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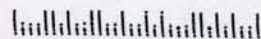
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DAVID DUDLEY

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SHARON TREGASKIS

Thomas Eisner has spent fifty years in passionate pursuit of the tiny, the buzzing, the skittering, and the crawlly. "I grew up in Uruguay where collecting butterflies was a sissy thing," says the entomologist. "I actually concealed my crazy love for bugs. They almost had me convinced that I was off the wall." In his new memoir, the irreverent bug hunter recounts his personal journey into the insect kingdom.



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ART KAMINSKY

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Melanopus tequestae, the short-horned scrub grasshopper



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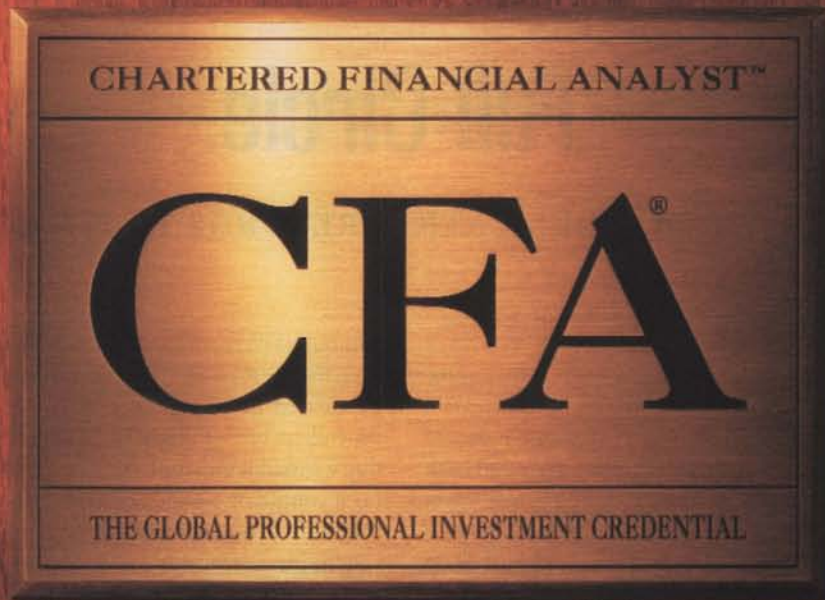
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In 1939 the CAN staff moved up the hill to share space with the university’s Alumni Office at 3 East Avenue, in what had once been a faculty cottage. They moved together to Day Hall (1947–66) and then to the former Delta Delta Delta house at 626 Thurston Avenue (1966–90), where the Alumni Affairs staff still labors. A space crunch sent the magazine packing again, in April 1990, to a modernistic building at 55 Brown Road in the Cornell Business and Technology Park, near the airport.

But now we’ve returned downtown. In September, *Cornell Alumni Magazine* moved to 401 East State Street, a stone’s throw from the site of the first CAN office. This hulking six-story building is officially known as Gateway Center, but old-timers will recall it as the Dean Moving & Storage warehouse. It sits at the foot of the State Street hill, one block from the eastern end of The Commons. The Tompkins County Museum occupies the ground floor, but most of the building has been renovated into office space, and our shiny new third-floor suite still smells of gypsum dust and wall paint.

While it’s good to be home again, as it were, the move was not

without its disruptions. We were without telephones (briefly) and even the most basic of Internet access (for several days). The latter proved quite a challenge for those of us who are e-mail dependent, but we muddled through. More serious, a delay in getting a broadband connection meant that our website was down for a couple of weeks. On top of that, the university’s Alumni Affairs and Development database migrated to a new PeopleSoft system just before our move. The AAD transition caused some

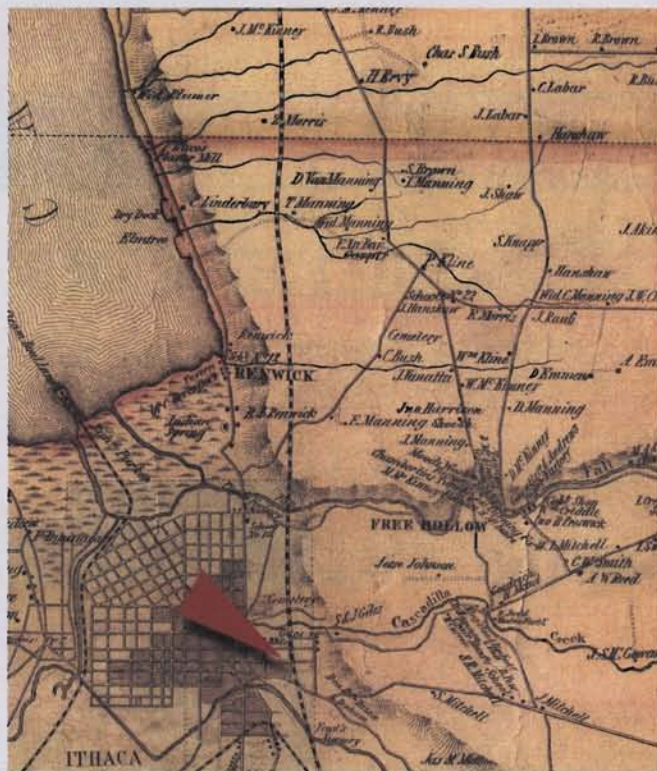
problems with the mailing list of the September/October issue, most of which had to do with couples receiving multiple copies. We *hope* all of these difficulties are behind us.

On the bright side, I’m pleased to announce that David Dudley has joined our editorial team. A graduate of the Writing Seminars program at Johns Hopkins, a veteran of *Baltimore* magazine, and a seasoned reporter/writer with many freelance credits, he has fit seamlessly into our staff and quickly become an important contributor. He also has a dry sense of humor—an important asset. David and his wife (who teaches English at Ithaca College) live on Tioga Street, which somehow seems just right.

As the magazine heads into its 105th year, we’re pleased to have a new home and a revitalized staff. But

even as we settled into our new office, we were reminded of our legacy—unpacking 104 bound volumes of magazines will do that—and of the mission our founders so clearly articulated when they said that this publication should always “reflect faithfully and especially for the alumni the present life of the university . . . and thus not only foster the interest in classmates and Alma Mater, but also increase the enthusiasm and loyalty of every Cornellian for the college on the hill.”

— Jim Roberts



Then and now: Our new home, marked on an 1853 map

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hAVING EXPERIENCED FOUR years of a liberal administration at Cornell, I was not surprised by the encomium to affirmative action by Doris Davis, associate provost, admissions and enrollment (Letter from Ithaca, September/October 2003). In response:

First, even if the Supreme Court had ruled (as it should have) that discriminating against whites and Asian Americans violated the Fourteenth Amendment, the majority of Cornell's colleges could still provide preferences to their applicants. The constitutional provision on equal protection applies only to government actions; the University of Michigan rulings apply only to state-supported schools.

Second, the people who applauded the Court's acceptance of diversity as a rationale for discrimination also applaud the creation of theme houses, ethnic studies, and other programs that lead to balkanization. If a school believes diversity provides benefits to all students, it is counterproductive to support programs that decrease multicultural interchange.

Third, if Cornell really wants to increase diversity, it should institute affirmative action for conservative students and faculty. That would truly help an underrepresented viewpoint on campus.

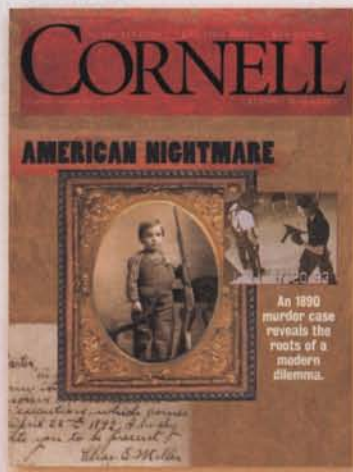
Jay Fisher '90
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Gold Dust

PROFESSOR THOMAS GOLD SEEMS TO be engaging in revisionism, as evidenced by the quote that his insistence that the moon dust was deep enough for the astro-

nauts to sink in was a "pure invention of Shoemaker" ("The Wrong Man," September/October 2003). My dim recollections on this subject are drawn, I think, from a *Cornell Alumni News* article close in time to the moon landing that quoted Gold as predicting uncompacted dust ten feet (or was it ten meters?) deep.

Neal Jordan '55
Canyon Lake, Texas



Ed. Note: An article in the May 1967 CAN stated "Gold has also come to be known for his advocacy of a theory that many areas of the moon are covered with a soil made of finely pulverized rock," but does not indicate how deep he believed the dust would be.

Objecting to McKinney

I WAS APPALLED, BUT NOT REALLY surprised, when Cornell announced that Cynthia McKinney, former Georgia Congresswoman, was being hired as a visiting professor [see From the Hill, page 14]. McKinney made headlines in 2002 by implying that the Bush administration was complicit in the 9/11 attack, asking in an interview, "What did the administration know and when did it know it?" Yet a Cornell dean, questioned about the appointment, averred that McKinney is "a person of considerable achievement in the political sphere."

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Nicholas Kass '65, MPA '67
Port Washington, New York

CORNELL SHOULD NOT PROVIDE A platform for Cynthia McKinney to express her misguided opinions.

Walter Merkel '47
Lakeland, Florida

I WAS APPALLED TO READ THAT Cynthia McKinney is a visiting professor. What kind of university is being run on the Hill? How can professors admit such a bigot to the hallowed halls of learning? How can the alumni support a university which has such professors?

John Hooley '38, MD '42
Merritt Island, Florida

Diet Alternative

I WAS SURPRISED AND DISMAYED that "Losing It" made no mention of a different approach to weight, dieting, and eating (July/August 2003). Kim Chernin, Jane Hirschmann, Carol Hunter, Carol Emery Normandi, Susie Orbach, Laurelee Roark, Geneen Roth, and Bob Schwarz have revealed that, for Americans, food is not about providing fuel for the body so we can live.

For many children and adults, food is love (to borrow the title from Roth's best-selling work), food is comfort, food is a sign of control ("I can't control my boss or my kid, but I can control what goes in my mouth"). And thus eating can become a drama in which old issues involving loss, deprivation, a desire for autonomy, and self-hatred can be played out. For most people, diets are not about adopting healthier food choices. They are about striving rather than acceptance; they are about hard, punishing work rather than gentle understanding; they are about paying attention to external judges instead of to aspects of one's own internal life. Indeed, diets become a substitute for living, for engaging fully and intimately with

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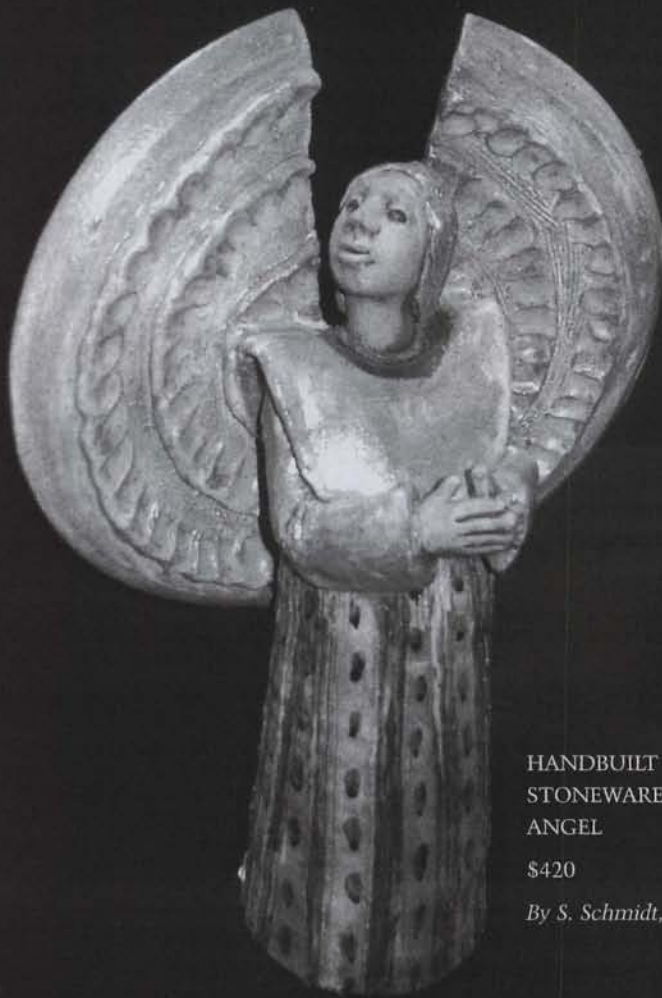
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challenges that cannot be managed with a scale. Thus a research project that involves college-age young women calling in their weight every day horrifies me.

The more focus we place on weight, the less we place on internal cues. Would these young women know how to answer the questions, Am I hungry? What would I like to eat? Am I full? If they cannot tune into their appetites, can they tune into more complex feelings? Can they tap into the wellspring of creative energy that brings joy?

As a parent, I continually make choices on behalf of my toddler. I limit TV time, take her swimming, make sure she gets plenty of fruits and vegetables. But my hope is that she can always say—as she does now—“No thanks, Mama, I'm not hungry anymore. Can we go play?”

*Karen Lootens Odden '83
Scottsdale, Arizona*

Parking Problem

READING “PAVED PARADISE” REMIND-ed me of my own problem with campus parking (Cornelliana, July/August 2003). I am a resident of California with a handicapped placard. I have traveled to about twenty states so far, and to my knowledge New York is the only one that does not offer free parking for the handicapped. One has to feed the coin-eating machines.

I am not interested in taking on New York State on this subject. I am, however, more than disturbed that my alma mater adheres to this policy. I can afford to pay for parking—but, as the expression goes, “It ain't the money, it's the principle.” In my opinion, this is one of the worst public relations policies a university can have. I say, “Shame on you, Cornell—you can do better; you can do the right thing!”

I have always felt that if one offers criticism, one should be prepared to offer solutions. I have a few ideas, and I would offer these thoughts to the decision makers at Cornell, should they invite me to be part of an advisory committee for making some constructive changes in this parking policy. Of course, I am assuming that the decision makers would entertain this concept. The question is, Is anyone listening?

*Harry Merker '51
Palm Springs, California*

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IN THE REUNION PHOTO CAPTIONS, the building described as "leafy Balch Hall" (page 50) is Willard Straight, seen from the western (downhill) side.

THE COVER STORY, "YOUNG GUNS," incorrectly lists the *New Yorker*, which did not exist in the late nineteenth century, among the sources Professor Joan Jacobs Brumberg used in her research (page 66). The article also states that Brumberg read "correspondence in the New York Orphan Asylum's archives" (page 67); Brumberg notes: "I used the archives of the Children's Aid Society, not the NYOA, because the records of the NYOA have not survived."

July/August 2003

JACQUELINE COHEN '98 POINTS OUT two errors in the cover story, "Losing It." On page 48, there is a reference to the National Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Survey; the correct title is the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. On page 50, there is a reference to the *Journal of the American Dietetic Society*; this should be the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

IN THE LEGACIES (PAGE 116), WE referred to Elisabeth Harding as "the granddaughter of Samuel Harding 1894 and the daughter of David Harding '72, MD '76, PhD '83." Samuel Harding was actually her great-grandfather; he was a graduate student in 1890–91 before transferring to Harvard, where he earned his PhD in 1898.

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March 21-26, 2004

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Bibliophile's Boston: The Great Libraries and Collections

April 14-18, 2004

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JOHN D. ROYAL

The Play's the Thing: London Theatre May 9-16, 2004

Cornell professor and Artistic Director David Feldshuh and Professor Glenn Altschuler will be our guides to the London Stage, where we'll see six plays in all, including productions at the Royal National Theatre and in the West End.

The World of Art in London May 16-23, 2004

We'll explore the full montage of the art world: places for which great works were made, galleries and auction houses, and museums that display the very best of them all. Frank Robinson, a nationally respected authority on European art and director of Cornell's Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, will guide us throughout.

For the Birds: Spring Migrations in Ithaca May 20-23, 2004

Led by CAU's favorite ornithologist Charlie Smith, we'll form our own flock to find, follow, observe, and enjoy the 2004 spring migration. Our forays will include treks through Sapsucker Woods, McLean Bog, and the Ringwood Preserve.

Life, Wildlife, and Natural Habitats of Iceland June 5-18, 2004

Led by Tim Gallagher, editor of *Living Bird* magazine, and Cornelian Olafur Nielsen, a leading Icelandic ornithologist, we'll savor Iceland's springtime pleasures, roam its coasts and national parks, savor its unique geological landscapes, and observe its splendid variety of birds at their busiest season.

History and Horticulture in the Hudson Valley June 13-18, 2004

Our land cruise along New York's flowering Hudson will be led by CAU favorites Stuart Blumin, professor of American history, and Donald Rakow, professor of horticulture and director of Cornell Plantations. Each day we'll explore and examine a different area of the valley's cultural and horticultural traditions.

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A Prickly Pair

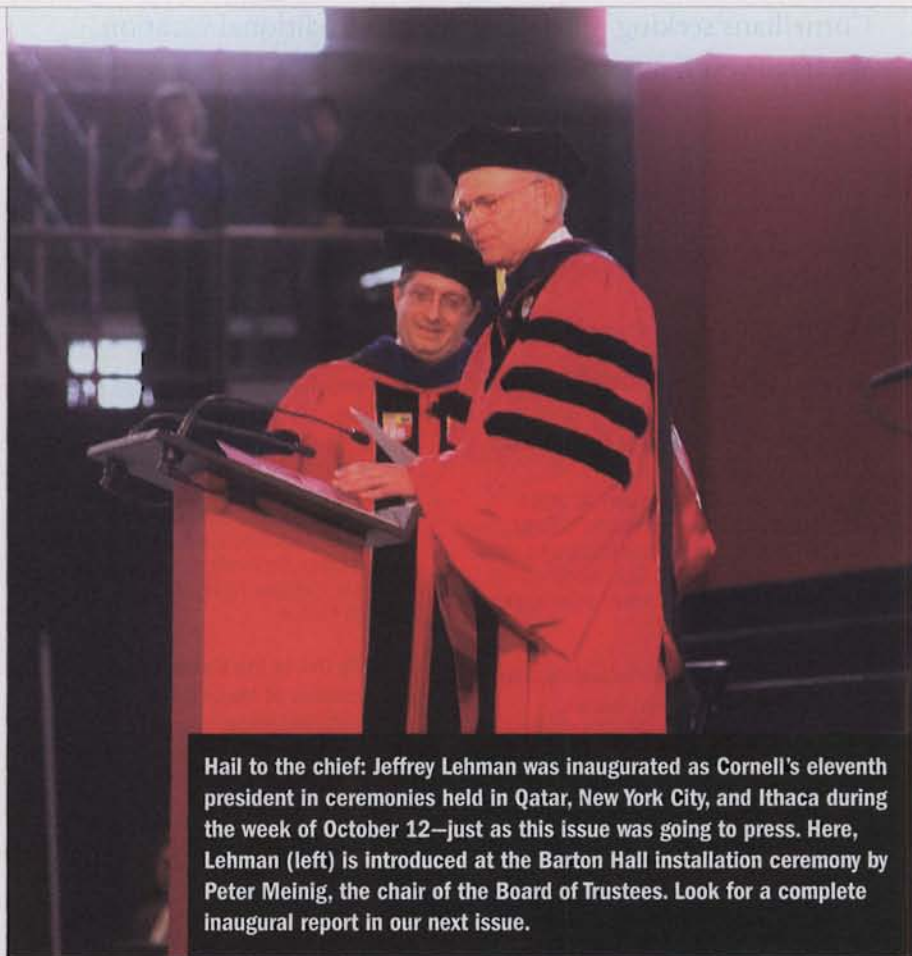
RHODES PROFS NAMED

AUSTRALIAN-BORN JOURNALIST/FILM-maker John Pilger and former congresswoman Cynthia McKinney have been named Frank H.T. Rhodes Class of '56 University Professors. Each will visit the campus for at least two weeks a year during their terms, which end in 2006.

Pilger was twice named the United Kingdom's Journalist of the Year for his work as a war correspondent, and his documentary films have won numerous awards, including an Emmy. His writing, which is often sharply critical of European and American foreign policy, has appeared in such British publications as the *Guardian*, the *Independent*, the *Daily Mirror*, and *New Statesman*.

McKinney became a member of Georgia's delegation to the House of Representatives in 1992, the first African-American woman to be elected in her home state. She served for ten years before being defeated in a Democratic primary. McKinney has been an outspoken opponent of Bush Administration policies and American support for Israel, and her appointment ignited a firestorm of criticism. Many letters and editorials objecting to her selection have appeared in local and national media.

In response to calls for him to rescind the McKinney appointment, President Jeffrey Lehman stated: "As a university we accept certain principles of faculty responsibility, principles that circumscribe the president's role. Faculty members must be able to discuss ideas freely and to invite others to speak on campus,



Hail to the chief: Jeffrey Lehman was inaugurated as Cornell's eleventh president in ceremonies held in Qatar, New York City, and Ithaca during the week of October 12—just as this issue was going to press. Here, Lehman (left) is introduced at the Barton Hall installation ceremony by Peter Meinig, the chair of the Board of Trustees. Look for a complete inaugural report in our next issue.

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without presidential oversight. Current university procedures treat the Rhodes visiting professorship in the same manner as other faculty invitations to speak on campus: a search committee of senior faculty members decides whom to invite without any provostial or presidential participation. Last year's search committee made an academic judgment that a visit by Ms. McKinney would enhance our collective intellectual life, and I will not second-guess it.

"The Cornell campus is marked by open, respectful, and serious discussion about important issues. I fully expect that atmosphere to surround Ms. McKinney's presence here. For me, the test of whether her time at Cornell is successful cannot be whether I agree or disagree with what she says. Rather, it must be whether our students' developing capacities for critical understanding are strengthened by engaging in discussions with her during her visit."

Once more, with feeling: The plans for Milstein Hall are under way, as seen in this preliminary schematic model by Barkow Leibinger Architects. The new building will provide a home for the Department of Architecture, replacing Rand Hall. The plans call for expanded teaching and studio spaces, and two lower levels of parking.



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GRAD PROGRAM BEGINS

CITING AN OPPORTUNITY TO “complete the range” of offerings in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Department of Architecture chair Nasrine Seraji announced that a new graduate program, MArch-I, will be offered in fall 2004. A three-and-a-half-year professional program at the master’s degree level, MArch-I is aimed at students who already hold bachelor’s degrees in disciplines outside of architecture; MArch-II covers more advanced students who have completed undergraduate architecture degrees. “We’ve been late in offering an MArch-I because our undergraduate program is so strong,” says Seraji, who expects to draw a more mature—and more diverse—range of students into the College. “That’s what’s most exciting for me. We’re going to have students from all different fields.”

American Idealist

MILTON KONVITZ, PHD '33



COURTESY ILR SCHOOL

CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR, LAW professor, and longtime ILR faculty member Milton Konvitz died September 5 at his home in Monmouth, New Jersey. He was 95. A founding member of the university’s Department of Near Eastern

Studies and Program of Jewish Studies, Konvitz taught at Cornell from 1946 to 1973 and lived in Ithaca until 1992. In a lengthy career that included assisting Thurgood Marshall on the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in the early 1940s and helping to create a legal system for the struggling African nation of Liberia while directing the thirty-year Cornell Liberian Codification Project, Konvitz may be best remembered for his two-semester course on the philosophical roots of the Bill of Rights, “American Ideals,” which he taught to an estimated 8,000 undergrads. According to legend, he never repeated the same lecture twice.

A Dude Apart

LEHMAN DELIVERS FRESHMAN CONVOCATION

DRAWING LESSONS FROM THE POETRY OF KEATS AND THE COMEDY OF THE COEN brothers, President Jeffery Lehman gave a light-hearted convocation speech before the Class of 2007 and their parents on August 23. “Let me begin with a quote from the protagonist in the movie *The Big Lebowski*,” he said in his first public speech on campus. The line in question—“Yeah, well, you know that’s just like your opinion, man,” delivered by the character known as “The Dude”—became a stepping-stone into an exhortation to participate in Cornell’s tradition of intellectual open-mindedness. “An important part of the culture is a willingness to stay engaged with problems and arguments, to keep pushing for a shared vocabulary and a shared understanding,” Lehman said. “The most profound optimism underlying higher education today is the simultaneous recognition that, on the one hand, differences of view, background, and perspective are real and important, and, on the other hand, people who hold those differences can come together for four years on a beautiful hilltop, listen to one another with tolerance and respect, and engage.”

Fourteen Forever

RANKING UNCHANGED

CORNELL FOUND ITSELF IN A FAMILIAR position in September when *U.S. News & World Report* released its annual list of the top undergraduate universities in the nation. For the third straight year, Cornell came in at number fourteen, sharing the spot with Johns Hopkins. CU bested Brown (seventeenth), but trailed the other Ivies in the ever-controversial rankings. Harvard and Princeton shared number one, with Yale (third), the University of Pennsylvania (fifth), Dartmouth (ninth), and Columbia (eleventh) filling out the 2003 scorecard. Things were no better over at the *Atlantic Monthly*. The “selectivity database” in their inaugural college admissions issue, which appeared in November, ranked Cornell twenty-first.

Milk Cow Blues

DAIRY MASCOT STOLEN, RETURNED

CORNELLIA, THE LIFE-SIZE PLASTIC COW THAT HAS DECORATED the roof of the Dairy Bar since 2001, disappeared on August 27. Despite substantial local publicity and a reward offer that included a month's worth of free ice cream, the 150-pound Holstein remained at large until the early morning hours of September 10, when two Vet college employees found the mascot, dirty but undamaged, standing placidly amidst actual cows in a paddock at the large animal facility. Cornell Police suspected pranksters, but made no arrests.



Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Robert Engle, PhD '69, co-winner of the Nobel Prize in economics, and **Roderick MacKinnon**, a visiting researcher at Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source and co-recipient of the Nobel in chemistry.

Richard Klein '62, professor of Romance studies, made a Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters by the French government.

Statistical science graduate student **Serena Chan**, awarded a research grant to study bioterrorism from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Scholars and Fellows program.

The **Cornell Broadband Communications Research Lab**, awarded \$10,000 and third place for their microchip design in the SiGe Design Challenge.

Paul Eshelman, associate professor of design and environmental analysis, winner of Best of Show for Visual Arts in the Interior Design Educators Council Juried Design Competition.

The **Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center**, awarded \$4.3 million from the USDA for continued partnership with Penn State.

Sixto Gonzalez, named the first Puerto Rican-born director of Arcibio Observatory. Former director Daniel Altschuler will become the first director of the observatory's Office for the Public Understanding of Science.



Blast from the Past

BERRIGAN VISITS CAMPUS

THE REV. DANIEL BERRIGAN RETURNED TO THE HILL IN September to participate in "Celebrating Peace Activism: America Is Still Hard to Find," presented by the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy (CRESP). Berrigan, a Jesuit priest who was associate director of Cornell United Religious Work (CURW) in the late Sixties, was an outspoken opponent of the Vietnam War and served a prison term for destruction of draft records in a 1968 incident in Catonsville, Maryland. He has continued to lead protests against war and what he calls the "hucksters of weapons" throughout his life. During the weekend event at Cornell, Berrigan spoke at a tribute to the late Rev. Jack Lewis, former director of CURW, and presented the Sunday morning sermon at Sage Chapel.

Hotel School Luminary

DICK BROWN '49

DICK BROWN, WHO LED THE National Restaurant Association in the early 1970s and received the Frank Rhodes Exemplary Service Award in 1996, died on September 4 in Williamsburg, Virginia. A prominent Hotel school supporter, Brown was a former president of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen, a life member of the University Council, and vice-chairman of the Hotel School Leadership Campaign from 1984 to 1989. Brown, an enthusiastic oenophile, retired in 1989 as vice-chairman of Banfi Vintners, but continued to consult for the giant wine importer and producer until his death.



R&D

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

Fruit odors lure flies to evolve into new species, say researchers at the Geneva Experiment Station, who discovered that over the last 150 years, differential preferences for the odors of host fruits used for mating have led two races of maggot to cease interbreeding—the first step in the evolution of a new species.

Graduate student Daniel Abrams and Steven Strogatz, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, have described a mathematical model for “language death,” which can quantify competition between languages and may offer strategies to save the 90 percent of languages worldwide that are expected to vanish in coming decades.

Using new experimental solvents and a technique called “electrospinning,” polymer scientists have successfully created high-strength nanofibers from recycled waste cellulose, says textiles professor Margaret Frey.

Using the giant radar telescope of the Arecibo Observatory, a team led by astronomer David Campbell has detected the mirrorlike glint of what could be lakes of liquid hydrocarbon on the frigid, cloud-shrouded surface of Titan, the largest moon of Saturn and the only satellite in the solar system with a thick atmosphere.

Resistance among Filipino farmers to genetically modified “golden rice”—packed with beta-carotene to ward off Vitamin A deficiencies—may be overstated by biotech opponents, says Mark Chong, doctoral candidate in communication, who interviewed barrio leaders and found them generally willing to grow the modified crop if it were proven safe and effective; field and food safety trials on golden rice are ongoing.

Stardust Memories

TELESCOPE LAUNCHED


THE SPACE INFRARED TELESCOPE Facility (SIRTF), the fourth and final addition to NASA's Great Observatories Program, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on August 25. Cornell researchers contributed one of the three main instruments aboard SIRTF, which is designed to penetrate thick shrouds of galactic dust and detect the infrared radiation emitted by a variety of otherwise invisible astronomical phenomena, from newly forming stars to the distant reaches of the early universe. Astronomy professor James Houck led the Cornell team that developed and built SIRTF's infrared spectrograph (IRS), which will aid in determining the composition of celestial objects and, perhaps, give researchers clues about the origin of stars and planets. “The real payoff,” Houck said in March, “will be the discoveries we didn't anticipate.”

Old Made New

RENOVATED WHITE HALL DEDICATED


ON SEPTEMBER 12, PRESIDENT Jeffrey Lehman and interim Arts and Sciences dean Peter Lepage cut a red ribbon with a giant pair of scissors to mark the formal re-opening of White Hall. The venerable building, one of the three structures in Cornell's original “Stone Row,” was extensively renovated over the past three years (see CAM, January/February 2003). Speakers at the dedication ceremony included Lehman, Lepage, Arts College Advisory Council chair Ellen Adelson '58, and the chairs of the two departments now occupying the building, Ross Brann of Near Eastern studies and Valerie Bunce of government. Architect Peter Gisolfi, whose firm designed the renovation, said the project embodied “the struggle between permanence and change at Cornell.”

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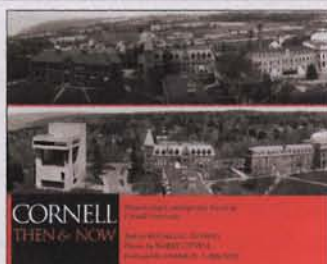
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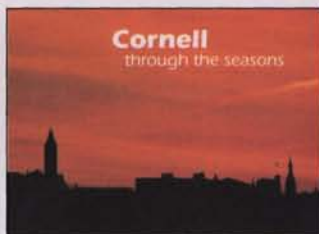
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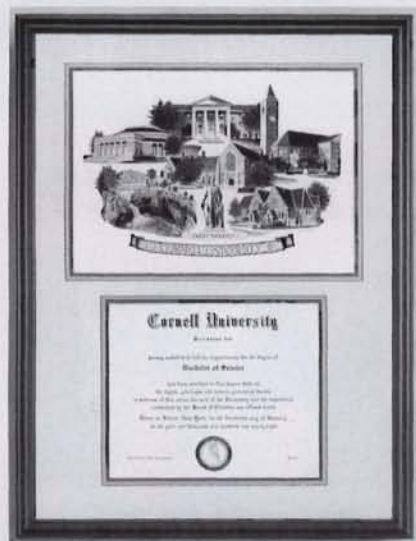
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PENNANT WINNER **Chris Schutt '04** finished his first season of professional baseball as a champion. Schutt, the 2003 Ivy League Pitcher of the Year, was an all-star pitcher for the Elizabethton (Tennessee) Twins of the Appalachian League. He led the league in strikeouts while posting a 5-2 record and a 1.98 ERA. The Twins went 42-24 to win the West Division title and then beat East Division champion Martinsville two games to one to win the league crown. Schutt started the final game of the playoff series, striking out nine and allowing three runs, two earned, but receiving no decision in the Twins' 5-3 10-inning win. Another Big Red baseball star, **Erik Rico '02**, spent most of the season with the Charleston (West Virginia) Alley Cats, a Class A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, where he hit .228 in 49 games.

MEMORIAL Aerospace engineer **Thomas Kelly '51** (1929-2002) will be honored this fall with the dedication of a lightweight rowing shell. Known to the world as the "father of the lunar module," Kelly was a member of the lightweight crew team during his time on the Hill. The shell is a gift from his family, friends, teammates, Sigma Nu fraternity brothers, and Northrop Grumman Corporation, his employer for thirty-eight years.

SUMMER SUCCESS Three members of the men's soccer team helped lead the Cape Cod Crusaders to their second straight Premier Development League title this past summer. **Ian Pilarski '04**, **Scott Palguta '05**, and **Steve Reuter '05** all started for the team, and Pilarski was fourth in the league with nine assists. The Crusaders won the top amateur league's championship with a 2-0 victory over the Chicago Fire Reserves. The title game was held following a Major League Soccer match between the Chicago Fire and New York-New Jersey MetroStars. Former Cornell head coach **Dave Sarachan '76** coaches the Fire.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES The women's gymnastics team was honored for its academic excellence after posting a combined 3.67 grade point average for the 2002-03 school year. Only Southern Utah (3.76) had a higher combined GPA. Fourteen members of the Big Red team received All-America Scholar honors from the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches, including **Shannon Weiman '03**, who was

named an ECAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the third straight season, and **Rachel Goldberg '04**, who was a third-team Verizon Academic All-American.

IRON MAN **Doug Friman '97** has established himself as one of the nation's top triathlon competitors with a series of impressive finishes in international competitions. In July, Friman became the third American male to finish in the top three of a Triathlon World Cup event when he placed third at the International Triathlon Union event in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. In August, he finished one spot out of a medal at the Pan-American Games in the Dominican Republic, taking fourth place overall and second among American runners. As of September 8, Friman, a swimmer while at Cornell, was the third-ranked American in the ITU rankings at 30th overall.



Doug Friman '97

KODAK MOMENT Alumni around Rochester, New York, will have their first opportunity in more than twenty years to watch the Big Red men's basketball team in their hometown. Cornell will travel to the Flower City on Saturday, November 29, to play Army at the downtown Blue Cross Arena. The 5 p.m. game will be the first of a doubleheader that also pits Niagara against Bucknell. The Big Red has not played in Rochester since beating the University of Rochester 55-51 during the 1981-82 season.

TRAGIC LOSS The campus was saddened in September by the accidental death of **Scot Elwood '06**, a member of the wrestling team. While attempting to take a shortcut in the dark, Elwood jumped a fence near the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house and fell into Fall Creek Gorge. In a statement to the *Daily Sun*, wrestling coach Rob Koll praised Elwood, a student in the College of Human Ecology, as a "very, very popular member of the team."

Big Night

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Three generations of the Vanneman family came together at this year's Hall of Fame banquet to honor the induction of **Reeve "Ting" Vanneman '67**. Front row (left to right): **Kara Vanneman Klein '89**, **William Vanneman Sr. '31**, **Jane Wallace Vanneman '68**, and **Shelley Vanneman '89**; back row (left to right) **Kenny Klein '87**, **Reeve Vanneman**, and **William Vanneman Jr. '65**. Reeve, an All-Ivy defensive tackle in football and co-captain of the national champion 1967 lacrosse team, was named 1967 Cornell Athlete of the Year by the *Daily Sun*. He is a professor of sociology at the University of Maryland.



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Sawtooth Range behind a field in Idaho

HIGH AND DRY

by Ben Ghosen

We sought out the Sawtooth National Recreation area for what it was not. Not the resort attractions of Idaho's Sun Valley, a sharp mountain pass and 50 miles to the south. Not because Stanley, the area's one town—a crossroads, really—is the put-in for commercial river-running on the brisk Salmon, flowing north. For us, the Sawtooths were just paths less trodden: the promise of trails neither we nor anyone we knew had hiked.

As a place to live, the Sawtooths don't yield their pleasures easily. The barren high peaks shed frigid air into the valley much of the year. Cattle are trucked down from the pastures as soon as the frosty mornings of late summer arrive. Later, even the elk depart in search of surer forage. Memoirist John Rember (*Traplins*), who grew up there, recalls driving home early one December: 100 miles downriver, when he stopped for a late afternoon meal, the temperature was 55 degrees; when he awoke in his cabin in

the valley next morning, it was 55 below zero. As snow plugs the pass to Sun Valley, the isolation becomes nearly total.

But when our family of five traveled to Stanley, in late August, we came safely equipped with no more elaborate gear than day packs and hiking shoes, fitted out for quiet walking in the mountains.

Nevertheless, the extended arrival signaled that we were headed for a distinctive destination. The flight into Salt Lake City meant winging low over those off-hue salt flats and their weird Crayola-colored

algae beds. Seated ahead of us on the brief connection to Boise were three powerful men in 'Bama Burners T-shirts: not the big hitters for a minor-league baseball team, but a crew from the Alabama Wildlands Firefighters, deploying to the region's fierce forest fires, the haze and scent from which marked our descent. Northeast from Boise, the three-hour drive up to Stanley (at about 6,000 feet) led from glass office towers to bone-dry, thin pine forests with the fire danger marked beyond "extreme"; from the city's summer Shakespeare festival to gray sandhill cranes; and from the Brick Oven Bistro to trailer-cooked hamburgers at Jimbo's Burg-R-Q, the culinary center of Lower Stanley ("Your Yearnin' Starts Us Burnin'"). For the trouble, we were delivered into mountains as big and sharp as the Tetons, if less green and glacial, and obviously with none of the mountain-sized commerce and glitz of Jackson Hole.

At their best for short-term visitors, the Sawtooths ring cold, clear mountain lakes like Redfish, which somehow combines the hubbub of a developed campground and boat dock with as much solitude as you imagine you want. Minutes from the campers, there are aspen groves along a brook, signs of beaver work, blooming blue gentians and lupines poking from the dusty scree in the valley floor, paintbrush and asters, yellow rabbitbrush and orange penstemons—all still sheltered from the morning frosts that already coat places away from the water.

On the outboard boat ride three miles across the lake's green water, no one cares who is a walker and who, laden with hanks of rope and carabiners, is bound for heavier work—rock climbing at 10,000 feet in the White Cloud peaks. From the landing, the walkers can pick up Bench

For just over three hours of work, walking along the forested ridge, a group ranging in age from four years to a dozen times that could sense that everyone had accomplished something beyond their routine.



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Lakes trail, as good a way as any to get all the pleasures of dry mountain hiking: meadow switchbacks to 500 feet over the cool shore, and then several miles of intermittently forested ridge with expansive views east, and ultimately west, over three ranges, in what proves—at this altitude and in dessicating air—to be surprisingly hot 70-degree sunshine before the return to wood shadow and lakeshore again. For just over three hours of work, a group ranging in age from four years to a dozen times that could sense that everyone had accomplished something beyond their routine. The sweat and welcome aches and thin oxygen gave extra tang to a trail lunch of peanut butter, crackers, and iced tea.

There were other pleasures, too. At the hatchery along Highway 75, Rember would likely be moved by the dozen adult Chinooks resting in their namesake Salmon's rushing cool water before launching themselves, like primal torpedos, up the fish ladder and then, for the fortunate few, farther up the river to spawn naturally. Perhaps, years earlier, as a summer ranger, he too saw cranes along the same meadow trail where we hiked now.

Not resident in the valley, we did not pretend to know the hardships of living there, nor the full extent of the satisfactions Rember recounts—a place “where I could get up in the morning, step out the door, and catch dinner from the Salmon River, or simply step out to watch the sunrise light the Sawtooths above their dark foothills.” But in that spirit, having come from a guide family, he would surely appreciate our family's mother-and-daughter catch from a morning of fly-fishing for whitefish and trout on the last day of our stay in the mountains.

At the outlet from Redfish Lake, a riverside fire ring accommodated our modest efforts with charcoal and aluminum foil—just enough to get the job done for dinner al fresco, attended only by the stone peaks overhead. After, we doused the coals with cooler after cooler of river water, far beyond any level of danger. We weren't about to leave Rember's Sawtooths aflame at the hands of vacationing flatlanders from Red Sox country.

Writer and editor Ben Ghosen has walked on vacations in the Americas, Asia, and Europe.



St. John's Church and Skarnu Street buildings in Riga's "Old Town" district

COUNTRY ROOTS

by Elizabeth Gudrais

Boarding our bus in the gritty winter-dawn light, I was skeptical. Our group of visiting scholars was leaving picturesque Riga for a weekend trip to “Greater Latvia,” a whirlwind tour of a handful of towns whose names I'd never heard: Lielvarde, Krustpils, Cesis, Salacgriva. Latvians will tell you that the countryside, though beautiful, is a wasteland. No education or job opportunities outside Riga, they say. The Latvian government

has invested immense sums of money in beautifying the city, in an effort to woo foreign capital and tourists. But this eagerness to create a modern, cosmopolitan capital has cost the countryside. Latvia is out of balance. The smaller cities, towns, and villages are plagued by hopelessness, joblessness, and alcoholism, and many young people leave for the metropolis, only compounding the problem. Would my own weekend be better spent further exploring Riga?

Once arrived at the Lielvarde Museum, childhood tree-house dreams displaced my doubts. The museum is a castle and fortress—the well-preserved former home of thirteenth-century Latvian feudal lords—but frankly, it looks like a wooden jungle gym. It consists of a group of log buildings surrounded by and connected to a circular wall. Our group climbed in, out, and around, up ladders to balconies that looked out over the walls and to the second and third floors of the dwellings to examine reconstructed interiors, and back down to ground level.

Besides the fun, the museum offered a history lesson. Is it any wonder a string of foreigners conquered this little nation on the Baltic sea? Even with fire-resistant treatment, wood is surely more flammable than stone, brick or sod, and easier to climb, yet the stubbornly loyal Latvians stuck to their timber. It was foreigners—Germans and Russians—who eventually introduced alternate building materials.

Later that day, we visited Krustpils Castle. The current structure, although not the original castle, dates from the eighteenth century and was used as a local headquarters for the Soviet Air Force. When the USSR dissolved, the staff left many items helter-skelter; we could imagine the Soviet officers at work there, could see the haste with which they left. There were huge images of Lenin, Marx, and Engels, their heads as large as a human body. A sign gave directions, in Russian, for how to treat prisoners: Don't talk to them. Don't give them anything. Don't accept anything from them. Tell [so-and-so] if a prisoner attempts to bribe you.

Before dinner, we climbed to the top of a six-story lookout tower. The ascent involved scaling ladders and creeping around the tower's perimeter to the next ladder: the levels weren't solid floors, merely exterior rims. At the top, the railings were sturdy enough, though it would have been easy to jump off. Not the spot for every tourist, perhaps, but our effort earned us a 360-degree view of the sunset, unobstructed even by glass.

The second day took us to the medieval stone castle at Cesis, another opportunity for tricky climbing—this time from the basement to the third floor on a narrow stone spiral staircase, with uneven, crumbling steps, at times in complete



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darkness. It was like being in a dollhouse. It helped explain why archaeologists love their work.

Then came the fish farm. It would have been interesting to see how Latvian aquaculture works, if it had been working. We found a room full of empty bathtubs connected by pipes that ran along the floor. The farm's purpose was to repopulate rivers and lakes where fish stocks had been diminished by pollution or excessive fishing. But one night, our guide told us, the water supply

was unexpectedly disconnected. Because there was no night watchman nor alarm system, no one found out until the staff discovered all the bathtubs full of dead, dried-up fish the next morning. We could easily have poked fun at the snafu, were it not for our guide's aching sincerity in describing her work to revive the project.

Latvia outside its capital city is raw, real, and full of little-known gems. There's no roster of must-see places—you can create your own itinerary. There's something in

almost every town, though finding a native Latvian who speaks English will go a long way toward finding the right places.

Of course Riga is a city that takes your breath away. You can attend church in a cathedral that dates to the thirteenth century, or visit the European Commission office in a remodeled strip of building that was once part of a wall surrounding the old city. When the sunset reflects off the cobblestoned streets and pastel-colored buildings, it feels as if your heart will burst with the beauty. But in Riga, Latvians have erased most traces of the Soviet era as they focused on refashioning and westernizing the city. Greater Latvia offers a less filtered version of history. Even before communism, the country saw a string of invaders. Ultimately, the Latvian people persevered, and developed a strong sense of national pride. In the countryside, you can find its roots.

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THE ROAD LESS TAKEN: TIBET

by Craig Simons

Gen Len, a 21-year-old Tibetan monk wearing maroon robes and carrying wooden blocks, had been walking for seven months. From his Buddhist monastery near Chengdu, the capital of China's central Sichuan Province, he was headed for Lhasa, some 1,500 miles away. After each step, he prostrated himself on the pavement three times, his blocks rubbing along the asphalt. He had a giant scab in the center of his forehead where he kept

touching his head to the ground.

He made a startling contrast to the fertile landscape, a beautiful valley where farmers were threshing wheat. Why travel so far? Why endure so much pain? Like an old teacher to an impatient student, he only smiled. "If you're Buddhist," he said, "you don't ask why." And then he moved a pace forward—one of millions on a journey that will take him nearly two years.

In the atlas, a thin red line stretches

west from Chengdu, winding through the Tibetan region of Kham, a kingdom that has always been remote. Full of 20,000-foot peaks and gorges cut by mighty rivers, the area has remained mostly independent of both Lhasa and Beijing. Kham got its first vehicle-passable road (route 317) in the 1950s, and because foreigners have been allowed to travel in the region only since 1999 and few Han Chinese have migrated there, Kham has barely been touched by the modern world.

In other words, it's another world. But maybe I had deeper intentions. When I was in the Peace Corps in China in the mid 1990s, I'd been attracted to the high value Buddhism places on nature and to its emphasis on finding one's own path. As in all great journeys, part of me hoped to catch a glimmer of truth.

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Young Tibetan men in typical dress

beautiful pine forest arrived at Babang Monastery, a collection of giant red, white, and gray buildings on the side of a mountain. The young Buddha's name was Jinse, and two teenage monks took me to meet him in his small apartment, where sunlight filtered through time-warped windowpanes and fell against elaborate paintings of demons and saints. I did as I was told. I knelt on the wooden floor and draped a white silk scarf over his tiny shoulders. The Buddha smiled and pointed sunset-pink fingers at my week-old beard.

The monks told me Jinse had been born to nomads in China's northwestern Qinghai Province. But in the Buddhist circle of life and rebirth, like waves recycling against a shore, Jinse's parents weren't really his parents, just the way he came back to the world, and Jinse was older than he looked. Another Living Buddha—this one in India—had divined Jinse's rebirth, and monks from Babang were sent to bring him home.

The young monks offered a tour of Jinse's residence. There were three rooms that were old but tidy, and a sense of timelessness hung in the air as though nothing—not even their occupant—had changed in 20, 50, or 100 years. In a world obsessed with looking ahead to bigger homes, faster cars, and wider TV screens, it was a place where no one worried about money or plastic surgery. As in much of Tibet, attention was focused inward, and the sense of constancy was as omnipresent as the surrounding mountains.

I tousled Jinse's hair and one of the monks gasped, a sound like air slipping from a balloon. "He is the leader of our

monastery," he said. The Living Buddha laughed.

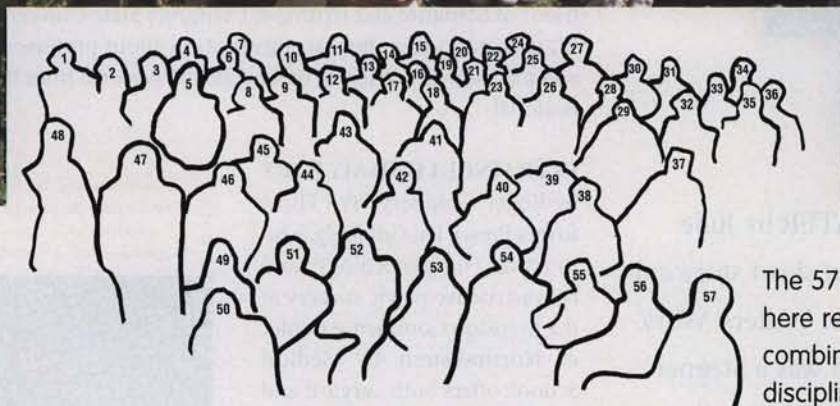
From Babang the road winds over a 14,000-foot pass and drops into Chamdo, eastern Tibet's biggest city. Chamdo is famous for three things: the Chinese government claims that it stands at the head of the Mekong River (actually, it's where two smaller rivers converge); it has the world's highest-altitude commercial airport (13,792 feet); and it's home to the Qiangbalin Monastery, with 1,300 monks and 1,400 years of history.

For most of those centuries, Qiangbalin coasted along in its meditative hum, but in the late 1960s, during China's Cultural Revolution, it suffered the fate of most of Tibet's temples—it was ransacked by fanatical youth bent on purging anything that didn't serve Marxism and Mao Zedong. The present temple was built in the 1980s. In a hall dedicated to life—to Buddhists, all living things are sacred—hunters had discarded their guns and knives.

Later, while I was camping north of Lhasa at 15,000 feet on the edge of Nam-sto Lake, the holiest lake in Tibet and the end of countless pilgrimages, it snowed for several days. At night the Milky Way, in Chinese called the Silver River, materialized. A poster I had seen in the Babang Monastery had read, "Subdue your mind in its entirety. This is the teaching of Buddha," and far away from everything, a feeling of serenity welled up in me. I had no questions. Like a true pilgrim, I needed no why.

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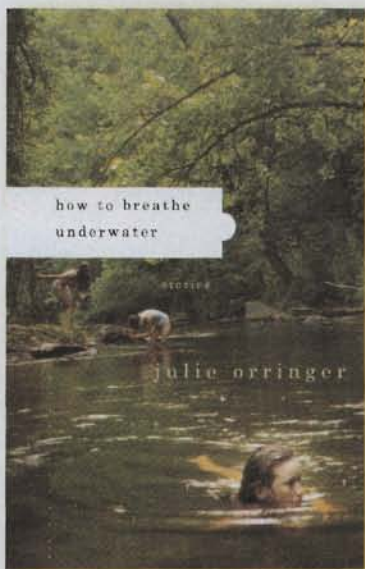


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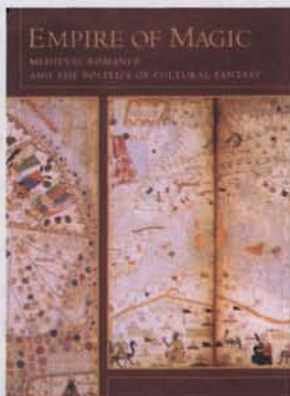
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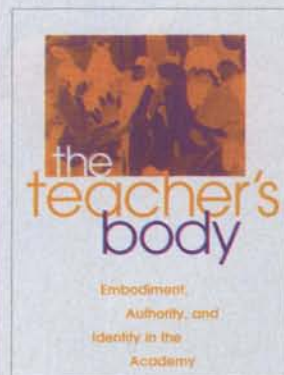
In Brief

HOW TO BREATHE UNDERWATER by Julie Orringer '94 (Knopf). In her debut short story collection, Orringer, who attended the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa and was a Stegner Fellow at Stanford, delves into the emotionally treacherous no-man's-land between childhood and adulthood. Whether they are faced with a parent's illness, a near drowning, ostracism in school, or a sudden brush with sexuality, Orringer's young protagonists struggle to make sense of the world and discover surprising reserves of wisdom in themselves.

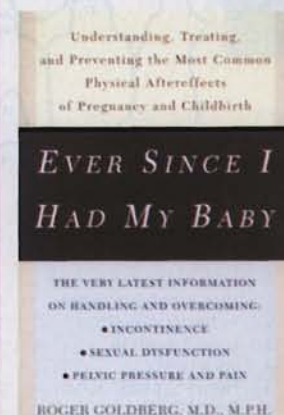
EMPIRE OF MAGIC by Geraldine Heng, PhD '90 (Columbia University). The director of medieval studies at the University of Texas, Austin, describes the collision of history and fantasy in the medieval romance, particularly in the King Arthur legend, through Europe's encounters with the East.



THE TEACHER'S BODY, edited by Diane P. Freedman '77, MA IN T '78, and Martha Stoddard Holmes '77 (SUNY Press). A collection of essays that explores moments of discomfort, disempowerment, or enlightenment that emerge when we discard the fiction that the teacher is a solely intellectual being. Freedman, a professor of English at the University of New Hampshire, and Holmes, a professor of literature and writing at California State University, San Marcos, provide an honest conversation about professors' lives and the absurdity of trying to separate the personal from the professional.



EVER SINCE I HAD MY BABY by Roger Goldberg '89 (Three Rivers Press). Dr. Goldberg, who practices urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery at the Evanston Continence Center of Northwestern U. Medical School, offers both surgical and non-surgical solutions for the wide array of symptoms caused by pelvic injury. He discusses research on such topics as the effects of various childbirth strategies on maternal physical function afterwards, the proper role for elective cesarean, and the most effective minimally invasive treatments to address existing problems.



NO FIRE NEXT TIME by Patrick D. Joyce '89 (Cornell University). A professor of government goes beyond sociological and cultural explanations to analyze why Black-Korean tensions resulted in violent clashes in Los Angeles but not in New York City. He argues that New York City's contentious politics allow a channel for protest, while the absence of "routine" conflict in Los Angeles goes hand in hand with the riots of 1992 and continuous acts of individual violence.



Recently Published

Fiction

SLATEWIPER by Lewis Perdue '72 (Forge). A thriller in which bioweapons designers have unleashed genetically engineered life-forms that can attack human chromosomes and kill anyone with the same genetic profile.

Non-fiction

WEATHERING WINTER: A GARDENER'S DAYBOOK by Carl H. Klaus, PhD '66 (University of Iowa Press). The founding director of the University of Iowa's Non-fiction Writing Program reminds readers that gardening has its winter pleasures, too. Klaus keeps track of snow falling, garden catalogs arriving, buds swelling, and seed trays coming to life.

THE OTHER ORPHEUS by Merrill Cole, MFA '93 (Routledge). Cole, a poet and assistant professor of English at the University of Minnesota, outlines a poetics of modern homosexuality.

CHINA MARITIME CUSTOMS AND CHINA'S TRADE STATISTICS 1859-1948 by Thomas P. Lyons '79, PhD '83 (Willow Creek Press). A Cornell economics professor traces the evolution of China's Maritime Customs service, explains how it compiled trade statistics, and shows readers how to obtain and interpret customs statistics.

GLOBAL LIVESTOCK HEALTH POLICY by Robert F. Kahrs '52, DVM '54, PhD '65 (Iowa State Press). A discussion of ways to assure human and animal welfare, political balance, and sane environmental policy in this era of controversy over international trade in foods of animal origin.

BOUND FOR BLUE WATER by J. Russell Jinishian '75, BFA '76 (Greenwich Workshop Press). The publisher of *Marine Art Quarterly* highlights the key movements in today's marine art and identifies its most important artists, with more than 200 color reproductions of paintings, scrimshaw, and sculpture.

THE BLESSING OF A BROKEN HEART by Sherri Mandell '77 (Toby Press). Mandell, director of the Koby Mandell Foundation Women's Healing Retreat for Bereaved Mothers and Widows, recounts the story of her son's murder in the

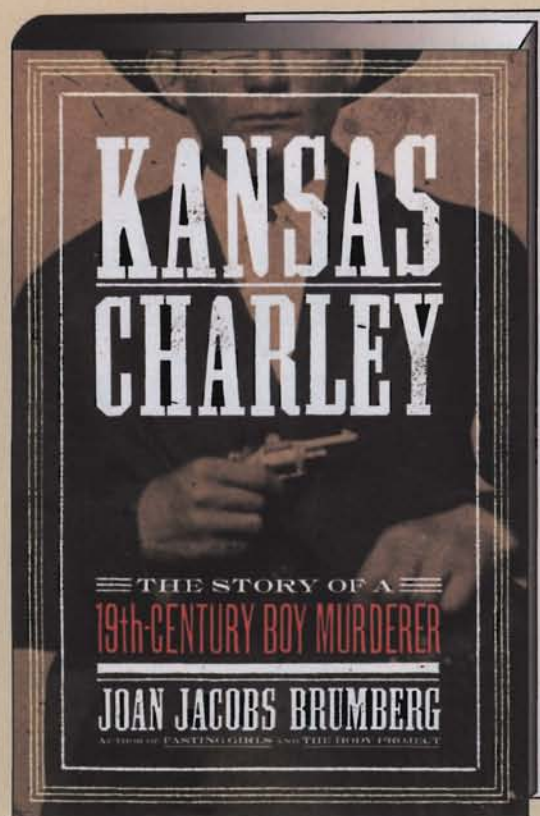
Judean desert and her attempts to understand the loss in the context of Jewish history and tradition.

Children's

K IS FOR KICK by Brad Herzog '90 and Melanie Rose (Sleeping Bear Press). Herzog, the author of *States of Mind* and a frequent contributor to CAM, describes soccer in rhyme for youngsters. Older readers will find specific details on goalkeeping, referees, the World Cup, and more.

GANGSTERS AT THE GRAND ATLANTIC by Sarah Masters Buckley '77 (Pleasant Company). Book 20 of the "American Girl" History Mysteries features its twelve-year-old detective heroine confronting gangsters at a fictitious hotel on the New Jersey shore during the Prohibition era.

SKYSCRAPERS: INSIDE AND OUT by Leonard Joseph '72 (Powerkids Press). A story that gets under the skin of the world's tallest buildings and discusses the building process, environmental factors, and how skyscrapers function. The author visits skyscrapers from New York to Malaysia to China.



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Heavy Reading

THE AGONY & ECSTASY OF VICTOR LAVALLE



BRUCE COOK

Victor—last name LaValle—is for real, while Anthony is his creation, the narrator of his novel *The Ecstatic*. The book, published last winter by Crown, isn't strictly autobiographical, but author and protagonist have a fair amount in common. Both were kicked out of Cornell for failing grades, though LaValle managed to graduate. Both are African-American men who grew up in Queens in a house full of women: mother, grandmother, and younger sister. Both have watched family members suffer from mental illness, and have battled it themselves. And both gave their visiting families a fright.

"I try to imagine what my mother and grandmother saw when they opened the door," says LaValle '94. "I had this Afro, my glasses were old and messed up, I had on this really tight graduation gown—and then, because I was so self-conscious about how tight it was, I had taken this red scarf and wrapped

it around me." His apartment, furthermore, was filled with bags of garbage, bottles never recycled, piles of old magazines, and big pieces of metal his four roommates were using to make art. "That was the state they found me in," he says, laughing about it nearly ten years later. "I felt like, if I *had* been naked, it would have

apartment door he was stark naked.

When Victor's family drove up from New York City for his Cornell graduation, they found him living in a filthy apartment, sporting a wild head of hair in a failed attempt to grow dreadlocks. He weighed 360 pounds, and his commencement gown was skin-tight.

ONE OF THESE STORIES IS TRUE, the other fictional:

When Anthony's family drove up from New York City to take him home from Cornell, they found him wearing broken glasses and a "cauliflower-shaped" Afro. He weighed 315 pounds, and when they opened his

been just as scary as what they saw.”

At Cornell, LaValle’s weight ballooned—and his mental illness first manifested itself. His eccentric behavior included long bus trips around Upstate New York, making meticulous (and highly inaccurate) maps that included the locations of raccoons and squirrels. “I just sort of wandered and was delusional for a while,” he recalls. “I was mapping mountains where there were no mountains. It was a real bad time.” After watching his relatives’ struggles, he was loath to admit he was ill by asking for help. Somehow, his delusions went away—which doesn’t mean he’s sure they won’t come back. “I don’t know what happened,” he says. “I don’t know why I got lucky that it didn’t stay, but it just came and went.”

The author is lunching at Cedar Tavern, a cozy-but-hip restaurant and bar near New York University. He’s having a steak salad with blue cheese dressing because he’s on a modified Atkins diet; one of the many ways in which his life differs from Anthony’s is that he’s no longer overweight. At five-ten, he weighs 200 pounds. When he was in college, as the *Washington Post* noted in a profile last December, his food cravings and lack of funds prompted him to “shoplift Doritos and cookies by stuffing them down his size 50 pants.”

LaValle credits his discovery of fiction writing with helping to quell the delusions; during his semester off, he wrote in the mornings and worked for a moving company in the afternoons. And it was writing—or, more specifically, publishing—that spurred him to drop the weight. After Vintage picked up his first book, a short-story collection called *Slapboxing with Jesus*, his agent informed him that he’d need to have an author photo taken. “I immediately thought two things,” he says. “The first was, ‘I’m going to have my big fat face immortalized forever on the book,’ and that caused sheer panic. The second was, ‘If I get sent anywhere to read, it’s not going to be as a 350-pound guy, because no one wants to talk to an unattractive writer about his brutal book.’” He and his mother joined Jenny Craig and started taking long walks. He got down to his present weight about four years ago, and he’s kept the pounds off.

As in LaValle’s real life, Anthony’s struggles to diet in *The Ecstatic* are the least of his problems. The character has a tenuous grip on reality, dim career prospects, and a love life so spectacularly unsuccessful he finds himself fantasizing about deflowering the teenage contestants in the Miss Innocence contest, a low-rent, virgins-only beauty pageant his sister enters. He wears enormous purple suits to cover his breasts, eats rotten fish in an effort to drop pounds by contracting worms, and devotes himself to writing a definitive encyclopedia of gory horror films with titles like *Gurgle Freaks*. At one point, Anthony describes himself as “a twenty-three-year-old college dropout, a girthy goon suffering bouts of dementia.”

While *The Ecstatic* leaves Anthony still struggling to find his way, the thirty-one-

year-old LaValle has a much better grip on his life. After completing an English degree on the Hill, he went on to earn an MFA from Columbia, where *Slapboxing with Jesus* was his thesis. *The Ecstatic* has drawn national media attention and critical raves—*Publishers Weekly* called Anthony “a remarkable creation”—and in August LaValle left his home in Brooklyn for a one-year teaching post in the graduate writing program at California’s Mills College. He’s working on a sequel to *The Ecstatic*, an even darker tale in which Anthony falls deeper into poverty and schizophrenia, as well as a screenplay based on the novel. “The screenplay is a lot peppier. It may even have a happy ending,” he says with a laugh. “I guess the novels are where I get out a lot of my bad stuff.”

— Beth Saulnier

Ho...Ho... Home Fries

A HOLIDAY TRADITION WITH EXTRA STARCH

potato researchers in Cornell’s Department of Plant Breeding spend their days developing better crops for area farmers. Now, they’ve come up with Christmas potatoes. They’re not a new variety, but they do solve two problems: what to do with extra spuds and how to help those in need.

Since 1991, Cornell research support specialist Ken Paddock and his colleagues have donated 205 tons of the tubers to charities to help feed hungry families in the Ithaca area. Paddock says they used to be sold at the research station, but when he heard a radio interview with Jean Owens of the Tompkins County Food Distribution Network, he felt compelled to respond. “It’s worked out really well,” says Paddock. “It solves the problem of what to do with our extra potatoes, and gets them into the hands of people who need them.”

The program donates potatoes every year from October through mid-December, but much of the effort coincides with the holiday season. For the past two years Paddock has worked with honors students at a nearby middle school to pack up 2,000 pounds of spuds for Salvation Army holiday baskets. “I’ll take a truckload of potatoes to the school,” he says. “The kids come out and fill the bags. The last two years the Salvation Army hasn’t had any volunteers to help out—so it’s been real nice.”

— J. R. Johnson '04



Good Sports

FRANK RHODES & WILLIAM BOWEN CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

In 2001, William Bowen and James Shulman presented the results of a rigorous study of college athletics in *The Game of Life*. That much-heralded book painted a disturbing picture of the growing disconnect between academics and athletics, not only at big-time “football factories” but even at schools that do not offer athletic scholarships, including the Ivy League. Bowen, the president of Princeton from 1972 to 1988 and now the president of the Andrew Mellon Foundation, has returned to the subject with a different co-author, Sarah Levin, a research associate at the Mellon Foundation who was an All-American athlete at Harvard. Their new book, *Reclaiming the Game*, was published by the Princeton University Press this fall. We asked President Emeritus Frank Rhodes to speak with his colleague and friend Bowen about the book.

Rhodes: This is the second detailed book you’ve published on intercollegiate athletics. What brought this subject to your attention?

Bowen: I first became interested when I was the president of Princeton, struggling along with you and others to understand what was transpiring in athletics. Many of us suspected that all was not as it should be in terms of educational values, but we weren’t sure because we didn’t have data. Once I had an opportunity to probe more deeply, I thought we should start by trying to find the facts. Then, having got the conversation going, we were asked by the presidents of a number of New England colleges and the Ivy League institutions if we could find more facts.

In this book, you haven’t studied the big schools that we think of as athletic powers. Your study concentrated on thirty-three selective, non-scholarship schools.

That’s right. We made a deliberate decision not to continue exploring the Division I private universities like Stanford and Northwestern, which we had studied in the first book. Their issues and problems are in many ways quite different from those that affect the non-scholarship schools, and we wanted to concentrate on understanding in greater depth what has been going on at places that do not grant athletic scholarships. This was appropriate

because the number of recruited athletes, relative to the student body, is much larger at these schools than it is at places like the University of Michigan. You may find in the Ivy League and some of the liberal arts colleges that 15 to 40 percent of the student body is made up of intercollegiate athletes, compared to less than 5 percent at Michigan.

This book is rich in statistics—it’s evidence-based. How did you develop this statistical base?

Shortly after I arrived at the Mellon Foundation, I became persuaded that we didn’t know enough about outcomes in higher education. So we set out to build what became known as the College and Beyond database. It is the foundation for these two books on sports, and it was also the foundation for *The Shape of the River*, the study of race in admissions that [former Harvard president] Derek Bok and I did.

What are the most significant findings in the new book?

First, on the admissions front, while every-

one has understood that preference in admissions is given to recruited athletes—as well as to legacies and minority students and other groups—I don’t think we’ve known the extent of the preference. We’ve demonstrated that the admissions advantage enjoyed by recruited athletes is really extraordinary. At most SAT levels, someone on an Ivy League coach’s list may have as much as a four to five times better chance of getting admitted than someone not on the list.

Second, in terms of academic outcomes, the study documents that recruited athletes earn far lower grades than both their fellow athletes who were walk-ons and other students. To cite one figure, the high-profile male athletes in the Ivies—by which we mean those who play football, basketball, and ice hockey—ended up, on average, at the 19th percentile in class distribution. Whereas the male students at large ended up in 51st place, as you would expect—right in the middle. And closer

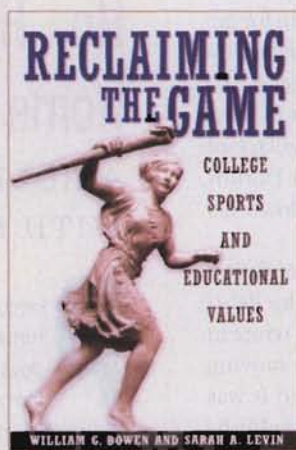
inspection of the data reveals that the low average rank of the recruited athletes is not the product of just a few students earning low grades. That has to be a source of concern, especially when so much is said about athletes being “representative” of their classes.

Do you see that in other recruited groups—in legacies or underrepresented minorities or musicians?

Not to the same extent. In fact, the comparison with

musicians is quite interesting—the oboe player is likely to do *better* academically than his or her classmates. And legacies, contrary to what a lot of people think, by and large do well academically. Minority students do not do as well as other students, as Derek and I documented in *The Shape of the River*, but that gap is narrowing over time—while the gap between recruited athletes and the others is widening.

In many ways, the most troubling finding in this new book is the extent of academic *underperformance* by recruited athletes. The disappointing class rank is not



just due to student-athletes having weaker credentials when they enter school. It's that they don't do as well as we would expect them to do on the basis of their incoming credentials. If, for example, a recruited high-profile male athlete were predicted to end up at the 45th percentile in class rank—just below the average—that athlete would end up at the 25th percentile.

Does this same underperformance characterize walk-on athletes?

No, the walk-ons look much more like the students at large than they do the recruited athletes. And the recruited athletes underperform even when they're not playing, so it can't be just a question of time commitment. Conversely, the walk-ons do quite well when they are playing.

What about women—do you see the same trends?

There are differences. The underperformance is more pronounced among the high-profile male athletes than it is among other groups of athletes, but the same general pattern is apparent for both men playing lower-profile sports, like tennis and soccer, and women athletes. One of the more disturbing findings is that what was in some ways a high-profile male athlete problem in the mid-seventies has now spread to the lower-profile men's sports and to women's sports.

Why is that? Do you see any causes behind this?

The broad forces in the world of sports are clearly at work. One of these is increasing specialization—a sense that you have to focus on your sport in an all-consuming way if you're going to be successful as a college athlete. There's also a competitive dynamic. Let's consider the women's colleges. After the co-educational colleges began to put more emphasis on athletic recruitment of men, they followed by putting more emphasis on the recruitment of women, in part because of the need to be fair to both genders. What that meant for the women's colleges was that a place like Bryn Mawr, which had been playing more or less competitively with women's teams from co-ed schools, was no longer competitive.

Where do we go from here?

I'm convinced that it's very hard to get anywhere if you try to tweak the system—fix this or that little piece. What is needed is a fairly significant change in direction.

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By that I mean looking at these issues holistically—looking at what's happening to recruitment, how the admissions process is working, how season length has changed, how coaches are rewarded, and so on. It's a whole package of things that must be looked at together.

Do you see any possibility that an institution could go it alone?

No. One of the interesting things to emerge from our interviews is that what partly drives this process is what I would call fear of humiliation. No one wants to be humiliated in athletic competition. So as long as everybody else is going in a certain direction, the pressure is to go enough in that direction to not be humiliated. That's why I think that concerted, collective efforts are really the only way to go.

Do you think that individual conferences can take action that's going to be influential beyond that conference?

They can definitely take actions that will both be helpful within their own group and that will send signals beyond. And there's some evidence this is happening. The Ivy presidents, in the last couple of years, have made a number of decisions that, while in some respects modest, heralded a change in direction. Having said that, I think you have to go beyond the conference level because you're competing for students, competing for coaches, and playing in regional and national championships with people outside your group. As long as the larger setting is so tough

competitively, the pressures are going to be intense. That's why Sarah Levin and I argue that an effort needs to be made at the national level to see if some better, more sensible common boundaries—

that's the phrase we use—can be put around sets of schools that have comparable, compatible philosophies.

What happens if there is no reform? What happens if the present trends continue?

If there is no reform, I think that this divide between the academic and athletic sides will only widen. On the athletic side, the specialization that I mentioned—the desire for greater and greater focus, more and more time commitment—is going to continue to separate the athlete from everybody else. And there are also trends on the academic side that help to widen this divide. For example: at all good colleges and universities, more emphasis is being placed on independent work. That requires a lot of commitment on the part of the student, and it makes it harder for someone whose focus is somewhere else to do well and benefit academically.

Thank you, Bill, for talking with me about this important work, and for the leadership you continue to give in challenging us to make athletics a significant and appropriate part of campus life.

One of the problems in discussing this subject is that recruited athletes, coaches, and athletic directors tend to regard what is being said as an attack on them. It's not that at all. Our study is about *policies*, not people. The whole objective of this exercise is expressed in the title of the book: reclaim the game. We want to strengthen the place of college sports in campus life.

The Millionaire's Magician

STEVE COHEN'S PARLOR TRICKS

STEVE COHEN '93 CAN MAKE THE QUEEN OF HEARTS appear in a kosher pickle, stop his own pulse, and read minds. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host Robin Leach has called Cohen's show "true artwork." Martha Stewart was rendered speechless. And when then-Cornell president Frank Rhodes realized Cohen had just stolen his watch without detection, the perpetually poised Brit exclaimed, "Oh my word!"

Cohen calls the response "the greatest ever."

The thirty-two-year-old magician, who looks like a redheaded George Stephanopoulos and always performs in a tux, has also entertained Mike Bloomberg, Michael J. Fox, and Intel president Andy Grover. Cohen's weekly Friday night Chamber Magic show at the Waldorf-Astoria has been selling out since 2001. Three weeks of sold-out shows at the San Francisco Ritz-Carlton garnered Cohen invitations to perform in 2004 at Ritz-Carlton hotels in Dubai, Qatar, and Bahrain. "I wish I could be in more than one place at a time," says the Chappaqua, New York, native. After seeing him in action, it's hard to believe he can't.

At a recent show, the magician gave an audience member a dictionary and asked him to think of a word on a random page. "Sit up," Cohen told the man. "I can't get a good reading." The man straightened and Cohen started, "S... M... W... Somewhat?" The man nodded, amazed.

Unlike sleight-of-hand masters such as Ricky Jay (Potash) '71, Cohen works the mental angle. "I'm really manipulating minds, then reading what I planted," he explains. "Every word that I say is very carefully planned."

Cohen finds many of his tricks in antique books. "Think a Drink," for example, was first performed a century ago by Cohen's hero and Harry Houdini's namesake, Robert Houdin. Audience members call out the names of their favorite drinks: martini, cosmo, hot chocolate. Then Cohen pours each, one at a time, from the same teakettle. "When people think of magic, they think of stereotypes of what magic has become—cutting a woman in half," says the magician. "And I really despise that. There's so much more that it can offer to the thinking person. I want people to be so inspired that they go home and check on the Internet about the wonders of the world. I

want people to have the experience of being a kid again—to see that there is more to life than they thought."

His talent and sincerity have convinced the greatest skeptics to believe in magic, but Cohen's self-proclaimed "fantastic business skills" probably haven't hurt. Four years after he learned his first trick, a ten-year-old Cohen performed his first paid show, at another boy's fourth birthday party. "I made \$25," Cohen says. "But instead of buying candy or games, I put it back into the business."

His current business plan exhibits similar savvy. Modeled on a practice called "parlor magic" (in which magicians like Houdin entertained wealthy clients in their parlors), his shows are small, intimate, and luxurious, but unprofitable. Cohen uses them to expose his talents to people who might later hire him for private or corporate events—at rates of \$5,000 to \$20,000 per show. The performer, who bills himself as the "millionaire's magician," has worked at some of Park Avenue's ritziest homes, as well as New York's best restaurants and hotels.

Cohen owes much of this success to Cornell connections, especially Hoteliers. Right after graduation, Cohen moved to Japan with his wife, Yumi Morishige, MA '94. At the Tokyo Cornell Club, he met David Udell '82, general manager of the Park Hyatt Tokyo, who invited him to perform weekly at the Hyatt's famous top-floor restaurant. "It was the best possible environment," says Cohen.

One of his biggest Cornell-connected breaks came in Cohen's senior year. President Rhodes, after witnessing the watch trick, referred him to Carl Sagan, who was organizing an event for a group of visiting astrophysicists. "Sagan called to ask me to perform. At first I thought it was a prank, so I said 'no.' These were the smartest people on the planet, and they were going to catch me out." But Sagan persisted and Cohen agreed. He received a standing ovation. "Now I tell people, even if you don't understand what you've seen, don't worry because you're in very good company. Some of the smartest people in the world didn't get it either."

—Shana Liebman



Waste Not

DUMP & RUN'S STUDENT RECYCLERS LOVE TRASH

IT'S A PERFECT LATE SUMMER DAY, and Justin Bates is hunting for bargains. "I heard about this thing on the radio, and it just sounded cool," says the Slaterville resident. He's wearing a Caribbean straw hat and lugging a motley load of recently purchased goods. "I got this whole bag of clothes for three or four bucks, then I picked up a bunch of CDs and a pair of scissors," he says. "And, yeah, this straw hat. I like it."

Bates is just one of the many satisfied customers at Cornell's first Dump & Run sale, held on North Campus at the end of August. Think of it as an exercise in creative recycling: volunteers collect the usable belongings that students would ordinarily abandon before moving day at the end of the year, then re-sell them to a new batch of students in the fall. It's a solution to the wasteful collegiate rite of spring that organizer Lauren Jacobs '05 first noticed when she was moving out of the dorms at the end of her freshman year.

"People were just leaving stuff sitting out in the hallways," she recalls. Clothes, furniture, and appliances—often in very good condition—were put out to be thrown away. But what Jacobs calls the "real shocker" was when she went to the airport to fly home. Students confronted with carry-on baggage limits were hastily discarding their belongings. "They were reaching into their suitcases, taking out handfuls of stuff, and dumping it in trash cans," she says. "It was a disgusting waste." An airport employee told Jacobs the scene is repeated every May.

Mike Mott of Campus Life Facilities Contracted Services says that "tons of stuff" are typically left behind at the end of the semester. "Anything that you can imagine being in a student room could end up in a Dumpster." Futons and food, bicycles and beer—it all goes in the trash. He says that his staff normally pulls TVs and com-

puter monitors out of garbage receptacles to be recycled, but vast amounts of clothing, office supplies, electronic equipment, and other items are hauled away to landfills every year.

Enter Dump & Run Inc., a nonprofit student group that collects and re-sells these unwanted undergraduate treasures, with proceeds going to a local charity. Dump & Run was founded by a former Syracuse University undergrad named Lisa Heller, who stumbled on the idea when she lost her grandmother's ring several years ago. Scrounging through SU's campus Dumpsters didn't reveal the ring, but she did discover a trove of usable items that students had thrown away. In 2000, after Heller had transferred to the University of Richmond and organized several successful sales of her own, Dump & Run began to form chapters on other campuses. The program has now spread to thirteen colleges and universities, mostly in the Northeast.

Over the summer of 2002, Jacobs, a psychology major, heard about Dump & Run through a friend at Tufts University and immediately began an effort to bring it to the Hill. Jacobs is a member of the Campus Life Student Advisory Committee (CLSAC), and she soon found other campus groups equally enthused about the idea. Last year, CLSAC chose Dump & Run as its annual philanthropy event, with additional support coming from Cornell Facilities Management, the Panhellenic Association, the Interfraternity Council, and Cornell Community Development. "Everyone has said it seems like a no-brainer," she says. "Something should have been done about this before."

The students chose Loaves and Fishes, an Ithaca soup kitchen, as their beneficiary. For the first year of the sale, 70 per-



Lauren Jacobs '05

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cent of proceeds will go to the charity, with the remainder going back to the Dump & Run organization to help launch the program at other schools. In coming years, about 90 percent of the proceeds will go directly to the selected charity.

Hundreds of volunteers pitched in for the May collection effort, which filled 4,000 square feet of storage space—far more than Jacobs anticipated—with cast-off clothes, books, office supplies, carpets, and furniture. (Among the many finds: an "I Dream of Jeannie" costume, a five-foot-tall inflatable palm tree, a working laptop computer, and at least one lava lamp.) Over the summer, volunteers sorted, checked, priced, and cleaned the items before two August sales: the first targeting freshmen and their parents on North Campus the day after dorms opened for the semester; the second aimed at upperclassmen, August 31 on the Arts Quad during Welcome Weekend.

The two sales raised just under \$8,000, reports Jacobs, who enthuses that the tally "surpassed my expectations." Mott, who's also part of the Cornell Green Team and the recycling program, estimates that Dump & Run diverted between eight and ten tons of trash from the waste stream. "I thought it was a great way to go," he says. "All the way around, it looked like a good deal."

— Joe Wilensky
with additional reporting by
Everett Hullverson '05

Nearly First

THE FLIGHT THAT ALMOST WAS

ON DECEMBER 17, THE WORLD will celebrate the centennial of one of humankind's most remarkable achievements—the day Orville Wright (with his older brother, Wilbur, watching) became the first man to master the skies.

It might have been Charles Manly, a mechanical engineering grad from the Class of 1898. He was the right man at the right time. But he was in the wrong place.

The place was an aircraft on a house-

boat floating along the Potomac River on October 7, 1903—ten weeks before the Wrights' historic flight. Manly was at the controls of the wonder of wings and wires known as the Great Aerodrome, the most expensive and publicized attempt yet to prove the possibility of flight.

This was the culmination of seventeen years of work on the part of Samuel Pierpont Langley, a physicist and astronomer who was then secretary of the Smithson-

ian Institution. In 1896, he had successfully demonstrated the flight of an unmanned, steam-powered aircraft, the first heavier-than-air flying machine capable of making a free flight of any significant length. Two years later, the Spanish-American war prompted the U.S. government to contribute \$50,000 to see if such machines might have practical use. It was the first time any official body had ever taken seriously a notion that was almost universally regarded as a fantasy.

Langley began to design a full-sized aircraft, but he understood that a steam-powered machine would be unable to carry a man over a significant distance. So in 1899, on the advice of Cornell engineering professor Robert Thurston, Langley recruited Manly, fresh from the Hill, and assigned him the task of constructing a viable gasoline engine to power a flight into the history books. In that same year, the Wright brothers sent \$1 to the Smithsonian to buy a copy of Langley's book on aerodynamics. "The fact that the great scientist believed in flying machines was the one thing that encouraged us to begin our studies," Orville later wrote.

The men would soon be rivals, but Langley and his crew had far better resources at their disposal. Manly, who would eventually patent dozens of devices used in power transmission and automotive engineering, succeeded in his task. He created a water-cooled, five-cylinder radial engine that produced 52.4 horsepower and weighed 130 pounds, an unprecedented power-to-weight ratio for the time. By contrast, the Wrights' 180-pound engine delivered only twelve horsepower.

It took four years, but by autumn 1903 everything was ready. By now, the pressure on Langley was intense. He was running out of money. The government was losing interest after winning the war. And the media were itching to discover what he had done with the taxpayers' money.

A photograph taken a few days before the big event shows Langley posing with Manly, a slight, bespectacled, and mustachioed fellow with aviator goggles in his hands and a compass optimistically sewn into the left knee of his trousers to aid in navigating a long flight. Unfortunately, Manly's engine was a greater achievement



Ready for takeoff: Charles Manly (left) and Samuel Langley in 1903

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Burst of Inspiration

Two years ago, Jon Kleinberg tried to organize his e-mail. "I was receiving around ten megabytes a year—roughly ten novels' worth," says the computer science professor. His search for a solution yielded an algorithm that allows users to analyze large numbers of documents for "burstiness," a measurement of the number of times a word appears, and the rate of increase in that number over time. "It looks for episodes characterized by a spike," says Kleinberg. "For example, if you were to do a timeline of your e-mail, you would see people you thought you had contacted recently, but in reality hadn't in years. The algorithm allows you to see that."

Kleinberg admits that while his e-mail problems persist, he has found other "data-mining" applications for his equation, such as searching the Web and monitoring hot news stories. The story of Trent Lott's comments about Strom Thurmond, for example, was circulated by "blogs," informal online news and opinion sites, for more than a week before being picked up by major news sources.

Kleinberg's algorithm could be used to find and track such postings. The same strategy could allow banks to screen customer records. "A friend of mine went shopping for his girlfriend and bought tons of clothes he normally wouldn't," says the professor. "The credit card company shut down his card because they saw a 'burstiness' of abnormal purchases. Being able to monitor the bursts aids in consumer protection."

— J. R. Johnson '04



than Langley's Aerodrome.

Langley had made a series of mistaken assumptions—that a full-sized aircraft required only an increase in the scale of his models, that the Aerodrome would be automatically stable, that an undercarriage was unnecessary, and that the best means of launching such a machine was via a catapult from a houseboat on the Potomac. On the afternoon of October 7, in front of several reporters and official observers, Manly took his place at the controls with the engine running smoothly. According to the *Washington Post*, "Manly looked down and smiled. Then his face hardened as he braced himself for the flight, which might have in store for him fame or death."

As it happened, he found neither. Two toots from a tugboat signaled the launch. A mechanic cut the holding cable, and the catapult thrust the craft forward along its sixty-foot track. There was a roaring and grinding noise. Then the launching mechanism snagged the plane as it reached the end of its track, and the Aerodrome plunged nose-down into the river. "It simply slid into the water," reported the *Post*, "like a handful of mortar."

After pulling himself from the wreckage, Manly was undaunted, declaring, "My confidence in the future success of the work remains unchanged." His competitor in the fight for flight, Wilbur Wright, offered a different perspective. "I see that Langley has had his fling and failed," he wrote to an acquaintance. "It seems to be our turn to throw now, and I wonder what our luck will be."

But the sixty-nine-year-old Langley, armed with fresh funds from the Smithsonian, vowed to repair his Aerodrome and try again. Spurred by the possibility that their own work might be eclipsed by Langley's, the Wrights revised their plans. They had intended to test their 1903 machine as an engineless glider before attempting powered flight, but the brothers decided to go for it.

By December 8, while the Wrights were tinkering in North Carolina, the Aerodrome was ready to launch again. Winter had come early, and chunks of ice bobbed in the river. Manly, wearing long underwear and a cork-lined canvas jacket,

climbed into the pilot's position. At 4:45 p.m., the catapult hurled the Aerodrome toward the darkening sky. The machine shot upward before it reached the end of the track, then performed a half-loop while its tail crumpled and twisted. Langley's grand flying machine dropped bottom-side up into the Potomac just a few yards from the houseboat.

Manly clung to the cockpit as the aircraft pressed him underwater. His life jacket snagged on a metal fitting, and he used all his strength to pry himself free before his lungs filled with frigid water. He dived, swam clear of the debris, and surfaced, only to hit his head on a chunk of ice. Eventually, he was hauled aboard the houseboat, where he cursed in disappointment while a doctor applied blankets and plied him with whiskey.

The press and government officials were relentless in their mockery of what

PROFESSOR CREATES INTERNET SEARCH STRATEGY

came to be called Langley's Folly. One congressman remarked that "the only thing he ever made fly was government money." The *New York Times* editorialized, "The flying machine which will really fly might be evolved by the combined and continuous efforts of mathematicians and mechanics in from one to 10 million years." Nine days later, on a windswept beach in Kitty Hawk, the Wrights took to the air.

Langley died three years later, a disappointed and broken man. But in 1908 the Smithsonian unveiled its highest honor, the Langley Medal, awarded "for meritorious investigations in connection with the science of aerodynamics and its application to aviation." Over the years, it has been presented to the likes of the Wrights, Charles Lindbergh, Alan Shepard, Neil Armstrong—and in 1930, three years after his death, to Charles Manly.

— Brad Herzog '90

Science on Stage

HOFFMANN INTEGRATES ARTS & SCIENCE

IN-THE-KNOW MEMBERS OF THE audience giggle as a small woman with a mischievous grin distributes a stack of photocopied song lyrics. Without explanation, the sprightly seventy-something begins to sing in a croaky voice. The tune is familiar—the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”—but what should be “Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!” sounds suspiciously like a description of strep and staph infections and the drugs used to treat them. She breaks off momentarily and commands her audience to join in. For the next twenty minutes, she leads them through her repertoire—lyrics about congenital infections sung to Gloria Gaynor’s “I Will Survive” and an adaptation of the Beatles’ “Yesterday” (“Leprosy / All those pieces falling off of me . . .”).

The chanteuse is microbiologist and

University of Pennsylvania professor Helen Davies and the setting is Entertaining Science, a monthly cabaret that brings together scientists and artists, hosted by Cornell chemistry professor Roald Hoffmann in the basement of New York City’s Cornelia Street Café. “Some people in the arts think scientists are intimidating,” says Hoffmann, a published essayist and playwright who earned a Nobel prize in 1981 for his work in organic chemistry. “Here, scientists speak in public and find it’s not so hard, and artists and musicians find they have deep connections with scientists.”

For each evening of the series Hoffmann brings together at least two presenters whose offerings focus on a common theme. In August, “Hard/Soft Wary” explored how computers and technology

have changed people’s interactions with each other and with machines. In the first half of the evening, New York performer Christopher Caines presented *dream. screen.*, reminiscent of Laurie Anderson’s early work. In the piece, Caines layers strands of sound—keyboard, breath, and Bengali and African instruments—using a looping device controlled with his toes. Through the lyrics, a disembodied “you” and “I” tell and re-tell the story of a relationship formed in cyberspace.

Later in the evening, Cornell mechanical and aerospace engineering professor Hod Lipson describes his research in evolutionary robotics and introduces the audience to a creature made in his lab—a foot-long construction of white plastic bars and metal pins, one of the first robots designed not by humans, but by a computer program that mimics the process of evolution. “I brought two with me,” Lipson says, as he switches on the motor to start the robot writhing noisily on a small carpet. “But one of them broke. That’s natural selection for you.” The audience peppers the professor with questions: Why didn’t his team build wheels into the robots’ design? How often do they evolve with a symmetrical shape? Are their components based on neurons of the brain? Lipson, a veteran of local and national radio, is no stranger to sharing his work with non-scientists, but this is his first foray into the world of performance. “Now that I’ve seen it,” he says, “I’d be a bit more wild if I were to do it again.”

Entertaining Science is often more open-mike night than polished recital. The intimate space, which seats sixty comfortably and has accommodated up to seventy-five, encourages audience participation. For “Lost in Translation,” science writers K.C. Cole and Dava Sobel, cosmologist Marcelo Gleiser, and Hoffmann himself mused on the connection between authors translating thoughts into words and scientists translating observations into theories. “Heavy Metal” brought together sculptor Daniel Brush, musician Elliott Sharp, and neurologist Oliver Sacks. In April, Cornell cognitive psychologist Carol Krumhansl and Swedish neurophysiologist and pianist Fredrik Ullén discussed and performed “Music on the Brain.” “I have a lot of faith in the audience to make

Birds Of A Feather

ITHACA THE EAGLE

Jim Grier, PhD '75, discovered early in life the pains and rewards of fatherhood. For six weeks in 1972, Grier, then a twenty-eight-year-old ornithology grad student, spent two hours every day playing papa to an incubating eagle egg in his lab in Sapsucker Woods. “It takes a lot of time being a male eagle,” he says. To make matters worse, Grier’s co-parent, Chrys, a golden eagle, hounded him relentlessly. “The first time I tried to leave,” he says. “Chrys flew to the door, turned, and bit at my legs until I climbed onto the nest.”

Now a zoology professor at North Dakota State University, Grier has remained virtually inseparable from the bird he helped hatch thirty-one years ago. Named Ithaca, he was the first eagle bred in captivity using artificial insemination, and the pair have traveled to hundreds of presentations about predatory bird breeding throughout the country. Now halfway through his expected lifespan, Ithaca left the speaking circuit last year and now resides in the Wahpeton, North Dakota, zoo. “My secretary asked if he was going to a retirement home,” says Grier. “I said, ‘No, it’s just a career change.’”



—Everett Hullverson '05

connections," says Hoffmann. "And if we teach a little bit of science, well, we do it in a different mode, which doesn't use jargon and isn't a lecture. Here, it's relaxed."

Connections between people are what started the series in the first place. It was spring 2001, and Harcourt had just printed *Los Angeles Times* reporter K.C. Cole's treatise on quantum physics, *The Hole in the Universe: How Scientists Peered over the Edge of Emptiness and Found Everything*. On a visit to New York, Cole spoke with Café co-owner Robin Hirsch about doing a reading. Hirsch feared Cole wouldn't have the name recognition to fill the venue, so the author offered to pull in her longtime friend Hoffmann, whose third volume of poetry, *Memory Effects*, had just been published. Hirsch still hesitated; neither, he said, was famous enough. Then the two suggested including their mutual friend, *Awakenings* author and neurologist Oliver Sacks. That did the trick. "Suddenly," says Hoffmann, "we were famous enough." Sacks's reputation led to a listing in the *New Yorker* and, as Hoffmann tells it, around 300 people (closer to 150, says Hirsch) came to hear the three authors address the theme of "Nothing."

Since then, Hoffmann has organized close to twenty events at the café. "Somehow," he says, "these connections play out what's important to me on a spiritual level." Often, the professor himself doesn't know what will happen on the venue's tiny stage, and it seems that as far as he's concerned, anything goes. In May, choreographer Rachel Cohen took the stage for "Why Not." "She did wonderful intricate things with clown- and mask-work, together with costumer Agata Oleksiak," says Hoffmann. "And some of it was striptease, too, which I didn't count on—three pieces in which these dancers undressed."

The series, says Hoffmann, "is going to go on forever. Well . . . as long as it's fun." For an October performance, the professor invited entomologist David Grimaldi, PhD '86, the Museum of Natural History curator responsible for the 1996 exhibit "Amber: Window on the Past." As for the evening's artist, Hoffmann hadn't yet extended an invitation. "Supposing I find a singer whose first name is Amber?"

— Alla Katsnelson '96

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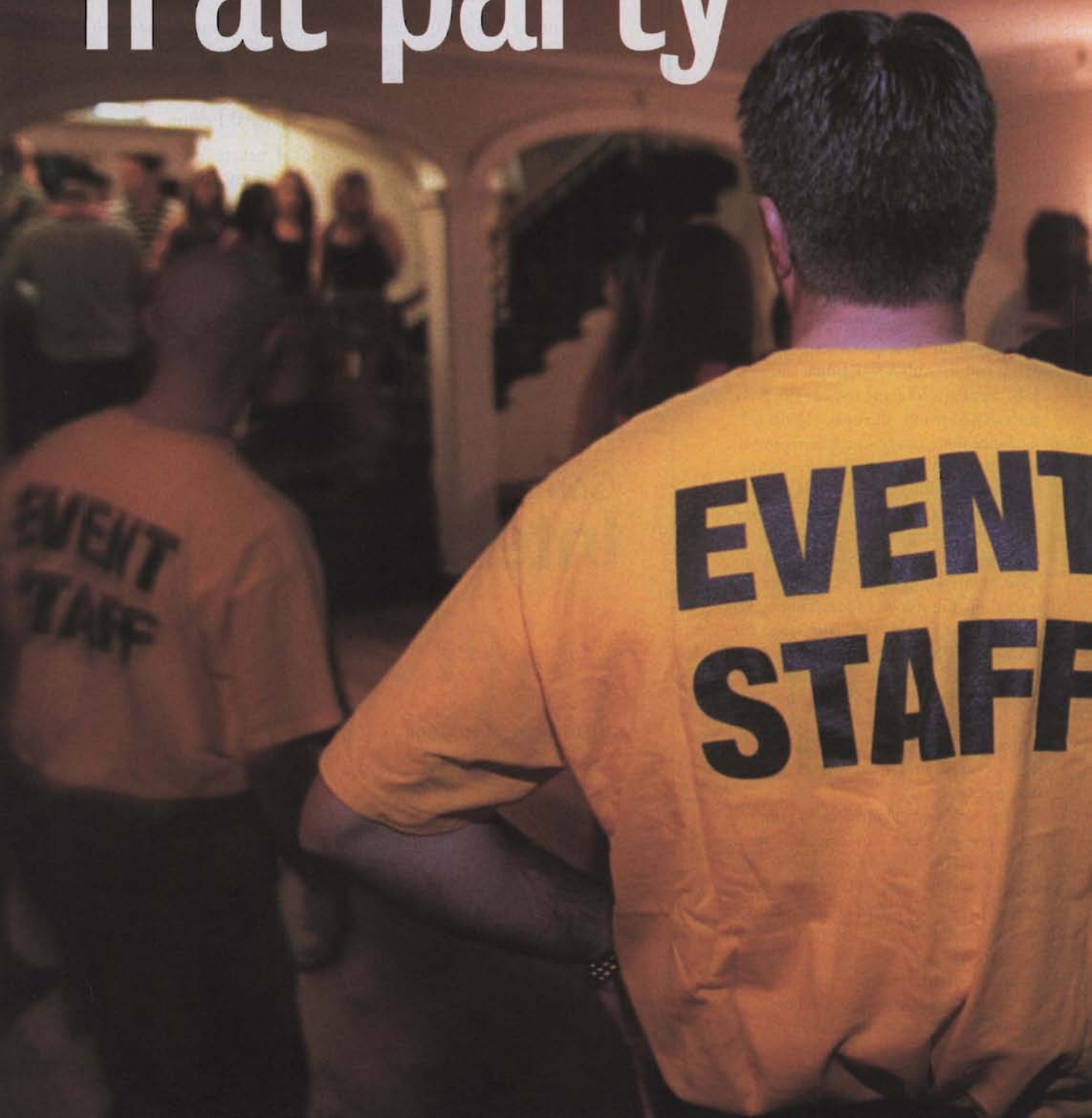
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anatomy of a frat party





For the brothers of Psi Upsilon, having several hundred guests over for drinks is no luau.

By David Dudley

Photographs by Shai Eynav and Nicola Kountoupes

there's a small concern about the moose. A few of the brothers have been tossing plastic leis on its antlers, and now, looking at the loops hanging from the rack, they realize that somebody is going to pull on them. The stuffed moose head—a gift from Psi Upsilon alum Christopher Hart '72—seems securely bolted to the dining room wall, but it clearly weighs a ton, and there would be a problem if it came down on top of a throng of partygoers later tonight. After some discussion, they decide to leave the leis up for the moment, but somebody tall will be dispatched to fetch them before things get crazy. Because things will get crazy.

Tonight Psi U's Chi chapter is hosting a party, the first large registered fraternity function of the school year and just about the only major social event on campus on this balmy Friday. At least 300 guests are expected at the chapter's house on Forest Park Drive, but some wonder if three times that many will show up. "Dude, we've got no competition," one brother muses. "It'll be absolute mayhem."

The promise of mayhem is appealing, but not entirely desirable. Psi U, like the sixty-six other fraternities and sororities here in the largest Greek system in the Ivy League, is under considerable pressure to change its bacchanalian ways. A rash of alcohol-related accidents, fights, and arrests last fall aggravated the eternal friction between the Greeks and the administration; four chapters were closed or reorganized in 2002 for hazing violations, and all the rest know they are only one drunken mistake from oblivion.

Lurking in the background is the growing sense that the centuries-old love-hate relationship between American universities and the Greek system is entering a new and critical phase. Several smaller schools, such as Alfred and Dartmouth, are actively dismantling fraternities and sororities, closing down houses and subsuming the Greeks into university-run residences. The very heart of the fraternity concept—its self-governed independence—is seen by many administrators as increasingly irreconcilable with the responsibilities of modern higher learning. At Cornell, where a quarter of undergraduate men live in fraternities and some 80 percent of the trustees are themselves former members, the trick is to tame the *Animal House* side of Greek life while preserving its virtues. “We have an ongoing commitment to the Greek system—it has value,” says dean of students Kent Hubbell ’69. “We just have to shape it.”

So it goes that the decision to hang a few plastic leis on a moose—a no-brainer in simpler times—is now earnestly debated, one of innumerable issues of risk and liability to be weighed before the first guest arrives. A large fraternity party like this one is as much an exercise in diplomacy and logistics as it is a beery free-for-all: the brothers must navigate a sea of permits,

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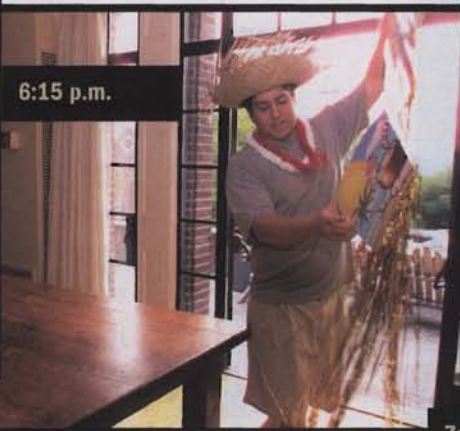
HE LONG ROAD TO THE PSI U LUAU BEGAN in the spring of 2003, when social chair Justin Watzka ’04 filed an application to register an invite party—the largest type of Greek function—with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (OFSA) in Willard Straight Hall.

(Invite parties are subtly distinguished from now-banned open parties: Psi U distributed between 400 and 500 invitations for their party in the weeks before the event.) According to Suzy Nelson, the associate dean of students for fraternity and sorority affairs, about thirty-five of Cornell’s Greek-letter organizations carry the \$1 million in alcohol liability required to host a wet event. To successfully register a party, Nelson says, “there



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training seminars, and other Big Red tape before any kegs are tapped. There are security personnel and ID checkers and a platoon of non-drinking brothers who serve as “sober monitors”; there are fire code inspections, public assembly permits, and the inevitable drop-ins from Cornell Police.

And this year, as usual, new twists have been added to the school’s ever-tightening alcohol policy. Along with the private caterers required for most “wet” events, a cash-bar rule has gone into effect: tonight’s partygoers will purchase drink tickets at one table, then stand in line at another table to redeem them for beers. The all-you-can-gulp era of the open bar, it seems, is over.

As the brothers set up, they contemplate this fresh assault on their independence. Guests will be stuck in line all night, they warn, or backed up outside the front door as they run a gauntlet of ID checkers. It will be dead, or it will be a riot. It will be the beginning of the end, or business as usual. One thing seems certain: it won’t be like it used to be.

are a number of hoops” to go through. OFSA checks their insurance and public assembly permit and verifies that the frat has no pending cases before the Governing Council Judicial Board. At least three weeks’ notice is required (dry events get one week). Watzka booked Lighthouse Catering at the end of August. Lighthouse is a vital part of the Greek system this year—at the moment, they’re the only company that will work a fraternity event. “Nobody else wants to do it,” Watzka says. “It’s not worth the liability.”

The idea behind Cornell’s third-party catering policy is simple: the caterer assumes all responsibility for alcohol at fraternity events. They ID the patrons, serve the drinks, provide security, and generally act like adults. They also get fined if state liquor authorities catch them providing alcohol to underage guests, which means that several companies have been closed down. As the risks rose, so did the tab. Today’s bill from Lighthouse for a single bar serving only beer and wine is \$900. That doesn’t include

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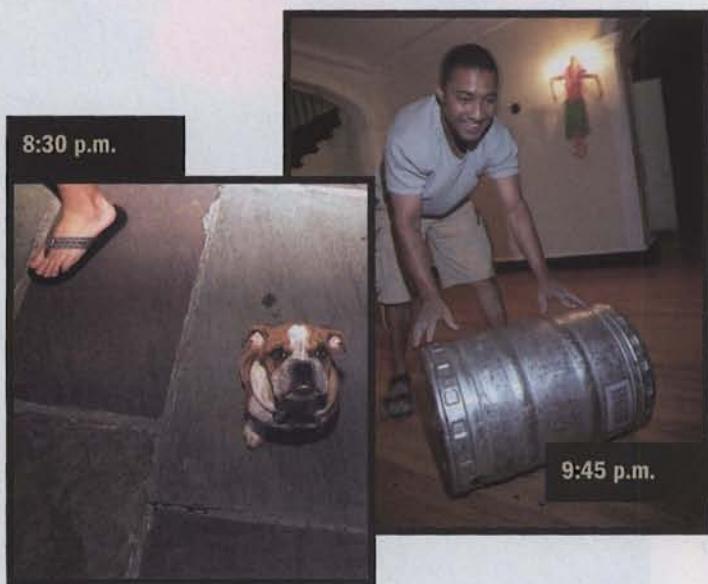
the alcohol itself: Watzka spent another \$300 to pre-purchase a supply of \$2 drink tickets for the forty-seven brothers. "That's just an absurd amount of money," he says. "We can't afford three \$1,200 parties." But, of course, they're having them anyway. Watzka is budgeting \$3,600 for a semester's worth of catering.

Booking far in advance seems to do little to reassure anyone. Fraternity brothers offer a litany of catering-related horror stories: they show up late or not at all, or run out of beer, or overcharge for booze, or pack up and leave early. At another chapter last year, a caterer canceled the day before a party, turning it into an unscheduled dry event. "We hate it because we're in a situation where we can't control the event," says Psi U president Rudy Lewis '04. "You pay your money, and you wait and see."

versity owns it, and the atmosphere is equal parts Edwardian men's club and big-city public high school.

It's early evening, and as a glorious sunset flares over the slate patio out back, the business at hand is decoration and set-up. Watzka bought about \$70 worth of Polynesian trinkets—cardboard hula girls, shiny Mylar palm trees, plastic pineapples—that the brothers are now duct-taping everywhere. Others lug away just about anything that could be stolen, broken, or befouled. The couches are locked into the library, framed pictures are taken down, and the grandfather clock is zipped into its protective bag. To keep guests from wandering off-limits, furniture is piled into barricades.

In the hallway, Zachary Schwartz '04, vice president and risk



By Cornell's standards, this is a good fraternity. Psi U has won thirteen straight "Most Outstanding Chapter" awards and they consistently land in the top rank of Cornell's five-tier rating system, based on their compliance with the 1995 Fraternity and Sorority Strategic Plan. "They do a few things wrong," says Nelson, who recalls a minor hazing infraction from a few years back. "But they do a lot of things right."

Lewis agrees; he's the kind of guy who now telephones the parents of new Psi U members to allay hazing fears. "The university understands that we're making the effort," he says. The president is acutely aware of just how thin a margin of error the Greeks collectively have. "What happens to one house happens to the Greek system as a whole."

THE PSI UPSILON HOUSE IS A STOLID GOTHIC PILE, A THREE-story brick hall built in 1933 that boasts a wood-paneled library, a pair of squash courts, and a faint aroma of stale beer. The uni-



Birth of a luau (left to right): Furniture is stowed away in locked rooms as the brothers clear the decks; social chair Justin Watzka leads the decorating effort; lei lady, ready to party; bulldog pup Princess waits patiently for handouts at the cook-out dinner; catering staffer rolls in a keg prior to opening the doors; and the first intrepid guests make their way through the ID checkpoint.

management chair, reviews his game plan: a map of the first floor, with the party perimeter highlighted in yellow marker. "This," he says, pointing to the area between the front door and the stairway, "is a major hot zone."

"Risk management" is one of those peculiarly adult concepts that have been shoehorned into Greek life these days. Psi U now has a twelve-member committee that meets weekly to discuss safety and liability. At last night's meeting, Schwartz and the other officers planned positioning procedures for the ten non-drinking brothers who will serve as sober monitors, and now he's

doling out assignments like a Secret Service supervisor. "A big thing to look out for is the fire alarms," he says—rival Greeks have a habit of pulling alarms at other houses' parties. Some monitors will patrol outside to discourage unauthorized invaders; others will circulate amidst the revelers, looking for lawsuits waiting to happen. "There are situations that arise when a freshman comes and drinks too much," Schwartz says matter-of-factly, "and we usually have to take them to the hospital."

Meanwhile, the Psi U dining room is being transformed into a nightclub. Tables are cleared and stacked into an ad-hoc DJ booth for Jay Vixama '05, who is assembling his new sound and lighting system—a magnificent matte-black assortment of mixers, speakers, subwoofers, and strobes. Vixama also has a game plan for the night. The strobe light goes to his left, where he expects dancing girls to congregate. The lasers and two whirling Duo-Moon disco lights point at the opposite wall. He'll start out with techno, ease into some classics, then hit the rap and hip-hop. He's asked his fellow brothers to contribute a favorite song—everything from Skynyrd to Snoop Dogg—and it's all downloaded onto his laptop and ready to rock. "Nobody can touch us," Vixama says as he searches for a three-prong outlet. "This will be one to remember. Nobody's gonna outdo us."

Out on the patio, house steward Matt Jassak '04 is dousing Psi U's brand-new \$900 grill with lighter fluid, trying to ignite the sputtering coals for a cook-out. Psi U used to partner with a sorority for dinner before their parties, but a recent policy change by the National Panhellenic Conference—a large sorority umbrella group—now forbids member houses from attending non-dry fraternity events. Officially, the women who show up around 8 o'clock tonight for burgers and dogs aren't sorority sisters; they're "just a few friends."

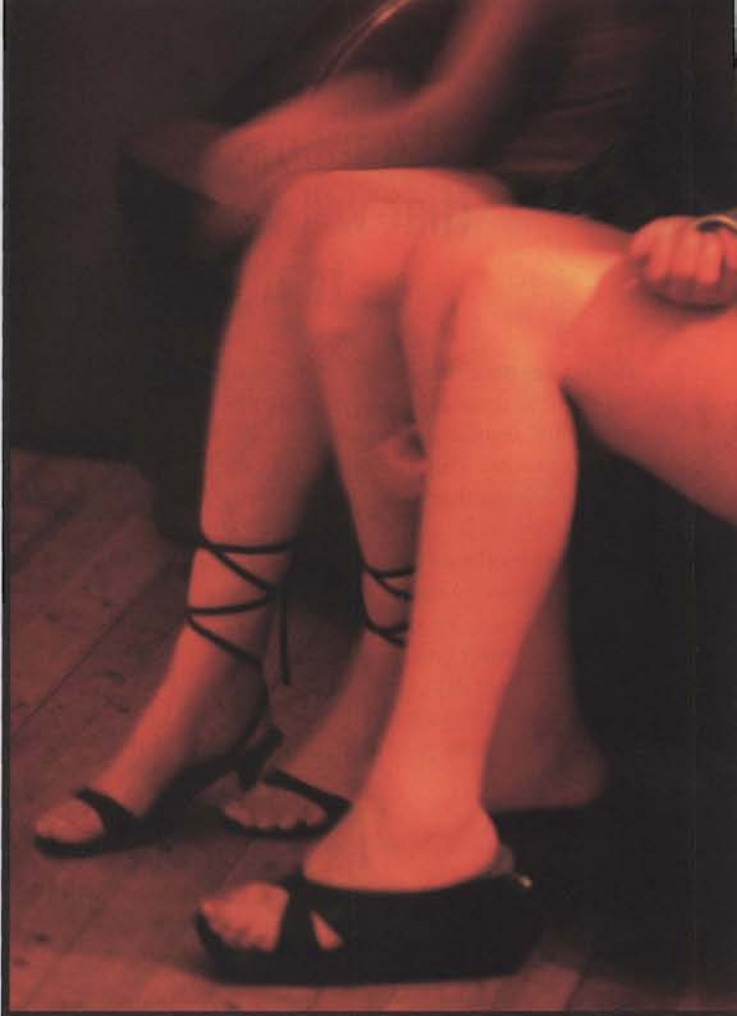
"It's a stupid, idiotic rule," says Suzy Nelson, who unsuccessfully lobbied the NPC for a variance. Instead of encouraging frats to go dry, Nelson says the rule has sharply limited the smaller mixers and date parties that used to fill the Greek social schedule. Bigger, rowdier parties like tonight's now predominate—fewer in number but more volatile. Fraternity members blame this trend on the high cost of catering, a suggestion Nelson scoffs at. "Given what they charge in social fees, it's a drop in the bucket," she says. (Each Psi U member pays \$300 per semester in dues, yielding an annual budget of \$28,200.)

Some of that cash will fund the house's various philanthropic projects, and some is earmarked for the Halloween bash next month, an entirely more elaborate affair. The luau theme seems limited to the leis and Hawaiian shirts that most brothers are wearing when they re-emerge at around 8:00 p.m. By now, the house is as decorated as it's going to get, the grill is lit, and several competing stereos are blaring. Psi U's new English bulldog puppies, Sophie and Princess, toddle around the patio chasing balls amidst the smoky ruckus.

There are only two things missing: beer and girls. They appear nearly simultaneously. Despite Watzka's fears, the caterers have arrived safely ahead of schedule, and a half-dozen young women in flowery tropical attire stroll in at 8:15 p.m. A girl wearing a grass skirt over her jeans marches out to a group of brothers on the patio and lifts her T-shirt, displaying a bikini top constructed from coconut shells.

"Do you think this is inappropriate?" she asks earnestly.

The answer, unanimously, is no.



Dancing machine: As the Psi U moose looks on, partygoers boogie down in the dining room until 1 a.m.





JUSTIN WATZKA IS NOT A PARTY ANIMAL. He's a droll, low-key guy with the perpetually distracted manner of over-worked middle management. "I never thought I'd be a social," he confesses. "I'm not that cool."

This, says Psi U president Lewis, is how it should be: "You don't want the biggest partier." Social chair, after all, is a burdensome calling—Watzka is investing hours of time and thousands of dollars organizing these events, only to now spend his evening herding hundreds of lubricated strangers around while he remains stone sober. He and Lewis won't drink at any of the functions they organize; at any given party, nearly a quarter of Psi U is working crowd control, not chugging Busch. The question thus arises: why bother?

"We have to," says Lewis. "For recruitment."

This is the age-old truism, repeated by every brother. The parties aren't for getting drunk or getting girls—they're for getting pledges. This September luau is particularly important, since it gives Psi U a jump on the other houses. At Cornell, big frat parties serve another role: they are one of the few informal opportunities for large and diverse student gatherings. "[The Greek system] is the social focal point for the campus," says Kent Hubbell. "Especially social life involving alcohol."

Hubbell, like most administrators, would prefer that the university had other, less debauched options for student socialization. "But there just aren't any large spaces," he says. "We need a big concrete block that we can just hose down at the end of the night." Both Hubbell and Nelson supported a proposal to have Cornell Catering work fraternity events, removing the need for private caterers. "But Risk Management wants no part of it," Nelson says. This year, the OFSA is experimenting with a new BYOB policy, designed to encourage mid-size parties of less than 200 by letting guests bring six-packs or bottles of wine (no liquor). It remains to be seen whether the idea, which gives the fraternity responsibility for carding underage guests and serving alcohol, will prove workable.

"It's an impossible thing to manage, underage drinking," Nelson sighs. "It's a very hard population to regulate." She's been at Cornell since 1998, after a tenure at Syracuse University, and she has the world-weary demeanor of someone who has heard it all. "You see generations and generations of the same behavior." Her emphasis isn't on utterly eliminating fraternity drinking, but on making it less dangerous—discouraging hard alcohol, for instance, and encouraging more civilized functions that incorporate moderate amounts of beer or wine rather than frenzied binging. A sophomore sneaking an occasional cold one is not, she says, a crisis situation. "I mean, it's only beer," she says. "They're not handing out heroin!"

THE KEGS ROLL IN AT 9:45 P.M., AND THE BROTHERS SPRING into action. Officially, the party can't begin until 10 p.m., so the early birds are now ushered out the front door to be properly readmitted. The patio doors are closed, the catering staff taps the kegs, and the four security men don their yellow Event Staff T-shirts and take up their positions: two stand at the door and two flank the bar.

Rudy Lewis and Kevin Brodsky '06 stand at the post they will

By the time the police arrive, the combatants have taken off. But now the cops want a look inside.

maintain most of the night, handling money at the door. Frat-party intake is a three-stage process. One burly doorman checks IDs and stamps the hand of every guest; another fits the legal drinkers with yellow plastic bracelets. Finally, Lewis and Brodsky take the entrance fees: \$2 for the drinkers, \$4 for underage. There's a line forming in the darkness outside, and as 10 p.m. rolls around, DJ Vixama cranks up Pras's loping "Ghetto Superstar" in the dining room, and the parade begins.

The earliest guests are girls, long trains of them teetering on high-heel sandals. Most are under twenty-one—there will be no lines at the bar or the drink-ticket table for a while. It takes about twenty minutes for the house to fill. Until then, the non-drinking guests gather in knots and wait for Vixama's booming techno to kick-start the dancing. Risk manager Schwartz stands by his stairway hot zone and looks vigilant.

And then, suddenly, critical mass is achieved, and this gathering of strangers in tropical dress turns into a party. At 10:30, girls start dancing, hesitantly at first, and then in great wriggling packs. With the doors and windows closed, the temperature spikes and things get swampy. The beer—well, foam mostly—flows steadily. But with that alert security man standing by, the non-braceleted seem to be having little luck getting served.

The real problem is traffic flow. There's one small bathroom on the ground floor and a larger one upstairs. But with a cadre of brothers perched on the steps, the stairs turn into a sluggish river of bodies as people attempting to make their way down collide with those negotiating upwards. It's a recipe for some kind of confrontation, and Schwartz is keeping a close eye on the situation.

By 11 p.m., the party is officially crowded; it takes several minutes to shove from one end to the other. Those looking for a breath of fresh air can head down to Psi U's basement pub, a lavish facility that dates back to a more permissive time. Its brass taps are now permanently dry (non-catered kegs are forbidden in fraternity houses), and tonight—even with 300 people crammed overhead—the place is deserted. Two brothers meet in the relative calm to compare notes.

"Dude! I just caught a guy trying to pee on the stairs!"

They laugh ruefully. "I guess we'll be cleaning the stairs on Sunday."

At around 11:20, Lewis calls the Cornell Police—there's some sort of altercation out in the parking lot. By the time the two officers arrive, the combatants have taken off, but now the cops want a look inside.

Visits from CU or Ithaca officers are routine—local police and fire officials get the OFSA schedule of registered fraternity events—so few revelers pay much attention when the uniforms make their way into the foyer. The pair surveys the mob and one says that the house looks to be over its 350-person public assembly rating. Watzka and Lewis insist otherwise, but the cops are unconvinced; they summon Environmental Health and Safety

to make a head count. They also take the dozen or so fake IDs the Lighthouse doormen have confiscated before going on their way.

Around midnight, the EHS guy shows up. Lewis leads him through the swollen crowd and gets the verdict: no violation. The party will go on.

aND SO IT DOES. IN A SAUNA-LIKE dining room, Jay the DJ is spinning the big sing-alongs: Madonna's "Like a Prayer," ABBA's "Dancing Queen." The beer-slick tile floor is a writhing mass of strobe-lit humanity, and a dozen girls climb atop a table to belt out a chorus.

A few other guests are less enthused. For one thing, it's proving more difficult than usual for the underage to get a beer—the only reliable gambit is to find a legal drinker who will buy one for you and pass it on. A sophomore, beerless and surly, is dismayed over the lack of Beer Pong, the *de rigueur* undergraduate drinking game. A brother laments the comparatively sedate crowd. "If we could just open this up," he says, "it would be three times as good."

But out by the kegs, a 22-year old grad student and Acacia brother named Frank pronounces the scene very good indeed. "It's cheaper than a bar," he says, "and everyone here is out to have a good time." He, for one, supports the catering policy and extra security, even if maybe things aren't quite as crazy as they used to be. "The frats have to do what's best for them," he notes. It's a matter of survival. "You can't define the American college experience without frat parties."

And then Frank recites, mostly verbatim, a speech from the film *Animal House*. The twenty-five-year-old comedy has been something of a mixed blessing for modern Greeks: it helped revive the system after years of decline, but it also taught fratern-

nities with their enduring, unkillable media image. In the scene, smooth-talking Delta brother Otter musters a rousing defense of his unruly house at a student council tribunal. "You can't hold a whole fraternity responsible for a few sick, perverted individuals," Otter says. "For if you do, then shouldn't we blame the whole fraternity system? And if the whole fraternity system is guilty, then isn't this an indictment of our educational institutions in general? I put it to you—isn't this an indictment of our entire American society?"

Frank laughs and laughs. "It's so true," he says, and then he's off to get one last beer.

THE HOUSE LIGHTS START TO FLASH AT 12:45, AND THEN they stay on. Blinking in the glare, a few hundred undergrads drain their dregs and start funneling toward the door. Or they go upstairs to the brothers' rooms, where the festivities will go on, in a less regulated form, for many hours to come. The sober monitors, relieved of their sobriety at last, can soon crack their first beers.

"Go home or go upstairs!" Kevin Brodsky booms. As the rooms empty, the aftermath is revealed: piles of plastic cups, beer-soaked cardboard hula girls, the defoliated remains of a palm tree. But the moose is still up, the grandfather clock remains securely zipped, the caterers seem happy, and nobody broke a table or knocked down a speaker. Stately Psi U is sticky but intact.

In ten minutes, the downstairs is all but empty. Watzka and Lewis gulp in the night air by the door, glazed in sweat and perhaps a little relieved. They played by the rules and won; the Cornell Police officer waiting outside in his idling Explorer will not be coming in tonight.

"We were a little inefficient in the beginning," Watzka says, offering a brief post-game analysis. "But the next one should be perfect."

The president agrees.

"It's hard to do everything right," shrugs Lewis. "It's college." ©



After five decades,
Professor Thomas Eisner
tells tales of his life
as an entomologist.

For the Love of Bugs

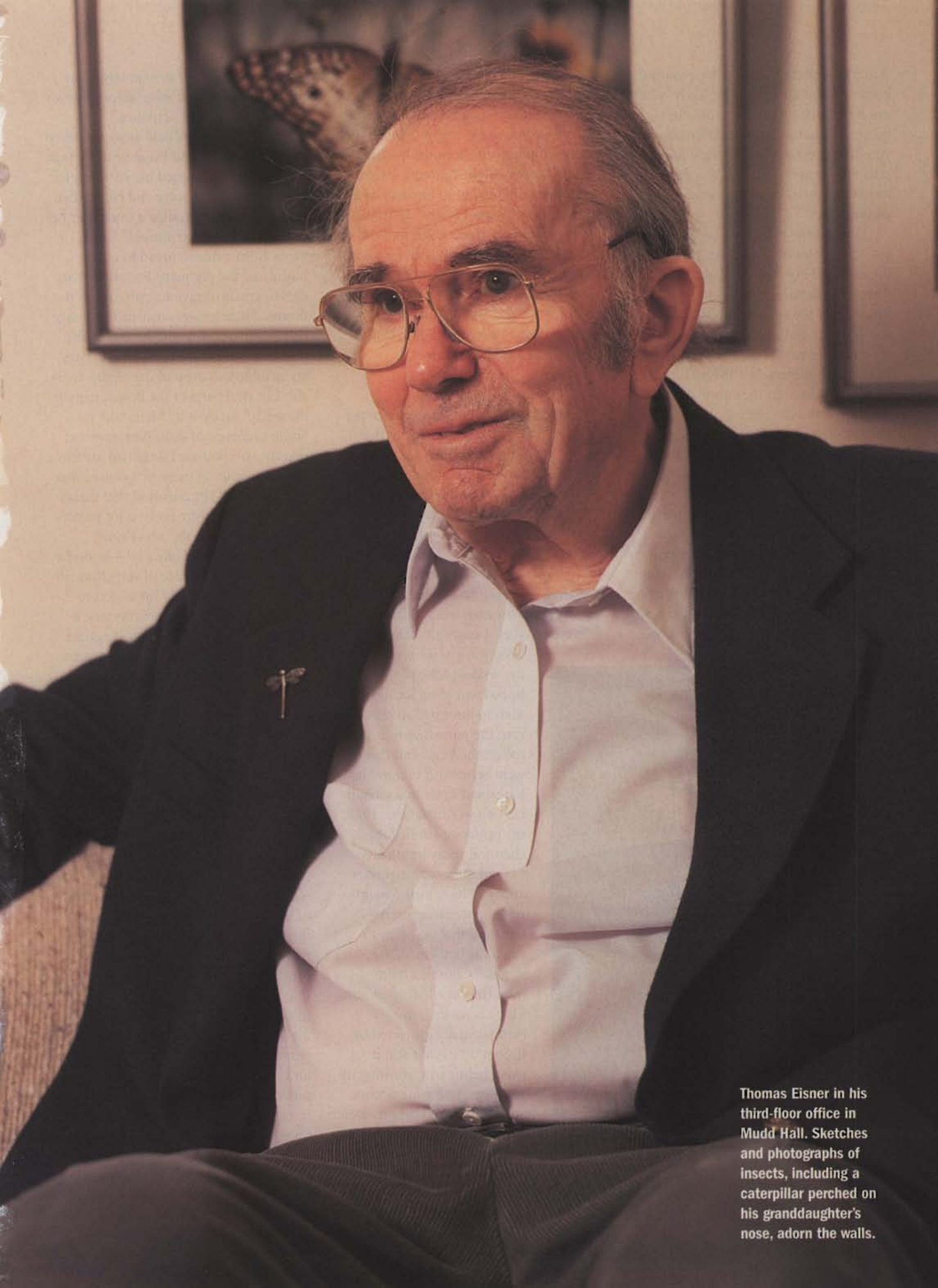
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Thomas Eisner

flipping through a stack of postcard-sized photographs of insect heads, Tom Eisner stops at a close-up of a cockroach. “That’s a pleasant looking animal,” he says. “How can you step on that?” When friends call begging for advice because they’ve found the creatures in the kitchen, the Schurman professor of chemical ecology tells them to “get a hand lens, get on your knees, and watch them.” The man loves bugs. Two bear his name—a Florida mole cricket (species: *eisneri*) and a cockroach native to Thailand (genus: *TomEisneria*). “I’m strictly honored,” he says of his namesakes.

In October, Harvard University Press published *For Love of Insects*, Eisner’s memoir of fifty-plus years in the field. The book, drafted at the professor’s dining room table from 4:30 to 8:30 each morning, recalls his research collaborations around the world with longtime friend and Harvard sociobiologist Edward O. Wilson, as well as colleagues on the Hill and a string of undergraduate research assistants. “He has painted nature as a pointillist, sector by sector of arthropod biology,” Wilson writes in the book’s foreword. “And from the many local depictions, from the spray of nature’s colored dots as it were, he has delineated patterns of evolu-



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Thomas Eisner in his third-floor office in Mudd Hall. Sketches and photographs of insects, including a caterpillar perched on his granddaughter's nose, adorn the walls.

tionary adaptation, molecular evolution, behavior, and life cycles that likely would not have been revealed by any other means." Eisner, 73, puts it differently: "All you do is press my belly-button and I start talking about insects. You don't have to put any quarters in the meter—I just go non-stop."

Eisner came to Cornell in 1957 as an assistant professor of biology. He's since documented how the bombardier beetle directs its chemical attacks on predators, investigated the compounds millipedes use to sedate wolf spiders, and described the strategies moths use to escape the webs of orb spiders. In 1984 his film *Secret Weapons* won the Grand Award at the New York Film Festival, and in 1994 he won the National Medal of Science. He currently serves as director of the Cornell Institute for Research in Chemical Ecology.

One of Eisner's first formal research excursions was a 12,000-mile summer road trip he undertook with Wilson in 1952, when they were graduate students at Harvard. The journey yielded not only an acquaintance with the American landscape and its insects, but also a passionate

commitment to conservation and a deep intellectual connection between the men. Often, the two stopped at small-town Dairy Queens, where bright lights in the parking lot drew the bugs the budding entomologists sought. "Parents would send their children out to find out what we were doing," says Eisner. "We would tell them we were insect collectors and so forth, but I remember one day we were sick and tired of answering questions, so when they asked us why we were collecting them we said, 'We eat them.' They said, 'We don't believe you.' And Wilson took a huge katydid and ate it."

eisner's irreverence peppers the stories that comprise *For Love of Insects*, illustrated with hundreds of color photographs, most by the author. To study the chemical that makes fireflies distasteful to birds, he and collaborator Jerry Meinwald ran an *Ithaca Journal* ad, offering five cents for each live specimen delivered to their Langmuir Lab office.

"We nearly went broke," Eisner writes of the ploy he'd hoped would set local children to hunting. "At that rate, the *parents* went out to collect the bugs, and they were better at it than we had bargained for." On a sabbatical visit to Australia in 1972, the professor studied the chemical spray termites use to hold their ant neighbors at bay. "I have mixed memories about getting on my knees on that occasion to smell the battlefield," he writes. "*I. humilis*, quite frankly, is one hell of an ant. There is no such thing as being casually inspected by it. Step on its nest and it overwhelms you, crawling up your legs, into your clothes, and before you know it, over your entire body. Stripping down to your underwear helps on such occasions, inasmuch as the ants are then more readily swept away, but it can leave you

groping for words if unexpectedly surprised by hikers and asked to provide an explanation of your activities."

Much of Eisner's field work has taken place at the Archbold Preserve in Florida, but recently he's turned his attention to the four acres that surround his Dryden home. There he's studied a caterpillar he dubbed "the bungee jumper," which drops from a silken thread to escape harm, and the pigments St. John's Wort uses to create ultraviolet patterns on its flowers. "It generates an attractive image to bring in a pollinator," he says of the pigment, "and at the same time creates an inedible wall around the highly desirable but vital parts of the flower, namely the seeds." Analysis by Meinwald, the Smith professor of chemistry, revealed that the compounds Eisner had identified are similar to those that cause bitterness in hops. "The chemical that makes beer bitter, in nature evolved for protection of the hop seeds," says Eisner.

"That's something I like a lot—to find a reason for the existence of something in nature. Penicillin is not there to cure human infection; it is there because a fungus evolved to protect itself against the encroachment of bacteria. Carmen red, derived from the cochineal, is not there to adorn human clothing; it's a defensive agent that protects the insect that makes it. Same with quinine, and so forth."

Through five decades of field work, Eisner has learned to rely not only on the plastic vials and microscopes of entomology, but on ingenuity, adapting the tools of other trades to his own purposes. "Thank heaven for dental wax," he writes, before listing the partial contents of his collecting bag: a soup spoon, a hand lens, a stopwatch, no. 3 watchmaker's forceps, scissors, and a fine brush. "So why the dental wax?" he continues. "Because it sticks to insects." The material proved crucial in his studies of the clamping mechanism used by the *H. cyanea* beetle to defend itself from predators. "It comes off easily after the experiment," he writes, "so one can return the insects to their cage or to mother nature. Carrying dental wax means carrying matches as well, in addition to wire, thread, and whatever else one might want to use to tie an insect down. It all fits in a little box in the collecting bag."

When he was a youngster, Eisner's



Platycotis vittata

curiosity about the nature of the chemical defenses employed by insects led him to taste their secretions; it wasn't until "long after I was a tenured grown-up" that the professor decided the neurotoxins some bugs excrete might make this a dubious research strategy. Now he relies exclusively on Meinwald, an organic chemist, to analyze the compounds he collects in the field. Eisner calls their work a "perfect division of labor." Meinwald attributes the success of their four-decades-long partnership to complementary personalities. "The intensity with which he works is striking and wonderful," says Meinwald, who also earned his PhD at Harvard. "There are times he'll phone me six times in one day. He wants to hear the latest result, or he's thought of some great new thing he wants to tell me. While I'm here working at my own pace, he's kind of pushing me."

The pair also collaborate musically. With Eisner at the keyboard and Meinwald on flute, the two have performed at local bars and for Sunday brunch at the Statler, as well as providing entertainment for academic conferences. "I'm totally locked on classical music," says the pianist, who carries a keyboard on research trips. "If I had to take one composer into the field, it's J.S. Bach. But I wouldn't mind taking some Joan Baez records at the same time."

In the adjoining laboratory, Maria Eisner, whom the professor calls "the love of my life and best of friends," works at a large-screen computer. "To have asked for the privilege of sharing her life was the wisest decision I ever made," Eisner writes in the book's prologue. After raising their three daughters, the former social worker joined her husband's research group in 1972, then mastered the scanning electron microscope. Eisner calls her contributions "indispensable." Her name appears as co-author on more than thirty of the 400-plus research papers he's authored, and throughout his career Eisner has relied on his wife's editorial savvy. "She's my number-one critic," says the entomologist. "I take everything I write—this has been since we've been married—and I read it to her to catch the rhythm of the writing. When she says, 'Can you read me that sentence again?' I know. She's a gentle critic, and she's right on the nose."

— Sharon Tregaskis



The io moth (*Automeris io*) responds to being poked by exposing the "eyes" on its hind wings.

The Eyes Have It

by Thomas Eisner

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any protected insects are gaudily colored and by such appearance put predators on notice. "Attack me and you are in for a mouthful of trouble" appears to be the message. My interest in the whole matter of warnings dates back to my boyhood in Uruguay. There is one insect there that is better known to the populace than any other—the moth *Automeris coresus* (it is depicted on an Uruguayan stamp). Its caterpillar, the *bicho peludo* or hairy beast, has poisonous spines that one is taught as a child to avoid at all costs, since contact with them causes instantaneous pain and often severe systemic reactions.

I used to raise *bichos peludos* and noticed that they lacked spines on the belly surface, so I concluded that I risked nothing if I could somehow get them to crawl onto my hand without touching the spines. I mastered the technique and would often induce panic among my buddies by approaching them menacingly with arms raised and a *bicho peludo* on each hand. I managed to scare even the neighborhood bully in this fashion. Evidently, if I made myself obnoxious enough, I too could emit warnings that were heeded by others. I remember experimenting with the spines. I cut them with scissors and noted that they were hollow and filled with fluid. I placed droplets of the liquid on my skin and quite foolishly also on my tongue, only to find to my surprise that this caused no pain. Needless to say, I conducted these experi-

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Added protection: The Florida lubber grasshopper, *Romalea guttata*, displays its red hindwings when threatened by a bird. Predators that don't take the hint get a mouthful of froth.

ments in utter secrecy.

But my interest in warnings was piqued more by the adult *Automeris* than by the larva. The adult *Automeris* is a gorgeous moth with a spectacular pair of eye images on the hind wings (the closely related American *Automeris io* is similarly adorned). Ordinarily, when the animal is at rest, it keeps these “eyes” concealed. But when disturbed it spreads the front wings and brings the “eyes” suddenly into view. When I first poked an *Automeris* and was “confronted” in this fashion, I was totally freaked out. I was sure predators would be similarly affected and I now know this is true. In a beautiful study with caged birds, in which he flashed images of various kinds at the animals as they pecked from a feeder, the British investigator A.D. Blest showed that the eye image was the one most startling to the birds. Birds are evidently programmed to shun the kind of stare that in their daily lives can signify imminent menace, as from an approaching predator. It has also been argued that fake eyes can serve to deflect an attack from a vital to a less vital part of the body. *Automeris*, for example, could easily withstand a pecking to a hind wing should

a bird press the assault after being startled. A pecking to the body, by contrast, could prove fatal.

I began noticing that eye markings are quite widespread among insects and decided they must be effective. They are common in butterflies, but occur also in beetles and other insects. I developed a special fondness for one insect that is eye-adorned and chemically protected, the caterpillar of *Papilio troilus*, the spicebush swallowtail butterfly.

Caterpillars of swallowtail butterflies have long been known to possess a defensive organ, the osmeterium, consisting of two finger-like projections they ordinarily keep tucked away just behind the head. When disturbed, they evert the two “fingers,” causing these to project outward from the front end like a pair of horns. The osmeterium is a glandular structure and the two fingers, on eversion, are coated with secretion. Chemical ecologist Jerry Meinwald’s group was the first to characterize the components of an osmeterial secretion. It was from a European species of swallowtail, and the secretion turned out to contain 2-methylbutyric acid and isobutyric acid, two highly odorous and repellent compounds. I knew from personal experience that the osmeteria of swallowtails did not all have the same odor so I proposed to Jerry that we look into the osmeterial chemistry of a number of species.

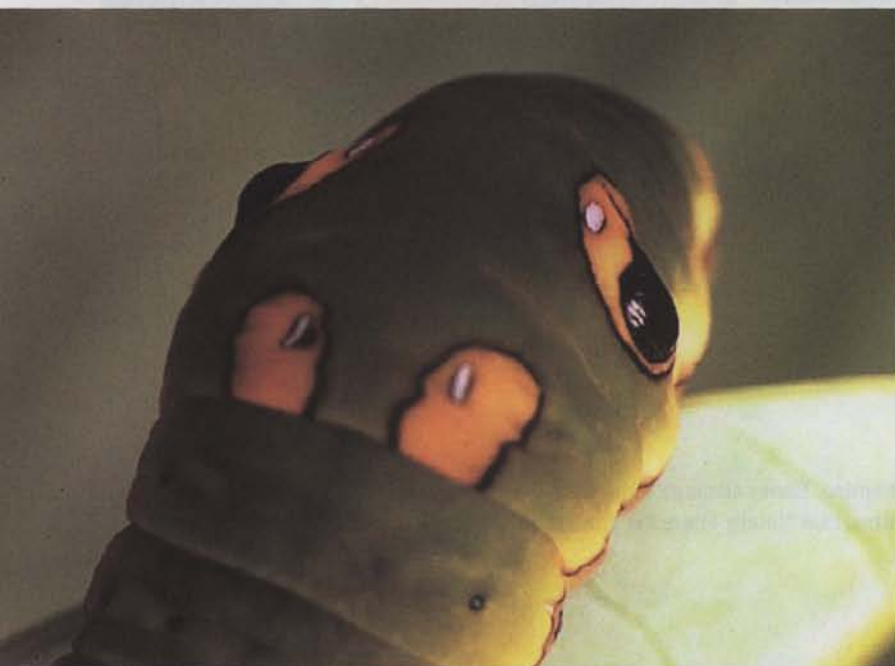
The Archbold Station in Florida seemed ready-made for the project. Six species of swallowtail occurred there and we worked on the osmeteria of all of them. The chemistry did not turn out to be as exciting as we had hoped, although one species differed from the others in that it produced noxious sesquiterpenes instead of butyric acid derivatives. The compounds were all defensive, so it came as no surprise that some of the caterpillars should be conspicuously colored. The eye-adorned *P. troilus* was the most stunning of the lot.

the fake eyes of *P. troilus* were well known to butterfly enthusiasts, but what had apparently escaped notice is the directionality of their stare. Or perhaps I should say the nondirectionality, for the eyes appeared to look in all directions at once. Their stare was uncanny. If you looked at the caterpillar from directly in front, it stared right back. If you looked at it from the sides, or from behind, or from above, it likewise appeared to return the look. There was no direction from which a predator could approach the caterpillar without finding itself visually “confronted.” My guess is that the confrontation works and that predators may be reluctant to press their assault on an intended delicacy that holds its ground and dares to stare back defiantly.

The directionality of *P. troilus*’s stare is achieved through a very simple design feature: the shape of the dark pupillary marking in the center of the eye. That marking, instead of being circular as it commonly is in actual eyes, is tear-shaped in the caterpillar’s imitative version. It consists essentially of two portions: the basic circular marking, and a triangular anterior add-on that merges seamlessly with it. Leave out the add-on, and you have an eye with a circular pupil that is not nearly as able to convey the impression of looking forward or to the side. It is not needed to enable the eye to “stare” obliquely backward or directly upward, but it is essential if the stare is to cover the front and flank. Contributing



Picture perfect: Many nature photographers have entered the digital age, but Eisner still relies exclusively on film. "If I were to go to digital I'd feel like I was cheating on my lover," he says. His photos on this page of the *Papilio troilus*, the caterpillar of the spicebush swallowtail butterfly, illustrate the multidirectionality of its "gaze." Its osmeterium, above, secretes a smelly combination of 2-methylbutyric acid and isobutyric acid, to put off attackers who aren't warned away by the eye markings.

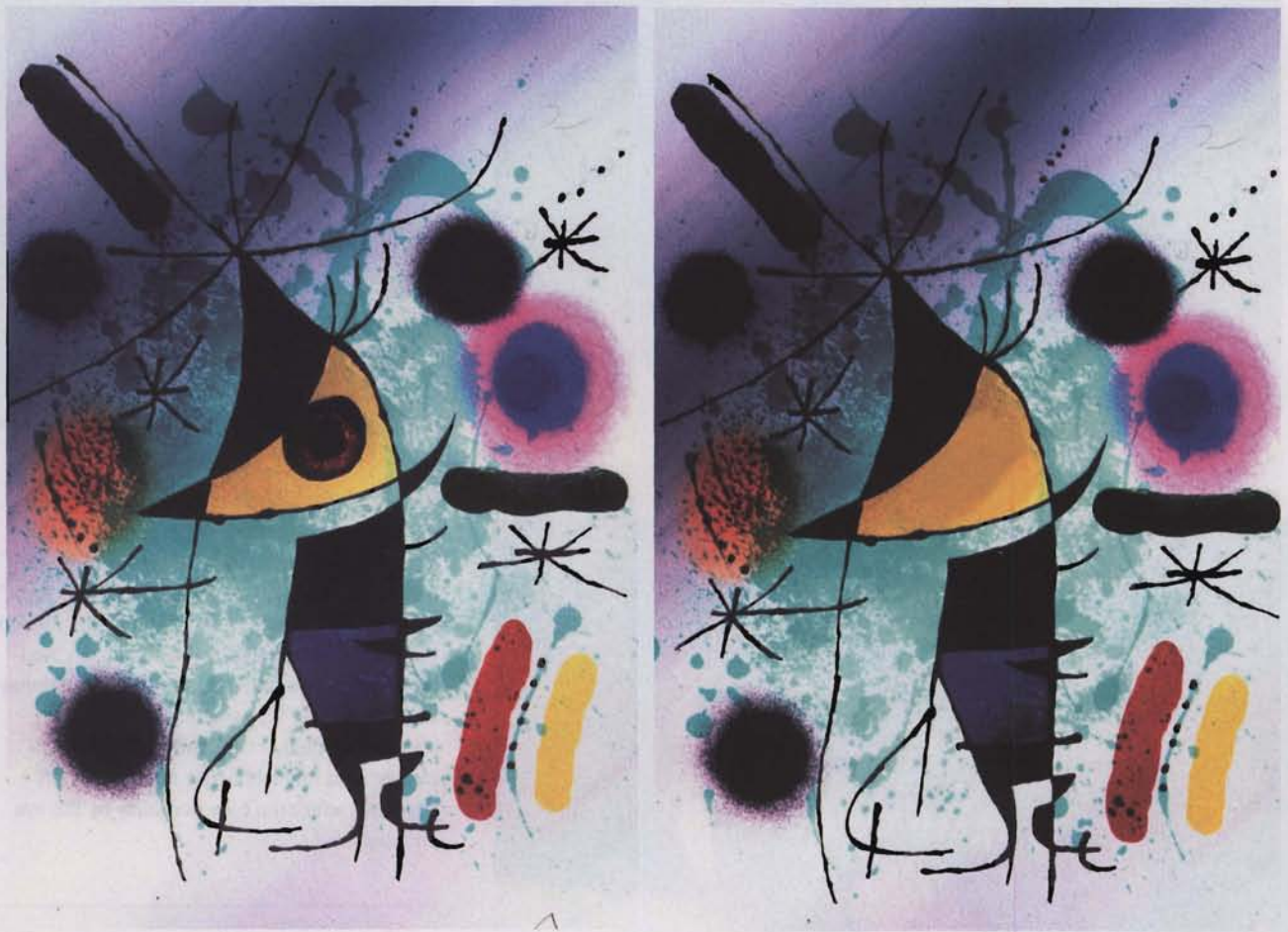


Without a camera, Tom Eisner would have been a very different entomologist. One of his earliest projects involved studies of the bombardier beetle, which sprays attackers with scalding hot, foul-smelling secretions. The discharges, accompanied by a popping sound, last just a few thousandths of a second, too brief for a photographer to capture the bug in the act on film. By using the popping sound to trigger a flash unit, Eisner and Dan Aneshansley, PhD '74, captured the bombardier in mid-spray, exposing several rolls of film in their first session. "Waiting for the pictures to be developed was sheer agony," the professor writes. "But the reward was worth the wait. The beetles had taken fabulous pictures of themselves."

The spray of a shooting bombardier decorated the July 4, 1969, issue of *Science* and thirty years later the pair published



their photos of the bugs in action in *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*.



To demonstrate the power of eyes to attract attention, Eisner eliminated the circular eye image from the Joan Miró print (above), a change, he writes, that “totally alters the character of the image.”

In the Field

It was autumn 1971, and I'd gone to the Huyck Preserve at the end of an intensive summer to do a bit of exploring and gather my wits before the onset of the formal academic year at Cornell. The weather was crisp and the fall colors were at their peak. With me was my close friend Robert Silberglied '67, MS '69, who at the time was a doctoral candidate at Harvard.

As was often our habit—we'd been in the field together in Ithaca, Florida, and Arizona—we were simply strolling about with collecting gear and cameras, having a look. I'd known Bob since his freshman days at Cornell. A gentle, extremely funny, and considerate person, Bob was a naturalist through and through, at once observant and inquisitive. He was great to be with in the field because he was always attentive. If you walked side by side with him outdoors and were observant yourself, and if you divided the territory so one of you looked mostly to the right and the other to the left, you were bound to make a discovery.

Bob and I are both Jewish and we often mused over this because there are so few Jewish naturalists. We wondered why that might be and concluded that it was because Jews were, by and large, an urban lot, at least until relatively recently in history, and therefore deprived of exposure to nature as children, an exposure that is so formative for a naturalist. It would have been much more logical for us to have become molecular biologists. The reason we didn't is that Bob used to be sent to a summer camp in the Catskill Mountains north of New York City as a boy, and I had the good fortune of having been chased by Hitler all the way to South America.

to the visual fakery is the fact that the front end of the caterpillar is enlarged, as if it were a head, and that the “eyes” upon it bulge out as if they were real.

There can be little question that the eyes of *P. troilus* draw the attention of an approaching predator. They certainly draw our own, and are in fact what give the caterpillar away when you search for it on its food plant. There is ample experimental evidence that the circular disk, highlighted by a dark pupillary center—the eye image—attracts human attention. If you trace the eye motions by which a human scans a facial image, the glances are seen to be cast back and forth from one eye of the image to the other, and to be directed only occasionally to other facial features such as the mouth and nose. The attention-gathering qualities of the eye image, or even of the circular disk itself, are certainly known to the artist. Just think of the abstract creations of a Franz Marc or Joan Miró, and of how skillfully these artists make use of circular design features to bring highlights or altered visual balance to their canvases.

When I was a child I used to love the books about Babar, king of the elephants. I was particularly impressed by the incident in which the elephants defeated their archenemies, the rhinos, without resorting to violence. The rhinos had grouped with the intent of attacking, but the elephants, which had painted huge eyes on their rumps, managed to thwart the assault simply by lining up and presenting their rears in mock defiance. Confronted by the fake stares, the rhinos fled in disarray.

In 1972 I was in Australia and had occasion to test whether one could use fake eyes to forestall a very different kind of assault. At issue were the attacks of Australian magpies (species of *Gymnorhina*), birds whose males commonly pounce on pedestrians and bicyclists during the nesting season, when they are particularly protective of their “homes.” The birds almost always attack from the rear, striking the back of the head with such force that the scalp is often torn open by the bill and claws. Particularly persistent magpies have at times been shot by authorities, even though the birds are protected by law. My daughter Yvonne and I were dive-bombed on four occasions by magpies in Canberra, and I had heard of one such attack causing a fatal accident to a bicyclist in Melbourne.

It made sense for the magpies to attack from the rear and to avoid the visual field



The author, in Australia, wearing the hat he designed to ward off attacking magpies.

of their intended target. What apparently works for insects, I thought, might work for me, so in late spring, during the magpie season in Canberra, I decided to affix two large fake eyes to the back of my cap, with the hope of scaring off the magpies that I knew were mounting guard along my route to work. Alas, the experiment was a failure. I had thought of it too late. The initial results had been promising—two attack-free walks followed by an assault on a third, when I had taken the eyes off—but all trials after that, whether I was outfitted with “retrovision” or not, failed to elicit attacks. The nesting season

was coming to an end, I was told, and so was the bird’s aggressiveness.

I still think that the experiment might have worked. The problem is not restricted to Australia. Joggers in North America and Europe are also occasionally targeted by birds that fly into the back of the heads, something that might well be prevented by an appropriately decorated cap. The technique, incidentally, is used in some parts of the world to deter tigers. Villagers in certain rural areas of India wear facial masks over the back of the head for such a purpose, with what are rumored to be positive results. ●



To the victors: The triumphant 1951 Penn Relay squad displays its trophies at Schoellkopf. Left to right: Dick Brown, Coach Lou Montgomery, Jim Lingel, Bob Mealey, Meredith "Flash" Gourdine, Charlie Moore, Walt Ashbaugh, and Harry Coyle.



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Glory Days

Fifty years ago, Cornell's track stars took on the world

By Art Kaminsky

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he 4x400 relay for men was the final event at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. As the U.S. team moved onto the track, Charlie Moore '51, who had already won a gold medal in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, prepared to run the third leg. Set to oppose him was Jamaica's elegant Herb McKenley, five times an Olympic finalist but still seeking his first gold medal. The magnitude of McKenley's frustration had been multiplied enormously six days earlier, when he was upset in the 100-meter final by an American unknown, Lindy Remigino, whose margin of victory was one inch.



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Invincible: Charlie Moore won fifty-two consecutive races in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and captured a gold medal at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, as one of three Cornellians on the U.S. squad.

McKenley and his fellow Jamaicans had dominated Olympic running from 100 to 800 meters in the years following World War II. They had qualified for sixteen Olympic finals but garnered only a pair of golds. The 4x400 relay would be their last, best chance to increase that total. But for the three Cornellians on that American Olympic track team, this confrontation represented something quite different—the closing of a great (and now somewhat overlooked) chapter in the university’s athletic history.

First organized as an intercollegiate sport in 1872, track at Cornell had long been synonymous with one name: John Francis Moakley, head coach from 1899 to 1949. He was also a force on the international stage; his Big Red athletes won gold at five different Olympics from 1908 to 1932, and in 1920 Moakley was the U.S. head track coach at the Antwerp Games.

Thus, when Lou Montgomery succeeded his octogenarian

mentor, he inherited a wonderful tradition—and he did it in the midst of Cornell’s athletic heyday. During the late 1940s and early ’50s, the football team was nationally ranked, basketball posted its finest season mark (20-5 in 1950–51), wrestling was ascendant, and Dick Savitt ’50 went from the tennis courts of Ithaca to win the Wimbledon title. The talented track and field squad Montgomery took over in 1949 was especially deep in the jumping events such as hurdles, high jump, and what were then called broad jump (long jump) and hop, step, and jump (triple jump).

The seeds for Montgomery’s greatest accomplishments were sown in the 1948–49 season. Perhaps the first signal of good things to come was provided by Bob Mealey ’51 at the national AAU indoor meet, when he upset the 1948 Olympic 800-meter bronze medalist, Marcel Hansenne of France. But it was classmate Charlie Moore—who would serve as Cornell’s athletic director from 1994 to 1999—who was to make the biggest impact that season, and in the future. His first splash came—appropriately, as he was a Pennsylvania native out of Mercersburg Academy—with his meet-record victory in the 400-meter hurdles at the Penn Relays. He followed that with two shockers: a gold medal in the 440 at the NCAA meet in Los Angeles and what was to be the first of four consecutive successes in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles at the AAU outdoor meet in Fresno.

As icing on the cake, Moore (440) and Mealey (880) joined with Walt Ashbaugh ’51, MBA ’55, (120 high hurdles, high jump) by securing first places to lead the combined Cornell/Princeton squad to victory over Oxford/Cambridge in the renewal of that long-standing international rivalry on the Tigers’ home track. A star on the basketball team, Ashbaugh couldn’t take part in the indoor season, but once he was onboard his versatility as a hurdler and jumper (he also was a force in the broad jump) would prove invaluable.

Moore kicked off the 1950 indoor season with a first place in the 600 at the *Washington Star* Invitational, defeating two of the Jamaican runners who would later compete in that 1952 Helsinki relay, Herb McKenley and George Rhoden. At the same meet, Mealey captured the 1000. Moore also claimed gold at the indoor IC4A and Heptagonals, winning both the 440 and 600. Mealey was hampered by injuries, but reinforcements arrived in the person of Meredith Gourdine ’52. Nicknamed “Flash” after the serial-movie hero Flash Gordon, Gourdine was a true Renaissance man who complemented his extraordinary athletic skills by majoring in a notoriously difficult discipline, engineering physics. A half-century later, teammate Jim Lingel ’53 remembers, “No one could light up a room better than Meredith. Within seconds, Flash was the center of attention—everybody loved him.” Gourdine went

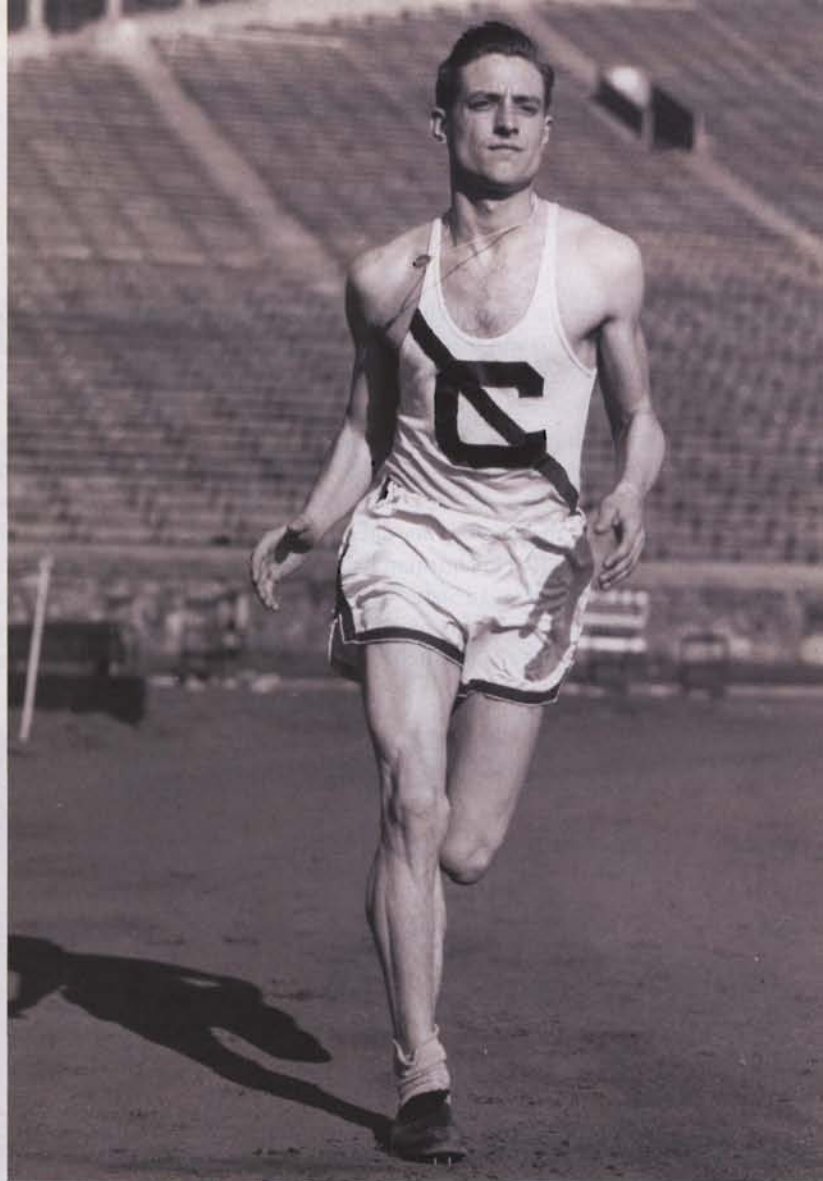
on to earn a PhD at Caltech and be awarded more than seventy patents; he died in 1998.

The outdoor season that year was generally successful. Convincing dual-meet victories were recorded over Penn and Princeton, and the squad finished a respectable second to Yale at the outdoor Heps, led by the triumphs of Moore (440), Gourdine (220 low hurdles), and Ashbaugh (110 high hurdles). They were joined in the winner's circle by weightman Art Gardiner '52, MME '59, (hammer throw) who, along with pole vaulter Gene Zeiner '52, MME '59, had begun to contribute valuable points to the team total.

At the IC4As—at the time, second only to the NCAAs in collegiate prestige—the Big Red took fifth place as Moore won the 440 and Gourdine, Ashbaugh, Zeiner, and senior captain Bob Hunt '50 all chipped in points. As in the previous year, Moore was the only Cornellian to compete in the NCAAs—where he grabbed fourth place in the 440—and at the AAUs, where he successfully defended his 400-meter hurdles title. As soon as that meet was completed, he flew to England for the Oxford/Cambridge showdown on July 1. There, the Cornell/Princeton squad eked out a 7-6 victory (points earned solely for first place) as Moore (440) and Mealey (880) each won their specialties. Ashbaugh claimed two golds (high jump, 120 high hurdles), but Flash Gourdine had to settle for a second and a third. An Oxford undergrad named Roger Bannister won the mile in a very respectable 4:13, and he and Moore spent quite a bit of time together. “Roger was a terrific guy,” says Moore, “charming, bright, and very talented on the track.”

The 1950–51 season would prove to be something special. The “Big Four” of Moore, Ashbaugh, Mealey, and Gourdine were joined by Lingel, a 440 specialist who was just what they needed for the mile relay. They embarked on the indoor circuit in the role of headliners. Each weekend, it was one great city after another—Philadelphia, New York, Boston—with sold-out arenas, tuxedo-clad officials, and celebrities in the crowds. They stayed in fine hotels and garnered tons of ink, competing against many of the 1948 Olympic stars—heady stuff for a bunch of undergraduates. In the 600 at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* meet, Moore again downed Rhoden and McKenley, but was nipped at the finish line by another Jamaican, Dr. Arthur Wint, who had been the 400-meter gold medalist at London three years earlier. There were disappointments—a narrow dual-meet loss to Yale and a fourth-place finish at the indoor Heps—but everyone returned to form for what the *Ithaca Journal* called the Red's “greatest showing in seventeen years” at the 1951 Penn Relays.

Charlie Moore was the central player that April weekend, figuring in four victorious efforts. As usual, he was first in the 400-



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Dynamic duo: Jim Mealey (above) was a star at the middle distances, consistently scoring points in the 880-yard and 800-meter events. The versatile Meredith Gourdine (below) excelled in the sprints and low hurdles.

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meter intermediate hurdles, and he joined Gourdine, Ashbaugh, and Harry Coyle '53 to win the now rarely seen 480-yard shuttle relay (two sprinters and two hurdlers). The quartet of Gourdine, Lingel, Moore, and Mealey won gold in the Heptagonal mile relay on Friday, and then prepared to face the nation's top units in the American Championship mile relay. Before the gun sounded, Mealey joked to the others, "Unless you guys give me a ten-yard lead, I'm not taking the baton." They did just that—and well that they did—as the Big Red anchorman had to hold off a surging George Rhoden from Morgan State. (The winner of the mile was that fellow Bannister, improving his time to 4:08.)

The Penn Relay results boosted the Ithacans into the top

ranks of U.S. collegiate track powers. Penn and Princeton were again dual-meet victims, and for the first time in twelve years, Cornell took first at the outdoor Heps, with Moore, Gourdine, Mealey, Zeiner, and the mile-relay team all grabbing gold. Ashbaugh again proved to be a big point producer with a pair of seconds (60 high hurdles, high jump) and a fourth (broad jump).

A week later, on May 26, 1951, the team won the outdoor IC4A title—Cornell's eleventh, but its first since 1936. Top honors went to Gourdine, with victories in the 220 hurdles and broad jump, as well as Ashbaugh and Mealey. NYU's Dick Maiocco avenged his brother Hugo's defeat by Moore the previous year when he outleaned the Cornell great at the finish of the 440, with

Fast Times

For today's track stars, the glory days are now.

Half a century after Charlie Moore, Bob Mealey, and their teammates made Big Red history, Cornell track and field is still shaking up the competition: both the men's and women's teams have engineered record-breaking seasons over the last two years. The women's team, coached by Lou Duesing, swept the past four Heptagonal Championships, becoming the first team to win two back-to-back indoor and outdoor titles. And the men's team, under head coach Nathan Taylor, moved into the spotlight in

2003 by winning the indoor Heps for the first time in twenty-five years and the outdoor games for the first time in eighteen. No team had ever won both the men's and women's championships, outdoor and indoor, in a single year.

"I don't think we've ever had as deep a team in as many events as we've had the last two years," says Duesing. "In every event, we're gonna come at you." Nowhere is that depth more apparent than in the relays, where Cornell became the first squad to win all three Heps relay events, peaking with a 4x400 team that recorded the fastest time in the history of the conference. Eighteen school and freshman records fell during the 2003 campaign, and twenty athletes qualified for the NCAA regional meet. "We are the most successful program in the league in terms of championships won," says Duesing.

On the men's side, 2003 marked a turning point for the program. The co-ed team was separated in 1999, and Taylor was brought in to coach the men. In his second campaign, ten first-years scored points at the Heps. "I think there were sixteen freshmen to score in the whole conference, and we had ten of them," Taylor says. "That's why the men's team is where it is now." As those newcomers have matured, the team has grown stronger. Winning the Heps in 2003 still took a "confluence of just exceptional performances," Taylor says. "I didn't think there was any way we'd win. We didn't have the numbers on paper." In the end, the Big Red edged favored Princeton by razor-thin margins (7.5 points indoor and 3 points outdoor) to claim the championships.

As training for the 2004 campaign heats up on the track, in the weight room, and on the cross-country course, it remains to be seen how the teams will overcome the loss of valuable seniors such as Katy Jay '04, who graduated with an unprecedented fourteen career Heps titles. But the number of returning women with their names in the record books signals that the women's team will remain a force to be reckoned with. "While we've lost a lot of points, I think we've replaced those points," says Duesing. "I believe we're better than we were." Taylor notes that his ten freshman scorers from 2000 are seniors and team leaders on the men's side this year, and they intend to finish with a bang. "We have the potential to be fairly successful," he says. The test will come in February, when Barton Hall hosts the Heps.



Women's team coach Lou Duesing has continued the tradition of Big Red excellence in track and field.

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— Natalie Gingerich '04

Lingel a close third. Moore was also runner-up to Gourdine in the low hurdles.

In mid-June, the small but accomplished band of five Cornell stars boarded a plane for Seattle, site of the two-day NCAA championships. Each athlete had the potential to finish in the top six and therefore earn a team championship point. This would be crucial if the Ivy Leaguers were to outscore the juggernaut squads from USC (twenty athletes), NYU (thirteen), Stanford (twelve), Washington State (nine), Illinois (eight), Morgan State (eight), and Michigan State (eight).

Moore and Gourdine ran a dazzling one-two in the 220 hurdles, and each added a second place behind two strong performers—Rhoden beat Charlie in the 440, and Flash was edged by UCLA's George Brown (in the midst of an unbeaten streak that would eventually reach forty-one straight) in the broad jump. In that 440 final, Lingel overcame four false starts by other competitors and the handicap of running in the inside lane to secure fifth place, with its two important points. Ashbaugh also produced under pressure, finishing fourth in the 110 high hurdles. (The USC duo who captured first and third, Jack Davis and Art Barnard, went on to earn silver and bronze at the '52 Olympics.)

However, one curiosity remains. Ashbaugh had also qualified to compete in the broad and high jumps. While his best high jump that season would have fallen short of point-scoring territory, he had broad jumped within a few inches of the sixth-place mark. He might have earned the Red additional points in that event, but apparently decided to conserve his energy for the four rounds of hurdles competition and did not enter. Mealey, too, missed a chance to add points. The lanky senior from Malverne, Long Island, was a true threat in the 880—where he was the reigning IC4A champion and had defeated two of the runners who would be NCAA point-scorers—but June 15, 1951, just wasn't his day. "I bombed," he says fifty-two years later. "I didn't even get out of the first round—my worst performance ever." Had they secured points in those events, the Red might have approached or even beaten the total posted by the USC team, which finished sixteen points ahead of runner-up Cornell.

The Korean War took its toll on the 1951–52 team. Moore stayed on campus as a fifth-year engineering student, but Ashbaugh left the Hill to become an army lieutenant and Mealey went to air force flight school in Texas. Gourdine and Lingel remained to lead the team in the intercollegiate campaign. A number of triumphs were recorded on the indoor circuit, including fourth-place finishes in both the Heps and the IC4As. Outdoors, the club was more successful, taking second at the Heps and third in the IC4A. Unfortunately, events then took a turn for the worse, as a bad back ended Lingel's season.

With the Olympics on the horizon, the Big Red traveled to

the NAAs at UC-Berkeley, where only Gourdine earned points, taking third in the broad jump. At the AAUs, Moore again won the 400 intermediate hurdles while Gourdine picked up second in the broad jump. Lt. Ashbaugh, who had just begun competing in the hop, step, and jump that year, registered a third success. Seeing a chance to qualify for the trip to Helsinki in an event then rarely contested by American athletes, he proved a quick learner, winning both the armed service and U.S. titles.

At the Olympic trials, Moore set a new American record in winning the 400 hurdles while Gourdine unleashed a leap of 25 feet, 4 inches to down his nemesis Brown, ending the UCLA star's long unbeaten streak. And Ashbaugh nabbed the third ticket for Helsinki in his new jumping specialty.

In Finland, the Cornell magic continued. With Brown eliminated in the broad jump final after fouling three times, Gourdine took second, a mere inch-and-a-half behind U.S. gold medalist Jerome Biffle. The invincible Moore, leading all the way in the 400-meter hurdles, captured the first Olympic gold for Cornell since John Anderson '29 won the discus in 1932. It was Moore's fifty-second consecutive victory in the event. In his entire running career, he never lost a race in his specialty—a feat perhaps unequalled in the sport. Ashbaugh's 50 foot, 6 inch effort in the hop, skip, and jump placed him fourth—only five inches out of the medals. "That result may have been the most impressive of all," says Moore, "given that he had only been introduced to this event a few months earlier."

One final act remained—the 4x400 relay that began our story. It started well, as future Los Angeles Rams halfback Ollie Matson (bronze medalist in the 200 meters) took a slight lead over Jamaica's Arthur Wint. American Gene Cole blasted a tremendous second leg, opening up a ten-yard lead over two-time Olympic finalist Leslie Laing. Next came McKenley, and the powerful Jamaican seized the moment, burning an other-worldly 44.6-second leg—more than a second under the world record for the 400. His opponent was a somewhat stunned Charlie Moore, whose own 46.3 was the finest 400-meter leg he had ever run. As the batons passed to the anchormen—400-meter champion Rhoden for Jamaica and three-time Olympic gold medalist Mal Whitfield for the U.S.—the Jamaicans held a slight edge. The two circled the track in tandem, step for step, and they crossed the finish line with Rhoden maintaining the lead he had been given. The winning time of 3:03.9 broke the world record by a hard-to-believe 4.3 seconds—and McKenley finally had his Olympic gold.

A half-century later, Charlie and Judith Moore were vacationing in the Caribbean, and McKenley invited them to his home for a visit and reunion. That afternoon, the two men reminisced and laughed and embraced. "It was the most wonderful day, a great time for both of us," Moore says. "It was a reaffirmation of the memorable event in which we had both participated." ●

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IMAGINE BEING A 1991 GRADUATE OF ARCHITECTURE, Art, and Planning. You've made your home in Connecticut (where you grew up), you're married to a gal that you've known since the second grade, you're finally taking those guitar lessons you've always dreamed of, and you're expecting your first child in July. Then, because you were in Army ROTC at Cornell, you're shipped out to the Middle East in the spring of 2003. Instead of grooving at that guitar lesson, you'll be living in a place with no showers (you'll really appreciate baby wipes when you get home) and no phone service (you can call home by satellite phone, collect), and you can expect to be there for a year. But both you and your wife are proud of the job that you are doing.

The story of Vikas Nagardeolekar '91 and his wife, Donna, isn't unique; it's one they share with hundreds of Cornell graduates and family members on active duty in the military.

Sandy Sears '74 heard about Vikas from her son, Dan Prindle (he's Vikas's guitar teacher), and she found his story so moving she decided that there had to be a way for alumni to support fellow Cornellians who are serving their country. Thus was born "Operation CU Through."

The program supports alumni and their families whose lives have been changed dramatically by military deployment. The war coverage on the news might have wound down, but the sacrifices of the families affected by it continue. Operation CU Through lets Cornell alumni and their families know, in a tangible way, that we are thinking of them and that we support them; it has nothing to do with politics and everything to do with our "Cornell family."



Cpt. Vikas Nagardeolekar '91, right, poses with an unidentified member of the regional governors guard in the Iraqi city of Tikrit.

While solely the responsibility of alumni volunteers, the program was developed in consultation with Alumni House for implementation across the country. Services will include mailing care packages and messages of support, supplying phone cards to military personnel, and providing help to stateside families as needed and requested.

But first, Operation CU Through needs to identify Cornell alumni whose families have been affected by military deployment. We encourage Cornell Clubs, affinity groups, alumni organizations, and CAAAN committees to contact their members to ask them to tell Operation CU Through about alumni who have been deployed or who have family members in military service.

And, of course, we must generate financial support for
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Calendar of Events

November 15 - December 15

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International

CC/London, Nov. 29—Thanksgiving dinner. Contact Natalie Teich, nmt4@cornell.edu, 020-8883-1996.

NY/Ontario

CAA/Greater Rochester, Nov. 19—Book club at Barnes & Noble. Call Kristen Hallagan, (716) 242-0199.

CAA/Central New York, Nov. 20—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory, for young alumni. Contact Michael Wirtheim, michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com, (315) 464-3010.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Nov. 24—Cornell-Penn luncheon with guest speaker. Contact Eric Paley, epaley@hodgsonruss.com, (716) 442-9984.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Dec. 1—WXXI Phonathon, 7-10 p.m. Contact Karen Bronson Clark, kjbclark@juno.com, (716) 425-9469.

CAA/Central New York, Dec. 4—WCNY Member Vision Phonathon in Liverpool. Pre-phonathon dinner meeting at Santangelo's Restaurant at 5:30. Contact David Duerr, dduerr@syracusechamber.com, (315) 699-1501.

CAA/Ithaca Area, Dec. 7—Winter scholarship benefit. Contact Shanna Hillback, smh25@cornell.edu, (607) 254-7182.

CWC/Syracuse, Dec. 8—Cookie exchange with Kathy Ferro of the Open Hand Theatre and Museum in Syracuse. At Mary Lou Dopyera's home in Fayetteville. RSVP Dec. 1 to Grace McCauley Clancy, Gmm4521@aol.com, (315) 458-5132.

CC/Greater Buffalo, Dec. 11—Monthly happy hour. Contact Tiffany Wong, spilch@yahoo.com, (716) 692-6914.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Dec. 13—Holiday food basket project. Donations of food or money accepted. Contact Ross Lanzafame, rlanzafame@hselaw.com, (716) 654-8595.

CAA/Central New York, Dec. 18—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory. Contact Michael Wirtheim, michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com, (315) 464-3010.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Jan. 10—Founder's Day lunch with guest speaker and Vet College Dean Dr. Donald F. Smith. Contact Tom Cummings, tom@cummingscreative.com, (716) 248-8676.

CAA/Central New York, Jan. 15—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory. Contact Michael Wirtheim, michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com, (315) 464-3010.

Metro NY

CAA/Westchester, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football at the Sports Page Pub in White Plains. Contact Phil Guerri, pjg17@cornell.edu, (914) 245-6270.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Dec. 7—Arts and Crafts: pottery making in Japanese and Chinese crafts. Contact Christene Tao, christene.c.tao@aexp.com, (973) 227-1940.

CAA/Westchester, Dec. 7—Candlelight tour of Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton on Hudson. Contact Jean Voutsinas, bpkts@optonline.net, (845) 353-1260.

CAA/Westchester, Dec. 12—Second Friday Lunch Club at Mar D's, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com, (914) 478-5842.

CC/Long Island, Dec. 14—Big Red "Bear Hug" party, to benefit Nassau County Medical Center. Contact Ann Rombom, (516) 625-4527.

CAA/Westchester, Jan. 9—Second Friday Lunch Club at Mar D's, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com, (914) 478-5842.

CAA/Westchester, Jan. 10—Cornell Cares Day community service project. Contact Nicole Innis, nsi2@cornell.edu, (914) 948-8781.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Jan. 11—Post-holiday party. Contact Ronni Strell, ronni58@juno.com, (973) 731-5260.

Northeast

CC/Boston, Nov. 16—Pop art tour for scholarship. Contact Karen Sehl, kjs34@cornell.edu, (617) 661-0010 x3013.

CC/Cape Cod, Dec. 10—Holiday dinner at The Country Inn, Harwich Port. Contact Richard Urban, rjurban3@aol.com, (508) 548-4424.

Mid-Atlantic

CC/Washington DC, Nov. 16—CAAAN bus trip to Ithaca for high school seniors. Contact Grace Morgenstein, gmm11@cornell.edu.

CC/Washington DC, Nov. 19—Group therapy at Rouge in DC. Contact Lauren Myers, lm32@cornell.edu, (202) 246-4724.

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those care packages and phone cards. All donations will be distributed as needed to fill demand, and all administrative work for the program is provided by volunteers and the Cornell Club of Greater Hartford in Connecticut.

To enroll a Cornell military family in this program, send their contact information to cuthrough@cornell.edu.

To contribute, send a check payable to: The Cornell Club of Greater Hartford, Operation CU Through, to Brett Capshaw '49, 89 Whitewood Road, Newington, CT 06111.

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— Elizabeth Fontana

CC/Washington DC, Nov. 19—State Department tour. Contact Bob Day, dayhaven@starpower.net, (301) 438-7755.

CC/Delaware, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football. Contact Meg Tallman, (302) 836-6254.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football. Meet President Lehman at lunch before the game. For details, see <http://presidentevents.aad.cornell.edu/> or contact Mary Ann Nelson, man29@cornell.edu, (610) 458-1846.

CC/Maryland, Dec. 6—Holiday party at the Inner Harbor. Contact Mike McGowan, mjm87@cornell.edu, (410) 268-4583.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 10—Holiday party. Contact Erika Johnston, erika_johnston2002@yahoo.com.

CC/Washington (DC), Dec. 17—Group therapy at Topaz Bar. Contact Lauren Myers, lm32@cornell.edu, (202) 246-4724.

CC/Delaware, Dec. 29—CAAN holiday luncheon at the Ed "Porky" Oliver Golf Course in Wilmington. Contact Meg Tallman, (302) 836-6254.

CC/Lancaster, Jan. 3—Prospective student brunch at Continental Inn, Lancaster. Contact Rodney Gleiberman, thescrod@continentalinn.com, (717) 299-0421.

CC/Delaware, Jan. 5—Board meeting. Contact Meg Tallman, (302) 836-6254.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Jan. 10—Make a meal at the Ronald McDonald House in University City. Contact Lori Zimmerman, lori_zimmerman@hotmail.com.

CC/Lancaster, Jan. 10—Prospective student brunch at Yorktowne Hotel, York. Contact Alexandra Thomas, alexsfd@aol.com, (717) 764-4336.

Midwest

CC/Minnesota, Nov. 18—Reading group at Amore Coffee. Thomas Friedman's *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*. Contact Judy Morgan, (651) 688-6113.

CC/St. Louis, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football. Contact Michelle Degen, (646) 279-8654.

CC/Michigan, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football at Spectadium in Troy. Contact Irene Christy, ichty@nich.com, (248) 816-3112.

CC/Mid-America, Nov. 22—Holiday party at the home of Marty and Dianne Lustig in Prairie Village, KS. Contact Marty and Dianne Lustig, (913) 381-2717.

CC/Nebraska, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football game. Contact Curtis Christensen, curtis.christensen@kutackrock.com, (402) 390-0417.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Dec. 6—Help sort and pack canned foods at the Cleveland Food Bank. Contact Matt Kall, mbk1@cornell.edu.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Dec. 12—Annual holiday reception. Contact George Ray, g.ray@csuohio.edu, (216) 751-6112.

CC/Minnesota, Dec. 16—Reading group at Amore Coffee. Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Contact Judy Morgan, (651) 688-6113.

CC/Chicago, Dec. 17 and 19—Holiday reception at the Civic Opera Building, followed by "Do-It-Yourself Messiah" at the Lyric Opera. Contact Kathy Cornell, kc61@cornell.edu, (212) 236-7850.

CC/Pittsburgh, Dec. 31—Cornell vs. Duquesne men's basketball. Contact Maudy Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

CC/Chicago, Jan. 3—Reception for prospective fresh-

men. Contact Peter Cooper, (312) 372-1947.

CC/Mid-America, Jan. 4—Student reception, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Contact John Shelton, (913) 649-6015.

CC/Minnesota, Jan. 11—Prospective students' reception, Ridgedale Public Library. Contact Deb Markham, jdmarkham@yahoo.com, (952) 476-1733.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, Jan. 11—Brunch. Contact Michelle Vaeth, vaeth.mj@ppg.com, (513) 321-7783.

Southeast

CC/Gold Coast and CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football. Contact Doug Pfeiffer, (954) 746-6833 or Josh Fuller, (305) 445-7150.

CC/Emerald Coast, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football at Damon's in Pensacola. Contact Patrick Crowe, (850) 494-2930.

CC/Suncoast, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football at Bleachers Sports Bar, St. Petersburg. Contact Rick Furbush, rif2@cornell.edu, (727) 528-8213.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Nov. 30—Sarasota Yacht Club champagne brunch. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Dec. 4—Tour Art Basel Miami Beach with Johnson Museum director Frank Robinson. Entrance fee is \$5. RSVP to Southeast Regional Office, ss214@cornell.edu, (305) 893-7283.

CC/Suncoast, Dec. 6—Holiday party at St. Petersburg Yacht Club. \$25; cash bar. Contact Rick Furbush, rif2@cornell.edu, (727) 528-8213.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Dec. 11—Luncheon at Ringling School of Art and Design. President Larry Thompson will demonstrate the latest computer-aided design and animation techniques. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

CC/Gold Coast, Emerald Coast, Suncoast, Central Florida, Southwest Florida, and Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Dec. 27—NCAA Division I College Hockey Tournament at TECO Arena in Estero. Parties with Cornellians from across the country will be planned throughout the two-day tournament. Contact Cornell's Southeast Regional Office, (305) 893-7283.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Jan. 8—*Meet Me in St. Louis* at the Sarasota Golden Apple Dinner Theater. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

CC/Gold Coast and CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Jan. 9—Holiday Party at the City Club in Downtown Miami. Contact Doug Pfeiffer, (954) 746-6833 or Alex DiBella, CUMiamikeys@hotmail.com, (305) 531-8009.

CC/Gold Coast and CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Jan. 11—Celebrity Cruises Brunch aboard Millennium. Contact Doug Pfeiffer, (954) 746-6833, or CUMiamikeys@hotmail.com.

CAA/Charlotte, Jan. 14—Informal wine tasting at Reid's Uptown Wine Bar, 7th Street Station. Reservations not necessary. Contact Debra Alzner, dla32@cornell.edu, (704) 446-6261.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Jan. 15—Guest speaker Dr. Donald A. Rakow, director of the Cornell Plantations, at Michaels on East. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

CC/Puerto Rico, Inc., Jan. 15—Cornell Leadership in Puerto Rico. Contact Anaiza E. Morales, aem13@cornell.edu, (787) 725-3905.

Southwest

CAA/North Texas, Nov. 22—November happy hour, Cornell vs. Penn football. Contact Theresa Flores, taf6@cornell.edu.

CAA/Greater Houston, Nov. 22—Cornell vs. Penn football at Fox & Hound on Westheimer near Kirkwood. Contact Christine Gorman, christinec_g@hotmail.com.

CAA/North Texas, Dec. 3—Holiday Get-Together at Arcodoro & Pomodoro Ristoranti Italiani in Dallas. Contact Theresa Flores, taf6@cornell.edu.

CC/Austin, Dec. 6—Help Habitat for Humanity build a simple, affordable house for a family in need. No construction experience required. RSVP Jenny Schwartz, holajenny@yahoo.com, (512) 415-3210.

CAA/Greater Houston, Dec. 9—Holiday party. RSVP Pat Flores, pflores@lockeliddell.com, (713) 695-5915.

CC/Austin, Dec. 11—All Ivy-Plus holiday party. RSVP Paulette Rudolph, prnl@cornell.edu, (512) 891-0984.

CC/Colorado, Dec. 11—Colorado Alumni holiday party at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place, 3rd floor. Contact Judy Beckenbach, (303) 748-4406.

CAA/North Texas, Dec. 17—Alumni speaker event at C. R. Smith Museum. Presentation and museum tour with Dan Garton of American Airlines; \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Contact Glenn Squire, gsquire@yahoo.com.

CC/New Mexico, Jan. 9—Cornell vs. University of New Mexico basketball at the Pit in Albuquerque. Contact Anita Miller, milleranit@aol.com.

CAA/North Texas, Jan. 14—Texas Instruments DLP Demo Center at TI's Spring Creek Facility. Contact Amy Schwab, a-schwab1@ti.com.

Western

CC/Los Angeles, Nov. 15—Scholarship dinner with Curtis and Pamela Reis. Donation: \$150/person. Contact Nancy Mills, (310) 545-3321 or Peter Taborr, (310) 410-1883.

CC/Los Angeles, Nov. 15—Scholarship dinner at the Century Supper Club. Donation: \$35/person. Contact Nancy Mills, (310) 545-3321 or Peter Taborr, (310) 410-1883.

CC/Los Angeles, Nov. 16—Scholarship Dinner at the Brentwood home of Loren Stephens and Dana Miyoshi. Donation: \$100/person. Contact Nancy Mills, (310) 545-3321 or Peter Taborr, (310) 410-1883.

CAA/Northern California, Nov. 21—CAANC happy hour. Check website for details: happyhour@cornellnorcal.com.

CC/Southern Arizona, Dec. 7—Holiday party at the Arizona Inn. Contact Jack Stiles, stiles5532@aol.com, (520) 722-5809.

CAA/Northern California, Dec. 7—Holiday party and annual book drive. Contact events@cornellnorcal.com.

CAA/Northern California, Jan. 4—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Robert Peterson, rrp5@cornell.edu.

CAA/Northern California, Jan. 11—San Jose Sharks game. Contact Rana Glasgal, rg87@cornell.edu.

24 The university received word that **Eleanor Bayuk** Green died on August 17 at the age of 100. Her brother and sister-in-law, Eddie and Bobbie Bayuk, wrote in about Ellie's life, and particularly about the birthday brunch celebration they had held for her in July in Philadelphia. There were about 50 people there, including 15 relatives and friends from the West Coast and New York.

"It was a gorgeous day, and Ellie had a wonderful time! Tables and buffet were set up on the porch, with beautiful flowers, and the brunch was delicious. Eddie had the idea of buying for each guest a lottery ticket that was placed under each plate—the kind where you have to scratch like mad to see the numbers underneath. They all got so engrossed with their scratching, they didn't even notice that the buffet was ready, complete with omelet and waffle chefs. We finally had to make an announcement telling them the chow was ready and they could continue scratching when they ate!

"Ellie was a champion golfer in her day. She was still playing golf into her eighties (and never used a golf cart!) and hitting golf balls on the driving range until she was 95. Her companion sent a letter to Tiger Woods (her absolute favorite golfer), telling him about Ellie and how much she would love to hear from him, and she received a lovely personal letter from him a week before her birthday! Ellie's best friend (a publisher in New York City who is about 70!) read this letter at the party, as well as one from the White House. My son read a list that Eddie's granddaughter and her husband compiled—'How Things Were in 1903'—a bit hit." Thank you, Bobbie and Eddie, for sending this wonderful story. ♦ Class of '24, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

25 **Doris Mitchell**, MS Ed '32, a home economics teacher in public schools for many years, celebrated her 100th birthday in mid-August at Oak Hill Manor in Ithaca. We thank **Lou Albright '62**, PhD '72, professor of biological and environmental engineering at Cornell, for writing to us about the party: "There were gifts, food, cards, music, and around 35 people present—friends and relatives. My wife (her cousin) made a poster with pictures of Doris's life and family, including a most interesting picture of Doris's uncle, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother (who was born in the late 1700s). Not many folks have such a history of family pictures as does Doris. Plans are for an even bigger party next year to


celebrate 101!"

Helen Keane Reichert was featured in an article from *The Westport News* in July about the lessons and inspiration she passed along to her former student Janet Albert. The two women met in the 1960s while Helen was teaching costume history at New York U.'s School of Retailing. Helen took Albert under her wing. "She had so much knowledge and such a gift for teaching," said Albert. "She really made a mark on me." In 1985, Albert recognized Helen at a local grocery store in Connecticut. "I told her that I am a professor in the fashion industry and how I would love to have the teaching materials she used so that I could incorporate them into my own lessons."

At age 101, Helen is glad that her course materials, which show the evolution of fashion over the ages, will continue to be used. She began teaching at New York U. in the late 1950s, after a year of broadcasting an afternoon television program (for which she received a Golden Microphone Award). She retired from teaching at the age of 85, but has traveled extensively and still maintains her Westport and New York City homes. Many thanks to **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas '71** for sending us the article! ♦ Class of '25, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

31 Among the "Legacies" listed in the July/August issue, I spotted only one descendant of a '31der. **Alexandra Cox-Cuzzi** is a third-generation Cornelian, granddaughter of our **Joe Cuzzi**, who would have been very proud of her, and daughter of **Frank E. Cuzzi '61**, MBA '64.

Jim Knipe (James R., 728 Norristown Rd., Apt. D203, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002) had trouble with the Class Notes form (which I should have recognized as not well adapted to our age group, with its categories "What I accomplished today" and "Plans for tomorrow"), and it is easy to see why. He says: "My activities are simply taking care of my wife of 61 years, Doris, who is sadly afflicted with several illnesses. She does not yet qualify for special care in our medical facilities, so I am still taking care of her, day and night. Yes, I am tired, but she needs me now more than ever before." We can all sympathize with Jim and wish him well, some of us because they are in a similar situation. He adds, "I am still correspondent for the classes of 1931/1933/1935 for the monthly *Cornell Hotel Bulletin*. Needless to say, news is becoming scarce. I am the only Hotel graduate from 1931 that is still breathing, only six from 1933, and none from 1935. Haven't played golf



New deal: This stone bridge spanning Cascadilla Creek was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s.



in two years; bowled once last September and got up to 180, so I didn't do too badly. Working on genealogy every few minutes I get to myself—really enjoy it.”

Jane Marshall Baird (Mrs. John C., 13801 York Rd., #Q7, Cockeysville, MD 21030) took me at my word (bless her) and sent in her Class News form with nothing but her name and the date, so we know that as of Feb. 22, 2003 she was still with us, could hold a pen, had no news, but wanted us to know it! **Bliss Clark**, MD '37 (Dr. Bliss B., 5401 Palm Valley Dr. South, Harlingen, TX 78552), freshman crewmate and three-year varsity “engine room” at #6 (Poughkeepsie Champ in 1930), used the Class News form to write me a nice long personal note “just to say ‘hello’” and then added the P.S. “Not for publication!” However, I think I can excerpt some lines without violating the spirit of his injunction: “(I was) 95 in May—a little older than the class average—and show it.” (Who doesn't?) “Enjoy my family, do a lot of reading. Saw our class listed first in one edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*—to think we lived that long!”

Back in January of this year **Bud Kelley** (Wisner A., 75-44 183rd St., Flushing, NY 11366), on the “yesterday” line of the Class News form, said, “Had a birthday bash surprise by my daughter, 4 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.! 95 years seems such a long time. Still drive my car, but soon will have to give that up.” Then on the “What I was doing last year at this time” line, he entered, “Income tax!” In January! April 15th is good enough for most of us. Bud must have had a big refund due!

Our always faithful reuner and upbeat correspondent **Toots Uetz** Felton (Mrs. William C., 1024 E. Cushmore Rd., Southampton, PA 18966-4113) really did a job on the Class News form. She found a way to fill in every category on this inappropriate form, so I'll quote the whole two pages. You'll see why. Read on:

“What I accomplished yesterday: Read my devotions. Did some word puzzles. Played the ukulele. Mailed two birthday cards. Talked on

mates: **Rosemary Hunt** Todd's (603-624-1080) phone calls are a real treat. She is so lively. My most pressing problem today: Getting out of breath. Solution to the above: Slowing down and using a cane. The world's most pressing problem today: Lack of love and understanding. Solution to the above: Love God and one another. Most recent discovery or new knowledge I have acquired: I am learning to establish priorities and to do the best with what I have left. Folks are extra kind to people in their nineties (not nighties!). Green tea, peanut butter, and chocolate are SO good! This space for creative writing: Sorry. I couldn't locate any of my college compositions.”

All classes below should read this “How to Grow Old Gracefully” summary. ♦ **Bill Vanne-man**, 237 N. Main St. #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggampi@gis.net.

32 Months ago I reported that **Reed McJunkin** had given Cornell a number of Filipino artifacts collected by his father, and at that time I promised to get more information from Reed. He has gone to considerable trouble to organize the facts and transmit them to me.

Norman L. McJunkin, Reed's father, was a civil service employee under the US Army from 1908 to 1916 with responsibility to teach in and supervise the schools being developed for the Philippine people. He and his family (Reed and his sister were born in the PI) lived in the northwest corner of Luzon near the coast and the Cordillera Mountains. Norman was an avid hunter and occasionally would arrange a deer hunting party for a few army officers; the party would include native guides to carry guns and supplies. On such a hunting excursion Norman made a surprise kill.

On the first night out, the hunters were trying to sleep by a large fire when a loud rustling in a nearby tree caused unrest among the natives, who believed that a snake had been dis-

when the snake was shot, remembers that for the next 40 years his father enjoyed showing Ralph to friends and interested parties. The skeleton passed to Reed and later to Norman's great-grandson, Scott Palmer.

According to correspondence between Scott and Harry W. Greene, Professor and Curator, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Ralph's new and probably permanent home will be in a custom-made display case in the entrance hall of the Cornell Museum of Vertebrates in the wonderful new Laboratory of Ornithology building in Sapsucker Woods. Prof. Greene writes, “It is extremely valuable scientifically . . . because it is of a wild-shot adult reticulated python with accurate collecting data; it might be the largest giant snake skeleton in existence.” The material sent to me included three photographs (that the magazine was not able to print). Take my word for it, Ralph is formidable. And all of this is happening through the generosity of the McJunkin and Palmer families.

An unsigned News Form, apparently prepared by her daughter, reports that **Esther Halsey** Otteman lives in the Ontario County Nursing Facility at 3589 W. Lake Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424, and that she enjoys shopping, sewing, bridge, and time with her family. Esther's first husband, **Ralph Jenkins**, GR '30-32, died in 1940. Esther's father was one of the first American teachers to go to the Philippines after the Spanish-American War. The writer mentions that he was a Cornellian and that Esther was born in the PI, attended the U. of the Philippines, transferred to Cornell for her last three years, and later, while teaching, attended four summer sessions to complete her graduate work.

The Philippines seem to loom large in this offering. I recall that **Helen Maly** taught in the PI early in her career. Before that, only an occasional note from the late **Richard Pringle** connected our class to the islands. Dick never failed to mention that the islands were heaven on earth and a wonderful place to live. That was then; right now I have some doubts.

Constance Page Daniel, 704 River Rd., Newport News, VA 23601, spends her time volunteering at the Peninsula Center for Fine Arts near Williamsburg, helping in the mail room at Riverside Regional Medical Center, and working with Outreach at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. **Estelle Varbalow** Kirshner, Holly Building, The Quadrangle, 3300 Darby Rd. #3213, Haverford, PA 19041, lives in a retirement community with her elder and younger sisters. ♦ **Jim W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209; tel., (716) 886-1314.

33 A big celebration of your secretary's 90th birthday, along with the 50th anniversary of the arrival in Cambridge of our big family of ten children, have eaten up time and energy since returning from reunion in June. Here you will find a necessarily short column. If you have not already done so, please send in an update when you receive the annual class letter. A News Form and return envelope are always included

‘That's a lot of money even if you say it fast!’

WILLIAM R. ROBERTSON '34

the phone. Glanced at the newspaper (news, weather, comics, obits). What I was doing last year at this time: Mostly a repetition of the above, except that, in checking my records I discovered I went to the hairdresser's for a perm. What I'd rather be doing now: Nothing in particular. Plans for tomorrow and onward: I'm living one day at a time and counting my blessings. When necessary I'll continue to make appointments (podiatrist, etc.). Family events: I have a new great-grandson and a great-granddaughter due to arrive in May. That will be a total of six great-grands (four girls, two boys). My family is a great joy and blessing. News of other class-

turbed by the fire. To settle things down Norman fired his shotgun two or three times into the tree. Soon there was a loud crash. At daylight they found a large python measuring about 26 feet in length. Since the party planned to hunt for several more days, they placed the snake in a colony of 10-foot anthills and later returned to find it completely defleshed by the ants. They took it home where the vertebrae were strung on strong cord for easier handling and showing.

The snake, which they affectionately named “Ralph,” came to the US with the McJunkin family and was kept in Norman's homes in Pittsburgh and New York. Reed, who was 7 years old

in the mailing.

Carolyn and **Chris Williams '67** informed me of the death of Chris's father **Edward J. Williams** on May 17, just before he expected to return for our 70th Reunion. He was an active civil engineer, through an exciting career, with strong civic ties. They wrote, "Ed loved his family, ideas, social gatherings, his country, and his alma mater, Cornell University. He could and would 'hold court' with anyone and everyone. Up to and including his last days, he possessed a keen mind and sharp recall. He greatly enjoyed presenting his thoughts in letters to the editor."

Marion Ford Fraser is recovering from the unexpected death of her husband **David, JD '37**, on March 1. They had recently moved to be near their children, who have been a great help: Forwood Manor, 1912 Marsh Rd., Apt. 345, Wilmington, DE 19810. Their granddaughter **Alexis Fraser** has finished her freshman year at Cornell and loves it.

I look forward to receiving more news. Send in the form, or write directly to ♦ Rev. **Henry E. Horn**, 47-1 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

34 The Class of '34 has long since received the dues letter sent out early this fall. It announced the class plans following our 70th Reunion next June to disband our class organization and "fold our tent," so to speak! In so doing I believe we are the first Cornell class that has announced prior to the 70th Reunion its plans to disband and officially turn the class responsibilities back to the university.

Our class, over its 70-year history, has built a fine record of which we may be proud, indeed. We entered Cornell in the fall of 1930, right at the very depth of the Great Depression of 1929! We have struggled and succeeded through tough times of wars and crises. And now a hearty band of some 200 members of the class, in our 90s, are still holding the fort! Congratulations to you survivors!

Our classmates—men and women—have done well and have remembered our alma mater generously. The Development Office tells us that from the total efforts of our class campaigns, Cornell has received \$24,740,000 so far—with our 70th Class Campaign just starting up! As they say, "That's a lot of money even if you say it fast!" In the months ahead, let's go well over the \$25 million mark. Yes, our class has been a generous one.

Our class membership totals have been among the class leaders year in and year out—something else we can be proud of. Both the Women's and the Men's class officers started us off well and this habit of supporting our membership over the years has stayed with us. Our class initiated a Class Scholarship Fund late in the game—in the mid-1990s—but we have built the fund up to a total market value as of July 1, '03 of \$75,998. The income from this fund goes to help deserving undergraduates make their way through Cornell. This is a great legacy that our class will leave for future students *ad infinitum*. Let's build this fund up while we still can,

to help as much as possible in the years ahead.

By the time these notes appear in print you will have received your first reunion mailing. This will be a big one—our 70th—to be held next June 10-13, 2004. We urge you to plan to attend. Let us know of your plans, please.

Yes, the men and women of '34 have a proud history. Thank you all for the support you have shown—you have made this fine record. Let's end up the year ahead with a bang! A fine membership record, broad participation in our final Class Campaign, and a record turnout for our 70th Reunion. I send my warm regards. ♦ **William R. Robertson**, 143 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH, 03458; tel., (603) 924-8654.

35 The year 2003 continues to set records weatherwise for heat in the Southwest and for rain in the Northeast, to mention a couple. Maybe the fall will be more normal. You will know when you read this. I have just received a distressing report that 23 duespayers from last year have not paid class dues this year, which means that they will leave our active mailing list. Many of the names have been friends who have been contributing classmates through the years. I hope the problem is not forgetfulness, which does exist. We also receive class News forms without the sender's name. Unfortunately, these are unusable.

I was delighted to receive an e-mail from **Tevis Goldhaft**, DVM '35, who reported that he is in good health, still driving, and planning for our next reunion. His daughter **Judith Goldhaft Berg '61**, who lives in San Francisco, will drive him, as she did in 2000. Tevis lives in a senior lifecare facility in Haverford, PA, where the women outnumber the men 3 to 1, and over 60 percent of the residents are retired faculty members of neighboring colleges. He recently had a visit from the new dean of the Veterinary college, who came to talk about his sister **Helen Goldhaft Wernicoff '33**, who was one of a small group of women who pioneered in the field of veterinary medicine.

Carl Ahrens of 278 Heath Village, Hackensack, NJ, lost his wife Frances in January and is retired. He enjoys gardening and bowling, as well as walking, and has two sons and six grandchildren. **Wilfred Kelly** has been living at 13 Booth Woods, Vergennes, VT, since his wife Beatrice died in February 2002. He retired as director, Plant Pest Control Division, Vermont Dept. of Agriculture in Montpelier. Son David lives in Waterbury, VT, and daughter Jeanne in Ferrisburgh, VT. Will still works in the orchard, but his latest hobby is acting. In early June, he appeared as a drunken priest in the Middlebury Community Players production of *Twelfth Night*, Texas style, with rave reviews. He sent a fantastic photo of himself seated between a bottle of bourbon and a kissing damsel. Sorry, Will, the column is not illustrated.

Reeve Ward Dean and wife Mary are both retired and live on Hillcrest Road in East Aurora, NY, where they play golf at the East Aurora Golf Club. I hope that the rain did not spoil the season like it did here. They have children Reeve Jr.

and Adrienne. **Gaert Gudernatch**, MD '39, a retired physician, lives at 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT. He keeps busy with physical therapy, reading, and social contacts. He also takes classes on subjects like *The Future* and *The History of the English Navy*. He has sons Kenneth and Stephen and daughter Susan Dowling, all in their 50s, plus four grandchildren.

If you have forgotten to send in your class dues, it is not too late. We will also welcome any News items. I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a great 2004. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

36 The only news we have for this edition is from **Elsa Meltzer Bronstein**, who has sent us the following—a combined effort from her and husband Arthur. "Life is busy with activities at a senior center. All our social life seems to revolve around the lectures and plans for new things to come. It keeps us busy and active. My husband was a professor at City U., NYC. Now of course we loaf more than work. We moved to California 12 years ago because both our children live here. Our daughter is an editor and writer for a university journal, and our son is a psychologist, married to an artist. We have a grown granddaughter (our son's child) and a young 8-year-old grandson (our daughter's).

"Old as we are, we lead very active lives in our own way, but the ages are creeping up on us. Our summers revolve around our favorite area—Massachusetts—in a little town near Great Barrington, in an 18th-century house. It keeps us busy in a 'countryfied' way. No, we cannot get to Ithaca; we are a bit of age for that (we did get there some six years ago and loved it!). To all that are left of our classmates, we send our warm greetings. Either in Oakland, CA, or Monterey, MA, we will welcome old friends! Fondly, Elsa and Arthur Bronstein." Their winter address is 975 Underhill Rd., Oakland, 94610 and their summer address is PO Box 236, Monterey, 01245.

Several columns ago I mentioned that **Frank Dickerson** had sent me a small book of his poems and I promised to include one later on. Happily, now I have the space to do that, so one of them follows, called "Dreaming of the River." By the way, Frank grew up in Poughkeepsie.

*O blood stream of the valley,
why did I leave you
like a rejected bride?
You are a part of my life,
life does not live
without you,
without the blood
that flows our veins.*

*When I am away
I still feel your urgings.
It's then I see
the Hudson Valley, the Catskills
far, far away,
and between lies a broad blue band
the river.
We are lost lovers
found.*

Now for a few comments. Congratulations are in order for so many of you for your efforts to keep us all informed as to your activities and your lives. Up to this point my job has been one of editing and sometimes postponing your contributions due to our space limitations. But all of a sudden the well has run dry, and all I can say is, "Any news is good news." I have one suggestion to stimulate your efforts, which is that it is time you told us about people near and dear to your hearts—your children and grandchildren. Not numbers, which I agree are of interest, but what they do. Some of you have already done that. **Fred Illston** has told us about all three of his who are still keeping the skies safe for us. We know from **Jim McArdle** that his son and grandson are carrying on in his footsteps by running their nursery business. And, sadly, **Carolyn Drucker** Goodman told us about the sacrifice that her son Andrew made on behalf of the civil rights of our friends in the South. So now let's hear from more of you about what your kids and their families have been up to, while at the same time adding a few comments about yourselves. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@aol.com.

37 Not too long ago I received a lovely letter from **Rosemary Frohlich** Perket '64, the daughter of the late **Helen Abare** Frohlich Brown '37. Enclosed with her letter were approximately 50 photos of her mother's classmates taken during her college years. In the letter, Rosemary writes, "I hope you'll make them available or pass them on if you know of someone who would be interested in them. I hate to throw out photos that may bring back good memories or prove of historical value to someone." When you next visit Cornell you will find the photos at the Cornell Archives, under Class of '37, plus a copy of the letter.

Mary Schuster Jaffe called to advise me that we had listed an incorrect phone number for **Madge Jopson** Wells. The correct number is (914) 232-2559 and her address is 34 Quicks Lane, Katonah, NY 10536. **Barbara Keeney** Mandigo counts college and graduate degrees from 15 universities that her children and grandchildren have attended. She volunteers at Lake Viego Retirement Village and spends her summers at her Pulaski home on the Salmon River, where the "fishing is still good." Barbara, please send us a note with your new address and phone number. I took the above notes from an October 2002 report that you sent me.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend Reunion this year. However I received a great letter from **Winifred Drake Sayer** telling me she lunched at Barton with **Claire Kelly** Gilbert, **Mary Clare Capewell** Ward, **Francis White** McMartin, **Eleanor Raynor** Burns, LLB '39, **Louise Davis**, **Esther Dillenbeck** Prudden. She also ran into **Helen Saunders** Engst, MS '65. Windy said she checked on the tulip tree she planted in memory of her husband **Albert**, **Carol Cline's** planting, and **Merle Elliott** Ohlinger's tree. To quote her, "The Plantations

are more beautiful than ever and a wonderful place to honor someone with a planting."

Recently I spoke to **Grace Miller** Kaufman. She is living at Lasell Village, 125 Seminary Ave., Unit #233, Auburndale, MA 02466-2638, tel., (617) 527-3013. Apparently Lasell Village is connected with Lasell Junior College where she takes courses and is enjoying her retirement.

Our sincerest condolences to the family of **Gertrude Rusitzky** Florin, who recently died. ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

38 We received an upbeat and informative note from **Pauline Blount** Snyder of Rome, NY. She writes, "I have moved into a very nice high-rise apartment complex, and go to the local senior center two days a week. My older daughter and her husband reside in Pennsylvania, my son lives about 35 miles from here in New York State, and my younger daughter lives only four miles away. She has returned to college and is working toward an associate's degree in business management at the young age of 56. I go to Bingo here in my building and still do some arts and crafts. I have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren."

Laura Smith Means wrote from Ithaca, NY. "My husband **Merritt** '40 died in 1996 in Florida, after we had lived six years at the Penney Farms Institute. This retirement community was started by J.C. Penney to provide free living for missionaries and ministers, but now only half the group of 500 are missionaries and ministers. We had retired for 15 years to New Mexico from our dairy farm in Marion, NY (near Rochester). He taught agriculture in high school for seven years. I ran the school cafeteria, then took 30 hours of courses, got an elementary school certificate, and taught second and fifth grades. I also had some school social work jobs for the county. We loved New Mexico. I was in a pottery group, ornithology groups, etc. Merritt was in a rock hound group and made jewelry and much more. We raised three boys and one girl. Our daughter **Amanda Means** '67, BS HE '69, has been an art photographer in New York City for 25 years. Two of the boys are now in Ithaca. That's why I moved here."

Wilhelmina Mazar Satina, MS '47 (Phoenix, AZ) translated and edited *The History of the Binghamton Slovaks*. This book, written by a dedicated corps of immigrants and compiled by her father Imrich Mazar, traces history as it was being lived by Slovak immigrants from the years 1879 to 1919. "Now my project is finding people or groups who will purchase the book," she says. Wilhelmina and husband Al have been on every continent. She plays violin in many symphony orchestras. "When we decided to come to reunion I called the Statler, asked if there were any cancellations, and was told, 'You're in luck. I had a cancellation this morning. You can have the room.' I was meant to come!"

William Kumpf has moved to Elk City, OK, to be near family: "Slowly adapting to the different lifestyle and becoming an Okie! Weather, food, language, and customs are not the same as

New York!" **Bernard Gartlir** is busy in Great Neck, NY, and Palm Beach Gardens, FL: "Still practicing law both in New York and Florida, where we spend six months of the year. Celebrated 61 years of marriage to **Shirley (Richmond)** '40. Hope many of you supported our Class Fund Drive for the 65th. By the way, I met classmate **David Crawford** at a dinner honoring our Yale Law School ('41) classmate Sargent Shriver this past fall."

From Col. **Robert Shaw** (Delmar, NY): "The title resulted from 23 years of combined reserve and active duty service, thanks to Cornell ROTC training that spanned training with horses to receiving and giving training in Army Air Corps single and multi-engine aircraft, plus command of numerous Air Force Reserve units. Developed a family after World War II and now enjoy with spouse Bette nine grandchildren who are scattered around the country. Three of these are currently spending their parents' money for tuition, room, and board in a couple of schools of higher learning—but, sad to say, not Cornell. The passage of years has imposed some physical limitations, but we are still active in maintaining the old homestead, local volunteer work, and vocalizing with the church choir."

If you haven't done so yet, please send news updates with your annual dues. The letter to all classmates was due to go out this fall. Happy Holidays! ♦ Class of '38, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247; e-mail, cornell_magazine@cornell.edu; or **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. Second St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

39 When I read in a recent issue the sad note of the death of **Russ Martin**, MS '41, our Class Correspondent for about the last nine years, I decided to volunteer for the job. Even though I live much further from Cornell than he, with e-mail that will not make much difference, and I think I will enjoy it. There are 276 of us still living (out of the original 916) and I hope to hear from each of you. Tell me what you've been doing since graduation and where you've been working.

To begin with, let me tell you a bit about myself. Initially, I took a job in Pennsylvania in my industrial engineering field with the New Jersey Zinc Co. After three years I left and went with the DuPont Co., where I stayed until my retirement in 1979. For the first five years I was employed in a small arms plant in Connecticut and explosive plants in New Jersey, and then assigned to their home offices in Wilmington, DE. My wife **Janet (Perrine)** '41 and I did a lot of traveling for a number of years. After she died in 1987, my son Douglas, who worked in the San Francisco area, suggested I sell our home and move out to be near his family. I decided to do just that and settled in Novato, Marin County, CA, in 1990. In 1995 I married Sylvia Jensvold and now live a couple of miles from my son. I have been doing volunteer jobs, and for the last ten years have been a docent at Muir Woods National Monument. In 2002 I had an operation for an aneurysm and have been on dialysis ever since.

It is sad to report that three members of our class have died recently. **Albert Boehlecke** was a former senior sanitarian for the NY State Health Dept. **Edward Zouck** was retired from an administrative capacity with Bethlehem Steel Co. After retirement he was a middle school tutor and served on the Housing Opportunity Assn. Board. He also served on the vestry and as a lay leader in his church. And, lastly, **Udo Fischer**, who served in World War II, earned his military glider pilot rating and served overseas in New Guinea; he attained the rank of major and was twice awarded the Air Medal. His community activities included serving as president of the local school board and the Rotary Club, and as a member of the County Hospital and County Health and Retardation boards.

George "Doc" Abraham saw action in North Africa in WWII while his wife, **Katy (Mehlenbacher) '43**, BS Ag '69, worked in a munitions plant in Ithaca. They then launched a greenhouse business in Naples, NY, wrote a syndicated gardening column for 130 newspapers, had a radio show on gardening for many years, and wrote a number of gardening books. Doc got his start at Cornell at the then-called "Test Gardens" by being placed in charge of the gardens and broadcasting a show on WHCU once a week. He and his wife contributed to a documentary that debuted on the History Channel last year on the subject "Sex in World War II," based upon his book, *The Belles of Shangri-La*, and his North Africa experience.

Lawrence Halprin has been selected by the American Society of Landscape Architects as the first recipient of their new Design Medal, recognizing one who has produced a body of exceptional design work at a sustained level for at least ten years. Some of his notable examples include: the master plan for the Seattle Center, their World's Fair, and Freeway Park; in California, Ghirardelli Square and a portion of San Francisco's BART System; in Washington, DC, the FDR Memorial; and in the Old City of Jerusalem, the Walter and Elise Haas Promenade.

In May **Philip Fitzhugh** married Linda May Ward in Naples, FL. **Walter Barlow** has turned over his business to his daughter, but says he is still spry enough to enjoy his 12-step recovery work, exercises, and photography assignments. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947-4213; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

Weatherwise, this year in Ithaca has been dismal. After a severe winter, we did not deserve the cool, cloudy, and rainy spring and summer we have had. By the time you read this, what else will Mother Nature have conjured up to try our souls?

Eleanor Culver Young writes enthusiastically about her wonderful three weeks touring Eastern Europe in May, seeing the major cities, now rebuilt and apparently prospering. Best of all, she was thrilled to find her "old body" could do all the walking and climbing, and still have the energy to enjoy a final three days in Paris. Oh, me! **Virginia Hoyt** Hammond and husband still live in their country farmhouse, with its vegetable and flower garden, but have given up their

horses. Her son Matthew and his new wife are now living on Maui, HI, so they will have a wonderful place to visit. Her granddaughter went to Washington as a "Presidential Scholar" and is now at Clarkson studying chemical engineering. This new generation of women is astonishing.

Faith Edgerton Riesen, MA '40, leads a busy life in Reno near her daughter, and reports that her grandson now has a master's in hydrology, a wonderful choice of career for a native of Nevada! **Elsie Robinson** Whalen recently acquired a computer and is busy learning to master it at her local senior center. I admire her courage, especially since my husband is constantly battling with his and venting his frustrations to the world!

Another traveling classmate, **Annette Newman** Gordon, this time took an interesting boat trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Then in May she and Harold came to Ithaca for her grandson's graduation from Cornell. He is a fourth-generation Cornellian! Living in Santa Cruz, CA, she has perfect weather all year—not like Ithaca—and so can walk and swim and play golf, as well as use the facilities of the university nearby. It sounds ideal. With a large family of children, grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren to keep track of, **Mona Brierley** Carvajal finds herself attending weddings and family get-togethers frequently, mostly in the Massachusetts area. Mona lived in Puerto Rico for years, and is now in Florida, so visiting family in New England must require quite a temperature adjustment.

Ethel Piness Abrams called in July to report the death of **Edith Meyers** Meyer. Edith became involved in publicity work about the need to test donor blood rigorously after her daughter Elizabeth Glazer and baby became infected during delivery from tainted blood transfusions. Both she and her daughter performed a tremendous service for our nation by their courageous efforts to publicize the need to clean up the blood supplies in our hospitals. We all owe them an incalculable debt of gratitude. We can send our sincere condolences to her family in care of her son Peter Meyer, 176 Westboro, Upton, MA, 10568.

We received word of the death on July 11, 2003 of **Barbara Gay** Ringholm, unfortunately

Reunion in June 2004, and may the Fates be kind. ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

40 I've had some nice visits with **Francis '39** and **Theo Beekman Thomas** lately. They have a lovely summer home that Francis built on Indian Lake in the Adirondacks where he grew up. Now they have decided to take no further long trips to Florida each year. They are hoping to sell their home and settle in New York State or New England. Their son James Thomas and his three children are in the Ithaca school system as teacher and students.

One person not in the column for a long time is **Argate Polmer Hollander**. Her husband **Gerard '39** passed away in 1965. She enjoys playing bridge and going to the theater, symphony, and ballet. Argate is doing well after a hip replacement, but has given up playing golf. She takes cruises and is expecting to go to Barcelona and Florida in November. Argate has three sons, an attorney in Florida, a DMD in Pennsylvania, and an OPM in California. For two consecutive years **Marge Baker** Tummons has been our representative at the annual Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in New York City. She lives in Suffern with husband Bob.

Next, something simple from **Stephen Barker** of Stamford, CT. He thanks us for the pocket calendar and says he is very busy—fourth address in one and a half years. He is recovering well from a broken back. As for his "interests"—too many, he says. **Carl Fribolin** has done a lot for the arts and theater in his community of Hall, NY, which is between Geneva and Waterloo.

Carl and Ruth Buffum Schoenacker are both retired, she from Romulus Central School. They volunteer at Waterloo museums of local history, including military and national history. They also volunteer at the local museum in Carl's home village of Phelps. Last year Ruth helped to organize an exhibit called "Hats Galore." They are still helping to provide closure to families of the 1,015 who died when the troop ship *Rohna* sank

'Slowly adapting to the different lifestyle and becoming an Okie!'

WILLIAM KUMPF '38

too close to our column deadline to get any other details. We shall write more in our next issue, but meanwhile, condolences to the family may be sent to Sally Ringholm, 2178 NW Gales Creek Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Can anybody provide any information about the following classmates: **Ruth Anderson** Adams, **Francis L. Berzoff**, **Dorothy Fedor**, **Marion Pallace** Harper, **Regina Lorch** Kassler, **Anna Dechiara** Malamud, or **Frances Ransom** Rogg?

Start thinking and planning for our 65th

in November 1943. Carl and Ruth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last July.

Keep me posted of your news. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

41 **Hartley Martin**, MS Ag '54, still winters in Lehigh Acres, FL. He is active in the Cornell Club of Southwest Florida. His wife Jane sings in the church choir. In the summer they

spend five months golfing and gardening in Sacandaga Park in the Adirondacks. Their three children have given them 15 grandchildren and seven greats. **Henry Heimlich**, MD '43, gave the keynote address in Call Alumni Auditorium of Kennedy Hall for Cornell's Health Awareness Week. "We have the opportunity to save thousands of lives that have been needlessly lost," he said. Heimlich described how his institute is now working on a controversial treatment for HIV by infecting patients with a benign strain of malaria in an effort to boost their T-cell count.

At age 5, **Richard Henry Lee** started composing music. More recently he recorded a dou-

Marjorie Lee Treadwell and husband Donald divide their living between Naples, FL, and Grosse Ile, MI. They now live in Glenview, a retirement community in Pelican Bay, and are very involved in its activities. They play tennis, golf, and bridge, and participate in other programs. They have ten grandchildren, and their home in Michigan is the family gathering place at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and summer holidays. "A full house spells happiness to us!" says Marge. **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer and husband Kenneth of Delmar, NY, flee every winter to Punta Gorda, FL, to a rented mobile home until April 1. She and Ken are looking forward to the 65th Reunion of the

'Ashton Hough has retired rocket engineers lined up for crew.'

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ble CD called "Transparency in Song, Vol. 1 & 2," with 24 inspirational solos. You can go to his website (www.transparencysong.com) to hear the songs, and to read about Dick and the world-class musicians who recorded his music. Dick loves to hear from Cornell friends. Call him at (202) 244-7669. **Jim Van Arsdale** had three hip replacements and plays "gentle tennis." Again, he spent four months in Jamaica.

Out of dry dock, **Ashton Hough** had a four-way bypass operation and is now back sailboat racing. In January '03 he raced from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West, FL. In his Morgan 41 sailboat, his plans are to sail to Westhampton Beach, Long Island, his hometown. He has retired rocket engineers lined up for crew. **Mort Farber** sends best regards from North Miami, FL. **Adolph** and "Tiny" **Wichman** celebrated their 56th anniversary on his 85th birthday. "Egad!"

It's a pleasure to learn that a little known '41er makes big news. An article in the Jan. 11, '03 *Post Standard* features **Robert Everingham**, who was given the 2002 Cornell College of Agriculture Outstanding Alumni Award. Robert earned a BS degree in Agriculture in 1941. He taught at South New Berlin High School and at Ithaca High School for two years before being drafted in 1944. He was stationed in Germany, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. After returning home he became co-owner of Cascadale Farm with his father and worked the farm till his retirement in 1986. In 1979 he co-founded the New York Rural Schools program. He considers this his greatest achievement. The program lobbies for equal treatment of rural schools. He helped steer the merger of Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Robert represented farmers as chairman of the Farm Bureau Dairy Advisory Committee and contributed to the development of the Onondaga County Board of Health. A most qualified member of our Great Class of '41. ♦ **Ralph Antell**, 7015 Carnation St., Beaufort Towers #408, Richmond, VA 23225.

Great Class of 1941 in 2006.

Ruth Marshall Kibbey of Tuscaloosa, AL, says she is doing lots of volunteering at the U. of Oklahoma Arboretum, at the hospital, and at church. She enjoyed a phone call from **Elaine Yakis** Reinke, whom she had not heard from since graduation! So, it is never too late to renew a friendship! Ruth is happy to say that so far all her moving parts still move moderately well. **Elsbeth Hartman** Button of Brooksville, FL, and husband Tom are in good shape and still enjoying traveling. Last fall they cruised from Lisbon to Capetown and then on to Nairobi. They enjoyed a great trip, but from now on expect to stay closer to home.

Ruth Myers Stauffer of Jacksonville, FL, reports that the last two years have been difficult ones. Her husband Neil died after they had moved to Jacksonville to be near their daughter **Susan Stauffer** Blaser '71. Ruth is now living in a small assisted living facility. She has vision and memory challenges but good physical health. She enjoys her fond memories of her wonderful years at Cornell. She enjoyed a visit from sorority sister **Elsbeth Button**. **Evelyn Opdyke** Mueller of Mount Dora, FL, says she is still driving for the American Cancer Society four days a week. At the beginning of spring, she hoped to drive to Massachusetts to visit a son and some old friends and neighbors.

How nice to have some messages from classmates I haven't heard from before. **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt writes from Midland, MI, that she is still well enough to enjoy traveling and doing the things she loves most. **Betty Dicker** Kaplan and husband Chester are enjoying living in Highland Park, IL, where their children and grandchildren live. She enjoys reading about her classmates in this magazine. Do send in your news so there is more to read! ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 358 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@local.net.

42 Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (NYC) proudly announces that **Tom Flanagan** (Norwich, CT) has accepted the position of Class Executive VP. A retired urologist, Tom is a member of the University Council and active in many Cornell activities. Liz is now the proud owner of a new knee and getting along well. **Lynn Timmerman's** (Boynton Beach, FL) persistence has gotten us our website. All you need is a computer to be able to visit daily and enjoy all sorts of CU projects, classes, etc. If you aren't into computers, get your kids to hook you up and show you how it all goes together so you can be a part of it all. It's the cool thing to do (www.classof42.alumni.cornell.edu). Lynn and Helen drove 4,300 miles through Vermont, Lake Placid, Ohio, and North Carolina to get home from Reunion. **Don Kent**, MD '45 (Palm Beach Gardens, FL), 65th Reunion Chair, reports that the milk can and paddle for our 2007 Milk Punch Party, as well as the class banner, are being stored at Alumni House, so all is in readiness for the 65th.

Art Foster (Bellevue, WA) is taking his damaged heart and lung in stride as doctors strive to find out what ails him. He enjoyed the reunion activities. We wish him well. **George and Barbara Crohurst Howell** (Oak Brook, IL) were pleased my daughters enjoyed reunion so much. Maybe next time there will be even more children in attendance. Retired high school science teacher **Fran Cohen** Bierman (Pleasantville, NY) sees **Rita Koening** Tepperman (W. Orange, NJ) and **Irma Moses** Reiner, PhD '46 (Urbana, IL) and visited Chapel Hill, NC. She enjoys swimming and painting and her three grandchildren. Her children graduated from Cornell, **Adam** '77 and **Nancy** '79. **Ed Markham** (Bainbridge Island, WA) still has his trademark pen name, "Chief Red Sneaks."

Lou Conti '41 (Inverness, IL) experienced thrills of nostalgia when reading the Cayuga Blasters memories of **Frank Burgess** (Batavia, IL) and **Will Templeton** (Oceanside, CA). Convinced that **Bud Finneran** '41 and **Mort Landsberg** '41 had pulled this stunt, Lou called Bud, who confirmed they had indeed gotten the jackets. They were so terrific everyone on the football team got one. He also recalls the Bermuda Rugby possibility which never materialized. **Bill McKeever** '39 and **Al Van Ranst** '39 had played there the preceding year. Chief detriment: \$75 to make the trip. Thanks, Lou, for writing.

Ken Hubbard (Ft. Myers, FL) complains of the flooding in Florida and says it was good Hurricane Claudette didn't hit them also. He'd like to hear from anyone who remembers living in the Frosh Tents during Frosh Camp in '38 and being drenched for days. He recounts how his great-uncle, Elbert Hubbard, the author and publisher, went down on the *Lusitania*, sunk by a German torpedo. A famous Elbert quote: "There is no defeat except in no longer trying"—good words to remember. Ken's been playing in jam sessions at the Holiday Inn on the Venice Bypass, so drop in if you're in the area.

Gordon Kiddoo (gk42@cornell.edu) promoted our 60th Reunion to his Chem E buddies

and 13 attended for a great time. He has put together "Our Family's Story" for his progeny and recommends it for all Golden Agers. He and Lois travel between Hilton Head Island, SC, and Brevard, NC, and boast seven grands and seven great-grands. **Charlie Castor** and **Doris (Strong) '41** (Palm Bay, FL) are active in their church prayer ministry and choir, plus gardening, finance, and fix-it jobs. They celebrated their 60th anniversary and enjoy traveling, writing, the computer, and life in general. Charlie is writing his fourth book on his life and times for his children "so they'll know what life was like from 1920 to 2020." **Paul and Greta Wilcox Leighton '44** (Tucson, AZ; PWL1920@aol.com) had a great time at Reunion and are active in business consulting, church work, and the Gideon. They enjoy their four children and 12 grands. Edna and **Richard Shotwell, MS '54** (Glen Cove, NY), who enjoyed our 60th Reunion, too, also attended the reunion of the 112th Infantry Regiment and toured Key West.

"60 Minutes" featured the Weill Cornell Medical School branch erected in Qatar in cooperation with the Emir and his wife to bring organized medical care to that country. Thanks for all your letters—keeps the column interesting. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 45th St. NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.

43 We ran out of space last time, if you recall, so here we are again with still more nattering re our grand and glorious 60th Reunion. And should you still be in doubt as to the origin of the blue jackets, quick fetch your copy of the September/October issue.

Our class clerk was the ever-present, ever-pleasant **Kate Hawley '04** (granddaughter of the late **Bill**), who kept us informed of late arrivals and eleventh-hour cancellations—the latter all health related: erstwhile class officers **Jack Slater** (knees—not, he says, from praying), **Bill Dunn** (severe tumble), **Bud Kastner** (still plagued by old neck break), **Ruth Ohringer** Frank and **Peggy Pierce** Elfvin (husbands suddenly ill), and **Phyllis Dittman** McClelland, who broke the glass ceiling of the McGraw Tower by becoming Cornell's first distaff chimesmaster. Phyllis wrote: "Very reluctantly, and at the last minute, I've made the decision not to come to reunion. I'll be sorry to miss seeing old friends, many of whom were kind enough to write when they heard of my illness. The fact is chemotherapy has left me too weak to climb the Tower and ring those bells. If I can't do that, I can't face it. Greetings to you all. See you in five years!"

During Reunion Weekend, the Vet college dedicated the Jane M. Turrel Radiation Therapy Suite and held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to introduce its linear accelerator, a pricey instrument for use in the research and treatment of animal—and possibly human—tumors. A major factor in making this acquisition possible was the \$600,000-plus gift from Dr. Turrel, who, although a graduate of the U. of Illinois, elected to honor her parents, our classmates **John and Eloise Clor Turrel**.

At the Cornelliana Night convocation in Bailey Hall Saturday evening, each class presented a gift to outgoing prexy and incoming classicist (it's important that you remember that word at least for a sentence or two; it means, for you engineers, that he's at home with Greek and Latin) Hunter Rawlings. 170-some classes tossed their offerings into the collection plate, every single one of them apparel—caps, T-shirts, jackets. He could outfit a marching band. From the waist up, that is. (Hmmm.)

The Class of '43 was the exception. T-shirts are for columnists—stay tuned—not university presidents. Our tithe was a framed shingle that read: DISCIPULI CLASSIS MCMXLIII ANNI OMNES CORNELLENSES PRAESIDI UNIVERSITATIS ET DOCTORI LITTERARUM HONORATO HUNTER RAWLINGS OPERUM LABORUMQUE EIUS MULTORUM CAUSA HOC DIPLOMATE GRATULANTUR.

I could translate it for you, but I'd only be showing off. Actually, the wordsmith is J. Marshall ("Jim") Unger, **Roy Unger's** son, department head of East Asian Studies at Ohio State U. How goes the old maxim: "When in Rome do as the Asians do"?

Saturday afternoon at Goldwin Smith we heard the brilliant Peter Katzenstein, professor of International Studies, speak on "America and a World Disordered." The Harrises then motored down to West State Street for a tour conducted by **Stan Chess '69, JD '72**, of the just-that-week-moved-into *Daily Sun* offices—the stately former Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks building. Vast, handsome premises. All the *Sun* needs now is one potential **E.B. White**, and perhaps a **Kurt Vonnegut** seedling. (Aside: I had lunch with Kurt the other week. Talking the state of the world, I asked, "Where did we get this arrogant SOB?" Kurt said, "Yale.")

Saturday night, dinner-dance at Statler. Sat with cohort **Edy Newman** Weinberger, her equally vivacious daughter **Jane Weinberger Lapple '69**, and Liz and **Mike Linz**, proud that grandson Mike Schubert, younger brother of **Dan '99**, was to enter Cornell this fall. **Betsy Small** Schrader would like us to share her pride in grandchildren **Robbins '03** and **Corbin '04**. For other current legacies, dig up your July/August issue of this magazine.

Statler food—rack of lamb—excellent. Band superb. We danced to tunes of the '30s and '40s; were outdanced by **Bob Larson** and trophy daughter **Jane '83**. No twist music; no performance by **Dinty Moore**. Roy mounted podium; recited statistics: 1,703 of us entered in the fall of '39. 1,139 graduated. 436 had died. 601 had mailable addresses. About 100 have gone missing. Roy proposed that class officers be re-elected for another five years. Motion was immediately amended by **Bob Ladd** to hold recompense at present levels for the entire term. No counter-motions from VP **Caroline Norfleet** Church and Secretary **Grace Reinhardt** McQuillan. Cornell Fund rep **Larry Lowenstein** announced new records for a 60th: most donors to Cornell Fund, 32 Tower Club members (\$5,000 or more), and most members of Cayuga Society (remembering alma mater in will). Treasurer

Shig Kondo, having long since survived being drafted into the Japanese army, announced that the class treasury presently stood at ¥4,751,213.

In appreciation of his life sentence as class correspondent, **Miller Harris** accepted an elegant certificate to that effect—pre-translated into English—and a non-designer-label T-shirt reading: "I spent 14 months on the Compendium and all I got was this effing T-shirt."

At Sunday morning's Q&D get-away breakfast, '43 was represented by **Craig Allen, Jes Dall, Bill Dickhart, Wayne Evans, MS '48, Phil Gibson, Steve Hawley, Sam Hunter, Bob Ladd, Dinty Moore, Bob Roshirt, Wally Seeley, and Jarl Swanson**, each of whom delivered a capsule review of his life, and why he was tapped for Q&D, not to mention yours truly, who read a letter he'd received freshman year from his father: "Dear Miller, Here's the ten dollars you asked for. By the way, ten is spelled with one zero." ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 From across the USA—California, Arizona, Illinois, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ithaca—come reports of classmates happily settling into CCCs (continuing care communities). **Richard and Ruth Leonard Claassen** say that after a year at Sprinkle Village, Santa Rosa, CA, they feel it exceeds their expectations. "We liken it to campus living at a small college." They have found interesting residents, stimulating activities, and a caring environment. (Ed. note: The Rundells, after seven years at Falcons Landing, echo those words. We moved 15 miles from McLean, so enjoy the best of both worlds.) **George and Jean Zenner Kaelber** made the wrenching move to La Posada in Green Valley, AZ, after 47 years in Texas. They decided it was "time to get smart and face possibilities," hence jettisoned tons of junque accumulated during 59 years of marriage and six homes, each larger than the last. Salvation Army was their salvation. **Ruth Caplan Brunton** writes from Tempe, AZ, "We're having an active retirement—life care, pre-heaven." Does that cryptic remark mean they're in a CCC?

After 53 years in Western Springs, IL, the **Vic Denslows** moved to a CCC in Lombard, IL. "Love it! Busy with committees and activities and the computer." **John, BCE '48**, and **Helen Flynn Bishop '39** are very pleased with their three-bedroom apartment in Indian River Estates at Vero Beach, FL. Helen has a health problem, but John's fine, though not traveling anymore: "Haven't been north for three years." **Carl Search** writes, "Moved to a retirement village while we are still able to enjoy some sailing." They're on the Patuxent River at Chesapeake Bay in Solomons, MD, and enjoying the company of Bruce Wilkens, a retired Cornell professor, and wife Sandy. **Alex and Pat Smith Cadman '46** dwell in a retirement village in Allison Park, PA. **Fay and Phyllis Dittman McClelland '43** have lived happily in Twining Village in Holland, PA, for more than seven years. They don't get to reunions but don't forget alma mater—

lots of pictures in the apartment to remind. Phyllis says, "There's no sense going if I can't climb the Tower and ring the bells." **Robert Garmezny** announces his title of treasurer of the Residents Assn. at Kendal at Ithaca (CCC).

It's August and new news is arriving. To catch up, here are some older items. Mary and **Charles De Bare**, JD '49, spend summers and "all good weather" down at the Jersey Shore, where they hold open house for ten grandchildren and families. Charles was back on the tennis court (doubles only) and golf course after another hip replacement. **Rose Matt** thanks the **Kestens** and **NR** for our efforts and warns us to be careful where we travel. **Andy Capi**, MD '46, and wife Sherrill have a summer home in Portugal, where they enjoy the wonderful weather for two months each year. He still plays tennis three times a week, but "the knees do complain." **Priscilla Young** Waltz's family of 17 (eight grands) had a reunion last February to celebrate eldest grandson's receiving his Eagle Scout badge. Then in June, Priscilla went to Maine for her annual fly fishing and sketching. She is still painting and showing her watercolors.

Sherman Burling reported a European trip that included a week in London, a twelve-day cruise from Southampton to Hamburg, and two weeks with daughter, husband, and baby granddaughter. After her husband died, **Kathleen Pierce** Putnam of McGraw, NY, and her three daughters went to Germany to visit a granddaughter and first great-grand. **Mildred Kasper** Lillis enjoyed the spectacular scenery as she cruised Alaska, but was "a bit let down that we seem to have more wildlife in the Jersey boondocks (deer, bear, foxes, etc.)."

John Lesure says, "We continue to find our Florida (Altamonte Springs) cocoon all the world we need." They look forward to frequent visits from children; their travels are by telephone, even to Alaska. **Forris** "Jim" **Chick** and **Lynn** are delighted to be back in their Connecticut home from which they take frequent trips to Maine. To celebrate his 80th, their children treated them to six nights on Waikiki Beach and a seven-night cruise on the Norwegian *Star*. **Virginia MacArthur** Claggett wrote a long letter describing a trip with her son and two grandsons to West Point for a WP-AF football game last November. What changes 60 years had made—security checks at many points, junk food stands galore, cadets, male and female, dressed in fatigues instead of Academy uniforms, several fly-overs of helicopters with six parachutists floating to mid-field—a day to remember! Because the family landed at the dock they didn't pass through the beautiful main gate, a million dollar miniature chapel given by the Class of '43 for their 50th Reunion. **Bud Rundell**, husband of your scribe, is a member of that class and a worker for the gate. We were there for the 60th Reunion in May—four rainy days, but the sun shone on the Regimental Parade led by the old grads.

Art and **Dotty Kay Kesten** visited **Maryanne Pfeifle** in Maine in July, and after football season they settled down to all the work for the Big 60th Reunion, June 10-13, '04. Write it

down! Y'all come! Happy Holidays and all the best in '04. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski Rundell**, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

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We are now so formal that we have a Class Constitution! The Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) voted to require all classes to adopt one; I'm not sure what authority it has to tell our class what to do, but it's probably easier to go along and won't hurt. It really doesn't change anything that we have been doing anyway. It does put three-term (15 consecutive years) limits on the elected officers, which pleases me, as I will be constitutionally barred from taking on the Class Correspondent's job again. I've tried to help after relieving the late and much-lamented **Eleanor Dickie** Richardson in June 1991 and, although it's been a bit of fun, my immortal prose is becoming time-worn and it's time someone else lived things up. Come our 60th in 2005 (not all that far away!) we will find a suitable wordsmith. If you're willing to give it a go, please so advise me.

It's been eight years since we last had a report from **Marion (Scott)**, who's married to my sixth cousin, **John P. Cushing** '47, MBA '49. He was born and raised in Massachusetts and served in the Marine Corps. They have lived in various areas such as Swarthmore, PA, but are now in Queensbury, NY, near Glens Falls, where John has a consulting business. Scotty's latest summary proudly informs us that all four of their sons attended Cornell's College of Engineering: **Jack** '72 played on the '71 football team, worked on the Alaska pipeline for five years and now has his own civil engineering company in Homer, AK; **Steven** '76, who received his MS in civil engineering in '79, now lives back in Swarthmore; **William** spent four years in the Air Force, received his Cornell master's in electrical engineering in '77, and is an electronics executive in Manlius, NY; **Scott** '88 (Ithaca) spent 2-1/2 years at Cornell, followed his dad into the Marines, and received an electrical engineering degree from RPI. It's good to have accomplished relatives, even though distant ones!

An excellent e-mail report from **Muriel (Lewis)** and **Jerome Entin** (Monroe Township, NJ) is best reported verbatim: "This spring I added a new word to my vocabulary, CABG, pronounced 'cabbage'. It stands for Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting. I joined the over 300,000 people who will have the operation this year. Hope to get back to tennis and golf in the next few months. Still leading the personal computer club in our adult community. We are dedicated to helping seniors become computer-literate, to learn word processing, database, and spreadsheet use, as well as becoming familiar with the Internet and e-mail protocols. We help with setting up a computer, getting a printer connected, or signing up for e-mail service. Will visit Denver shortly to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of son **Howard Entin** '72 and wife **Renee (Yormark)** '74. Their oldest daughter, Kerri, is a senior at Dartmouth; other grandchildren are finishing high school and will be off

to U. of Colorado and Virginia Tech." Jerry doesn't say what high school, but it's probably not Broomfield, since that's on the other side of Denver from Greenwood Village, where they live. If it were, they might have been helped by the guidance counselor at Broomfield, Greg McDonald, fourth son of **Joseph McDonald** (Boynton Beach, FL). Joe's older daughter Laura married last year and lives in Harvard, MA; the younger, Linda, is a designer at Boston Aquarium, living in Concord with her husband and two children. Elder son Tim is in Grand Rapids, MI, with his wife and four children, struggling with being an unemployed computer programmer. Joe and Mary have tripped to Massachusetts twice recently. Joe keeps busy on the Board of the Country Club community where they live and is treasurer of the local PAC. Also from Florida, we hear that **Madelaine (Ring)** and **Donald Kent** '42, MD '45 (Palm Beach Gardens) have a married grandson, Jason, and granddaughter, child of **Alison Kent** Bermant '70 (East Norwich, NY).

Grandchildren's graduations, college, and military activities keep **Gertrude (Durfie)** and **Norman Allen** '44 (Schaghticoke, NY) busy. Three are in the Ag college: **Ross** '03, **Robin** '04, and **Travis** '06. Durf says she keeps the home fires burning and that's enough. **Charlotte Madison** Devers (Tucson, AZ), on the other hand, did her mini-reunions by spending several days in Rochester last year with **Jean Van-Graafeiland** Schading on her way to Lake Champlain, where she had a delightful luncheon with **Bob Wallace**, MD '47 (New Hartford, NY). Sherry again returned to her second childhood home, Bermuda, which she found greatly changed since her youth there. Amen! Prices are outrageous, as we found in our annual sojourn. My time visiting there only goes back 52 years, but we still love it.

Lastly, responses to the notion of publishing a book of reminiscences have been less than overwhelming, so those who would have had to do all the hard work have relegated the plan to the dustbin of good but impractical ideas. Nevertheless, merely from the responses related above, it is obvious that we have plenty of literary talent available to take charge and march off in accordance with the first paragraph, so get with it! ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Atlantic Shores, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, CescoVA@aol.com. Our class Home Page: <http://hometown.aol.com/CescoVA/CU1945.html>.

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Phil '47, MEE '48, and I were fortunate to attend the Kennedy grandchildren's graduation from high school and Ohio State. One day, we decided to travel 1-1/2 hours to Westerville, OH, to visit **Janet Curtin** Horning. Janet and I met in 1942 as freshmen on the third floor of Risley Hall. Would you believe that we spent an afternoon reminiscing about those early days! We were lucky to have arrived shortly after the arrival of the Sigma Kappa Round Robin. I believe this letter has been circulating for about 50 years and now takes 17 months to make the full circle. Four classmates still write from Ithaca:

Louise "Weezie" **Greene Richards**, PhD '65, **Marion** "Moley" **Moulton McPheeters**, **Carolyn Usher Franklin**, and **Nancy Stephenson Bond** '45. Living in Binghamton is **Rayma Carter Wilson**, **Rosemary Blais** Cashin is in Cohoes, NY, **Dorothy** "Dottie" **Tinker Powell**, MD '50, writes from Vestal, **Louise** "Lou" **Carmody Wiley** spends her time in Naples, and **Beatrice** "Bea" **O'Brien** Contant calls Waterloo home. Out-of-state in Worcester, PA, is **Gabrielle** "Gaby" **Landt Baumgartner**; Lexington, KY, claims **Joan** "Polly" **Rider**, MD '50; and furthest away in San Rafael, CA, is **Jane Wendling Wood**. Others who lived in Risley were Moley, Rosemary, Dottie, Lou, and Bea.

Some years Rayma and Weezie visit Janet in Naples, FL, during the winter. Weezie was class president for five years and was employed by the US government living in Potomac, MD, until she returned to her beloved Ithaca where she'd gotten her advanced degrees. Carolyn married **Ben Franklin** '50, JD '52, and they live at Kendal. Moley and husband Donald also live there. They served as guides at Sage College for our 55th Reunion. Rosemary won a prize at our 50th for having the most children—nine!—which she raised alone after her husband's early death. Lou has been fighting MS for many years, but is still cheerful and has gotten to several reunions because Ken brought her (I am sorry to report his death since we saw Janet). I remember Gaby told us about her paintings a few years ago and I believe Polly was involved in the horse racing business in Kentucky. Dottie and her husband attended the mini-reunion at the Philadelphia home of **Phyllis Stapley Tud-denham** in 1996. Jane is married to classmate **Alfred Wood**. Unfortunately, I didn't have time to read all the notes or I'd still be there—some really wrote a small book. But I *do* remember a few things from 1942 and on. If you have any changes to make, WRITE (what a sneaky way to get news).

How wonderful to answer the phone and hear a '46 voice. In July, **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith** called. The family dedicated a bench at The Plantations in memory of husband **Karl** '47, on Sept. 16, '03. Speakers included **Don Rakow**, PhD '87, **Ray Fox** '47, PhD '56, and several family members. Son **Michael** '72 is taking his son to Syracuse as a freshman. Marianne was also excited because grandson **Adam Goldsmith** matriculated at Cornell this fall. His parents are **Amira Elkdosi** '76 and **Jonathan** "Jody" **Goldsmith** '77. Hearing from you is one of the reasons I LOVE this job! ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607; tel., (610) 777-4938.

Earlier, I promised that at an opportune time I would write about CyberTower. At our mid-August deadline, the opportune time arrived. At the summer doldrums, news from classmates is scarce.

CyberTower's Internet address is <http://cybertower.cornell.edu>. It is divided into three areas: "Study Rooms," "Forums," and "Views and Reviews." Presentations in all three areas are made in streamed video, which resemble TV

interviews or lectures. After enrolling, you can contact the presentation of your choice, at your convenience, and send questions or comments via e-mail. For a listing of topics, see the CyberTower ad in this and prior issues of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

I chose to log on to the "Forum" area, where Professor **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, was interviewing Cornell's new president **Jeffrey Lehman** '77. My reception of the material was not too good, but I suspect my problems were caused by my use of a telephone modem. Later, I used a friend's computer and his cable connection to the Internet. The reception there was excellent. I would guess that a DSL connection would yield similar excellent results. I will revisit the site with my modem and report back to you if I am able to improve my results.

The interview with President Lehman was both informative and amusing. Lehman is our first alumnus president. His father, **Leonard** '49, is also an alumnus, and younger than we are. His son **Jacob** '06 has continued in the Cornell tradition, having completed his freshman year this past spring.

As a freshman and sophomore at Cornell, Lehman played on an intercollegiate championship team at the game of Monopoly. At Dell Paperbacks' request, he and **Jay Walker** '77, later the founder of Priceline.com, co-authored *1,000 Ways to Win Monopoly Games*. Thirty years later, it is still the classic in the field for serious Monopoly players. Asked which properties were best to own, he immediately advised Boardwalk, Park Place, and the orange properties. Of all of President Lehman's writings, the Monopoly treatise remains far and away the best seller.

The interview relates Lehman's progression from a *magna cum laude* graduate of Michigan Law School to law clerk. He worked in the field for four years before returning to teach at Michigan Law School, became dean, and played an important role in designing the Law School's admissions policy. He outlines some of his preliminary plans for Cornell and invites e-mails from Cornell's family on what Cornell's priorities should be. The details are fascinating and

pblevine@juno.com. Class website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1946/.

47 When I started the column a year ago, I intended not to repeat names, but despite this plan, **Barlow Ware's** name insists on being repeated. His great big news is that he was honored by the Dept. of Athletics and Physical Education as a "Special Category" Inductee into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The Banquet and Induction Ceremony was held on October 3 at the Statler Hotel Grand Ballroom. A really big event! Congratulations, Barlow!

Barlow offers more news: In the summer he saw **Marvin Wedeen** at the home of **John** and **Helen Allmuth Ayer**. Marvin was on campus for an Adult University (CAU) program, accompanied by his fiancée, Dot George, with a fall wedding planned. Best wishes to you both, Marv! Barlow also reports that **Jim Vlock**, MBA '48, has contributed a beautiful 15-foot, multi-layered granite and limestone bench in memory of his wife, **Laurel (Fox)** '48. It's on the top of Libe Slope behind McGraw Hall close to the sidewalk, and the inscription reads: *Cornell was a place and time that changed our lives. May it be for others as it was for us.*

Pete and **Elaine Schwarz** were about to leave for a trip to Finland, Sweden, and Russia as I was working on this column. Elaine took time out from her preparations to help.

I have had delightful phone visits with fellow Cornell Rochesterians **Joy Gulling Beale** and husband **Bill** '46. I learned that, sadly, like so many of us, they are each contending with health problems, but they sounded upbeat and were a pleasure to talk with. Joy swims three times a week and they both volunteer at their church. Among the many topics we shared was the fact that we both go to the same Cornell veterinarian, **Robert Pulver**, DVM '65.

Char Bullis Pickett reports: "Spent two weeks in June in Ireland on the Ring of Kerry with some Florida friends. Came north for the summer and met my old friend **Mary Balph Dusch** '48 in the Adirondacks. Then I went up

'George and Jean Zenner Kaelber jettisoned tons of junk accumulated during 59 years of marriage and six homes.'

NANCY TORLINSKI RUNDELL '44

the interviewee most persuasive. I recommend logging on and viewing the interview if you have cable or DSL access. If anyone gets good reception with a modem connection, please advise me how you accomplished it.

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to visit my son in Burlington, VT. I'm off to Ithaca to visit **Jean Gallagher Welch** '46 and see my daughter Beth, who has a business located in Dryden. Beth makes and sells all the nets and materials used to band birds. She deals with every country in the world, including the Ornithology department at Cornell and the Audubon Society." Char adds she is sticking around (in the north?) to attend her "sixth 10th reunion from high school in September."

A note has come from **Ralph Work '43, MS '49**, telling us that his wife, classmate **Eleanor (Smith)**, is in a nursing home. He says, "We are sorry she missed reunion and class gatherings in Rutland, VT." He writes, "It was fun to follow the hockey champs."

When **Adrina Casparian** Kayaian, a Flushing, NY, resident, realized she would be at a convention in Chicago, she got in touch with classmate **Elsie Hendrickson** Becker, who lives in Urbana, IL. Elsie wrote back that she would be in Sea Cliff on Long Island and they arranged to meet for a lovely lunch at Elsie's home with her granddaughter and daughter Esther. Adrina and Elsie had kept in touch, but had not seen each other since "the good old days at Cornell."

David Barr, MD '50, is retired and studying piano. He can be reached at: dbarrmd@msn.com. **Jack and Naomi Strumer Samkoff** say, "Nothing new this year." E-mail them at njsamkoff@msn.com. **Elaine Baker** Temkin met with **Natalie Mann** Rosenstock a few months ago, and she often talks by phone with **Marjorie Maxwell** Glantz. Elaine and husband David (e-mail: Temkinde@gis.net) are parents of **Betsy '77** (and Stanford law), and Nancy (U. of Rochester '73; Wharton MBA). They have four grandchildren and are retired. Elaine paints watercolors. **Patricia Merkley** Hardy and husband Charles retired recently and moved to Florida. Twelve class members attended the 55th Nursing School Reunion at Cornell Med Center in NYC in May 2002. They just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in May. Between them they have seven children, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Manders Smith received an MA in Creative Writing from Manhattanville College in May 2003 (congratulations!). She volunteers at Weill Cornell Medical Center in NYC, and a psychiatric hospital in White Plains, where she offers the patients a creative writing class. Marjorie says the participants find it truly therapeutic, and the writing they produce is amazing. She and husband **Murray '49** have four children but

Brown '49, husband of our **Muriel "Mike" (Welch)**, on September 4. Dick was a wonderful friend of our class and its members, and of Cornell and its Hotel school. We offer heartfelt condolences to Mike, their sons, and their families.

I had a lot of help with this column. I thank my granddaughter Jenny Blaine for helping with setting up and typing, Elaine Schwarz for helping with thinking and typing, Barlow for feeding me news and for his solicitous phone calls, the good persons who sent me news by mail, Adrina Kayaian, Char Pickett, **Lois Meek, MA '48**, and Ralph Work, and particularly Adele Robinette, my class column editor, for her patience and understanding. Send news to ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; email, arlie47@aol.com.

48 Leonard Marsak, PhD '57, Santa Barbara, CA: "My most pressing problem is Washington politics.

Note the rascals out. Have recently discovered there are *no* grown-ups. The meaning of life is to share in creation. Where are the snows of yesteryear?" **Eugene Littman**, Newburgh, NY: "President and owner of USA Illumination Inc. and regional member of Key Bank. I was president of LIGHTRON of Cornwall Inc., which I sold to a NASDAQ company, LSI. I took over daily management of USA Illumination, most of whose stock I owned for many years. I hope to increase the size of USA Illumination to equal LIGHTRON, the company I sold, which I had started soon after graduating from Cornell. I plan to beep busy for ten more years running a lighting company, which I have enjoyed doing for the last 50 years. Three of our children have been occupied running lighting companies all of their working lives, two in Newburgh, and one in the City of Industry, CA. I was an active board of directors member at Cornwall Hospital for 32 years, and a hospital officer for several years. It recently merged and is now known as Cornwall Campus of the St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. They are building new emergency centers at both

Cornell, which is where I 'peaked.' I plan to become a world class gymnast or an opera singer—can't decide which. Have discovered that every year traffic moves more slowly and that *you* have to supply the meaning of life!"

Roger Amorosi, MEE '50, Locust Grove, VA: "Had 17-day sojourn in the hospital for triple bypass and an ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator). Recovering slowly and no tennis yet." (Roger, now's the time for golf!) **Sally McGowan** Rice, Wolfeboro, NH: "Present day job is staying alive until dead, so I'm training for hospice volunteer work. Older sister Eleanor Byrne had two shows of her paintings in Columbia, SC. My most pressing problem is accepting my powerlessness to live my children's lives for them, and my powerlessness over wrinkles. The solution is to 'Let go and let God,' as I am told. The world's problem is achieving peace. I don't know the solution. Time is running out and I better make the best of what's left. Appreciate and use what we have. Appreciate, love, and visit friends and family."

Richard Peelle, Corning, NY: "Consulting with Corning Inc. on batch plant design. Building clocks for children and grandchildren. Clay bird shooting with shotgun, workshop activities, updating computer files. Took 8,000-mile trip with Rosemary across US via Iowa, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, and Florida, where some of our children/grandchildren live, using fifth wheel trailer. Met **Jack Honor's** spouse Helene and her daughter at local Red Lobster for dinner. Had fine time reminiscing. World's problem today is 'too many people,' which causes all the other problems. Solution: members of the press should wake up! More publicity regarding magnitude of the problem. Most recent discovery: contributions of Leonhard Euler to the subjects of mathematics, geometry, and science. LIFE is love, activity, zest!"

Joyce Goldstein Kahn, Palm Beach, FL: "Retired. Charity work, golf, and bridge. Grandson at Brandeis. Granddaughter eighth grade valedictorian and now in Pinecrest High School." **Charlie Elbert**, Clifton, NJ: "Retired, managing two family trusts, trying to keep current with estate tax laws, cutting grass, plumbing, electrical work, and painting. Read a lot: history of technology, antique radio, development of radar, and various legal novels. Took tour through upper Michigan peninsula—very interesting Revolutionary War history. Still practicing as judge of extended belly dancing contest. Family all doing well. Daughter Dianne awarded master's in nursing. Daughter Nancy acquired new home in Cumberland, ME. A rich friend has noted that money cannot buy true friendship, but does provide a better quality of enemy." **Madeleine Miller** Bennett, NYC: "Still a docent at Whitney Museum of American Art. Spend summer weekends in Southampton on Long Island. Traveled to Alaska in August with husband Jay and granddaughter Lily. Planning cruise ship tour—Rio to Amazon, Caribbean, and Fort Lauderdale."

Don Weisinger, Oceanside, CA: "Present day job is mowing the lawn. After hours I golf (Senior Olympics—I'm no Tiger Woods), travel

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He slowed down at 105. Now that's
an example to follow.'

DON WEISINGER '48

no grandchildren. With son David married in September, though, they have hope. They see **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain and **Betty Buschsbaum** Weinstein '48, attend alumni lectures, Broadway plays, and concerts, and visit the great museums in New York City. They go to Saratoga in August for the horse races, and in the winter visit daughter Hillary in West Palm, FL. They also visit their son at his farm in Denver, NY. With Murray still working, it sounds like a busy and fulfilling life (e-mail: HRS1Westchestergov.com).

We have just learned of the death of **Dick**

Newburgh and Cornwall and are honoring me by naming the one in Cornwall as the Littman Center for Emergency Medicine. I'm very proud of this!"

Dr. **Irving Wiswall, DVM '54**, formerly of Lukeville, AZ, is now retired and living in Granada, Nicaragua. He's a foremost benefactor of Cornell. **Ed Meyer**, NYC: "Chairman and CEO, Grey Global Group (advertising and marketing communications). Last year I was trying to learn to play golf. More recently I went back to tennis. I would rather be playing jazz piano like I did at

(great way to spend money), and play bridge (can't remember if eight of hearts was played!). Doing this yesterday, today, and tomorrow. I married Debra after being a longtime widower. It's great and I'm real happy! It took a lot of nerve at my age. It was worth it. My most pressing problem is the stock market and staying healthy. Solution: get the hell out of the stock market, and take all pills needed to keep me going. World's problem is terrorists, politicians, lawyers, stock brokers, company presidents, etc. I'm not as smart as I thought. Short term memory stinks! Screw up a bridge hand once in a while. But I'm still game. Life is like a fountain, whatever that means. I'm glad there are still more than 1,100 classmates alive and kicking. Let's keep it going for a long, long, time. My father recently died at 108 years old! He slowed down at 105. Now that's an example to follow."

♦ **Bob Persons**, Class Curmudgeon, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; Phone AND Fax (516) 767-1776.

49 Thanks for all your news. Forty-nine is mighty fine! New homes: **George** and Jane Louise **Tuttle** sold their home after 32 years and moved south to be near their daughter and son-in-law. "Hard to hire good help to keep four acres in top condition." New address: 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215. Bud and **Barbara Kurtz** Crouch moved to 10264 Idle Pine Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 after 39 years in Oak Brook, IL. They visited **Marcia Fesenden** Helbig in Connecticut last January.

Lots of travelers among us. **Herman** and Noreen **Harrow** wrote, "Spent part of the past year visiting areas the US disapproves of: Cuba for three weeks with a Stanford group—Cubans love us and music is great; Iran for three weeks with Asian Art Society—surprisingly, Iranians love and imitate America; Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand for four weeks—very forgiving people, but the countries are poor and struggling." Unusual but interesting destinations. **Severn Joyce** says, "We recently took a fascinating Mississippi River cruise on the *Delta Queen*—covered everything from the Civil War battlefields to colonial mansions. New Orleans bustling with jazz at every corner." **John Purdy** is enjoying retirement and traveling. **Bob Biggane** toured Ireland, his native land, covering as many pubs as possible and sampling several brands of the "Holy Water." **Wayne Brougham**, who retired in '76, plays table tennis and travels.

Some of us are still working full or part-time. **Harold P. Blum** enjoys his work as a psychoanalyst and psychiatrist with teaching and research, and recently chaired conferences in Europe and Canada. He is executive director of the Freud Archives, Library of Congress, and clinical professor at New York U. His wife is **Elsa (Fienberg) '52**. **J. Merlyn Bilhorn**, after a career in electrochemical engineering with 39 patents (including nickel batteries used in his electric hybrid auto) and simultaneously pastoring several Congregational churches, serves as CEO of a greenhouse manufacturing company and fills pulpits part-time. He plays golf and tennis, sup-

ports engineering scholarship programs, and has five kids, 21 grandkids, and one great-grandkid, with three sets of identical twins in the mix! Says life is great and God is good. **James Davenport** is still running his own business, Patent & Trademark Searches Inc. He managed to visit Australia last year and New Zealand this year.

Dr. **Alvin Bodenstein** commutes from Boynton Beach, FL, to New Jersey two days every other week to practice dentistry with his son. **William Feinberg** is still practicing law with time for his family, charitable and environmental organizations, fishing, and outdoor writing. Hopes that someday we'll see honesty and integrity in our politicians. "Perhaps we should create an all-Cornell political party!" **Don Feiman**, after retirement, started a new career in commercial real estate. He recently acquired his fifth and sixth properties. He feels that because of fraud in corporate governance and conflict of interest in the securities industry, we should control our own destiny and divest ourselves of stocks and bonds. Rebuttal, anyone!

The Rev. **Will Porter** is in his 54th year of pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church and celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary last February. **Marilyn Gruenberg** Luebeck and husband Alvin celebrated their 50th by taking their adult children on a cruise. She subs at Bloomfield Township schools and is active on her condo board and in a retirement group. Otherwise she pretends to be much younger! **Kathleen Wizeman** Lewis celebrated her 50th with their growing family, but found she couldn't quite fit into her wedding dress! Now living at 882 Branford Rd., Troy, OH 45373.

Sadly, many of us have lost loved ones. June **Warren** wrote in to say her dear husband **Alfred** died Sept. 13, '02. They were married in 1948 and lived on East Lake Rd. his senior year. Al was proud to be a Cornellian and always wore his class ring. **Marilyn Harwick** reported that husband **Richard** died suddenly Feb. 25, '02. **Anne (Sue) Sheary** Bieter lost her husband in September 2002. She lives in Sun City West, AZ, and feels fortunate that there are so many congenial, caring widows there. **Nathan Ehrlich** lost wife Sylvia this year after 51 happy years. After the death of his wife, **Bob Johns** moved to an active retirement community at the base of 11,000-foot Mt. San Antonio in Pomona, CA. "Surrounded by golf courses and with fine entertainment available, it's a great place to live. Have made many friends. Call if in the vicinity." **Jack O'Brien** says, "Vero Beach, FL, is great—lots of activities. Can be as busy as you like. Plenty of tennis, volunteering at the local hospital, plus beach time does it for me. Three fine sons and four grandchildren. The single life requires some adjustments, but it ain't all bad!" How true!

Eunice Frohman Shatzman and Herbert have been collecting Chinese antiquities for more than 20 years. The Herbert Johnson Museum displayed "Dark Jewels," Chinese black and brown ceramics from their collection, March 29-June 8, '03. The museum plans to display their collection of Chinese greenware at the time of our 55th Reunion. Come and see it, renew friendships, make new ones, explore the

campus, eat, drink, and be merry! Happy Holidays. ♦ **Mary Heisler** Allison, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

50 **Lloyd Hayner '52** noted an error in the Jul/Aug column. He and wife Evelyn socialize frequently with **Charles Deakyn** and wife Jane of Severna Park, MD, but I had the Hayners living in Elizabeth City not Ellicott City, MD. As Lloyd pointed out, Elizabeth City is a couple of states to the south. "We are quite proud of our town and its unique history. Ellicott City has the oldest railroad station in the country." He invites Cornellians to "visit our fair town and enjoy getting acquainted with the 'Land of Pleasant Living.'"

Arthur Chadbourne, New Hartford, NY, is retired from General Electric and the Oneida National Bank and Trust. A short note from our President, **Ralph "Cooly" Williams**, MD '54, Santa Fe, NM: "Things here in Santa Fe are going quite well. We occasionally see **Glenn**, MBA '51, and **Patti Ferguson**, who several years ago saw the light and moved from Rhode Island to the 'City Different.'"

David Grinnell of Acworth, NH, sent in an obituary for his longtime friend **John David Lyle**, who died last February. John majored in English and had a long and successful career in journalism working for *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*, the *New York Herald Tribune*, and the Associated Press. After moving to New Hampshire he became a freelance writer, mainly for *Esquire*. His interest in heating with wood led to his writing *The Book of Masonry Stoves*, recognized as the definitive work on the topic. He also sold cast iron wood stoves and consulted with the Finnish stove company, Tuli Kivi. For over 30 years he served the Acworth Volunteer Fire Department with "boundless enthusiasm."

Bob Call, Oakfield, NY, and I grew up on farms only three miles apart but attended different schools. As a kid I swam in the water-filled stone quarry across from his boyhood home. Bob's brother **David '54** became dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, but Bob stayed on the family farm and from several hundred acres expanded it to over 7,000. Bob's My-T-Acres Farm is now operated by the next generation and is recognized as one of the most successful in the US. In his news card Bob reported that he and wife Roberta spent 16 days running the Colorado River on "oar boats" or dories and "didn't flip in any of the rapids." Bob has served on the President's Council. While on campus Bob was a member of the flying club. He still flies his Bonanza. **Walt Bruska**, Shelburne, VT, attended a reunion in Ithaca for members of Cornell's successful football teams of '48-'50. Walt says that he enjoyed meeting teammates and classmates but not the loss to Colgate. He chaired the Cornell Club of Vermont's phonathon and also had a pleasant visit from fraternal brother **Bob (Edward R.) Wood** and wife.

The members of the family of **Phil Davis**, Kerhonkson, NY, had a reunion in Marysville, TN, at the new home of daughter **Margaret**

(Davis) '81 and husband **Andrew Smith** '79. Phil has four children and 26 grandchildren and is understandably proud of his Cornell connections: wife **Mary (Pelton)** '53, who died in 1986; and another daughter **Holly (Davis)** '79, MA IN T '81, and husband **Richard Kinch** '77, PhD '82. Phil spends winters in Florida with his daughter Kathryn and summers helping son Peter on the farm. I had a very pleasant phone talk with Phil. He lamented that it is tough being a dairy farmer when milk prices are lower now than in 1980 and that this may be his last year working on the farm.

Charles Cole, PhD '57, Worthington, OH, is Ohio State U. Emeritus Professor of Natural Resources. He reports that he is still able to enjoy cruises and Elderhostels. Like many of us, he says, "Life keeps me very busy." After 52 years on Long Island, **Herbert**, JD '50, and **Ruth Simon Feinberg**, East Norwich, NY, will be leaving for a 55-plus community in Monroe, NJ. Their two daughters "will be within 45 minutes of us, Nancy in Hainesport, NJ, and Susan in Yardley, PA. But our winters will be spent in Murrells Inlet, SC." **Edward Diercks** is now living with his oldest daughter, Sue, in Natick, MA. Ed's wife **Helen (Wyse)** died in 1996. He and youngest son Greg operate Diercks Inc., manufacturer's representatives for electric utility equipment in New England. Edward says that deregulation is the cause of many challenges in the electric power business, including a shortage of power, a shortage of electrical engineering graduates, and a loss of experience and knowledge due to early retirements. (Talk about prophetic! I write this on August 15, the day after the blackout that affected 50 million residents of the Northeast!)

In June, Erma and I were visiting our daughter Sally in Madison, WI, and decided to act on a recommendation made in a previous column to visit the headquarters of S.C. Johnson & Son in Racine, WI, for which our own **Sam Johnson** now serves as chairman emeritus. In 1939, Sam's father H. F. Johnson Jr. engaged Frank Lloyd Wright to design a family home and company office. The family home, called Wingspread, is now the home of the Johnson Foundation. The visit to the Johnson company main office is worth the trip to Racine. Soaring and spacious, it is as attractive, peaceful, and functional as it was when new, 65 years ago. Employees still use the comfortable, functional office furniture designed by Wright. Surprisingly, the desks were easily adapted for computer use.

Adjacent to the headquarters building is the Rondelle Theater—a stunning "space ship" suspended above the company's reception office. The structure was moved from Long Island, where it was used for the company's exhibits at the 1939 World's Fair. The theater is now used for presentations to visitors and company clients. Sam's film "A Son's Memoir" (the one he showed to us in draft form at our 50th Reunion) is shown there on Fridays. After a tour of these buildings we tooled over to downtown Racine to the family offices, where we had a pleasant visit with Sam. He gave us a DVD copy

of the film and several booklets that describe the Johnson Company, the Johnson Foundation, and Sam's business philosophy. Now hanging in my office is a framed quote from the latter: "We should worry not about whether we have lived up to the expectations of our fathers, but whether we, as fathers, have lived up to the expectations of our children." You should have a copy of this book, "So Much More Than Wax." Sam will send you one if you write to him at Sam Johnson, Chairman Emeritus, S.C. Johnson & Son, 1525 Howe St., Racine, WI 53403.

A pleasure of this co-correspondent's job is talking by phone with you, my classmates. But the common response of "Paul who?" prompts what follows. I had a Garrison Keillor upbringing on a small farm in upstate New York, and attended a one-room school and a small rural high school. After Navy service I went to Cornell (Ag college), where I was insignificant and invisible. I taught high school agriculture for four years and science for ten, then earned master's degrees from Sewanee and U. of Rochester. At age 36 I went back to U. of R. for a doctorate in biology and science education, then to Drake U. in Des Moines for a rewarding 30-year career in science education: training science teachers, writing curricular materials, and doing research in education and glacial geology. My experience includes being a Fellow of AAAS, Fulbright laureate, visiting scholar in Australia, and traveler and lecturer in 32 countries. Retirement: lots of travel, Kiwanis, Torch Club, Barbershop chorus, town tree board, film and book reviewer for AAAS, doctoral dissertation reviewer, and author of *Science Meets the UFO Enigma*. My wife and I thoroughly enjoy living in Iowa and highly recommend a visit to this surprising state, which is not flat. Yes, Iowa is a biggie in agriculture but also a leader in industry, finance, education, and sensible political thought. And for those who can handle subtlety, scenery you can write home about. Consult us before you come.

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51 Updates from our class officers: **Bill Phillips** says he will remain active on our Class Council, but just not as second VP. **Sally Williamson** Williams, president, says **Jane Haskins** Marcham has agreed to take the membership VP job.

Robert Shope, MD '54, Galveston, TX, continues to teach medical and graduate students at the U. of Texas Medical Branch, and is doing research in biodefense. He consults for the Center for Disease Control and the Dept. of Defense on the smallpox vaccine. **William Grevelding**, Paw Paw, MI, reports that the Paw Paw Assembly 0522 4th degree Knights of Columbus raised money for the families of the fallen firemen of the 9/11 terror event by hosting a dinner for the Paw Paw Fire Department. As Faithful Navigator at the time, he applied for and won one of the three "To Be a Patriot" awards, which is now proudly exhibited in the council chambers.

Richard McGonigal, Cmdr. US Navy, Ret., died Feb. 8, '03 in Ithaca, NY. At Cornell he was a member of the 150-lb. crew and president of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He was awarded the Bronze Star, The Legion of Merit with Combat V, and the Vietnamese Honor Medal for his service in Vietnam.

Charles Busch, PhD '60, is farming pine trees on 173 acres near Lafayette, AL, and reports that, by the time you read this, he'll have celebrated his 50th anniversary with wife **Ruth (Chipman)** '53. **Helene Cohn** Friedman, Rochester, NY, writes on her way to the graduation of her 46-year-old son from U. of Penn.'s veterinary medical school. She says it's "never too late." Summer 2002 would have been her 50th anniversary, which she celebrated by taking children, spouses, and grandchildren on a cruise to Alaska, where she and Bernie loved to visit.

Albert and Judi Glassenberg traveled up the Amazon River in May. While in New London, CT, Albert volunteers as a wheelchair pusher at the local hospital. He reports the passing of **Robert McLellan**, retired from the US Information Agency, from cancer of the esophagus. **Bill (William H.) McKinnon**, Michigan City, IN, celebrates that he turned 80 last October. His recent memorable experience: "Two young policemen escorted me home—no ticket—locked my car and picked it up the next day." He had been sleeping in his car. He has retired as a senior quality insurance manager.

Bob Gatje, NYC, gave a talk on "Remembering Marcel Breuer" at the Architecture school in March and saw many old friends. He has been working on a second book, "25 Great Public Squares & 10 Others," and has an interested publisher. **Pete Spencer** writes that he and wife **Heidi (Heidingsfeld)**, GR '51-52, stayed with **Kirby and Carol Smith** in Fort Myers, and **Ev and Rita Seidenberg** in Stuart on a recent trip to Florida from their home in Cleveland, OH.

Howard and Carrie Baigell Krasnow '50 learned about Cuba's landscapes and legacies with Adult University's (CAU) Maria Cristina Garcia in January 2003. **Marian Fox** Wexler joined a study tour of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with CAU's James Morin and Myra Shulman. **Jim and Pat Gunderson Stocker** '53, Menlo Park, CA, enjoyed a riverboat cruise from Memphis to New Orleans with **Ken** '52 and **Joanne Huntington Tunnell**, MPA '52, and **Dean and Lynn Heidelberger MacEwen** '52. Then dinner in a classic New Orleans setting with **Bill and Carol Lovejoy McNeal** '52. Jim also reports a West Coast Tower Club celebration in April with **Paul and Nancy Francis Jones** '52, with Frank Robinson, Cornell's Johnson Museum director, as guide and speaker. Pat and Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall with **Jim Gibbs** '52 and **Ledger and Dottie Clark** Free '53. Pat remains deeply committed on both coasts with Cornell Plantations and San Francisco's Botanical Gardens.

Jim Ballew, Jackson, NJ, is still active in retail and estate jewelry, but finds time to volunteer on the boards of Central State Hospital and Western Monmouth County YMCA, and as a fund-raiser for the Boy Scouts. He reports as a

memorable experience, "looking for skiers at Killington, VT." Not sure what that means. He and Betty celebrated 50 years of marriage at The Cloisters, Sea Island, with 15 family members. He says he would marry her again tomorrow. Their daughter Sally and her husband did remarry on the Sea Island beach. He reports speaking recently with **Dick Montgomery** at the Delta Phi annual dinner at the University Club, New York City.

James O'Brien, a charter member of the Project Management Institute College of Scheduling, was chairman of PMI in 1974-75 when there were 3,000 members; now there are 100,000. He and wife Rita live in Riverton, NJ. Jim is in the middle of a debate over scheduling—whether current software is capable of keeping schedulers on the critical path. The May 26 issue of *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) has him on the cover as an expert debating the state of Critical Path Method scheduling. The three-page article, plus an editorial, led to seven letters to the editor in the June 23 issue. Donald and **Elizabeth Jones** Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a tour of the Baltic Sea area with two of their sons. **Dot Glover** Grimboll joined them in Macon, GA, for the 50th anniversary.

The '51 Web page, courtesy of Barry Nolin, is www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951. Please send your news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond@ee.net.

52 Pat Thornton Bradt e-mailed news that **Martha Ludwig** Hoch, PhD '56, had been recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. Marty was one of 17 women out of the 72 scientists elected in 2003. She is a biochemist at the U. of Michigan Medical School. Pat added that women still make up only 7.7 percent of the prestigious Academy's membership of 2,015 scientists. This is the highest honor a scientist in the US can achieve, and Marty deserves our heartiest congratulations!

From the mail bag: **Henry Borys** lives in Mukilteo, WA, and celebrates "two or more a month" birthdays and holidays with four "kids," 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Hank travels to Europe and in the States, but his hopes for playing golf are, he says, "trashed; game on the wane." He reads and gardens. **Helen Pellman** Marsh checks in from Vermont. She and spouse Charles Sabukewicz, both retired, are active in church and community. They travel: Arizona, Scotland, and shorter jaunts to Canada. At home they keep active with water sports, art classes, and cultural events. Together they have 12 grandchildren, ages 26 to 6, two high school graduates, and two halfway through college anticipating their junior years abroad in Florence and Oxford.

Donald Parmet, JD '55, Melville, NY, winters in Palm Beach. Daughter **Nancy '85** is married and living in Greenwich, CT. He and wife Rhoda have visited Southeast Asia, Northern and Southern Europe, North Africa, China, Japan, and the Middle East. At home Don is into

golf, photography, computers, and grandchildren excursions. "Reunion was well planned and a blast. Really fun." **Lewis Rubenstein**, BA '56, Schodack Landing, NY, attended our 50th Reunion and traveled to Italy, the Caribbean, and much of the eastern US in 2002. He continues to play his French horn in bands and

Trudy Serby Gildea, Columbus, MS, and her daughter Patty planned to go to Spain last fall with Adult University (CAU). Trudy still has 20 private violin students and performs. She is president of her local Friends of the Library, is on the board of two foundations, and teaches an adult Sunday School class at the Methodist

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orchestras. His wife and he have been busy learning new ballroom dance steps and attending musical events. In the course of their busy life, they have managed to keep in touch with Cornell friends. They added new ones at reunion. He writes, "It is quite clear that even in a year of retirement Cornell adds significant dimension to our life."

Mary Alice Newhall Mathews, MD '56, Newton Center, MA, was diving in New Guinea waters and photographing clown/anemone fish in August '02. "Enjoyed reunion so much. What a great group!" **David Plant**, LLB '57's daughter **Sue '88** was married May 18, '02. She and her husband practice architecture in Boston. Dave "still serves as mediator, arbitrator and teacher. The most enjoyable work I have ever done." He and wife Jeanie live in New London, NH. He wrote from Little Lake Sunapee and sent "cheers to everyone."

Aliza Goldberger Shevrin, Ann Arbor, MI, finds life full of bat mitzvahs and college graduations. She reported all four children happily married, providing seven grandchildren. She and **Howard '51**, PhD '54, have traveled to London, Italy, Sicily, Germany, and New York. Aliza's translation of a book of Sholem Aleichem children's short stories was being reissued. Under leisure, she listed lots of theater, music, museum-going, walking, and family activities. She loved our 50th Reunion. **James Ling**, Ft. Collins, CO, wife Shelly, and daughter Jessie, 8, finally moved into their new home just before he left for the '52 reunion. From the house he looks out on the Rockies and can see Long's Peak at 14,000 feet. He now has six grandchildren. Jim, who still plays the bagpipes, was in demand after 9/11 for memorial ceremonies around town. He was recently elected vice president of the local chapter of the Retired Officers Assn. "P.S.," he writes, "I thought our 50th Reunion was very well run and want to thank the organizers for doing an outstanding job."

Pat Dexter Clark greatly enjoyed the anniversary trip reported on by **Hazel Lowe** Von Rosening in a recent issue, and added that she and Clifford also celebrated a surprise 50th anniversary family party on Martha's Vineyard. They had six grandchildren with them, along with their own three children and spouses. Daughter **Deborah Clark** Davis '78 and son-in-law **Jonathan '77** attended.

Church. She and husband **Ray '46**, a retired U. of Alabama geography professor, have eight grandchildren. When **Jean Thompson** Cooper wrote, she was looking forward to teaching rug hooking in June at U. of Oregon, Eugene. Her rug class was oversubscribed. Our self-described "very happy hooker" has grandchildren from the second year in college to a 2-year-old, with six others in between. In addition to hooking, Jean gardens.

There were many positive comments about our last reunion in the news you sent. If you'd like to think about another get-together, and didn't make it to Homecoming this year, the January Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) meeting in New York is followed by a class dinner at the Cornell Club. Or, if you avoid cold weather, all you Floridians could consider a regional get-together. **Gordon Williams** has volunteered to help organize such efforts. His offer isn't limited to Florida. Reach Gordon at sgwill3830@yahoo.com.

I'm near the end of the mail bag, so write soon. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 Okay, has everyone finished the freshman ('07) reading assignment of *Antigone*?

Former naval person **Ted Bauckman** (West Yarmouth, MA) regretted missing the 50th, but "could not pass up a family day cruise on the guided missile cruiser *Mobile Bay* CG53, just returned from the Persian Gulf, June 7." Oldest son is a Navy captain and younger brother is an Air Force colonel. Speaking of affairs nautical, **E. MacBurney Storm**, JD '60 (Savannah, GA) arrived at Reunion fresh from the annual Conch Republic Cup sailboat race from Key West to Varadero, Cuba, a nine-day adventure, and Mac, was, well, storming. Seems that when the crews sailed home they were met by federales with search warrants, who, we are told, confiscated cameras, charts, and even trophies, accusing the racers of exporting their boats, "even if they merely visited a Cuban port" and returned home. Most of the vessels had carried medical donations for the Cubans (which is okay). Mac urges an end to US bans on travel to and trade with Cuba.

Though happily retired, **Harry Hutton '54** (Long Beach, CA) continues with "a small importing business to keep me occupied and

in deck shoes for sailing up and down the West Coast." Retired 15 years, **Dick Wambach** (Pittsford, NY) and wife **Ann (Stutts)** '54 cruise the Great Lakes on their boat, *Whitecap*, in the summer and divide the winter between Florida and skiing. There are seven grandkids, aged 3-15. "The youngest became a full-hill skier last year. The oldest is a ranked Junior Olympic skier in New England." **Linda Mitchell Davis** (Cimarron, NM) doesn't take many vacations. She's busy with her CS Ranch, along the old Santa Fe Trail, which is celebrating 130 years in the cattle business under the same family ownership. Six grown children and eight grandlings help with the management. Linda's in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. One of the 350 who came back in June, she would have welcomed the reunion rains if they had fallen on her spread—she's been battling a five-year drought.

Retired after 23 years as a New York State Thruway toll collector, **Audrey Bishop** Daefler (Waterloo, NY) goes to NASCAR races and Buffalo Bills football games whenever possible. **Lorraine Putzig Felch** (Lansing, NY) hits the road whenever possible. At home, she stays occupied with gardening, quilting, church activities, and literacy volunteering.

Jack Depew (Dallas, TX) is deep into composing a biography of his dad, **Richard Henry Depew** '13, an aviation pioneer who, at 19, flew gliders off the hill that was to become the site of the Crescent. Sometimes he and his fledgling flier friends took off from Alumni Field with the aid of autos and ropes. Richard became a military test pilot in World War I. Past head of Cornell's Ag and Bioengineering department Prof. Emeritus **Ron Furry**, MS '55, and wife Anne remained in Ithaca, where cutting grass ("mostly green") and shoveling snow rank high among their leisure activities and "the landscaping is continually being carried off the premises by the deer." But they did manage a trip to the Fiji Isles with the Cornell Alumni Federation. First of five grandchildren was to finish col-

get together. And ear plugs." **Lee Beck**, JD '55 (Seaford, NY) is an active attorney and sailor. **Hank Charlap** (Orchard Park, NY) lists leisure activities: ice fishing. The season draws nigh. (They don't ice fish around Buffalo in the summer.)

Summer in Ithaca: **Jane Little Hardy** and **Judy Resnik Chabon** represented '53 among the Lynah Faithful, those dedicated devotees of Big Red hockey, at the alumni game when **Joe Nieuwendyk** '88 of the New Jersey Devils brought this year's Stanley Cup to Ithaca on July 11. Yep. A midsummer night's dream game with flying pucks. Summer in Connecticut: **Clark and Claire Moran Ford** and your correspondent and spouse Hat heard the Rev. **John Twiname's** sermon by the sea, "The Wonder of It All," amid geese, gulls, and egrets on the beach at Westport in July.

Nancy Williams Gorman (St. Petersburg, FL) came to Cornell from Pulaski, NY, so you know the winters are not what they once were. She reflects on the in-between years. In the Fifties and Sixties: "Life of marriage, babies, dabbling in do-gooder causes, started law school. Legacy: Four sons, a little wisdom, and desire to 'rejoin the world.'" In the Seventies and Eighties: "Finished school, finished marriage, kids almost finished me. Practiced do-gooder law and politics. Legacy: Hanging in." In the Nineties and since: "Move to Florida, geriatric courtship, retirement, do-gooder boards. Legacy: Two step-daughters, four grandchildren, cute dog, and a nice life. Moral: If you live long enough, you get a second chance at most everything."

After years of renting a part-time home in Brittany, **Jack Brophy** (New Canaan, CT) has been taking French lessons at Berlitz. French-born spouse Martine presumably didn't say it wouldn't help. Jack is in good enough shape to play a bunch of tennis, and his vocal cords remain up to the challenges his triple quartet presents (once a week). He attributes his excellent health to "my 105-year-old mom," still living in her Pelham, NY, home at last report. Active in the business of replacing obsolete

54 I do hope that among your wishes for the upcoming holiday season and New Year is one that will have you returning to Ithaca June 10-13, 2004 for our 50th Reunion. Your reunion chairs and committee are hard at work planning a great party. Assured activities so far are: Cayuga Lake Kickoff Cruise Thursday evening, golf and tennis tournaments during the day Thursday, and a panel discussion led by Frank Rhodes Friday morning. Barbecue and banquet locations to be announced.

Charles "Chick" Trayford, MBA '60, is hard at work on our directory, verifying your mailing addresses and your e-mail addresses, and searching for missing class members. Those among the lost will be listed on our website, the address of which can be found at the end of each column. Corrections, additions, and other information can be sent directly to Chick at: chick@netmeg.net.

Peter Eisenman, BArch '55, was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Artist Award for 2002 by the Committee on the Arts and Cornell Council for the Arts this past March. A full account of the program and Peter's projects can be found on the *Cornell Chronicle's* Mar. 20, '03 website. **Gerald Balcar** is CEO of Olin Frederick Inc., a publishing company whose purpose is to challenge the American political establishment to define the truths of issues, face them, and create meaningful dialogue and debate. Their main concern is health care, having already published *As Sick As It Gets: The Reality of American Healthcare*. They plan to have subsequent editions that will further explore the crisis, the causes, and suggested cures. Gerry plans on being back for our 50th Reunion, having missed most of our preceding ones.

Barbara Jones Jenkins writes from Northfield, MN, that she lost her husband **Owen, PhD '54**, to lung cancer last year after 48 years of marriage. She presently works at Carleton College as an administrative assistant in the math and computer science department. Barb says it is a standing joke that she "doesn't speak math" but can typeset it at flank speed and is their arbitrator in questions of grammar. Away from Northfield she visits her four far-flung children. **A. Dale Button** wrote he was still working part-time as a consultant with Animal Analysis Associates. Not knowing exactly what that might entail, I asked. Dale said they offer a service to dairy farms in which they analyze the physical characteristics of the animals and help the dairyman select bulls with the aim of improving functionality, longevity, milk production, calving ease, and several economically important traits. Developed in the Fifties, it is estimated this dating service claims over a million satisfied customers a year. Dale and his wife have nine offspring, four of which are Cornell graduates. Dale says all are producing well.

Robert and Carol Rodler plan to celebrate their 50th anniversary with a mass and renewal of their marriage vows before flying off to Australia and New Zealand for a three-week adventure. They plan on returning for our 50th after their 50th. **Larry** and **Ilene Cohen** have been in

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lege last spring. The Internet? "It should have been invented sooner."

Former 3M tape engineer **Rex Finley** (Sun Lakes, AZ) does selective consulting and wide-ranging skiing—at least a million vertical feet a year, he says—on four continents. Employment lawyer and arbitrator in labor cases **Sanford Browde** practices in Jersey City. He's still playing singles tennis and sees more golf in the future. There are numerous grandchildren to be enjoyed: "We need a big house when we all

steam heating equipment, Jack gets a kick out of driving friends' daughters to their weddings in his white '72 Rolls Royce. How did Jack feel about the reunion? Well, there was this e-mail, a few days after everyone got home: "Fabulous time. Satchmo summed it up in 'A Wonderful World' when he sang, 'I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do. They're really saying I love you.'" Oh my. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave. NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

Jupiter, FL, for two years and four knee operations, on the same knee, thanks to a staph infection. However, Larry has not let his orthopedic misadventures slow him down. He is back on the golf course and his bike, along with doing physical therapy six days a week. Last heard from he was awaiting two things: permission from the FAA to hop back in the cockpit, and the purchase of a Harley. The Cohens' future plans include being there for our 50th, mode of transportation as yet undecided.

Norman Lynn is gradually stepping back his work week and will soon have more time to volunteer. Norman lives in NYC and would love suggestions from other New Yorkers who have found challenging volunteer opportunities close to home. Mine, of course, would be the Wildlife Conservation Society, aka Bronx Zoo. **William Bates** presented his *Church Assistant* program to the last Episcopal Diocesan Convention for Western New York. The program, a labor of love on Bill's part and one he has greatly enjoyed creating, has been in use in some churches for over seven years. Volunteering takes on many creative forms and this is just one more example.

Among those classmates still in harness: **Douglas Miller** of Birmingham, AL, in the field of risk management; and **William Morgan** of Bowie, MD, whose law practice largely deals with child abuse and neglect cases. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954.

55 Thank you all for your great response to our latest request for news—you make my job a breeze! I'll try to report your glad tidings in order, according to when they reach my mailbox, but some will have to wait till the next issue. **Dick** and **Jane Mathewson** returned last spring from a wonderful auto tour that covered two months and 9,000 miles. They had just bought a new car the week before, which had the GPS feature, so they had lots of fun finding their way cross country and in and out of cities, following the map on the dashboard. Dick issues a warning to all men, however—"A GPS is like having a third opinion in the car!"

Dave Levin sent an interesting note about the trip he and Carol took to China to visit their son who was studying in a Johns Hopkins program in Nanjing. They had dinner one night with the former commander-in-chief of the Chinese Air Force. "As a former USAF fighter pilot," Dave says, "that was a real thrill for me." Good news from **Charlie Shipman**: he was sent for a stress test (although exhibiting no symptoms) and wound up having quadruple bypass last September. "Recovery was fast, with a lot of rehab." Charlie still walks three miles every day, and best of all, has his flight status back. Besides flying his own Piper Lance airplane, Charlie serves as treasurer for the Missouri Pilots Assn. Charlie and **Harriet (Merchant)** '57 were in Ithaca for her last reunion, and we'll expect to see them in June 2005 for ours.

Renee Miller Mayer has moved her law practice into her home, where her husband Joe prac-

tices psychiatry from his home office. "This gives us more time together." The Mayers also enjoy theater, museums, dinners out, and visiting their children and grandchildren. **George '54** and **Cynthia Lane Karlin** have retired to the Palm Springs area, but since only one of their four children lives in Southern California, "we spend a lot of the time going from Chicago to Bethesda to Boca Raton," visiting their seven "gorgeous" (according to impartial grandma) grandkids.

Loved the news from **Arne Foss**. When asked for his "birth name" on the news form, Arne wrote "Baby Boy." He recently renewed contact with **Al Brezinsky** and **Frank Filkins**, and says he's looking forward to reunion. Arne spends his time "concentrating on body (self) repair, learning lip reading, and wood carving." What a renaissance guy! Not to be outdone in the humor department, **Joe Simon** lists "golf and reading" as his day job and "reading and golf" for his after-hours activities. Seeing **Joe and Vera (Steiner)** is my own personal highlight at every reunion.

Fran Goldberger Rubenstein says she's supposedly retired, "but life in the Berkshires is so filled that I keep threatening to go back to work so I'll have more free time." **John Shepardson** is also planning on reunion, and says he's enjoying and appreciating life and hoping for peace. He adds, "It's great to be alive and kicking." **Donald Vesley** would share that sentiment: he's recently retired after 43 years on the faculty of the U. of Minnesota School of Public Health, and sums it up this way: "I can't think of a more rewarding career than I have had, teaching bright young graduate students and preparing them for idealistic careers in public health." Don is now working on the largest decontamination project in the history of the world. As a member of the Environmental Clearance Committee, he advises the US Postal Service on decontaminating the Brentwood Postal Facility in Washington, where two employees died from the anthrax letters.

Donna Jean Avery Darling, MS '61, is now fully retired and free to do more birding, "both out-of-state and out-of-country." **Winthrop Cody** spends winters in Naples, FL, and summers in Old Saybrook, CT, where he lists "golf-golf-golf" as his main occupation, along with travel and enjoying his grandchildren. **Dick Estey**, MBA '60, reports that he retired from Ciba-Geigy five years ago, but recently reached another important decision: to trade his "pat-on-the-back volunteer activities" for something more in keeping with his desire "to live longer and more comfortably than my post-slide retirement nest egg would allow." Dick now handles residential real estate with David Nyman Realtors in Southbury, CT, where he hopes to specialize in Heritage Village properties.

A big topic out here out at the end of Long Island, where we live, is farm preservation, and **Ron Bush** is actively involved in this important issue. Besides serving on the Suffolk County Farmland Preservation Committee, Ron has the largest museum on Long Island dedicated to Long Island agriculture. **Roger Rothballer**, MBA '59, writes that he and two other '55 classmates, **Don Kopal** and **Clancy Fautleroy** '54, took part

in helping to build a community website in New Canaan, CT. Nearby in Cos Cob, **Don Minini** heads up a transportation technology construction firm and is a member of the Representative Town Meeting legislative body in Greenwich.

Joe Silverman says, "Fully retired—I think—but my nest egg fell out of the nest!" Joe is involved in outpatient psychiatry at a V.A. hospital and does psychiatric evaluations for courts, insurance companies, and peer review organizations. He suggests we might enjoy an "activities reunion" event at our 50th. **Pete Bowell's** family honored him with a surprise 70th birthday party, which included "lots of memories and memorabilia." Pete says he keeps busy with career transition counseling, sleeping in, grandchildren sitting, sales activities and "honey-do's" (the latter prompted and supervised by wife Margie).

Donald Biederman's widow, Marna, informed us that The Donald Biederman Media and Law Inst. was dedicated last June at the Southwestern U. School of Law. A grand memorial to a great guy. We send our condolences to **Don Farley**, PhD '60, whose wife **Jennie (Towle)** '54 died in June 2002. Don still teaches in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell, and plans to go on phased retirement soon. We have been notified that **Curtis McGann**, JD '58, a partner in the Sturges and Mathes law firm, died in May. **Mary Lu DePuy Whitlock** reports that she is adjusting to life without husband **Dick** '53. Mary Lu lives in Matthews, NC, a suburb of Charlotte, and says she'd love to hear from classmates coming by.

Ed and I just celebrated our first wedding anniversary, and recently enjoyed a pleasant summer afternoon at the new home of **Barbara Loreto Peltz** and husband **Lee** '54, in Sag Harbor, NY. We were joined by several other '55 Cornellians: **Carol Feldman** Ehrman and Bob, **Fred Keith** and wife Jan, and **Otto** and **Barbro Schneider**. There was plenty of Homecoming and reunion talk, amid plans and promises to meet again soon. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, 6 Inkberry St., East Hampton, NY 11937; e-mail, nsm55@juno.com.

56 Here in the sultry days of August, there's not much in the way of classmate news in my in-box, so I'd like to tell you about another Cornell success story, Adult University (CAU)—a concept brought to the Cornell administration by our classmates **Curtis Reis** and **Ernest Stern** in the late Sixties. CAU is on my mind just now because I completed my first summer course there in July, the fourth week of their five-week session on campus.

Curtis and his family spent many summers at Chataqua in western New York State and he felt, "Why not at Cornell?" Ernie and Curt pitched the idea to the then-administration, first conceived as a two-week summer program—as a way to keep alumni involved in the university, as another opportunity for our illustrious professors to teach, and, thirdly, as a way to keep the dorms profitable during the off-season. The rest is history. CAU celebrated its 35th

anniversary this year.

My class, called *Whose Holy Land Is It: The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*, couldn't have been a more timely topic. Our professor: Ross Brann. We all arrived on Sunday, most of us checking into the new freshman dorm, Court Hall, which features a bathroom for every few rooms, many lounges on each floor, and an elevator. We were like the freshmen, asking such questions as, "Where is my room?" and "How do I find . . ." But what service we had! We parked our cars and handed our bags to young "porters," and when we arrived at our rooms, the bags were there waiting for us. The food was excellent, too, served in Appel and Purcell, the eating establishments for the freshman campus during the school year.

We first assembled Sunday night after dinner at an orientation session, and it was clear from the start that my fellow students were diverse: we had come from all over the country, and we were of different ages and backgrounds. Some were first-timers, but many have come year after year. Some were college professors who are teaching the subject at another college. Some were Cornellians, and some were not. Classes began Monday morning and ran through Friday, with a farewell banquet Friday night (and an opportunity to stand and sing our Alma Mater). It rained most of the week, but no one noticed. I understand Court Hall may be our dorm for the next reunion, and this was a positive test run.

Did I like the experience? You bet I did. And I've already signed up for another CAU session on another subject at a resort on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in November. CAU is a great way to spend some of your summer vacation, with your family or without.

Keep in touch, and send your news and comments to me and **Stephen Kittenplan**. We do look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., NYC 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

57 If you went to your high school reunion during the past few months I hope it was as much fun as mine was. A few of us from the class of '53 at Utica Free Academy went on to Cornell, and among those returning to celebrate our 50th were Jo and **Fred Jones**, who had driven from Michigan for the occasion. About 110 classmates attended and a special treat for me was to see three "kids" with whom I started first grade and continued to be with all 12 years of school (two R's and an S—oh, the days of alphabetical seating). In nearby New Hartford, **Carol Johnson Saylor** and **Gerard Fuess** came back for their 50th. White Plains High School's Class of '53 met in October, and **Shari Flynn** was on the planning committee for that one. No doubt many of you were also recruited to help organize yours.

Shari has been very involved with her company, Family & Educational Media, a nonprofit corporation that uses visual media to promote positive social images. Her latest video, *Parenting in Times of Crisis*, is rather timely. You can

learn more by visiting the website: www.feme.org. **Barbara Flynn** Shively enjoyed doing the publicity for the Mom's Choral Society last summer as they prepared for a concert featuring a Dave Brubeck classical choral work. In addition, she does technical editing out of her home in Morristown, NJ. **Olga Duntuch** Krell, BArch '58, is another editor, as well as publisher and owner of her magazine, *Espaco D*. Her work includes much travel away from her home in Brazil. Olga says on the "long" news form (sent to all last spring) that "people are the same everywhere I go. Love them or leave them."

And speaking of that news form, if it's still somewhere in your collection of papers I'd certainly appreciate it if you could take time to jot down a few notes and send them on to me.

Some sad news to report: our former class president and longtime class officer **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, lost her husband to cancer last July. Alan had attended all our reunions and class functions with Judy and knew many of her classmates very well. Our sympathies are extended to Judy and their two children.

In August **Chris Zeller** Lippman's daughter Caroline was married in New York City, with Judge **Steve Gottlieb** officiating. **Judy Tischler** Rogers's son was also married last summer, in Carbondale, CO, where he is head of the math department at Rocky Mountain School. Judy has moved from Colorado Springs to Crestline, CA. Others on the move: Robert and **Evelyn Caplan** Perch, MNS '60, who downsized from a house to a condo in King of Prussia, PA. **Ed and Adelaide Russell Vant** have two new grandchildren. And some grandparents who have fourth-generation Cornellians are **Nathaniel '54** and **Jane Lueck Talmage**, as well as **Bob and Marj Nelson Smart**. The annual class dinner and meeting will be coming up at the end of January. If you're planning to be in the New York City area, think about attending. You can e-mail me for details. Happy Thanksgiving. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

Tom Milhorat, MD '61, has had a distinguished career in the medical profession that is reaching new heights. As chairman of neurosurgery at North Shore (Long Island) University Hospital, he has been involved in the study of cerebrospinal fluids and related conditions. He has published extensively (author of over 300 scientific publications) and is included in every *Who's Who* in and beyond the medical profession. In July of this year, he presided, as founder and director, at the opening news conference and reception of the Chiari Inst. in Great Neck, the world's first multidisciplinary center for the management of patients suffering from Chiari malformation, a structural condition that affects the cerebellum. Senator Charles Schumer spoke at the reception.

Paul Garrett is still very active, responsible for advertising and public relations for a privately held company that manufactures dairy equipment. He and Sandy (retired from teaching and now gardening non-stop) spent last November (2002) on a Cornell Alumni Affairs trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. They are also build-

ing a retirement/summer home on the St. Lawrence River. **Steve Weiss** continues as managing director of Weiss, Peck & Greer, and has, he hopes, reached the latter stages of rebuilding his Greenwich home that burned to the ground more than two years ago. Son **Michael**, now a Cornell sophomore, is a fixture at first base on the baseball team, and concurs with his father's statement of "keep working—and smiling."

I received a smiling picture from **Sam Bookbinder** at his 50th high school reunion at Lawrenceville School. In addition to Sam, the smilers were Lawrenceville classmates who went on to become '57ers: **Peter Wolf**, MEE '59, **Bob Armstrong**, MBA '59, lacrosse great **Scott Papenfus**, **Doug Love**, and **Norm Powell**. Sam continues in the real estate business. **Robert Storch** sends along a report that he is seeing some patients in psychoanalytic psychotherapy while writing a novel on Nazi art repatriation. Could the two be connected? **Robert Spicher** has retired from the medical college at San Jose State U. and has moved to a retirement community 20 miles from Tucson. **Ara Daglian** can't get enough of cruising, completing a spring Caribbean sojourn of 18 days and a 10-day cruise to Scandinavia and Russia. He sent along a picture of 3 Aras: classes of 1957, 1985, and 20???. Classmate **Joseph Russo** participated in the Adult University (CAU) program this year (Wall Street 2002: Investing in an Age of Uncertainty).

In our efforts to have the Class of 1957 name permanently enshrined in the "Class of 1957 Kinkeldey Room" in Uris Library, we have passed the \$200,000 figure on our way to the goal of \$250,000. If successful, our drive will add to the mark we leave on the university in a meaningful and positive way. If your year-end tax planning can include this project, what a happy new year it will be. Should you be in doubt as to how to earmark your gift, please contact Marisue Taube, Director of External Relations at the Library, via e-mail at mt33@cornell.edu or via phone at 607-255-9568. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, Suitcase2@aol.com.

58 **Jan Arps** Jarvie's last column conveyed a lot of the great spirit that prevailed at our fabulous 45th Reunion. **Betty Anne Steer** Merritt and **Gerry Linsner** sure did a great job of smoothly running an eventful and delectable time for all. They were ably assisted by our past and present co-presidents, **Chuck Hunt** and **Carol Boeckle** Welch, and a slew of volunteers at the site whose efforts were led, in part, by **Alan Goldman**. We thank them all. A post-Reunion meeting attended by about 15 classmates already has provided some fine-tuning ideas for the 50th. It's not too early to make long-term plans to be there in '08 and we hope you are doing that.

Those present at the Statler dinner Friday night will recall the "care package," based on supplies from the UK, which the class gave to its good friends President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and wife Rosa. In response to that, Frank wrote in a note to **Al Podell**: "I have to report that the

natives are profoundly grateful for the relief packages, which arrived intact . . . The bundles from Britain have proved to be extraordinarily successful. I look forward with great anticipation to an English dinner consisting of steak and kidney pie, sardines and kippers accompanied by mushy peas, and a dessert consisting of Bird's Custard and Cremona. This is a true example of Anglo-American cooperation at its best and I want you to know how much your devotion, not only to international understanding, but also to personal nutrition, are appreciated." Al's reply included the thought that "perhaps someday a doctoral student will dissert on the causal connection between the fortitude of the English stomach and the success of the British Empire." We thank both for their enlightening correspondences as we continue with our enjoyable memories of the whole of Reunion Weekend. Now on to classmate News.

Barry Grevatt retired in 2001 after 30 years as pastor of the Congregational Church of Laconia (NH) United Church of Christ. He and Mary Lou traveled for two months in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. In May '02 they revisited England where they'd lived 1969-70. Barry continues as a UCC Assoc. Moderator and is editor/publisher of *Home Devotions*, an ecumenical weekly resource for shut-in ministries. They remain in their home in Gilford, NH, and were anticipating travel to Alaska this summer after Reunion (which they indeed attended). **Tom DeJose** made it back, with Louise, from Tucson, AZ, after time in January and February on a trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, and then a cruise around Hawaii, Maui, and the Fanning Islands in April. We can say that the DeJoses like to travel. **Brian Elmer** sent a note that most of the '58 SAEs, some along with their spouses, made it back for Reunion. **Bob Applegate**, **Art Brooks**, **George Bullwinkel**, **Brian Elmer**, **Bob Knechtel**, **Bob Kreiner**, **Rudi Metzner**, MS '64, **Bob Neuman**, BArch '59, **Bob Rasmussen**, **Bob Reinhard**, **Bill Stitt**, and **Larry Tracy** spent a great weekend together, including lunch at **Ron Demer** '59's new home in Ithaca, renewing old acquaintances, "as if the last 45 years were the blink of an eye."

We hear from other 'mates who were not able to join us this June. One is **Fred Brueck**, who had to attend to his sheep up in Schoharie, NY—a job that is now, he says, entirely a leisure activity. Fred is still very active as director of New York's NE sector of the American Red Cross. Linda and **Philip Dattilo Jr.** still live in Honeoye Falls, NY; last fall Philip was to be in Australia's Gulf of Carpentaria fly-fishing, and he expected to have a great time. Diana Fertik, wife of our classmate **Harry Fertik**, wrote to tell the class that Harry passed away at the end of August last year after a long struggle with MS. We extend the sympathies of the class to Diana and children Elliot and Rachel.

Betsy Hyde Patterson was sorry to miss Reunion. She was on the way to Holland then. She writes that they had a great family reunion in Aspen, CO, last April for her sister's 80th birthday. Betsy's daughter and family came up from Dallas; others from Jackson, WY. The ski-

ing was fabulous. **Ralph Lamar III** enjoys traveling, too, last visiting England, Scotland, Italy, and Greece with the local community college. All five children are grown; **Ralph IV** is Class of '83 and a practicing attorney. **Gail Glueck Bernstein** and husband **Ralph** '57 get in lots of travel, too, but they chose not to come to Reunion on this round. Although both are still working (Gail at the Oakland Museum of California), they have enjoyed visiting Spain, then Cuba with a group from the Museum, and in Oct. of '02, China.

Phil Gellert, MS '60, and family may be setting some sort of record for Cornell degrees:

‘When they travel, Art and Carol Greene cover the ground by motorcycle and motorhome.’

DICK HAGGARD '58

they have 23 as of this past graduation! Phil's children have a good number of them, including **Bill** '83, **Susan** '85, **MBA** '87, and **Rebecca** '98, with Anne and Jennifer attending Brown. The Gellerts traveled to Jennifer's graduation from medical school in Israel a year ago. Phil continues to run Northern Empire Land and Livestock Co. in Hillsdale, NY. He skis in his backyard, hunts, jogs, and gardens, and to celebrate his 66th birthday, planned to take a skydive. Nice going, Phil; clearly, you survived since you and others of your family appeared at Reunion. **Bruce Herold** made it back, too, with wife Janine coming in from Walnut Creek, CA. Both are now retired, Janine from oncology nursing and Bruce from litigating, and both are enjoying their first grandchild, born last September to daughter Vanessa and son-in-law Alfred, all of whom recently moved to nearby Sacramento. Bruce keeps up with golf and skiing, having planned to join **Terry West** and some of his family (who also made it back to Reunion) for skiing at Vail this past winter. Our world-traveler **Al Podell** visited (or returned to) some more out-of-the-way countries last winter when he tested his Reunion jacket and it didn't fit. He reasoned that he needed a fitness program, as perhaps in trekking "in some hot, poor, unhygienic countries not noted for fine cuisine or fancy desserts." That program ended up taking Al to Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Djibouti, then most of the month of February camping across Benin, Togo, and Ghana. Classmates might attest to the reasonable success of the program: his jacket fit (fairly well).

A few final News items: **Maddi (McAdams)** and **Glenn Dallas** made it back to Reunion, even with their continuing travels—e.g., last year to southern countries of Africa with three safaris, "all different and exciting," Maddi writes. She's having some shoulder surgery this summer so will be keeping close to home in upstate New Jersey, as Glenn keeps swinging those golf clubs. Last January, the Dallahs visited **Bill** and

Sheila Standen (whom we missed at Reunion, due to last minute health problems on the home front—which we hope are now well resolved) in Hilton Head. **Brad** and **Nancy Horgen Corbitt** '74 drove up the hill from their home on the west bank of Lake Cayuga to join their 'mates at reunion. They are both enjoying retirement, locally and on Elderhostel, as well as on Marathon Key where they purchased a winter home. Brad still runs his charter business on the lake. We end with a note from **Arthur Greene**, who's still practicing as a trial attorney and pleased with his law firm's growing media-

tion/arbitration business at Advocates Forum Inc. in Syracuse. When they travel, Art and his wife Carol cover the ground by motorcycle and motorhome, often winter vacationing at their St. Lucie, west Florida home.

That's it, gang; we are absolutely out of News—zero, zilch. If you want to see more here, send it in. Your Dues will help the class coffers, too. Cheers and Happy Holidays to all! ♦ **Dick Haggard** 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com.

59 Cattle rancher **Hans Lawaetz** of St. Croix, VI, whose wife of 39 years, Judith, passed away in 2001, "has been very fortunate to have found and married another very charming woman, Teresa Falcone." Their wedding was attended by five of Hans's Alpha Delta Phi fraternity brothers: **Bob Nelson**, **Dan Hall**, BA '61, **Bob McClellan**, **Calvin Carr**, and **Rick Dyer**, MD '63. Then Hans and Teresa honeymooned in El Salvador with 75 members of the Virgin Islands Olympic Team—there to attend the Caribbean/Central American Games. Hans is president of the team. He also continues to serve on the Senepol Cattle Breeders Assn. board, currently as treasurer. "I served on the Livestock Judging Team at Cornell but never dreamed I would be promoting my own cattle worldwide!"

Ira Brous has retired as professor of economics at Ithaca College after 23 years. He continues to play a vital role in the Ithaca community as president and CFO of Collegetown Bagels—an enterprise with six stores that produce and sell gourmet deli items, breads, bagels, and pastries. The business also includes a full-service catering operation, with Cornell a frequent client. **Ted Goddard** of Perkinsville, VT, retired from event operations at Bryar Motorsports Park/New Hampshire International Speedway after 28 years. He remains very active in SCCA performance rallying in New England and is a consultant on motorsports event oper-

ations. Retired farmer **R. Kim Mitchell** continues to summer in Southbury, CT, and winter in Lake Worth, FL.

Also retired is **Margaret Chamberlain Beringer** of Basking Ridge, NJ, who serves as an elder in the Presbyterian Church, sings in two choirs, and plays in a handbell choir. She and husband Rev. **Robert '58** also serve as tutors

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JEAN FINERTY WANDEL '59

each week in a program with third graders from Newark. **Jean Finerty Wandel** of Falmouth, ME, works at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf—"and probably always will," she writes. "My job is personally rewarding, knowing that I make a positive difference in kids' lives everyday. Besides, my school is on a little island near the Portland harbor; I see seals, ducks, and three lighthouses every day as I cross the causeway." Jean is working on another master's, in pastoral studies. "I'm not sure in what way I'll use the degree. In any case, I'll be ready."

Sandra Strebel Peavey of Laurel, MD, retired from the full-time practice of law several years ago, but she continues to practice part-time with a small general-practice law firm. She also teaches legal writing and analysis at the U. of Baltimore School of Law. Her newest "amusement" is her first grandchild, Zack, born in August 2002 to daughter **Maggy Peavey Pietropaolo '90**. Many Cornellians of the younger generation were present on May 20 when **Paul Schulhof '92**, son of **Peter '61** and **Carol Horowitz Schulhof**, M Ed '61, married at Bargemusic just below the Brooklyn Bridge. Also this year, Carol visited **Stephanie Greene** in Santa Fe, NM. "Stephanie and I met when we were six years old and renewed our friendship at Cornell. We enjoyed our recent time together exploring the many museums and galleries of Santa Fe and Taos."

Though hundreds of classmates have attended our reunions, many others have not returned to Cornell since graduation. Class officers are making a particular effort to attract these individuals to our 45th Reunion. A first-time returnee at our 40th, **Marc Fishzohn** of Riderwood, MD, recalls: "I had the enormous pleasure of getting together with so many classmates whom I had not seen since graduation day. The uncanny thing about this was that although in many cases people looked a bit different, the sense of them as personalities was virtually unchanged. This was the continuing highlight of the reunion for me.

"Another great impression I had was the fabulous setting of Cornell, 'far above Cayuga's waters,' but also relatively far from the nearest Wal-Mart or strip mall. The beauty of Cornell's surrounding countryside was one of the things that had attracted me way back, and I was glad

to see that it has not yet been overwhelmed by a Los Angeles-type sprawl (thanks no doubt to non-L.A.-type climate). The physical layout at Cornell is not all that different from that of the late 1950s, although of course there are changes—the ILR Quonset huts are gone, with sleek new buildings in their place, but this is only to be expected. The other major attraction

of Cornell for me was and still is a sense of 'diversified community' that reflects the real world better than I had observed at various other schools I could have attended. Cornell has everything from liberal arts to engineering to the Vet school, etc.—a marvelous undergraduate environment."

Marc has long been a supporter of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and a visit to the facility was yet another pleasure of his time at reunion. But its displays also reminded him of the "ongoing and accelerating destruction of the natural world and its marvelous creatures." Is it possible for humans to prosper and advance without destroying species? "Perhaps some of my classmates share this concern and have been able to come up with reasonably satisfactory solutions," says Marc. "If so, I would be very pleased to hear from you—now and also at our next reunion." He can be reached at mfishzohn@connect.net. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Felicitations to **Walter William** of New York, who married Karen Zier, a professor of medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, in April 2003, and to **Alan Lish** of Delray Beach, FL, who married Rose Weiser in February 2002. The Lishes, both retired, celebrated with a summer tour of France, Belgium, and the Netherlands last year and visited their three grandchildren in New Jersey and Colorado during this past summer. "All classmates are especially welcome at my art gallery at 24 West 57th St. in New York," writes longtime gallery owner **Ted Donson**. Ted has been exhibiting and selling old master and modern prints by artists from Rembrandt to Picasso for more than 30 years. He and wife Marvel live in Ossining, NY.

William Duff is head of a graduate program in industrial engineering at Colorado State U. that is, he says, oriented toward students studying at a distance throughout the country. His wife Carolyn, a specialist in gender-related workplace topics, has published two books, *When Women Work Together* and *Learning from Other Women*, and is hard at work on two new projects. Bill's oldest son, **Duffer '91**, BArch '92,

has his own architecture firm in San Francisco, daughter Lauralyn produces videos for companies and individuals, and son Ethan is an actor in New York City. **Bob Samuels** has been working for the past seven years at the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, where he handles large city-wide conventions by such groups as the National Assn. of Home Builders and also oversees all union meetings in Las Vegas. "Since I retired in 1991 for about three years," says Bob, "I am still very excited about my job and do not expect to leave Las Vegas to return to Florida for at least three years. Linda and I play a lot of golf and take at least one ten-day cruise every year. Life is good!"

Steve Marmaroff writes from Brightwaters, NY, that he is still working part-time as president of Nestor Associates, consulting to the power industry, but, he adds, "My wife and I are spending an increasing part of the year in Florida, where we are renovating our condominium on Singer Island. We enjoy spending time with **Paul**, JD '64, and **Flos Auchter**, both on Long Island and in Florida." **Bob Cohen** is, he says, "still performing as a cabaret singer, still consulting full-time, now chairing the board of our NPR station, and doing classical music programming for the station—in my 'spare time!'" When not on the road, Bob can be found at his digs in Bethlehem, PA. Also in the "still" category are **Robert "Bobby" Plenge**, who writes from Lima, Peru, that he is "still involved in the mining industry as a consultant and promoter," and **Renee Sack**, who is "still teaching fourth grade in Lexington, MA," where she was chosen Teacher of the Year in 2001-02. Renee says, "The highlight of 2002 was a fantastic trip to China with a group of educators. Besides seeing many amazing sights, such as the Great Wall and the terra cotta warriors of Xian, we visited several schools, which were memorable experiences."

Will Clark reports from Fort Wayne, IN, that all is well and his ever-expanding family is thriving. "Thirty of us gathered in Fort Wayne for Thanksgiving 2002," he says, and another large contingent met in Prague in April 2003 for the wedding of son David. Will and **Ginny (Buchanan) '61** have three other offspring: **Alison '84** is raising four children in Burlington, VT, and somehow managing to complete a master's degree in preparation for teaching high school history; son **Brian '85** is married and expecting a baby; and son Stanton is living in Nashville, IN. **Don Strang** is now living in Bonita Springs, FL, much of the year and spending summers in Cleveland. He retired from the family business, which is now run by sons **Don III '80**, **David '82**, and **Peter '84**. Don and Karen are, he says, "having a great time golfing, boating, skiing, traveling, and spending time with our nine grandchildren." Don is also on the national board of the Salvation Army and involved in community groups in Bonita Springs and Cleveland.

Susan Gelber Berenblum, who retired in 2001 from a 25-year career in real estate, reports from Greenwich, CT, "I'm happily taking courses, participating in book groups, spending time with my five granddaughters, and traveling

the world with **Marv, M ILR '58**, on his singing tours." **Helene Seiden** Woolsey of La Selva Beach, CA, is also engrossed in a variety of activities, "studying French, acrylic painting, and watercolor"; she spent June 2002 in an art workshop in Southeast France. Helene now has eight grandchildren, two of whom were born in 2002. **Carolyn Carlson** Blake says she received a note from **Alys Chew** Yeh, who lives in Oakland, CA, where she is a CPA and contemplating retirement. The highlight of 2002, says Carolyn, was a trip to Alaska, "through the inland passage and then up to Anchorage, Denali, and Fairbanks—it was incredible!" When not cruising past glaciers, Carolyn can be found in Allendale, NJ.

Last year was also very busy for **Martin Brasted** of Johnstown, PA. In January, he took a trip to London, Paris, and the Eden Project in Cornwall, which includes the largest greenhouses in the world; in June, **Marty and Evelyn (Minekime) '61** celebrated their 40th anniversary, and in October the Brasteds took a long trip that included several days in California and ten days in Hawaii. **Lee Soule** of Brookline, NH, reports two new grandsons born in 2002. His son **Jonathan '94** and his wife **Laura (Sines) '94** welcomed Benjamin Lee in June, and daughter Lauren and her husband Peter Liebich greeted Joseph Oliver in July. Send news to ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 **Doug Fuss** dropped us a message literally from "the middle of nowhere." From Uzbekistan in August he wrote as follows: "Mostly we have been traveling. We were in Hamamatsu, Japan, in the spring for the wedding of a nephew, who married a charming local woman he met while teaching there. Having traveled that far, we decided to add on a trip to Shanghai, Xian, and Beijing, China. We left just as SARS was breaking out across the region."

To his surprise, the International Executive Service Corps contacted him when he returned to the US, and asked him to embark on a six-week project to advise small software companies in Uzbekistan. He said that USAID is pumping a lot of money into the region to promote economic development. Again in Doug's words: "This seemed like a good adventure and fit our summer schedule well. We've been in Tashkent for several weeks enduring their summer heat, enjoying the culture of the 'Stans' and marveling at the dullness of the old Soviet regime. We've had quite a few air miles and many memorable sights and visits for this year."

Phil Bereano, MRP '71, was on sabbatical leave from the U. of Washington during the last school year. He's been traveling and working with wonderful colleagues from abroad. At Tromsøe U. in Norway (the northernmost college in the world), he gave a course on how to do risk assessments of genetically engineered organisms (GEOs) for officials and activists from Third World countries. Under the new Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, which recently took effect, countries are able to demand such an assessment before allowing imports of GEOs. Phil favors this

approach, even as the US has been pushing the export of GEOs without such assessments. Also, Phil was planning to be in Cancun for the World Trade Organization meeting.

Joyce Berger Goldman writes, "I am the director of constituent services for the Essex County Executive. I love this job, which no doubt (please, G-d) will be my last professional activity. I get up each day ready to help people, and can often see the tangible results of my actions. It is great to have the 'power' to do good! Government in and of itself is so difficult today, due to the shrinking of funding sources, but my boss is dedicated to providing good constituent services, and so my days are full. I always used to say that I was a great government administrator and that the citizens were lucky to have me serve them whenever Democrats were elected. And now, the Democrats have regained the County Executive's Office, and here I am!"

Joyce's younger son Drew married a "gal" from the Bahamas/Bermuda, and they are living in New York City. Older son James, in Chicago, has made Joyce a grandmother of three. Besides Chicago, her recent travel destinations have included Seattle and Santa Fe. Even though she has been hampered by carpal tunnel syndrome, Joyce has been studying life drawing and water coloring—"keeping that side of my brain alive," she says. According to Joyce: "This is a very happy stage of life. I hope everyone else is happy, too."

Bobbie Horowitz reported that The Times Square Group, which she and her son and partner **David Slone '90**, JD '94, direct, had a "dazzling" year in 2002-03. In Bobbie's words: "The high school kids' projects turned out better than we'd ever hoped for. Our Playwriting/Performing/Producing Workshop culminated in a backers' audition of *8x10*, a show consisting of eight 10-minute scenes that was performed at the Soho Playhouse in NYC. Also, the students in our TV Development Workshop pitched their shows to Alan Wagener (from 'M.A.S.H.', 'All In The Family,' et al.) and to Sonny Grasso (*The French Connection*). Our comedy improv troupe, Trousers & Sauerkraut, performed at schools and senior centers. Finally, actors with major credits read 'The Crucified,' a modern day soap based on Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*!"

Gerry Friedman's company, Insignia/ESG, was just purchased by CB Richard Ellis, forming the largest real estate services provider in the

Springer Cottrell '63 have sold their home in Reading, PA. At last report, they were looking for a home near Cornell—possibly with views of Lake Cayuga.

Yours truly, **David Kessler**, has been awarded a consulting contract from the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences. The contract involves conducting a six-month nationwide study of the use of computers by transit agencies to schedule and dispatch paratransit and dial-a-ride services for the elderly and disabled.

If you haven't sent in your class dues yet for 2004, please do so. In recent years, we've had one of the highest participation rates (441 classmates this year), and we would like nothing more than to solidify our reputation as one of the most outstanding classes in the history of our great university. I need not remind everyone that we are already halfway toward our next reunion. It's never too early to plan ahead for the 45th, June 8-11, 2006. Best wishes during the coming holiday season! ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

62 **Annette Eisenberg** Stiefbold has a new address in Coral Gables, FL. She'll be in Newhall, CA, during the summer. **Mary Ellen Watkins Nevin** (menevin49@aol.com) has also moved, but is still in Niskayuna, NY. She and **Robert** are both retired and wintering in Sun City, FL, where they are busy with golf, bridge, and church activities. Mary Ellen recently got a hole-in-one! **Richard** and **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine '63** were pleased to welcome their fifth grandchild earlier this year. Richard writes, "Life is hectic and enjoyable as ever as I start my 38th year at Dow Jones & Company. I'm looking forward to returning to Ithaca this fall with Neil Ann, who recently joined the Cornell Council."

A new home on Cayuga Lake was the June feature in the lives of **John** and **Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64**. John has been acting CEO of e-Cornell and has been officially appointed to that post. The Neumans also have five grandchildren. The Ithaca area will also be home to **Bob '61**, **MS '63**, and **Lorna Lamb Herdt**. Bob retired as a vice president at the Rockefeller Foundation, and will be adjunct professor in the Ag Economics department. Lorna looks forward to lots of quilting time. Still in Ithaca is **Robert Lieberman**, MS E '65, who is

'It's better to be lucky than good.'

GERRY FRIEDMAN '61

world. "Pretty exciting stuff!" writes Gerry. In August, he and wife Margi had his/hers dental cleaning appointments in midtown about 1/2 hour before the blackout hit. Luckily, Margi had brought their car into the city, and it was in a garage that didn't need an electric elevator for retrieval. According to Gerry, "It's better to be lucky than good." **Walt**, MBA '63, and **Jeannie**

teaching physics at Cornell. His novel, *The Last Boy*, just came out in paperback, and he is pleased with the reviews of his feature film, *Green Lights*. Check it out at www.Ithacafilms.com or contact Robert at RHL10@cornell.edu.

Has anyone seen **Arthur Sherman '60**? **Judy Rosenblatt** would like to know. Judy (mitz vahzoe@aol.com) has completed her fifth chil-

dren's mystery and is returning to the theater. She has just signed with Abrams Artists Agency for commercials and voice-overs. Listen carefully! A visit with classmate **Susan Scarborough Stark** was a good break for **Anne Kaczmarczyk Evans** last spring. Anne (evans@ptd.net) enjoyed leaving the snowy east for the Cayman Islands and Key West last winter. She continues work in the public health field as nursing administrator for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Health. Ann occasionally sees **Barbara Graeff Parr** and **Barbara Heister Seaman**.

Cathy Van Buren Bomberger enjoyed a many-hour lunch with **Dick and Lucy Gale Gaven '61**. Cathy looked forward to her 40th Ithaca High reunion. She was installed as president of the American Lawyers' Auxiliary in August. "Many of us are celebrating major anniversaries this year. Where have 40 years gone?" From **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder** (hmanbinder@aol.com): "**Paul '60** sold his art-book publishing company last year and has fully retired. Eager to do ever more foreign travel, he's been encouraging me to retire, too." For the past 13 years, Helen has been director of a continuing education program for four school districts in Westchester County. Their son **Jeff '94** just finished his first year at Cardozo Law School, and **Mark '89** is still in Ithaca as Cornell's Macintosh computer specialist.

Thomas and Maritza Zeisel (zeiselmt@msn.com) are back in the States, he as director of the King Charles Inn, a boutique hotel in Charleston's historic district. **Judy Miner Steenberg** (jsteen@evansville.net) reports that she and **Karen Maynard Hemmeter** recently met at Roger Ebert's "overlooked film festival" in Champaign-Urbana, IL. "We recommend it!" **Judy and Larry '60** live in Boonville, IN. **Joyce Brown Dodge** is director of a federally funded child nutrition program at the Allegheny County (PA) Health Dept. Her son Matt was married last spring and works at the US Mint. Joyce had a great visit with her Cornell roommate **Linda Garlando Hartrick**. Linda and Don have a cottage in Squam Lake, NH.

Urologist **Art Fetzter, MD '67**, reports that he is still working full-time at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA, which has recently named the Arthur E. Fetzter Chair in Urologic

Michael Newport last Memorial Day. Michael's career was with Hillshire Farm and Kahn's in Cincinnati as director of packaging. He fought multiple sclerosis for 24 years and leaves his wife Ila, two children, and two grandchildren.

It's that time of year again! If you send holiday letters, please direct one my way so that your classmates can catch up with you. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year! ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 9034-6721; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

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Following our successful 40th Reunion, I received some e-mails from participants. **Edward and Carol Hoerning** enjoyed seeing classmates and being on campus again. Edward's roommate **Joe Lamendola** drove down for the day from Watertown. They hadn't seen each other since graduation. Joe also wrote that he retired from working for the State of New York for 29 years. He directed the banding of over 35,000 Canada geese and the establishment of wild turkeys in northern New York. He and wife Janet have a combined family of four daughters and two sons, as well as 12 grandchildren. Joe hopes to visit more casinos with his wife and hunt and fish when he wants to.

Frances C. Fowler has been a faculty member at Miami U. in Oxford, OH, for the last 13 years; in 2002, she was promoted to full professor. This spring, Prentice-Hall published the second edition of her textbook, *Policy Studies for Education Leaders: An Introduction*. In July she began a term as director of graduate studies for her department. **Dorothy Teitelbaum Terman** taught biology and general science and was a school district administrator for many years. She retired three years ago from the position of math and science coordinator for the Irvine, CA, Unified School District. Now as an educational consultant she gives workshops, facilitates, and does strategic planning. She has been working with astronaut Sally Ride and her company, Imaginary Lines, for two years. The company supports upper elementary and middle school girls in their interest in science, math, and technology. In June Dorothy was at the Kennedy Space Center to direct the first Sally Ride Inst., which will focus

in the high school division. Robert was in the Navy after graduation until 1991, serving two assignments in Vietnam. He retired from the military and decided to become a teacher. He became "convinced that education was the ticket to escaping from bad neighborhoods and poor family situations," and chose then to teach unskilled ninth grade students rather than fast track traditionally college-bound students. **Judith Fischer Reinach** was one of three recipients of the "Champions for Children Network" recognition award at the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Service 15th annual fund-raiser in May. Judy became a volunteer for the organization in 1988 and is presently the president of the Board of Trustees for Miami Bridge. In 1997 she ran the New York Marathon and raised enough money to purchase a 15-passenger van. Congratulations, Judy!

Another Floridian, **Robert Korn**, and wife **Candace (Martin) '71** live in Delray Beach. After 30 years in Miami, he moved his law office to Boca Raton, where he remains active in the practice of law. Daughter Stephanie is married and lives in Atlanta, while son Michael is in his second year at the American U. School of Law. **David and Nancy Goldstone Gersh** have downsized to their dream house on the east shore of Cayuga Lake in Ithaca. David is limiting his law practice to bankruptcy cases. Nancy is enjoying full retirement from her years as a guidance counselor with the Ithaca City School District. They have traveled to China, South America, and Alaska. They also like following the birds and spend January through April in Florida or California. Son Andy is a film editor in Berkeley, CA, and daughter Laura is completing a master's in Theater Performance and Vocal Performance at NYU.

Marvin and Hue McConnell have closed their business in Ketchikan, AK, and are looking forward to more leisure time. **Marcia Heine-mann Saunders** lives in London and is chairman of North Central London Strategic Health Authority. She has a side career in writing for the theater. Jokingly she says her work has been compared to Arthur Miller's: "As one critic said, 'Compared to Arthur Miller, your work's rubbish!'" **Edward Reich** is retired from the Ohio Army National Guard and is president/owner of EWR Enterprises Inc. He retired this summer as manager of the Lorain, OH, office of the IRS, Field Audit Group. He has enjoyed safaris to South Africa and Tanzania.

Gary '61 and Marilyn Schur Hellinger live in Greenwich, CT. They recently visited their son **Jeremy '04** in Seville, Spain, where he was studying for the spring semester. **Robert and Margot Ernst** live in Stuart, FL, where Robert is an organic farmer. Before he was 40 he owned and operated numerous food and beverage operations including fast food, family restaurants, and nightclubs. While he lived in the Florida Keys he was involved in development and investment property management. He combines that work with his organic farming. His travel included a five-week trip to New Zealand this past winter—"GREAT GEOGRAPHY, GREAT PEOPLE! If you haven't been there, put New Zealand at

‘Joseph Bruchac is a Native American storyteller and one of the premier figures in children’s literature.’

BEV JOHNS LAMONT '64

Surgery. Art has three children and two grandchildren to keep him busy. From Plano, TX, **Paul Zucioni**, MBA '64, reports that he's retired from KPMG after 33 years in public accounting. Paul keeps busy serving on public companies' boards of directors.

It is with regret that we note the passing of

on planetary science and gender equity. Personally, Dorothy is remarried to Carlos Sroka and has three grown children.

Robert Seaward Smith, chairman of the Science department at Terry Parker High School in Jacksonville, FL, was named the "Model Science/Technology Teacher of the Year" for Florida

the top of the list." (Warren '62 and I were there in January and absolutely agree!) Robert is working hard for the Fair Tax to replace the IRS's current Tax Code (<http://www.fairtax.org>). Margot and Robert have two grandchildren who help out on the farm. That's all for now. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, icke@excepc.com.

64 So here it is, nearly Thanksgiving time! And here's something to be thankful for: our 40th Reunion is just six months away! Here's some early lowdown:

First, your reunion co-chair **Barbara Lutz** Brim writes: "After graduation in 1964, I married and moved to the Southeast. With four children and a busy life in the community, I found it a low priority to go back to Cornell for reunions, in spite of my mother's (**Caroline Getty Lutz '29**) constant invitations to join her in Ithaca. She never missed a reunion until her age kept her away. Before the 30th, **Janet Warren** Fatherley called me and invited me back. I still did not go. Finally, after 35 years (hard to believe), I joined other classmates for what was for me a joyous reunion at my alma mater. How was I to know how liberating and how energizing a few days on the Cornell campus could be? Along with all the class activities, I found time to go, with my senior year roommate **Barbara Sarkus** Busch, to all the dorm rooms we had lived in all those many years ago, and laugh and reminisce about those formative years at Cornell (and marvel at how small those rooms really were!). Now I am committed to the 40th and encourage all of you to come back to campus. It is a time of remembering and a time of rejoicing. Please join us. I wish I had not been so long in experiencing this time of affirmation."

Howabout that? Now here's specific reunion information from our other reunion co-chair **Susan Mair** Holden: "Besides the intangible rewards of reunion that Barbara speaks of (and I agree completely), the event itself is one of the best get-away long weekends you could plan. Cornell and Ithaca's gorges are usually at their very best in early June and, as you no doubt remember, the food at Cornell and, more recently, from local caterers is excellent. At this point, the venues for our meals have been requested of the university, but are not confirmed, but we promise they will be delightful. We've planned tented picnics outdoors (on the shores of Beebe Lake or in the Plantations) and a 'smooth' dinner as well; breakfasts are lovely, served buffet-style in our dorm, and timed for all manner of risers.

"We have also planned several class events appealing to any interest: a class forum; a group hike; a rock & roll tent party with a live band; a reprise of the popular presentation by our own **Janet Spencer** King on staying healthy—dubbed 'Our Next Forty Years'; possibly a book discussion group, led by a professor, on a novel to be read beforehand, if desired; and a memorial service honoring those classmates we have lost. In addition to all of this, our world-renowned university and its various departments offer lec-

tures, forums, classes, and expositions of great interest and the highest quality. What more could you ask of a weekend in June? Please plan to join us. Your attendance will make it perfect."

Okay, then. Start making plans for June 10-13! Now, here's classmate news: **Joseph Bruchac** was named a National Education Assn. Human & Civil Rights Award winner at a special ceremony in July in New Orleans. Joseph is a Native American storyteller and writer and one of the premier figures in children's literature, with more than 70 books in print, plus poems, articles, and stories in more than 500 publications including *Cricket*, *National Geographic*, and *Smithsonian Magazine*. His most recent book, *Navajo Long Walk* (2002), depicts the 1863-65 forced relocation of the Navajo people from what is now Arizona to the Bosque Redondo Reservation in New Mexico Territory. He has long been recognized as a gifted individual unafraid to tackle human rights issues, including preservation of the New England tribes of his ancestors, the Abenaki. Joseph lives in Greenfield, NY.

Another newbie to this column is realtor **Michael Skyler** (né **Schmuckler**), who with wife Mona runs an "earthquake supply store" near their home in Mill Valley, CA. Michael is a regional rep for "Firefree 88," a fire-resistant paint, and Enerchron, an energy-saving indoor/outdoor insulation coating. The Skylers have a grown son and daughter. He enjoys free-diving for abalone, basketball, travel, hiking, camping, and generally "being outdoors." He says, "Staying active and busy mentally helps keep me healthy and alert." **Sylvia Bowes**, MS '79, who lives in Metairie, LA, last year received national certification as both a counselor and school counselor. "Juni" is in her 39th year as an educator. She is also a certified marriage and family therapist. She writes that her passion is her seven dogs.

Sad news: classmate **Dan Harrison** died last May of brain cancer. Dan had an interesting life. He was born in Tibet to missionary parents, and after graduation went to Papua, New Guinea, to set up a school for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Three of his four surviving daughters were born there. Returning to the US, he became a VP of Wycliffe, then a VP of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, for which he was also a director of mis-

sions. Most recently, he set up a university in China for Chinese people to learn English. This news came to me from **Lois Beach Conrad**, M Ed '65, who reports she's still teaching physics and physical sciences at Thousand Oaks (CA) High School. She's been there since 1969, but is planning to retire next year. Husband **Jack '63**, MS '69, is still working for Raytheon, most recently as program manager for the surveillance equipment of Global Hawk, an unmanned air vehicle.

Don't forget our class website: www.classof64.alumni.cornell.edu. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 The American Museum of Natural History in New York City was the site of an exciting Cornell program, "The Power and Promises of Life Sciences." Professors and alumni panels provided a thought-provoking and stimulating afternoon. Registered attendees from our class included **Tove Hasselriis** Abrams, **Jeff Dubin**, **Bob Everett**, **Myrna Wexler** Greenhut, **Penny Skitol** Haitkin, **Judy Alpern** Intraub, **Joe Lebson**, **Rick Meltzer**, **Arnie Rabinor**, **Joan Elstein** Rogow, **David Roitman**, and **Dave Wollin**. Many spouses, Cornellian and non-Cornellian, also attended.

News comes from **Leona Fass** of Carmel, CA. She included an article from a local paper saluting **Jerry Rubin '64** and his receiving a physician recognition award from the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Jerry is a medical oncologist and was instrumental in organizing the Cancer Recovery Group. This helped form the hospice program on the Monterey Peninsula. His wife **Suellen (Safir) '65** is a practicing psychologist. Daughter Nancy is a physician, and daughter Emily is a speech and language pathologist. Another Cornellian in the news is U. of Michigan space scientist **Lennard Fisk**. He has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Elaine Sarkin Jaffe is still at NIH, where she finds herself working longer and longer hours. Younger son Cale was married in October 2002. Cornellians in attendance at his wedding included **Bruce Berger '64**, **Toni LeRoy** Berger

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'66, **Jay Harris '65**, **George Gorman '62**, and **Jay Branegan '72**. Cale is currently clerking for a judge in the US Court of Appeals in Richmond, VA. Older son Greg is Pentagon correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal*. He and wife Kristie have two children. New grandparents include **Dennis** and **Joyce Ostroff Black '66**. Their son

raiser for the Anti-Defamation League. Loren recently started Write Wisdom Inc. to help people write their life stories. Free time is spent hiking, traveling, and enjoying spas.

More tidbits from the class: **Edward Schaffer**, BS Ag '67, of Carmel, NY, is still practicing law. He is licensed in both California and New

an economics professor at Towson U. and Helen is an accountant with Sinclair Broadcast Group. Their daughter works for a community theater in Anchorage, and their son is a computer consultant in New Orleans.

I want to tell you about Cornell in the summer (yes, there is life after classes). I have been elected to the board of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) and there are regular meetings, including a summer retreat in Ithaca. I was there in July for the meeting and I almost didn't recognize the place! I stayed in the Townhouse Community Center, next to where Adult University (CAU) was actively meeting (thank you, **Ralph Janis!**). There was a beautiful blue sky, and there were magnificent white puffy clouds (honest!). At the meeting of the CACO Board, our class was ably represented: **Larry Eisen**, ME I '67, gave a presentation on behalf of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and its automatic renewal program, under way in most classes except ours. **Rolf Frantz**, ME AESP '67, was also there, as was I. For our afternoon break, there were four different flavors of that awesome Cornell Dairy Bar ice cream.

The meeting was over late Saturday afternoon, and I took a walk around the campus. Let me tell you, if you haven't been there for a while, you will be surprised. There are many new buildings tucked in here and tucked in there; many of the older buildings have had renovations or expansions. It has all been done tastefully and carefully. As I went past Noyes, I walked out on the Class of '66 Beach and saw lots of green and lots of pretty water. This was a great thing for us to do for the university as a class gift. Your class officers are starting to think about what we should do for Cornell in 2006, when we have our 40th Reunion; suggestions are welcome for consideration!

As I headed for the Arts Quad, it started to rain lightly, reminding me of where I really was! The portion toward Sibley was all torn up and fenced off, both from new construction and the installation of the chilled water line. When I actually got to the Quad, the rain had stopped, and I had an awe-inspiring moment: there was no one but me on the entire Quad, and it was beautiful—a true photo-op, as we say here in Washington. Then the chimes began to play. It was perfect—a moment to remember.

I wandered past the Library, looked down Libe Slope, and saw two people in formal attire struggling up. They stopped and asked me to point them to Sage Chapel; there was a wedding going on and they were late. I got to the Straight and it was closed—rented out for the evening for the wedding reception. A band inside was playing Beatles music. Outside, the chimes were still playing (wedding music). Back on North Campus, I had dinner at one of the new cafeterias and was very impressed—although it was a bit expensive. On Sunday morning, I headed back to Bethesda, again with a beautiful blue sky and white, puffy clouds. What a great trip! Please come to Ithaca soon—don't wait for reunion!

Happy Holidays! Please send in News with your Dues. E-mails are welcome anytime. ♦ **John Miers**, john_miers@nih.gov; **Bill Block-**

'Retired from high tech—now a professional handweaver.'

NANCY PAYNE KRONENBERG '67

Adam Black '91 and daughter-in-law **Stephanie (Goldstein) '91** had a son in February 2003.

Marvin Foster of Pomona, CA, also has a new grandson. Marvin is back working at Peck Road Truck Center in Whittier, CA. **Robert Becker** still enjoys delivering babies in St. Louis. His grandson Alex is now 3. Another delighted grandparent is **Karen Dean Abbe**. She and husband **Jay '63**, MS '65, are thoroughly enjoying grandson Alexander. **Dianne Zimet** Newman and husband Martin welcomed first grandchild Hannah this past April. NYC is still the home of **Ed Kelman**. His granddaughter Caroline is the daughter of son **Matt Kelman '93**, JD '97.

Judith Russell Davidson and husband Arthur divide their time between Orleans, MA, and London. Their daughter Elvira was married in November 2002. Judith spent time helping Israeli cellist Amit Peled. He lived with them in the US while he studied, and though now based in Germany, he will return to the States soon to teach at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins U. **George Timmer** was married in November 2001. He is president of the Tiptop Canning Co. During his free time, George enjoys traveling, golfing, and fishing. Still practicing dentistry in NYC and Westchester is **Howard Rakov**. Howard has been a scoutmaster for 35 years and still enjoys the challenge. Son **Chris '96**, ME C '97, has flown F-18 fighters off the carrier *Kitty Hawk* in Afghanistan and in Iraq. Son **Brad '98** is flying a C-130 for the Marines out of Okinawa. Come home safely.

News from **Judy Alpern** Intraub who retired in June from the NYC school system: She looks forward to college teaching, tennis, and leisure time with husband Saul. A conference at Hartwick College put Judy in touch with one of her favorite Cornell professors, David Pimentel. She found his lecture fascinating and enjoyed meeting him again. Judy's daughter Sandi graduated *magna cum laude* from Brandeis and is now teaching in Newton, MA. **Ashok**, ME I '65, and **Fay Thomas Bakhru**, MA IN T '66, send news that they are able to travel more with Ashok being semi-retired. Their daughter **Romy '94** presented them with their first grandchild, Isabella, in September 2002. Their son Jay is attending Wharton and spending the summer working in Latin America. **Loren Stephens** writes from California. She keeps busy teaching and coaching writing, and working as a fund-

York. **Susan Lehrer** Jones and husband David reside in Maryland. Just an address from **Clint Rappole**, PhD '71, and wife **Leigh (Anderson)**, M Ed '65. They live in Houston, TX. **Joyce Yelencsics Rosevear** and husband **Frederick '64** are residents of Madison, WI. River rafting and wine tasting are hobbies of New York City residents **Michael Sukin** and wife Kimberly Bonnell. Michael works at Sukin Law Group.

Hip replacement surgery hasn't slowed down **Bruce Cohen**, ME '67. He continues cycling since his surgery in October 2002 and says, "Everything works and is okay!" as he completed 600-plus miles in Arizona in March. A surprise 60th birthday bash for **Richard Gildersleeve** was held in Cabos San Lucas. He owns Crab Shell restaurant in Stamford, CT, and also conducts harbor tours in his electric boat. Celebrating their 35th anniversary, **Judith Kellner Rushmore** and husband **Stephen '67**, along with daughter **Cindy '93**, husband Pete, and son **Stephen '96** and his fiancée **Kristin Little '98**, took a bicycle tour through Burgundy this past September.

Thanks for all the mail! Send more to ♦ **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908)782-7028; **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248)788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; and **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rt. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel., (315)342-0457; e-mail, dpn5@cornell.edu.

66 Hello, people. I certainly hope this column finds you all doing well. I have several items that I want to share with you. **Dennis '65** and **Joyce Ostroff Black** (joyceblack@yahoo.com) are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandson, Aidan David, son of Drs. **Adam '91** and **Stephanie Goldstein Black '91**, in February 2003 (I wonder if there is another Cornell legacy in the future). **John**, ME E '68, and **Helen Perry Egger** (write to John at john.egger@att.net) recently realized a lifelong dream by building a small cabin on a remote Adirondack lake near the High Peaks. In the early '60s John bicycled from Cornell to the Adirondacks twice, and Helen often vacationed there. They spend as much time as they can at the camp, hiking and canoeing, but their home is Towson, MD, where John (PhD, NYU '85) is

ton, rbsfabrics@aol.com; Sue Rockford Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 **Richard Wood** (Toronto, Ont., Canada; lgrusonrwood@sprint.ca), reports that of his five children, "three have graduated from university—one engineer, one about to be lawyer/social worker, one public relations specialist—and one is about to go to university. The youngest is autistic." Dick has a doctorate in psychology and adds that he and wife Linda Gruson have full private practices and "work is great. I'd love to find out where **Jack 'McNasty' McFadden** is!" Dick, check the Alumni Directory online at <http://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Faye Harwell led the design for her landscape architecture design firm Rhodeside & Harwell, based in Alexandria, VA (fayeh@rhodeside-harwell.com), for a new memorial garden honoring Virginia patriot George Mason near the Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin here in Washington. It's good to recall that George Mason decided not to be a signer of the Constitution because it then lacked a Bill of Rights. **Susan Goodman Feldman**, Framingham, MA, was promoted to research vice president at IDC. She and husband **Robert '66**, PhD '75, "are still settling in in Massachusetts. We love our jobs and are near son David and closer to daughter Elana, but we miss Ithaca fiercely."

Dave DeBell, ddebell@heico.com, reports he married Becky Kay on St. Patrick's Day 2002, and that they are "proud parents of Penny, our beautiful red and white Papillon." Dave's also achieved "charter certification" status with respect to the Myers-Briggs (MBTI). I received a nice piece from the *Morning Call* (Allentown, PA) saluting **Bob Wood** in his third year heading Wood Dining Services, "a strong presence in 11 states with 16,000 employees." Bob married Sara Kay Steinberg in May 2002. He has two sons, Damian, 30, and Jonas, 21, "who gets to eat Wood Dining Services food at Ursinus College." He recalled his first experience (on the Hill?) cooking for a date: "I was cooking steak Diane, a thinly sliced filet cooked in brandy with shallots in a sauce. 'Bob, what are you making?' she asked, and I said, 'steak Diane.' All of a sudden she was very quiet. I said, 'What's wrong?' And she said, 'My name's Joann.' We made up, but I had to show her a recipe to prove it was steak Diane."

Toby Tucker Hecht (Bethesda, MD; hecht@ncicrf.gov) reports that son Spencer graduated from U. of Maryland law school, and son Jonathan is in his last year at Wesleyan. **Nancy Payne Kronenberg**, Carlisle, MA, "retired from high tech—now a professional handweaver." **James Davis** reports a new address in Hayesville, NC (jfd11@cornell.edu), and reports that son **Cristian '97** is a PhD candidate at Harvard in evolutionary biology/genetics, and daughter **Samantha '00** is director of community development at the Paleontological Research Institution in Ithaca. Jim notes that he now has a home on a mountainside with a 10-mile view and that he lectured in economics at Georgetown last summer.

Neath Folger (Mankato, MN; folger.neath@mayo.edu) is president and CEO at Immanuel St. Joseph's - Mayo Health System; wife **Doris (Nicloy)**, DJFolger@aol.com, is on the AMA Medical Alliance Board for Minnesota. Son **Ryan '98** has been at the Johnson School on the Hill and playing on the rugby team in his spare time. **Jeff Sheara** has moved to Kennett Square, PA, but is "still working at DuPont, though retirement in another year or two seems likely. Greg will be a senior and Samantha a sophomore this fall, both at Penn State." ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 Hope you had a good summer! **Les Abramson** is a professor at the Brandeis School of Law at the U. of Louisville. Les has taught there for 30 years and recently received an award from the board of trustees for his extraordinary impact on students. Les's scholarly work is focused on judicial ethics and he is widely recognized for his exceptional teaching. **Richard Kubiak** is a pharmacist and lives in Boca Raton, FL. Richard reports, "We all need to find our 'niche' in this world; we come from all corners of the world to attend Cornell. Some return to their home environments, others seek distant places. I still admire Florida today as I did when I moved here 17 years ago."

Alan Stoll, MPA '70, and wife Nina live in Paxton, MA. Alan is a health administrator and currently serves as executive director of the UMass Memorial Medical Group in Worcester, a multispecialty academic group practice of 650 physicians. Alan has children Ira, 30, and Elizabeth, 28. **Linda Jacobsen** and husband Kai Ewald live in Indianapolis. She works for Roche Applied Science where her specialty involves "developing tools for transfection and protein expression." **Mary Lou Janicki** Currihan lives in Shaker Heights, OH, and is a college administrator. Mary Lou has been with Notre Dame College since 1985, working with the Weekend College, where she is director. Her son **Christopher '97** lives in Pittsburgh, and daughter Melissa attends the U. of Chicago. Mary Lou regularly sees **Karen Woyshner Zill** and **Cynthia Darrow** Curtis.

Judy Goldstein is a physician and lives in New York City. **Robert Jones**, BArch '69, has been elected dean of the California Poly College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Prior to that appointment he was executive director of the California Futures Network, which works with the state legislature and governor's office to coordinate numerous organizations dealing with sustainable development. He has a diverse background in architecture, planning, housing development, public policy, and education. **Ray Reisler**, MA IN T '71, and his wife live in Los Angeles. Ray is executive director of the S. Mark Taper Foundation in L.A. It was great seeing the Reislers at reunion. **Mary Helen Watkins** Baker and husband Robert live in Carlsbad, CA. **Herb Fuller** reports the publication of *It's a Wrap*, a suspense novel set against the background of international movie-making. Herb is currently

an administrator at Harvard U.

Jerry Blackman is a professor of clinical psychiatry at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Jerry has authored many professional articles and manuals and has been honored by the American Psychoanalytic Assn. with an award for teaching. He also received the Teacher of the Year Award from the psychiatry department at his school. Jerry's wife Susan is a partner in the law firm of Willcox & Savage in Norfolk, VA, where she practices employment and immigration law. Jerry has seen college roommate **Rick Shaper**, who is the CEO of Quantum Instruments. It brought back memories of Jerry's band experience at Cornell with **Ralph Samuelson** and **Joe Benardot**. **Harold Sasnowitz** is a program manager with Lockheed Martin Systems.

Jeffrey Donahue and wife Anne live in Baltimore, MD. After 30 years with The Rouse Company, a large publicly-held real estate investment trust, Jeff retired as executive vice president and CFO. He started a new job as president and CEO of The Enterprise Social Investment Corp., a major supplier of affordable low-income housing. Anne is an assistant attorney general in the state of Maryland. Jeff stays in touch with **Tom Horn**, **Jim Foster '67**, **Todd Kiplinger**, and **Jim Hanna**, MBA '69.

Jerry Kreider, MArch '71, is an architect in Pennsylvania. Jerry served as board president for Habitat-West Philadelphia. He has recently become director of operations at Francis Cauffman Foley Hoffmann, a large architectural firm with offices in Philadelphia, Syracuse, and Baltimore. **Anita Charney** lives in San Diego, CA. Anita unfortunately reports the death of her husband David Bernstein last summer, after 28 years of marriage. Her son Justin graduated from UC Berkeley and plans to attend law school. Her other son, Ari, graduated from Torrey Pines High School and starts college in September. Anita works in the marketing consulting field. **Jeff Parmet** and wife Karen live in Potomac, MD. Jeff is a consultant in litigation and has recently retired.

That's all for now. Look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Sq., Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, gordon_silver@putnam.com.

69 A number of our classmates have relocated. **Linda Wolff**, her husband **John Romanow '70**, and her 17-year-old daughter Elissa Wolff Goldstone now live in Brooklyn, NY, where Linda is employed as a broker. **Peter Rosen** has relocated to Richmond, VA, and joined Capitol One Services as an internal senior human resources consultant. **Michael Freeman** married Roselyne Elbaum from Aix-en-Provence, France, in 1996. The couple have a boy named Benjamin, 3, and recently moved to Coral Gables, FL. **Suzanne Sacks** continues to teach skiing part-time at Breckenridge Ski Resort, but she now lives in Denver and works as a career consultant with Bernard Haldane Assocs. Suzanne's son David is a senior at Florida Atlantic U., and her daughter Elana

attends New York U. Law School. **Bob Radford**, BA '75, has settled happily in Verona, WI, and teaches at Madison Technical College.

Across the world in New Delhi, India, **Naresh Khanna** lives with wife Uma. He owns and operates a jewelry store specializing in precious stones set in 18K gold. In addition, Naresh has two deluxe hotels. His son **Ravish '91** opened a multi-cuisine restaurant this year called Go Orient and became a first-time father last year. His daughter Punam lives in Atlanta, where she works in the finance industry.

William Marston, BArch '70, provides us with news about himself and several College of Architecture classmates who entered Cornell in 1965 but graduated from the five-year program in 1970. William is a founding architect with the small but effective New Jersey Sustainable Business Alliance. In July 2002, the governor announced that all public schools would be designed as sustainable, high-performance, green buildings. William says, "The economic and health benefits of this executive order will last for generations." **Sam Waldman**, BArch '70, lives in northern coastal California with his wife and two teenaged children. On a visit with William, Sam talked about his sole practitioner architectural practice and gave him a T-shirt from the town's volunteer fire department, where he has been helping out since 9/11. **Leon Satkowski**, BArch '70, is a professor of architecture at U. of Minnesota and served as acting dean for several years. He has written a book along with Colin Rowe, *Italian Architecture of the 16th Century*. "Insightful and gorgeously beautiful," says William. In Ithaca, **Ken Vineberg**, BArch '70, keeps an eye on campus buildings and reports that changes are planned for the old U-Halls area. In the past, Ken served on the Ithaca Planning and Development Board.

Judith Ruchlis Eisenberg and husband **Herb**, MS '69, have been engaged in "multi-generational Cornell bonding." Both she and former Donlon dormmate **Ellen Schaum Korn '68** were on hand for the graduation of their daughters **Lauren Eisenberg '02** and **Joanna Korn '02**. Coincidentally, their daughters roomed together during their time at Cornell. Judith also goes on to tell us about her activities. She has a small financial consulting business for senior citizens and is a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In addition, she is active in the League of Women Voters, working on a campaign finance reform initiative featuring free air-time for political candidates. For the past several years, Judith and Herb have spent vacations bicycling through parts of France.

Susan Wohryzek Mittler's family has numerous Cornell connections. Her husband Dan works for the university in TAM (engineering). Their daughter **Jessica '94** is employed with Mathematica Policy Research Inst. in Washington, DC. And their son **Craig '98**, a World Trade Center survivor, works in New York City in the securities industry. Susan is an educator and president of the Ithaca Teachers Assn., vice-president of the NY State PTA, and a member of the Science Center Advisory Board. Both children of **Donald Tofias**, BArch

'70, are also Cornellians. His daughter **Alissa '03** was a government major. His son **Michael '00** is a graduate student at Duke studying political science. Donald's boat-building business is doing well. He says, "My W-class boats are winning lots of races." Lately, Donald has been racing and sailing in the US and Europe full-time. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

70 **Steve**, BArch '71, and **Pam Rackow Perls** report that the youngest of their three daughters, **Dana '03**, completed her BA from the Arts college in December 2002. In January 2003, she returned to Cornell, where she is working as a TA for Prof. Barr and doing administrative work for others. Pam also reports that **Ilana Cohen**, the daughter of **Jonathan Cohen '67** (Pam's first cousin), is the newest Cornellian in the family. And so the tradition, and the tuition, continue! Steve and Pam still live in Lafayette, CA, and their e-mail address is sperls@comcast.com. **Kathie Framke** Wrick, PhD '79 (kwrick@comcast.com or wrick.kathie@tiax.biz), now in West Newton, MA, is a principal in the food, health, and nutrition practice of the technology consulting firm, TIAX LLC. The former Technology and Innovation Business of Arthur D. Little Inc. went private in May of 2002.

It is with great sadness that I report of the death of our classmate **Jeanne Devoe Massey**. She is survived by husband **Charles '73**, MPS Ag '75, who writes that she passed away Apr. 12, '03 after a short illness due to cancer. He can be reached at 3951 County Route 123, Jasper, NY 14855. He retired from teaching agricultural education in various high schools and at Alfred State College on July 1, '01.

Peter Chase is a manager for Clark Construction in Bethesda, MD. He continues to work in the Washington, DC, area. He recently completed a new FBI lab in Quantico, VA, where Pete's counterpart for the FBI was **Earl Roberts '69**, who graduated with us in 1970. Pete's daughter Stephanie is a Lieutenant in the US Army, is a member of the Combat Engineering Battalion, and traveled with the 3rd Infantry to Baghdad. When Pete wrote in mid-May, she was in charge of power, water, and sanitary facilities at the Baghdad Airport. Pete's son Christopher will graduate from Wake Forest in December 2003. Pete still lives in Potomac, MD, and his e-mail address is peterchase@comcast.net. **Michael Ries** (MHRiesMD@aol.com) lives in Chicago.

Neil Murray and wife Janet, Schenectady, NY, survived the toughest winter ever in the New York State Capitol District (or at least in our lifetime). They decided to enjoy it and took up downhill skiing and ice skating for the first time in many years. Lake George was sporting 18-plus inches of ice and a smooth freeze, so they skated across and back, two and a half miles each way. Neil has finished his fourth year as chair of Computer Science at SUNY Albany. He plans to give papers at conferences in Miami and Rome by the end of 2003.

Linda A. Jackson, MA IN T '73 (jackso67

@msu.edu) is a professor of psychology at Michigan State U. She is currently principal investigator under a research grant with the National Science Foundation, working on the social and psychological dimension of information technology, the Home Net Too project. You can check this out at: www.msn.edu/user/jackso67/index.htm or www.HomeNetToo.org. Her husband, Mike Murray, is Chief Commissioner of the Michigan Supreme Court. Earlier in 2003, their son Christopher graduated *summa cum laude* in engineering physics from the U. of Michigan. Their daughter is deciding on a college. Linda and family live in Mason, MI.

Enjoy the end of 2003 and have a blessed and happy holiday season. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.

71 Greetings to all of our classmates and a sincere thank you for sending in news with your class dues. Congratulations to **Caryn Furst** (cfurst@optonline.net), who was elected to the Blind Brook/Rye Union Free School District Board of Education. In Caryn's hometown of Rye Brook, NY, a Board of Education member is an elected state official and the board has taxing authority separate from the general government. Caryn is looking forward to her involvement in this area as she is the mother of Moranda and Shara, both in fourth grade. **Charles Staadecker** lives in Vashon Island, WA. He is delighted to report that his daughter **Tess '07** is a student in the Hotel school. **Julie Furman** Stodolka is a bankruptcy lawyer in central California. Julie tells us, "After years of hauling around my Norton Anthologies, I finally submitted a few poems to contests and small periodicals and have had three published so far—quite a thrill!" Julie can be reached at jefstodolka@mercednet.com and would love to locate **Leigh Zaphiropoulos**.

Jed Callen, MS '74, is an attorney in New Hampshire. He argued two cases in the New Hampshire Supreme Court during the month of June. Jed's daughter Molly just completed her sophomore year at Bryn Mawr, and Julie is a high school sophomore. Jed also devotes time to being president of a land trust, preserving as much land as possible in the state of New Hampshire. **Gwen Lourie** Chattman of Caldwell, NJ (glourie@proskauer.com), works at the law firm of Proskauer Rose as an ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) attorney. She and her husband met the first day of law school (!) and are the parents of children ages 17 and 14. Gwen's kids are big sports fans so when not at work or eating lunch with **Leslie Jennis** Obus (her favorite lunch companion) she is at her children's games. This summer she traveled to the Canadian Rockies for "an awesome back roads multisport trip."

Bob Taylor (taylor@maine.rr.com) keeps in touch with a number of his Chi Psi brothers. Bob is an avid sports fan and reports, "This was the first year that my wife Barbara and I have missed Homecoming in quite some time, but we did continue our traditional bi-annual trek

to Cambridge to see the Harvard game. A tough loss for sure. Also, I was in Albany for the ECACs and in Providence for the NCAA regionals." **Deborah Spitz** (dsplitz@yoda.bsd.uchicago.edu) is living in Evanston, IL, after recently moving from Norwich, England. Deborah worked for three years for the National Health Service in England and is starting in a new job in the department of psychiatry at the U. of Chicago. She would like to locate **Barbara Brem** Neveau. **Wendy Zomparelli** has been elected to the Roanoke College Board of Trustees. Wendy is president and publisher of the *Roanoke Times* and is also president of the board of the Landmark Foundation, a group that allocates funds to human service and arts organizations throughout the US.

And now for our classmates' celebrations. **Ken Margolies** was recently married. Congratulations to you! He and wife Amanda met in a Spanish class at the Omega Inst. three years ago. Their celebration included Cornellians **Laura Katz**, **Vic Trodella**, BArch '72, **Nick Lembo**, BArch '75, and **Alan Brown** '73. Ken has taken up abstract painting in his spare time. A happy occasion that I was fortunate to attend was the bat mitzvah of **Steve** and **Laurie Gorfine's** daughter Jennifer last May. Cornellians in attendance included **Mayo** and **Liz Cohn Stuntz** '73, **Rick Leland**, **Andrew Tisch**, and my husband **Joe Miller** '69. Jennifer was a gracious hostess, and was well prepared, poised, and confident as she participated in the service. Congratulations to Steve and family!

Another social event of last spring was a Phi Ep reunion for the classes of '68-72 held at the Cornell Club in New York. Over drinks and dinner, more than 50 Cornellians caught up on news about one another. Our class was well represented, and I will try to update you on news about these classmates during the coming year. **Joe Milano** (jmilano@schwartzlevinmilano.com) attended the reunion with his son **Andrew** '05. Andrew, a government major, was recently named to Dean's List. Joe is an attorney at Schwartz, Levin, and Milano, a small, general practice law firm. His wife Karen is administrative director of St. Vincent's Hospital. Joe and Karen are also parents of Rachel, a designer, who teaches art at a private school, and Brielle, 14. He and his family live in Queens. Another former Phi Ep member is **Ken Werker**, who resides in Vancouver (kwerker@van.fasken.com). Ken manages the western offices (Vancouver, Calgary, and Yellowknife) of Fasken Martineau, one of Canada's larger law firms. He is married to **Janet (Feldman)** '74, a professor of psychology at UBC. This year the Werkers traveled to Spain and Havana. Janet and Ken have sons **Greg** '98, ME I '99, who married Kim in March 2002 and works as a programmer and operations research consultant in Wilmington, DE (he telecommutes to work from Vancouver); and Eric, who is in a PhD program in economics at Harvard.

John Committo sent us a correction on some misinformation printed in our last column. He writes that **Jay Kaplan** is director of the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Connecticut. John is chair of the Environmental Studies

dept. at Gettysburg College. Jay and wife Kate visited John and **Annie (Catalinotto)** at their home in Maryland, where Annie is associate professor of mathematics at Frederick Community College. Sorry about garbling your news, John. We hope we got it right this time.

My co-correspondent, **Matt Silverman** (mes62@cornell.edu) and I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. ♦ **Linda Germaine Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

72 Alan MacRobert recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as an editor (now senior editor) of *Sky & Telescope* magazine, and the International Astronomical Union named a newly discovered asteroid "MacRobert" in his honor. "MacRobert" is several miles in diameter, orbiting beyond Mars. Says Alan, "In 5000 AD, if things go reasonably well between now and then, it will be hollowed out, a million people will be living in it, and their kids will learn in school who it was named for—if they still have school by then, and I hope they don't." Here on earth, Alan wrote an Aug. 1, '03 letter to the editor of *The New York Times*, commenting on President Bush's statement that "in order to placate the critics and cynics about intentions of the United States, we need to produce evidence" of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Alan's response: "If the Iraqi weapons exist, we need to find them not to placate critics but to prevent them from being used for devastating attacks on the United States! . . . The fact that President Bush did not express concern about this prospect, but instead described the stakes as a matter of political credibility, indicates that he privately assumes that the weapons do not exist."

Jessica Schwartz is the senior communications officer at The Wallace Foundation, working primarily in the area of strengthening K-12 public education leadership to raise student achievement. Her work in public education is not only professional—she watches and encourages her two boys, Jacob and Eli,

Russell Judge, ME E '73, is a B-767 captain for American Airlines and flies to most major cities in the United States. He recently returned from "the vacation of a lifetime," having scuba dived in Guam, Truk, Palau, Yap, and Peleliu during a trip to the islands of Micronesia. "The beauty and tranquility of these tropical islands contrasted greatly with the carnage and wreckage of war lying below their serene waters," he writes. "Over the years, the sea has reclaimed the debris of war, turning the wrecks into lush, vibrant, astonishingly beautiful reefs. There must be a message somewhere." **Steven Payne**, PhD '82, is now a lecturer at the Washington Theological Union and president of the Carmelite Inst. in Washington, DC. He recently returned from an assignment in Nairobi, Kenya, where he lived for a year and a half. **William Walther** of Birmingham, AL, announces the arrival of his first grandchild in August 2002.

Gary Sesser's twins **Anne** and **Ben** completed their freshman year at Cornell in June. Anne is a student in the Hotel school and Ben is in ILR. Older son Michael graduated from Yale in May 2002 and then spent a year teaching in Brazil. Gary was looking forward to a June 2003 reunion with Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity brothers at the Cornell Club in NYC. "Phi Ep went off the Hill in late 1969, but its spirit lives on," he says. "Hearing from so many long-lost brothers during the planning for this event has been really entertaining." Gary's buddy **Peter Bartfeld**, also a Phi Ep alum, shares the experience of having offspring at Cornell. Daughter **Elizabeth** '00 graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences, and her younger sister **Amanda** has been attending the Hotel school. Gary and Peter are both lawyers practicing in New York City firms.

Margaret Geppert Walter has lived in Germany since 1972, first in Kiel, then near Karlsruhe, Frankfurt, and then for the last 20 years in beautiful Swabia near Stuttgart. Margy and husband **Dietmar** '65 were married in 1970 and

‘Herb and Judith Ruchlis Eisenberg have been engaged in “multi-generational Cornell bonding.”’

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through high school and middle school, respectively. Jessica and her family live in Tarrytown, NY, with an overgrown Labrador puppy. **Bonnie Goldsmith** Clewans was nominated for the Athena Award, which is given by Business First Publications for Outstanding Women in Business. She was a member of the faculty at the International Quilt Festival in Houston and Chicago, and at the Bead & Button Show in Milwaukee. Bonnie also wrote a series of articles for *Lapidary Journal* called "Step by Step for Kids."

have children Carrie, 22, Iugo, 19, and Steven, 17. Margy is a full-time freelance German-English translator, specializing in medicine, pharmaceuticals, and automotive engineering. She still enjoys folk dancing and teaches folk dance classes at a local school. Dietmar has been an independent software developer and consultant for the past 15 years. Margy writes that she and Dietmar have "a happy family and are endlessly grateful for such a full and interesting life." ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, Alexander.Barna-1@nasa.gov.

73 I was afraid this would happen. I should explain that I have been a rotating class correspondent for over ten years now, an assignment received not through merit, but by showing up at a class meeting without realizing there were certain positions that badly needed filling. I rarely write for the print media because, this being the age of the Internet, any error you make eventually finds its way into your credit record and suddenly the Roscoe Diner won't take your card. But I reckoned that of all the literary forms, the anthologizing of personal news tidbits from classmates would present the least risk, and so I have stuck with it. Now, however, I fear I have done it too long, because a disturbing word has crept into the class news.

Michael Finley reports from Rydal, PA, that he's retired from the Navy after 30 years, at the rank of Rear Admiral (2 stars). I had to read it twice, to make sure. The idea that a contemporary of mine has actually *retired after 30 years* was a splash in the face. I seriously doubt that we are really that old. Could *that* be why the kids moved out? I still haven't decided whether to forgive them.

At least in Michael's case, retirement was merely a speed bump. He's turned right around and taken over as president of Insight, a supply

with unique learning styles. They live in Great Neck, NY, and have sons David, 20, Matt, 15, and Ben, 13. **Margaret Weaver** Jordan lives in Pasadena, CA, where she teaches kindergarten and assists with admissions at the Polytechnic School. Husband Thomas is director of the Southern California Earthquake Center at USC, in charge of those nervous little needles. Daughter Alison is a stockbroker with Smith Barney in Boston; son J.P., 20, studies at the U. of Arizona.

It was good to hear from **Riki Poster** Sheehan, who I know from Yorktown High School, and who, although I'm betting she doesn't remember this, fixed me up with my first date at Cornell. (Alison, I think? All I remember is that we needed to find someone short.) She lives in Bethesda, where her husband Michael is a political and corporate media consultant. Son Ben has just graduated from high school, and son Jonathan is 14. They spend summers vacationing at Rehoboth Beach with former roommate **Dana Friedman**, her husband Joey, and their daughters Sammie, Maddie, and Allie.

Bob Platt, JD '76, has found the secret to maintaining his college physique—running marathons that included (in 2002) Boston, Coudersport, PA, and Washington, DC. He stopped long enough to take his first Caribbean cruise last year. **Sunil Lamba** is living in New

rattlesnakes and killer bees. I see you got the deluxe package, Ann. Having lived 25 years in laid-back Seattle myself, I can understand the need to vacation in someplace dangerous. Ann is deputy regional counsel for EPA Region 10 in Seattle, and reports that a lot of her job now involves Homeland Security. **Michael Mullin** lives in Kingwood, TX, with wife Ana Cecilia and is operations manager at Continental Airlines. Anna Michelle, 3, attends Montessori, Alex, 20, is at West Point, Mike, 21, studies finance at the U. of Houston, and Melissa, 22, attends law school.

The highlight of my year was 28 days spent in Doha, Qatar, covering Centcom during Gulf War II. (My preferred pronunciation is kuh-TARR, like "guitar," which is what they say on Radio Doha.) You may have noticed the three questions I managed to ask General Brooks during those cryptic morning briefings at Camp As Sayliyah. Those of us in the non-television media were relegated to row 4 and beyond so that getting the general's attention was a daily exercise in seat selection, body language, and tactical note-pad waving. I think I was the first correspondent to ask the "Are we safer now?" question, which I posed on Day 13. The answer was "yes." Among other things, that means that in addition to the immortality achieved here in the alumni magazine, I'm also in a Defense Department Transcript somewhere. The Weill Cornell Medical Center has a branch in Doha's futuristic Education City Complex, where several US universities have been invited to conduct American-style co-ed classes. It was 110 degrees the day I had my picture taken with Dean Daniel R. Alonso. Just like September in Ithaca.

This year's Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society production was *The Gondoliers*, in which I did my first turn as the gently sadistic Don Alhambra. That production, and the Doha trip, to my dismay, squeezed reunion out of my schedule. My wife **Patti (Miller)** '72 attended as correspondent pro-tem and caught up with members of our old party crowd **Bill Chamberlain** and **Carol Worman** Nolan. She got the scoop that Carol's son Scott is studying engineering at Cornell, while son Paul is a violin virtuoso. She also reports **Sandy Berger** '67's lecture analyzing the Middle East was well-received, including his metaphor that history is written in the rear view mirror, but lived through a foggy windshield. (So it's the *historians* who are screwing up my commute!)

She also attended the Cornell Chorus concert in Sage Chapel, as well as the traditional Hangovers concert at the Cornell Plantations and reports that both the music and the free cookies (double-stuffed Oreos) were excellent. Her final official act was to cheerfully consent to my re-appointment as co-correspondent. Our daughter Emilie, 24, is in Paris after a graduate program at Middlebury College, and Caitlin, 19, is a sophomore at Gonzaga in Spokane, WA.

Please remember that news is always fresher when it's new, and since your postage-paid cards tend to arrive six months to a year before the column appears, please give serious consideration to the use of e-mail. I know it can be nostalgic to

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DAVID ROSS '73

chain modeling and optimization company that works with the Fortune 500 to make sure everything arrives on time—a little military discipline for the private sector.

Robert Wintamute has retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service after 35 years. But I was happy to read that he also owns and operates a fruit farm in Union Springs, NY, which I assume means he still has to punch an alarm clock like the rest of us. Wife Kathyann teaches art, daughter Kim, 35, has an MS in speech therapy, Stephanie, 33, has an MS in production engineering, and Randi and Cory, 19, are college sophomores.

Edna McCulloch Oakley reports that husband Fred has just retired from his radiology practice in Clear Lake, IA. Son Frederick has graduated from Iowa State and is applying to med school, while daughter Sarah is in her senior year at the U. of Iowa studying speech and hearing. Edna herself is an adjunct instructor at North Iowa Area Community College and a part-time dietician at Mercy Medical Center.

In the career-change category, **Susan Denburg** Yellin has left her part-time law practice to become executive director of The Center For Learning Differences, co-founded with her husband Paul. As parents of a child with learning differences, they'll now help other professionals promote a multi-disciplinary approach to kids

Delhi with wife Nutan. His daughter Divya was married last year after completing her master's degree from the London School of Economics. Son Dhruv, 23, studied hotel management in Les Roches, Switzerland, and Divij, 15, is in the 10th standard in New Delhi. **Sharon Kern-Taub** is living in Riverdale, NY, and reports that son Matthew will be celebrating his second birthday. **Robert Persons III**, ME C '74, lives in Auburn-dale, MA, with wife Jean. They have children Madeleine, 24, Dan, 21, and Mark, 19.

Ellen Walsler de Lara, PhD '00, lives in Ithaca, where husband Thom teaches Policy and Analysis at Cornell. Daughter **Lynne Johnson** Haberstock '87 lives with her husband and three children in Skaneateles, NY. Son Eric lives in Harrisburg, PA, and son J.R. is a foreign exchange student in Switzerland. Ellen's book *And Words Can Hurt Forever: How To Protect Adolescents from Bullying, Harassment, and Emotional Violence* (written with Dr. James Garbarino) was published last year by Simon & Schuster and The Free Press. **William Gridley** has been elected to a fellowship in the American Inst. of Architects and lives in Washington, DC, with wife Susan and children Will, 16, and Hillary, 14.

Ann Prezyna lives in Seattle and vacations in her new second home in Cochise County, AZ. It's a 1939 adobe on five acres, equipped with

read about what we were all doing a year ago, but at our age we wallow in enough nostalgia as it is. I want to know the MOMENT you decide to retire. ♦ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phyllis.grummon@scup.org or phg3@cornell.edu.

74 We count on our readers for copy, but unfortunately we've got a very slim file of news this month. So please send us news and information on what's happening in your lives, your jobs, and your families. **Mike Hess** writes that he's been providing senior management counsel to turnaround and distressed companies. Presently he's running AVW in Manhattan. **Mike Sansbury** was named Resort Executive of the Year by the Resort Management Conference. Mike oversaw the introduction of three new resort hotels at Universal Studios Florida in Orlando, including Portofino Bay, Hard Rock, and Royal Pacific Resort. He's also responsible for Loews hotels in Miami Beach and New Orleans.

John McGrail writes from Southern California that he has recently opened a private practice in therapeutic hypnosis. He's working with both individual and corporate clients in the areas of performance improvement, stress reduction, and behavioral modification. According to John, it definitely beats the corporate treadmill. From Sarasota, FL, **Jim Popielinski** dropped a note to say he's been married to wife Kathy for 22 years and has children Kelly, 16, Joe, 14, Katie, 12, and Jamie, 7. Jim and his partner started Charter One Hotels in 1981 and currently own and manage 14 hotels in Florida and Upstate New York and employ over 800 people. Jim and family enjoy summers at their home in North Carolina.

Renee Yormark Entin and husband **Howie '72** are celebrating 25 years in Colorado, where the climate's afforded them the opportunity to ski, snowboard, hike, bike, and generally enjoy outdoor activities. Daughter Kerri, 20, is a junior at Dartmouth, and Laura, 18, will be a freshman at U. of Colorado, Boulder this semester. Son Jake just started high school. Renee reports that they spent a week last summer in North Carolina at Topsail Island with **Charlie Harak '72** and **Floyd Wiseman '75**, MS '75. Chas is an attorney living outside Boston, and Floyd is a psychiatrist connected with Duke in North Carolina. Renee keeps herself happy doing outdoor stuff, music, and art and still wonders at never having quite figured out what she'll be when she grows up.

From Jackson, MI, **Cathy Lisa Glick** Halman notes that she recently joined the President's Council of Cornell Women. She's a cardiologist in private practice and in the process of building her group's own office building. **Mimi Ansbro** is celebrating her 25th year teaching at Tompkins-Cortland Community College. She is the travel and tourism department chair and also teaches business administration courses. Husband **Tom Maloney**, MPS Ag '84, is a senior extension associate in the Ag college's Applied Economics and Management dept. He special-

izes in human resources management for agricultural businesses. Their oldest child, Georgia, is a freshman at SUNY at Buffalo. Son Patrick is a sophomore at Homer High. Mimi and Tom enjoy their Cornell season hockey tickets.

Harris Tulchin is proud to report that he joined the ranks of published authors this year with his new book (co-authored with attorneys Gunnar Erickson and Mark Halloran) entitled *The Independent Film Producer's Survival Guide: A Business and Legal Sourcebook* (Schirmer Press). Check it out on the Web at Harris's website, www.medialawyer.com. At the U. of Nebraska, **Charles Shapiro** was promoted to professor of agronomy and horticulture and received the Distinguished Extension Specialist Award from the state's Cooperative Extension Service last year. **Larry Pape**, MBA '75, dropped a note to say that son **Michael** is a senior at Cornell in Engineering, and daughter Jennifer is a freshman at Elon U. in North Carolina. Larry met up with **Jane Freeman '75**, MBA '78, at a diner in Union City, CA, that reminded them of the State Diner in Ithaca.

Berklee College of Music in Boston has named **Andrew Cohen**, BArch '74, to the college's board of trustees. Andy heads up Andrew Cohen Architects AIA and has been a professor of architecture at Roger Williams U. in Bristol, RI, since 1984. **Bill Pendarvis** writes to say that son James spent 10th grade at a high school outside Hamburg, Germany. **Sandra Brown** Wiltshire was married in July 2002 and was recently elected president of the Veterinary Hospital Managers Assn.

News and notes from the Internet: **Joan Schmidt** Heller and husband Steve moved back to Minnesota last year after living in Lausanne, Switzerland, for the past five years. **Ray Capece** has been named president and CEO of Comtex News Networks. **Jon Mitchell**, MPS HNSA '74, was named president and CEO of OMPRO in Portland, OR, a nonprofit healthcare quality improvement organization.

Chris Shiber e-mailed to say that she was part of the DG 50th birthday party in Lambertville, NJ, along with **Mary Berens** and **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure (who announced she'd just become a grandmother!). Chris celebrated the 25th anniversary of her ordination in the United Methodist Church, which she found a tad daunting, but the preaching has certainly been fun. Her daughter finished her first year at Barnard and is doing an E.Sci. research internship at Gettysburg College, and her son has won the mile in the Oakland Athletic League as both a freshman and a sophomore. From the home front, I stayed with **John Ramsay** on a recent business trip to DC to catch up on old times and be mesmerized by his robot pool cleaner. **Brad Buchanan** is scheduled to stop by for a visit as I write this in the summer.

Don't forget reunion is coming up, so make your plans—30th Reunion, June 10-13, 2004. Check out details at www.cornell74.com, or contact John Foote at jhf25@cornell.edu for info. Send your news to ♦ Steve Raye, sraye321@aol.com; Betsy Beach, eab52@cornell.edu; or Linda Meyers Geyer, lgdesigns@cox.net.

75 The "Beltway" report includes news about **Harriet Cooperman**. She is among the 50 accomplished statewide leaders selected for the Leadership Maryland Class of 2003. Leadership Maryland is an independent, educational, nonprofit organization designed to inform top-level executives, from the public and private sector, about the critical issues, challenges, and opportunities facing Maryland. Every year since 1993 she has been named "best lawyer" in labor and employment law in *The Best Lawyers in America*. Congratulations!

Also residing in Maryland is **Robin Michael Koenig**. Robin is a child psychologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where she has been for over 18 years. Her husband **Scott '73**, PhD '79, is CEO of Macrogenics Biotech Company. Their son Aaron is a sophomore at Columbia, and their daughter Sarah is completing her junior year in high school. **Kathy Mann** Horlick writes from the heart of Washington, DC. She is now the president of the parents association of Kingsbury Day School, which her son James attends. Older brother John goes to the British School of Washington. Kathy's husband Gary recently joined the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering. Her most recent family vacation included a four-week road trip from Washington, DC, to the Canadian Rockies.

David McGuirk recently retired from the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and is now working part-time as a consultant in Asheville, NC. David had a skiing vacation last year in Steamboat, CO. From sunny Naples, FL, we receive word from **Etienne Hughes Sheppard**. He considers himself a multi-cultural anthropologist. Etienne's artwork appears in Spain, France, Morocco, the West Indies, Maui, and Canada. His most recent showing was at the Caribbean Gallery in Naples.

ILR classmate **Joel Helmrich**, MBA '76, and co-correspondent **Karen DeMarco** Boroff exchanged e-mails not too long ago. He and wife Barb have lived through their son Josh getting his driver's license. Josh is quite an athlete, earning a starting position as a sophomore on the high school's football team. In addition, he plays baseball and manages to maintain a straight "A" average on an honors schedule. Younger sister Rachel is now 14. Joel is partner at Meyer, Unkovic, and Scott LLP in Pittsburgh.

Deb Whipple Degan, MA IN T '76 (deb@nhwoolery.com) reports that she has just finished a very successful season with her business, The Woolery Yarn Shop, in Wilton, NH. Deb is involved with a community chorus, church, and the Boy Scouts. She would love to attend a reunion if she could ever get away from the kids and work and "get my husband (**Mike '70**, BS Eng '76) off his duff." They vacationed in Upstate New York last summer, and Deb went to Florida this past March with daughter Jennie, visiting Ivey and **Ron Leight**, PhD '77, in Seminole, FL. As Deb puts it, "Our children are growing up, but not moving out!" Rob, 23, is a senior in college and engaged; Clinton is still at home at 20; Jennie is graduating high school; and Sean is finishing junior high. **Suzu Nagin**-Klass,

snklass@hotmail.com, says it has been a busy spring for the politicians in her family. Brother **Ken Nagin '74** lost his election bid for University Trustee, and son **Elliott '05** won his election to the University Assembly. Suzy inquires if "canes and hearing aids" are required for our 30th Reunion, which coincides with Elliott's graduation year. Most of us will be 52—can you believe that?

Andy Weinberg, Andrew.Weinberg@med.va.gov, is head of the Geriatrics and Extended Care Service at the Dorn V.A. Medical Center in Columbia, SC, and professor of medicine at the U. of South Carolina School of Medicine. Andy is also a Navy Reserve Flight Surgeon, assigned to the USMC out of Norfolk, and his helicopter unit has been put on alert for mobilization in support of the war. Andy was called up for a year during Desert Storm, has been put on alert again, has been ordered to start receiving his anthrax shots this month, and "knows how much such an event can alter your life." Thanks, Andy, simply thanks.

Word reaches us that **John Latta**, lattaj@umich.edu, has won the 2003 Ernest Sandeen Prize in Poetry for his new book of poems, *Breeze*, published by the U. of Notre Dame Press. **Donald Sherman**, MPS '81, of Golden, CO, is a senior VP for Thermo RETEC, doing environmental engineering work. He is married to **Chris Cosentini '76**, BS Ag '78, and still travels back to Ithaca to visit family. **Rich Marin**, MBA '76, has been named chairman and CEO of Bear Stearns Asset Management. Rich, you just couldn't stand to take it easier!

Wife Serena, daughters Briana, 6, and Arielle, 3, and I attended Adult University (CAU) this summer. Serena and I enjoyed Tom Howley's Personal Fitness class and Steve Pond's Birth of Rock 'n Roll, respectively. It was Bri's fourth CAU in a row and Arielle's first—they loved being at "Camp Cornell," and got to "share a dorm room, just like the big kids." And we loved the free babysitting, including shower, toothbrushing, haircombing, bedtime reading, and tucking in—every night until 11! If you haven't been back to see the new North Campus dorms where we stayed, they are a huge improvement (A/C—did you ever think you'd see the day?) over the U-Halls and Balch. If you've never done it, you're missing out.

Keep those cards and letters coming! ♦ **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; and **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

76 Summer—and, therefore, class dues time—brought a welcome influx of news. **Adrienne Weiss-Harrison**, MD '79, was recently honored by the American Lung Assn. of the Lower Hudson Valley, which she serves as vice president, for spearheading school-based asthma education programs for children. With husband Andrew, Adrienne has become a devoted "camp follower" of the Big Red Crew Team, on which son **Mark '04** is the varsity heavyweight coxswain. Daughter Rachel entered Emory U.

this fall. **Fred Fakharzadeh** also has Cornellian offspring. His daughter **Kristine** started at Cornell this fall and Fred writes, "I look forward to coming back to the campus more regularly." **Bruce Wais** attended his daughter's graduation from the ILR school. He says it brought back fine memories—and the good news is that she already has a job. Bruce's son Derrick finished his first year at RIT, and his younger son Micheal is 2 years old. Bruce still works for Lockheed Martin.

Solange Muller lives in Cold Spring, NY, and is the practice manager for three federally-funded community health centers that especially serve underinsured and vulnerable populations. Just up the Hudson River from New York City, the community includes populations from Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia, and Central America. In the suburbs of Washington, DC, **Bruce Crispell** works as a planner for Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools, working on demographics, enrollment forecasting, facility planning, and capital programming. Bruce grew up in Ithaca and in the late 1970s worked as a photographer for Cornell's Office of Public Information. He is married to Nedra Weinstein and they have a 14-year-old son Mitchell. **Marti Candiello** recently joined Sunoco as chief counsel for its chemicals business. She lives in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Jody Jacobson married Loren Wedret on Jan. 19, '03. Felicitations! **Maureen McCormick** was at the wedding. Jody, a pharmacist, moved this summer within Southern California to Tustin Ranch. **Amy Lubow** Downs works with a software publishing company, BTI/SNX, in Manhattan. The company is celebrating its 25th year, an enviable achievement in the recent economic climate. Amy's husband is a middle school art teacher and wedding photographer. They live with their two sons in Brooklyn. **Don Herring** writes, simply, "I am now married with three beautiful children and an adoring wife!" I can only add that Don lives in Goshen, NY, and is self-employed.

Marcia Pechenik Horwitz, an attorney, wrote a newsy note from Seattle: "Lest we get carried away with the romanticism of being empty nesters (Julia, 21, begins grad school in psychology in the fall; Clifton, 19, just finished year one of college), we keep adding Dalmatians: Pepper, Quasar, Daisy, and Domino are the current crew. Domino is a rescue dog; he's so happy, he even wags his tail in his sleep sometimes! Daisy is a very bright, self-confident young lady; she has appeared on billboards and in newspapers and airline magazines to promote some of my husband's hotels—'Best 'spots' in the Northwest.' Pepper, my eldest, is the sweetest dog I've ever had—she thinks she's a lap dog and loves to hug. Quasar is the darkest of the group and is not a morning dog, but generally is a sweetie. So I can work at least part-time; they have a beloved pet nanny come in for a few hours each day for play and supervised naps. They certainly keep me busy!" Who said it's a dog's life?

David Albright works in commercial real estate lending in Plano, TX. His son **Brad '05** is

a student in Architecture, Art, and Planning and has been on the dean's list two semesters in a row. "Making up for Dad's academics!" David comments. David is co-president, with **Amy Hunt '95**, of the Cornell Alumni Assn. of North Texas. They hope to expand the active membership of the group and want to hear from other Association presidents about their efforts.

It's good to hear from all corners of the country! **Faith Rosenbluth** Levine and husband Richard live in the Miami area. Faith writes: "After 20 years of working part-time in banking, I was offered a full-time lending position on Feb. 1, '03. I took it! My children are now 20, 17, and 13—the time had finally arrived when I could feel comfortable with them home alone every afternoon. I'm really enjoying the challenge of learning about my customers and their businesses. Yet I wouldn't trade the years of being able to be with my children that part-time employment afforded me. I feel that I have had the best of both worlds—being a mom and having a career."

Finally, some news from my own Midwest region: **Stephen** and **Kathy Gollin Marshak** wrote this summer from Champaign, IL: "Our family is preparing for an August 2003 trip to Ithaca as our son **David** joins the Class of '07. We are definitely becoming our parents, but are very pleased that our undergraduate experiences served as an inspiration for David's decision." Good luck to all of our classmates who are facing that empty nest—or a semi-empty one—this year! Let's hear how those fledglings are doing. ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@aol.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@aol.com; and **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@aol.com.

77 First for some e-mail traffic I received. Let's start out with a quote that can only be categorized as an understatement. "I'm moving back to Ithaca this summer to begin the job of my dreams at Cornell. I hope that any classmates who are passing through will stop by and say hi!" This was from **Jeff Lehman**, a member of the class and the new president of Cornell.

I also received e-mails announcing other professional accomplishments. Dr. **Colleen Galambos** (galambos@utk.edu) has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Health and Social Work Journal*. She also serves as consulting editor for the *Journal of Social Work Education* and is on the editorial board for the *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*. Colleen lives in Nashville, TN. Also, **Mark Zamoyski**, MBA '78, was awarded five biomedical patents in 2002. He founded NexGen Biomedical Inc. to commercialize some of the patents in his portfolio. Mark is married to **Anne Neeter**, JD '78.

Lew Weinstock, MS Ag '80, and **Marian (Ruderman) '79** (weinstk@nr.infi.net) live in Greensboro, NC, with their children Rachel and Joshua. Lew manages an air pollution monitoring and forecasting division for local government while Marian writes leadership books and researches women's issues for the Center for Creative Leadership. Their daughter became a bat mitzvah last year and their son reached 2nd

degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do. Lew and Marian volunteer at their local synagogue and the Jewish day school. **Patty Lopez** (plfpalm@aol.com) is in New York City, where she works for St. Vincent's Hospital in the home care department. She had spent 25 years in Florida, but finds she enjoys the diversity of the clientele that she has in New York. Patty continues to maintain her residence in Gainesville, FL, and also travels frequently to Paris.

Daniel Shank (dshank@coatsrose.com), a director at Coats/Rose in Houston, TX, recently received an Outstanding Community Service award from the American Diabetes Assn. Dan has served as chairman of the Houston Council of the ADA for the past three years, serving as the America's Walk for Diabetes chair, Kiss-A-Pig chair, Nominating Committee chair, and Strategy Conference chair. Congratulations, Dan! But tell us—what does a Kiss-A-Pig chair do? **Susan Lewis** Solomont lives in Weston, MA, and also does a lot of philanthropic work, both professionally and during her spare time. Appropriately enough, she works at The Philanthropic Initiative, a not-for-profit consulting firm where she works with corporate strategic giving departments. She also works with a family foundation based in New Jersey and is the chair of the Board of the New England Aquarium in Boston. Susan and husband Alan have daughters Becca, 18, and Stephanie, 12.

Fran Wallace Epstein (drfran@pacbell.net) is a doctor with a private psychology practice and was recently appointed Superior Court Mediator for Family Court Services in Nevada County, CA. **Chuck Samul** lives in Wynnewood, PA, and works for Winebow, an importer and wholesaler of wine. His territory covers suburban Philadelphia to Harrisburg, PA. Chuck's wife Pamela is a learning specialist, and his daughter Sophie (9th grade) enjoys swimming, horseback riding, and reading. **Lawrence Cooper** (lawrencecooper@msn.com) sent a load of information in a few short paragraphs. Lawrence lives in Southern California, where he is very involved in raising his two high school aged children, reconnected with the Class of '77 Crew and christened a new boat at our 25th Reunion, and went to HEC last April. He first made me envious by describing the weather. Then he mentioned that he went skiing in Beaver Creek, CO, over Christmas and may be going to Japan this year (on business). Finally, he intrigued me with his closing line: "For all of you dessert lovers, look us up at sweetstreet.com." So Lawrence, what exactly do you do? I know Sweet Street is the company that makes those fantastic frozen cakes, but how are you involved with them?

Otto Buchert runs a company in Mannheim, Germany, that provides food and beverage services, as well as entertainment such as belly dancing. Otto's business is open continuously from April through December and then closes for three months. During his well-deserved rest period, he enjoys swimming and Turkish bathing. **James "Butchy" Pancurak** is an ophthalmologist in Toms River, NJ. Every winter, James's family, including his four children,

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On May 8, 2001, Sherri Mandell's thirteen-year-old son, Koby, skipped school with a friend to explore the rocky hills around the family home in Tekoa, Israel. Sometime later that day, Arab militants abducted the boys and stoned them to death, leaving their bodies in a cave. For four months, Mandell and her husband, Seth, a rabbi, mourned their loss. Then they decided to do something about it.

"Everything was taken from me," Mandell says. "But then we started moving and taking action. You're either struck down by tragedy, or you become bigger than you were by facing the worst life has to offer."

The Ag college grad and her husband began their catharsis by starting the Koby Mandell Foundation, which operates a summer camp and retreats in southern Israel for Jewish children and adults who have lost family members in the *intifada*. In 2002, there were 200 campers; this past summer, that number grew to more than 600. "They understand each other in a way that other children and adults can't," says Mandell. "One



part of them isn't a kid anymore."

In August, the Long Island native also released her first book, *The Blessing of a Broken Heart*. "In Hebrew, we say *misken*, which means poor, pitiful people," says Mandell. "But this isn't a self-help book and we don't want the camp to be a Band-Aid. We want to help people and support them in their grief."

—Everett Hullverson '05

go scuba diving in Little Cayman, and every other summer they go to Alaska. This summer they visited **Jim Greer** in California. Bob and **Zoe Barrell** Aicher live in Medford, NY, and are pleased to announce that their daughter Rachel graduated from Harvard in June.

A couple of years ago, **Nancy Mayer** (Mayer.Nancy@epamail.epa.gov) wrote for this column about her three-week experience volunteering with the Red Cross in New York after the 9/11 tragedy. It was an experience that affected her profoundly and caused her to rethink her life. She and husband **Dave Salman** have been with the EPA in North Carolina pretty much since graduation. (Nancy first received an MBA from Duke.) After much soul

searching, she decided to go to law school. She is going at night while continuing to work at the EPA. She's interested in doing immigration law (Nancy grew up in Brazil), but the tie-in with work may initially lead her into environmental law. On the personal side, Nancy and Dave's son Joseph has already finished one year of college at UNC—and their other son, Lon, will be in college the year after next. This I can't believe, since I remember them as infants at reunion (our 10th?).

Sylvia Hashagen Dempsey (sylviahd@aol.com) can relate to Nancy Mayer's need to change her life. Sylvia lives in NYC and describes herself as "newly sprung from Wall Street" and "eagerly anticipating the next big thing." **Karen Juli** (juli

cut@yahoo.com) has had a lot of change in her life as well. Karen retired from the US Army in 1996 and then spent time traveling all over the world. Among the places she visited were Turkey, Morocco, Korea, Germany, and Italy, as well as many places in the US. (One of the benefits of being in the military is the friendships you develop with people all over the world.) Upon the death of her husband last year, Karen returned to the US Army in Germany, this time

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as a civilian. During the early '80s, she had spent 4-1/2 years in Germany as a captain. She finds that the area, culture, and people are the same, but the mission has changed drastically.

Jody Goldsmith (jody_goldsmith@hotmail.com) also “retired” from the Army. He had been COO of Water Reed Hospital and now is working various healthcare contracts. Jody’s wife **Amira (Elkods)** '76 is a nutritionist with an Annapolis, MD, area health department, and their son **Adam** is a freshman at Cornell—a third-generation Cornellian. Jody’s parents **Karl** '47 and **Marianne Michaelis Goldsmith** '46 and his brother **Michael** '72 will be teaching Adam all the school traditions. Jody and Amira’s other son **Jacob** matriculated at the U. of Maryland. **Michael Livingston** (weissliv@aol.com) recently completed an eight-month fellowship for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum studying the Italian Race Laws for the 1938-45 time period. Michael, his wife **Anne Weiss**, and their children **Ben**, 12, and **Daniel**, 7, live in Cheltenham, PA.

As I was writing about all of these life changes, I came upon a note from **Paul Spina** that seems to capture a common sentiment. I’ll quote it here in full. “Is there something about our class, or our generation, that makes us so restless? I ask because I’m about to retire again. The business I founded three years ago is on auto-pilot and presents me with no new challenges. I wonder how long I’ll stay retired this time. Anyone else out there feeling this same psychic wanderlust?” ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, **lorrie_b_rudin@fanniemaec.com**; **Howie Eisen**, **eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu**.

78 **Katie Lankford** Morgan is taking some time off from work to be at home with her two teenagers. She plans to visit Cornell with her daughter who is looking at colleges. Katie says that living in California has its benefits, but the convenience of traveling to Ithaca is not one of them. **Jonathan Honig** has traveled to London, Paris, Holland, and Belgium. He has published an article on fraud in foreign currency and insider trading matters. **Roger Strauch** and wife **Julie Kulhanjian** hosted a Class of '78 Reunion Party in Piedmont, CA. They first did

it five years ago, and since it was such a success, repeated the social affair this past May. **Patricia Moran** Peters, ME C '79, lives in Houston with husband **David** and their two sons. Pat is working part-time as an offshore geotechnical engineering consultant. The rest of her time is spent going to soccer games and putting a hot meal on the table every night.

Paul Rohrlich's most recent move has been to the US Embassy in Brussels, Belgium. Previ-

ously he spent time in Canada, Haiti, and Madagascar. **Ann Marie Knudsen Samuels** lives in New Hampshire with husband **Richard**, JD '80. Anne Marie is a stay-at-home mom for her two teenagers and two Labrador retrievers. Dick is a business lawyer at the largest firm in the state. **Peter Bernard**'s daughter **Lauren** entered Cornell this year as a freshman. **Ronni Chasin** Roth made a major career change after 20 years as a lawyer. She is a NYC Teaching Fellow and teaches third grade in the Bronx. She said it is the most challenging and rewarding work she’s done in her life (second only to being a parent).

Diane Chernoff Rosen is a successful author living in Manhattan. Her new book, *The Grownup's Guide to Visiting New York City with the Kids*, came out this past March. The second edition of *The Grownup's Guide to Living with Kids in Manhattan* was published in the summer. Look for more Grownup's Guide titles coming out in the next two years. **Richard Chuchla** is happily married to his high school sweetheart **Elizabeth**, and they have celebrated their 22nd anniversary. They have three children. **Matt**, the eldest, attends Princeton, and daughter **Reese** is interested in Cornell. **Richard** manages Exxon Mobil's oil and gas exploration program in Central Africa, which he calls “exciting work in a fascinating part of the world.” **Abbe Goldberg** Kuhn is living and working in Paris, France. She says it is one of the finest cities in which to live. She missed the 25th Reunion, but hopes she's back in the States for the 30th.

Catherine Pohl has lived in coastal Alaska since 1988. She works as a wilderness guide, field science instructor, and wildlife biologist/bird bander. She is also a habitat biologist for the state. **Thomas “Mac” MacDonnell** lives in Williamsburg, VA. He caught up with **James “Jamie” Dahlberg** last year. They played croquet and badminton, and went sailing. They ended the evening with a huge bonfire with several other Hoteliers. **Vicki Proctor** Hulick lives in Alexandria, VA. She works as client services director in a regulatory compliance consulting group. Her job entails helping companies get ready for an SEC inspection. **Margaret “Margie” Ferris-Morris** also lives in Virginia and runs her own nutrition and food security firm. **Margie** and husband **Peter**

have been married for 19 years.

Lorri Lofers and husband **George Bradley** '76 have 10-year-old twin daughters. After a decade in business management, she spent a decade as a management consultant for a systems integration company. She has now started her own consulting practice helping organizations plan and implement business change initiatives. **Mark Loehr** spent 20 years as an equity trader and then a banker at First Boston and Salomon Smith Barney. Two years ago, he became the CEO of Soundview Technology Grp., a public investment banking boutique focused on technology companies.

Suzanne Shemin Katz and husband **Stuart** have three children and live in Connecticut. Suzanne is happy to have a family of her own; raising healthy and happy kids is the most challenging and important responsibility she has. **Stephen “Monge” Mongeau** lives in Massachusetts with wife **Janice Ruell** '79. They enjoy life in New England. Their daughter **Kelly** is a junior at Columbia, and their son **Patrick** spent his freshman year at the U. of Miami. Stephen longs for those days on the Sigma Pi porch listening to rock and roll. **Holly Rosenthal** writes of a memory she had as a young girl when her friend's mother, who was in her 40s, said that she “still felt like a girl inside.” Although she didn't understand it back then, she does now. Holly is about to turn 46 and says she does still “feel like a girl inside.” **Amy Miller** is in Berwick, ME, where she operates a “very unprofitable” used bookstore and café. It's friendly and she welcomes all to stop by. **Murray “Wig” Wigsten** owns a specialized company that manufactures conductive silicones for the semi-conductor industry. He lives in New Hampshire with wife **Karen** and two children.

Occasionally, we have sad news to report in these columns. **Bob Trisciuzzi** lost his wife of 18 years, **Patricia**, after a long struggle with cancer. Bob has children **Edward**, 11, and **Liana**, 14. He is trying to balance his now one-parent household with a travel-laden schedule as a VP for trade finance at Australia and New Zealand Bank. Bob lives in NYC and travels most often to the Midwest, Northeast, Latin America, and Europe.

Robert Rothman, a lawyer with the firm Piper Rudnick LLP, won a Burton Award this year. The Burton Awards Program recognizes authors who use plain, clear, and effective writing and avoid using archaic and stilted legalese. It is dedicated to refining and enriching legal writing by both lawyers and law school students. **Kathy Raynor** Meschisen lives in Massachusetts with husband **Don** and two children. She says she is busy with the kids, her husband, and her job. She would love to hear from friends. ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, **Pleids@aol.com**; **Eileen Brill** Wagner, **brillcon@aol.com**.

79 Plans are coming into sharper focus for our 25th Reunion, June 10-13, 2004. We will have dorm rooms set aside for our class in historic Balch Hall, and family suites in Anna Comstock, just a few doors down Thurston Avenue. Each meal will feature a dif-

ferent campus location, different style of food, and entertainment. Great effort will be made to have programming for those who come as singles or without their children, as well as for those with children of all ages. Reunion Co-Chairs **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS CA '87, are getting us off to a great start, and they hope that many classmates reading this column will choose to share in the work and the fun. Please express your interest in joining the Reunion Committee by contacting Mary or Brad at (607) 257-3268 or mmg7@cornell.edu.

As part of the effort to get as many classmates as possible back to Cornell for our 25th Reunion, the class officers and the Reunion Committee sent e-mails earlier this year to classmates who have registered e-mail addresses with Cornell. The e-mail contained information about reunion, and asked for your suggestions about reunion activities and for volunteers to help out with our big event. It also contained an attachment for any of the affinity groups that you were associated with during your years at Cornell. That included the college/school that you majored in, fraternities and sororities, clubs, sporting teams, specialty groups, work groups, etc.

If you are interested in receiving an affinity list for those organizations that you belonged to, so that you can reconnect with classmates, please contact **Karen Mineo** at kam213@comcast.net. Send her your e-mail address and the affinity group listing that you are interested in receiving. For those of you who received these e-mails, we will be sending out additional e-mail communication with these lists in the future, so please take the time to call, write, or e-mail others in your affinity group to get as many people back to Cornell as possible. If you are interested in receiving Cornell postcards to write notes to others, please let Karen Mineo know.

Another way to reconnect with old friends prior to June 2004 is by attending one of the pre-reunion events being planned in different parts of the country. Kudos to the class officers who successfully applied for a Cornell Alumni Federation grant to support our efforts to organize these regional events for Class of '79ers across the country. The CAF grant helps cover the costs of printing and mailing.

Since July, several pre-reunion events have been planned by some of our classmates. Upcoming events include: Oct. 12: Cocktail/dinner party hosted by **Jeff Berg**, MBA '81, and his wife Debra at their home in Golden's Bridge, NY; Oct. 25: Homecoming tailgate party hosted by Mary and Brad Grainger in Ithaca; and Nov. 1: Cornell vs. Princeton football post-game party hosted by Bob and **Cathy Cappucci** Needle at their home in Bucks County, PA. Other Nov/Dec events are being planned by **Tiernan Shea** in Houston, **Carol French** Ducommun, MBA '85, in Chicago, and **Celia Rea** in NYC.

If you are interested in hosting a pre-reunion event in your region, please contact **Mary Wilensky** Kahn at (215) 440-9458 or mask638@aol.com. This is an easy and fun way

to reconnect with classmates in your area! All you need to do is coordinate the location (home, restaurant, sporting event, park) and Mary can assist with preparing and mailing the invitations. Stay up to date with regional events that are planned in your area. Check out the class website listing all the upcoming pre-reunion events, www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1979/. Most important, mark your calendars for June 10-13, 2004, and urge all the classmates that you want to see to join you in Ithaca next June.

With the arrival of fall, it is back to school, and school includes college for various children of our classmates. Write and let us know about your family's adventures in choosing an institution for higher learning. Best wishes to Brad and Mary Grainger's daughter Aileen as she enters her freshman year at Ithaca College, and to **Andy Ochs**, son of **Mark** and **Mary Anderson Ochs** of Trumansburg, NY, who begins his freshman year at Cornell.

Also joining the class of '07 is **Erica Ogoe**, who was selected as the recipient of the Class of '79 Memorial Scholarship Award. Erica sent a lovely letter thanking the class for the financial aid that is part of the award. Erica's parents are from Ghana and came to the US in order to provide the best opportunities for Erica and her brother. Erica will study cultural anthropology and pre-med this fall. Her dream is to complete medical school and work with the indigenous people of the South Pacific. We all wish Erica good luck in her first year at Cornell and will follow her progress.

Children of alumni who are not ready for college but are curious to sample campus life might consider attending a summer course at Cornell. Bob and **Kathy Zappia** Gould's son Brandon took a three-week summer course in government during July and enjoyed the experience. Jeff Berg's daughter Samantha was on campus for a week to attend the Johnson School's Camp Startup, which is designed to increase girls' interest in the business world.

Jane Kornfeld Bessin's family spent vacation time on the East Coast this summer and saw the Broadway play *Hairspray*. **Lon Hoyt** graciously spent time with them after the show and everyone had a great time. **Jeff Weiss** is the managing director of ASAP Ventures LLC in Washington, DC.

When we return to campus for the 25th Reunion next June, we will have an opportunity to hear from, and perhaps chat with, **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, the new president of Cornell. Does anyone remember Jeff when we were all on campus together? Write and let us know.

Our class has a large membership and is permitted to share a fair amount of news in this column. However, our mailbag is now empty. If you haven't already done so, please make sure to send Kathy and me your news when you pay your class dues this fall, so that we can all keep in touch. We have a new class e-mail address, classof79@cornell.edu, or you can write to us directly. ♦ **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@adelphia.net.

80 **Chris Spear** (Chris.Spear@Synopsys.com) writes: "My wife and I went to the French Alps to see the Tour de France. I rode for five days up the steepest mountains I have ever seen. The most memorable was Alpe d'Huez for the 'Superbowl of cycling.' 500,000 people walked or rode up the eight-mile climb to see the racers. They zipped up the mountain twice as fast as me, even though they had covered over 100 miles already, including a 7,000-foot pass. Laura (not a cyclist) met the US Postal Team and watched the race from their tour bus while I sweated the afternoon on turn 13 with many drunk and sunburned fans. After the mini-tour, we spent a day in Paris climbing nothing steeper than the double-decker tour bus. In March I went to Singapore to deliver a customer seminar and teach a class to my fellow engineers at Synopsys. In between was a long weekend which I spent in Bali with a few friends, biking to temples and diving. The bombings last fall have scared away so many tourists that we had an entire resort to ourselves! When I got back to Singapore, I found out that my students all stayed home (India, China, Korea, Taiwan) because of fear of SARS. I quarantined myself when I returned to the States."

Eva Sage-Gavin (eva_sage-gavin@gap.com) writes that she has "just moved to the executive VP, human resources role for Gap Inc. in downtown San Francisco. I'm delighted with my new



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role, responsible for 165,000 employees and all human resource strategies for a \$14.5 billion global brand. Since we are already living in the Bay Area, we didn't have to relocate, and continue to enjoy the Northern California area (especially Napa Valley!).” **Matt Moeller** (mmoeller@moellerinc.com) has been named president and COO of Dade Moeller & Associates. Founded in 1993, Dade Moeller specializes in occupational and environmental sciences. Matt is certified by the American Board of Health Physics. He has been married to Catherine (Montgomery) for nearly two years. Their daughters are Katie, 17, and Kelly, 12. Their home is in Richland, WA.

Gary Stern (gstern@chuhak.com) has been married to Pamela for 20 years. They have children Brittany, 17, and Carly, 12. He is a shareholder-attorney at Chuhak & Tecson, PC, a law firm in Chicago. He has been at the firm since 1996 and focuses on tax law, estate planning, and corporate law. **Jonathan Halpern** (jnhnye@aol.com) is an assistant US Attorney in the Southern District of New York (in Manhattan) where he is chief of the Major Crimes Unit, which deals with white-collar crime. **Sam Schorr, MPS HA '80** (SSchorr@oceanplace.com) has returned to the East Coast and is looking forward to seeing friends and classmates at the spectacular Jersey Shore at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa located right on the beach and boardwalk in Long Branch, NJ.

Jeff Kirby, MD '84 (nyj Kirby@fb.org) lives in Ballston Lake with his wife and beautiful daughters Kaelin, 11, and Alexandra, 10. After graduating from Cornell he obtained a law degree from Vermont Law School in 1983 and married Debra Kaelin. He served as General Council for the New York Farm Bureau from 1984 to 1997, and has served as the executive director of the same since 1997. During 2001-02 he built a new home on Ballston Lake, Saratoga County, NY. **Alan Kanuk** (akanuk@optonline.net) has moved back to the New York area after eight years of living and traveling throughout Asia. He returns with his Australian wife Jaqui and their beautiful children Max, 2-1/2, and Sarah, 14 months.

Jennifer Fowler Toth (jct9315@rit.edu) completed a master's this past May in career and human resource development from Rochester Inst. of Technology. Her family is relocating to Denver, CO, this summer and she plans to pursue a career in career services in a university setting. **Peter Newman** presented expert testimony to the Canadian Minister of Justice's advisory panel in support of same-sex marriage in Canada. **Bob Cain** notes his e-mail address: rob bie29485@yahoo.com. **Ed Rudolph** notes that he has moved to Topsfield, MA.

We received news and memories from **Leslie D. Feldman, PhD '90** (pscldf@hofstra.edu), who in addition to co-editing the book concerning the first Bush presidency, *Honor and Loyalty: Inside the Politics of the Bush White House*, has worked on a book called *Power Plays* by Dick Morris. She is an associate professor of political science at Hofstra U. and a frequent commentator on News 12, LI Channel 55,

“Good Day New York,” and “The Jewish Week” on issues of politics, war, and peace. Her brother **Dr. Clifford Feldman '82** is a medical doctor, lawyer, and inventor living in Los Angeles.

Hope all is well. We're looking forward to more of your news! ♦ **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu, **Jill Abrams Klein**, jfa22@cornell.edu.

81 So, what's new with our class? Time is marching on. It is now closing in on the second year that I've been living in Toronto. I survived SARS, mad cow, and the Blackout of 2003, and I still love it! It is a fascinating city—please do let me know if you're ever in the T.O. I'd love to show some Canadian/American hospitality to you! A few months ago, I got just such an e-mail. **Jim Gast**, BArch '82, is spending at least six months in Toronto as the lead architect for York Region's new surface transit system—“Bringing urban life to suburban areas.” Just imagine not having to sit in traffic to get to the mall—just take a rapid transit bus to your destination. I bumped into **Robert Winslow, MBA '00**, who went to the Johnson School at Cornell and is now an analyst with Orion Securities. I also run into **Scot Martin**, MBA '83, throughout the year, mostly at the gym. I'm glad to say he's staying in shape. Scot is with the National Bank in Toronto.

On other fronts, **Paul Lyons** lets us know that he is residing in Cambridge, MA. He claimed to have had a year full of unmerited grace—quite a nice way of saying that life is good. **Lisa Kampfmann Sternberg** is in Rye, NY. **Roger Wertheimer** is a self-employed attorney in Colorado Springs, CO, and has daughters Julie and Rachel. **Anthony Boyadjis, JD '84**, enjoys the challenge of raising his twin 13-year-old girls Hannah and Rachel. He also competed in the New Jersey Shore Marathon this past spring (a man after my own heart—I think my days of long distance running are few . . .).

Tina Holman is working as ESL faculty at the Arts Institute of Ft. Lauderdale. Her son Nicholas attends McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. **Deborah Jeon** has a 1-year-old, Karena Grace Laufer (some of you have adult children already!). Deborah is still a lawyer at the ACLU of Maryland. Speaking of babies, **John Sipple, MPS HA '00**, and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Fiona Claire, in March. Congratulations!

Moving north, **Jessica Pearlstein** Zachs chaired the major fund-raiser for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, CT, in June. They raised over \$250,000! She is also the fund-raising chair at her children's school. **Sari Feldman** Piltch relocated to Bucks County from Ithaca. **Fran Hoffinger** is a partner at Hoffinger Stern & Ross LLP, specializing in criminal and civil litigation, including family law. Fran informed us that **Denise Wilson** Menton has opened a wonderful store in the Village in NYC called Betwixt, for girls ages 10-15. Fran, of course, shops there for her daughters. On a different note, we were wondering whatever happened to **Gary Wagner**. Well, he changed his name to Weber, so look for him in

Chi Town these days.

In Orlando, **Lisa Early** was named Orange County Child Advocate of the Year in 2003 and is the director of Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families. She is married to **Credo Siyangwe '77, MBA '79**. **Margaret “Peggy” Robinson** is an artist in the antique restoration, decoration, and woodfinishing areas. She also produces paintings, drawings, and prints that she shows and sells in Chicago. She would love to hear from fellow alumni! **Dawn Ackerman** teaches introductory classes in earth science and geology at Sierra College in California and loves it (in between her skiing escapades with her family).

Some folks are winding up their careers (are we that old?). **Thomas Menke** retired from public school administration in August 2002. He and his wife really enjoy being closer to a larger city. They now live in West Henrietta, NY, near Rochester.

In the nuptial arena, **Karen Osofsky** tied the knot with Scott Michelson on Aug. 31, '03 at the Hotel Monaco in Chicago. Cornellians in attendance were myself (**Betsy Silverfine**), **Jill Flack**, **Barbara Sherbon Wood, MBA '84**, **Amy Schapiro Cochran**, **Kristi Bleyer Johnson '82**, and **Bob Anacreon '79**. It was a weekend of fun, eating, laughter, and just happiness for all. Karen and Scott went to Spain on their honeymoon, and then sojourned home to Seattle, WA. It was a fabulous reunion.

Gladys Diaz-Jourdain, MArch '82, has a company called Urbaniza Investments (she develops in Spanish), a full service real estate company. We learned that **Giselle Durand, BArch '82**, is married with two children and lives in Lima, Peru. She is also in touch with **Margarita Mendoza Blanco '80**, who lives in Miami (after living in Bogota, Colombia for many years). Gladys was a dear friend of **Jacqueline Lewis Landau '80, BArch '81**, who died several years ago. She misses her terribly.

On another sad note, **Eric Schaufert** died, along with his instructor, in the crash of an acrobatic airplane on April 24, 2003 outside Harrisburg, PA. He is survived by his wife Linda and sons, twins Brad and Brent, 12, and Paul, 5. Gathered for the memorial service and to toast to Eric's memory were **Steven Ritchey**, **Jeff Childress '79**, **Ben Frick '82**, **Justin Block '84**, **John Golder '83**, **Rhonda** and **Ken Growney '82**, **Michelle** and **Greg Williamson '82**, **Mike McCann '82**, and Navy submarine comrade Chris Greatwood, among many others. The annual Mid-Atlantic Fall Golf Classic, of which Eric was a perennial participant, had a special remembrance for Eric in October.

Please do e-mail us. It only takes a few seconds to stay connected, and we love hearing from you. ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@rogers.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjen cam@aol.com; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, kathleen_lashoto@equityoffice.com.

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man living on the outskirts of our village who bears an eerie resemblance to Malcolm Noden. I'm looking into this. Best wishes to all!"

Leon Singletary (Leesingle@aol.com) writes from Blue Bell, PA, that he has joined Day & Zimmermann Co. as VP of strategic compensation and benefits. He is responsible for setting up a compensation and benefits center of expertise to design, implement, and administer a strategy that supports D&Z's strategic growth, helps drive business results, and leads it to becoming a most admired company. Leon was previously employed with BTG International Inc., where he held the position of VP Human Resources. His wife **Sandra (Clegg)**, MRP '82, writes that she recently joined PNC Bank as VP and senior business advisor to commercial banking clients in Montgomery County, PA.

We received an e-mail from **John Reid** (johnreid@comcast.net), who lives in Ellicott City, MD. He and wife Kathleen are the proud parents of identical twin girls Joanna and Cristina. The girls were named after their grandmothers and celebrated their first birthday this past June; John and Kathleen celebrated their second wedding anniversary in July. John writes, "Counting my 4-year-old stepdaughter Catherine, the females outnumber me 4 to 1."

We received snailmail from several classmates, including **Amy Brown** Giles, who lives in Short Hills, NJ. After 12 years at Citibank and a "wonderful career in Human Resources," Amy is enjoying time at home with her sons, ages 9 and 12. **Earle Weaver**, ME M '83, MBA '84, writes from St. Louis that "four kids under the age of six, a wife who's a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and a busy travel schedule" result in limited time to improve his handicap. **Urania Poulis**, BA '87, writes from Mt. Vernon, NY, that she and husband Paul Avery have just purchased a new home and are spending lots of time at Home Depot. She adds, "Goodbye, Bloomies—for now!" **Ronnie** is a consulting clinical psychologist working mostly with nursing home facilities and rehabilitation centers; she also has a private practice. She keeps in touch with **Megan Terwilliger**, MD '88, and **Diane Taniguchi-Dennis** '83. Megan is a primary care physician in Rochester, NY, where she lives with her 5-year-old daughter Natalie. **Michael S. Marks** is an associate professor of pathology at the U. of Pennsylvania. He writes from Ardmore, PA, where he and wife Leslie, who have been married for 15 years, recently celebrated daughter Jennifer's fourth birthday.

For the first time in 20 years, **Art Flatau** has gotten around to sending us his news! Art lives in Austin, TX, with wife Gretchen and kids Matt, 15, and Hannah 13. He works at AMD on the microprocessor design team, and "although he thought his rugby touring days were long behind him," the family went to New Zealand with Matt's rugby team this past summer. Art also writes that last February was the tenth anniversary of his bone marrow transplant to cure his leukemia, and he is doing a bike ride to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

A Twist of Passion

JIM JERMANOK '82

Jim Jermanok studied collective bargaining and labor history as an undergrad, but when his classmates headed to law school and Wall Street, the New England native tried his luck in Hollywood. After a stint on the standup comedy circuit, Jermanok fell back on his ILR training, taking a job as a talent agent. "My biggest client actually ended up being neither an actor nor a director," he says. "It was General Norman Schwarzkopf."

In August, Samuel Goldwyn Films released *Passionada*, the independent film Jermanok wrote with his brother, Steve. The writer/producer describes the plot as "a heartwarming love story about two foreigners in America who fall in love." Sofia Milos ("CSI: Miami") and Jason Isaacs (Lucius Malfoy in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*) star in the movie, which explores Portuguese culture in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Fado music figures prominently in the



soundtrack and the plot. "It's as distinct as reggae or gospel," says Jermanok. "A form of Portuguese blues."

American multiculturalism inspired the film, says Jermanok, but Cornell provided the knowledge he needed to get it made. "Nowadays, you can't just do the art," he says. "You have to do the business, too."

—Everett Hullverson '05

Please visit his website at www.acor.org/ leukemia to learn more.

Mail from overseas includes messages from **Ingrid Hall** Johnson, who is posted with the American Embassy in Prague. It is the family's fourth overseas posting with the Foreign Service, after East Berlin, Vienna, and Moscow. In the States, the Halls live in Dulles, VA; children include Andrew and Alexandra. In London is **Clare Ludgate**, who left UBS to start her own consulting firm marketing hedge funds based in the US to European investors. Clare travels frequently in Europe and back to New York City, and is perfecting her golf game in between. Write to her at Ludgate@dsl.pipex.com.

Our best wishes to **Kathy Gettings** Trauner, who was married in May to Tim Conarro and spent a "blissful honeymoon" in Europe. Together they have daughters Kimmie and Kayla, a son Kyle, and two dogs (don't ask about all those K names), and live in Niwot, CO. Kathy continues to head her own company, Blue Hat Productions. Also recently married is **Hilary**

Mason to Greg King. The Kings have moved to Shaker Heights, OH, which is Hilary's hometown, where she is a realtor with Smythe, Cramer Co. She says it's a "wonderful evolution from my real estate practice in NYC," and adds that it brought her closer to fellow U-Hall resident and dear friend **Nancy DuBoise**, who lives in Columbus.

Congratulations to **David Ilan Weis**, who is happy to announce that, after "dodging bullets" for 42 years, he got married in June to Claire Lonborg and honeymooned in Italy. They bought a house in Brookline, MA, in January. David is still with Wainwright Investment Counsel, as well as the Beacon Hill Athletic Clubs, which is opening its sixth location in Brighton, MA, this fall.

And, last spotted at a mutual friend's wedding was **Mark Pinkerton**, who remains elusive as ever! Don't forget you can find classmates and other Cornellians through the alumni directory, <http://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; and **Donna DeSilva**, rjodmd@comcast.net.

83 So, there you are at reunion, with only the expectation of relaxing and reminiscing with a few of your classmates . . . and look what job you get roped into: class correspondent! But seriously, it was great to meet fellow Acacian **Scott Dulman** and wife **Patty (Palmer)** at our 20th Reunion, and I'm looking forward, with co-correspondent **Dinah Godwin**, to carrying the torch, reconnecting with a few old friends, and possibly making some new ones. Recently I moved to Madison, NJ, and work in Manhattan as an education account executive for Apple Computer. So I hope to run into classmates at the New Jersey and New York Cornell Club activities. Now, into the mailbox!

"Archaeology isn't a job, it's a lifestyle," quips **Jeff Clark** from Tucson, AZ. After being a student for 30-plus years, Jeff finally finished his PhD in anthropology from the U. of Arizona in 1997 and is now a professional archaeologist at the Center for Desert Archaeology. "2003 is a milestone year for me," writes Jeff. He finally got married, "to another archaeologist, of course." Jeff invites classmates to write him at jclark@cdarc.org. **Eva Bostek-Brady** wrote to say that sons Ethan, 7, and Graham, 5, have been doing a little archaeology of their own—through the dirt, plaster dust, and concrete as they continue the seemingly never-ending renovation of their 1912 home in Bernardsville, NJ. Eva was hoping to catch up with old classmates at reunion.

Bucking the current trend of working for at least five different companies in one's career, **Dan Gleitman** writes from Houston, TX, that he is still with the same company he worked for after graduation. It's the parent company that has been doing the changing! Five corporate transfers and takeovers later, it is now Halliburton. Dan's current position is director of technology ventures. Three years ago, he married professor and author Pauline Schloesier, and they have son Jonah, born Sept. 9, '02. **Ed Coloton** regrets missing reunion, but not the rea-

McGhee, Dan Carlucci, Mike Brody, Guy Iaccarino '84, and Dave Lipkin '78—all '83ers with kids! Stewart wants to congratulate the Class of '83 organizers of Reunion 2003 for a tremendous job well done. **Kathleen Tobin Erb, JD '86**, and husband Bruce are happy to announce the birth of their first child, McKenna Tobin Erb, on June 25, '03. The happy grandparents are Jeanne and **Frank Tobin '55**. Kathleen continues to practice law full-time in Anchorage, AK; and while work, distance, and family commitments kept her from the 20th Reunion, she still carries many fond memories of her days at Cornell and the reunions she has attended since leaving.

Before reunion, **Mark Censits** wrote to say that he's been married to a southern gal named Beth for 17 years and that children Tory, 15, Gil, 13, and Clay, 9, already love Cornell and were planning on coming to reunion. After graduation, Mark earned his MBA from Wharton and spent the next 15 years in the wilderness of various corporate and consulting jobs. Mark is now a founding partner in Corporate Revitalization Partners LLC. In his "not-so-ample spare time," he serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Rudolf Steiner Foundation in San Francisco and competes in triathlons. Adds Mark, "And though the Bourgeois Blues band, almost famous during my years at Cornell, has long dissolved into careers and families, I still love pickin' and grinnin' on my guitar."

Kelvin, DVM '86, and Carolyn McNamara Pierce, DVM '86, with their six kids Reggie, Conner, Reilly, Carter, Maureen, and Meaghan—ages 11 years to 6 months—are firmly rooted in Heuvelton, NY, running a large veterinary practice, tending 40 head of sheep "just for fun," and involved in 4-H projects. Carolyn writes, "As you might guess, we don't get away too often, but our door is always open." Another Cornell veteran Vet couple, **William and Lisa Wierzbick Johnson**, both DVM '86, wrote to tell us they run an animal clinic in Edmeston, NY. Lisa handles the companion ani-

graduate . . . again! This time it's from medical school. After 15 years in the business world (most recently as a marketing director at Kraft Foods), I decided to go back and explore the road not traveled. I couldn't be happier with my decision! It's not easy to do at age 42, but I highly recommend following your dreams—it's never too late." Susan started her residency training in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ, in May. **Rod Nenner** (nenner@redskins.nfl.com) has a new position with the Washington Redskins, though you won't likely spot him on the field anytime soon. He is VP with the organization, after coming from AOL as director of business development. Rod and his family live outside DC in Northern Virginia. Living in the UK for the past three years, **Mary Jane Curry** tells us she will begin a new job as assistant professor of foreign language and TESOL education at the U. of Rochester's Warner School of Education. During her stay in England, she developed a research project on how European academics whose first language is not English attempt to publish in English. She traveled to Hungary, Slovakia, Spain, and Portugal for this research and loved every minute of it!

Another globetrotting classmate, **Elizabeth Drabant, MD '87**, reports she is with the US Agency for International Development—with past assignments in places as far-flung as Haiti and Moscow. Her latest was in Rwanda as Health Officer, and she will soon be in Bolivia serving in the same capacity. Pleasure travel this past year has included the UK, a safari in Kenya, various parks in Africa, and—best of all—stateside visits with family and friends. **Amy Sergenian** Cartagena is enjoying the neighborliness of her cul-de-sac in Somerset, NJ. Amy says it's kind of reminiscent of all those Fifties TV sitcoms like the "Dick Van Dyke Show" and "I Love Lucy." Her boys Daniel and Sammy, along with her husband, went to Disney World this last spring to celebrate the end of last year's snows.

Not missing those snows a bit is **Rachel Greengus Schultz**, who with husband Bill and their three children moved to Atlanta recently from Connecticut. Rachel works part-time as an anesthesiologist and says there is great truth to the myth of southern hospitality. People there have been very welcoming. Extending his own hospitality is **Jeffrey James "J.J." Solomon**, owner of Emily's Gourmet in Denver, CO. "Cornell alumni always receive a warm welcome at my restaurant!" proclaims J.J. "Life beyond Cornell has been enriching, challenging, and vastly rewarding." With his wife **Emily (Robin) '92, MS HE '97**, they are the proud parents of three kids in diapers: Maddie, 3, and twins Bella and Noah, nearing 2. ♦ **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net; and **Dinah Godwin**, dinahgodwin@msn.com.

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J. J. SOLOMON '83

son: he and wife Eve welcomed their son Reed Edmund, born May 27. Ed lives in Larchmont, NY, and works for Besserer Venture Partner.

Stewart Glickman, aka member of the "Masters of Disaster" of U-Hall 3, wrote to say that he and wife Sarah, plus children Daniel, 2, and Rachel, 1, made it to reunion and that it was great to see the showing of other "Masters" **Kurt Lozaw, Tom Owens, MBA '01, Jenny Bell Knapp, Carlos Santiago, Steve Novak, Bob Fisher '81, and Neil Shapiro**. He also said the ATO house had a great turnout with **John Weir, MBA '84, Scott Miller, Neil Donovan, Pete Markham, George Tousey, Pete Dalldorf, Steve Fitzpatrick, Bob Miller, Dick Cornell, Tim**

mals and Bill tackles the large ones—mostly of the bovine variety. With their children David, 8, Rebecca, 6, and Daniel, 1-1/2—all adopted as infants from Korea—they tend a small sheep farm of 80 Dorset ewes and a menagerie of dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, miniature horses, and even a llama. Also going "pastoral" is **Paul Mayer**, who is enjoying the Virginia countryside with wife Sue, daughter Juliet, and various creatures great and small. Paul left his career in management consulting and now is having fun running corporate development for Sallie Mae.

A number of classmates seem to be making mid-life career shifts successfully. Says **Susan Leonelli**: "20 years later, and I'm just about to

84 Have you thought about your New Year's resolution yet? How about coming to Cornell on June 10-13, 2004 for your 20th Reunion? Our reunion co-chairs are really excited about it! Please start digging out your favorite '80s music for use at our class head-

quarters and think about volunteering to be a greeter, or to decorate a bit or help out at the after-hours parties we are hoping to have. Just a small amount of time for one event would be great. We promise it will be fun! Our class will be housed in the newly renovated Donlon Hall on North Campus. So far, events are planned for the Johnson Museum, Okenshields, and Robert Purcell Union (formerly North Campus Union). University and class plans include something for everyone in the family. And wait till you see how North Campus has changed!

If you are interested in volunteering or having your company donate money for prizes for kid events (i.e., Frisbees with your company name on it), please contact our reunion co-chairs **Catherine Cantwell** at ccantwell@rochester.rr.com or **Janet Insardi** at insardij@hotmail.com. For more information about reunion in general, check out our class website, www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984.

Many of our classmates have indicated whether they will be coming to reunion on their class news sheets. As you read, see if someone you know is coming. It may get you inspired to attend as well!

Janet Perales is psyched about reunion and definitely planning to go. She has settled in Miami, FL, after ten years of international work. Now she is the business community liaison of Miami Job Corps, a national DOL youth program. She has the opportunity to work closely with the local community and get involved in other projects close to her heart, like the Dade County Veterinary Foundation and the Miami Coalition for Pets. She also completed her two-year fellowship with the Knight Foundation (Miami Fellows Initiative) and got married. **Dolores Ann Roeder**, DVM '87, will most likely be at reunion. She has been busy playing competitive racquetball and running her fourth Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC. Business-wise, her joy is finding time to emphasize animal shelter work in three states.

Dennis DeJesus and **Milagros Valentin** are hoping to see all their friends and classmates at reunion. They just moved from Massachusetts to South Carolina, where Dennis is working as an interventional radiologist and Millie has taken a year off from her psychiatry practice to pursue her interests in painting. They have a 13-year-old son Dennis and a 5-year-old daughter Lexi. Dennis and Millie are looking to connect with lost classmates and near-classmates: **Rick Broncato**, **Melinda Acevedo '85**, **Magda Yrizarry**, **Roberto Londono**, **Mike Castro**, **Jose Ayala '83**, **John Sears '85**, and **Jose Rodriguez**. If you want to contact Dennis or Millie, their e-mail address is: deje804@bellsouth.net. **Sibel Asantugrul** (sibel@saarchitecture.com) is coming to reunion. She lives in Wellfleet, MA.

Judith Leng Lawrence is not planning on coming to reunion. She and husband Kurt and their two children just moved to Washington State and are loving it. Kurt is a landscape supervisor and Judith edits from home for McGraw-Hill. Their beautiful children are Kylie, 3, and Zeke, 15 months. Judith is looking for lost classmates **David Rosenthal** and **Matthew Tam-**

ney. Her e-mail address is jmkl@earthlink.net.

Jack Gallagher is coming to reunion. He and wife **Sue (Bonke) '86** have a 5-year-old son Evan and a 3-year-old daughter Robin. He is a veterinary surgeon practicing in a referral surgery practice in North Carolina. They love the North Carolina weather and people. **Joe Korn** is also coming to reunion. He and his wife just had their third child, David, in March. He joins sisters Samantha and Jennifer. Joe is a real estate developer in New Jersey. He redevelops "brown fields"—contaminated sites—for new retail space. **Anne Gumkowski** Pierce is coming, too. She lives in Weston, FL.

Mariann Roese Fessenden and husband **John '85** have moved to King Ferry, NY. They have kids Marissa, 15, Sam, 13, Thomas, 11, and Sarah, 9. **Susan Daltrey** Turner is probably not coming to reunion. She is currently working as director of social services at Hillcrest Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She is thoroughly enjoying raising two sons and serving on the Egremont School Council. She went to Washington and Oregon in May and visited fellow Cornellians **Curtis Tanner**, **Doug Lawson**, **Nurit Fischler**, **Paul Gamwell**, and **Hal Weeks**, PhD '85.

Nelly Maseda, **Karen Zoll** Mango, and **Imad Shaban** are all coming to reunion. Nelly is married and has two children. She has a solo pediatric practice in the Riverdale Section of the Bronx, and she and her family have been vacationing in South America and Europe. Karen and her husband and two children moved to Hampton Cove, AL, in 2002. And Imad is living in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. **Suzanne Sauer** Heigh might come to reunion. She lives in Fairfax, VA.

Robert Kline and his family of five were very happy to move back to San Francisco. He started a hotel investment firm and has been acquiring hotels in NYC, San Francisco, and Japan. He and his family will be living in Japan this summer. **Therese Filardi** LaRussa has kids Nicholas, 8, Katie Ann, 5, and Jack Benjamin, 1. "Three kids definitely makes life interesting!" They live in Belmont, MA. ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, Fornesszone@aol.com. Class website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984.

85 At this point in our lives, the members of the Class of 1985 have become expert jugglers and tightrope walkers—balancing careers and lifestyles, family and work, past friendships and new challenges.

For example, for **Judy Marlinski Doyno**, it has really come full circle. Back in 1985, she was fresh out of school, working on the Fidelity account for an ad agency. Now she is off to Japan where she has accepted a position with none other than Fidelity Investments. She and husband **Dave**, along with their daughters Abbey, 9, and Jenna, 6, will spend the next two years in Japan. She'll be the COO for the Tokyo Investment Division. We're sure she'll be keeping in touch, though. She has yearly get-togethers with her Pi Phi friends who lived above

Johnny's in Colletown: **Betsy Daniels** Graseck, **Amy Snow**, **Laura Armstrong** Falvey, **Lorah McNally** Perlee, **Kari Pedersen** Dooley, **Laura Clark**, and **Debbie Reading** Leuffen.

And when the topic of careers comes up, the Class of 1985 really has to be careful who's within earshot before making any lawyer jokes. It could be any one of our active legal alumni. **David Jaroslaw** never thought that becoming a lawyer would also make him an expert at sleeping on airplanes. He now realizes it's one of those things they don't teach you in law school. When he does touch down at home in Brooklyn, David and son Tobias, 6, play hard wearing away the pitcher's mound and home plate in their backyard. Meanwhile, daughter Simone, 4, seems to love the stage just as much as daddy did! Recently, David got together with fellow NYC lawyer **Paul Haskel** and his family, including the new twins!

James and **Nancy Nunan Flood** both practice law in Washington, but live in Reston, VA, with their little boy Jimmy, 3. Nancy works with a local firm, while James keeps busy in political circles working for Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) on the Senate Judiciary Committee. **Karen Steffan** Riley was recently appointed the Supervising Assistant District Attorney of Sex Crimes and Child Abuse in the Rockland County District Attorney's office. She tells us that her daughter Katie is almost 2.

Some job and career changes continue to crop up for the Class of '85 as well. Having just started an independent consulting business with Southern Living at Home, **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez couldn't be happier. Tara encourages anyone who wants to book a party in New Jersey or Pennsylvania to give her a call. At Passover, Tara spent time with **Ginny Scarola** Sidmen and her family in Massachusetts and still managed to celebrate Easter in New Jersey. On that same trip, she also visited **Mike '82** and **Cathy Caliguire Marrero '84** and their three boys in their fabulous house in Manchester, MA. Tara can still be seen palling around with **Bonnie Reuben** Nissenbaum, BS Ag '89, as Bonnie braves the suburbs from the big city to go shopping.

David Bloom just opened his new practice specializing in sports medicine and family practice in Huntington Beach, CA. He works with a number of illustrious clients, and just signed on with the 2003 World Gymnastics Championships. Look for him and future stars of the Athens games when it's televised. David is still loving California with his wife Amanda and daughter Natalie, 5. They recently enjoyed **Andrew Traum's** Bully Hill wine-tasting, and surfing with fellow crew alum **Alan Jacobs '86**.

After working at M&M Mars for 14 years, **Diane Conklin**, MS Ag '88, left the company to get married and return to living in beautiful upstate New York, near Cooperstown. She married Larry Kroon in August 2001 and worked part-time as a substitute teacher and soccer/volleyball coach until the birth of Larry Jr. in 2002. His big sister Laura, 13, is entering eighth grade. Diane keeps in touch with **Michele Feinman** Wieber, who is married with four children, including a newborn, and **Diane Lindsey** Cur-

wick, who is married with two children and still finds time to run Lindsey's Country Store outside of Albany.

Lauren Doyle recently moved from Baltimore to Los Angeles, where she married Benjamin Almeida. She works as an RN at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles. Newlywed Lauren and hubby Ben are trail-running enthusiasts and enjoy California's many state parks. Meanwhile, back in Baltimore, **Wendy Peiffer** ran her first marathon in 2002, and hopes to improve her time again this year. Be sure to keep those updates coming! You can send them to ♦ **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com; or **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

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It was great to get a whole pile of news from classmates this time around. Having recently returned from a vacation that included water skiing at Lake Almanor, CA, and boating on Lake Tahoe, it was too bad that I received **Hannah Sullivan's** card *after* my return from vacation. Hannah recently left the venture capital business and purchased Tahoe Trips and Trails, an outfitter/guide business that has been operating in the Lake Tahoe area for 11 years. Hannah's company provides guided hiking, biking, and kayaking tours to groups visiting the Tahoe area for either business or pleasure. Next time I'm in Tahoe, I plan to look Hannah up and book a family kayak tour on the Truckee River. While camping in Tahoe, my husband and I watched the kayakers on the river and thought what a blast it would be to send the Davidsons down the river, so to speak! Those planning a visit to Tahoe who wish to contact Hannah can e-mail her at tahoetrips@mindspring.com.

Heidi Norden Burnett also sounds like she's having summer fun on the water, enjoying her newly purchased sailboat. She was recently nominated to the American Animal Hospital Assn. Board of Directors, and is considering buying a veterinary practice. Heidi also writes that she'd like to hear from classmate **Sanders Crater**.

A couple more of our classmates have tied the knot. **Danny Velez** married Tanya Adrian on campus at Sage Chapel on Apr. 26, '03. Several '86ers attended the wedding, including **Evan Rosen**, **Barry Eisler**, JD '89, **Peter Zimetbaum**, **Anne Tenney**, MPS Ag '94, and **Robert Proctor**, PhD '93. **David Hackney** '87 was also at the wedding. Danny and his wife reside in Philadelphia, PA. **John Ware**, ME C '87, writes that he has "finally settled down" and is busy practicing architectural and structural design in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. John got married in September 2002 to Elizabeth Behrens, a UC Berkeley alum. Elizabeth was a member of the 1992 US Olympic Rowing team and is doing her best to keep John in shape! John and Elizabeth's wedding was attended by **David Taylor** and **Cliff Chang**.

'86ers have also been busy with family additions. **Ron Wick** and wife Jessica had son Nolan Hawthorne in December 2002. **Bruce Jones** reports that he had son Jonathan Andrew on June 16, '03.

Dan Hooker is a busy guy these days. Dan's News card had two business cards taped to it—one captioned "Got elected!" and the other, "... and got called to active duty!" I'm glad he had time to write to us, since it sounds like he spends most of his time dedicated to public service. Dan was elected as a Member of the New York State Assembly, 127th District, and he is also serving as a Major in the US Marine Corps. He is the Peacetime/Wartime Support Team Officer-In-Charge for F Company 2nd Battalion 25th Marines.

Sarah Colon recently returned from three months in Rome working as a consultant with the UN World Food Program. Sarah says that she is not waiting until she retires to pursue her dreams and live life fully—she is taking the summer off to dance and play the violin. In June 2003, Sarah passed the audition for the Fairfax Amateur Orchestral Ensemble—after only one year of lessons! She is also training to be a ballroom dance instructor. Sarah writes that she'd love to hear from **Amy Mattson Phelps** '87, **Vivica Anderson**, and any of the Phi Psi guys who shared the house at 202 Stewart Avenue senior year. If you qualify as any of the above, Sarah's e-mail address is spc428@yahoo.com.

Where are they now? **Joe Nolte** is an NYPD police captain. **Janet Grossman** Providakes is senior product manager with Thomson Financial, living in Ayer, MA. **Holly Isdale** and husband **Tony Ryan** '84, MS E '85, moved to Bryn Mawr, PA, from Manhasset, NY. **Jolie Kahn** is general counsel to a public company in Plano, TX, and loving the Dallas area, where she has been living for the past year. **Mary Rinko Oefelein** wrote from Cleveland Heights, OH, that she's working half-time as an internist, has been married almost 13 years, and has three daughters, ages 8, 6, and 4. **Bonnie Young** Babini published *Colors of the Vanishing Tribes* (Abbeville Press) and has a baby girl.

Andrew Epstein married Allison Spiegel in August 2002. **Leah Wolfe** of Silver Spring, MD, works in Washington, DC, as associate medical director and internist at a community health center that serves low-income families in NE and SE Washington. Leah also works one night a week at a mobile health van that serves the homeless. **Fred Hedengren** is teaching seventh and eighth grade math at the Pingry School in Martinville, NJ. He is also coaching hockey and lacrosse. When he isn't teaching, Fred enjoys making road trips to Cornell with his two sons who also love hockey and the Big Red.

Please note that if you sent in news but didn't see it in this column, don't despair. We had so much news that I am forwarding the rest on to the other correspondents for the next column (but don't let that stop you from writing to us—we always enjoy reading more news!). In addition, I received various notes about pregnancies and engagements. Please note that we can only publish news like this "after the fact"; e.g., after the wedding and/or after the birth of the baby (or babies). If you are engaged or expecting, please keep us in the loop and let us know when your family status has officially changed. We will include it in our column at that time. Until next

time. ♦ **Jackie Byers** Davidson, jackiekd@sbcglobal.net; **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu; and **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

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It has been raining 40 days and 40 nights. Well, not exactly, but it sure feels like it. By the time you read this column we'll all be pinning for the lazy hazy hot humid days of summer, but as of today I am wishing for good weather. Hopefully all of you had a great summer! As always, I start with the news from cyberspace.

Wendy Wagner has accepted a tenure-track position teaching English literature at Johnson and Wales U. in Providence, RI. Husband **Ken Zirkel** '88 and children Eric and Sophie will accompany her on the move from Maine. Also on the move is **Amy Marks** who has made five moves in six years. She declares, "Enough, already!" She continues, "For what I hope will be the last time for a very long time (did I say that last time?), we have moved to Boulder, not far from Denver. Visitors are always welcome!" After many moves **Sarah Williams** Bonnefoi has finally settled down in New Jersey with her family. The girls, Marie, 10, Anne, 8, and Elena, 6, welcomed their new brother Theo in September 2002. Sarah is currently teaching a few sections of French language at Drew U.

Kellie Reynolds Bosenberg and husband **Marcus** '86 packed up and moved the family last summer from a suburb of Boston to Burlington, VT. Kellie is CEO of the household and mother of three girls, ages 9, 7, and 4. She recently became a PTO representative and local school board member.

Julie Zimmerman and **Adam Ratner** welcomed son Andy in April. He joins big brother Will, who is 3. After five years in San Francisco, Julie and Adam are now settled in the suburbs—Princeton, NJ. They meet lots of Cornell alumni, even some from our class. **Caroline Freidman** and husband **David Levy**, along with their two daughters, were neighbors until their return to New Hampshire at the beginning of the summer. Adam is the deputy general counsel at Berlitz, the language instruction company. Julie is a stay-at-home mom and has been for three years. She notes that sometimes she misses her professional days in marketing/product management and other days not so much! **Emad Khalil** welcomed his first child, Karina Leila, born May 8, '03.

Dan Alonso was recently appointed chief of the criminal division at the US Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, NY, where he has been a prosecutor for the last seven years. He recently married Karen Berggren, a stand-up comic in New York. **Lloyd Robinson** recently moved into a new home in Westchester County. **Scott Armstrong** is currently VP of product management at Mercator Software. Scott and wife Sue recently skied Squaw Valley with **Jesse Bender** '89 and family. They also occasionally see **Frank Macaulay** '86.

The following information is from an official fax from the CBS News Press Office (hard to believe that I actually have this document sitting on my desk!). **David Price**, who is one of the

most popular broadcasters in New York, has joined CBS's "The Early Show" as the broadcast weatherman and a featured reporter. Now all of you across the country can have the pleasure, as I have for the last few years, of waking up to Dave Price in the morning.

As always, members of the Class of 1987 are doing their best to populate the future classes at Cornell. **Dale Shuter** Buchholz welcomed Caroline Anne on Feb. 3, '03. She joins big brother Sam. **John Rosenberg** welcomed baby boy Maxwell Evan on July 2, '03. **Timothy Vivian** and wife **Kristin Garbinski '86** welcomed their sixth child, William Raymond, in February 2003, joining Andrew, 12, Patrick, 9, Catie, 7, Donald, 5, and Margaret, 3. Tim is president of Pipelining Products Inc., while Kristin is a stay-at-home mom and consultant in the kitchen tool industry. **James Vincens** welcomed fourth child Benjamin in September 2003. **Beth Flynn-Ferry** welcomed second child Zachary Peter, who joins sister Tess, 22 months.

Older new babies include **David Gruen**, MD '91's son Aaron Lucas, born September 2002. He joins sisters Sarah, 8, and Emily, 4. Julia Rose Maisel-Berick was born to **Jennifer Maisel** and husband Michael Berick in June of 2002. And **Robert Goldberg** is living on the tiny island of Saipan and is in private practice with a Guam-based law firm. He has been married for three years to Mary Camela Guance Taneza. Daughter Julie is 2 and baby Mollie is six months. They are enjoying life in the tropics. **Keith Jacoby** rejoined the firm Littler Mendelson, where he is a partner practicing labor and employment law. He expanded his own personal firm with the addition of baby Sean, born in July 2002. Sean joins sisters Shea, 6, and Kaitlyn, 5.

Deanna Silver Jacobson reports that she is working toward peace in the Middle East as cofounder of Hands of Peace, a non-profit peace initiative that launched in summer 2003. The organization brings six Israeli teens and six Arab and Palestinian teens to Glenview or Northbrook, IL, for a home-hosted two-week stay, interacting with each other and with American teens. Each morning they have facilitated discussions, followed by lunch and social/cultural/community service activities. A huge undertaking. Good luck to you, Deanna. **Kyu-Young Sung** is living and working in Korea.

Laurence and Sarah Breinig Saul are off to the Netherlands. Laurence just finished his executive MBA at the U. of Michigan. Dominos Pizza is sending the Sauls off to the Netherlands so Laurence can open their European, African, and Middle East office. **Avery Katz** became a partner in a neurology group and is living in New Jersey. **Patricia Baumann** is now an assistant professor at the U. of Florida, Jacksonville. She is the chief of the Joint Service-Orthopedic Surgery. **Lisa Gangarosa** just finished her first year at UNC School of Medicine in the digestive diseases division. Her main focus is clinical work with a focus on oncology. She gets to see **Rhonda Souza** at American Gastroenterological Assn. committee meetings.

Christopher Sciarra recently married Sandra Tarasoff; and **Felix Gehm** married Lisa Jane

Brundage in August 2002. Felix is a realtor with McGuire Real Estate in Mill Valley, CA. **Liza Masias** is still living in Switzerland. Finally, **Karen Morel** and **Michael Joostema** have been busy with home remodeling projects. Their master bedroom was featured on a recent episode of HGTV's "Designer's Challenge." That's all the news that's fit to print this month. Please keep sending us e-mail. ♦ **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern@acksys.com; **Tom Smith Tseng**, ttseng@stanford.edu.

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As one of your class correspondents for the next five years, I am thrilled to be serving our fantastic, diverse class. Please e-mail me, **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, with your news and suggestions at smb68@cornell.edu, or my experienced co-correspondent **Steve Tomaselli**, at st89@cornell.edu. As I write this from Mendham, NJ, it is 90 degrees and humid, and an entire month of bad hair days is under way. You'll be reading this shortly after what I hope was some delightfully cool and crisp leaf-changing weather, and I hope many of you were able to reconnect with classmates at either the International Spirit of Zinck's Night on October 16, or at Homecoming the weekend of October 24-26. And wait by the phone for a call from a Cornell Fund volunteer in November—support the Big Red, and give a boost to our class totals.

On to the news you've been waiting for, and there's a TON of it! Our fantastic Reunion (thanks again to all the officers and volunteers who worked so hard) really brought out the sentimentality and nostalgia in all of us usually cool '88ers. **Timothy Temple** reports that he married a "hula dancer turned doctor," moved to Nashville, and has been deployed in the Navy to Cuba since November 2002. **Nick Whitcombe** writes that he married Colleen Kelley in November 2002 in New York City. **Dan Frommer** and

www.stephensheffield.com. Congratulations to all the happy couples and families!

Congratulations to **Karen Obel**, hailing from the Big Apple, who has received two Day-time Emmy Awards in the last three years for her work on the "Rosie O'Donnell Show" as the technical director, and who recently wrote two sections for the Valentine's Day edition of the book *The Vagina Monologues*. Kudos also go to **Yolanda Callegari-Brooks**, who published her first novel in February of 2002, titled *First Love: What Would You Give Up To Keep Yours?* Yolanda hails from Carson, CA, where she lives with husband Bernard and three children.

We've received word of some moves. **John Gustavsson** is a musculoskeletal radiologist in private practice in Portland, OR, and moved there with his partner Stuart after finishing a radiology residency and fellowship at Emory U. **Chris Dingle**, ME E '89, writes that he and his wife and their children Cordelia and Conrad have left the States for Montreal. Chris is hard at work as CTO of My Virtual Model Inc., an internet company that facilitates online purchases of clothing. **Ricardo Kohn**, ME I '90, and wife **Lisa Markovits '90** have gone even farther afield—to the outskirts of Quito, Ecuador! They are building a house there, while Ricardo is pursuing an Executive MBA degree at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke U. Ricardo reports that he participated in **Jay Goldman's** wedding, and saw **John MacPeck** and **Jorge Daniels**. **Clark D. Smith** has moved to St. Petersburg, FL, and was promoted to complex manager of the Prudential Securities Tampa/St. Petersburg offices.

Some hard-working stay-at-home moms reported in. **Kim Coffin** Johnson says hello from Nashville, where she lives with husband Rob and kids Amelia and Sam. Kim will return to practicing law in a few years. **Jill Silverman** Greenspan is busy with her three: Claudia and twins Arielle and Joshua. Jill sees **Marla Grauer** Levene, **Mark**

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DEBRA HOWARD STERN '87

wife Jackie had their second child, Adam, in May. Both Adam and his older brother Evan were delivered by Dr. **Michele Silverstein**—way to stay in touch!

The Alumni Office forwarded the news that **Stephen Sheffield** (son of **David '55**, MRP '61, and **Allison Hopkins Sheffield '56**, and brother of **Laura '84**, BFA '85) was married to Alison Knier in Wellesley, MA. **Matthew Bauer**, R.J. **Lavallee**, and **Dave Beiser** were groomsmen. Also in attendance were **Simon Miller**, **Stephanie Jacobstein** Beiser '90, and **Bruce Meakem '90**. Stephen also completed a commissioned artwork for the Union Beer Distributor's corporate offices in the Red Hook district of Brooklyn, NY. The finished piece, illustrating the history and ethnic diversity of Brooklyn, may be viewed at

Unger, **David**, MD '92, and **Davena Barfus Levine**, and **Peter Jacobs**, all fellow residents of Armonk, NY, and all with children the same age as one of hers—readymade playdates!

In the wide world of sports, our class is well-represented. **Michele Driscoll** wrote to give the happy news that she completed her first marathon (26.2 miles) at Walt Disney World. **Andrea Lieblein** completed her first half-ironman competition (1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, 13.1-mile run), and raises money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.jdrf.org/nyc). **Mark Mellor** started a non-profit Boxing Club for Kids with Willy Silva, a prizefighter trainer from Mexico. Oscar De La Hoya—watch out, here they come! Mark also reports that he started his own law firm in

Interpretations

FRANKY KONG '89

New Mexico artist Franky Kong can find inspiration even in Alpo. When he gave his dog, Elvis, a can of food and some poster paper, the Jack Russell-Chihuahua created an abstract smearing—and planted the seeds for Kong's installation, "Best in Show." The Santa Fe exhibition featured mixed media works by four dogs from Espanola Animal Shelter, including "Sand Transcription," which captured a red heeler's footprints, and "Threshold," in which a shepherd mix smudged pieces of plexiglass with water from its bowl and muddy paw prints.

"People voted via dog biscuits to determine who was best in show," says Kong, who included his own works in the exhibition. "I came in second."

Kong's latest show, "Memorial," featured vases of flowers arranged on a table to look like a still-life. The artist's statement encouraged visitors to take a blossom and reminisce. "Sunflowers went first," he says of the week-long show. "Then the roses,



then some of the carnations and a bunch of day lilies. At the end of the opening, three-fourths of the flowers were gone and the show looked a little sadder than it did before."

Ultimately, says Kong, art isn't simply about an image, but interpretation. "Pick out what you like and what you don't, but after everything is said and done, meaning is really up to the viewer to determine."

— J.R. Johnson '04

Riverside, CA. **Janet S. Gray** and husband Tom spend their spare time restoring British sports cars and participating in the Golden Retriever Rescue Organization of Central New York. They are clearly dedicated, as they have four goldens of their own! **Erik Postnieks** motorcycled through Corsica and Sardinia in June, on vacation from running his 6-year-old hedge fund, Parametric Capital Management, LLC.

Please keep the news coming, by e-mail or snail mail, and enjoy the coming holidays. ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 There's so much news this time, we may not have column space! Quite a change from the parsimonious contributions available when I last wrote. **Deepak Sachdeva** updates us with news of an alumni-filled wedding. "I got married June 8, '03 to Nisha Chand in Alexan-

dria, VA. We had a fully traditional Hindu wedding, and Cornell alumni at the wedding were: **Gidon Coll**, **David Lu**, **Stacy Oshry**, and **Erin McPeak Shiono '88**, ME C '89. Afterwards, we went on our honeymoon in Maui. It was beautiful and we definitely needed the R&R after an exhausting wedding. I am working as an emergency physician (yes, an ER doc) at Fort Washington Hospital in Fort Washington, MD, just outside Washington, DC."

If you spot someone kayaking on Lake Michigan with a yellow Lab on board, look closely because it might be **Joan Anderson**. She sent news that she loves to paddle and is busy teaching sixth grade in the New Trier District. **Cheryl Rink** Morton and husband Drew moved to Superior, CO, in March 2002, where she works full-time at home with daughters Alexandra, 3, and Sydney, 1.

David Scher has ten years of lawyer work under his belt and writes that he recently cele-

brated his tenth anniversary with wife **Dorine (Colabella) '91**. Busy with children Noah, 6, and Molly, 3, David coaches soccer, is a cub scout den leader, and serves as vice president of the Unitarian Universalists congregation in Sterling, VA. "My life really took off at light speed in 1996 when I participated in a three-day transformational program called the Landmark Forum. Since then, I trained and developed myself as a powerful listener and coach and now I am a seminar leader for Landmark Education. I can't wait to see everyone at reunion."

As director of sales and marketing for the Four Points by Sheraton in Plainview, NY, **Tracy Kreutzer** is busy helping establish the first Four Points brand representation on Long Island. Working as assistant professor of urology at Wake Forest U. Health Sciences, **Peter Clark** specializes in urologic oncology and being a husband, father to two children, and caregiver for a new puppy.

Janine Peyser Lossing sent an update from Potomac, MD, where she and husband Howard recently celebrated their 10th anniversary. She writes, "My children Sarah, 7, and Brian, 5, are active in tae kwon do and tennis, among other things. I'm lucky to live ten minutes from **Kathryn Underberg** Zimmerman and **Suzanne Seftel** Glassman '88. I also see **Howard** and **Eliana Saragovia Byck**, **Dave Roberts**, and **Alan '88** and **Rachel Rennert Eisler '87**. Recently I also visited **Vicky Aulino** Rigsby in Dallas and **Kristi Young** Gilbert in San Francisco."

Jeff Spector and wife Robin welcomed son Avi Jay on Dec. 17, '02 to join them and big sister Ellen Judith, 3. Jeff continues to work for MCI as an employment lawyer. **Amy McGarry-Jackson** makes her home in Lake George, NY, with husband Sandy. She is a pediatrician. News came in from Paul and **Lidia Dubicki** Conley in Speedway, IN. Lidia is a stay-at-home mom with her children Henry, 3, and Frankie, 1. She writes, "I work part-time at Healthplex Sports Club in child care so I can bring the kids along, and I'm active in church and a moms group. I play the French horn in the Indianapolis Municipal Band, playing various concerts at indoor and outdoor venues in Central Indiana."

Bob Mayer, ME E '90, wife Jen, and children Christopher and Ashley are excited about their recent move from Colorado to Austin, TX, and asked any friends in the area to contact them at bmayer@nanocoolers.com. **Barbara Drugan Held** and husband **Kenneth '90** had baby Nicholas Garfield on May 24, '02. Barbara has started a private practice in obstetrics and gynecology at MedCenter OB/GYN in Houston, TX. **Ken Lee** is working at Sun Microsystems in Santa Clara, CA, doing Java Marketing. Daughter Elaine just graduated from kindergarten. Ken is trying to get his golf game into the mid-90s with little success. **Lisa Porter** says, "I just gave birth to my second child, Ryan Patrick Davis, on Apr. 11, '03. Having two kids along with a faculty position at Carnegie Mellon isn't easy, but hopefully being on parental leave in the fall will help me keep my sanity." All of us with two or more tricycle motors at home know how you feel!

Alan Hirzel, MBA '97, wed on July 3, '02 in

a magnificent English castle (Castle Ashby). **Marko Zaninovich '90**, **Kieran Kelly '90**, and **Holly Hirzel '93** attended. Marko has a new baby boy. From wine country, **Katie McShane Kelly** sends an update that she married Dennis Kelly on Aug. 31, '02 and came home from the honeymoon with a souvenir. Born a few weeks early on May 12, 2003 Martin John "Jack" Kelly joins his parents in their country property in Sonoma County. Katie works as director of operations for an international nonprofit, and Dennis is a firefighter for the San Francisco Fire Department.

Well, correspondents must take criticism when it's due, so I shamefully include the following from **David Lieb**. "Ever since graduation I have been a paying member of the Class of '89. And as part of that membership, I have received *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. When I got married, I submitted that news to the Class Notes section of the magazine, along with an extensive, multi-generational list of Cornell alumni in attendance; it never got printed. After the births of each of my two children, I submitted that news; never got printed. After I'd worked about ten years for the university (up to 14 now) I submitted that information; never got printed. Well, I finally made the magazine. I'm interviewed in the back-page "Cornelliana" article. So, how do I finally get into the magazine? Defending Cornell's parking tickets. It's a well-written article, though, and I don't end up sounding like a thug." Please, David, don't attribute to malice what could easily be explained by stupidity. ♦ **Mike McGarry**, mmcgary@dma-us.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu.

90 Our 15th Reunion is now less than two years away, and we hope that many of you are planning on making the pilgrimage back to campus. OK, I know a lot of people don't like class reunions. If your group of friends isn't going, why bother, right? After 15 years, most of us have changed quite a bit, and you may feel that you don't have anything in common with "those people" anymore (it was the '80s after all!). Well, I'm here to tell you that it won't be hard finding someone to share a little reunion chit-chat! For example, I noticed that **Kristen Gocker** Hallagan and **Marta Bechhoefer** have a common bond. Marta, who lives in a "pink house" in Santa Cruz, CA, teaches Spanish and ESL at Anzar High School, a teacher-led public school in the Monterey Bay area. She has also designed a dual immersion language program with a colleague. Kristen Hallagan lives in Pittsford, NY, and is teaching ESOL (which I recently learned stands for "English for speakers of other languages") at Monroe Middle School. Marta and Kristen would have plenty to talk about! Make sure you two look each other up in 2005!

Another connection could be made between **John Erthein** and **Andy Vanasse**. Reverend John Erthein, as previously reported, graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and has begun

work as a pastor for the Elderton Presbyterian Church in western Pennsylvania. Cornell classmate **Kirsten Pieper** Marek attended his service of ordination in Ann Arbor, MI, in September 2002. We've just heard that Andy Vanasse of Greer, SC, graduated *summa cum laude* from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with an MA in Biblical Studies. Two months before graduation, Andy and his wife celebrated the birth of their fourth child, Eliana Ansley, born Mar. 11, '03.

Even if we come to reunion without our children, we parents can surely find many opportunities to talk about our precious kiddies with other classmates who share in the parenting lifestyle. However, only parents like **Jeff** and **Jami Waisburd Clott**, **Michael Mitsos**, and **Cynthia Bailey Landis** can share their special experience in raising twins. Jeff and Jami Clott of Basking Ridge, NJ, welcomed Benjamin and Rachel into their family on Nov. 16, '02. The twins and their big brother Jacob have been keeping their parents busy and tired! Michael Mitsos and his wife, who live in Upland, CA, are the proud parents of twin boys. Cynthia Landis lives in Summit, NJ, with 3-year-old son Jason and twin girls Kathleen and Lauren, born Mar. 26, '03. Maybe you three should look for sitters now and come to reunion for a well-deserved rest!

Several classmates share an involvement in the finer things in life. The next time you're choosing a fine wine, why not try a Pinot Noir, Syrah, or Old Vine Zinfandel bottled under the Radio-Coteau label, produced at the vineyards of **Eric Sussman**. Eric's venture is in western Sonoma County, CA, and you can check it all out at www.radiocoteau.com. Any special wine tastings for Cornell classmates, Eric? Farther south in Irvine, CA, is **William Davidson**, ME Theo '92, who is with Liquidmetal Technologies. William's job focuses on the "Japan golf club design business and luxury product development." According to William, designing golf clubs is a lot easier than engineering school ("Fore!"). Maybe he should get in touch with **Stephanie Hastings** of Raleigh, NC. Stephanie has moved to a house on the 14th hole of a golf course and has taken up the sport. She is very happy to be working as director of implementation and service quality for Raleigh-based Workplace Options.

After enjoying a round of golf and some of Eric Sussman's wine, why not totally indulge yourself with luxury down pillows and bedding from **Richard Loh**'s new company, Ploh! (pillow, Loh, Ploh—get it?) Richard lives and works in Singapore and would be thrilled if you logged onto www.plohdirect.com for your holiday shopping! **Deborah Chiavelli** received her PhD in biological sciences from Dartmouth and is now doing postdoctoral research at Dartmouth Medical School on the ecology and genetics of cholera. And whadda ya know! **Betsie Balcom** Rothermel of Columbia, MO, finished her PhD in biological sciences at the U. of Missouri and is starting postdoctoral research at the U. of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Lab. They could share a few drinks with **Jeannine Cavender-Bares**, recipient of a Chateaubriand Fellow-

ship in France, who is an assistant professor of ecology, evolution, and behavior at the U. of Minnesota. Maybe they could all give advice to **Corey Powell**, a math teacher at San Jose State U., who has gone back to graduate school in Bioinformatics at UC Santa Cruz. Maybe Deborah, Betsie, and Jeannine would even know what bioinformatics is!

Finally, I know the first person I'm going to seek out at reunion, if not much sooner: **Linda Choong**, of NYC, who is VP of retail for the NBA. As a native of Cleveland and lifelong sports fan, I haven't had much reason to be happy about my teams lately. But now that the Cavs have the "Chosen One," LeBron James, I will shamelessly beg for tickets. Whaddya say, Linda? Staying in touch with your classmates can be a true "networking" experience! See you in 2005! ♦ **Carole Moran** Krus, ckm42@cornell.edu; **Alisa Gilhooley**, alisagil@aol.com; **Amanda Willis**, AmandaEsq@aol.com.

91 Greetings to fellow Class of '91 Cornellians far and wide. It is indeed an honor to write to you again, and of course, with summer comes a new batch of happenings and announcements from our classmates. Currently, I am wading through piles of boxes from our recently completed move across town to the house we have been building for the past year. Since no good deed goes unpunished, Mother Nature has decided to follow a year of drought with a year of unprecedented rainfall, and thus, our "yard" is still a pile of mud. The good side is that I haven't had to mow anything in a few weeks and fire ants have been less of a problem than usual. Regardless, let's get to the news, as there is much to report.

News about children is dominating this issue's mailbag. **Robert Koening** and wife **Joi (Smith)** wanted everyone to know that their twins Max and Sarah celebrated their second birthdays recently. Robert gave those of us in the Class Correspondent department a god-natured scolding for not reporting their births in 2001. While we always aim to please, timeliness is not the greatest of our virtues. Robert also says he is now the executive director for CIBC in New York City. **Randall Singer** lets us know that son Tyler Max was born to him and wife Margie on July 17, '02. **Mike Reading**, ME M '92, and wife Chris announce the birth of their second child, Megan Elizabeth, on Apr. 15, '03. Megan joins older sister Julia in the family. Mike also notes that he and Chris got together with **Craig Bloom**, **Rick Kowalczyk**, **Eric Jones '93**, and **Cathy Dohnanyi '93** in Providence to watch Cornell play in the NCAA hockey quarterfinals.

Rebecca Gilliland Booth informs of us of the birth of her son Alden George on Feb. 15, '03. In no time at all, Alden will be getting into the toys of his older siblings Davis and Evalynn. **Monica Ruehli** and husband **John Haggerty '92** had their first child, Bridgit Quinn, in March 2002, and **Kristen Zittel** Winiacki writes that she and husband Joe had their third child, Paul Joseph, on Dec. 26, '02. **Patrick Nace** wanted the class to know he now has two daughters, Gwendolyn

and Franziska. Gwendolyn was born in December 2002 and Franziska in December of 1999.

Avinash Mehrotra and wife **Anjali Sadarangani** tell us that their daughter Amaya just turned 1, while her older brother Sajan is well into his terrible twos. Avinash notes that both are keeping him and Anjali on their toes. Having personally weathered the terrible twos at my house, I can certainly sympathize with them. To echo Jerry Seinfeld's sentiment, having a 2-year-old is like having a blender without the top.

Julie Snell Callanan reports the birth of her son Aidan Finbar Callanan in February 2002.

Professor of organizational behavior at the U. of British Columbia. Marc-David says he loves Vancouver, but would love to have fellow Cornellians in the area give him a buzz at UBC. **Angela Shope Stiefbold** and husband **Mark** have moved to Germany for Mark's job with Siemens. However, Mark deployed to the Middle East with his Army Reserve unit, so for now, Angela is making her way in Germany with daughters Madison, Quinn, and Anya. **Keith McAfee** recently moved from San Francisco to Richmond, VA, and took a job with Capital One. Keith says he is missing the Bay Area but

occurred, since we can't print news of engagements and pregnancies. And don't forget to renew your class dues (or sign-up for automatic renewal by credit card!). Here's the news.

Eve Machol Edwards writes that she and husband **Scott '91** moved back to the Washington, DC, area last year, where Scott joined Greater Metropolitan Orthopedics as their hand specialist. Scott has been enjoying being in practice after many years of surgical training. Daughter Jessica Gail joined their family on Nov. 21, '02, and big sister Ariana turned 3 this past September and can't get enough of the baby. The Edwards family lives in McLean, VA, and would love to start a Cornell playgroup! **Paul Weisenfeld** sent me an e-mail with his update. Paul and his wife **Glenna (Berman) '94** had their second daughter, Sophie Ariel, on Jan. 3, '03. Paul and Glenna's older daughter Danielle Jolie is 3 years old and, according to Paul, doesn't stop talking from the minute she wakes up until the moment she falls asleep! Paul continues to work for Smith Barney in New York City, building up the firm's Alternative Investment Platform. Paul recently caught up with **Brett Dorfman**, who is doing well with his medical practice in North Carolina.

Congratulations to **Jennifer King** and **Christopher Hartung '90**, who were married this past March in Marin County. Cornellians from many classes celebrated the event, including Jennifer's aunt and uncle, **Norm '46**, **BME '48**, and **Marilyn King Dawson '48**, best man **Stephen Swanson '90**, groomsmen **Dan McFadden '90**, and bridesmaid **Inger Hultgren**. Also attending were classmates **Matt Meyer**, **Lisaane Lutz**, **Randy** and **Heather Nelson Koch**, **Chris** and **Danielle Girard Kraus** (Danielle recently published her fourth suspense novel!), **Evelyn Goodfriend**, and **David Wiseman**. **Eric** and **Anne Tevebaugh Baurmeister** were unable to attend the King-Hartung wedding, as they, along with daughter Eva, 2, were awaiting the arrival of their second child, Clara McKim, born on March 31.

Carla Howard reports that she recently married Jim Chaney. The Chaney's live in Atlanta, where Carla was promoted to HR director for manufacturing for Georgia-Pacific Corp. **Jenny Kim** married Francis Weng on May 24, '03. Classmates in attendance were **Megan Kilbride**, **Christine Bublrickt Bang**, **Beth Kornblatt**, and **Rachael Perkins-Arenstein**. Jenny, a medical doctor, is in her second year of a pulmonary research fellowship at the Wistar Inst. in Philadelphia.

Yutaka Maruyama recently transferred job locations to the Westin Resort in Guam, where he is the general manager. Also overseas is **Silvana Nazzaro** Clark, who lives and works in Ecuador, where she received a PhD in curriculum and instruction consulting. Silvana is married to John, a tropical botanist, and they have a 2-year-old child, Nicholas Charles. In March 2002, **Christopher Hart** started a recruiting firm with three partners that focuses on accounting and finance positions in Metro Milwaukee. Christopher and wife Julie were married in July 2002 and honeymooned along Lake Superior, where they hiked, camped, and stayed at a B&B.

'John Krause stayed by his computer making sure that the National Severe Storms Lab Dual-Polemetric Radar stayed online.'

DEBBIE FEINSTEIN '92

She is also now a resident in psychiatry at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. I suppose we can overlook the Dartmouth affiliation—for now. **Andrew Puzio**, MPA '92, writes that 3-year-old son Aidan now has a little brother, Trevor Blaine, as of July 8, '03. **Melanie Bloom Hoffman** and husband Lee give us the news that Joshua Michael arrived on Jan. 12, '03. The family currently lives in Coconut Grove, FL, and Melanie says she is really enjoying being a full-time mom. Not too far from them, **Marc Koutoufaris** says he and wife Dee have moved to Jacksonville, FL, as part of his job with Daymon Associates. They recently welcomed daughter Zoe Olympia, and Marc says she is the light of their lives. In the last of the baby announcements from our prolific classmates, **Kelly Lawas Fairbairn** tells us of the birth of her second son, Jack Andrew, on May 29, '03. She also recently completed the purchase of Lockwood Leadership International, an international consulting firm.

I received only one marriage announcement for my column this cycle. Judging from the birth announcements, it would seem our classmates have largely moved on to the next phase of coupled life. However, **Wendy Hobson-Rohrer**, MD '95, wrote that she and Matt Rohrer were married on July 20, '02, on the ski slopes of Alta, UT. **David Cynn**, **Kristin Carano**, MD '95, and **Jackie Cadwallader Burton** were in attendance. Wendy also says that David Cynn married Alice Kim in February 2003. Cornellians at that wedding included **Bill DeVinney**, **Amy Kurzman Buckman**, **Kevin Drumm '92**, **Mark '90** and **Cathy Stiehle Weigle '90**, and **Derek Swaak '90**, MBA '91. Since Wendy is bursting with news for us, she also wants us to know that Jackie Cadwallader Burton gave birth to daughter Katie in January 2003. For her part, Wendy received her MD from Cornell in '95 and is now looking at making a job change, taking a position as an assistant professor of pediatrics at the U. of Utah.

In random news and notes, **Marc-David Seidel**, MBA '91, reports that he is now a pro-

still liking the East Coast okay. He saw **Tamar Cohen** in Roanoke last May (people go to Roanoke by choice apparently) and says that overall, things are good.

Nicole Bisagni DelToro has started her own executive search firm after working in the industry for six years. Nicole tells us that **Deb Wengel Heitmann** had a baby last year and that she still keeps in touch with **Tammy Blum Ross** and **Sumaya El-Ashry Ali**. Both live in Florida, and Tammy has a daughter while Sumaya has two wonderful sons. **Jim Coburn** graduated from Boston College Law School in May 2003. **Salvador Cuadra** finished his residency in general surgery this past June and will start a fellowship in vascular surgery in July. **Shaun Cho**, MD '95, finished his fellowship in cardiac electrophysiology at Stanford and is joining a private cardiology practice in the San Francisco area. Last, but most assuredly not least, **Rebecca Abeles Couillard**, PhD '98, informs us that she is teaching scuba diving at Cornell part-time while raising her 4-year-old daughter Sarah.

These columns always seem to go so fast when there is so much news to share with everyone. If you are with me here in the Carolinas, do your best to stay dry despite the daily monsoons. Hopefully, by the time this is published we will all be enjoying a colorful fall and winter. Take care everyone and keep the news coming in. ♦ **Dave Smith**, DocDS30@yahoo.com; **Nina Rosen** Peek, nrs5@cornell.edu or NinaPeek@aol.com; and **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com.

92 As I write this column, I'm enjoying the last days of summer weather with my family. Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying all of the great things you've reported in your news. Please continue to update us via e-mail, mail, or through alumni affairs. If you are expecting a baby or planning a wedding, please let us know after the happy event has

Lily Tung is moving across the country from San Francisco to New York City to be a fellow at the National Arts Journalism Program at Columbia U. Lily notes that the NAJP fellowship is specifically for journalists covering arts and culture. While in San Francisco, Lily was a producer and writer at KRON television. **Tania Arens** currently manages both a veterinary clinic and a law office in northern Michigan. She recently took a cruise to the Western Caribbean to relax and see the Mayan ruins on horseback. **Lisa Herral** and Peter Doerschler were married at Anabel Taylor Chapel in October 2002. They now live in State College, PA, while Pete finishes graduate school. Lisa's career includes receiving her MEd at UMass, Amherst in 1997, working as an early childhood education trainer and consultant, and working as a teacher in a variety of settings.

In Oregon, **Jennifer Wasserman** Wassermiller writes that she is a "happy single parent of two sets of twins—Sasha and Chloe are 6, and Zamir and Aram just celebrated their ninth birthday." Also reporting news of twins were **Shari Brandt** and **Brett Popolow**, who had "wonderful twin boys," Alexander and Jacob, in January 2003. Shari is still working as an attorney in NYC doing financial related litigation and criminal work. Brett is an attorney in New Jersey doing commercial litigation. **John Krause** had a busy spring in Oklahoma, where he stayed by his computer terminal making sure that the National Severe Storms Lab Dual-Polemetric Radar stayed online. Also this past spring, John completed a dual master's degree program at the U. of Oklahoma in Management of Information Systems and in Business Administration (an MBA). John also holds a master's degree in meteorology from the U. of Oklahoma. Take care, everyone, and send in your news. ♦ **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com; **Wilma Ann Anderson**, Wilpower1@aol.com; **Renee Hunter** Toth, rah24@cornell.edu.

93 There's lots of news from 2002 that we haven't yet shared. I am going to include as much as I can. Our class is making a name for itself in the world of medicine. **Kenneth G. Swan**, MD '00, graduated from Cornell's Weill Medical College and is training as an orthopaedic resident at UMDNJ. Kenneth and new wife **Karen Pawlick**, JD '99, live in Hoboken, NJ. **Grace Naing** is working as a family physician in Morgantown, PA. **Jason Damsker** completed his fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Fox Chase Cancer Center and joined a private practice in the north Philadelphia suburbs. **John Hazelton** completed his glaucoma fellowship last year and joined an ophthalmology practice in Myrtle Beach, SC. **Kimberly Melchionda McCormack** writes that both of her college roommates are doctors: **Laura Shepardon** in Cleveland and **Susan Kashaf**, MD '98, in Connecticut.

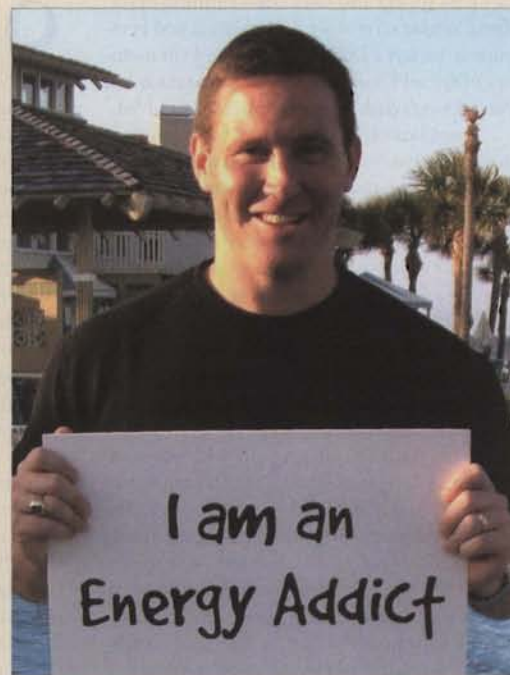
As usual, there's lots of wedding and baby news. **Ken Outcalt** married Katie O'Rourke in August 2002 in Michigan. The wedding party included **Nick Seidenberg**, **Andy Cohen**,

Stress Less

JON GORDON '93

Jon Gordon is a self-help evangelist with a message about the other U.S. energy crisis. "We live in an adrenaline-fueled society where stress dominates. We're eating sugar and drinking coffee to replace sleep," he says. "We're going for the short-term burst of energy rather than creating positive habits."

Gordon, who majored in policy analysis as an undergrad, runs three restaurants in Jacksonville, Florida, and a motivational consulting business that teaches clients to make better use of their time and energy. He conducts "energy audits" for employees of such clients as Cingular Wireless, the Jacksonville Jaguars, and State Farm Insurance, and offers one-on-one coaching for \$500 an hour. Gordon has also written a book on the topic, *Becoming An Energy Addict*, which offers 100 strategies for increasing mental, spiritual, and physical well-being, and developed a website with a daily advice page. Designed as a five-step program, his recommen-



dations include replacing coffee with green tea and soda with water, not skipping meals, and saying a daily prayer of affirmation.

"A few simple habits can change everything," he says. "My goal is to help people change from being adrenaline junkies to energy addicts."

— Lauren McSherry '02

Brooks Nelson, and **Jeff Klinge**. **Michael McMahon**, wife **Natanya**, **Jason Meier**, and wife **Erica (Widmer)** '92 attended the wedding of **Nick Xander** '91 in Chichester, England. **Mari Kubiak** Woods attended the wedding of **Mia Blackler** and **Mark Inbody** and had a blast. Mari also writes that she and husband Jason have a son **Ryland**, 2, who is "the most incredible person I have ever known." Other proud parents include **LaTeeka Washington**, whose son **Isaiah** is "the next Cornellian generation," and **Nicole Teitler** Cave, whose daughter **Anika Simone** just celebrated her second birthday.

Chris LeVine writes that he and wife **Erin** have moved "out of the Big City" to Stamford, CT, where Chris works at UBS Warburg. Chris was looking forward to seeing friends **Steve Haggerty**, **Ed Groszewski**, **Evan Williams**, JD '96, **Brian Hannafin**, **Jon Gordon**, **Ted Berkery**,

Kenneth G. Swan, MD '00, **Ryan Hughes**, **Spuds Powell**, and **Bob Kiesendahl** '92 at a pre-reunion get-together in Ithaca in October 2002. Speaking of reunions, aside from being a time to catch up with old friends and revisit campus, our 10th Reunion also marked the introduction of a new slate of Class Officers. Our new President **Todd Rethemeier**, ME I '94, MBA '95, brings real-world managerial experience to his role. After several years of "slaving away" for various Wall Street firms, Todd moved to East Hampton, NY, and started his own stock research company specializing in telecom stocks.

Also on the East Coast is our Metro NY VP **Michelle Lee**. Michelle just finished her LLM in intellectual property law at NYU law school. She reports, "I am working at my dad's law firm doing real estate work and developing an intellectual property practice. I also have a new addi-

tion to my family, my beagle Lucy." Class Correspondent **Yael Berkowitz** is in NYC as well, living in the apartment she bought in 2001. Yael just finished all of her actuarial exams and became a Fellow in the Society of Actuaries. Congratulations to you both! Our Webmaster **Jessica Raab** is a creative director in the Boston area. She writes, "I completed my fifth marathon this past spring and have been running marathons to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Douglas Kroll Fund (in memory of friend Doug Kroll, who passed away last year). Doug's dad, **Arthur Kroll**, is Class of '61."

From Boston to Ithaca, our 15th Reunion is in capable hands: **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, and **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller** will reprise their roles as Reunion Chairs. Between reunions, Lauren lives in Hoboken with her husband and works in the e-learning industry, while Christine and husband **David '92** live in Cleveland Heights, OH. Christine recently graduated from the MBA program at Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve U.

Two of our new officers are Hoosiers. Cornell Fund Rep **Andrea Jeffers** Greaves says, "I am living back in Indianapolis with husband Chris and daughter Athena, 2-1/2. I am working as a consultant with a small marketing research strategy firm called Understanding Unlimited. I travel a lot... missing the shopping in NYC." Our new Executive VP **Jon Russell**, MBA '94, and wife Sue also relocated to Indianapolis from NYC. Jon is COO of TruckersB2B. Rounding out the Midwest contingency, Treasurer **Jessica Graus** Woo is living with husband Daniel in Cincinnati and working on her dissertation for a PhD in epidemiology.

Membership VP **Scott Kauff** must be an old hand at multi-tasking; he and wife **Jackie (Finkel)** were blessed with the arrival of twin daughters Lilah Pearl and Rebecca Paige on May 18, '02. He writes, "Parenthood has been the most exhilarating and exhausting ride!" In his spare time, Scott practices environmental law and Jackie works at a firm that evaluates social

Josh and am a partner at advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather. Please keep the news coming. And remember, we can't print news about engagements or pregnancies (just marriages and births). Thanks! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; **Yael Berkowitz**, berkowitz.y@mel.lion.com.

94 Every year, I dread writing the Nov/Dec column, as we tend to be fresh out of news by the time August rolls around (when I'm writing this!). This year was particularly dry, with only two News and Dues forms still at large. We take news in all shapes and sizes. You don't even need to be a duespayer to submit news—alums like to hear about alums! E-mail us at our addresses below, or go to the class website, <http://classof94.alumni.cornell.edu>. Most everything gets published; however, keep in mind we cannot report on marriages and births until after they occur!

Big plug time: Our 10th Reunion is just around the corner! For those of you who haven't been back since Commencement '94—boy, have things changed! A totally new North Campus, more highrises in Colletown, U-Halls about to be demolished (or already demolished by the time you get up there), and a new, huge building (Duffield Hall) smack in the sight lines of the Engineering Quad. And that's just the beginning! Did you know you can get Hot Truck down at Shortstop? These abnormalities, and more, are just the excuse you need to come back to Ithaca June 10-13, '04. Details coming soon to a mailbox near you!

Linda Yannone, MPS Ag '01, wrote us back in June when she and husband Phillip were getting ready to send their only daughter to college! Linda is keeping busy running her small gardening business, Gardenella, and is involved in the Christian healing ministry at the Oratory of the Little Way near her home in Sherman, CT. **Amanda Wright** had been helping the School at Columbia U. get ready for its first academic year.

'Did you know you can get Hot Truck down at Shortstop?'

JENNIFER RABIN MARCHANT '94

welfare programs. Class Programs VP **Courtney Erickson** can also draw upon real-world experience. Courtney is VP of marketing for Production House Studios, an Albany-based multimedia company. Courtney is also a part-time sports reporter for *The Daily Star*, an Oneonta newspaper, and on the Board of Directors for the National Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York.

Rounding out the Class Officer roster: Secretary **Loren Rosenzweig**-Feingold; Class Correspondent (listserv manager) **Bryan Fuhr**; and Class Correspondent **Erica Fishlin** Fox (that's me). I am living in Manhattan with my husband

Amanda's the lead educational technologist for the school—K-8 housed right at Columbia U. **Calvin Gladney** reports that he had a busy spring. While taking and passing the California Bar exam, he and a colleague published a book with Lexis Nexis (Matthew Bender) called *From Finals to the Firm: The Top Ten Things New Law Firm Associates Should Know*. The book, which can be found at www.finalstofirm.com, is written for junior and mid-level law firm associates, and second and third year law students. *From Finals to the Firm* gives these students and new attorneys ten practical tips for navigating the law firm world in a humorous yet informative and

insightful way. The book also includes a "bonus chapter" just for summer associates because of the unique challenges they face.

In wedding news, **Chris Gallagher** and **Libby Smith '95** were married in a private sunset ceremony on the beach in Islamorada, FL, on July 29, '03. The couple lives in Terre Haute, IN, where Chris is a narcotics detective with the Terre Haute Police Dept., and Libby is an occupational therapist working in medical rehab at a local hospital. **Tim Van De Water**, MBA '00, and wife **Lisa Chagala** report that they have settled into their new home in Walnut Creek, CA. In July they enjoyed a visit in honor of Tim's 31st birthday from **Amy Unckless**, **Marc Gallagher**, and **Joe Femino '95**, who spent a few quiet months back in the States before returning to active naval duty in Bahrain. Also acclimating to new surroundings are **Sunil Srivastava** and **Rachel Gurshman**, who together moved to Durham, NC, where Sunil begins a two-year fellowship in retinal surgery at the Duke Eye Center. Enjoying a change of job is **Louis Ramos**, who recently became an assistant US attorney in Washington, DC, where he and wife Michelle reside. **Daniel Peizer** was recently promoted, and moved to Kansas City. Also moving residences is **Neil Cohen**, who now lives in Redwood City, CA, with wife Amy.

Keep the news coming, and have a healthy, safe, and happy summer! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 OK, folks, the time has finally come. For close to ten years now, I've written this column, occasionally mentioning what I'm up to (usually when there's a dearth of classmate news) before launching into the update on our class. But now, I have some big news of my own to report.

At long last, after a two-year engagement (and many of you thinking we'd already done this before it actually happened), **Matthew French**, ME E '96, and I tied the knot on a gorgeous day, July 6, in Sayville, New York, in the presence of our wonderful family and friends, close to 30 of whom are also Cornellians. Matron of honor **Agnes Varga** Wells, an employment specialist for the state of Delaware, was joined by fellow Cornell bridesmaids **Deborah D'Aleo**, who works for United Staging in Connecticut, and **Jessica Graus** Woo '93, who is working on her PhD in epidemiology at the U. of Cincinnati. Groomsmen included my brothers **Carl '01** and **Craig '04**, along with **Russ Levitan**, who works in marketing for Campbell's in Camden, NJ; **Ralph Ciotti**, who currently lives in Pennsylvania; and **Daniel LaPlaca '96**, who works for the White House Office of Management and Budget in DC.

Other Cornellians in attendance included classmates **Michele Russo**, **David Podwall**, **Timothy O'Donnell**, ME EP '96, **Scott Lajoie**, and **Alex** and **Kathy Kiang Pascover**, as well as **Thomas '94** and **Marisa Piliro LaFalce '96**, **Parag Raje '94**, **Parag Jategaonkar '94**, **Susan**

den Outer '94, Carol Berman '94, Lisa Brannigan '96, Keely Dunaway '96, Daniel Spiegel '96, Adam Reeve '96, Louis Wolinetz '96, Carrie Golash '97, Stephen Dewey '97, Bryan Cohen '97, Jeffrey Shapiro '99, and Matt's cousin Lauren French, PhD '01, and her friend Devon Stout '00. Toward the end of the evening, the entire Cornell group gathered on the dance floor for a big group picture (which, with luck, my wonderful husband will be posting to our class website very soon, along with other wedding photos classmates have sent our way).

To top it all off, proving what a small world it really is, while honeymooning in Positano on Italy's Amalfi Coast, we bumped into classmate Azfar "Azzy" Hashmi and his new wife Jennie. The two had also just gotten married, on July 5, in Sweden. Best man was Doug Greer, who, according to Azzy and Jennie, led the singing during the party (a Swedish tradition). Also in attendance were Laura Nowak Pugsley (Jennie's business partner with whom, coincidentally, I had struck up an e-mail conversation back when Laura sent me news of her own wedding, due to the fact that their business is—you guessed it—designing weddings!), along with Joe Skorski and Brian Reich '96. Together we enjoyed a lovely dinner, swapped wedding stories, and caught up on old times.

A few weeks later, on July 19, another Long Island Cornelian wedding took place, this time at the Thatched Cottage in Centerport, for Alanna Coughlin, MD '99, and new hubby Justin. The ceremony took place at St. Killian's RC Church in Farmingdale. Sarah Sheehan Bliss, MD '99 (who made the trip from Philadelphia) and Melissa Held Tobin (in from New Haven, CT, along with classmate hubby Daniel Goldstein Tobin, MD '99) were both in the wedding party, according to classmate Lisa Brodbeck, who sent in the happy news. Also in attendance were Beth Camesano Hua and her husband James, who live in Ridgewood, NY, and have a 10-month-old son Alex, and Dayna Fleming, who lives in San Francisco. Lisa herself recently finished her MBA part-time at the U. of Rochester. She still lives in Rochester and works at Delphi Automotive, but is job searching to move to New England.

And then on July 29, Elizabeth "Libby" Smith and Chris Gallagher '94 were married in a private sunset ceremony on the beach in Islamorada, FL. The couple lives in Terre Haute, IN, where Chris is a narcotics detective with the Terre Haute Police Department and Libby is an occupational therapist working in medical rehab at a local hospital.

In other, non-wedding (but sorta related, in a way) news, Alison Ford Balan, MPA '97, and husband Todd-Michael welcomed their son Davis Ford on June 30. The family recently relocated to Rochester, NY, from Richmond, VA. Andrew and Susan Slocum announced the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Nobles, on June 22. Andrew is a VP with Calpine Energy Services in Houston, TX. And, most recently, David Jakubowicz and wife Pamela shared news of the birth of their second child, Ashley Erin, born August 4. The family lives in Man-

hattan, and David is completing his last year of his otolaryngology residency in the Bronx. ♦ Alison Torrillo French, amt7@cornell.edu; Abra Benson, amb8@cornell.edu. Class website: www.classof95.cornell.edu.

96 Thanks to www.friendster.com, I've spent a lot more time getting reacquainted with some of my old Class of 1996 chums. By the time this column comes out, the site may be as fresh as a discarded gym sock, but for now it's a good way to reminisce about less complicated times with people who knew me when I thought Eddie Vedder was dreamy, journalism was a stable career path, and flannel was a bold fashion statement.

While I would never choose to live in a dorm again, I miss the constant influx of interesting people and that tacky Styx mural in Mary Donlon. When archaeologists excavate North Campus for remnants of our cultural heritage hundreds of years from now, they will see that mural and know that we had a penchant for mullets and profoundly bad taste in music. I admit I haven't been back to my freshman-year dorm in ages. Perhaps that mural has been replaced by a painting of a band the kids are into now. What could that be? Linkin Park? The White Stripes? Tony Orlando and Dawn? I have no idea.

Things have certainly changed since then because, these days, our classmates are the ones having their own kids. (Hopefully, they won't be exposed to Styx's "Mr. Robot" until their late 30s.) I received several updates from parents who are celebrating the birth of their first child. Paige Pongratz, a part-time vet in Marshfield, MA, had a baby boy named Matthew Luke on Dec. 2, '02. Teacher Lisa Derouin reports that she is "taking some time off to enjoy being a new mommy." Her son Connor Richard arrived on Nov. 20, '02. Matthew, ME C '97, and Maureen McCafferty Stanton, MPA '97, welcomed Connor Patrick into their family on Oct. 16, '02. "Maureen is employed as a Congressional Liaison with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Dept. of Homeland Security), and Matt just completed his service with the Navy as a Lieutenant and is employed as a civilian with the Dept. of the Navy."

Not all of the newborns are boys: Michael and Alison Derow Gaudet sent me news of the birth of their daughter Caroline Margaret on Jan. 26, '03. In her "spare" time, Alison is finishing her pediatric residency and will be going into private practice in Pittsburgh. Suzanne Weidberg reports that "Janine Abrams and Michael Rethy just had a beautiful baby girl, Emma. The whole family is happy and healthy." She also says that she "returned from an awesome ski trip in the Alps and that she's been at Columbia U.'s Workplace Center for two years studying ways to provide vocational service for people with mental health conditions."

Audrey Kleinsmith and her fiancé David Storm are counting down the days until they move into their new Charlottesville, VA, home. "If nothing else, it's a break from planning for the wedding," Audrey says. "A new home meant

a new job, but did I ever luck out. My company had a realty division looking for help a mere mile from our doorstep. So instead of supervising the construction of convention centers, I'm now helping build luxury homes." Ron Elfenbein will also begin a new job at Calvert Memorial Hospital as an ER attending in Calvert County, MD. He recently finished his first year as chief resident and his residency as a whole at the Dept. of Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins. Another doctor, Christopher DiMaio, is finishing up his residency in internal medicine at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia. He will stay for one year as chief medical resident, then move on to Columbia U. for a fellowship in gastroenterology.

Juan Uribe is just one of many '96ers who will graduate from Harvard Business School in June 2003. Other classmates include Daniel Dornbusch, Todd Krizelman, Rob Cunjak, and Michelle Cramés. Juan has decided to work for the Boston Consulting Group. He also says that Keri Salzillo Jones recently got married and lives with her husband in Marblehead, MA. Please keep the news coming. Courtney, Sheryl, and I look forward to hearing about your new jobs, homes, and infants. ♦ Allie Cahill, Alexandra Cahill@aol.com; Courtney Rubin, cbr1@cornell.edu; Sheryl Magzamen, SLM1@cornell.edu.

97 As I sit to write, it is one of the hottest weekends of the summer here in the Midwest. By the time you read this, though, a chill (or maybe some serious cold) will be in the air in Ithaca. The news from our classmates keeps rolling in. In the category of "future Cornelian," we have two new contenders. Lisa Cinnamon Freire (thymesavorchef@adelphia.net) sent in news of the birth of her daughter Alexis Rose, on Dec. 21, '02. Lisa is currently splitting her time between raising Alexis and working as the owner/chef of Thyme Savor Personal Chef service, cooking for clients in their homes two days per week. Hmm, too bad you live all the way in Virginia, Lisa. Do you travel to Chicago often? Another candidate is Ryan Elliot Sheflin, son of Jill Akst Sheflin. Jill writes that Ryan entered the world on May 8, '03 in New York City. Jill works at MetLife in information technology and just bought a house on Long Island with her husband Craig. Ryan received visits from a number of Cornelians on the occasion of his birth, including Robin Ebenstein, Heather Brill, Stephanie Shaps, Angie Datta, and Caryn Feinberg. Congratulations to both Lisa and Jill on their additions!

While some classmates are adding members to their families, other classmates are busy adding advanced degrees to their resumes—something equally as challenging! Jefferson Medical College, part of Thomas Jefferson U. in Philadelphia, announced the graduation of Eric Kusseluk in June 2003. Eric will be doing his residency in preliminary medicine at North Shore U. Hospital and in dermatology at State U. of New York (SUNY) Health Science Center in Brooklyn. Michelle Cirino Peterson sent word that both she and husband Kyle just graduated

with MBAs from Northwestern U.'s Kellogg School of Management. They have moved to Minnesota and are working for General Mills as marketing managers. **Cristian Castillo-Davis** (ccastillo-davis@oeb.harvard.edu) has been busy working on his PhD in Evolutionary Genetics and Genomics at Harvard for the past four years. His research has been going well and he has even been published in some scientific journals.

Of course, there are the ever-present sounds of wedding bells for our class. **Mike Greenberg** (MikeGBerg@aol.com) sent news of his November 2002 wedding to Paula Stern in Roslyn

Height, NY. The wedding party included best man (and the groom's brother) **Marc Greenberg '99**, DVM '03, and **Charles Spaziani**. Other classmates attending included **Jason Garlock**, **Matthew Kirouac**, **Kevin Nihill**, **Dean Pourakis**, and **Ryan Zimmerman**, a few among the many Cornellians in attendance. Another joyous union is the marriage of **Andrew Rudenstein** (apr3@cornell.edu) to Charlene Hudson in Poysdorf, Austria, in June 2003. Andrew is working at Blackheath Financial, a commercial due diligence and mortgage brokerage firm in NYC, where his wife is a medical student at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Classmates **James Bailey** and **Philip Hwang** attended the wedding, after which the couple honeymooned in Elba, Italy.

'Lynn Stravinski and Kevin LaPierre got engaged in the clock tower last year and tied the knot in January.'

SARAH DEARDORFF CARTER '97

Madhuri Putta (mp20@cornell.edu) sent in an update about her own wedding, as well as those of **Aruna Boppana** and **Shalin Shah**. Madhuri married Seemu Sanka in May 2002 at the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, NY. Classmates attending included Shalin, Aruna, **Ravi Ghanta**, **Ravi Bansal**, **Ravi Hariprasad**, **Vijaya Gadde**, and **Dustin and Michelle Lim Van Winckle**. Madhuri also graduated from medical school in 2002 and is currently living in Florida. Shalin Shah married Avni Shah in Chicago in March 2003. Class of '97 grads present included Madhuri, Aruna, Ravi Ghanta, Ravi Bansal, Ravi Hariprasad, Vijaya Gadde, and **Pranil Chandra**. Aruna Boppana married Vikram Hatti this past August in Blue Bell, PA. Madhuri, Shalin, **Kate Walker**, Ravi Ghanta, Ravi Bansal, **Tom Lee**, and **Pranil Chandra** are classmates that were present. In addition, Aruna's new sister-in-law is **Rajni Prasad '98**. Congrats to Madhuri, Shalin, and Aruna!

A few more updates were sent via e-mail. **Besheer Mohamed** (btm1@cornell.edu) updated us that he got married in October 2001. **Danya Denysyk** (dld4q@hotmail.com) married Jon Dinwoodey in October 2002 in Boston. Classmates in attendance (among many Cor-

nellians) were **Ali Goulstone Sweeney**, **Betsy Hause**, **Amy Gust Franklin**, and **Marlene Close Deluca**. Dr. Dinwoodey is currently in her final year of internal medicine residency in Boston and plans to specialize in cardiology. Finally, **Lynn Stravinski** (lynnlapierre@hotmail.com) updated us that after getting engaged in the clock tower at Cornell last year, she and classmate **Kevin LaPierre** tied the knot in January 2003. Wedding party members included **Megan Clark Eisenberg**, **Emily Mead**, and **Sarah Glovsky** as bridesmaids, and **Eric Lazar**, **Matt Elias**, and **Andy Baker** as groomsmen. Lynn is

currently starting her last year at Boston College Law after completing a master's in clinical psychology at Columbia U., and Kevin is working at an energy consulting firm.

I know that there are more of you out there that have been doing exciting things, so send in your news! You can update us via the postcards that are sent to you in the mail or the class website at www.classof97.cornell.edu. ♦ **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 It has now been almost six months since a large group of us congregated on North Campus to relive old memories and start some new ones. Over 550 graduates of our class attended our 5th Reunion. A lot has changed in our lives during those five years. News of marriages, new jobs, and adventures were all around. Even the Cornell campus that we remember has changed, with new dorms on North Campus and renovated buildings on most quads. During the four days of Reunion, people enjoyed catching up in Collegetown, the wine tasting, dinners, and, of course, "after hours" at our dorm. For many people it felt like it was our senior year all over again (except for the sunshine!).

Things, however, have not stood still since we returned to our "reality" world after reunion. **Albert Choi** left New York for L.A. to start at the Marshall School of Business at USC. **Molly Darnieder** also recently moved to Southern California after a really long time in Ithaca. She is managing the Roof Garden Restaurant at the Peninsula Beverly Hills, and living in Santa Monica. She ran into **Bruno Tapia** on the beach in Santa Monica. The Teagle shorts that she was wearing were what initially caught Bruno's eye.

There has been plenty to celebrate over the last few months. **Kelly Rae Hall** exchanged wedding vows with Keith Stone at Celebrations in Ithaca in June. They live in Cortland, NY, and run Paragon Associates, a local computer com-

pany. In true Cornell fashion, **Tina Strasheim**, M ILR '00, married **Andy Atwell**, PhD '02, in Sage Chapel, followed by a reception in the A.D. White House, in July. In August, **Dora Chen** married **Jon Nathan** at the historic Halcyon House overlooking the Potomac River in Washington, DC. They met during the spring of 1997 while in the Cornell-in-Washington Program. After graduation they returned to DC to work for the US Department of Justice and then went off to law school at U. of Michigan. After honeymooning in Italy Jon will join the DC law firm of Arnold & Porter, practicing antitrust law, while Dora will be an associate at Bredhoff & Kaiser, a union-side law firm specializing in appellate work. Attending the wedding were **Mark Stalaker**, **Aaron Tax**, and **Charles Winkler**. Mark is completing a doctorate at Harvard and will pursue a career in clinical psychology. Aaron graduated from law school at George Washington U., and is now working as a presidential management intern for the Dept. of Defense in their equal employment opportunity office in the DC area. Charlie is working at Deloitte Consulting in their public sector practice after receiving an MPA at Columbia last year.

Many of our classmates continued with their education after graduation. **Min Kim** recently moved to the Fenway neighborhood of Boston and is doing his general surgery residency at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Another classmate who just finished medical school is **Paul Leibbrandt**. Following graduation from Jefferson Medical College, Paul is completing a residency in emergency medicine at Christiana Care Hospital in Delaware. **Ngalai (Mary) Chan** must like adding letters to her name: since school she has obtained an MBA and a JD (from BU), and became Mrs. **Kevin Chu '99**, ME E '00—very impressive! Over in Michigan, **Livingston Cheng**, ME M '99, started the MBA program at U. of Michigan part-time in the fall. Liv is still working at Ford on the North American brand and drive team, approaching his fourth year. He and wife **Ruth (Chen) '01** celebrated their one-year anniversary in June.

The New York Metropolitan Area is by far the most popular place for '98 grads to stay. **Eden Rauch**, who graduated from the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is doing her residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell in Ob/Gyn. **Hoon Kong** and **Sonja Knezevic-Kong**, ME I '00, celebrated their second wedding anniversary in March and recently moved to a beautiful waterfront apartment complex in the Pavonia-Newport area of Jersey City. Sonja is an assistant VP in the Actuarial and Catastrophe Modeling department at Guy Carpenter, a reinsurance brokerage firm in Manhattan. Hoon has launched his programming and online consulting company Cubixsoft (www.cubixsoft.com) and is doing well.

Still living in New York City are **Cari Hills Parsons** and husband **Mark**, MFA '98. Cari recently left JPMorgan to work with Cornell's former Athletic Director **Charlie Moore '51** at the Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy. She reports that it feels wonderful to be

working for a great cause, and continues to be very active with the Cornell Field Hockey Assn. Mark was selected as an international VSA Arts Fellow and will exhibit at the 2004 International VSA Arts Festival in Washington, DC, June 9-12, 2004 at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Last but not least: yours truly, **Gregg Herman**, is living it up in New York City when he is not refreshing his e-mail browser every 15 minutes waiting to hear about your latest exploits and whereabouts. So send news/stories/Cornellian sightings/thoughts and opinions to ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; or **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

99 Happy Holidays, Class of 1999! Hope the season finds you happy and healthy. Speaking of happy and healthy (probably pretty tired), congratulations to new parents **Mieke Damaske Smythe** and husband Stephen on the birth of their daughter Aleida Claire on Nov. 25, '01. Mieke works as a special education science teacher in Fairfax County, and is completing a master's in Special Ed from UVA. **J. Todd Anson**, MMH '99, and wife Jennifer welcomed their daughter Lila Elizabeth to the world on Sept. 10, '02. The Anson family lives in Baltimore.

Edward Hutchins writes that he's also been creating, though his creation does not involve diaper changing or sleepless nights. Edward designed and built a fireplace mantel for his condo in Danbury, CT, with the help of friends **Maggie Mellon** and **Robin Levenson**. Fortunately no one was hurt in the mantel-building project, though our class faces no shortage of doctors who would be ready to bring on some physical or mental healing. Dr. **Cory Diane Ritter** earned her medical degree at Case Western Reserve U. School of Medicine and plans to complete her residency in internal medicine at University Hospitals of Cleveland. She received the Alfred S. Maschke Award for excellence in the art and practice of medicine. **Anya Ho** is working toward her PhD in child clinical psychology at Ohio State U. Pharmacology is the PhD of choice for **Tara Bender**, who attends East Carolina U.'s Brody School of Medicine. **Marissa Nederhouser** found time away from her studies pursuing a PhD in cognitive psychology/neuroscience at USC to start a taekwon do club for the school. Yet another PhD student, **Amy Hirani** studies clinical psychology at the U. of Kansas.

Susan Crego married Christopher Bernholdt on June 21, '03 in Rochester, NY. The wedding party included matron of honor **Stephanie Uram** Ochs, bridesmaid **Shannon DeWit '00**, and Susie's brother **John Crego '97**, MEng '98, as a groomsman. Other alumni present were: **Erin Flinn '00**, **Bobby Ochs '98**, **Brian McCloskey**, **Becca Peterson**, and **Chris Loreface**. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Bolingbrook, IL. Susie is a human resources manager for Aramark Uniform Services, and Chris is a high school fine arts teacher and basketball coach.

Eric Pannese was married to Caitlin Tso on July 12, '03 in Sage Chapel. The wedding party included **David Greenfield '98**, MEng '00, and

David Sausen '98, JD '01, while other Cornellians attending were **Oliver Bajracharya**, **Mary Catherine Lloyd**, **Michael Macrie**, **Daniella Oana**, **Darcey Langford Rigdon**, **Valdis Rigdon**, **Laurel Singer**, **Jessica Webster**, **Ricky Wong '97**, and **Dena Zigun '00**. The happy couple lives in sunny San Diego, CA, where Eric works as a consultant for Accenture and Caitlin will be returning to law school at the U. of San Diego in the fall.

Oh, the interesting things that our classmates are doing! **Anne Carlson** Kennedy earned her master's in Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. **Jay Heidenreich** moved to New Mexico in 2000 to open up the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa. After two years, he left for the paradise that is the north shore of Kauai, HI, to work for the Princeville Resort as a senior sales manager. **Christopher Kenaley** works as an assistant curator of fishes at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology. Through his job, Christopher's been able to take "collecting" and "birding" trips to Australia. **Erica Pluhar '97** and **Tyler Tatum '97** were his travel companions on an adventure to the wilds of the Allagash wilderness waterway. **Bethany Pattee** is still in the Seattle area working for Agilent and pursuing an interest in Lindy Hop, '30s- and '40s-style swing dancing.

With a JD from Harvard Law School under his belt, **Armando Rosquete** is headed south to Jacksonville, FL, where he'll spend this year clerking for Justice Raoul Cantero III of the Florida Supreme Court. Armando spent last summer working at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC. Also down south, **Katherine Zutt Bruno** lives in Charlottesville, VA, and works in private practice nutrition and fitness consulting, specializing in treatment of eating disorders. She's also been the dietician for all the athletes at the U. of Virginia and worked as a dietician for UVA Medical Center.

Hannah Jacoby is a sixth grade social studies and English teacher at William Penn charter school in Philadelphia, where she also coaches field hockey and lacrosse. **Alexa Rezelman** teaches high school biology in New York City. **Janae Aubrecht** also teaches biology, as well as chemistry at Dover-Sherborn High School in Massachusetts. She's also the JV field hockey coach and the advisor to the National Honor Society and the junior class. In July 2002, Janae traveled to Barbados on an Earthwatch Expedition researching bicolor damselfish using scuba gear.

Matthew Dounel has been active in clinical investigations at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and recently published several abstracts through poster presentations in the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO). In spite of recent trips to Belgium and Las Vegas, Matt still reports missing little Ithaca, NY, in a big way. Ithaca is home to **Guy Smith**, the newly-appointed Records Management Assistant at the newly facelifted Mann Library. **Rhea Cleveland** Gerdes also stayed close to Ithaca and is pursuing a veterinary technician degree. Rhea and James were married July 7, '01. **Eric Boden** is an Assistant First Lieutenant aboard the nuclear-powered

aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise* in Norfolk, VA. **Maureen Ryan** just finished a three-year tour in Germany with the Army. Along the way she visited England, Ireland, Italy, and Bavaria. Next, she heads to Fort Lee, VA, for the officer's advanced courses.

Our final story comes from **Josh Benjamin**, who writes, "I decided to leave the comforts of Goldman Sachs to embark on an amazing cross-country bicycle journey with my sister Alana and 43 other cyclists. We rode 4,200 miles from Seattle, WA, to Gloucester, MA, in nine weeks, averaging around 85 miles per day. I rode, smelled, and tasted my way from Seattle to Boston." Josh and Alana raised \$12,000 on their trip for the Kid's Fund at Boston Medical Center.

Do you have news to share? Escape from the holiday madness and drop us a line. ♦ **Ben Sheldon**, jsheldon@law.uconn.edu; **Melanie Arzt**, melanie@improvboston.com; **Jess Smith**, jessiniowa@hotmail.com.

00 Happy fall! As I sit writing this month's column, we are coming to the end of a summer replete with horrendous weather. Hopefully, this fall offers those cool, crisp breezes we came to love in Ithaca. You all experienced that ideal Ithaca weather, of course, when you trekked up for Homecoming 2003. However, if you have not been able to keep up with all of your Cornellian friends as much as you wished, here are some of the updates they've sent in.

Courtney Hull writes, "Since graduation, I have been developing curricula and teaching at Long Island's first aquarium." Courtney has recently been accepted to the graduate program at Stony Brook U. She will be studying at the Marine Sciences Research Center on a full tuition scholarship. Courtney also writes that she is still very good friends with several classmates. She has seen **Jennifer Markov** and **Michelle Fischman**. She also reports that **Ana Brown** has recently relocated to Arizona to pursue her master's degree.

Michael Hedrick has been working as the managing editor of the custom publishing division of IMAS Publishing Group, which covers radio and television issues. "I run special projects such as the daily newspaper at the National Assn. of Broadcasters' annual convention in Las Vegas, the third largest in the US." He also writes, "I've attended the NAB convention three times, and the convention of the National Religious Broadcasters in Nashville in 2003, where I covered President Bush's address to the convention for the NRB's onsite newspaper." Michael adds that he's been living outside Washington, DC, and hopes to attend graduate school soon. He also reports that **Nick Seeley** is currently attending Northwestern's journalism graduate school.

Andrea Wasserman is now the director of Alumni Relations & Development, New York Metro Area, for Cornell Hillel. She writes, "Anyone who wants to get involved with Cornell Jewish Alumni programming should e-mail me at aw47@cornell.edu." **Seth Goldstein** married Aviva Kieffer on August 17 in Florida. **Gaby Schoenfeld**, **Lily Alpert**, **Alex Goldenberg**, and **Molly Lehr** were in attendance. Seth is taking a

year off from NYU law school and will be studying in Israel for the year with his new wife.

Jason Redlus left his position as director of private equity at Capital IQ earlier in the summer and started his studies at Harvard Business School this fall. **Heather Foulks** says, "After graduating from the Culinary Inst. of America Fellowship Program in December, I started a job in Warrington, PA, as assistant manager of the Peninsula Grille. After Mother's Day, that restaurant closed and I searched around and found a great opportunity with the Four Seasons Washington, DC." Heather is currently the assistant manager of the Garden Terrace Lounge and is living in Arlington, VA. She also writes, "I love DC and am looking forward to alumni happy hours in Georgetown."

Laura Venton and **Brian Pflieger** were married on Oct. 6, '02 in Sage Chapel with the reception afterwards at Wagner Vineyards. Cornellian attendants included **Kristin Lowe**, maid of honor, **Cathy McCarthy**, bridesmaid, and **Kevin Scharpenberg** and **Jeff Goldsmith**, groomsmen. **Marie Kayton** and **Beth Presutti** were readers in the ceremony. Other 2000 classmates in attendance were **Allie Wesson**, **Dave Lesser**, **Pete D'Antonio**, **Dan Riiff**, **Kim Thompson**, **Parag Patel**, **Ryan Buck**, **Ann Schwartz**, **Ira Noble**, and **Lisa Cerretani**. The wedding was also a reunion of sorts for the third floor of Sperry and fourth floor of Founders from freshman year. In true Ithaca style, Laura spent her last night as a single lady at '80s night at The Haunt.

I am currently teaching eleventh grade English at Mamaroneck (NY) High School. After teaching middle school literacy for almost three years, I decided it was time for a change. I am still teaching for The Princeton Review and I spent another happy summer in Cambridge, England, teaching SAT and working as a camp counselor for Summer Discovery. I was able to accompany a group of students to Paris, where we had a great time seeing the sights. Afterwards, I headed to Madrid where I spent some time wandering around El Prado.

Please keep those updates coming. There are many of you we haven't heard from since graduation. Tell us what you are up to! And if you are interested in getting an alumni event together in your city or region, give us a heads-up and we can put you in touch with any of the Cornell Club branches or contact the Alumni Class Council Officer closest to you. ♦ **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Hello, Class of 2001! Here are some updates on how your classmates are doing. **Jenny Ng** wed fellow Cornellian **Steve Chow '00**, MEng '01, in July in San Jose, CA. **Elizabeth Wei**, **Barbara Sit** Esselink '00, and **Ryan Elliot '00** were members of the wedding party. **Jenny Brown** married her high school sweetheart James Campana in early August in Syracuse, NY, before they returned for their second year at SUNY Upstate Medical School. The wedding party included Jenny's sister **Laurie Brown '04** as maid of honor and bridesmaids **Amira**

Abuzeid Aycok, **Kristen Benedetto**, **Kate Buckley**, and **Elena Shibaeva**.

Claire Ackerman is sharing some exciting news. She got a job—one that even pays money! Starting at the end of July 2003, she's been working for the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, a political organization that serves as an informational resource, meeting ground, and fund source for women interested in New York State politics. You can check out their website at www.ny.dems.org/ERLP/eleanorroosevelt.html. As a result of the new job, she moved to the Big Apple!

In other Manhattan news, **Alan Noah**, **Josh Goodman**, and **Dave Feuerman '00** celebrated their new apartment in the Big Apple with a huge bash in June. The highlight of the new pad is a home-made bar that Alan built himself (with some help from **Seth Miller '99**). While Alan played bartender, girlfriend **Courtney Bolger '02** helped as a hostess. Meanwhile life-partners Josh and Dave entertained many other alums, such as **James Brief**, **Andrew "Larry" Mehler**, ME E '02, **Sara Rindner**, **Jaime Teich**, **Jason Demby '99**, **David Feldstein '00**, **Angie Salomon '00**, **Daron Schreier '02**, and countless others. Alan is already planning for a follow-up to last year's wildly successful New Year's Eve party to ring in 2004. Stay tuned.

Priscilla Navarrete, also in New York City, is in her second year at Cardozo Law School. Congratulations to **Zach Pomerantz**, who had been promoted to property manager of 300 Park Avenue located at 50th Street and Park Avenue across from the Waldorf-Astoria in NYC. 300 Park Avenue is the World Headquarters of Colgate-Palmolive. In August, **Michelle Freis** began a new job as the human resources administrator for Client Services, Financial Markets, and Credit Portfolio Management at ABM-AMBRO. She is handling generalist work such as recruiting, performance, compensation, bonus, and employee relations. Best of luck to Michelle!

In other corporate moves, upon completing two years at Morgan Stanley in NYC, **Jessica Bologna** moved to Los Angeles, CA, where she is working in the corporate strategic planning group at the Walt Disney Company as a senior analyst. Within the group, she is focusing on theme parks and resorts. She'll really be able to put her Hotelie background to use! Best of luck to Jessica! Since graduation, **Alan Nawoj** has been busy working as a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton and has traveled to many cities around the country. He had also been competing in several road races around the US. In the past two years, he has completed five different marathons, including Boston, Chicago, Myrtle Beach, Los Angeles, and NYC. His best time is 3:02, and his next goal is to break three hours. Last July, Alan qualified for and competed in the 2002 Corporate Olympics (5K and 10K races) as a representative of his company. A year ago, he climbed Mt. St. Helens with four Cornell friends who work in Seattle. Finally, Alan was very excited to announce that he started graduate school in computer science at Harvard U. this past fall. He was happy to move and now lives in the Boston area.

Lenny Lesser will be taking a year off from

medical school to do nutrition research at Boston Children's Hospital. He's looking forward to seeing fellow alums in the area, so be sure to contact Lenny if you're nearby. He will also still be making regular trips to Ithaca and welcomes company on the ride. Lenny's housemate will be his longtime friend **Sarah Hess**, who is a research dietician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

From the Class of 2001 class officers, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. As always, we want to know what's new in your lives. Any exciting trips? New job? Grad school? Let us know. E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu; and **Itai Dinour**, id22@cornell.edu.

02 Perhaps it says something about the state of the job market that so much of this fall's news comes from classmates who are lingering in academia. Whatever the reason, graduates of the Class of 2002 are making their mark on campuses across the country and around the world. **Justin Lerner** writes that he began an MFA program at the UCLA Film School this fall, where he was one of 21 students selected from over 700 applicants for the school's Director's Program. Following a year studying at the U. of Pittsburgh, **Benjamin Ragheb** began a Master's in Teaching program at the school in June. Ultimately he hopes to teach mathematics and to remain at the same address for more than a year. Wouldn't that be nice?

After a successful year at The Cardozo School of Law, **Rachel Jacobs** transferred to Columbia Law School this fall; and after a year spent in London getting her master's in Public Policy at the London School of Economics, **Kristin McNamara** headed back to Ithaca in September to begin her first year at Cornell Law School. **Aida Mollenkamp** traveled through Western Europe over the summer and began a year-long course at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris this fall. Following a summer traveling in Asia, I, too, joined the flight to graduate school, starting law school at Georgetown U. in September.

Jason Wyatt is in his second year at the Ohio State U. Moritz College of Law in the Alternative Dispute Resolution certificate program. He recently made *Law Journal* (Journal of Dispute Resolution). He reports that he regularly sees '02 classmates **Ben Wright** and **Lisa Critser**, who are also 2Ls at the school and that over the summer he spent a weekend on the Jersey Shore with **Mahmood Reza Watts**, who was studying for the Series 7 exam, and **Jason Kelly**, who enjoyed a summer off from the rigors of the U. of Alabama, Birmingham Medical School. Also in attendance that weekend were **Jen Carrano**, **Amy Schulman**, **Matt Richartz**, **Jenny McKay**, and **Emily Sonenshein**, all class of '03. Jason writes further that he hears weekly from **John Pantalena**, who is enjoying his job with FleetBank and has moved to Boston; **Alex Pearson**, who is enjoying being a landlord and MD/PhD student at the U. of Rochester; **Marty Lessmeister**, who is working in Ithaca, doing software support for highly specialized DSP sys-

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tems; **Brad Kopek**, who recently landed a job with Lockheed Martin; and **Andy Zilch**, with whom he has plans to see a concert this fall in Cincinnati, where Andy is working for Procter & Gamble.

As the days get colder and you're reminded of life in Ithaca, take a moment to send along your whereabouts and goings on. It's always great to hear updates of the interesting and varied pursuits of our classmates. Happy Holidays! ♦ **Liz Richards**, elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com.

03 It's hard to believe how quickly time passes! Here we are, nearly half a year after graduation and many of the people I have heard from are still trying to get used to being alumni instead of students. After all, as I and others have realized, our student IDs still seem to work fairly well for the occasional student discount. But nevertheless, the Class of 2003 has begun to move on to fabulous things. Some people, like **Sarika Modi** and **Jen Hui**, have been filling their brains with even more information while enjoying New York City. Sarika is in medical school at Albert Einstein School of Medicine, and Jen Hui is at New York U. studying medicine as well. **Beth Nelms** has moved to the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, where she is studying laboratory animal science at Drexel U. College of Medicine.

Others of the class who have moved on to seek their fortunes in the "real world" seem to be having a good time and benefiting from their Cornell connections. In our first column we asked how being a Cornellian had affected you since graduation. **Nicole Manning**, our class president, writes, "Well, it appears that being a Cornellian can help you find a roommate in the real world. College roommates **Phil Hart** and **Sanjay Pathiyal** are living together in Manhattan and working at JP Morgan, while **Abigail Conover** and **Emily Tice** (also college roommates) are living together in New York City, each working as a paralegal. Even for people in strange cities, being a Cornellian helps. My college roommate **Andy Goldin** is moving to Philly and moving in with a classmate he didn't know at school, but who helped him score a pretty sweet apartment."

Michael Cody, after moving to Philly as well, writes that he is "living with three other Cornell ChemEs (**Ed Smith**, **Scott Strandberg**, and **Tracy Ellspermann**)." After some initial training, Cody has settled down with an assignment on a project at Merck. He writes, "I am working on their Varicella Vaccine Expansion project. It's nice to know that after four years of being a ChemE, I'm helping the world."

We hope that you all are having a wonderful fall, and we look forward to your updates. If you visited Ithaca for Homecoming or for any other reason, make sure to send us your stories. Also, as we mentioned in earlier columns, continue to send us your anecdotes about how being a Cornellian has affected you since graduation. ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; **Samantha Buckingham**, sam_buckingham@hotmail.com.

'23 BS HE—**Ruth Preston** Mayer of Claverack, NY, February 23, 2003; owner, Country Kitchen Bakery; dietician, Taft School; active in religious affairs.

'25 BA—**Florence Blostein** Abrahams (Mrs. Howard P. '25) of Collegeville, PA, formerly of New York City, February 4, 2003; worked for the Johnson O'Connor Human Engineering Laboratory.

'27, LLB '28—**Edward Mahler** of Houston, TX, formerly of Perth Amboy, NJ, February 24, 2003; retired attorney; hotelier; active in community affairs.

'28, BArch '30—**Richard G. Belcher** of Charlotte, VT, February 26, 2003; architect; active in alumni affairs.

'28, BS Ag '29—**J. Albert Clark** of Columbus, OH, February 24, 2003; director of religious education, Ohio Council of Churches; interim minister; active in professional and religious affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

'29 BS Ag—**Virginia Allen** Sibley of Alpine, NY, February 5, 2003; homemaker; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'30 BS Ag—**Donald A. Armstrong** of Sayre, PA, February 17, 2003; retired secretary to the corporation and sales manager, Tioga Mills; active in community and religious affairs.

'31, BS HE '32—**Eleanor Schaeffer** Peterson (Mrs. George W.) of Sun City Center, FL, February 26, 2003; retired high school teacher; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'31 ME—**Harold A. Reynolds** of Kiamesha Lake, NY, September 20, 2002; president, A. T. Reynolds & Sons; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

'31 GR—**Alice Hoffman** Seamon (Mrs. Lyle D.) of Ithaca, NY, January 28, 2003.

'32 BS Ag—**Mary Crandall** Dennis (Mrs. W. Eugene '31) of Summerland Key, FL, February 2003; owner, insurance and real estate businesses; active in religious affairs.

'32 MD—**Frank A. Spellman Jr.** of White Plains, NY, June 18, 2002; physician.

'33, BArch '35—**William B. Bird** of Saratoga Springs, NY, February 23, 2003; retired architect

and preservationist; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'33 ME—**Arthur P. Buzzini** of San Antonio, TX, February 12, 2003; retired president, Buzzini Drilling Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'33 BA—Judge **John R. Heilman Jr.** of Poughkeepsie, NY, February 5, 2003; former district attorney and family court judge. Pi Kappa Phi.

'33 BA, MD '37—**William A. Paff** of Elkhart, IN, November 4, 2002; physician.

'33—**Edward H. Pember** of Delmar, NY, February 28, 2003; worked for General Electric; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'34—**John D. Condon** of Venice, FL, January 25, 2003; district director, NY Dept. of Motor Vehicles; veteran; active in community affairs.

'34 B Chem—**Franklin M. DeBeers Jr.** of Evanston, IL, February 6, 2003; businessman; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Phi.

'34 MS—**Henry S. Gutknecht** of Nutley, NJ, February 14, 2003; head of science dept., Nutley High School; active in professional and religious affairs.

'34 BS AE M—**A. Chandler Taylor Jr.** of Wethersfield, CT, January 13, 2003; worked for Connecticut Natural Gas; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.

'34 BA, MD '38—**Stephen H. Tolins** of North Andover, MA, February 24, 2003; retired emeritus professor of surgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; veteran; racetrack doctor, Aqueduct Race Track; active in community and professional affairs.

'35 BS Ag—**Francis H. Davis** of Jericho, NY, January 18, 2003; owner, Davis Farm.

'35—**Burdge A. Gates** of Chittenango, NY, January 30, 2003; engineer, Carrier Corp.; veteran.

'35 BS Ag—**George A. Llano** of Lakeland, FL, February 9, 2003; biologist; lichenologist, expert on Antarctica; program manager, National Science Foundation's polar programs; veteran.

'35 BS HE—**Marie Shriver** Manson (Mrs.

Elmer J. '35, MArch '40) of Hightstown, NJ, formerly of Lansing, MI, January 30, 2003; high school home economics teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'35 BA, MD '38—**Daniel M. Tolmach** of Oxnard, CA, January 12, 2003; pediatrician; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'36 BA, MD '40—**Robert W. Shreve** of West Hartford, CT, January 29, 2003; retired Ob/Gyn and plastic surgeon; director of environmental health, Aetna; senior clinical research physician, Eli Lilly and Co.; veteran; author; active in professional and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'36 MS—**Gladys A. Sperling** of Ithaca, NY, January 17, 2003.

'36 MS—**Frances Alrich Birdsall Zelinski** (Mrs. William C.) of Somerset, NJ, February 9, 2003; science dept. chairwoman, Piscataway Township High School; research chemist, General Foods; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'37 CE—**Lawrence A. Christensen** of McMurray, PA, March 2003; vice president, Nat'l Annealing Box Co.

'37 BA—**Stanley B. Clark** of Dunkirk, NY, February 9, 2003; radiologist; former director of radiology, Brooks Memorial Hospital; quarter horse rancher; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'37 CE—**William R. Coryell** of Mobile, AL, February 1986; engineer.

'37 BS HE—**Janet Benjamin Markham** (Mrs. Charles D.) of Concord, NH, January 9, 2003; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'37 BA—**Margaret Sampson North** (Mrs. Joseph H., PhD '49) of St. Paul, MN, January 27, 2003; international volunteer; active in community affairs. Alpha Phi.

'37 BA—**Jean Bradley Ashbery Osborn** (Mrs. Donald C. '37, BA '38) of Trumansburg, NY, January 22, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'37 DVM—**Irwin H. Roberts** of Albuquerque, NM, January 20, 2003; retired veterinarian.

'37—**Richard D. Underhill** of Ithaca, NY, February 2, 2003; retired from Morse Chain; secretary-treasurer, local Int'l Assoc. of Machinist and Aerospace Workers; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'38 BS HE—**Mary Elizabeth Latham Krueger** of Madison, WI, January 30, 2003; dietician, Penn State U.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'39 BA—**Margaret Paddock Haller** (Mrs. Carl T.) of Southern Pines, NC, February 25, 2003; volunteer for library associations; active in community affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'39 BA, MD '43—**Robert J. Michtom** of Rockville Centre, NY, February 14, 2003; physician. Tau Delta Phi.

'39 MS Ag, PhD '41—**Leonard L. Morris** of Davis, CA, January 23, 2003; professor emeritus, UC Davis; expert on post-harvest handling of vegetable crops; international consultant; active in professional affairs.

'39 PhD—**Frank B. Schirmer Jr.** of Cordova, TN, January 11, 2003; professor emeritus of chemistry, U. of Memphis; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'39—**Albert F. Steinman** of St. Louis, MO, February 21, 2003; former mayor, Frontenac, MO; retired vice president, Famous-Barr; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Zeta Psi.

'39 CE—**John G. Tammen** of Newark, OH, February 5, 2003; president, W. J. Camlin Co.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'39 M Ch E—**James R. Wall** of Hockessin, DE, January 23, 2003; retired product developer, General Motors; worked for DuPont and on the Manhattan Project.

'40, BA '41—**Charles H. Acton** of Ithaca, NY, January 27, 2003. Chi Phi.

'40—**Willis E. Congdon** of Hendersonville, NC, January 23, 2003; sales representative, Ginn and Co. textbook publishers; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'40 BS HE—**Luba Lemish Haimes** of Georgetown, SC, February 21, 2003; retired dietician, Georgetown Memorial Hospital; worked for Parks Air College; active in community and religious affairs.

'40—**Betty Long Norris** of Rochester, NY, February 17, 2003; owner, Seabreeze Amusement Park.

'40—**Robert L. Phelps** of Spencer, NC, formerly of Dunkirk, NY, January 18, 2003; electrical engineer; active in community and religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'40 BA—**Doris Green Searls** of San Ramon, CA, July 9, 1996. Delta Delta Delta.

'40 PhD—**Marvin L. Speck** of Cary, NC, January 22, 2003; retired professor, North Carolina State U.; developed sweet acidophilus milk; author; active in professional and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'40-42 Sp Ag—**Ralph P. Stephens** of Seven Lakes, NC, formerly of Riverside, CT, January

12, 2003; advertising manager, *The New Yorker*; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

'40 BA—**Robert L. Wiggans** of Ithaca, NY, February 1, 2003; dairy farmer; veteran; active in community affairs; member, Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. Beta Theta Pi. Wife, Dorothy (Talbert) '41.

'41—**True Davis** of St. Joseph, MO, February 26, 2003; former president, Nat'l Bank of Washington; int'l financial consultant; asst. secretary of the treasury, Johnson administration; ambassador to Switzerland; president of Philips Roxane and Anchor Serum; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'41—**George W. Niles** of Stanley, NY, January 12, 2003; Cooperative Extension agent; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'41—**Irving Orkin** of Tamarac, FL, December 15, 2002.

'41—**Col. William D. Wade** of Daly City, CA, January 6, 2003; retired Army Colonel; active in community and professional affairs.

'42 BA—**Madge Palmer Harper** of Albuquerque, NM, January 27, 2003; headmaster, Albuquerque Academy; taught at Colegio Americano de Quito; UN interpreter; worked for the Inst. of Advanced Study; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'42—**Cornelius V. Oldwine** of Binghamton, NY, February 7, 2003; senior laboratory specialist, IBM; veteran; leader, Urban League; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'42—**Cmdr. Theodore C. Rice** of Mystic, CT, January 20, 2003; retired Navy officer; active in civic and professional affairs.

'42 BEE—**Harry R. Smith** of Bayville, NJ, January 24, 2003; electrical engineer, ITT Mackay Marine; active in community affairs.

'42 BS Ag—**Wilbur T. Smith** of Port Byron, NY, January 14, 2003; dairy farmer; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'42 MS Ed—**Bernadette Heagney Stevenson** (Mrs. Robert) of North Richland Hills, TX, formerly of San Marcos, January 30, 2003; retired teacher, dept. of oceanography, Texas A&M U.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'43 BA, JD '47—**Richard I. Fricke** of Bonita Springs, FL, January 17, 2003; president, Bank of Vermont; CEO, Nat'l Life Insurance; chairman of the board, Mutual of New York; staff attorney, Ford Motor Co.; assoc. prof. and director of admissions, Cornell Law School; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and

alumni affairs.

'43 PhD—**Erland C. Gjessing** of Barton, VT, January 30, 2003.

'43 BS Ag—**Benjamin J. Miles** of Bridgeton, NJ, February 27, 2003; marketing coordinator, New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture; general production mgr., Seabrook Farms; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'43 MD—**James K. Ward** of Mountain Brook, AL, January 23, 2003; psychiatrist; medical director, Hill Crest Hospital; founder, Hill Crest Foundation; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'43—**Barbara Jackson Winn** (Mrs. John Jr.) of Greensboro, NC, February 11, 2003; active in religious affairs.

'44, BA '47—**Allen J. Countryman** of Rochester, NY, January 31, 2003; probation officer.

'44-45 GR—**Rev. Charles M. Thompson** of Greensburg, PA, February 21, 2003; retired Presbyterian minister and missionary.

'44, BS AE '43—**Blanton C. Wiggin** of Hollis, NH, formerly of Sarasota, FL, February 20, 2003; founder and chairman of the board, Advanced Instruments Inc.; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi. Wife, Erma (Nightingale) '45.

'45—**Frederica Bagby Harder** (Mrs. Richard) of Syracuse, NY, October 23, 2002; supervisor, accounting dept., Bell Atlantic; active in religious affairs.

'45, BS CH E '44—**Eugene S. Mikus** of Quakertown, PA, February 28, 2003; chiropractor; clinical nutritionist; former vice president, General Electric; veteran.

'45 MD—**Charles R. Parker** of Seattle, WA, formerly of Huntington Beach, CA, January 28, 2003; retired psychiatrist; percussionist; active in community affairs.

'46 BA—**Ernest Coletti** of Utica, NY, January 29, 2003; retired asst. industrial commissioner, NYS Dept. of Labor; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Phi Delta.

'46—**Charles R. Davidson** of Natrona Heights, PA, November 10, 2002; mechanical engineer, PPG; veteran; active in community affairs.

'46 BS ME—**Albert O. Schmitt** of La Conner, WA, January 29, 2003.

'46 BA—**Helen Newton Watters** of Rome, GA, March 11, 2003. Delta Delta Delta.

'47-49 SP Ag—**Franklin S. Bergen** of Stockbridge, MA, March 17, 2003; retired Navy Captain; asst. chief of staff for operations, Atlantic

Fleet cruiser/destroyer force; mgr., industrial development, Assn. Business & Commerce in the Berkshires; active in community and professional affairs.

'47 BA—**Dolores McFadden Dixon** of Phoenix, AZ, September 29, 2002.

'47 PhD—**Hamilton D. Eaton** of Storrs, CT, February 5, 2003; noted for research on Vitamin A.

'47 BCE—**Jack A. Hutter** of Phoenix, AZ, February 4, 2003; transportation design engineer; director, Traffic Institute, Northwestern U.; veteran.

'47, BS CE '48—**Thomas F. Kiley** of Swampscott, MA, March 5, 2003; attorney; civil engineer; president, T. F. Kiley Engineering; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'47 BA—**Jack Massar** of Hobe Sound, FL, March 27, 2003; retired president and CEO, Insituform of North America; veteran; active in community affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'47 MS—**Arnold E. Schulze** of Alexandria, VA, December 18, 1996.

'47 MS HE—**Annette Allison Vincent** (Mrs. Stillman P.) of Minnetonka, MN, July 27, 2002; worked for Kansas Power & Light.

'48, B Chem E '49—**Eugene P. L. de Prose** of Concord, CA, March 27, 2003. Wife, Elena (Delaroz) '48.

'48 BS EE—**George W. Hallgren** of Bel Air, MD, February 20, 2003; senior systems engineer, IBM; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'48 BS HE—**Mildred Baras Lax** of Maplewood, NJ, March 2003.

'48 BA—**Martha Cavett Lenherr** (Mrs. Frank) of Cincinnati, OH, June 24, 2001. Delta Delta Delta.

'48 BS Nurs—**Louisa B. Lloyd** of Fairfax, VA, March 19, 2003; retired nurse; active in community and religious affairs.

'48 BCE—**William B. Lovell** of Elmira, NY, January 2003; retired school administrator; civil engineer. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'48 BS Hotel—**Lt. Col. Vincent C. Paris** of Castle Rock, CO, February 10, 2003; retired military; managed officers clubs; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'48, BA '50—**Rev. Kenneth L. Seitz** of North Tonawanda, NY, March 31, 2003; Episcopal priest.

'48 BS Ag—**Robert F. Stephens** of Albuquerque,

NM, February 21, 2003. Sigma Pi.

'48 BME—**Charles J. Swan** of Salem, SC, January 23, 2003. Phi Kappa Psi.

'48 PhD—**Robert E. Wilkinson** of Ithaca, NY, February 13, 2003; professor emeritus, plant pathology, Cornell U.

'48, BA '47—**Kathleen Kraft Winsor** of Fishkill, NY, and La Jolla, CA, March 4, 2003; retired editor and librarian.

'49 PhD—**Glenn O. Bressler** of State College, PA, March 10, 2003; expert on poultry management; professor emeritus of poultry science, Penn State U.; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'49, BA '48—**S. Robert Curran** of West Islip, NY, March 13, 2003; wrote "Curran's Corner" column for the *Buffalo News*; former sports publicity director, NBC; author; editor; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'49, BEE '50, PhD '54—**Walter A. Flood** of Raleigh, NC, February 15, 2003; director of Geosciences Division, Army Research Ofc.; prof., electrical and computer engineering, North Carolina State U.; staff scientist, Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories; active in professional and religious affairs. Wife, Joan (Cruthers) '52.

'49 BCE—**Richard D. Harwick** of Wilmington, DE, February 25, 2003; worked for the Medical Center of Delaware. Phi Sigma Delta.

'49 M Aero E—**Abraham Hertzberg** of Bellevue, WA, March 27, 2003; aerospace, energy, and optics research scientist; taught at U. of Washington; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'49—**William B. Kilburn** of Malone, NY, February 19, 2003; worked for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'49 BME—**John W. Logan Jr.** of Ambler, PA, January 27, 2003; attorney; active in community affairs.

'49 B Chem E—**Marvin C. Soffen** of Princeton, NJ, January 4, 2003; attorney. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'49 BA—**Alfred B. Warren** of Lyons, NY, September 13, 2002; veteran. Theta Chi.

'49 BFA, PhD '51—**Robert P. Ziff** of Chapel Hill, NC, January 9, 2003; Kenan professor of philosophy emeritus, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; taught at Harvard U. and U. of Pennsylvania; recipient, Rockefeller and Guggenheim grants; author; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'50 B Chem E—**Antonio P. Guattery** of Metuchen, NJ, February 28, 2003; chemical



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'50 MA—**Mary E. McClelland** of Plymouth, MI, March 8, 2003; dean of women, Ferris State U.; also taught at Tri-State U., Northern Illinois U., and SUNY Geneseo; active in community and professional affairs.

'50 BS HE—**Marguerite MacDonell McKenna** (Mrs. Joseph V., MME '51) of St. Louis, MO, February 6, 2003.

'50 BS Ag—**Thomas J. O'Connor** of Suffolk, VA, January 27, 2003; president, O'Connor & Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'50 PhD—**William A. Raney** of Cary, MS, January 30, 2003; soil physicist, US Dept. of Agriculture; professor of agronomy, Mississippi State U.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'50 MCE—**Donald B. Taylor** of Loveland, CO, February 2, 2003; civil engineer, US Bureau of Reclamation and US Air Force; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'51—**Glen E. Archer** of Port Townsend, WA, formerly of Seattle, March 9, 2003; owner, Travel Advisors; philanthropist; art patron; active in community affairs.

'51 LLB—**Stewart L. Beilly** of Forest Hills, NY, March 2003; trial lawyer.

'51 BA—**Bar Dee Stirland Bond** of Marietta, OH, March 3, 2003; Class of '51 correspondent; mathematics and physics teacher, Marietta College and Washington State Comm. College; taught physiology; owner, The Needleplace knitting store; musician; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Kappa. Husband, W. Bradford Bond '51.

'51 MBA—**Henry S. Chin** of Los Angeles, CA, February 1, 2003; securities broker and financial planner; vice president, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter; veteran; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'51 PhD—**Ralph A. Eastwood** of Gainesville, FL, January 20, 2003; economics professor, U. of Florida; veteran; recipient of Patriot Medal.

'51—**Robert C. Ericsson** of Glenview, IL, February 25, 2003; project manager, Pepper Construction Co.; veteran. Sigma Nu.

'51 MS Ed—**Sarah I. Harman** of Tucson, AZ, March 2, 2003; assistant State 4-H Leader, U. of

Arizona; active in community affairs.

'51 BA, MBA '53—**William J. Hartford** of Williamsville, NY, January 19, 2003; worked for American Brass. Phi Delta Theta.

'51 BA—**John W. Lawrence** of Swarthmore, PA, February 22, 2003; physician. Kappa Alpha. Wife, Dorothy (Hoadley) '52.

'51 BS Ag—**Richard A. McGonigal** of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Carmel, CA, February 8, 2003; assoc. prof. and director of Int'l Program, Naval Post-Graduate School; Navy chaplain; pastor; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'51 BA—**Jo Anne Kleinknecht Towell** (Mrs. Clifford F.) of Holmes Beach, FL, March 4, 2003; retired senior contract writer, Prudential Insurance; active in religious affairs.

'52 PhD—**Sherman K. Fitzgerald** of Redlands, CA, January 25, 2003; sociology professor, U. of Redlands; education consultant; also taught at U. of Maryland, Arizona State U., Texas A&M U., and Brigham Young U.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'52 BA—**William T. Kirk** of Atherton, CA, February 14, 2003; administrator and technical writer, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Nu.

'52 BS Ag—**Frederick W. Trojan** of Gloversville, NY, February 23, 2003; operations and production manager, Ford Motor Co.; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'53 BA—**Peter Adelman** of New York City, March 26, 2003.

'53, BEE '54, MS '60—**Alan J. Boardman** of Ithaca, NY, March 5, 2003; electrical engineer; worked for Ithaca Space Systems and IBM; veteran; active in community affairs. Wife, Donna (Lee), MA '69.

'53 BS ILR—**Conrad J. Gates** of Greensburg, PA, February 18, 2003; attorney; arbitrator; professor emeritus, industrial relations, Indiana U. of Pennsylvania; veteran; active in professional affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'53 MS—**Roy Gibbens Jr.** of Sierra Vista, AZ, formerly of Poway, CA, January 5, 2003; veterinarian; taught veterinary surgery at Cornell U.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'53—**William R. Haines** of Hurffville, NJ, January 9, 2003; co-owner, Haines Dairy Farms; developer; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53, BEP '54—**William S. Jewell** of Orinda, CA, January 27, 2003; UC Berkeley professor emeritus, operations research; expert on risk analy-

sis; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Triangle.

'53 JD—**Robert L. Martin** of Washington, DC, February 22, 2003; attorney.

'53, B Chem E '56—**Bernard Mayer** of Hartsdale, NY, February 2003; worked for IBM.

'53, BME '54—**Charles H. McCarthy Jr.** of West Roxbury, MA, January 31, 2003; expert on computer memory; worked for Digital and Texas Instruments; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'53, BS HE '68, PhD '72—**Ruth Speirs** Nickse of Brookline, MA, February 15, 2003; president, Nickse Assocs.; professor, Boston U.; active in professional and alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'53, BME '54, MBA '56—**Clement L. Speiden Jr.** of Brookeville, MD, February 9, 2003; co-founder, Beautyguard Exterior Systems; aluminum plant developer, ALCAN and Kaiser Aluminum; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'53-54 GR—**John W. Sumsion** of Melton Mowbray, England, February 21, 2003; statistician; senior fellow and director of library and information statistics, dept. of information science, Loughborough U.; registrar, Public Lending Right; manager, K Shoes; musician; O.B.E.; active in professional affairs.

'53 MA—**James S. Van Horn** of Montlake Terrace, WA, March 12, 2003; music director, Bremerton and Port Angeles, WA, symphonies; administrator, School of Music, U. of Washington; music/choral director, several Lutheran churches; active in professional and religious affairs.

'54 BCE—**Harold E. Bass** of Wayne, OK, March 24, 2003; operated Bassco. Wife, Elizabeth (Griffith) '55.

'54 BA—**Philip F. Davis** of Syracuse, NY, January 28, 2003; coal broker; home builder; veteran.

'54 BS ILR—**Richard S. Eskay** of Scarsdale, NY, February 15, 2003; president, RSK Assocs.; producer, Pathways to Children's Literature; active in alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho. Wife, Marion (Miller) '54.

'54—**Elizabeth Dupuis** Freeman (Mrs. Arthur) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 28, 2003; homemaker; active in civic and community affairs.

'54 BS Hotel—**Frederick W. Peirsol** of Orlando, FL, March 14, 2003; attorney. Sigma Phi.

'54—**Carl F. Stolz** of Brooklyn, NY, February 3, 2003.

'54 BA, MBA '55—**Robert M. Tanenbaum** of New York City, March 22, 2003; attorney; CPA; active in alumni affairs.

'55—**Leroy D. Howland** of Ithaca, NY, March 12, 2003; veteran.

'55 MS, PhD '59—**Dale N. Moss** of Philomath, OR, January 6, 2003; professor and chair, crop sciences dept., Oregon State U.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'55—**Neal W. Murray** of Gowanda, NY, March 15, 2003; owner, Hess Brothers Florist; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'56, BA '57—**Francis H. Osborne** of Morehead, KY, January 25, 2003; professor emeritus, psychology dept., Morehead State U.; author; active in professional affairs.

'57 BA—**Judith Lasse** Chamberlain of Flournoy, CA, February 4, 2003; elementary school teacher; author; active in community and religious affairs.

'57, BA '58—**Robert J. Fassett** of Greenville, SC, February 24, 2003; librarian manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'57 MA—**Jean M. Janis** of Cincinnati, OH, November 12, 2002.

'57 BA—**Peter J. Knoll** of Auburn, CA, January 12, 2003; physician. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'57, BEP '58—**Thomas D. Parrish** of Marlborough, NH, January 20, 2003; worked for Planning Research Corp. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'58, BS Ag '63—**David L. Ladd** of South Burlington, VT, February 15, 2003; Brigadier General, retired, Vermont Air National Guard; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

'59 BA—**Alan R. Stocknoff** of New York City, February 2, 2003; president, Hosiery Sales Inc.; active in alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'60-61 GR—**Jeffrey K. Hadden** of Charlottesville, VA, January 26, 2003; professor of sociology and religious studies, U. of Virginia; author; wrote *The Gathering Storm in the Churches*; editor; also taught at Purdue U., Case Western U., and Tulane U.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'61 BA, MD '65—**James N. Davis** of Setauket, NY, March 14, 2003; chairman, neurology dept., Stony Brook U. medical school; former head of stroke unit, Duke U. Hospital; active in professional and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'62 MS—**Thomas H. Courtney** of Houghton, MI, January 13, 2003; professor; taught at Michigan Technological U., U. of Virginia, and U. of Texas, Austin; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'62, BA '63—**Louise Di Lalo** of Syracuse, NY,

February 24, 2003; psychologist, Elmcrest Children's Center.

'62—**Marion Lahti** Freeman of Rockaway Point, NY, January 30, 2003.

'63—**David A. Hancock** of York, PA, January 29, 2003; manager, Weinbrom Jewelers; gourmet cook; active in artistic, civic, and community affairs.

'63 MST, PhD '68—**Robert A. Johnson** of Blossburg, PA, February 27, 2003; retired professor, Mansfield U.; also taught at Miami U. of Ohio and in public schools; veteran; pilot; active in community and professional affairs.

'63, BME '64—**Charles D. Meininger** of Tampa, FL, February 15, 2003; worked for IBM; director of lay ministries, Hyde Park United Methodist; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'64 BA—**Robert M. Baker Jr.** of Springfield, VA, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the July/August 2003 *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

'64, BS Ag '65—**Barry E. Wohlers** of Westland, MI, January 15, 2003; account executive, Detroit Transportation Corp. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'65 BS Nurs—**Barbara Ruggieri** Corcoran (Mrs. Paul D.) of Denver, CO, February 20, 2003; public health nurse; pediatric nurse; active in professional and religious affairs.

'65—**James R. Free** of Mecklenburg, NY, March 3, 2003; engineer, Ithaco Inc.

'65 BA—**Philip H. Heller** of Piedmont, CA, February 14, 2003.

'66 MS—**Robert L. Hansen** of Washington, DC, February 25, 2003; exec. director, Nat'l Fund for US Botanical Garden; exec. director, Korean War Veterans Memorial; vice president, Keyboard Communications; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Wife, Nancy (Glenn), MS '66.

'67—**Peter M. Marusek** of Beaufort, SC, February 16, 2003; retired engineer, IBM; systems analyst; veteran; active in community affairs.

'69 PhD—**Norman R. Sinclair** of Woodbridge, VA, December 28, 2002; taught at George Mason U., Montgomery College, and Walter Reed Army Medical Ctr.; researcher, Woods Hole and Georgia Marine Institute; veteran; active in community affairs.

'77, BS Hotel '79—**Ronald F. Goeggel** of Dallas, TX, May 17, 2002. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'00 ME CS—**Tadeusz J. Wellenger** of Syracuse, NY, February 27, 2003; computer programmer, Sun Micro Systems.

'00-02 GR—**Edward K. Halperin** of Park Ridge, NJ, March 6, 2003; law student at Cornell U.



Welcome to the Machine

A DIGITAL ANNIVERSARY: FIFTY YEARS OF COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS



COURTESY OF JOHN RUDAN

aT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE morning on December 15, 1953, the future arrived. In a third-floor room in Rand Hall, Cornell's first electronic computer was powered up. The machine was an IBM Card Programmed Electronic Calculator (CPC), a pokey apparatus that could read 150 punch cards a minute on a good day and was known as the "poor man's ENIAC"—a smaller, cheaper facsimile of the thirty-ton monster

then grinding out ballistics tables for the U.S. military. The CPC was actually three separate business machines lashed together, and, like many of the computers that followed, it was all but obsolete by the time it was turned on. Still, it was a marvel of its time, and for a fee of \$25 an hour the tiny staff of the Cornell Computing Center—the precursor to today's Cornell Information Technologies (CIT)—would put the CPC through its paces for university

researchers. The first client, according to the time sheet, was physics professor Lyman Parratt.

Computer enthusiasts are not generally known as nostalgia-minded folks, but former CIT director John Rudan, MS '62, who came to Cornell as a grad student in 1958, has taken it upon himself to document the university's digital history. He has that historic time sheet from 1953, for instance, along with sixty boxes full of other archived ephemera. "A lot of what we do isn't retained," Rudan says in his cluttered basement cubicle at the CIT offices on Maple Avenue. "For technologists, yesterday was history. Techies always want the next goody—'What do I do tomorrow?'"

So Rudan started saving things. "I became the dumping ground for people who thought they had important materials," he says. In and around his desk lurk artifacts from electronic prehistory—dusty patch boards and vacuum tubes and clunky transistorized circuits, a dog-eared sheaf of punch cards that served as the software of yesteryear. Rudan is putting the finishing touches on a book-length written history of computers at Cornell, telling the tale of the machine's half-century rise from glorified calculator to humming omnipresence. He calls it "a labor of love."

Cornell boasts its share of high-tech milestones: it was an early advocate of computer user's groups and set the pace in supercomputer development in the 1980s. Campus folklore holds that Bill Gates discovered the world-changing power of the Internet when his assistant, Steve Sinofsky '87, saw the school's network in action during a 1994 visit and proclaimed, via e-mail, that "Cornell is wired!" But before the Web was spun and the campus became a sea of chattering gizmos, the picture that Rudan has captured is one of ever-more-miraculous technology straining against the demands of an imperfectly engineered world: the jammed punch cards, oft-blown tubes, and forests of conditioning ducts that made early computers such temperamental wonders.

These days they are quicker and quieter, but some things haven't changed. They still struggle to outpace their own decrepitude. And they still amaze us, at least briefly, before the machines of tomorrow arrive.

Before the laptop: Programmers work on the IBM CPC, Cornell's first computer, in 1955.