luft** celebrated their 40th birthdays by "giving each other cheap, drug-store reading glasses." Jay is an ear, nose, and throat doctor and Roberta is a psychiatrist, both with offices in Wilmington, DE. They have sons Ian, 8, and David, 5-1/2. Jay plays bass and Roberta plays mandolin/guitar in a klezmer band which is "a big hit on the bar mitzvah and nursing home circuits!"

In closing, remember to mark your calendars for our 20th Reunion weekend, June 10-13, '99. Also, thank you for sending your news. We encourage you to send it via mail (addresses below) or by using the class e-mail address: CU79@aol.com. The Class of '79's World Wide Web page can be accessed through <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1979>. ♦ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, PO Box, 1413, E. Hampton, NY 11937; and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23236.

Here go the notes . . . **Cathy Lovejoy** Maloney '81, BS HE '90, joined the law firm of Bond, Shoeneck, & King as an associate in the firm's Buffalo office. **Reg Durden**, BS ILR '83, moved to Philadelphia, PA with Conrail over a year ago. **James Kunert** is managing a software company while trying to save money for the upcoming college tuition for his daughters, ages 13 and 16. **Larry Brown**, BS HE '81, has joined the staff of FTG Data Systems in Stanton, CA, as a product manager. He was to graduate from Webster U. in summer 1998 with an MBA in information management.

Elliot Davis lives with wife Emily and sons Andrew, 9, and Michael, 7. He has kept in touch with **Rick Fried** and **Steve Abraham**. Elliot has a dental practice in Lower Manhattan and is the president of the First District Dental Society. **Susan Meadows** and husband Mark had their first child, Maxwell, in September 1996. They planned to go to the East Coast from San Francisco to visit **Craig Pearl**, **Ralph Luongo**, and **Aida Samarzija** in the fall. Aida and husband Zronimit had their second child, Valentino, in September 1996. **Jill Abrams** Klein says she recently joined a startup information consulting firm, has kids Max, 11, Sam, 8, and Susie, 5. They recently saw **Karen (Vecchio)** and **Joe Simons** in their new house in Virginia with their kids Sam, 7, and Jack, 3-1/2.

Leslie D. Feldman, PhD '90, is now an associate professor of political science at Hofstra U. **Dave Karlin** says things are great in Colorado with his wife, Arlene, kids Drew, 5, and Taylor, 3. He has been working for Hewlett-Packard for two decades. He keeps in touch with **Dan Simpkins**, ME E '81, **Lenny Sander**, **Rob N. Tucker**, and **Barry '79** and **Barbara Goldman Novick** '82, as well. **Thomas W. Williams** has assumed the position of surface transportation director for the Great Lakes region for URS Greiner. **Douglas Hughes** is in Sofia, Albania—his last assignment was in Tirana, Albania, where he had to be evacuated by the US Marines on Mar. 13, '97.

Jeffrey Lindy has a solo law practice specializing in federal criminal defense. He is married to Nancy Librett (Brown '78) with children Isaac, 5, and Olivia, 2. **Robert Lanza**, ME Ch '82, was awarded his professional engineers license in chemical engineering in February 1997 and with wife **Terry Steinberg** '81 (Hum Ec) is looking for a home. They had loads of fun at Terry's 15th Reunion last year.

We are developing a web page for the Class of '80. Anyone interested in helping with the class website please contact **Eric Meren** via e-mail (addresses below).

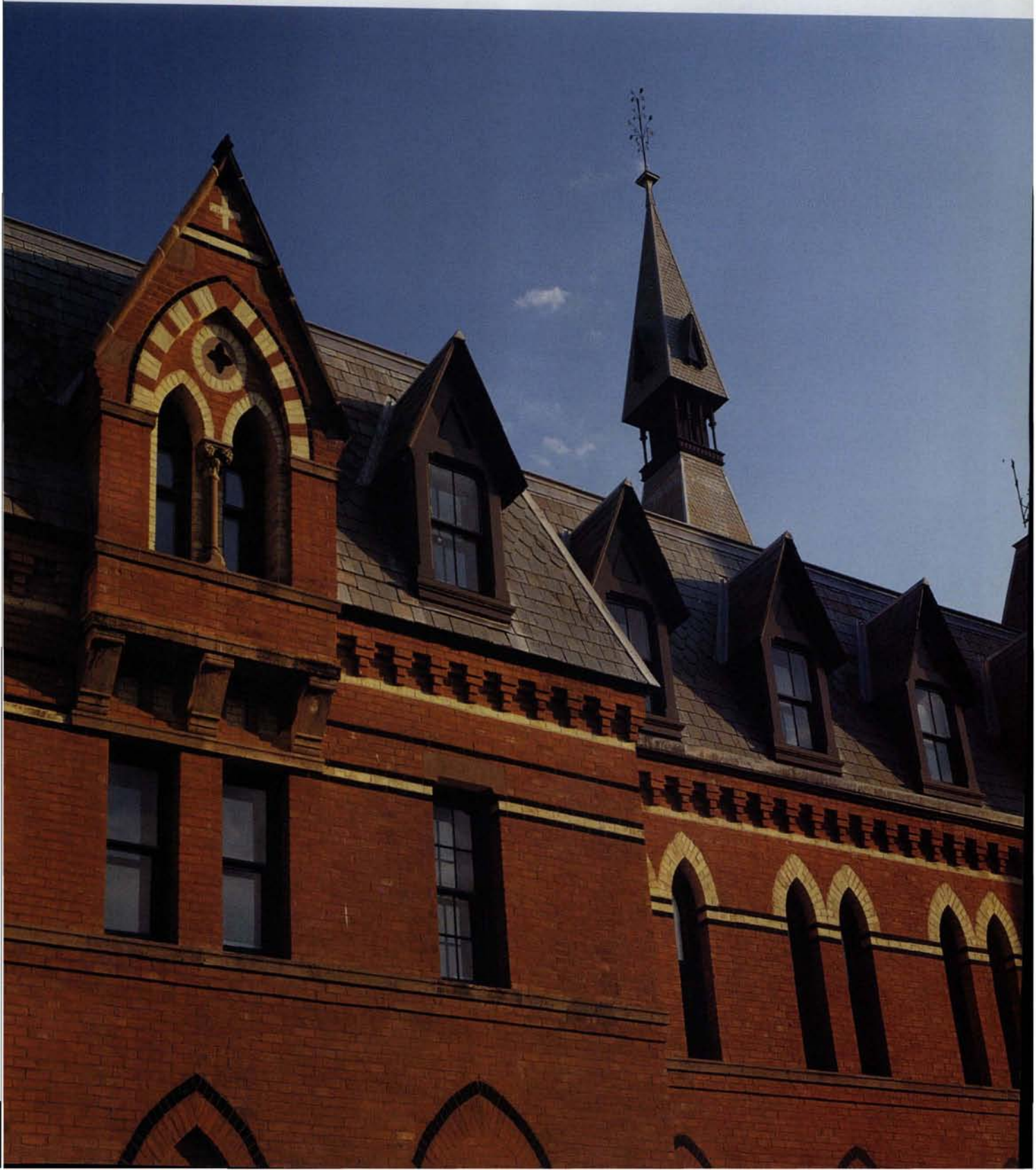
It is very hard to believe that I have finally turned 40. Since most of us will be 40 by the time this column is in print, I guess I won't find much sympathy from any of you. The good news is that there is more news to share: **Peter Benfield** is vice president of Integrated Supply in White Plains and has been married to Peggy (Rogan) for ten years. They have children Heather, 8, Conner, 5, and Owen, 7 months. **Bill Condaxis**, San Jose, CA, is a coach and leader of the School for Extraordinary Golf. He left the hotel industry in 1985 to become a professional golfer. He and Sandra would love to hear from former Hotelies in the Bay Area.

Mauricio Espinoza, BS '79, is a coffee trader and married to Petrene Peare. They have children Mauricio Jr., 15, Alex, 13, Gabrielle, 7, Eric, 4, and Catherine, 8 months. **Wayne Forman** has finally written! He has lived the past 17 years in Colorado, is married to Liz Wald (Dartmouth '79), and has sons Wyatt, 3, and Noah, 6 months. He is a lawyer and shareholder of the law firm Brownstein

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A REAL-TIME EDUCATION FOR A WORLD IN REAL TIME

As Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management prepares for the twenty-first century, people aren't just settling back in the newly renovated Sage Hall, satisfied by the knowledge that their facilities are now among the best in the world. Instead they are harkening to the phrase "Fast. Forward."—developing new models for management education that stress a real-time, reality-based, career relevant approach. "Today's business world demands agility, responsiveness, and speed," says Dean Robert Swieringa. "Fast. Forward." captures the momentum of the Johnson School, the direction of our students and their careers, and the reality of today's business world."

"We have intentionally made the Johnson School a microcosm of the world in which our students are preparing themselves to lead," he continues. "In that world, competition is global, partners diverse. Entrepreneurship and innovation loom large. Infomania rules. It's a world that demands 'anytime, anyplace,' but most importantly, it demands 'now.' It is, in short, a real-time world, and we have turned the Johnson School into a real-time environment."

That means, he says, that learning must not only be more active, but more interactive. Students must know how to quickly locate, analyze, and interpret large quantities of information. They must know how to successfully lead a diverse, team-based workforce and effectively participate in and manage virtual work environments. And no matter what their level in the organization, they must have "big picture" strategic views as well as narrower functional skills.

The following pages describe the Johnson School's new models for management education, many available nowhere else: Immersion Learning. Live Cases. The Parker Center for Investment Research. The Park Leadership Program. They showcase the new Sage Hall, an historic building equipped to perform at the edge of tomorrow's technology, and attempt to capture the entrepreneurial spirit pervading today's Johnson School, a spirit that rivals the energized atmosphere characteristic of the most successful companies.

"We have raised the bar for management education," says Swieringa. "That puts Cornell at the forefront in providing the top talent needed to take today's business organizations forward fast."



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The building began as the Sage College for Women, enabling the university to implement its then-radical experiment in co-education. After enduring decades of deterioration and narrowly escaping demolition several times, Sage has been restored to more than its former

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glory. Its once-crumbling interior—four labyrinthine floors with fourteen different levels—has been gutted and replaced with modern construction. The new building features an executive education center; a dining hall; eight amphitheater classrooms; twenty-five team project rooms; library, multi-media, and computing facilities; a negotiations laboratory; and an enhanced career services center.

The newly restored structure's most dramatic feature—a soaring three-story, glass-roofed atrium—serves as the building's social center, designed to increase informal interactions among students, faculty, and visiting executives.

Special care was taken to ensure that the modern additions clearly related to the older building. So just as the original Sage architect, Charles Babcock (Cornell's first architecture professor and designer of Wall Street's landmark Trinity Church), was inspired by Oxford's University Museum, renovation architect Alan Chimacoff '63 turned to that museum's great gothic Dinosaur Hall to inspire the building's new atrium. Chimacoff also looked to the past for other features of the new Sage. The atrium

All the exterior brickwork, red granite columns, arched windows, and slate roof and gables have been restored to their original brilliance.

floor, for example, is evocative of the crypt floor in Cornell's Sage Chapel (also designed by Babcock), and a thirty-foot steeple lost to a long-ago storm has been rebuilt. The conservatory eliminated in the 1920s has been replaced in modern form, with its natural light illuminating the library. "Nearly everything you see has some sort of mnemonic device," says Chimacoff.

All the exterior brickwork, red granite columns (with carved limestone capitals featuring flora of the Ithaca area), arched windows, and slate roof and gables—dulled by more than a century of Ithaca weather—have been preserved and restored to their original brilliance. After the cleaning, the design team was mildly stunned by what they found beneath the grime. "We did not have any idea it was going to be



this bright orange," Chimacoff said. "It gave us some new understanding of what's meant by 'flamboyant gothic.'" ■

TOTAL IMMERSION

Weeks or months spent in another culture—full immersion—has long been the standard in foreign language education. Now, Johnson School faculty are enhancing the value of the MBA experience by creating their own brand of immersion learning.

"The classroom interacting with the real world is a model for the twenty-first century," says assistant professor of marketing George Babbes. "It's like living with a French family if you're a French student. You learn the lan-

guage, the culture. By the time Johnson students are done with one of our Immersion courses, they are fluent in a way they couldn't have been before."

As a result, the top consulting companies—and other top employers—snap up students graduating from the Semester in Manufacturing (SiM), the first Immersion program, created in 1994. This past spring, Immersions were also launched in brand management, investment banking, and corporate finance. Two-thirds of the first-year class took part, and that number is expected to grow as immersion learning becomes an integral part of a Johnson School education.

Although each Immersion is distinct, they share some key characteristics. All are integrated, intense, experiential. Working in functional-

ly diverse teams, students face problems of real-world complexity under real-world time pressures. They are evaluated by real-world standards. And they have continual contact with practitioners—whether that means executives bringing a corporate training program into the classroom or the several-times-a-semester road trips to visit company operations. “An Immersion is more like life in a company,” says Craig Berkowitch, MBA ’98. “Courses like these make business school much more like business and much less like school.”

“You can’t expect companies to spend two years, or even two months, bringing new MBAs up to speed,” says Emerson Electric Professor of Manufacturing Professor Richard Conway ’53, BME ’54, PhD ’58, who with former Corning executive Ron Matthews created SiM. “Immersion courses train students to hit the ground running and then pick up the pace.”

Conway had been frustrated by teaching in functional “silos,” the traditional approach to MBA education. “Management jobs don’t work that way any more,” he says. “Companies need managers with new skills and a new mentality, people who know how to manage and think across disciplines and can motivate employees to think that way too. People need solid functional skills, but they also need to be able to assess the big picture.”

Doing that, Conway believes, requires a new way to teach. The result is a course—the only one students take for a full semester—in which the faculty integrate the diverse material presented, rather than hoping that students will do so once they return to the workforce.

“We do both theory and practice,” says Professor James Bradley, who co-teaches SiM, “but the special part is our ability to give the students an idea of what’s being done in the real world. That way, when students get to their jobs, their experience is so similar to what they’ve already seen they can be useful right away. They don’t have to ask ‘how do I integrate what I learned in business school into the context of my job?’”

That real-world experience can take unusual forms for a university classroom. Faculty members in SiM have been known to move students from one team to another twenty-four hours before a presentation is due, mimicking the personnel changes seen on the job. Babbes, who teaches the Immersion in Brand Management, built his course around the performance

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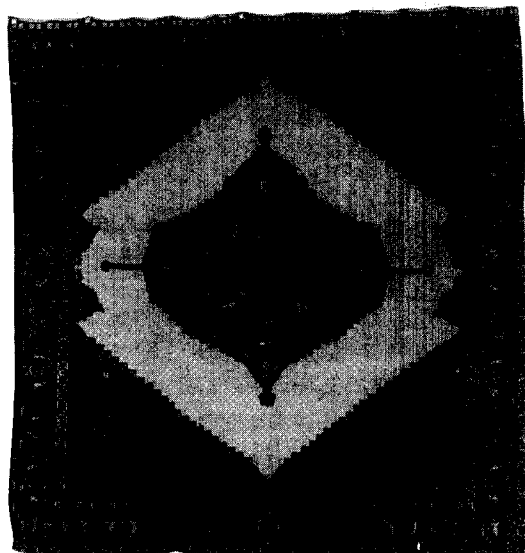
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standards and hiring criteria from the world's best marketing companies. "I put up a checklist at the beginning of class, with what it would take to be promoted to the top of a division and named General Manager," he says. "There are sixteen criteria which I pull together from performance review standards at various companies. I don't just give students grades at the end of the semester. I tell them whether or not they'd get promoted."

Corporate involvement in the Immersions is key to its success. Industry leaders visit the classroom, often bringing proprietary training programs. Most of the faculty leaders have had extensive hands-on corporate experience; Professor Jan Suwinski, who co-teaches SiM, is a former Corning executive with more than thirty-two years experience. And the students take to the road so often that they've seen more companies in a semester than most executives see

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ground running."*

in a lifetime. They meet with CEOs, long-time employees and new hires, manufacturers, marketing and sales staff, human resources professionals, union leaders, and sometimes even clients. They see different companies handling the same problems in different ways. And they see what works, and what doesn't.

"Students quickly realize when they're not getting the whole story," says Bradley, "and when they see that, they ask pointed questions. This is the testing ground where they see what we talked about in class, whether it is really happening, and how it looks in the real world. We've had some companies say, 'Your students ask us better questions than we ask ourselves.'"

Students aren't the only ones who benefit from the Immersion approach. "Last year a few companies had us do projects while we were there," says Babbes. "We studied the problem for a while and then gave presentations. About half of our hosts asked us to participate in projects again this coming year."

The visits are also an opportunity for companies to impress students they hope to hire. "The firms all recruit here," says Babbes. "It's hard to get students with better training than those who have participated in an Immersion." ■

ROLE MODELS

Cornellians have long had a tradition of helping Cornellians. So the new Johnson Mentor Program is being built on firm ground.

Inaugurated in spring 1998, the program links MBA students with successful Cornell alumni in fields of mutual interest. Mentors, who serve as advisers, role models, and friends, try to meet personally with students on at least two occasions during the year and agree to stay in touch through periodic phone calls.

Mentors may counsel students on effective job strategies, enhance understanding of their industries or companies, introduce students to career contacts, or share some of the lessons they have learned during their own careers. However, they assume no responsibility for securing internships or jobs for the students.

Already off to a strong start, the program seeks to link a mentor with every entering MBA student who wants one. For more information or to become a mentor, contact program coordinator Donna Fleming, MBA '86, at (607) 255-4026.

FINANCE IN THE FAST LANE

When students walk into Professor Charles M. C. Lee's Business Analysis and Securities class, they suddenly realize what learning at the cutting edge means. Lee, MBA '89, PhD '90, has gained wide recognition for his models of stock

valuation that enable investment managers to easily identify stocks that have been under- or over-valued by the market.

His results are good enough that top money management firms have tried—and failed—to woo him away from teaching. His teaching is good enough that in his first semester he chalked up a perfect score from

student evaluations.

On the first day of class, Lee uses his model to pick a portfolio, which the class tracks throughout the semester. He also selects one company whose stock he believes to be significantly over- or under-valued, and creates a "live" case, sending students out onto the Web and into real-time data to predict what the actual value should be.

"We live in a real-time world," says Lee. "Why not teach real-time? In an area where the half-life of a new piece of information is microseconds, there's no justification for not doing live cases. They have an impact on our students' learning experience that using only historical data can't have."

To support his research and teaching, Lee is using the facilities of the new Parker Center for Investment Research, of which he is director. With its real-time data feeds, a thirty-two-seat trading studio that rivals those on Wall Street, and more than \$1.5 million in analytical software, the Parker Center brings together a wealth of resources that can't currently be found on any other campus.

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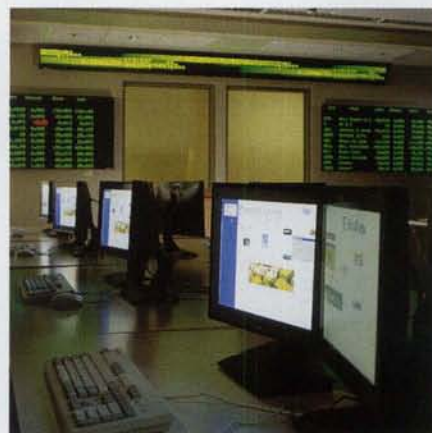
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powerful analytical platform on any campus. It rivals those of the big investment houses," Lee says. Add in the growing nucleus of top finance researchers who now call the Johnson School home, and you have the makings of the premier source for leading-edge investment information.

According to Lee, the future belongs to those who can harness the vast store of electronic information to make sound investment decisions. "Academic researchers usually have been limited to studying historic data about trades and transactions, but we know we can learn much more about the process by working in real-time."

The Parker Center aims to do just that: de-



velop and test new ideas relevant to the needs of investment managers, and to get the best ideas into their hands quickly. To do so, Lee and his colleagues will test out a variety of new investment models, and will quickly disseminate their findings through newsletters, seminars, working papers, online lists, and new teaching material. Already, the research center distributes weekly rankings of firms by their value:price ratio.

And to take real-time teaching one step further, the Center will launch a student-managed investment fund later this fall.

The center was created through a gift from University Trustee Jeffrey P. Parker '65, M Eng '66, MBA '70, managing director of Private Equity Investments, CEO of CCBN, and a founder of First Call. Its advisory board includes University Trustee Abby Joseph Cohen '73, managing director of Goldman Sachs, as well as executives from Morgan Stanley, Banker's Trust, and other financial institutions.

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When four Johnson School students wrote their final project for Professor David BenDaniel's Entrepreneurship and Enterprise class last spring, it was not just an academic exercise. Having received their MBA degrees in May, the team is now investing \$1.2 million, mostly in loans from development banks, to set up a 100-acre shrimp farm in Belize. The shrimp will be exported to the U.S.

Team member Anu Sharma, MBA '98, credits his Johnson School experience for "rekindling my spirit of entrepreneurship... We're not doing a case out of a book," he says, "we're creating one and solving it in real time."

The school's diversity and its close connections to the rest of the university also helped. The team turned to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for research papers on shrimp farming, and met a fellow Cornell graduate in Belize who had experience in managing a shrimp farm in Ecuador. The team's diverse makeup, "with four nationalities, four concentrations, and four unique thought processes, ensures that we cover all areas [of the venture]," says Vidur Luthra, MBA '98, another team member.

"Live" cases, hands-on relevance, high-growth businesses, and connections to Cornell's vast resources are mainstays of the Johnson School's entrepreneurship program.

In addition to Entrepreneurship and Enterprise, the most popular course in the school, the program includes Start-Up Forum, where MBA students work with Cornell scientists and other faculty with potentially marketable research ideas; Entrepreneurship Lab, where students work as consultants with high-growth businesses in the region; and courses in venture capital and private equities markets.

The enterprises of Cornell alumni form the backbone of Entrepreneurship and Enterprise. "Live" cases are written about a Cornell entrepreneur who attends class, listens to the discussion, and then participates in arguments over the appropriate strategy.

"They aren't there to say 'this is the right

way to do it,'" says Professor David BenDaniel, "but to illustrate the challenges of real-world business and the various ways in which the questions can be approached." Interactive sessions fill the afternoon, and in the evening the visitor, BenDaniel, and about a dozen students continue the discussion over dinner.

"No other business school in the country has anything like this," says BenDaniel, who



Shrimp farmers and MBAs confer in Belize.

was named one of the top ten entrepreneurship professors in the country by *Business Week* in 1997. He was also selected by members of the Class of 1991 at their five-year reunion as the faculty member who most benefited their careers.

By design, BenDaniel's course integrates marketing, finance, and other topics from the school's core curriculum as students brainstorm solutions for the problems facing their subjects. "In these rapid growth situations," says BenDaniel, "everything has to work together or it will fly apart." The program's popularity stems in large part from that integrative approach, making it relevant to diverse career paths. "These courses prepare students for new business development and high-growth situations in existing companies, as well as start-up, high-growth, and venture capital companies," BenDaniel says. "Those businesses are producing most of the new employment in the American economy." ■

LEADING THE WAY

Personal assessment — Theory — Action. That's the philosophy behind the Johnson School's innovative leadership program which combines experiential and theoretical courses, hands-on projects, and visits from in-the-trenches executives to offer MBA students advice and inspiration.

"Employers today expect MBAs to have mastered technical and quantitative skills," says Clint Sidle '74, MBA '77, director of the Park Leadership Fellows Program. "What they want is something extra, an edge, some evidence that this person can also motivate, communicate, and lead a team."

MBA students are immersed in leadership training from Day One. Starting with an Orientation Week training on working in teams, students are assigned to teams for their first year, and exercises in team-building and leadership skills are integrated into the core curriculum. The experiential "Leadership in Management" course is designed to help students assess their relative strengths and weaknesses as team players and leaders. The more theoretical "Leading Teams and Organizations" examines such issues as the importance of establishing trust between leaders and followers, and the need to communicate constant change in today's competitive marketplace while maintaining stable core values within the organization.

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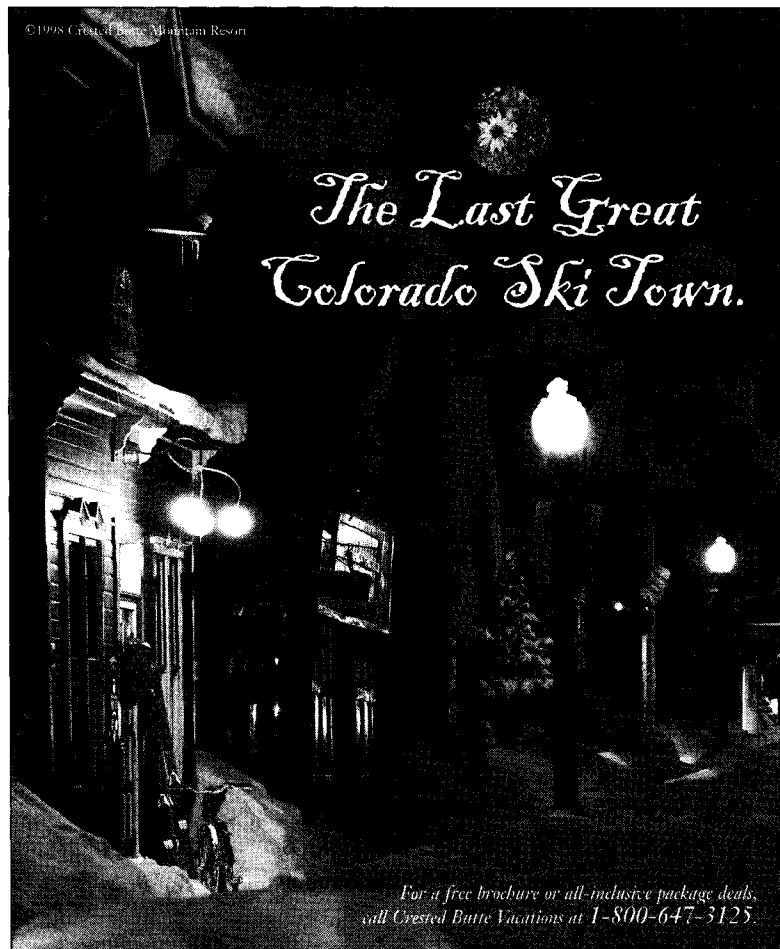
When Katherine Christmas, MBA '99, moved to Hong Kong upon graduating from college, it stemmed from her lifelong desire to create opportunities, rather than waiting for them to come to her. Arriving with no job offer, friends, or apartment, she soon talked her way into a position with Leo Burnett, a top advertising agency, as an account executive for Philip Morris, covering all of Southeast Asia and greater China.

"Taking control of my own destiny" is a recurring theme when you talk with Christmas—or any of the Johnson School's Park Leadership Fellows, of which she is one. In most groups, each of them would stand out immediately. But this is a group where everyone is exceptional. Selected from the most talented MBA applicants in the country for their outstanding academic and work performance, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to community service, Park Fellows receive a two-year, full-tuition plus stipend award and special leadership development opportunities designed to nurture their full potential. They are also required to complete a comprehensive leadership service project benefiting the Johnson School, Cornell, or the wider community.

Named for the late communications magnate Roy H. Park, the fellowships were founded in 1997 by a grant from the Park Foundation. Thirty fellows are selected each year. Within six months on campus, the first Park Fellows had already created the Small Business Counsel, a student-run firm providing consulting services to companies worldwide, and the Johnson Mentor Program, matching successful Cornell alumni with MBA students based on common professional interests.

"They radiate energy; you can feel it," says Park Fellow Juan Navarro, MBA '99, of his peers. Christmas concurs: "Wherever they're headed, you know they'll do well."

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The Johnson School also looks off campus for inspiration, with a variety of events to bring successful leaders to Cornell:

- The Leadership Speakers Series brings influential "thought leaders" and corporate executives to campus for a major address and candid interaction with students. Last year's speakers included Ken Blanchard '61, PhD '67, author of *The One Minute Manager*, and Marjorie McKee Blanchard '62, MBA '65; Dennis Dammerman, CFO of General Electric; and Robert Galvin, retired CEO of Motorola.

- Beginning this fall, the Young Leaders Series will bring to campus business people under forty who have achieved substantial leadership success early in their careers, and who can serve as role models for MBA students.

- The annual Leadership Forum brings top leadership consultants and heads of major corporations to the Johnson School in April.

- The Johnson Mentor Program matches MBA students with alumni mentors in their fields of interest.

"Technology and the global marketplace require that we work in teams and organizations more effectively than ever before," says Randall Peterson, a professor of organizational behavior who specializes in leadership and oversees the academic components of the program. "We have the technological tools to work together, and we have the most competitive environment in history driving us to do so. Our aim is to plant the seeds for a lifetime of learning." ■

A VERY GOOD YEAR

Technology has become one of the primary strategic drivers of today's business world, redefining all sectors of the economy. But when the Johnson School surveyed Fortune 1000 executives in 1995, it found that few people thought the top managers in their firms had the background to assess adequately the strategic implications of technology decisions. Execs also thought that their company's competitiveness was suffering as a result, and made it clear that they would hire more technically



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Donna Bauer, MBA '97

A wide range of employers are attracted to TMO students' "cross-training." Consulting firms like the students' strong analytical abilities and technical knowledge. Coopers & Lybrand snapped up one student with a background in biotech research to provide auditing and strategic consulting services to clients in its San Jose office. Financial services firms are hiring associates who have the scientific or technological background to adequately evaluate the investments they are asked to make. And high-tech companies are finding that their growing businesses now require employees who understand both the technical and the management sides of the equation.

For Donna Bauer, MBA '97, a Johnson School MBA complemented the PhD in molecular and cellular biology she had earned at Johns Hopkins. "It's very exciting to understand more fully basic and applied research," she says, "but in my travels to numerous hospitals I was exposed to the business of science; I wanted to do more with my science training than research." Since graduation she's been doing just that, working with APM/CSC Healthcare, a New York City-based consulting firm.

Like Bauer, the students who do well in this competitive program are those with well-defined career goals, applied work experience, good "people" skills, and the ability to leverage their technical background in new arenas.

The latest sign of the program's success: a growing corporate interest in sponsoring techni-

cal employees they have targeted for a management track. ■

BACK TO SCHOOL

Most students at the Johnson School are twenty- and thirty-somethings pursuing their MBAs on the Hill for two years. But talk with associate dean Mike Hostetler, and you'll hear about executives in the classroom. As director of the school's executive education programs, Hostetler oversees the open enrollment classes available to any executive. About 1,000 professionals take advantage of courses on general management, leadership, accounting, finance, manufacturing, and marketing through open enrollment. "We also have custom programs," Hostetler explains, "developed with individual companies to focus on their key learning objec-

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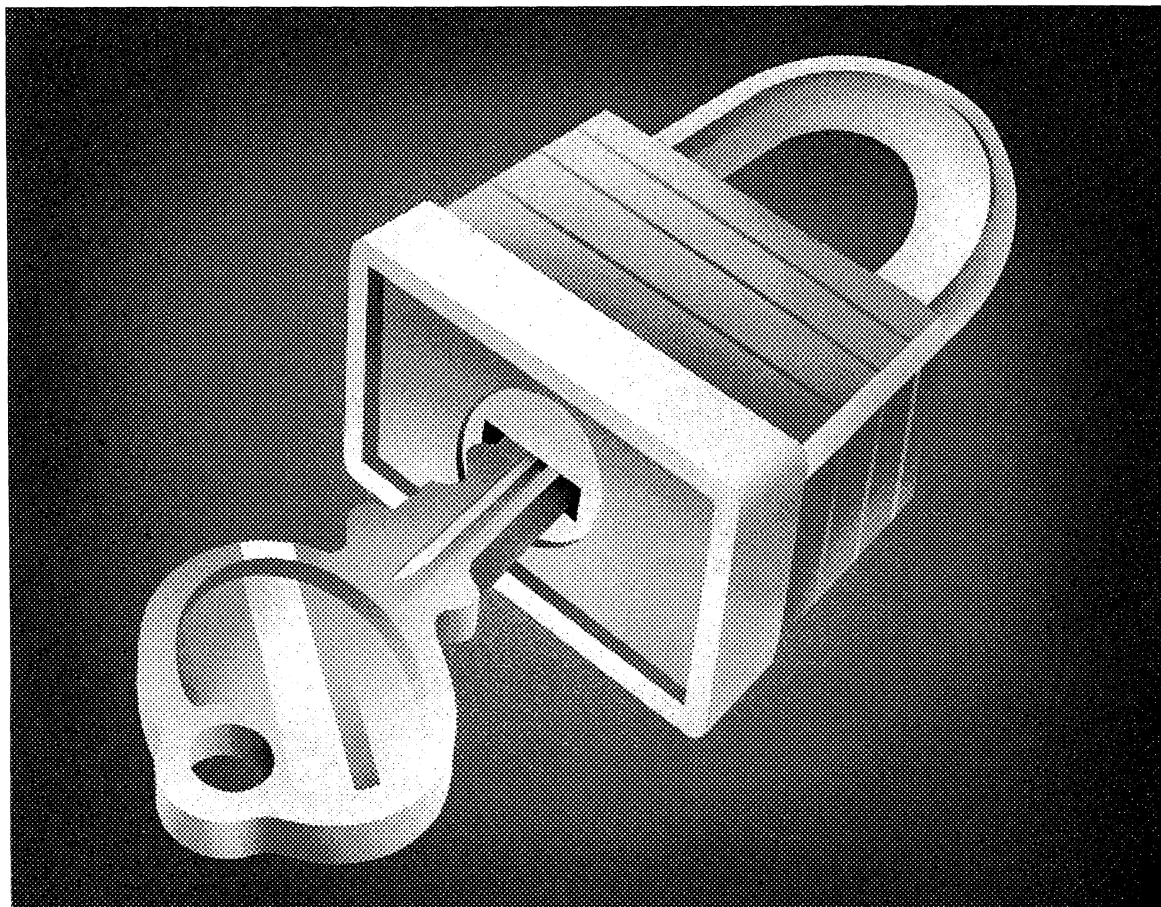
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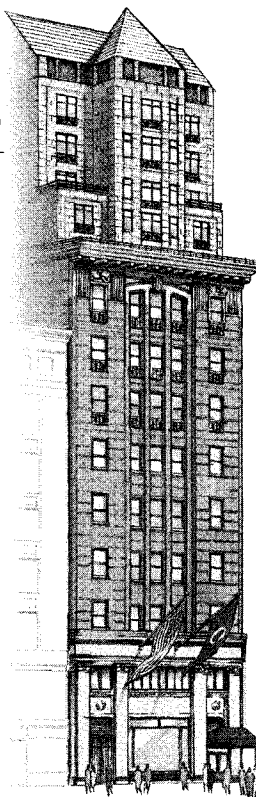
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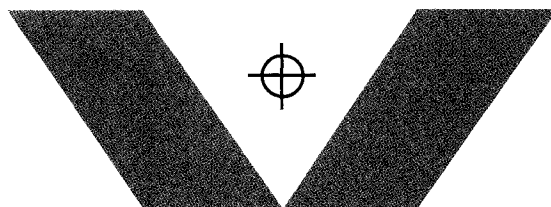
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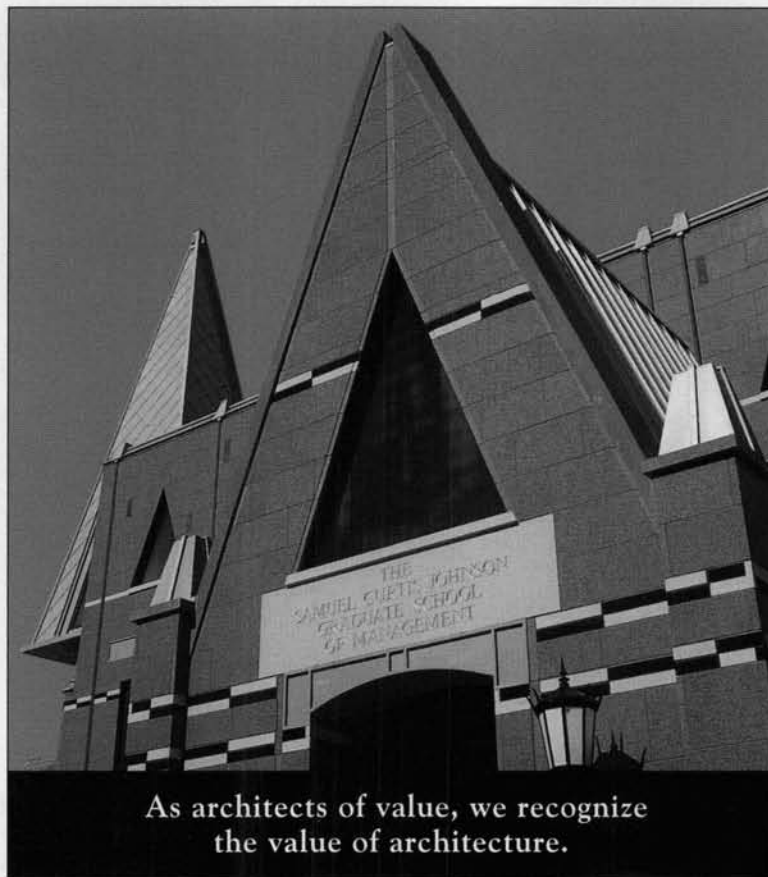
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Hyatt Farber and Strickland. How lucky he is to live 30 minutes from work and 45 from the slopes. Wayne stays in touch with **Larry Kantor '80**.

F. Andre Van Hall is still general manager of the Hyatt Hotel in Louisville, KY. Last fall he saw **Mark Ferretti** in Denver. **Dennis Cahill** is alive and well and living in Greensboro, NC. He is (after five industry career moves) celebrating his fourth anniversary of employment at the same company. **Jim Bittner** became the third New York farmer to be named Outstanding Young Farmer by the US Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Clifford Chapin (after working for 12 years as a teacher) went to medical school and is currently an internal medicine resident at Dartmouth, where one of his attendings is **Barbara O'Mara**. He lives in E. Randolph, VT, with wife Jorda and children Logan, Laine, Max, Noah, and Asa. **Tom Gurrentz** is living in New York City as a bond salesman for Leibelthal. He is married with children Jess, 11, and Ben, 8. **Gregory Gordon** is a family physician in suburban Philadelphia, living with his wife of 17 years, Roberta, and their children, Steven, 12, Heather, 9, and Jonathan, 5. **Gregg Feld** is a radiologist in Buffalo, NY, with wife Jackie and daughters Tamara, 10, and Jacqueline, 7. He recently stood up at the wedding of **Jack Sobel**. Jack and his new wife, Karyn, live in Washington, DC.

Marion "Betsy" Murphy Erickson and husband **Kenyon '81** have adopted their third child, Lydia Grace, who joins big brothers Alek, 6, and Theo, 3. **Leslie Dale Feldman**, PhD '90, has co-written a book called "George Bush: Leading In A New World," is a tenured associate professor of political science at Hofstra U. **Stephen Kohn** has been married for 13 years to wife Nancy, and has twin girls, 10, and a son David. He is executive vice president of Paul Sherman Management Consulting in Rye, NY. **Jeffrey Lindy** is a criminal lawyer in Pennsylvania. He and wife Nancy have children Isaac, 6, and Olivia, 2. If **Josh Rosenblatt** reads this column, Jeff would love to talk with you. The daughter of **Terri Ann Lowenthal**, BA '81, Joelle, 9, has just made her acting debut as Peppermint Patty in a local production of *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*. **Donna Runner** is still at Deakin U. in Geelong, Victoria, Australia, as a resource delivery manager, and has just bought a home in the coastal suburb of Torquay. **Patrick McGarvey** relocated to Chicago with wife Robin and sons Sam and Danny. (They all miss NY.) On a good note, he has found a great Cornell community in Chi-Town.

Douglas Waterman is based in Syracuse, NY, as a technical director of Shur-Gain, and lives in Madison with wife **Carol (Inglis) '77** and children Heath, 12, Taryn, 8, and Ethan, 4. **Robert "Woody" Wood** lives in the Berkshires with his lovely wife, Suzanne, daughter Oona, 4, and son Derek, 2. He has taken a year's hiatus from Design Engineering to raise his children at home. **Craig Tendler** is in Bergen County, NJ, with wife Sheri and daughters Helena, 8, and Amanda, 4. They are very good friends of **Marc Schlusel '77**,

Virtual Homes

KEN GRUSKIN '81, BARCH '82, AND
MICHAEL MARKOVITZ '81, BARCH '82

When Ken Gruskin and Michael Markovitz were in college, architects used blueprints and cardboard models. Today, they're using computer simulations so real that clients can get motion sickness. First exposed to digital imaging in Professor Don Greenberg's structures class, the pair are now pioneers in the field of virtual architecture. "No one says you'll like what you see," Markovitz (on the right) says of architectural designs. "But at least when we're debating the plans, we'll be talking about the same thing."

Although the technology has long been reserved for billion-dollar structures, Gruskin and Markovitz are trying to bring computerized architecture to middle-class homebuilders. The firm they started in Markovitz's parents' home in 1986 has grown to an eight-person office based in Union, New Jersey. "One client told us we were too pedestrian," says Gruskin of the firm's early days. "But after we showed them the (virtual) pictures, they were so pleased that they built it right on the main drag."

—Emily Hovland '98



MBA '78, **Jay L. Cohen**, and **Marty Heinstein '76**. Craig has recently been promoted to director of oncology at Schering Plough Research Inst. **Joshua Telser** is an associate professor of chemistry at Roosevelt U. in Chicago. **Craig Pearl**, **Ronald Levinson**, **Christopher Evans '81**, and **Ralph Luongo** had a mini-reunion in NYC last November. Luongo, wife Robin, and daughter Andie have moved to Philadelphia. Craig Pearl, wife Debbie, and son Jared, 3, went to San Francisco to stay with **Susan Meadows**, her husband, Mark, and son Max, 2. **Aida Samarzija** is rumored to have passed within ten minutes' drive of the Pearls' house in Washington, DC, and forgot to stop in.

On a sad note, Vic Krull wrote that his wife, **Malin Wretman**, passed away in November 1997. Our condolences go out to her family. Well that's all our news this time around, I hope we all enjoy turning 40. ♦ **Eric S. Meren**, 50 Sutton Pl., S., NYC 10022; (212) 371-9297; e-mail, esm11@cornell.edu; also, **Jodi Diehl** Nestle, 80 Talamora Trail, Brockport, NY 14420; tel., (716) 638-7066; e-mail, nestlej@frontiernet.net; **Brian P. Myers**, 2679 Amesbury Rd., Winston Salem, NC 27103; tel., (910) 765-5742; e-mail, bpmcu80@aol.com; and **Carolyn Louie**, 606 Magnolia St., Windermere, FL 34786; tel., (407) 827-2780; e-mail, calouie@msn.com.

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Sadly, summer is drawing to a close. We hope you had a relaxing, fun-filled, thoroughly enjoyable couple of months with your family and friends. It has been terrific hearing from so many classmates via e-mail and news forms. Our pleas were not made in vain. We have lots of new news!

Jeanne Arfanis, a free-lance computer programmer from Greenwich Village, NYC, and husband Robert McLoughlin (Clark '73) are busy raising children Kalli, 3, and Nicholas Odysseus, 1. Jeanne's e-mail address is arfanis@sprintmail.com. Also in Greenwich Village is **Rhonda Brauer**, who welcomed son Justin, born in December 1997. Justin joins big sister Jillian, 3. Rhonda is an attorney for the *New York Times*, while her husband, Greg Holch, is an author. His first novel, *The Things with Wings*, a children's fantasy, was published this past spring. The paperback version of Dr. **Doreen Orion's** *I Know You Really Love Me*, was just published by Dell. In April, Doreen was delighted to be interviewed by Dan Rathner for "48 Hours" regarding the serious issue of stalking. If anyone has any personal stories or experiences they might want to share about stalking, particularly erotomania and stalking, Doreen would like to hear from you at Orion@antistalking.com. This summer, Doreen and her husband used all their frequent flyer miles from her last book tour to visit Europe—

Amsterdam, Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Switzerland.

Living in Los Angeles, **Brad Pollak** works for A&M Records and can be reached at (213) 856-2611 or thomasb706@aol.com. Brad has been having a good time interviewing high school students interested in attending Cornell and working with current Cornell students who participate in the extern program. Brad, I hope you and **Heidi Gruber** Scharfman were able to reconnect

niece Nellie, now 9, and nephew Nathan, now 8, to their family. In February 1997, Polly Elizabeth joined the Cooper clan. Celia writes: "As I tell them, I had two kids on my own and two were presents. Not to worry, all my children can sing both the first and second verses of the 'Alma Mater' and 'Evening Song.'" When not throwing birthday parties or running to soccer games with her gang, Celia is a first vice president at First Chicago NBD, working on an alliance with an Asian

senior vice president for operations at Marriott International. From Annapolis, MD, comes word from **Laura Ketchum**. Laura and her husband, Ashley Halsey, moved to Maryland from Philadelphia last year. Her husband is an editor at the *Washington Post* and she practices law while raising a 3-year-old. (Tough work—lots of overtime!) Laura says she moved to get closer to Cornell pals **Barbara Richard** and **Carol Dreyer Bernstein '81**. Maj. **Mark R. Strickland**, US Air Force, is also in Maryland. He is a judge advocate (the military title for lawyer) and chief of military justice at Bolling AFB. He also reports that he and wife Kimberly had a baby girl, Paige Booth Strickland, last July 18. Happy birthday, Paige, and congratulations, Mark.

From Washington, DC, proper comes word from **Adam Shapiro**. Adam's recent wedding to Pamela Berkowsky (Princeton '85) took place in the US Virgin Islands. The lucky guests included **Nina Shapiro '87**, **Steve Kagan**, and **Cliff Feldman**. Adam is an otolaryngologist, while Pamela works at the Pentagon.

Moving over to Virginia, you can find **Andy Weber**, BA '83, in my hometown of Arlington. And speaking of Arlington, I have news of my own to report. My husband, Richard Oparil, recently changed his law practice. He has joined Piper & Marbury as of counsel in their white collar crime section. If you need help with a criminal matter, contact him at my e-mail address. He may be able to provide you with representation.

Other classmates in Virginia include **Richard Bress**, MBA '83, from Great Falls, who sends word that he recently entered private practice at Latham & Watkins DC law office. Rick used to be with the Solicitor General's office. His law practice is primarily appeals and constitutional issues. E-mail Rick at bress@lw.com. From Reston, VA, comes news from **Bradley Forrest**, who writes that he and wife Carol Ann have twins. Matthew Robert and Brendan Patrick Forrest were born on July 14, '97. Happy birthday, boys, and congrats, Brad and Carol Ann. **Kathy Gianola** sends regards from Richmond, VA. Kathy finished her residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia. She now practices medicine at the VA—McGuire in the Women's Health Center.

From overseas, **John Yerger**, MEI '83, MBA '84, sends news that he and his family have moved to Dorset, England, where John is director of operations for DEK Printing Machines. John extends a gracious welcome to visitors. E-mail him at jyerger@dek.com. John also sends news that **Gary Mickiewicz** has moved to Minneapolis, MN.

News from our Northern Neighbors: **Daniel Duffy** writes from Toronto, Ont., Canada, that he and wife **Miriam Beth (Dessen)** welcomed their first child, Edgar Patrick Duffy, on Apr. 22, '97. Congrats, Dan and Miriam, and happy first birthday, Edgar. I was to be in Toronto this July for the American Bar Assn. convention.

If you are looking for a get-away this year, consider the Adult University (CAU) travel

"All my children can sing both the first and second verses of the 'Alma Mater' and 'Evening Song.'"

— CELIA RODEE '81

with each other. **Wayne Citrin** is pleased to announce that he started a software company called LogTrax last May. In order to devote his full time to the startup, Wayne left his faculty position in electrical and computer engineering at the U. of Colorado. He writes, "Friends, venture capitalists, and the merely curious can reach me at citrinc@logtrax.cpm."

In March, I received a wonderful message from **Jessica Pearlstein** Zachs, who lives in Cape Town, South Africa, with husband Eric and children Benjamin, 10, Jacob, 8, and Zoe, 6. Jessica reports, "My husband sold his beeper company in 1995 and immediately started two internet-related businesses and for the next two years worked ridiculous hours. When he came to his senses and realized that this should be a good time, we decided to do something for ourselves as a family—move somewhere and expose ourselves and the kids to a new life and a new culture for 18 months. We chose Cape Town for the weather, the English language, and its beauty. We packed up and moved here in December 1997 and we haven't looked back since! We are having a great time and suggest all of you put this destination high on your 'places to visit' lists." Jessica would love to hear from old friends, including **Joe Ruocco** and **Cory Zwerling**, at ezachs@ziplink.net.

In a two-year period, **Sylvia Reeves Dake**, husband **Jim '80**, and their children, Brad, 14, and Tori, 6, have lived in Minneapolis, MN; Tulsa, OK; and now Raleigh, NC. Jim recently accepted a position with Fulcrum, a startup financial planning company affiliated with Met Life and The New England. Sylvia started a home-based consulting practice called Meteorological Information Services. If anyone has weather information needs, just drop her a line at wxlady1@aol.com. Along with her business, Sylvia stays busy with the kids' soccer, football, and dance, as well as school plays and piano lessons.

Another most welcome e-mail recently came to me from **Celia Rodee**, a fellow Kappa Delta sister. Her news is plentiful. Five years ago, Celia, husband **Peter Cooper '80**, and their son Alexander, now 6, moved to Chicago where they permanently added Celia's

bank for international cash management. Peter does securities litigation with a small Chicago law firm, Cantwell & Cantwell. The Coopers have met lots of Cornellians in Chicagoland and, when she wrote, they had just finished co-chairing the annual Full Moon Ball to raise money for Cornell scholarships. "Sleep is highly over-rated," she jokes. Celia also stays in close touch with **Sally Wilson**, who lives in Marshalltown, IA, with husband Steven Smith and children Eliza, 7, and Olivia, 3. Sally is a Discovery Toys consultant and does much local volunteer work, while Steven helps run the family farm operation.

In October 1997, **Christine Oaklander**, BS Ag '82, sent a touching letter regarding **Lyndon H. Stevens '39**, whom she had the pleasure of meeting in the summer of 1997 in Pasadena, CA. A PhD candidate in art history at the U. of Delaware, Christine is writing her dissertation on Henry Fitch Taylor (d. 1925), Stevens's great-uncle. Stevens and his wife, Ethel, welcomed Christine into their home, showed their Taylor materials to her, and shared their Cornell experiences with her. Christine found Stevens to be "a warm, generous man with a real enthusiasm for life and learning." Sadly, he passed away just a month after Christine's visit.

Did you know that the Class of '81 has a website? It's <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1981>. Check it out for the latest information about regional events. Remember to send your news to one of your class correspondents, listed below. Enjoy the fall! ♦ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; e-mail, kpl3853@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, 1601 Third Ave., #4E, NYC 10128; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, 14824 Hunting Path Place, Centreville, VA 20120; e-mail, RonJenCam@aol.com.

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The majority of this month's news is from my own residential area. **Lawrence "Murph" Murphy** writes from Darnestown, MD, that he and wife Peyton have children, Lindsay, 5, and John Robert, 3. He is

programs. Just ask **Ruth Hubbard** Allstadt, **Jennifer Barrett**, **Jane Lambert**, **Amy Norr**, or **Stina Ross**. They all enjoyed the CAU On-Campus Summer Programs last year.

E-mail news comes from **Mark Ramsey**. Mark notes that he is the proud creator of the sickest web site on movies known to man. World famous critic Robert Ebert named Mark's site as one of the net's top 20 sites. Check out Mark's site at www.moviejuice.com. Also, Mark asks if anyone knows the status of the *Cornell Lunatic*? Also communicating over the net is **Mike Greenberg**, MBA '83. Mike sends word that he is now personnel manager at GeoQuest, which allows him to travel frequently to Norway, England, the Netherlands, and Austin, TX. (Interesting itinerary.) In addition, Mike just returned from a ten-day opera tour of northern Italy with his wife, Beth, a classical musician who plays violin for the Houston Ballet Orchestra, among other groups. Mike sends a big hello to **Dale** and **Wendy Mattar Harman** in New Jersey. He says he was sorry that their annual meeting in Colorado for skiing didn't take place this year.

Finally, two classmates on the move are **Julia (Martin)** and **Greg Langan** who now reside in Verona, NJ. Greg now works for SAIC in Brooklyn, NY.

Let me end this column with a plea for news and dues. Drop me a note, send me an e-mail (address below); send something, because I have no news left to report. I have exhausted all my info from 1997-98. Have a great summer. ♦ **Donna DeSilva**, 2719 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207; e-mail, rjodmd@erols.com; and **Monika Woolsey**, P.O. Box 11985, Glendale, AZ 85318-1985; e-mail, azmoni@aol.com.

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Susan Chang earned her MBA from Wharton in 1989; joined MasterCard International; was promoted to director, global planning in one year; moved to the Paris office in 1992 to head as director, strategic planning and assistant to general manager, Middle East and Africa region; was promoted to vice president just before moving to England to be married. Susan married Robert Whittaker in 1994 on Maui, HI. She joined Booz Allen & Hamilton Consulting in London in 1994 and was promoted just before maternity leave. Gave birth to a boy, Taos Chang Whittaker in June 1996. Now she's a full-time mother—"the most fulfilling experience of all!" **Beth Burlingame** reports that her daughter is almost 3. When she gets in her car seat by herself, she says, "I'm so big I'm almost ready to go to college." Beth was elected president of the Massachusetts Assn. of Family-Based Service Providers in April 1997.

Beth Butlien Ayres continues to be a human resources director for Corporate Chefs. She has sons Benjamin, 5, and Andrew, 3. They spend weekends at their house on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, boating and relaxing. She reports that **Beth Bond** Stewart had a son, Colin, in November 1996. **Heidi Habicht** married Gibb Brownlie in August 1997 in Taos, NM. Gibb has children Aiden,

10, and Noel, 8. He owns two small art businesses. Heidi was a public health Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire for four years, until 1991. She just completed her first year in a three-year family medicine residency program at Brown U. after graduating from Brown U. medical school in June 1996. **Bradford G. Wilson** recently accepted a position as general manager of the Doral Court and Tuscany hotels in New York City, with Starwood Lodging. He saw **Liz Schafer** in Los Angeles.

Amy Wagner Winkelmann and husband Rick have 11 nieces and nephews. They are busy restoring a 1955 Chevy pick-up and going to car shows. Their farm market (Wagner's) is celebrating its 30th year in business. **Mark Hamblet** is implementing a new project management system in research and development after seven years with crop protection, animal and plant health sector, Rhone-Poulenc. **Thomas Fric** and wife Karen-Marie, have children Monica, 4, and Madeline, 2. Thomas is still at GE Corporate Research and Development. He has a new position as manager of advanced gas turbine technology. **Melinda (Thaler)** married David Milberg last September. Melinda is a senior lawyer at the AT&T Corp. in NYC. David is a vice president and owner, Milberg Factors, NYC, a factoring and finance company.

Robert P. Dolan, PhD, and wife Lori Lynn Hoffer have a 2-year-old son named Ezekiel. Robert has a new position as project manager for Analagic/CDA in Peabody, MA. **Greg Lyman**, BS Eng '85, and wife Mary have a daughter Hannah, 9. They are doing great. Greg is completing two years at the San Francisco International Airport expansion project. Dr. **Douglas Seeb** began a fellowship in abdominal imaging in radiology in August 1997 at Emory U. **Arlene Bluth** is in private law practice and on the Internet at APBluth@aol.com. She would love to hear from classmates. She reports that **Susan Cohn** Senowitz had her second child, a daughter. **Cathy Lichter** moved to the Washington, DC, area in May 1997. She is working in the intellectual property and international trade groups of the international law firm Coudert Brothers. **Art Zysk** lives in W. Milford, NJ, with wife Eileen and two sons. He is busy making his Internet service business a local call throughout New Jersey: www.nji.com.

Gustavo Arnavat has a son, Sebastian, who was born in April 1996. After almost six years as an attorney at Cleary, Gottlieb, Gustavo began a new career as an investment banker at Santander Investment. He was also recently selected as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. **Jean Nelson** is an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Bowman Gray medical school. She married Matthew DiGioia in 1989. They have children Matthew, 6, Dana, 4, and Jeannette, 2. Jean's husband has been Mr. Mom for six years now. The family enjoys travel and summer visits to the Jersey Shore or Outer Banks. **Leah (Levy)** and husband **Scott Soltas** live in Manhattan. They have sons Evan, 5, and

Connor, 3-1/2. **Diane Dygert** was named senior counsel at Waste Management. She and husband Bob Concardy have sons, Ryan, 4, and Riley, 1.

Ken Yanagisawa, MD, is married to **Julia Shi '83**. They have children Katie, 10, Michael, 8, Mark, 6, and Jonathan, 4. Ken is a clinical instructor at Yale U. medical school. He was elected a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the American Broncho-Esophagological Assn. and the American Society of Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. **Arlene Orenstein Sussman**, MD '90, is now a full partner in a radiology group on Long Island and runs one of the mammography offices full time. Her husband, **Bill '80**, and sons Harry, 5, and Matthew, 4, are going on their third year in the suburbs and are all avid gardeners. Arlene reports that **Christine Frissora**, '85, BA '86, MD '90, **Lois Baskin**, and **Caroline Sommers** all live in Manhattan—"I miss you and if you see this call me so we can catch up!"

Kim Shoop is coming up on her second anniversary as a stay-at-home mom and still hasn't figured out which is easier—taking care of two kids (Aney, 5-1/2, Abbey, 3) or juggling work and home lives! Dr. **Ellen Mayer Sabik** is a cardiologist at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. She was inducted into the 1997 GTE/Cosida Academic All American Hall of Fame. She and husband Joseph have son Joseph Paul, 3. **Cheryl Kaplan** Taylor was married in May 1995 to Jeff Taylor. They have daughter, Allison Lauren Taylor, 1. Cheryl is pursuing a PhD in social welfare at Florida International U.

Roman Stearns was promoted to director of the East Bay School-To-Career Partnership, a large consortium of organizations (business, labor, governments, education, community) working together to align education reform efforts with economic development needs in the region. **Joel Schechter** and wife Lee Ann live in Naples, FL, with daughter Alex, 8, and son Jake, 6. After nine years at the home office of the Stamford, CT-based law firm of Cummings and Lockwood, Joel spent the last two years as the partner in charge of the corporate and real estate departments. **Anne Ricciuti** married Ty Hardaway in June. It was a beautiful ceremony at the Aurora Inn overlooking Cayuga Lake. After honeymooning at Glacier National Park, the couple will reside in Washington, DC. ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, 1465 Hooksett Rd., #299, Hooksett, NH 03106; e-mail, klorax@aol.com; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, 68 Blackheath Park, London SE3 0ET, England; e-mail, 106064.1262@compuserve.com.

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Class of '85ers are no strangers to travel, either for business or for pleasure. While **Kirn Braich** enjoys living in Colorado with wife Andrea and son Ruediger, and says, "I don't have wanderlust anymore." Yet Kirn has traveled to Hawaii for his last three vacations. "Why go anywhere else?" he asks. Kirn recently learned how to install an automatic sprinkler system and announces, "Yes, I

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have become my father." **Monty Oppenheim**, who traveled to the Big Island of Hawaii, happily reported that he is finally employed. Monty wrote, "It only took me about 11 years since college to get a real job." **Stacey Ruben O'Leary**, BS HE '86, thoroughly enjoyed Spain, and advised those thinking of visiting to forego the rental car, as the streets are minuscule, and to brush up on Spanish, as not many of the natives speak English. Stacey wrote that the food was great and the wine fantastic. Your Class Correspondent **Lisa Bluestein** and husband Artie Foote went to Spain last year (Costa del Sol, Southern Coast area), and had a wonderful time. We were able to manage without a car for most of the trip, but did rent one for a day to travel to Gibraltar for a great view and some fish and chips.

Tom O'Reilly and wife **Elizabeth "Betsy" Daniels** live in Tokyo and have opened their doors to fellow Cornellians traveling to the Far East. Those who have taken advantage of the O'Reilly's hospitality include **Rob Cappucci**, **Dave** and **Judy Marlinksi Doyno**, **Phil Borkowski** and **Trish Browne**. When the O'Reillys got away, they headed to Malaysia and Bali, but wrote that if they could go anywhere, they'd visit Cornell to "have a beer at Ruloffs and a bloody mary at the Pines because it's fun to be home." **Andy Traum** has not yet made it to Australia, his dream spot, but because of his position at Hughes, has been able to travel to Luxembourg, Spain, and Indonesia. Andy is counting on making it to Norway and Australia this year. Andy recently got into skiing and traveled to Lake Tahoe for a "skiing/gambling/partying" trip. Andy attributed the great skiing in California this year to El Nino.

Clark Decker, who has a new home in the Manhattan Beach, CA, area, and is a business consultant at Andersen Consulting, reported that in 1997, he snowboarded for the first time in Vail, CO, and also traveled to Palm Springs, CA, and Phoenix, AZ, for golf outings. This year, Clark traveled to El Salvador and Cabo San Lucas. **Michel "Michael" Buhler** has a new job as vice president of business development-Latin America for Nextel International, and lives in Miami, FL. Michael, who lives with his wife and two girls, wrote that since his job takes him anywhere in the world, the place he'd most like to be is home. **Sandra Ventimiglia Ingram**, who went to Penang, Malaysia, and Hong Kong, would like to explore her roots in Italy, as well as partake in the arts and culture of that country. Sandra reported that she landed a new job at Baxter Healthcare's renal division.

Leslie Nydick, director of corporate facilities at WinStar Communications, has a publicity company for actors called Entertainment Consultants. Leslie is a very active volunteer for Cornell and recently made several road trips to visit fellow alumni. In June, Leslie visited **Michael P. Smith '84** and his sons, Austin, Brandon, and Derrick, who live in Liverpool, NY. In May, Leslie saw **Scott "Sid" '84** and **Ginny Scarola Sidman** in Boston for the first communion of their daughter, Melanie. While in New Orleans for

a Jazzfest with her brother, **Jay Nydick '86**, and **Jeff Horowitz '86**, she saw **Sam Moore '84**, BS Eng '85. Leslie saw **Mara Moskowitz LaViola** and her children, Jake and Rachel, who were visiting NYC. **Bill**, Mara, and family live in Israel, while Bill is on assignment for IBM. Leslie also keeps in touch with **Tara Schuman Gonzalez** and **Bonnie Reuben Nissenbaum**, BS Ag '89. Bonnie has her own public relations/marketing communications business, and is in her third year of representing The Breakers Palm Beach and the Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club in Cape Cod from her home office on the West Side of Manhattan. Bonnie had been living in Florida and then Vancouver, BC, until her husband, Ofer, accepted a position as director of operations at the Plaza Hotel in the Big Apple. Bonnie stated that her family is normally low-key and indifferent to the celebrities that stay at the hotel; however, Don King recently walked into the hotel lobby and her son Ari, who is almost 2, yelled, "LOOK AT HAIR!" Bonnie keeps in touch not only with Leslie, but also with Ginny Scarola Sidman, **Lisa Wertz Waldman**, **Leora Halpern Lanz**, and **Molly Tschang**. She also keeps in touch with **Allison Passer '87**, **Joanne Restivo Jensen '84**, **Ellen Nordberg '86**, **Robin Block Marguleas '84**, and **Leesa Storfer '86**. Bonnie wrote, "Having relocated so many times to different states and Canada since college, it's gratifying to keep up these relationships and cross paths with those I had not seen or spoken to in a while."

Kirsten Coffen and husband **Brett Hillhouse**, BS Eng '85, live in Baltimore, MD. Kirsten's business, a landscape architecture firm, Garden Architecture, is doing well and in its third year. Brett is "busy grinding it out at IBM," wrote Kirsten, and noted that this was the "same job for more than two years—almost a record!" Kirsten and Brett visited cloud forests and active volcanoes, and enjoyed white-water rafting while at a Costa Rican resort on the Pacific Ocean. **Michele Sherman Kalish** recently moved from London to Westport, CT. While living in London, Michele had the opportunity to go to Paris, Phoenix, her and husband Geoff's house in Aspen, the Cotswolds for Thanksgiving, Florence, Tuscany, and Sardinia. Right before moving back to the States, Michele took a jaunt to Scotland. She would like to go to Africa before all of the wildlife disappears. She would also like to go hiking and trekking in Tibet, as she finds the topography and culture to be very interesting.

Michele reported that **Lee Kanter** Trout is living in a fabulous house in Phoenix that she and her husband designed. **Tracy Lotwin Scharf** and her two kids met up with Michele and Lee in Phoenix for a great weekend. Michele also reported that **Tiscia Eicher**, who graduated with Michele from Kellogg (MBA '89), is a "superstar" with American Express in Chicago; that **Leslie Simon Knibb** gave birth on Valentine's Day to a baby girl and is retiring from her "very cool job with the NBA"; and that **Sheila (Marrinan)**, husband Gregg Burkus (also Kellogg '89) and three kids

live outside Boston, where Sheila is retired from corporate life.

Suzanne Gray, BS '86, married Joseph Murphy, MD, in June 1997. '85ers in attendance included **Tracey Reynolds** Codrington, **Brenda Richards** Mangels, **Kristine Golder Evans**, **Jenny Baker** Marafioti, and **Mary Beth O'Shea** Meade. Suzanne's new hobby, scuba diving, certainly came in handy, as she honeymooned in the Grand Cayman Islands. While scuba diving, Suzanne got to see sea turtles and stingrays. Suzanne reported that Kristine Golder Evans and Sam have opened their own veterinary practice in Wadley, GA, and have two sons; Mary Beth O'Shea Meade and Mike have two children; Jenny Baker Marafioti and spouse Chris have four girls; Eric and Tracey Reynolds Codrington have a daughter and a new home in Chatham, NJ; and Andy and Brenda Richards Mangels now have three kids.

Katie Brown announced that she has entered the world of television with her show "Next Door with Katie Brown" on Lifetime TV. Katie described her show as a "new Martha Stewart show." Katie is also the new spokesperson for Arm & Hammer Baking Soda and about to publish her first book on room makeovers. Katie, do you give private consultations? Even if you are "decoration/renovation-challenged," we still want to know what you are doing. ♦ **Lisa M. Bluestein**, 5 Sun Valley Hgts Rd., N. Salem, NY 10560; e-mail, Lawfoot@aol.com; **Linda M. Messinger**, 2401 S. Downing St., Denver, CO 80210; e-mail: lmmderm@aol.com.



I'm writing this when I should be packing. Very soon—indeed, by the time you read this—we will have left not-so-rural New Hampshire for the pastoral suburbs of Hartford, CT. I'd love to hear from Cornellians who can advise on the best biking trails, brewpubs, and children's museums in the area!

Of course, I'm not the only classmate to pack up the minutia of my life into cardboard boxes. Plenty of you have been on the move, like **Laura Bartow LaFontaine**, who married **Bill '88**, PhD '90, in October 1996, honeymooned in Nepal, and moved to Tokyo. **Rebecca Chapple** McNamara, mom to Emily, Bridget, and Grace (ages 6, 4, and 2), currently of Morris Plains, NJ, lived in Ireland from 1994 to 1995 and is hoping to return this year.

Those who have opted for more temporary changes of locale recently: **Linda B. Oliver**, who graduated UCLA law school in 1993, then visited Cambodia and Vietnam. **Byron Wong**, BS HE '88, is group project manager for Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group in Hong Kong, and has frequently traveled to Bangkok and Myanmar for business and exploration on his own. And **Melissa Mitchell-Wagner**, corporate director of human resources for Liberty Healthcare in North Carolina, married George Wagner III in September 1996 in Lanai, HI, and spent New Year's Eve 1997 in Paris. She writes that **Susan Castor**, MA In T '97, is a high school teacher on Long Island,

NY, and urges former members of Phillips House to send news to *Cornell Magazine*!

Some of you followed new paths of a different sort. **Allie Augusta "Gursie" Ownby**, BA '87, for instance, after three years as a hydrogeologist for the State of South Carolina, veered off to become a network system administrator and added a third dog, Tesla, to her household. **Sarah P. Colon**, after eight years as a full-time lecturer in a small women's college in Japan, resigned to study the Japanese language intensively and passed the national proficiency exam. **Steve Wells**, too, changed his direction as well as his zip code: after six undefeated years as an assistant DA in Fort Worth, TX, he says, he has moved back to upstate New York to join his brother as a partner in American Food & Vending Corp.

A few weddings to report: **Keith Robbins**, who owns the Wyatt Group, an environmental consulting company in Lancaster, PA, married **Sarah Bradbury '95**. Last October **Natalie R. Williams** wed Eric Umlauf at Estherwood, a historic house on the campus of the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She graduated Yale U. law school and was an associate counsel to President Clinton in 1995-96. **Steven Isko** and **Jennifer Coen '89** married last November in NYC. Jennifer is an associate at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman; Steven is a vice president in the legal department of the Coleman Company. In February 1997, **Donna Thomas** was married, in her homeland of Trinidad and Tobago, to David Choro-meurski, whom she met the first day of business school at UCLA. Cornellians making the trip to attend included **Greg Ritchie** and wife **Liz**, **Stacey Peterson**, **Liz Machlachlan**, **Sandra Mozesky**, and **Kathy Osgood '87**.

Elizabeth Gutrecht wrote about two Cornellian weddings: Hers to Russell Lyster was in December 1996. **Susanne Goldstein**, BS Eng '87, BA '87, and **Paul Gutrecht '89**, helped celebrate. Elizabeth and Russell live in Marina Del Rey, CA, where she is a practicing ob/gyn and he is a cinematographer. **Kirstie Gulick**, BA '87, who also attended that wedding, had married Micah Rosenfield on her parents' farm in Vermont in October 1996. Besides dad **George Gulick '56**, B Chem E '57, many other Cornellians attended: **Naomi (Schussler) '88** and husband **Jonathan Mermin**, **Gretchen Gulick Neligan '83**, **Rachel Sifry '88**, **Jacob E. Moss '87**, **Sara "Suki" Tepperberg '89** and **Noel S. White '88**.

Baby news! (Well, maybe not so new but reporting these things takes time . . .) **Gail Greenblatt Isaacson**, BA '87, a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines, had son Dean Barrett in December 1996. A few months prior, she writes, **Laurie Rosseau** Flowers, a Boston consultant, had daughter Rachele. They both got together recently with **Bliss Blodgett-Stephan**, ME Eng '88, who's with American Airlines in Dallas; **Laura Ansell**, who works for AT&T in New York City; and **Pam Isaacson**, BA '87, a computer trainer and consultant near Philadelphia.

Ross Aaron Binder's arrival on May 8, '96, kept **Jacqueline Rabin Binder**, a vice president at a New York public relations firm, from

attending our 10th Reunion. She writes: "My best, and only excuse!" Physician **Mary Rinko Oefelein** had Kyle Mary in July 1996, to join sister Erin, born in September 1994. She has moved from Chicago to Dayton, OH. **Sean McMurtry** and **Konomi Takeshita '85** had Liam Kentaro McMurtry in October 1996. Sean left the Navy JAG Corps and is now senior associate with Furnier, Thomas,

man announce the birth of their first child, daughter Arielle Nicole, born on Apr. 4, '98. Arielle weighed in at seven pounds, two ounces. Rich recently earned his MBA at Babson College. Leslie is also pursuing her MBA at Babson, but is taking some time off.

Amit Batabyal reports that he was recently appointed associate professor with tenure in the economics department at Utah State

"Doug Mazlish endured a 500-mile bike-a-thon to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation."

— HILORY FEDERGREEN WAGNER '86

Rosenberg & Herfel in Cincinnati, OH, while Konomi is product manager for intellectual property of LEXIS-NEXIS Corp. in Dayton.

Donna (Jacobson) and husband **Jeff Gershenwald '84**, MD '90, had Sophie Danielle on July 4, '97. **Tami Gershenwald '89** is the proud aunt. And Maxwell Jones Carpenter arrived November 1997 to **Margaret Jones** Carpenter in Panama City. Marg's first son, Sam, was born in January 1996 in Saudi Arabia.

Other highlights: **John B. K. K. Yuen** started a post-doctoral fellowship in allergy and immunology at the National Insts. of Health in Bethesda, MD, last summer. **Doug Mazlish**, new business development director for Citizens Telecom in New York, endured a 500-mile bike-a-thon to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation. **Ron J. Schiller** was named vice president for institutional advancement at New England Conservatory. And **Julia A. Kretzmann** earned a JD and MSL from Vermont Law School, *magna cum laude*. You guys rock. ♦ **Hilory Federgreen Wagner**, 108 Nicole Dr., S. Glastonbury, CT 06073; e-mail, hilwag@aol.com.



Greetings, fellow classmates. I am in the middle of my busy season, awaiting the arrival of more than 100 high school juniors and seniors who have been entrusted to my care for five weeks to explore college life. I discovered that a classmate, **Steve Jureller**, works here at Barnard; we had been working together for at least a year and didn't realize that we are both Cornellians! Check out my web page at <http://www.spacelab.net/~cstern>. Check out the Pre College Programs Web site at <http://www.barnard.columbia.edu/pcp>.

Writing this column was made so much easier by all of you who sent me e-mail messages. I really appreciate it! This helps to keep our news fresh.

So on to the news: **Michelle Russo**, an investment officer at John Hancock's real estate investment group specializing in the asset management of hotels, was a recent speaker at the Cornell Alumni Business Network breakfast. **Rich Friedman** and wife **Leslie Kauf-**

U. He lives in Logan, UT, with wife Swapna and daughter Sanjana.

Wendy Wagner sends a very extensive report of her trip with husband **Ken Zirkel '88**. "Ken and I are back from our 12-day trip to England, and we had a great time. It's 7:00 a.m. here (I've been up since 5:30), but it feels like noon to me, so I'm wide awake and ready to give a trip report, which also gives me a chance to process the whole vacation.

Thursday—we arrive approximately 11 a.m. after taking the red eye flight. Please remind me not to do that again. We arrive at the apartment we've rented for a week. Ken and I like this idea because it's cheaper and we can cook our own breakfast in the little kitchenette. The apartment is near the British Museum and the theater district (and hence, the tube). We spend the evening walking around the theater district/Charing Cross Road (bookstores!). We're just killing time till 8 or 9 p.m., when we can go to sleep.

Friday—jet lag is gone! We awake refreshed. We go to the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's (it was closed for services), and the Museum of London.

Saturday—Walking tour of Westminster (Abbey area, Big Ben, Parliament). Then we go to the Churchill War Rooms, where he ran World War II during the Blitz. After lunch in St. James Park, we split up—Ken to go to the British Museum, me to visit Tate Gallery. Later, we meet up again and go to Trafalgar Square, where we see many people in various "football colors" celebrating the FA Cup Final (sort of like the Super Bowl in the US).

Sunday—We take a Thames boat ride to Greenwich to see the Old Royal Observatory and the Prime Meridian.

Monday—We validate our eight-day Britrail pass, then go to Leeds Castle in Maidstone, Kent. Ken has wanted to see a castle, but he is disappointed because Leeds Castle is a very "happy" castle. Near the train station that evening, we stop by an Internetcafe. While I'm on e-mail, Ken walks over near Buckingham Palace and sees the Queen arrive.

Tuesday—We take a guided tour to Salisbury and Stonehenge. I think Salisbury was my favorite part of the trip.

Wednesday—We do a day trip to

Brighton to see the sea (well, the English Channel) and the Royal Pavilion.

Thursday—We want to go into Westminster Abbey, but it's closed for services, so we go to the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery. Then in the afternoon we head for Bath, where we take a quick walk in the evening light before eating at a wonderful vegetarian restaurant that, apparently, Van Morrison often visits for breakfast.

Friday—We do Bath extensively. I have been reading/rereading Jane Austen's novels, two of which are set partially in Bath, so I enjoy looking for familiar places. That evening, we do a ghost tour of Bath, but it's really not that spooky.

Saturday—We had planned to spend another night in Bath, but tourists have descended on the city in droves. Yes, it's Bank Holiday weekend, which we hadn't realized was such a big deal. Furthermore, Bath is celebrating the Bath International Music Festival, and our ghost tour guide informs us that there is a royal visit planned (Charles is to attend a concert at the festival) so we pack our things and leave a day early for York.

Sunday—We call a guide for a walking tour (the Complete York Walking Tour) and we get him all to ourselves—because no one else has requested a tour—for over four hours! He is an excellent guide who shows us all over the city, but he really hits his stride in the York Minster, a beautiful church.

Monday—York has an extensive National Railway Museum. A highlight, the Royal Trains."

Thanks, Wendy! **Shari Savoy** is trying to catch up with some old friends: **Arvis Hadley** (Arts) and **Richard A. Thompson**, BS Eng '89. If you are out there, reach out and touch each other.

Paul Rosenthal reports that he and wife Barbara have children Hailey, 4, and Jordan, 2, living in White Plains, NY. He is currently a top executive for Royce Hosiery Mills and is in the process of launching a software company. The first product is an inventory management package for the AS/400. You can reach out and touch Paul via e-mail: prosenthal@msn.com.

Dan Goldman (Ag college) and **Diana Lawson Goldman** (HE) have been living in Asia for six years now. After four years in Singapore, they are now in Hong Kong and run into Cornellians frequently, including **Nancy Simcox** (Ag), **Steve Dana** '86 (Ag), **Caesar Castroverde** '86 (Arts), **Jeff MacCorkle** '88 (Arts), Micky Shegalian. They have wonderful daughters, Rachel, 4-1/2, and Katie, 3. Dan is busy developing power and energy projects across Asia for an affiliate of Shell and Bechtel while Diana is enjoying raising the children and keeping busy with various local community activities. They invite any and all visitors to drop in and visit soon, as they may not be in Asia much longer.

From the West Coast: **Karl and Karen Fann Townsend** report the birth of their new child, Sierra!

Finally, news from our esteemed class president, **Gligor Tashkovich**. We still hold

the record for most classmates attending the 10th Year Reunion; '88 didn't even come close! ♦ **Debra Howard Stern**, 235 W. 108th St. #45, NYC 10025; tel., (212) 854-8866; voice mail, (212) 854-7488; e-mail, dstern@bamard.columbia.edu; **Tom S. Tseng**, 56 Standish St. #2, Cambridge, MA 02138.

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As a class correspondent attempting to follow my fellow alums, I am discovering a peculiar problem. It seems that as more events happen in our lives, we have less time to send in the great news. Hopefully, we still have time to read the column! Remember, the more you send, the longer this column is.

A quick look through the *New York Times* told me of the marriage of **Allison Smith**, last June, to Warren Kanders in New York City. Until recently, Allison was a coordinator of strategic planning and new business development at Comedy Central. When last heard from about a year ago, **Regina** "Helene" **Mayor Kennison** and husband Chuck were living on a lake just outside Houston, TX. Helene is working as a manager with Ernst & Young's management consulting group focused primarily on petroleum industry clients. Others in Texas include **Elizabeth Simon Berke**, **Brian Campbell**, **Peter Dedek**, MA HE '93, **Eleonora Gafton**, BS Hotel '90, and **Lori Duke**. Lori and husband **Tom Bruechert** live in Austin, where Tom works for the Texas Dept. of Transportation. They keep in touch with **Marci Braunstein Arnold** and husband **Mark** '88, who have a daughter Alyssa Danielle, 2. They also gave an update on **Suzanne (Wisniewski)** and **Chris Nolan**, who live in NYC. Suzanne is a landscape architect and Chris is director of construction at the Central Park Conservancy.

Two classmates currently living in warmer weather made it a point to say that they do not miss winters up North. **Paul Quagliana**, ME AES '90, and wife **Kindra (Kelly)** '90 live in Starkville, MS, where Paul is studying for his PhD in aerospace engineering at Mississippi State U. **Lisa Mugrditchian** Norquist lives in the E. Bay Area of northern California, where her husband is in business school. Also in the Bay Area is **Ken Lee**, an Asia business manager with Sun Microsystems. Prior to working for Sun, Ken completed a two-year tour of duty in South Korea's Navy as a petty officer. **Anne Van Leishout** Woods lives in North Carolina and can be reached at Woodsvan@aol.com. Other San Franciscans include **Jenifer (Carini)** and **Michael Clarkson**, **Christopher Flynn**, **Teresa (Peffley)** and **Lee Cooper**, and **Kathy Klein**, BS HE '90.

Lynda Ferrari is studying for her MBA at the U. of Michigan business school, where she lives in the same building as **Heather Meyer** '90 and **Laura Limoges** '90. **Laura Ritucci** Daisak recently moved to Washington, DC, to begin an accelerated MBA degree at George Washington U. She is also a director of training at Citibank.

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Allison Freedman Sacher has completed her residency in radiation oncology at Mt. Sinai in NYC, and will be working three days a week in a private practice at Lenox Hill Hospital while she spends the other two days with her son, Jacob, 21 months. She often sees **Jodi Rosenbaum Fiedler**, who is a dermatology resident at Mt. Sinai and mother to 22-month-old Benjamin. Jodi and husband Larry, also a physician, live on the Upper East Side of NYC.

Sara Peabody Downey gave birth to John Thomas last June. She and husband Tom live in Springlake Heights, NJ, where Sara is associate director of catering at the Hyatt Regency Princess. **Jay Strauss** and wife **Alisa (Kossowsky)** '90 now have two little girls. Sophie Erica, 3, has a new little sister, Jessica Claire, born this past June. Jay and Alisa recently moved to Scarsdale, NY. **Jill Abrams** Lapensohn and husband Howard welcomed their second son, Seth David. Son Brandon Jeffrey will be turning 3, soon.

I lament that this column is so short, and I wholeheartedly request that you send in your information as soon as possible. Spread the word! ♦ **Robyn Wesler** Landow, 315 E. 68th St., NYC 10021; e-mail, drlandow@aol.com.

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For those of you who don't believe in romance and for those of you who don't believe in participating in alumni activities, here's an interesting tale that not only proves both are alive and well, but also adds a dose of serendipity. **Maria (Tillis)** '91 met husband **Eric Connor** through the Alumni Assn. in Atlanta. Their wedding, a small family affair, took place on March 20 in Lawrenceville, GA, and was followed by a reception at an historic mansion in rural Georgia, which was followed by a honeymoon in Puerto Rico. They also held a big bash this summer in Watkins Glen, NY, celebrating with their extended family and friends. The only downside to this happy tale? Their alumni event planning has taken a backseat to all that romance, but Maria assures us, "we'll be back now that things have settled down!" Anyone out there who cares to step in and take a crack at class event planning is welcomed and encouraged by your Class of '90 officers!

Cregg Sweeney was recently recognized as the National Contractor of the Year in the home restoration category for his work leading the re-building of a Frank Lloyd Wright home in Orinda, CA (San Francisco area). Cregg was featured in the September/October 1997 issue of *Preservation* magazine, where he was referred to as "a talented young carpenter, a kindred spirit." As superintendent of construction, Cregg assisted architect Walter Olds in the reconstruction of a cherished Frank Lloyd Wright home belonging to Maynard and Katherine Buehler that had burned in 1994. After the fire, the middle third of the house was a ruin and much of the rest of it was a soaked, sooty mess. The article reads, "While remaining true to Wright in principle and spirit, the Buehlers, Olds, Alward [a Berkeley

contractor], and Sweeney have crafted an interesting re-creation rather than a slavish restoration." Since the article appeared, Cregg and the firm he is with have been awarded the opportunity to work on another Frank Lloyd Wright house in the Bay area. Cregg is married to **Karen (Mittlestadt)**, who works for Bright Horizons, which was founded by a Cornellian.

It seems that in our class success abounds. Here's another entry: **Jason Lapin** is general manager of "New York City's first true cigar bar, Club Macanudo," and is responsible for all cigar, food, and beverage service. Club Macanudo has three large smoking, drinking, and dining rooms with walls embossed with tobacco leaf reliefs and lined with Macloreland humidors. Its overstuffed sofas and club chairs are finished in tobacco-colored leather. Cigar store Indians—replicas of 19th century originals—are posted at the entrance. The club offers an extensive selection of premium cigar brands—available a la carte and listed by brand, wrapper type, country of origin, physical dimension, and price—as well as cigar "accessories." Jason was previously general manager of the Las Vegas branch of Spago, Wolfgang Puck's famous Los Angeles eatery. Before he moved West, he was assistant general manager of the Red Sage restaurant in Washington, DC, and dining room manager at the Willard Room of Washington's Willard Inter-Continental Hotel.

Eddy Luh wrote to tell us that he's entering his final year of general surgery residency in Las Vegas and expects to start a vascular surgery fellowship at Baylor College in Houston, TX, in July 1999. Eddy had words of wisdom to share: "Do or do not, there is no try."—Yoda. **Nicholas Fay '89** has completed similar feats. Nicholas wrote, "This is my first entry of alumni news and many things have happened since leaving Ithaca." I'll say! At the time of his writing he was in his last year of residency in emergency medicine at the U. of Massachusetts, Worcester, after completing medical school, also in Worcester. He is married to **Jill Hathaway**, BS Ag '91, and in addition to their 2-year-old, they now have newborn twins!

Becky Summer Renkert wrote to tell of her and **George Renkert's** son, Philip Michael, born Aug. 29, '97. George is in grain merchandizing for PACMA Inc. in Palmyra, PA. He saw **Larry Bailey**, **Kevin Peck '91**, **Steve Chuhta**, and other Alpha Gamma Rho brothers at the NY State Farm Show.

Lots of classmates are finishing up advanced degrees. On the MBA track were **D. Max Harvey**, who finished at Columbia business school and is now a senior consultant at Coopers & Lybrand Consulting in NYC. **Becky Brown** Gamble earned her MBA at the U. of Rochester in June 1995. She's since moved to Raleigh, NC, and was promoted to regional sales manager, Midsoutheast region, for Comstock Michigan Fruit's foodservice division. **Alan Flyer** finished his degree at U. of North Carolina in May 1996, moved to Cincinnati, and joined an internet start-up company (SharkBYTES), where he's developing

websites and other internet solutions. He married **Karen Osterroth (Duke '91)** in October 1997.

Richard Loh, who lists his address as Eastern Lagoon, Singapore (sounds exotic!), earned his MBA from the U. of Virginia in 1996. He's working for the management consulting firm A.T. Kearney in Singapore and admitted he's, "enjoying life out here in Southeast Asia. Doing lots of traveling." (But Richard, why leave the lagoon? I'm curious...) **Julian Ha** is also in Singapore, working for Baker & McKenzie—Capital Markets Group. And just a year ago, **Patricia Jurewicz** started the master's of international management program at Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management.

Among other graduate programs our classmates have undertaken are an MSW for **Rachel Korn** Goldberg, who finished at Boston U. in 1996. She now works for Value Behavioral Health, a company that provides EAP (employee assistance program) services. She wrote to say that she visited **Tracy Evans** Krantz, who is the new mother of Stuart; and **Michele Silver**—Aylaian, who is finishing her PhD in clinical psychology. **Virginia Ann Jacobson** wrote to tell of her graduation from SUNY, Buffalo law school in May 1995. She was admitted to the New York Bar on Feb. 15, '96. She saw friends **Catharine Schenck** and **John Young**, BS HE '91, at the Dryden Bicentennial in 1997 (near Ithaca). Catharine, John, and Virginia are classmates from Dryden High School's class of '86.

Jennifer Bitz Gold and husband **Scott** wrote to tell of Scott's new job at Chadbourne & Park, a large NYC law firm. Scott will be in the employment practice area.

Melissa Wasserman Goldman attended **Lisa Rhodes** Hogue's wedding in La Jolla, CA, with bridesmaids **Caroline Rosen** and **Lisa Daniele '89**. The wedding was on Apr. 12, '97. **Shelly Emens** DiGiulio wrote to tell of her wedding on July 15, '95 to Lawrence DiGiulio. She said "Many, many Cornellians attended the wedding, too many names to list here." Shelly was promoted in December 1996 to be western New York sales manager for Accudata Search Inc. She and Lawrence

one to drop me a line with your news. Until then, have a beautiful and colorful fall. ♦ **Regina Duffey** 440 E. Buffalo St., Apt. 7, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail: rmd5@cornell.edu; and **Rose Tanasugarn**, 5419 LaMirada Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029-1010; tel., (213) 464-5915; fax, (213) 623-4005; e-mail, nt28@cornell.edu.

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Greetings to the Class of '91. I've a small but impressive stack of news from our classmates this month, so let's get started. The year 1998 has been a very exciting and busy one for **Elyse Goldberg Goodman** and husband **Edward "Teddy"**. Elyse and Teddy welcomed son David Meyer Goodman into their lives on Feb. 1, '98. Elyse writes, "He is absolutely delicious, we love being parents! His grandparents Bob and **Toby Rice** Goldberg '64 cannot get enough of him! We hope David is a member of the Class of 2020. (No pressure!) He would be a third-generation Cornellian after his proud grandma, Uncle **Geoffrey Goldberg '89**, myself, and Teddy." Elyse also mentioned seeing a lot of classmates recently. They had a mini reunion at their son's bris: in addition to family members, Andrew and **Barbara Glickman** Schultz, **Dan** and **Melissa Sherman Rothberg**, **David '90** and **Holly Geiger Kotler**, **Jeff '92** and **Allison Libshutz Rosier '93**, **Jason Bernbach**, JD '94, **Michael Levine**, **Ken Fried**, **Brian Song** and wife Amy, **Randy '88** and **Nancy Henken Stuzin '88**, **Meredith Resnick '96**. Among the people who have stopped by to see David are **Robbie Landau**, JD '94, **Brad '90** and **Amy Hillsberg Herzog**, **Ruth Offerman** Serepca, and **Pearl Chizner** Lockwood. Elyse also wrote of attending the wedding of her brother Geoffrey to Sarita Kedia (U. of Pennsylvania '91) on Sun., May 24, '98, in New Orleans, LA, where the Goodmans bumped into **Barry Leibowitz '90**, and **Eric Foster '89**.

We've heard from **Kirsten Etkla Hallstrom** in beautiful Ann Arbor, MI. Kirsten and husband **Brian '90** are very proud to announce the birth of son Lars Ronald

“Jeff Carman reports a busy year! He adopted a puppy and bought a house!”

— LINDA MOERCK - CISZ '91

bought a new house in August 1996 in Snyder, NY.

James Goldstein wrote of his wedding to Dawn Koran in October 1996. Cornellians in attendance: **Troy Norin**, **John Pinto**, **Nicole Doria-Rose** and **Paul Doria-Rose '91**, DVM '96, **Claire Michelle Piliero '91** and **Ryan Cote '91**. James is the assistant regulatory counsel for Nextel Communications, a wireless telecommunications company in McLean, VA.

I'll be writing the column for the November/December issue, too, so I encourage any-

Hallstrom on Nov. 15, '97. Kirsten was on maternity leave until this past August from her job as a pediatric physical therapist at Mott Children's Hospital at the U. of Michigan. Brian is completing his third year of orthopedic residency at the U. of Michigan. Kirsten is in touch with several other alumni.

Scott '88, MPS Ag '96, and **Kara Snider Bolonda '90** are busy in Akron, OH, with their second child, Keaton Eli, and his big sister, Kara. **Susie Curtis** continues to enjoy coaching the Big Red tracksters and hanging out with **Eric Schneider**, who is working on

his MEng/MBA on the Hill. Susie and Eric met at our 5th Reunion and were married on May 30, '98 at Cornell. **Julie Nelson** is finishing up her first year of medical school at U. of North Carolina. **Heather Dykstra** and husband Pat Doran are learning to rock climb and are conquering mountains out in Olympia, WA.

Wendy Hellinger Bennett has been working as an executive coordinator of pro-

president of marketing for the Internet software company, Partnerware Technologies.

Kate Guernsey Ackerman recently completed her pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital in Denver and will start a fellowship in pediatric intensive care medicine at the Harvard/Boston Children's Hospital. Kate and husband **Dave**, DVM '95, moved to Boston in June of this year. **Rachel Teck** lives in Al-

have a house, you never wonder where your next nickel is going."

Linda Coye graduated with a lot of other Cornellians from Harvard Business School's MBA program. She was going to vacation and work for her family before moving to New York City this month to work as a consultant for Maralcon Associates.

After resisting the pull for years, **James F. "Patrick" McCarrick** and wife **Jennifer Woolf '91** have headed out to the Bay Area. Patrick has a new job at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. He's happy to say there's no shortage of '92ers in that neck of the woods! **Pamela Davis** also just made a move. She's now in Salt Lake City working for NBC affiliate KSL-TV.

S. Umbereen Mustafa left a job in the Boston area last July, relocating to Pittsburgh to attend the Katz Graduate School of Business. Umbereen was hoping to do an internship in Latin America this summer. Meanwhile, **Carmen DiSunno** is working at TIAA-CREF in NYC in the private equity and lease finance area.

Jay Geiger is finishing his second year of clerking for Judge Nims of the US Tax Court in Washington, DC. Jay graduated from New York U. law school in May 1996. He reports that **Patricia Gernavage** was married in the Czech Republic in July 1996 and now lives in NYC, where she's working on her PhD in education at Columbia Teachers College. Jay also said **Leslie (Likens)** and husband **J. Mitchell Armbruster '93** moved to Raleigh, NC. She is a student at North Carolina State U. and he is a law student at U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Back at Cornell is **David M. Fine**. After working for 3-1/2 years as a patrol officer with the Dryden (NY) Police Department, he is attending the Law school. He still works weekends at the police department, and spent last summer as a law clerk in Syracuse.

William Atherton is in his chiropractic radiology residency at Logan College of Chiropractics in Missouri. **Melissa Teitelman** is in medical school at Temple, and **Siobhan O'Mahony**, MPA '93, left her job at EDS to accept a fellowship at the Inst. of Work, Technology, and Organization at Stanford U. **Shannon O'Barr** earned an MPH from Johns Hopkins in May 1997, and **J. Mitchell Tacy** graduated from Albany law school in 1996.

Last August, **Kathleen Bowman** took over command of the Ninth Services Squadron at Beale AFB, in California, home of the U-2 reconnaissance mission. Her squadron is responsible for all fitness, food, lodging, youth programs, and skills development, as well as such business activities as the golf course and officers' and enlisted men's clubs.

Linda Chin married Derrick Jackson in August 1996. Linda is pursuing a master's degree in religion at Gordon Conwell Seminary. She gave birth to daughter Alyssa last December. Linda also reported that **Scott Lee**, MEE '93, and **Wendy Hom** were married last summer.

Phil Chung checked in to say he is still working at Providian Financial and getting his

"Paul Osenar shaved his head for a cross-country bike ride and hasn't had hair since!"

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gram services at UJA-Federation of NY. Wendy was married in April 1997 and graduated from Wurzwiler School of Social Work with a MSW in July 1997. We've heard from **Brian Davies**, BS HE '92, who has been working with Holt & C Architects in beautiful Ithaca. Brian says that he is returning to Cornell for his masters in design and environmental analysis. **Lia Belanger Book**, DVM '95, writes that she and husband **Glenn**, DVM '95, bought a house in Winfield, PA, last year. **Larisa Semenuk** graduated from Case Western Reserve U. with a doctorate in nursing in 1997. She is working as a family nurse practitioner at a rural primary health-care center in southern Maine.

Some news from the armed forces: **Tonya Fancher** started her active duty as a physician in the US Air Force in July 1997. Tonya graduated from the New York U. medical school in 1995 and spent a year as an internal medicine resident in the NYU/Bellevue Hospital in New York City before beginning her active duty. Navy Lt. **Edwin Bogdanowicz**, who joined the US Navy upon graduation from Cornell, recently completed a very rigorous 22-week submarine officers advanced course. We also received news that Navy Lt. **Sean Ensign** was involved in a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean area in 1997 in which his squadron flew more than 4,000 operational missions including more than 100 reconnaissance missions during Operation Deliberate Guard in support of the peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In addition, Ensign and fellow air crewmen conducted 42 missions in support of Operation Silver Wake in Albania, contributing directly to the safe evacuation of more than 800 people from the war-torn country. Thanks and special prayers for all our servicemen and women.

Kevin Stark recently graduated from Case Western Reserve U. with a PhD in electrical engineering. Kevin, wife **Erinn (Gossett)** '90, and daughter Sarah, 2, have moved into a new house built in Richmond Heights, OH. Kevin is employed by a micro-sensor company, Advanced MicroMachines Inc. in Cleveland. **Ben Hansen**, who completed his MBA at the U. of Texas in 1996, is living in Austin, TX, and is currently a vice

exandria, VA, and is working on a master's in museum education at the George Washington U. in Washington, DC.

James Broude and wife Ellen write to announce their ownership and opening of Syrah, an American bistro on New York's Upper East Side. I've received word from **David** and **Cheryl Strauss-Einhorn**, who started Greenlight Capital, a limited partnership or hedgefund that invests in equities and distressed debt. Cheryl has transferred within Dow Jones from Barrons to WBIS+, Channel 31, where she is a markets editor and has been seen several times a day from the New York Stock Exchange. News from Oshkosh is sent from **Barbara Wilinsky** who is a visiting assistant professor in the communication department at the U. of Wisconsin. Barbara earned a PhD in radio-TV-film from Northwestern U. News from **Jeff Carman**, BS Eng '93, in Rochester reports a busy year! He adopted a puppy and bought a house! (In what order, I'm not sure!)

That's all for this month. It has really been great hearing from all of you; I hope to hear from more of you soon. Please continue to write or e-mail me all your news, classmate sightings, and words of wisdom! Look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Linda Moerck-Cisz**, 264 Carpenter Ave., Sea Cliff, NY 11579; e-mail, cisz_mark@jpmorgan.com; **Kevin Lemanowicz**, 3 Byron's Way, Franklin, MA 02038.

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Another spring has come—and gone—and that, of course, means yet more of us have graduated from wherever we went after Cornell. **Todd Pack** is among the new graduate degree holders. He earned his PhD in electrical engineering from Vanderbilt in May. He is director for software research at Real World Interface, a small robotics design and production company in Jaffrey, NH. Todd's wife, **Ruth (Herzog)**, was switching jobs this past summer. She formed and is directing the new choir at their church. Ruth mentioned they were enjoying New England life since the snow had finally gone. Ruth and Todd bought their first home and now understand the old saw, "When you

MBA at U. of California, Berkeley. For almost a year now, **Deborah Church** has been working as the chaplain at the McCurdy School in Espanola, NM. It is a K-12 school and mostly serves Hispanic students. In addition, Deborah has been serving as a part-time pastor at a small church in El Rito, NM. For fun she plays in a volleyball league, teaches piano lessons, goes hiking, and drinks good coffee with friends.

Congratulations to **Alison Dobes** and Tom Key who were wed on May 23, '98, on Jekyll Island, GA. They celebrated the day with plenty of Cornellians. **Shannon (Perkins) Doubet** and husband **Thane '91** welcomed their daughter Molly Thane Doubet into the world on March 15. Big sister Quinn is pretty excited, too! **Victoria Draper** is a portfolio manager at US Trust in New York City. **Jessica Weiner** is also in NYC as a lawyer at Cleary, Gottlieb, etc. Victoria also mentioned that **Christina McCormack** moved to London, where she is working at NatWest.

Terri "Tiffi" Zachos, DVM '96 just finished her first year as a resident in orthopedic and soft tissue surgery at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. She will complete the residency in July 2000, and then will be at Michigan State U. as a research fellow in the Laboratory for Comparative Orthopedic Research. Tiffi is also playing lacrosse for the New York Athletic Club with former Cornell teammates **Anne Tevebaugh** Baurmeister, **Christine "Tina" Hennessey '93**, **Catherine Hardy '93**, **Marina Krobisch '93**, and **Michele Mallardi '94**.

Andrew Halpern is doing a residency in diagnostic imaging (radiology) at Temple U., while wife **Wendy (Croll) '93** is in her third year of dental school at U. of Pennsylvania. **Ellen Dutta** just began her third year of an internal medicine residency at Emory in Atlanta, and **Scott G. Edwards '91**, BA '92, was beginning his third year as an orthopaedic surgery resident at the Campbell Clinic in Memphis. Wife **Eve (Machol)** has been promoted to marketing manager at Smith and Nephew, which manufactures and sells orthopedic implants. **Kathleen Facey** is working at the Mobil headquarters in Alexandria, VA, for the lubricant division. She works with fellow ILRies **Jennifer Grindle** Clemons and **Farrell Redwine '93**. **Craig** and **Elizabeth Chiasson Bello** are keeping up with alumni events in Houston.

If you are in Philadelphia, look for **Christopher Gearin** at the City Center, where he opened a café a little over a year ago. It's called Haute la Trot and serves a limited breakfast menu, lunch, and dinner. Christopher also purchased nine acres of land across from the Castle Grisch Winery in Watkins Glen. He plans to build a house and establish an organic herb farm there.

Adrian Gonzalez sent me a nice summary of the past six years of his life. He and **Paul Osenar** cycled cross-country after graduation. It took them 45 days to cycle 3,300 miles. He noted he shaved his head for the bike ride and hasn't had hair since! Adrian then moved to Arizona, met his wife, Leslie-Ann

(they were married in June 1997), and worked for Motorola for almost five years. They bought a house in Newton, MA, this January and Adrian is now working at Polaroid, developing new products. He admits he's still a poet at heart and in the early stages of writing a book (i.e., it's all in his head as yet!).

Well, drop me your news. I've created one of those new e-mail accounts that will follow me for life, so please take note of it! ♦ **Renee Hunter**, 27 Prospect St., Lebanon, NH 03766; tel., (603) 448-2548; e-mail, rah24@cornell.edu; also **Deborah W. Feinstein**, 4400 East-West Highway, #714, Bethesda, MD 20814; tel., (301) 656-3161; e-mail, dfeinstein@juno.com.

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As I write this in early June, I'm pleased to see there's no shortage of news. Thanks to all who filled out our postcards. We're getting to them, even though a lot of the information has been held over from November and December.

As usual, we have a few lawyers and lawyers-in-training. **Gregg Rozansky** is in law school at Harvard U. **Patrick W. Briggs** is at the U. of Tennessee law school, where he serves as the research editor on the *Transactions* law journal. Patrick writes, "Please pass on my admiration and respect to Prof. **Richard D. Aplin**, PhD '59, [a Weiss presidential fellow] in agricultural economics. Many classmates feel the same way." Patrick would also like to encourage support for the Cornell Club of Atlanta. (Attention area alumni!) Last year, **Kristin Chong** was admitted to the Minnesota Bar and joined the law firm of Briggs and Morgan. She also traveled in Europe for three weeks after the bar exam. **Chrissy Emmons**, after working as a lobbyist for a financial services corporation, entered the U. of Virginia law school. **Louis Ramos**, after graduating from law school at U. of Pennsylvania, is working at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson in Washington, DC. **Mari-Carmen Cividanes**, after graduating *cum laude* from law school, passed the Puerto Rican general bar examination and the notary public examination. She is working as a clerk in the Circuit Court of Appeals of Puerto Rico. Her message to classmates: "Enjoy life!"

Moving away from the legal profession, we have **Carlos Ridruejo**, who works at Michael Dennis & Associates, a Boston architecture firm. As a freelancer, Carlos designed posters and banners for the Head of the Charles Regatta. He earned his master's degree in architecture from MIT, and someday hopes to be building his own designs. **Chris Laugh-ton** is working at his family's nursery in Westford, MA, where he somehow finds time to serve on the board of directors of three non-profit community service organizations. He writes, "Last year, our garden at the New England Spring Flower Show received more than seven awards. Hopefully, our 1998 garden will do as well!" He reports on another Massachusetts resident, **Randall Davies '95**, who is

working in a venture capital firm and living in Boston. We're not done with Boston just yet. After working as the director of catering at One Financial Center in Boston, **Gregory Woodworth** moved on to become a food service director in Cambridge. Last September, he found time to travel to Nova Scotia.

Just a couple of states away, **Carol Ber-man** is the executive producer at WABI-TV in Bangor, ME. On the eve of election day, 1996, she prepared for the arrival of President Clinton on his last campaign stop. Last year, she found herself back on the Hill for Homecoming: "It was an adventure, because my sister **Andrea '01** was a freshman, so I felt young and old at the same time!" Carol reports on **Lori Ween**, a PhD student at Pennsylvania State U., who has published in a second literary journal.

Despite the responsibilities of postgraduate life, many classmates have managed to travel. **Joel Levin** tells us he spent seven months cycling ("Yes, bicycle, not motorcycle,") from Austin, TX, to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras—5,000 miles, in all. Joel is writing freelance for the *Daily News* and other publications in the New York City area. **Corey Wolff** of Richmond, VA, visited Japan, England, Holland, France, and Ireland. Corey is the president of AMS Genetics Inc. and was nominated to speak at the Cambridge Cattle Breeders Conference. Two winters ago, **Victoria Baeger** traveled to Egypt. Now a dental school graduate, she lives in Connecticut. **Julie Jong**, a dental student at the U. of Pennsylvania, traveled to Paris in the summer of 1997 with **Elizabeth Gonzalez**. Writes Julie, "At the end of this summer, I will be treating my first patient; therefore, I'm a bit thrilled and at the same time, terrified." **Nilay Shah**, Class of '94 webmaster, spent two years in the Caribbean after graduation. "I lived for two years on a beach in the Caribbean, snorkeled and SCUBA dove every day." At the time of writing, he was in his last year of medical school in NYC.

Also in NYC is **Lisa Sacks**, who is earning her master's degree in public policy and administration at Columbia U. Last year, she was working on the senate campaign of Congressman Chuck Schumer. **Valeria Jose** is an associate at Citicorp Securities in NYC. She writes that in ten years she hopes to be working in an art gallery in Argentina. In July 1997, she "rented a sailboat with eight friends and cruised around the British Virgin Islands for a week in July." Another Gotham resident is **Kevin J. Jacobs**, who works for Coopers & Lybrand in the hospitality consulting group. He's been named treasurer of the NYC chapter of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen. **Sarah Huston** earned her master of public health from Columbia U. last December, and was looking for a job in the reproductive health policy field. In November 1997, she ran the New York Marathon and had summer plans to go backpacking in Italy with **Julie Phillips '93**. According to Sarah, Julie is starting her fourth year of medical school at Tulane U.

News from the Midwest. **Michele Khim** is in business school at Northwestern U., where she is studying international business and finance. Previously, she worked as a prod-

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uct design engineer at the Ford Motor Co. In response to a question about travel, she wrote that she was off to India for two weeks in March, and that she had managed to visit New Orleans, Maui, London, and Big Sur the year before. **Lisa DeLeo** is in Chicago, where she does freelance film production and works as a film production manager "on commercials and industrials." **Carolynn Bruce** was previously employed at the Chicago Botanic Garden and now works as a horticultural therapist, "teaching the mentally ill about plants as a means of therapy/rehabilitation." **Bernadette Ramos Raymundo** is in Bloomfield Hills, MI. In response to the prompt, "What were you doing on this day a year ago?" she responds, "Something I never expected to be doing—running a company with my only boss in another country." She wished an early congratulations to **Yoko Tamura**, who was slated to finish veterinary school last May.

Moving along to the West. **Jennifer Fang** writes that she started a new job as individual travel sales manager, representing the five Hyatt hotels in San Francisco. The year before, she was working as the reservations manager at the Grand Hyatt SF at Union Square. She reports on the peregrinations of classmate **Kelly Reyelt**, who moved from Dallas to Rhode Island, and was set to move on to Boston. **Mary Ellen Basden Simoni** had been working for Stanford U. and living in San Jose. She writes of a change: "My husband, **Troy J., MBA '93**, and I just moved to Grenoble, France, for the next three to five years. I will continue to work for Stanford U. in Europe. Other than our new jobs, we are looking forward to skiing (slopes are only 20 minutes away!) and exploring Europe."

Still more '94ers have chosen a change of scenery. **Ursula McClelland** writes, "I've moved to Los Angeles, where I recently finished filming *Gambler's Ruin*, an independent directed by **Bill Gilman '93**." **Jennifer O'Shea**, BArch '94, is an architect at Lockwood Greene International, Moscow, and served previously in the Peace Corps. In response to a question about recent travel, she tells a story about "walking to the metro and having a militia officer push (her) to the ground while wearing a *Kalashnikov* [rifle] around his neck." It's not surprising that, in ten years, she would like to be "rowing on a lake near Ithaca."

Keep the news coming, and don't forget to spread the word about our upcoming reunion in June! ♦ **Dika Lam**, 108 E. 38th St., Apt 1205, NYC 10016; e-mail, DikaEsm@aol.com; **Dineen Pashoukos**, 4412 Harrison St., NW, Washington, DC 20015; tel., (202) 537-5847; e-mail, dmp5@cornell.edu; and **Jennifer Rabin**, 885 Westminster Rd., Woodmere, NY 11598; e-mail, jar1229@hotmail.com.

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Congratulations, classmates! We have finally exceeded the 400 mark for duespaying members—and you know what that means. More room for me to put all your exciting news in this column!

Great, right? Well, only if you keep up the e-mail and snail mail updates. As I write, the June weather is hot and lots of you are vacationing, moving, changing jobs, and just generally vegging out; thus, the pickin's are slim for filling this space. By the time you read this, the air will be cooling off (ok, maybe except for you folks in Florida, California, Arizona, etc.) and, at any rate, life will be back to "normal," so you have no excuses not to send me news! As a reminder, I still have that pile of really fascinating updates from classmates with no names! If you think you might ever have sent in a news form without your name, please contact me, preferably via e-mail, so I can get your news in!

From the non-anonymous end of things, Manhattan and the surrounding boroughs seem to be busting once again (or, more accurately, as always!) with '95ers. **Bryan Williams** writes that he keeps busy (I am sure!) working as an investigator of police harassment and brutality allegations with the Civilian Complaint Review Board of New York.

From **Elizabeth Leff**, a master's student at Columbia U.'s school of international and public affairs, comes a veritable laundry list of '95ers in NYC: **Jennifer Stevens**, also a student, at Columbia's school of public health; **Jennifer Damashek**, a teacher (not at Columbia, though!); **Allyson Stemple**, who works for Gibson Dunne; **Stephanie Cosner**; **Lauren Blick**; and **Stacy Lalin**, **Alyse Kramarow**, and **Jennifer Dubin**, all three of whom work in advertising. Jennifer wrote to report that she has switched "jobs but not careers." She now works at Grey Advertising as an account executive for Six Flags Theme Parks. Jennifer also sings in a female *cappella* group called Treble. (Which I, personally, think is pretty darn cool—ok, so I am biased; what can I say?)

Back to Columbia for a moment, a recent graduate of the Teacher's College with a master's in nutrition and public health is **Valerie Ghibaudi**. Also a registered dietitian, Valerie started working at MetLife New York as a health education consultant last August. Yet another recent Columbia grad is **Ellen Leventry**, who earned a master's degree in religion and has put it to good use as "what else—a financial journalist!" Ellen writes for TheStreet.com, an on-line financial news publication. Finishing up at Columbia medical school, writes Ellen, is **Todd "T.J." Reed**.

Switching to a new school, we move to New York U., where **Farra Schweibish** is still in dental school. Out of school but in another popular avenue of post-undergraduate life called consulting, is **Seth Traum**, continuing his work at Price Waterhouse as a construction litigation consultant. Seth also says that **Jonathan Stern** is an actuary with Buck Consultants.

Dori Kinderman works for Lehman Brothers in NYC, and used the City not long ago as a meeting place for some non-New Yorker buddies, namely **Honor Hawkins**, who lives and works in Boston, and **Amy Melville**, **Jason Stipe**, and **Justin Harrison '96**, all from the Washington, DC, area. An-

other mini-reunion that took place in Manhattan in the early summer (see, I really AM at a loss for news here!) included yours truly (the token NON-NYC resident of the group), along with **David Podwall** (yes, he's STILL at Einstein medical school!), **Russ Levitan** (working for Campbell's), **Jill Martin**, **Dawn Pinchasik**, **Scott Klein**, **Peter Klein**, **Tulio Hochkoepler**, **Eric Sherman**, **Julie Lubell**, and "surprise guest" **Paul Thur**, who had no idea he was walking into such a gathering when he entered the bar that night.

In the human resources department at Bloomberg, LLP is **Amy Leitner**, who tied the knot this June with Jason Straus (U. of Pennsylvania '95). Also living in NYC as newlyweds are **Jennifer Hitchcox** and **Vance Hundley '94**.

Turning the page away from the Big Apple now, **Aaron Maass** writes that he "gave up living in NYC after 23 years and moved to Kansas City," where he's been working for KPMG Peat Marwick as a consultant for the last two years. Continues Aaron, "It was an easy transition here, mainly because Kansas City is a really, really cool town. No plans to move anywhere else—yet."

Also recently displaced are **Alex Ciurczak** and **Ann Chi**, who live in Morris Plains, NJ (not quite NYC—but definitely not Kansas City!) where Alex works for Coopers & Lybrand out of Parsippany and Ann works for Exxon. In Chicago, **Michelle Wasserman** and **Arielle Berman** are graduate students in a clinical psychology PhD program at Loyola U. Writes Michelle, "Arielle and I were both human development and family studies majors, and we both lived in Boston for two years after graduation, and we did not meet until this program (in which) there are only eight of us (total)!" Another case of the Cornell Small World Syndrome.

Here in DC and its environs, **Joshua Greenberg** writes that he works for Nation's Bank in northern Virginia and, in the past two years has had the opportunity to travel to New Orleans, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Spain. (I don't think he meant through work, though!) Josh keeps in touch with DC-area friends and fraternity brothers **Avery Kotler**, a student at Georgetown law school, and **Jason Abfier**, at Georgetown medical school. Speaking of Georgetown, **Kimberly Miller** recently completed her master's in international business diplomacy and Russian studies there and continues to scour the job market. She also sends updates of friends, including **V. Gloria Furmanova** at Ohio State law school, **Hillary Frommer** at Kent law school in Chicago, and **Lauren Gelman** and **Mike Stroud**, at Georgetown and George Washington law schools, respectively. Writes Kim, "(It) looks as if we're not going to have any shortage of law specialists in the Class of '95!" Kim continues her update: **Sean Magnuson** started his own computer business in Southold, on Long Island; **Melissa Sokol** is in a PhD program in Russian literature at Brown, after having completed her master's in Russian studies from Yale; and **Tony Fernandes** is in Phoenix, AZ, where he flies F-16s for the US Air Force.

And now it's that time in my column where I bombard you with reminders. (Oh, wait, I think I already did a bit of that in the beginning—ah, my work is never done!) If you haven't done so already, don't forget to check out our class's website at <http://www.classof95.cornell.edu>. If you have any information on "lost" classmates or if you have anything exciting to add to the "Did you know?" section, please e-mail me.

Finally, don't forget some important upcoming dates. Thurs., October 8 is the International Spirit of Zinck's Night across the country, and October 16-18 is Cornell Homecoming. Anyone actually heading up this year? Or do we all feel too old? Personally, turning 25 the last day of Homecoming weekend in Ithaca has a strange sort of appeal to me (maybe I could get a rental car for the trip back!) and, yet, I somehow feel I've outgrown it at the same time; that maybe another, quieter, weekend would be a better choice to head back for some undergraduate reminiscing. While I do feel old when I visit Ithaca these days, as I am sure many of you do, too, I always enjoy the sense of nostalgia I get when I am there. And, just think, it's less than two years until our reunion! ♦ **Alison M. Torrillo**, 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Apt. 819, Washington, DC 20036, amt7@cornell.edu.

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It's been two years, and I am still waiting for the semester to end. I must say though, paychecks are much nicer to receive in the mail than grades. I keep thinking I have to rush home to do some studying, while instead I realize that I can spend my non-work hours settled comfortably on my futon in front of my non-existent TV. Was I the one previously extolling the virtues of spending copious amounts of time in the hallowed halls of institutions of higher education? It's the journey that's the important part, right?

Well, still unable to shake the ubiquitous "edu" from the end of my e-mail, I am here in my new West Coast environs surrounded by a plethora of Cornellians. **Dominique M. Lazanski** is working for Cornell's West Coast regional office, and making sure the alumni in the area are keeping occupied and sociable. **Nathaniel L. Yap** is working for the San Francisco regional commercial banking office of Wells Fargo Bank. **Michael "Mick" Merritt** recently moved from St. Louis to take a research associate position with APM Management Consultants, a health care consulting firm. Mick reports that **Janine Gillot** and **Nels Nelson** were married on May 23, in San Diego. And, keeping it real in East Bay, **Jessica Katz** is pursuing a degree in optometry at U. of California, Berkeley, while roommate **Rachel Berman** pursues graduate studies in public health.

Elizabeth Miot is working at a law firm in Santa Fe, and at time of writing, was busy with law school applications. She'd seen **Renee Land**, who is counting and banding hawks in the Sandia Mountains near Albuquerque, and reports that **Sarah Roberts** is in acupuncture school. **Dan Rech** is working as

an associate consultant with CSC Consulting in the New York City area, along with **Michelle Lauermann**, who is still getting used to the New Jersey style of driving. **Lauren Garson** lives in NYC, and loves the working world, employed by Pfizer in clinical research. Lauren writes that **Melissa Waiser** will spend her summer at the Manhattan DA's office before returning for her final year at George Washington U.'s law school. Lauren also reports that she is not able to go anywhere without seeing ads on telephone booths, bus shelters, TV, and magazines for "theglobe.com," a web company started by **Stephan Paternot**

“Paychecks are much nicer to receive in the mail than grades.”

— SHERYL MAGZAMEN '96

and **Todd Krizelman**. **Gabi Yariv** landed a great condo in Santa Monica, and is having the time of her life, landscape architecting, by day, and hitting all the LA hotspots at night.

After finishing a master's program in aerospace engineering at U. of Colorado, Boulder, **Theresa Klein** is an orbital analyst for Motorola in Leesburg, VA. **Jennifer L. Hahn** is a Jesuit volunteer in the Marshall Islands, working as a chemistry, biology, and English teacher, and reports that the equatorial heat and 12 full hours of sunlight is a nice change of pace from Ithaca winters. **Greg Knight** completed a tour of the Mediterranean with the US Navy, and while performing various naval duties visited several ports of call in France, Greece, Italy, Romania, Spain, and Turkey. After completing her first year at Columbia law school, **Samantha Klein** was planning to spend summer 1998 doing environmental law work and policy in Budapest (and testing the worth of my degree by expecting me to KNOW what country Budapest is in . . .), while **Martha Sesin '97** will be returning from a year in Paris to start graduate school at Tufts in the fall.

Pat Mizak is completing a master's in economics and reports that **Zaid Sidi**, BA '97, is teaching in "Yugoslavia . . . or somewhere like that." **Brad Yoo** is at New York medical college, and **Sameh** and **Hany Girgis** have returned to their native New Jersey. **Scott Palmer** is working for Delaware Distributors in Philadelphia. **Danielle Piscitelli** is the vice president of Aakron Rule Corp., located in upstate New York. While not sharpening their pool skills at various Georgetown haunts, **Priya Ramamurthy** is an engineer with the Clark Construction group in Bethesda, MD, and **Elizabeth Rand** is a law student at George Washington. Priya is now living with **Deb Moll** and **Karen Ehret** in northern Virginia and, according to Liz, "loving every minute of it."

Rachel Adelman completed her master's in food science at the U. of Wisconsin, and ran into **Barry Steiglitz**, who is pursuing his PhD in biomolecular chemistry. Rachel also holds

the distinct honor of being the only New Yawka to participate in that beloved Wisconsin activity, the cow chip throwing contest. **Christie Kaefer** (who has the l-o-n-g-e-s-t e-mail address ever) is in Augusta, GA, as a registered dietitian and a lieutenant in the Army. Christie would like to go back to grad school, but is "taking a break for a year or two to recover from Cornell." **Jon Prince** was briefly back home in Atlanta, but didn't stay long enough to do some severe rehashing of stories, and left in August 1997 for four years to pursue a medical degree at Tel Aviv U. in Israel. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Levine** left a con-

sulting position at Mercury Technologies to join Diefenbach Elkins, a brand strategy consulting firm, as a research consultant and is "thrilled with it." **Cathy Simpson** is tearing herself away from the Ad Council and NYC to pursue a PhD at Brown in the fall. While not recreating the matchmaker character in *Fiddler on the Roof*, she hangs with **Lisa Heuer**, who is pursuing her master's in nutrition at New York U.

Robin Raskin is an analyst for Merrill Lynch in NYC. **Scott Goldsmith**, who loves Ithaca with such fervor that he decided to stay for law school, too, had his two-cents-worth heard when the *New York Times* quoted him in the Falling of the Great Pumpkin piece last spring. **Michael Santarcangelo** is working for Andersen Consulting in NYC, and **Reed Singer** is working for Arthur Andersen in Chicago. (I am the only person in America who doesn't know the difference, aren't I?) **Nemu Shinzawa** graduated from the Pratt Inst. in Brooklyn, with a master of science degree in interior design. **Chad Tennesen** is working for Kaufmann's in Pittsburgh. After spending a year in Paris, **Catherine Tingey** spent the summer leading bike tours for high school students crosscountry, and will be attending Columbia U. for film school in the fall. **Amy P. Tong** is a marketing associate with Mac-Gray in Cambridge, MA. **Amy Toth** is living outside of Buffalo, NY, and working for Waste Stream Technology. **Lauren Twitchell**, MPA '97, is working for the Dept. of Labor in Dallas. **Karen Wallace** is saying good-bye to Boston and was to return to Ithaca to join Cornell's Vet college Class of '02. **Ashley Weaver** is a research and development chemist with BF Goodrich in Brecksville, OH. **Anthony Tsai** is a property equity trader for Worldco, in NYC. **Lori Marino** is spending her summer doing some mergers and acquisitions before returning to U. of Pennsylvania for her final year of law school.

I am happy to report that **Catherine Dillon** and **Stephen Perreault** were married on Oct. 5, '97, at Sage Chapel. Both are now officers with the US Navy. And, after finishing

up her boards and second year of medical school at Pennsylvania State medical school in Hershey, **Jane "Jennie" Lowell** found just enough time to marry high school sweetheart Derek Poirier (St. Lawrence U. '96) on June 13, '98. **Kathy Locker**, MPA '97, **Maia Hightower** '95, **Nina Ballisio**, **Maureen Mellett**, **Ann Burdick**, **Liz Lee**, and **Ellen Berman** journeyed to Malone, NY, to raise a glass and join in the festivities.

Keep writing! ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, 738 Stockton St., #2B, San Francisco, CA 94108; tel., (415) 397-3445; e-mail, magzamen@cardio.ucsf.edu; also **Allie M. Cahill**, 519 Ninth St., Brooklyn, NY 11215; tel., (718) 832-7727; e-mail, alliecahill@aol.com; and **Courtney B. Rubin**, 1727 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Apt. 403, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail, crubin@washingtsonian.com.

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As summer winds down, grab one last glass of lemonade or iced tea and put your feet up. Members of the Class of '97 have been busy over the past year, and there's still so much news to share I'm afraid this may read a little like a grocery list. Get comfortable and let this current installment of news prepare you for the months ahead, as colder weather sets in and you realize that it will be another two months (GASP!) before you can sink your teeth into this sort of information again. If you're scanning the column for your news, please be patient; I'm trying to include updates as they are received, but the lag time may last a few months.

As the engagement announcements continue to roll in, I'll recognize some classmates who have already tied the knot. **Luis Mariscal** (lam8@ix.netcom.com) married **Rosio Rodriguez**, BS HE '98, in New York City in June 1997 and is working as an environmental engineering consultant in Modesto, CA, with a company that specializes in landfill construction and management. **Julie Peterman** and **Aaron Tysen** '96 married in June 1997, as well, then, in July, moved to Germany, where Julie began her career with Procter & Gamble's European engineering branch. Though Aaron is finishing his tour with the Army, the two have spent their weekends traveling and plan to return to the US in a couple years. Married in April in Huntington, NY: **Grace Sundaram**, an analyst at Morgan Stanley in NYC, and **Anil Chaddha**, JD '95, MS ILR '96, a labor and employment attorney at Harter, Seacrest and Emery in Rochester, NY. Guests included **Kamini Mehta**, who is doing her post-graduate work at New York U., and **Sachin Chopra**, who is working on his MPH at New York medical school.

Kathryn Wilson (kathrynwilson@kpmg.com), working for KPMG Peat Marwick's estate, mortgage and hospitality segment in NYC, and **Robert Friedrich**, JD '95, an attorney with White and Case, LLP, celebrated their Cornell wedding on June 13, '98. Finally, cheers to another recent newlywed, **Kyle MacLea** (ksm6@cornell.edu), a PhD candidate in pharmacology and toxicology at Dartmouth's medical school.

In the Northeast, **Kari Stepp** completed a dietetic internship program at SUNY, Stony Brook. **Rob Unckless** (rlu1@cornell.edu) stayed at Cornell this past year to work toward his master's and teaching certification in biological education, while **Tamarra Strawn** (tls5@cornell.edu) eased into the real world, took the LSAT and enthusiastically wrote in December, "It's off to law school in the fall!" **Tom O'Reilly** moved to Buffalo, where he took a position in product marketing with M & T Bank.

Upon completing his first year as a medical student at Robert Wood Johnson medical school, **Tom Yuen** (yuenth@umdnj.edu) commented that he's worked so hard it makes Cornell look easy! **Brian Vance** (brivance@juno.com) spent several months in Ballston Spa, NY, at the nuclear power training unit following his graduation from Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando. After driving across the country with **Robin Yates** last summer, **Jennifer Mattucci** (jmattucci@mc.rochester.edu) started at the U. of Rochester medical and dental school. Looking back on her first year, she notes, "It feels great to finally be pursuing what I have always wanted to do."

Rebecca Soffer accepted a promotion with Black and Decker to district sales representative and relocated in January to Boston. Already in Beantown, **Caroline Westover** (cwestover@bu.edu) and roommate **Christine Fitzgerald** finished their first year as law students at Boston U. In their spare time, they have taken in the sights with **Karen Lovasz**, **Josh Stein**, and **Tanya Axenson**. Caroline wrote that she and Christine miss **Cindy Chang**, who is working for the Drake Hotel in Chicago; **Debbie Barton**, who relocated to Kentucky; and **Jill (Sunderland)** and **Brian McCormick**, who moved to Hawaii. In New Haven, CT, **Nicole Smith** (nes8@yale.edu) worked on her master's in environmental studies at Yale's forestry school and environmental studies; Nicole says she actually misses Ithaca's weather.

In NYC, **Sloane Parr** (snp@columbia.edu) pursued a master's in health education at Columbia's Teachers College. **Dave Markert** (dMarkert@erols.com) reports that he is working for Andersen Consulting. **Stephen Zawadzkas** (zawadzkas@amarex.com) is with Amarex Technology, while **Lynn Stravinski** (str@amnh.org) lives with **Emily Mead** and works in the special events department at NYC's American Museum of Natural History. In December, **Marisa Waldman** wrote that she was working with fellow Cornellians at Galaxy Systems Inc., a computer consulting company, as a technical recruiter.

Blakely Lord (blord@mindspring.com) spent 1997 working in child care and moved on to a job in North Carolina with the Midway Airlines human resources department. (Don't worry, she doesn't mind the obvious perks.) She said she couldn't resist moving in with former roommate **Meghan Herstine** '96 and that her plans for 1998 include a trip to Tokyo. Outside Philadelphia, **Todd Stevens** is working for the Vanguard Group in Valley Forge and is looking forward to returning to

school part-time for a master's in library science. Nearby, **Mary Beth Turell** is working as an assistant designer for Stratford, PA-based Hartstrings Inc., a children's clothing company that used to outfit yours truly. Despite fighting his way through his first year of medical school in Hershey, PA, **Drew Keister** (dmk220@psu.edu) is doing well and would love to hear from classmates. Drew's address as of June 1998 is 14 UME, Hershey, PA 17022.

Matt Organ (morgan@wash.org) relocated to Madison, WI, where he works as a consultant for the Wisconsin Assn. of School Boards, in early 1998. In Columbus, OH, **Erin Whitty** (whitty.3@osu.edu) is a student of veterinary medicine. **Jennifer Ohrenberger** (ohrenber@scf.usc.edu) and **Mariana L. Aguilar** are both law students at U. of Southern California. Also in California, **Heather Slowik** (Heather_Slowik@hsb.com) has kept busy moving through Concord, CA-based Hartford Steam Boiler's engineering rotation program, while taking engineering consulting classes at U. of California, Berkeley. **Patrick Posta** (Patrick-Posta@notes.pw.com) works for Price Waterhouse in Los Angeles as a consultant to the entertainment and media industry.

Finally (this one is my favorite), **Hiromi Ogawa** and **Toby Sinton** share a very ambitious goal: they are hoping to experience and rate all of the restaurants in San Francisco and invite one and all to join them when you can!

Correction: In the May/June 1998 issue, **Jennifer LoCascio**, a technical analyst for American Management Systems Inc., was incorrectly identified as **Jamie Lynn LoCascio** '98. Jennifer's e-mail address is jl67@cornell.edu.

The next issue's column promises to be as chock-full-o'-news as this one. I challenge you all to remain connected with friends as we move into our second year out. For information concerning alumni events in your area, or just to help keep your finger on the pulse of life at Cornell, check out these websites: www.cornell.edu and www.classof97.edu. Discover for yourself that life after the pumpkin exists! ♦ **Erica Broennle**, 1955 Columbia Pike, #12, Arlington, VA 22204; e-mail, broennle@advisory.com.

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"Wherever you go, there you are." Undoubtedly, we have already spread out to many different places and are doing countless different things. Hopefully, everyone had a little bit of rest and relaxation over the summer following our busy Senior Week and Commencement weekend, and we are all settling into life beyond Cornell. Or, maybe not. Among those who have chosen to stay on campus are **Gabriella Sfiligoi**, who is attending the College of Veterinary Medicine, and **Jamie Marciniac**, who is studying for a master's in computer engineering.

As my friends spread out, and as I receive your news (keep it coming!) it is clear that we truly are a diverse group. While **Sara Leeder** is in Japan teaching English, **Lisa Held** was accepted to the Teach For America program.

Marvin Tse joined the Singapore Armed Forces; **Apostolos Moussamas** is with the Greek Army; and **Robert Cameron** is in a US Navy nuclear power program, which will lead to a role as a submarine officer. **Audrey Jane Roy** is studying aboriginal governance at the U. of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, and **Dawn Bailey** is attending Northwestern's journalism school. Lots of people headed to medical school from our class, but **Danielle Nedwetzky** and **Alexis Fermanis** dared to be different; both are in their first year of dental school, at Tufts and Columbia, respectively. Alexis is in good company in Manhattan, as it seems that the majority of our class is there. **Karen Dorman** is working in the Manhattan DA's office while she applies to law school, **Christopher Gruszczynski** is a stock broker at Datek Securities, and **Amit Mansur** is an analyst in the investment banking division at Merrill Lynch & Co.

Allyse Marie DiBenedetto and **Wai Ping Li** are both doing research at the Cornell Medical Center. They should watch out for future doctor **Andrew Teich**, who is attending Cornell Medical College. Also in NYC are **Lorna Hagen**, working for Aramark Business Dining, **Danielle Trichilo**, an investment analyst for JP Morgan, and **Nadine Anne Stahlman**, a process analyst for Andersen Consulting. Working for Andersen came up often in the news: **Rachael Perrone**, **Peter Sedivy**, and **J. Justin O'Malley** will also be on the Andersen payroll. **Michael Javid** and **Nadim Hossain** are also consultants.

Tak Fai Frederick Lo headed West, where he is in a master's program at Stanford U. **Karen Li** is also on the West Coast, working as a technical marketing engineer at Intel Corp. **Karesha McGee** is working for Aramark in northern California, and **Catherine Meeks** is teaching at a Montessori elementary school in Seattle. She is among many young teachers who emerged from our class, among them **David Eduardo Haro** and **Sarah Bursky**, who is focusing on environmental education.

Many wrote with law school and graduate school news. **Matthew Myers**, **Chris Chen**, **Arlety Campos**, and **Sat Jot Khalsa** are all attending law school. **Stephen Liang** is attending the U. of Michigan school of public health, **Jesse Elizabeth Lefton** is pursuing a master's in Jewish education and Jewish communal service, and **Aunksika Wongsaroj** is in graduate school for occupational therapy. **Kimberly Costello** is in vet school at Virginia Tech.

Let me remind you all to attend the Homecoming festivities in October, and to keep in touch with **Anna Sise** and myself. Though Anna is busy with her job at the Four Seasons in Boston, as I am with my work as a legislative associate for Cornell's government affairs office in Albany, we want to hear from you. Until then, cheers. ♦ **Molly Darnieder**, 9572 Sotherden Rd., Brewerton, NY 13029; tel., (315) 668-9453; e-mail, mbd4@cornell.edu.; and **Anna Sise**, E. Surry Rd., Keene, NH 03431; tel., (603) 352-2828; e-mail, srs12@cornell.edu.

ALUMNI DEATHS

'18 BS HE—**Mabel Spindler** Garen (Mrs. Joseph P.) of Santurce, PR, March 12, 1995.

'23 BA—**Virginia Needham** Judson (Mrs. Cyrus F.) of Falls Church, VA, formerly of Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, Feb. 1, 1998; retired librarian, Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, NY; active in religious affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'24 BA, '24-27 Grad—**Charles (Cohen) Cogen** of Washington, DC, Feb. 18, 1998; labor consultant; retired president, American Federation of Teachers; was the first president of the New York City's teachers' union, helped win bargaining rights for the city's public school teachers; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'26 MS—**Alice Hull** Pabst (Mrs. Oscar A.) of Hamilton, OH, exact date unknown.

'27 BA—**Julius H. Lippman** of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of Yonkers, NY. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'28-29 Grad—**Paul O. Rudolf** of Edina, MN, formerly of St. Paul and Minneapolis, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs.

'29 BS HE—**Helene Miner** Hopper (Mrs. Thomas W., '28, ME '29) of Bloomfield, CT, formerly of Green Valley, AZ, Nov. 22, 1997. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'29 PhD—**Raymond H. Lounsbury** of San Jose, CA, formerly of Hartwell, GA, Oct. 27, 1997.

'29 BA—**Grace Carlin** Wile (Mrs. Louis D.) of Princeton, NJ, Feb. 14, 1998; retired math teacher and school administrator; active in community and alumni affairs.

'29—**Frances Young** Vaughn Wilson (Mrs. E. B.) of Ithaca, NY, Feb. 18, 1998; retired assistant director of personnel, Ithaca College; former accounting supervisor, GLF (now Agway), where she had worked for more than 30 years; active in professional and community affairs.

'30—**Farnsworth Chapin** of Portsmouth, NH, formerly of Essex, CT, Feb. 12, 1998; retired real estate broker, Baldwin Boyer Agency, Essex, CT. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'30—**Wilson Hann** of Severna Park, MD,

Jan. 1, 1997. Phi Gamma Delta.

'30—**Ruth Sherman** Linn (Mrs. Archie) of Guilderland, NY, May 2, 1997. Sigma Delta Tau.

'30 CE—**Franklin L. Moon** of Poland, NY, formerly of Dolgeville, exact date unknown.

'30 ME—**Fred Muller Jr.** of Memphis, TN, Feb. 27, 1998; retired vice president, Continental Piston Ring Company; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.

'30, BS Ag '33—**James E. Rice Jr.** of Trumansburg, NY, Feb. 25, 1998; retired justice of the peace, Town of Ulysses, after 33 years; was a charter member, Tompkins County Board of Health, where he served in various capacities for 50 years; former long-time partner, Egg and Apple Farm; active in professional, community, and alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'30 EE—**Joseph A. Worcester Jr.** of Frankfort, NY, exact date unknown; had owned and operated Worcester Electronics Laboratory; retired from radio receiver department, General Electric Company.

'31 BA—**Edmond G. Blummer** of Portland, OR, formerly of White Plains, NY, Feb. 23, 1998; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'33 PhD—**Alfred G. Emslie** of Scituate, MA, Feb. 14, 1998; retired senior research physicist, Arthur D. Little Company, Cambridge; taught at Aberdeen, Cambridge, and Harvard universities and at Williams College, as well as consulted at Massachusetts Inst. of Technology's radiation laboratory; active in professional affairs, avid fisherman.

'33 PhD—**Julius A. Kuck III** of Cos Cob, CT, Oct. 15, 1997; retired chemist, Fairfield University; active in alumni affairs.

'34 BS Ag—**Garth V. McGregor** of Maine, NY, exact date unknown; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'34 BS HE—**Evelyn de Clerco Throop** (Mrs. Ronald N. '35) of Whitesboro, NY, formerly of New Hartford, exact date unknown.

'34 BA—**Margaret Eppich** Witze (Mrs.

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Claude O.) of Silver Spring, MD, formerly of Bethesda, Feb. 16, 1998; former head librarian, Little Falls Public Library, was a librarian in the Montgomery County library system for almost 25 years.

'35 BS HE—Helen Rose Moore (Mrs. Robert E.) of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Ormond Beach, Feb. 12, 1998; home economist, General Foods Corp.; active in alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'35 BS HE—Mildred Almstedt Rozelle (Mrs. Richard J.) of Akron, NY, and Glenwood, FL, Jan. 30, 1998; retired Extension 4-H agent, NY State; active in community and alumni affairs. Husband, Richard J. Rozelle '34.

'36 MA—Donald S. Childs of Rochester, NY, formerly of Venice, FL, Sept. 1, 1996.

'36 LLB—William Kohnler of Philadelphia, PA, exact date unknown; was associated with William Penn Foundation.

'37 BA—James G. Dodge of Wrightsville, PA, formerly of Austria and Lancaster, PA, Feb. 1, 1998; a Trappist priest, he spent more than 30 years working with SOS Children's Villages to provide care for abandoned children in Austria, the Philippines, and the US; formerly served as parish priest in Lancaster County, PA, where he returned in retirement; active in religious and alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon. [See "Kinder Care," March 1991 Cornell Alumni News (now Cornell Magazine).]

'37 BS HE—Elma Shaver Folsom (Mrs. Alfred W. '36) of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Tenafly, NJ, Feb. 24, 1998; homemaker; active in alumni affairs.

'37 BA—Morse Johnson of Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 5, 1997; retired attorney; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'38 ME—Hugh M. Atwood of Seattle, WA, formerly of Bloomington, IL, Dec. 9, 1997; retired engineer, General Electric, Bloomington, after many years; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'38 BA—Mary John Evans Cobb (Mrs. Kenneth R.) of Amherst, VA, Feb. 5, 1998. Delta Delta Delta.

'38 BS HE—Mary E. Dixon of San Francisco, CA, formerly of Walnut Creek and Orinda, exact date unknown. Delta Delta Delta.

'38 BS Ag—George L. Young Jr. of Orient, NY, Oct. 24, 1997.

'39—John M. Friend of Hartland, WI, Jan. 31, 1998; was vice president and director, Nordberg Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee; a founding father and first president, Uni-

versity Lake School; active in professional and community affairs.

'40 BA—Bradley V. Borst of Highland Falls, NY, formerly of New Jersey and Spring Valley, NY, Feb. 5, 1998; retired teacher, New York City schools; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'40, DVM '41—Vincent J. Peppe of Canaan, CT, Dec. 10, 1997; retired veterinarian; owned and operated Canaan Veterinary Clinic for 53 years; active in professional, community, and alumni affairs.

'40 MD—Cornelius E. Sedgwick of Vero Beach, FL, formerly of Marion, MA, Nov. 22, 1997; retired surgeon, Lahey Clinic; chief of surgery, New England Deaconess Hospital, 1964-80; author on surgical protocol; active in professional affairs; veteran.

'40 JD—Polly Wood of Madison, WI, formerly of Boston, MA, July 2, 1997.

'41 MS Ed—Erma Rhodes Dumars (Mrs. Aubrey) of Painted Post, NY, Sept. 21, 1994.

'41 MS—Gwen Edwards of Oakland, CA, March 13, 1997.

'41 BS HE—Melrose Marriott Markham (Mrs. Burton H.) of New Hartford, NY, formerly of Whitesboro, Aug. 13, 1997; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Burton H. Markham '41.

'41 BCE—Thomas J. Redington of Paoli, PA, Jan. 21, 1998; retired; had been associated with Turner Construction Company; active in alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'42 BS Ag, PhD '54—Fenton B. Sands of Orlando, FL, Feb. 22, 1998; former Episcopal missionary in Liberia; had served as a consultant to the World Bank; member of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II; active in community and alumni affairs.

'43 BS Ag—Benjamin J. Dontzin of Farmington, NY, formerly of Glen Gardner, NJ, exact date unknown; farm owner.

'43 JD—Richard V. Runyan of Dayton, OH, Jan. 11, 1998; attorney.

'44 BS HE—Alice Frisbie Hall (Mrs. Benedict A., PhD '47) of Cortland, NY, Feb. 24, 1998; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'44 MD—John U. Keating of Spanish Fort, AL, formerly of Indianapolis, IN, Dec. 23, 1997; active in alumni affairs.

'44 BS ME—Henry J. Melosh of Exeter, NH, formerly of Franklin Lakes, NJ, Dec. 19, 1995; retired machinery sales manager, in Livingston, NJ.

'44, B Chem E '48—Kenneth B. Neill of Niagara Falls, NY, Oct. 12, 1997; was associated with DuPont.

'45 BS Ag, MS '52—**Eloise Towsley Hadlock** (Mrs. Roland H.) of Ithaca, NY, Feb. 22, 1998; retired long-time science teacher, Ithaca schools and supervisor of student science teachers in rural education, Cornell.

'45 MD—**Robert W. Hart** of Floral City, FL, March 20, 1996.

'46 PhD—**Mary Ochsenhirt** Amdur of Westwood, MA, Feb. 16, 1998; toxicologist and research professor, New York University Center for Environmental Medicine; formerly taught and conducted research at Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, Harvard University and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary; played a major role in the development of air pollution standards; author; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'46 MS—**Margaret Jameson Mellor** (Mrs. Norman H.) of Corona, CA, Sept. 18, 1997.

'47 BA—**Doris Langman Krout** (Mrs. Homer L.) of Arlington, VA, Aug. 26, 1996; retired office manager, US Dept. of Interior, Washington, DC; active in alumni affairs.

'47 MS HE—**Catherine Fleming Morrison** (Mrs. Spencer H.) of Warton, Ont., Canada, Feb. 28, 1997. Husband, Spencer H. Morrison '39, PhD '49.

'47 BS Ag—**William N. Nye** of Atlantis, FL, Feb. 21, 1998; founder, Fort Myers Plant and Flower Company, later Nye Brands Plant and Flower Company, Lantana, FL; built a large cut-flower operation in Costa Rica; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'48 MS Ed—**Mahala E. Dobbie** of Lakeland, FL, April 1, 1993.

'48 BS ILR—**Donald J. Gleason** of South Burlington, VT, Nov. 11, 1996. Theta Chi.

'48 BS HE—**Barbara Saska Leopold** (Mrs. John) of Winter Springs, FL, formerly of Alexandria, VA, Feb. 17, 1998; former social worker and office worker in Bridgeport, CT.

'49 BS HE—**Laurel Stroh Breitbarth** (Mrs. S. Robert) of Westport, CT, Jan. 22, 1998. Sigma Delta Tau. Husband, S. Robert Breitbarth '49.

'49—**Marjorie Andrews Gale** (Mrs. James T. '48) of Stamford, CT, exact date unknown; was associated with St. Luke's Parish Nursery School, Darien. Delta Delta Delta.

'49 BS Ag—**Leland R. Ives** of Corinth, NY, formerly of Pierpont, OH, exact date unknown; retired Presbyterian minister.

'49 PhD—**Charles E. Williamson** of Walsenburg, CO, May 30, 1996. Wife, Mildred (Haslett) '42.

'50 BA—**Virginia Davenport Judson** of Wethersfield, CT, was mistakenly listed as de-

ceased in the July/August *Cornell Magazine*. In fact she is alive and well and retired from many years of service in Connecticut's state government, currently working to found a Connecticut energy cooperative. University and magazine staff regret the error.

'50 BS Ag, MS AG '51—**Robert J. Kelley** of Cresskill, NJ, formerly of Staten Island, NY, Feb. 27, 1998; parish associate, Westside Presbyterian Church, Englewood, NJ; former minister, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Staten Island. Wife, Katherine (Klein) '50.

'50 JD—**John T. Nolan** of Sylvania, OH, Nov. 24, 1997.

'50 PhD—**William B. Nutting** of Amherst, MA, exact date unknown.

'51 B Chem E—**Edward J. Demmel** of Newport Beach, CA, June 1997. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'52 BA—**David B. Stone** of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of Grand Island, NY, Feb. 3, 1998; retired founder, Island Associates Insurance Agency, Grand Island; retired account executive and manager, Merrill Lynch, Buffalo, NY. Delta Phi.

'53 BA—**David N. Brewer** of Short Hills, NJ, Dec. 6, 1997; president, Ferndale Advisory, New York City. Chi Psi.

'53 MS—**Samuel C. Cashman** of Columbus, OH, exact date unknown.

'53 BS Hotel—**Robert J. Saarinen** of Balboa, Rep. of Panama, Aug. 8, 1997; retired administrator, Panama Canal Commission.

'54 BA—**Ross D. Wetzsteon** of New York City, Feb. 20, 1998; former editor-in-chief and writer, especially on theater, lifestyles, and sports for the *Village Voice*, where he had worked for 32 years; contributor to many other publications. Seal & Serpent.

'54—**Joan Sherbow Winston** (Mrs. Laurence) of Davidsonville, MD, Dec. 14, 1995; president, Rivendell Farm Ltd.; formerly associated with Central Middle School, Edgewater. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'55, BEE '56—**Ralph Alper** of Irvine, CA, February 1998; was a computer scientist with McDonnell Douglas, Cypress. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'55 MBA—**William Thayer Eldridge** of Darien, CT, formerly of Norwalk, Jan. 18, 1998.

'57 PhD—**Clyde M. Hyde** of Wayne, PA, formerly of East Norriston, PA, Redmond, WA, and Rochester, MN, Feb. 5, 1998; co-founder and former senior vice president and director, Shared Medical Systems Corp., Malvern, PA; retired vice president, Upsher Laboratories, Omaha, NE; former professor and chair of electrical engineering, University of Nebraska; veteran.

'57 BA, PhD '65—**Charles J. B. MacMillan** of Tallahassee, FL, and Sturgeon Point, Ont., Canada, Feb. 11, 1998; philosophy of education professor, Florida State University. Seal & Serpent. Wife, Joan (Reinberg) '57.

'61 MBA—**Arnold I. Feingold** of New Rochelle, NY, exact date unknown; president, Gramercy Galleries & Feingold, New York City. Wife, Phyllis (Winter) '60.

'61 MBA—**Thaddeus E. Knowles Jr.** of Maitland, FL, exact date unknown; principal, T.E. Knowles & Associates consulting engineers, Orlando; formerly with Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc.

'65 BA—**E. Julia Woods** of Olympia, WA, formerly of Seattle, Jan. 26, 1998; planner and policy analyst, Cities of Newark, NJ, and Seattle, WA, and for the Washington Dept. of Ecology; active environmentalist.

'66 MS HE—**Patricia P. Fitzgerald** of Lodge Grass, MT, May 21, 1997; associated with J.F. Graphics.

'66 PhD—**John L. Stanley** of Riverside, CA, Feb. 24, 1998; professor and department chair, political science, University of California, Riverside; active in professional affairs.

'67 BA—**Caroline Rigby Graboys** (Mrs. Thomas) of Brookline, MA, Feb. 7, 1998; director, Fuller Museum of Art, previously director of art restoration and education programs, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma. Husband, Thomas B. Graboys '66.

'67 BS Ag—**Howard V. Schuster** of Olean, NY, formerly of Waterloo, Jan. 23, 1998; was an executive director for the resource conservation and development program, US Dept. of Agriculture; active in religious and community affairs.

'68 BS Ag—**Gary L. Nelson** of Canterbury, NH, formerly of Washington, DC, Dec. 2, 1997; State Department official, had served in a number of foreign countries.

'73 BS Eng—**Simon Benlevy** of Kingspoint, NY, exact date unknown; was director of engineering and manager, Canaan Computer Company, Trumbull, CT.

'79 BS—**Michael R. Taylor** of Gladwyne, PA, exact date unknown.

'84—**William Moseman** of Miller Place, NY, exact date unknown.

'87 MBA—**Michael J. Elkins** of New York City, formerly of Boston and Amherst, MA, Jan. 12, 1998; vice president, global investments, Bankers Trust Company, New York City.

'87—**Tanya M. Sisak** of San Francisco, CA, formerly of Canajoharie, NY, Oct. 8, 1996.



CORNELLIANA



CURATOR MARTIE YOUNG HELPED ACQUIRE REARING HORSE WITH RIDER AND ATTENDANT, A WOODEN STATUE FROM 18TH CENTURY INDIA, AS WELL AS YAKSHI WITH A LOVE LETTER IN HER HAND (LEFT, FROM INDIA); AND WINE EWER AND WARMING BOWL (RIGHT, CHINA).

ASIA MAJOR

From seven pieces to 7,000. The numbers may not be precise, but that's the legend at the Johnson Museum, where a modest collection of Asian art has grown to one of the most comprehensive on any campus in the country. Last spring, the museum hosted an exhibit honoring the man who's been its driving force: art history professor Martie Young, who recently retired after nearly four decades as a teacher and curator.

Young came to campus in 1959 as an instructor and soon met up with a patron who shared his love of Asian art. Mary Rockwell, wife of trustee George Rockwell '13, had spent part of her childhood in China, and came away with a particular passion for its ceramics. "Back then, Cornell's collection was virtually non-existent," he says. "There were just a few things, literally a handful." He and Rockwell

spent the Sixties and early Seventies haunting the galleries of New York and London, convincing owners to donate works, building up the collection in anticipation of the move from the A. D. White House to the new Johnson Museum in 1973. "It was slow," he says. "Piece by piece, person by person, it began to add up."

Now, the 10 percent of the collection that's on display at any given time commands one of the campus's best

views from the fifth floor of the Johnson. Behind a locked door are another 6,300 or so pieces, stacked carefully on shelves or nestled into foam-lined drawers. The collection spans from 2500 B.C. to the present day, primarily covering Chinese art but including works from Japan, India, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, and Cambodia. There are tiny jade carvings, intricate snuff bottles, samurai sword guards, scroll paintings, images of the Buddha, a sandstone statue of an Indian goddess with a love letter in her hand.

"I think of collecting as, ultimately, a personal and private act," Young writes in his exhibition catalogue. "The decision to add a particular work, to let go of this one or to trade for that one, is made finally in some inner chamber of the mind and is not always subject to rational analysis."

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