

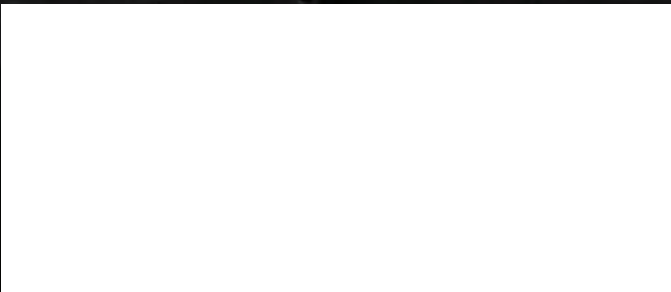
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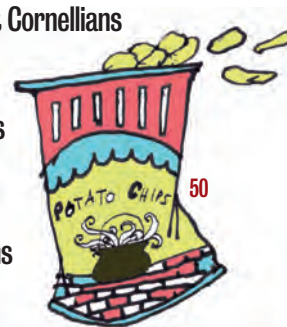
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A Cornell Visit to India

CORNELL UNIVERSITY IS WIDELY recognized as an institution whose scope is global in every sense of the word. Each year we enroll more than 3,000 international students, who come to Ithaca from some 120 countries. A significant segment of our faculty is involved in research, education, and extension around the world, and on campus the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies serves as an umbrella for more than twenty interdisciplinary programs that have an international focus.

Cornell operates programs in several international locations. These include Doha, Qatar, where Weill Cornell Medical College became the first U.S. medical school to offer its MD degree overseas; Singapore, where the Hotel school offers a joint master of management in hospitality program; Rome, which has been the site of an Architecture, Art, and Planning program for many years; and China, where, among other initiatives, study at Peking (Beida) University and internships in Beijing provide exceptional educational experiences to undergraduates in the China and Asia Pacific Studies major. And, as I have discovered in my travels this year, Cornell alumni are vitally interested in the University and committed to its future no matter where they live.

Why, then, did I choose India for my first international trip on Cornell's behalf? (I was there from December 29 to January 8.) I wanted to build on Cornell's half-century of partnership with Indian colleagues and institutions. These partnerships, largely through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, have helped India feed its one billion people, and they continue to be important in a country where more than 50 percent of the workforce is in agriculture. The trip had four goals:

- Build mutually beneficial partnerships with educational and research institutions in India;
- Explore how the research and outreach of Cornell faculty, staff, and students may be of service to the people of India and thereby build stronger bridges between the two nations' cultures;
- Make Cornell's presence more visible in India to government agencies, alumni, other universities, non-governmental organizations, and leaders involved in specific areas such as agriculture, biotechnology, and global health; and
- Reinvigorate alumni affairs and development activities in India.

Guided by Trustees Ratan Tata '62 and Narayana Murthy, we



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had direct and fruitful conversations with university and government leaders in education and the sciences, as well as with the president and prime minister of India. The preeminence of our hosts offered eloquent confirmation of the importance India attaches to the work Cornell has done there in concert with our colleagues and partners. The quality of each meeting bespoke a genuine interest in expanding collaboration with our faculty.

During the trip, we visited with alumni in Delhi and Mumbai and were honored to be present at the birth of a new Cornell Alumni Club

in Bangalore. Our alumni in India, as elsewhere, are a superb source of guidance and good counsel in future interactions with their country, and they act as enormously effective ambassadors for Cornell University and its students, faculty, and staff.

As former President Jeffrey Lehman '77 put it, in a particularly effective formulation, Cornell is a transnational university. Our future success depends on continued focus in the international arena—in India, China, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and other venues where Cornell's faculty, staff, and students can conduct research, build relationships, and learn more about the world in which we live. We can also provide resources and expertise, in partnership with local colleagues, to reduce the world's burdens while addressing our common challenges, even as we expand knowledge and teach our students to solve real-world problems. Whether discussing study abroad opportunities, working side by side with colleagues from other nations to solve significant problems in our societies, or welcoming international students to the ranks of our undergraduate, graduate, and professional student bodies, a continued focus on internationalization is appropriate and necessary.

What of our future in India? Because the most meaningful exchanges and partnerships occur not at the level of university presidents but at the level of faculty, I viewed my role on this trip as exploratory and representative of the interests of our professors and their students. In the coming months, I will be sharing detailed impressions of opportunities for Cornell in India with Provost Biddy Martin, the deans, and other academic leaders and faculty. Our continued partnerships as well as potential new collaborations suggest a bright future for Cornell in India.

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Once Upon a Hill

REMEMBERING EZRA, THEN AND NOW

I WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE BICENTENNIAL birthday issue (January/February 2007). In 1946 Walt Witcover '44, BA '46, MA '47, and I co-authored and co-directed a musical history called "Once Upon a Hill, or What Happened to Mr. Cornell's Cow Pasture?" We even interviewed a lady who had attended the laying of the cornerstone in 1865 when she was a little girl.

*Priscilla Okie Alexander '45, BA '44, MA '48
New Haven, Connecticut*

Folk Wisdom

THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE efforts of Phil Shapiro, MA '69, and his live radio program, "Bound for Glory" ("Just Plain Folk," *Currents*, January/February 2007). Phil and his show are an important part of Ithaca's cultural landscape. We owe him a debt of gratitude for continuing all these years, sometimes with little help. "Bound for Glory" has always been an unaccredited Cornell classroom where students can immerse themselves in America's rich musical heritage and even try it out for themselves. When I was a student, Phil gave me a shot on his stage. It was in part because of that wonderful experience that I became the full-time performer I am today. Now, almost thirty years later, I still find "Bound for Glory" one of my favorite

stops on the tour. Thank you, Phil!

*Mark Rust '78
Woodstock, New York*

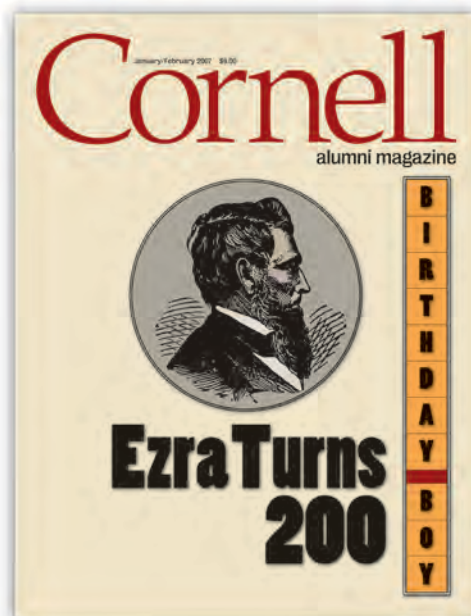
War Victim

IN "LIFE DURING WARTIME," YOU published an account of the harrowing experience of a Cornell student during the Israeli bombing of Beirut (*Currents*, November/December 2006). I think it was written fairly from the point of view of a tourist in Beirut. The student, Ethan Hawkes '07, pointed out that the bombing was in response to the Hezbollah rocket attacks on northern Israel. In that same issue, tucked away at the bottom of page 15, there was an obituary of David Lelchook '78, who was killed by a rocket attack while tending to his kibbutz orchard. I point this out because the average American reader, Cornell graduate or not, might not understand that those Katyusha rockets were lethal and directed at civilians.

*Beverly Amerman Lewin '58
Ramat Hasharon, Israel*

Yum!

IT WAS WITH GLEE THAT I READ "HOW to Eat Fried Worms" (*Currents*, January/February 2007). As a Russian studies major who, frankly, tried to steer clear of most terrestrial arthropods, I nevertheless



took *Insects and Man*—entomology for non-entomologists—with the late Ed Rafensperger during my time on the Hill. Ed's passion for "bugs" and teaching made this course a real treat (no pun intended), and it was likely due to my example that my brother Saul (Arts '84) took the course several years later.

In 1981 Saul presented me with *Entertaining with Insects, or The Original Guide to Insect Cookery* by Ronald L. Taylor and Barbara J. Carter, a not-fully-tongue-in-



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cheek cookbook for novice and seasoned entomophagists. In his inscription, he wrote: "For those of you who will not eat red meat, here's one more nutritious alternative. Bon appétit!" A few years later, during a month-long Chinese sojourn, Saul and I eagerly dined on scorpions and cicadas in Beijing.

Marcie Gitlin '79
New York, New York

Corrections—January/February 2007

"Off to Oxford," page 9: One reference to departing University Librarian Sarah Thomas called her "Thompson." We regret the error (but we did get her name right five other times).

Sports, page 15: We neglected to print the final records of the fall sports teams. They were as follows:

Field Hockey	7-9; 4-3 Ivy (T-2nd)
Football	5-5; 3-4 Ivy (T-4th)
Sprint Football	6-0; 4-0 CSFL (1st)
Men's Soccer	4-8-3; 3-3-1 Ivy (T-4th)
Women's Soccer	3-13-1; 1-6-0 Ivy (8th)
Volleyball	18-8; 12-2 Ivy (1st)

"Ultra Man," page 53: In the caption, we wrote that Mike Trevino '95 was "peddling" his bicycle. Actually, he wasn't trying to sell it—he was just pedaling it.

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Balancing Act

A YOUNG ALUMNA CONSIDERS LIFE AFTER CORNELL

WALKING DOWN THE HALLWAY in Clara Dickson Hall on any given night, I might pass a couple of guys strategizing the best approach for acquiring prime hockey seats; music would filter into the hall from my neighbors' rooms as they studied; two friends would stand around discussing weekend plans; someone would be strolling down the corridor, recruiting people for a Hot Truck run.

When I walk down the hall of my New York City apartment building, it is strikingly silent in comparison. I resist the desire to knock on neighbors' doors to say hello, realizing that we do not share study sessions, leisurely dining hall meals, and communal teeth-brushing sessions as I did with my dormmates.

Since I graduated in 2005, college memories linger as I compare and contrast those student days with life in the working world. My first year out, I felt like a freshman again. To connect with familiar faces in a new place, I gravitated toward young alumni brunches and museum trips through Big Apple Red, the Metro New York region's young alumni committee, and the Cornell Jewish Connection.

Just as I began to adjust, the next phase of college withdrawal surfaced as the Class of 2006 left Ithaca behind. Reminiscing with these recent graduates, the former Resident Advisor in me recognized this change as universal—yet we lacked an outlet to express this nostalgia while moving forward in our lives. How, I wondered, would the Class of 2007 feel one year from now? Could we help them by sharing our experiences, the adventures mingled with the challenges?

I aspired to bridge these two worlds in the *Daily Sun*. Throughout the summer of 2006, I interviewed young alumni to see if there was enough material for a column and found many willing to talk. The column, called "One Year Out," debuted in September 2006. Published every other Friday, it has addressed such topics as the metamorphosis of seniors "from baggy jeans to a tailored suit"; the similarities between my undergraduate course-shopping addiction and the possibilities for lifetime learning after college; and the importance of creating your own intern-



ship opportunities and pursuing your career dreams. My columns are greatly influenced by my peers; when I have an idea, I run it by several other young alumni. I also hope to receive feedback from readers through my new blog: <http://juliaoneyearout.blogspot.com/>.

Writing the column has taught me a great deal about myself and my peers. I recognize that life after college has its ups and downs, but that it's what we make of the experience that matters. Despite my nostalgia for hockey games, hallway studying, and late-night snack runs, I am adjusting. I'm not sure when the transition ends, but I know that if I close my eyes, the Frisbee players on the Arts Quad, the chalkings on Ho Plaza, and the chiming of the Clock Tower will never be too far away. As I approach two years out, I wonder what the next few months will bring. For now, I am content, knowing that these two worlds can co-exist: the memories of a Cornell student with the present experiences of an alumna.

— Julia Levy '05

JULIA LEVY, a government major in the College of Arts and Sciences, writes "One Year Out" for the *Daily Sun*. She works as a research assistant at Tanner and Co., Inc., in New York City.



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From the Hill



Changes: As the new Noyes Community Center (above) opens, the Class of '18 Hall comes down.

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So Long, U-Halls

WRECKING BALL FOR LAST TWO DORMS

THE TWO REMAINING UNIVERSITY HALLS WILL BE DEMOLISHED by the end of April, making way for the final phase of the West Campus Residential Initiative. According to project manager Andrew Magré, construction is planned to be completed ahead of schedule, with students moving into the last two residence halls in August 2008.

The new Noyes Community Center opened in January, featuring a gymnasium, fitness center, multipurpose room, climbing wall, and convenience store. Also in January, the third residence hall—named *Bethe House* after the late Nobel laureate and Cornell physics professor Hans Bethe—welcomed its first occupants. Professor of city and regional planning Porus Olpadwala will serve as the house's live-in dean starting in the 2007–08 academic year.



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Fellow travelers: Following a meeting with Indian President Abdul Kalam, President David Skorton and members of the Cornell delegation pose outside the President's Chamber at Rashtrapati Nilayam in Hyderabad on January 3. From left: Vice President Thomas Bruce; K. Vijayraghavan, regional coordinator of CALS programs in South Asia; Banoo Parpia, PhD '95, director of international relations; President Skorton; Professor Ronnie Coffman, PhD '71, director of international programs; Vice Provost David Wippman; and Vice President Charles Phlegar. The delegation returned from its ten-day, four-city tour of India on January 8.

Rising Costs

A YEAR AT CU: \$46,000

IN JANUARY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY approved a 5.5 percent increase in endowed tuition, to \$34,600 for 2007–08. With room, board, and fees, the cost of a year in the endowed colleges will total just under \$46,000. In the statutory colleges, tuition rose 5.8 percent to \$19,110 for New York State residents and to \$33,500 (up 5.7 percent) for nonresidents. It was also reported that applications for undergraduate admission are up 7.5 percent over last year and up 45 percent compared with 2004.

New students at the Johnson Graduate School of Management face a 10.1 percent hike, to \$42,700. Veterinary students who are New York residents will pay \$24,000 (up 4.3 percent), compared with \$35,000 for nonresidents (up 6.1 percent). New enrollees in the Law School will pay \$43,620, a 7.5 increase.

At the same meeting, the board re-elected Peter Meinig '61, BME '62, as chairman for an additional three-year term effective July 1. A board member since 1991, Meinig became chairman in July 2002. The board also approved a change in the election of student trustees: for a four-year trial period, undergraduate and graduate student trustees will be elected in alternating years.

Interim Appointments

LIBRARIAN, ARCHITECT NAMED

CORNELL HAS NAMED ANNE KENNEY INTERIM UNIVERSITY librarian. Kenney, a senior associate university librarian for public services and assessment, succeeds Sarah Thomas, who became library director at Oxford University. Another interim appointment was announced in January: Donald Gordon is now interim university architect. Previously an associate university architect, he replaces Peter Karp, who retired after a decade at Cornell.

Good Year

ENDOWMENT UP TO \$4.3 BILLION

IN THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED JUNE 30, 2006, CORNELL'S endowment rose from \$3.8 billion to \$4.3 billion, an increase of 14.4 percent. The University's endowment is the eighteenth largest in the nation; Harvard is number one, at \$28.9 billion, followed by Yale at \$18.0 billion and Stanford at \$14.1 billion. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, college endowments overall averaged an increase of 10.7 percent in 2006, the fourth straight year of gains after negative returns in 2001 and 2002.

B-Minus

CU SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS GRADED

IN A REPORT ISSUED BY THE SUSTAINABLE ENDOWMENTS Institute, Cornell received a B-minus for its commitment to sustainability. The Institute rated the sustainability efforts of the 100 American and Canadian universities with the largest endowments. The highest grade awarded was A-minus, which went to Dartmouth, Harvard, Stanford, and Williams. Cornell's rating earned it a spot on the Institute's list of "Campus Sustainability Leaders."

Cornell got A's for its commitment to reducing emissions levels, adopting green building guidelines, and purchasing local food for campus dining halls. But its grade was dragged down by F's in endowment transparency ("The University has made no public statements about making endowment holdings or shareholder voting records available") and shareholder engagement ("The University has not made any public statements about active ownership or a proxy voting policy").

The Sustainable Endowments Institute is a special projects fund of the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors; its full report is available online at www.endowmentinstitute.org/sustainability.

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Elisabeth Becker '06, winner of a 2007 Marshall Scholarship to study forced migration at Oxford.

Steven Knapp, PhD '81, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Johns Hopkins, appointed president of George Washington University.

Judith Pipher '71, inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame for work in infrared astronomy.

Philip Lewis, Romance studies professor and former Arts and Sciences dean, appointed vice president of the Andrew Mellon Foundation's Liberal Arts Colleges Program.

Héctor Abruña, chemistry and chemical biology chair; **Barbara Baird, PhD '79**, chemistry and chemical biology professor; **Geoffrey Coates**, chemistry and chemical biology professor; **Michael Shuler**, biomedical engineering chair; and **Mariana Wolfner '74**, molecular biology and genetics professor, named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Quinetta Roberson, associate professor of human resource studies, named one of 2007's top ten emerging scholars by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine.

Steve Strogatz, theoretical and applied mechanics professor, recipient of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics' 2007 Communications Award, for bringing complex math to a general audience.

Francis Moon, PhD '67, mechanical and aerospace engineering professor, winner of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' 2007 Lyapunov Award, for research on chaos theory and its application to mechanical systems.

Charles Williamson, mechanical and aerospace engineering professor, named the 2006 New York State Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, American studies professor and dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions; **Theodore Lowi**, government professor; and **Edward McLaughlin**, applied economics and management professor, named 2006 Weiss Presidential Fellows for distinguished teaching of Cornell undergraduates.

Per Pinstrip-Andersen, food, nutrition, and public policy professor, and colleagues. *Discover* magazine named their research, showing that Chinese farmers used the same amount of pesticide seven years after planting cotton genetically modified to resist insects, one of 2007's top six environment stories.

Rajiv Gupta, MS '69, awarded the Society of Chemical Industry's 2007 Chemical Industry Medal for his professional contributions.

Thomas Dubois, PhD '03, winner of the Outstanding Young Scientist Award from the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, for developing a "vaccine" that protects bananas against pests and disease.

Jazz Critic

WHITNEY BALLIETT, 80

WHITNEY BALLIETT '49, AB '51, THE RENOWNED writer who once described jazz as "the sound of surprise," succumbed to cancer at his Manhattan apartment on February 2. Balliett began his career as a music critic while at Cornell, writing pieces for the *Daily Sun* and the *Widow*. After graduation, he went to work at the *New Yorker*, where he wrote articles on a variety of subjects before being given his own column in 1957. He would go on to write hundreds of reviews and profiles, filled with astute observations and poetic descriptions. (The clarinetist Pee Wee Russell, wrote Balliett, "has a parenthesis-like stoop, spidery fingers, and a long, wry, gentle face governed by a generous, wandering nose.") His writing would eventually fill seventeen books; the last was *Collected Works: A Journal of Jazz 1954–2000*, which Balliett described as a "distillation" of his life's work. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Balliett, and five children, including Julie Balliett Rose '75.

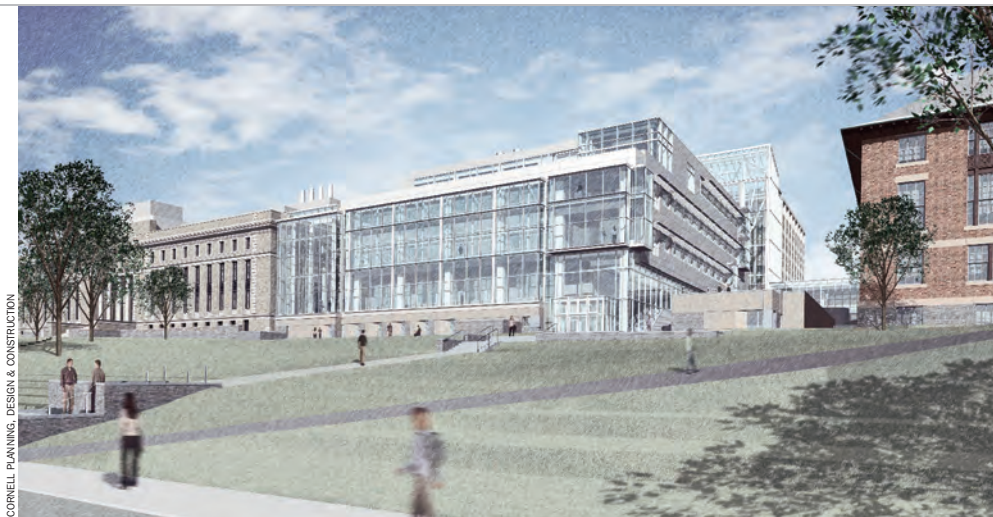
Maximum Sentence

STUDENT GETS STATE PRISON
FOR STABBING

ON JANUARY 22, A TOMPKINS COUNTY JUDGE handed Nathan Poffenbarger '08 the maximum sentence of sixteen months to four years in state prison for attacking a visiting African American student from Union College in February 2006. In November, Poffenbarger pleaded guilty to one count of assault as a hate crime and one count of tampering with physical evidence, but his attorney, Joseph Joch '66, filed a motion to have the plea vacated one week before sentencing, saying that his client had failed to understand the sentencing implications of his guilty plea. Joch withdrew the motion just before sentencing.

During the hearing, Poffenbarger's victim, twenty-three-year-old Charles Holiday, described the months of physical rehabilitation he endured after suffering nerve damage and a collapsed lung. Holiday was stabbed in the shoulder when he and two friends confronted Poffenbarger, who was allegedly shouting racial slurs. Joch blamed the behavior of his twenty-one-year-old client on a combination of anxiety medication and heavy alcohol consumption. Joch also read a letter from Poffenbarger to Holiday: "Your injury is not due to who you are, but who I had become due to my emotional state," Poffenbarger wrote. "My actions came from a blind urge to lash out at my own demons." Poffenbarger has been suspended since the incident and will receive a hearing from the campus judicial administrator after his release.

Physical reality: The Physical Sciences Building, seen in an artist's rendering, will be located in front of Clark Hall, between Baker Lab and Rockefeller Hall. It will expand research and teaching space in the departments of chemistry, chemical biology, and physics, as well as the School of Applied and Engineering Physics. The \$85 million project is set to break ground this year and open in fall 2010. It will be designed by Koetter, Kim & Associates of Boston.



Must-Read

GORDIMER TITLE IS 2007 BOOK FOR NEW STUDENTS

THIS SUMMER, INCOMING FRESHMEN WILL FIND COPIES OF Nobel laureate Nadine Gordimer's novel *The Pickup* in their mailboxes. Set in post-apartheid South Africa, the novel is the focus of this year's New Student Reading Project; it will be the subject of campuswide discussions and other events in the fall. The 2001 title, on the shortlist for the Booker Prize, is about the relationship between a wealthy woman and an illegal Muslim immigrant she meets when her car breaks down. In its announcement of the selection, the University noted that the book "challenges our ideas about who is a cultural 'insider' or 'outsider,' and invites readers to reflect on the role of religion, importance of family, and conflicts between responsibility and the satisfaction of human desire." The New Student Reading Project has been an annual event since 2001.

Virtual Memories

HONORING CARL SAGAN WITH A 'BLOG-A-THON'

ON DECEMBER 20, FANS OF CARL SAGAN AROUND THE world commemorated the tenth anniversary of the famed astronomer's death with a "blog-a-thon." Friends, family, and admirers used their online diaries to reminisce about Sagan and his work; the results will be compiled into a "meta-blog"—a blog of blogs. Sagan, director of Cornell's Laboratory of Planetary Sciences and the author of such books as the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Dragons of Eden*, died in 1996 after a two-year battle with a bone marrow disease.

In January, Penguin Books published a new collection of Sagan's lectures entitled *The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God*. Based on a series of talks he gave in Glasgow in 1985, the book was edited by Ann Druyan, Sagan's widow and frequent collaborator.

R&D

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

Astronomers using Cornell's Arecibo Telescope in Puerto Rico have found a pulsating star in the Crab Nebula that may be the first known celestial body with more than two poles. Arecibo's Acting Director Tim Hanjins presented the findings at the American Astronomical Society convention in January.

Genetics professor John Schimenti has discovered a mutant mouse that is highly susceptible to mammary tumors. *Nature Genetics* published the research, which may offer a new link between breast cancer and genetic defects in DNA replication.

Teens engage in risky behavior not because they haven't considered the consequences but because they decide that the benefits, such as

immediate gratification or peer acceptance, outweigh the risks. Human Development professor Valerie Reyna described her findings in *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*.

Avian flu virus is unlikely to spread through water systems, according to research in *Environmental Engineering Science*. PhD candidate Araceli Lucio-Forster '95 found that a similar virus can be killed with water treatments such as chlorination, ultraviolet radiation, and bacterial digesters.

For the first time in the U.S., an endangered fish species has rebounded. Mark Bain, associate professor of natural resources, reports in the online journal *PLoS ONE* that the Hudson River's shortnose sturgeon population has increased more than 400 percent since the 1970s.

Worker turnover costs hotels \$6,000 per frontline employee and \$10,000 per manager, mostly due to lost productivity. But Hotel school professor Timothy Hinkin and associate professor Bruce Tracey say hotels can lower those costs with exit interviews and by having a wide range of supervisors and peers hire workers. Their study is available from Cornell's Center for Hospitality Research.



CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Hanging Up His Skates

HOCKEY GREAT
JOE NIEUWENDYK '88 RETIRES

hE WAS A SKINNY KID WHO came late to campus," remembers men's hockey coach Mike Schafer '86. "I thought, How can he be so good? He's so skinny!" The kid was Joe

Nieuwendyk '88, a Cornell standout who went on to a twenty-year NHL career that many believe will land him in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Nieuwendyk was late that fall because

he was playing in the Canadian Lacrosse Junior Championship, where he was named the MVP. (He had intended to play both hockey and lacrosse at Cornell, but soon learned that hockey was a full-time commitment.) After Nieuwendyk arrived, he felt that he had to prove himself to Schafer, who was then captain of the team. It didn't take long. "He was a dynamic player—one of the best goal scorers who ever played here, and as fierce a competitor as you'll ever see," says Schafer. By the end of the freshman forward's first season, he had helped the Big Red to its third straight Ivy League title and won Ivy Rookie of the Year honors.

The next year, Nieuwendyk led Cornell to a 21-7-4 record and the ECAC title. "The Harvard rivalry was big," he remembers. "They had a good team. We won 4-3 at Harvard in my sophomore year, and the students flooded the rink with tennis balls." Professional scouts soon noted Nieuwendyk's skills, and he was drafted by the NHL's Calgary Flames. "Coach [Lou] Reycroft's advice was to stay in school," says Nieuwendyk. "It was sound advice. I knew I wasn't ready to leave. I was still growing and my game was still improving." He was named first-team All-Ivy, All-ECAC, and All-American in both 1985-86 and 1986-87, and was the Ivy League and ECAC Player of the Year in 1986-87.

After his junior year, Nieuwendyk left for the NHL. "I felt I had accomplished everything I could at the college level and was ready to move on," he says. He continued to excel in the pros, becoming only the second rookie to score more than 50 goals in his first season (he netted 51) and winning the Calder Trophy as the league's top rookie. In his second season, he matched his goal total and the Flames won the Stanley Cup.

Nieuwendyk would never again top the fifty-goal mark ("the game changed and became a lot more advanced defensively," he says). Even so, he would have a long and productive career with five different NHL teams despite multiple knee injuries, the first occurring in 1990 when he was playing for Canada in the world championships. He would win two more Stanley Cups, in 1999 with the Dallas Stars

Shooting star: Forward Joe Nieuwendyk was a first-team All-American in 1986 and 1987 before leaving Cornell for the NHL.



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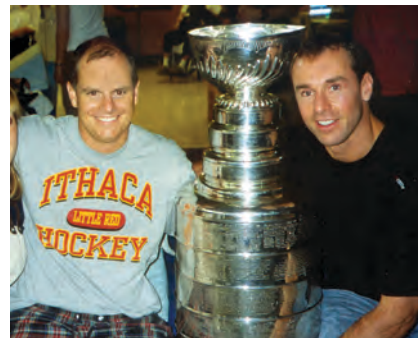
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Cup bearer: Nieuwendyk (right) brought the Stanley Cup to a campus fundraiser in 2003 for paralyzed Big Red hockey teammate Mike Tallman '90.

and in 2003 with the New Jersey Devils, becoming one of only nine players to win the league championship with three different teams.

By tradition, each player on a winning Stanley Cup team gets the Cup for one day; Nieuwendyk has used these opportunities to bring the famed trophy to Ithaca. In 1999 his favorite teacher, agricultural economics professor Dan Sisler, was on hand. Sisler is blind, and Nieuwendyk says that "seeing him running his hands over the Cup was pretty incredible." In 2003 he brought the Cup to an alumni hockey fundraiser for teammate Mike Tallman '90, who had suffered a spinal cord injury in a pickup game. For a five-dollar donation, attendees could pose for a photo with Nieuwendyk and the Cup. "For more than four hours, he had his picture taken with everybody who wanted one," says Schafer. "It shows you his true character."

By December 2006 Nieuwendyk's back was hurting constantly, and doctors at the Cleveland Clinic advised him to retire. So he did. He finished his NHL career with 564 goals, nineteenth on the all-time list. In addition to the three Stanley Cups, he won the 1999 Conn Smythe Award, given to the NHL playoff MVP, and a gold medal for Canada in the 2002 Olympics.

What's next? "I don't know," says the forty-year-old Nieuwendyk, who has a summer home on Cayuga Lake. "For now I'm content to be with my family. I have some opportunities in hockey, though, and I'm leaning toward staying in the game."

— Stephen Eschenbach

STEPHEN ESCHENBACH writes frequently about Ivy League sports and is a contributor to www.ivy50.com, the league's 50th anniversary website.

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BATTER UP The Cornell baseball team will enjoy a newly renovated home this season, as Hoy Field has been realigned and improved. Home plate has been moved to the east, toward Schoellkopf Field, and now sits at the corner of the Grumman Squash Courts and the parking garage. As a result, the diamond now faces southwest, with the third-base line running roughly parallel to the parking garage. In addition, the natural grass has been replaced with FieldTurf, a synthetic system designed to feel and play like grass. This will allow the Big Red to get in more practices and games during Ithaca's unpredictable spring weather. New dugouts, batting cages, bleachers, and a press box were also included in the project.

GOING THE DISTANCE Two months after placing third in the IC4A Cross Country Championships, **Sage Canaday '08** made his marathon debut in impressive fashion. Canaday broke a 26-year-old school record when he finished the Chevron Houston Marathon in 2:22:20 on January 14. **Dan Predmore '80, MS '85**, had set the previous record of 2:27:29 in 1980. Canaday finished 20th overall and sixth in the 21-24 age division.



Sage Canaday

CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

TOP FROSH Cornell is dominating the honors for first-year Ivy League men's basketball players. Before the end of January, freshman forward **Ryan Wittman** had been named Rookie of the Week five times and classmate **Louis Dale**, a guard, had captured the award four times. Wittman leads the Big Red in scoring, averaging 15.5 points per game, and is the top free-throw shooter in the Ivy League with a .950 percentage. Dale has dished out 3.7 assists per game and is averaging 12.8 points.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE In honor of his success in the classroom as well as on the football field, **Luke Siwula '08** was named a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America. This year, Siwula was a second-team All-Ivy pick after rushing for 885 yards and four touchdowns, including two games with more than 140 yards gained. Siwula also posted a 3.60 grade-point average in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is the fifth Cornell football player to earn first-team Academic All-American honors, joining **Joe Holland '79, Derrick Harmon '84, Dave Van Metre '86, and Kevin Rooney '04.**

SPRINT STARS After the sprint football team posted its first undefeated season since 1982, it's not surprising that the College Sprint Football League post-season teams would be colored red. Cornell garnered 22 selections to All-CSFL teams, including seven first-team honorees. Two-way star **Jason Remillard '08** was named the CSFL Player of the Year after catching 22 passes for 254 yards and also recording 22 tackles and two interceptions. **Jason Zittel '07** was honored three times,

earning first-team honors as a linebacker, second-team honors as a place kicker, and honorable mention as punter. Other first-team selections were quarterback **Zak Dentes '09**, offensive lineman **Robert Kurucz '08**, defensive lineman **Matthew Collin '08**, and defensive backs **John Samuel '08** and **Ian Murray '08.**



Dave McKechnie

CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

WET WONDERS The 2006-07 season has been one of firsts for the men's swimming team. The Big Red went undefeated in dual meets, winning the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League title and ending a 14-year run in which either Harvard or Princeton was the league champ. The first sign the season would be special came when Cornell beat Harvard 167-131, its first win over the Crimson in 20 years. **Dave McKechnie '08** set school and Teagle Pool records in the 100-meter breaststroke and also swam on the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams that set pool records. One week later, Cornell topped Princeton 160-140, its first victory over the Tigers since the 1983-84 season. The Big Red won 12 of 16 events and set five pool records in the process. **Wes Newman '09** collected two of the new pool records while winning the 200 and 500 freestyle races.

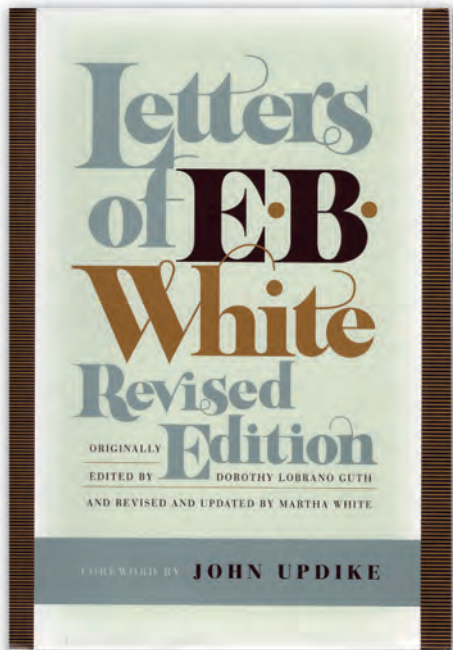


Mike Schafer

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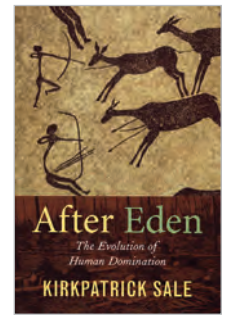
Mike Schafer '86 moved to the top of the wins list for head coaches of men's hockey when his team defeated Colgate 2-1. The victory was the 231st in Schafer's 12-year career, moving him past **Dick Bertrand '70**, who compiled 230 wins between 1970 and 1982. Schafer had tied Bertrand's total on December 29 when Cornell downed New Hampshire (then ranked number two in the country) at the Florida College Classic tournament. The team then struggled through its longest winless streak in 14 years (0-5-2) before topping Colgate at Lynah Rink. Two freshmen led the way, with **Ben Scrivens** making 24 saves in goal and forward **Justin Milo** notching the game winner with 6:22 remaining in the third period. The win lifted the Big Red's record to 10-8-3.



In Brief

LETTERS OF E. B. WHITE, revised edition by E. B. White '21 (HarperCollins). “Ideally, a book of letters should be published posthumously,” White wrote. “The advantages are obvious: the editor enjoys a free hand, and the author enjoys a perfect hiding place—the grave, where he is impervious to embarrassments and beyond the reach of libel.” For a man who claimed to avoid writing letters because “it resembles too closely writing itself, and gives me a headache,” he wrote a great many. This new collection expands upon the 1976 edition of White’s letters and includes correspondence with Garrison Keillor, Andy Rooney, John Updike (who wrote the introduction), and White’s biographer, Cornell English professor Scott Elledge, PhD '41.

AFTER EDEN by Kirkpatrick Sale '58 (Duke University Press). Sale examines the destructive habits of *Homo sapiens* from the prehistoric record to our modern era of human dominance. He posits a return to the ecological habits of our ancestor *Homo erectus*. “[I]n evolutionary terms, what we have developed now as modern civilization has lasted a mere blip in time, and it has had very little real depth of influence on our basic hominid nature. Underneath the veneer is a Stone Age mind and a Stone Age heart, and they may still be our guide today, leading us toward a saner and more harmonic world in which the human is in balance with the rest of nature.”



GOOD BREAD IS BACK by Steven Laurence Kaplan (Duke University Press). Kaplan’s passion for good French bread grew out of his enthusiasm for French culture. As the Goldwin Smith professor of history writes, “Bread is located at the crossroads between the material and the symbolic, between economics and culture.” He juxtaposes the history of bread during the Old Regime before the Revolution with its place in contemporary France and discusses the work of several Parisian bakers. After decades of decline in the quality of baking, good bread is enjoying a renaissance as artisanal bakers employ ancestral practices.



SCOT ON THE ROCKS by Brenda Janowitz '95 (Red Dress Ink). Just when Brooke Miller is about to attend her ex-boyfriend’s wedding, her Scottish fiancé breaks up with her. Determined not to go unescorted, she scrambles to save face and find a substitute date in time. Almost by accident, she stumbles upon true love. Janowitz, a Manhattan attorney who teaches creative writing at Mediabistro, proves in her first novel that “chick lit” is more than just throwing together a bunch of bad date and wedding horror stories.



PARK IT! NYC2007 by Margot Tohn '86 (Park It! Guides; www.parkitguides.com). The idea for this book grew out of the author’s frustration at being turned away from a parking garage on her way to the theater. If you’ve ever wondered where to park in Manhattan, this book takes the guesswork out of the hunt. Tohn, a marketing consultant, conducted painstaking research and checked every garage in Manhattan twice. Her guide gives maps, locations, rates, number of spaces, hours of operation, advice on tipping, and payment methods of more than 1,100 parking garages and outdoor lots.

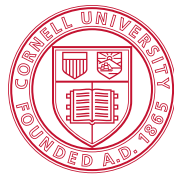




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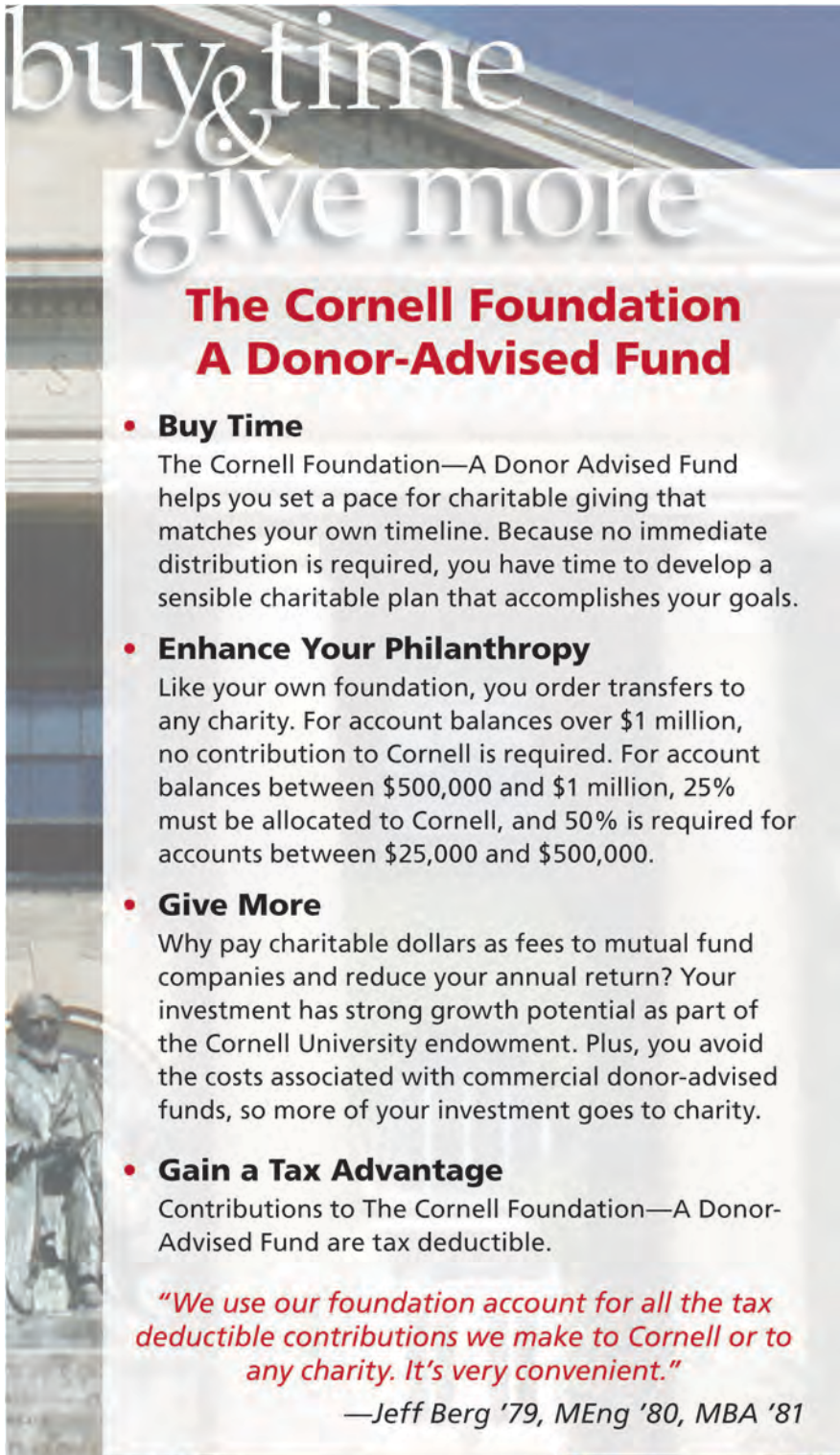
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FROM IMMIGRANT TO NATURALIZED CITIZEN by Catherine Simpson Bueker '96 (LFB Scholarly Publishing). Bueker, a visiting professor of sociology at Emmanuel College, found that immigrants with the least likelihood of naturalization because of country of origin tend to vote in greater numbers than those who have had an easier path to citizenship.

WHY AREN'T MORE WOMEN IN SCIENCE? edited by Stephen Ceci and Wendy M. Williams (American Psychological Association). Fifteen essays edited by Ceci, a professor of developmental psychology, and Williams, a professor of human development, discuss why fewer women than men pursue careers in science and engineering. As the editors said in an interview for *Inside Higher Ed*, “The pipeline leading females into mathematically intensive science careers leaks at every step along the way, from elementary school through post-PhD tenure decisions.”

TEN DOLLARS IN MY POCKET by Elizabeth Welt Trahan, MA '53 (Peter Lang). In this sequel to *Walking with Ghosts: A Jewish Childhood in Wartime Vienna*, Trahan assembles letters and diary entries to document her American education after surviving the Holocaust.

COLORED AMAZONS by Kali N. Gross '94 (Duke University Press). The director of Africana studies at Drexel University delves into the history of the crimes and imprisonment of black women in Philadelphia between 1880 and 1910, and explains how subsequent reforms strengthened white authority.

OBSERVING AMERICA by Robert Frankel '80 (University of Wisconsin Press). Frankel examines the commentaries of British visitors who cast a critical eye on American culture and politics from 1890 to 1950, including H. G. Wells, Rudyard Kipling, G. K. Chesterton, Harold Laski, Beatrice Webb, and George Bernard Shaw.

THE SCIENCE OF FALSE MEMORY by Charles Brainerd and Valerie Reyna (Oxford University Press). Two Cornell professors of human development analyze the psychological and legal ramifications of false memory and examine why some people recall events they never experienced.

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By the Book

FINISHED YOUR DISSERTATION? NOT UNTIL MINNIE EMPSON SAYS SO.



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

LABOR FOR FIVE OR TEN YEARS OF GRADUATE STUDY to produce a masterwork of scholarly genius, and the results will end up here: in a vast cinderblock warehouse three miles from campus. If there were windows, they would look out on the Cornell Orchards and the distant towers

of the Vet college. Inside this storage fortress, the shelves reach forty feet to the ceiling. This is the Library Annex, the University's repository for books rarely opened, and its largest collection consists of some 56,000 theses—one for every doctoral or master's degree granted since Cornell's inception, printed on archival paper

By degrees: Minnie Empson's office—where scholars bow to the gods of library standards—is the last stop on the long road to a master's or PhD. Regardless of a dissertation's brilliance, it must satisfy requirements for electronic templating and other niggling details.

and bound in black. Most fill a few hundred pages, though a handful of particularly verbose authors go on for hundreds more.

Twelve thousand of these volumes—perhaps three million pages—have been added since 1993, the year Minnie Empson assumed her duties as thesis advisor, the University’s official arbiter of academic bureaucracy. If you are a graduate student, the road to your degree runs through Empson’s Caldwell Hall office. She scans each and every page, confirming that the formatting complies with University Microfilms International standards and the library’s requirements for archival copies. Two copies of each thesis ultimately enter the University’s library system—one housed in the Annex that serves as the document of record proving a student’s successful degree completion, the other shelved by subject in libraries across campus. Microfilms make the documents accessible worldwide, to patrons of any library that subscribes to the service.

Empson also verifies that each student has passed an oral exam and collected the required faculty signatures approving the manuscript and abstract. “It’s the last hurdle they have to get through—a lot of them are literally packed and ready to go,” she says. “So if I say ‘You have to fix this,’ it’s either do it from afar or change your plans. Some of them do, canceling flights to get it done before they leave.” Without her OK, cap and gown—and coveted academic credentials—remain just out of reach. “We do try to make this a pleasant experience,” says Empson, whose soft-spoken demeanor suggests she means it. “I want them finished as much as they want to finish the degree.”

To that end, Empson offers informational seminars and provides electronic templates—complete with the proper margin settings, page number placement, and cover page format. Academic computer lab consultant Joanne Button provides free technology assistance from her post in CIT’s Uris Library computer lab, and another employee helps students using DSpace, an electronic archive.

The process is far more technologically sophisticated than it was back in the days when every thesis was pounded out on a manual typewriter. But if you’ve spent the better part of a decade immersed in research, analysis, and writing, the rules that Empson enforces (figures must follow their first mention, for example, within the text rather than at a chapter’s end) can seem fiendishly niggling. “They’ve done what they thought was the really difficult part and now they get off in these tiny details that are very frustrating,” says Empson.

Jessica Ward, PhD ’06, watched several friends scramble with last-minute paperwork, so she attended an informational session almost two years before she anticipated completing her degree in ecology and evolutionary biology. “The formatting and bureaucratic things were really painless,” she says, “but I knew they would be stressful at the end.” Now a post-doc at the Scripps Research Institute, Ward says that the hardest part was finding a typewriter to complete the thesis approval form, a document that includes both the manuscript title, which often changes at the oral exam,

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and the signatures of the full committee, whose members often disperse beyond campus after the exam. Like many students, Ward had the form signed at her defense and filled in the final title later. “But who uses a typewriter?” she says. “The first one I found, one of the letters didn’t work. The next typed at an angle, so I had to keep adjusting the paper.”

Cornell confers graduate degrees in January, May, and August, so there’s a seasonal ebb and flow to Empson’s work. As each submission deadline looms, the line of students snakes down the hallway. “It does get a little chaotic the last few days,” admits Empson. “But nobody wants to lose their place in line, so they’re hesitant to go far away.” E-mail has helped ease the burden: Chie Ikeya ’99, PhD ’06, traveled to Myanmar as part of her research on gender in colonial Burma, drafted her dissertation in London, had an in-person consultation with Empson during a visit to Ithaca, and electronically submitted the manuscript from Seattle.

Grad students have long supported a bustling cottage industry of thesis assistance. The cadre of typists converting longhand manuscripts into meticulously formatted documents has disappeared, but for \$15 to \$40 an hour you can hire someone to draft custom illustrations, edit text, collect signatures, properly format electronic files, even nag you to schedule relevant appointments. “Students get to the point where it’s nearly complete and then they have a tendency to wander off to do other things,” says Carol Cook, who provides formatting and courier services in Ithaca. She started out as a typist in 1967 and averages more than 100 clients annually. “They’re stretched to the breaking point when they call me, because they’ve let it go until the last minute, or the new semester is coming up and they’ll have to pay more tuition.”

Empson’s office provides contact information for a dozen such individuals. Thanks to computers, students do more of the work themselves than they did back in 1962, when Empson came to Cornell to work in the bursar’s office. In thirteen years as the thesis advisor, despite having scanned every page of every manuscript that warranted a graduate degree, she’s never actually read one—though several have been tempting. “By the time I get through the process, the manuscript has gone on to the library for cataloging and binding,” she says. “But there were a number that I thought I’d like to go back and read because they looked so interesting.”

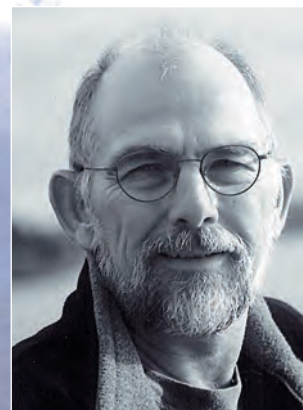
— Sharon Tregaskis ’95

Manatee Man

BIOLOGIST WORKS TO PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SEA COW



Gentle giants: Dan Odell '67 visits some of the manatees he helps nurse back to health at Sea World's nonprofit research institute in Orlando, Florida.



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aSK DAN ODELL '67 FOR A BUSINESS CARD AND HE'LL hand you a manatee. Not the herbivorous marine mammal, of course, which averages about ten feet long and 1,000 pounds. Rather, it's an artist's rendering of the sea cow floating above his contact information. But something is notably missing on Odell's card-sized creature: the scars. "Some manatees I've seen, they have dozens—it looks like railroad tracks going across their backs," says Odell, senior research biologist at the not-for-profit Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute in Orlando, Florida. "It's virtually impossible to find a manatee in the wild that hasn't been hit by a motorboat. They can sustain some incredible wounds and survive."

SeaWorld Orlando serves as a sort of manatee halfway house, where approximately two dozen of the fascinating, oddly shaped creatures are cared for each year before being released back into Florida waters or sent to other facilities. While the visiting hordes watch a half-dozen females and calves gliding through a lagoon at the Manatee Rescue exhibit, Odell passes through a gate into a quiet fenced-off area behind the scenes. He stops at the Beached Animal Rehabilitation Pool, currently home to a baby orphaned manatee about the size of a full-grown Labrador retriever. "They're coastal animals, almost strictly vegetarians," Odell

explains. "Here in Florida, they're occupying the same habitat that boaters do. But they can be hard to see because the water is often very turbulent." He points to a critical care pool a few steps away, where two large male manatees move through the shallow water like mini-submarines. Asked their names, Odell says that although each gets a field ID number, "there is a hesitancy to name animals unless we're sure they're going to survive."

Although Odell approaches his work with a certain academic distance, there is a hint of sadness in his eyes as he points out the creatures' backs, gashed and gouged with deep white scars. These distant relatives of the elephant have an air of sweetness and sorrow about them, and it might be said that one leads to the other. They are docile and curious, yet they also tend to be sluggish; although manatees can live in excess of sixty years, approximately one-fifth of Florida manatee deaths each year are caused by boat collisions. Says Odell, who has raised three children (two biologists and a chemist) with his wife, Terry: "My kids grew up helping me pick up dead manatees that washed ashore."

Odell glimpsed his first manatee at Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco in 1968, one year after receiving his degree in wildlife biology from Cornell (he earned an MA in zoology and a PhD in biology from UCLA). Since then, about half of his professional

life—at the Marine Lab at the University of Miami, at SeaWorld Orlando (where he oversaw all research activities in the nation's SeaWorld parks), and in his current position at the research institute—has focused on the history and conservation of the marine giant.

While there are more than seventy-five species of cetaceans—whales and dolphins—on earth today, there are only four species of sirenians: three manatees and one dugong. (A fifth species, Steller's sea cow, was hunted to extinction in the 1700s.) The Florida manatee, a subspecies of the West Indian manatee, is important to the state's ecosystem—it recycles vegetation and fertilizes vital sea grass beds—as well as to its ecotourism industry: swimming with manatees is big business. But the animal's existence is precarious. Threats come from natural changes in their environment, such as cold snaps and red tides. But man-made threats are a greater danger—not only boats but also the destruction of sea grass beds and the emergence of coastal power plants, which have led these warm-blooded creatures to become dependent on artificially heated waters.

By most estimates, the waterways in and around Florida are home to only some 3,300 manatees. That's one reason why much of Odell's focus over the years has concerned data compilation as part of the Southeastern U.S. Marine Mammal Stranding Network, a large group of volunteers authorized by the federal government to pick up sick, injured, entangled, or dead marine mammals, most often on coastal beaches. John Reynolds III, who was Odell's first doctoral student at the University of Miami and currently serves as chairman of the federal Marine Mammal Commission, says that Odell has been one of the Stranding Network's major proponents. "The field of marine biology would be much poorer without Dan," says Reynolds, who co-authored a 1992 book with Odell called *Manatees and Dugongs*. "He is a broad-thinking scientist, a terrific organizer, and a humble person." In 1990 Odell's efforts earned him a Point of Light award from President George H. W. Bush.

Manatees fall under the protection of several federal and state laws, notably the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972,

the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the Florida Marine Sanctuary Act of 1978. The last established boating speed limits in the state, a point of controversy between the marine industry and conservationists. Last year, representatives of Florida's boating industry successfully petitioned for a review of the animal's protected status by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which then voted to downgrade manatees from

"endangered" to "threatened." While manatees remain protected by federal laws, the decision worries Odell. "I think the downside will be the perception that manatees are safe in Florida," he says. "It's a balance. If people want to keep manatees and their ecosystems intact, we're going to have to change the way we do business and change our lifestyle. We can't just keep exploiting them until they're gone."

— Brad Herzog '90

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Right on time: Dale Corson inspects the sundial's progress in Clark Hall's machine shop.

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On a sunny January afternoon, an elderly gentleman checked the time on the Engineering Quad's sundial. Then he compared it to his wristwatch, and again to an intricate pocket watch he had removed from a zippered red pouch. "Forty-five seconds off," he declared. He added the figure to a long list on a yellow legal pad.

This was no retiree just marking time. It was President Emeritus Dale Corson, checking the sundial he designed in 1979 with Richard Phelan, professor emeritus of mechanical and aerospace engineering. The sundial had been removed for repairs in August and reinstalled in December. Since then, he'd checked its accuracy four times. "We have to follow it for a whole year before we really know," he said, squinting into the sun. "We had it down to under twenty seconds in the shop."

The sundial is wound each day, like a watch, whenever a passerby—usually "the first student to roll along in the morning," Corson says—turns a knob on the granite base. That prompts a cam, pulleys, and cables to shift a large lateral arc engraved with lines representing minutes from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. When the sun shines, a vertical cable casts a thin shadow on the lines to indicate the correct time.

The sundial was installed in November 1980; over the years, water had seeped into the base and rusted the mechanism. Some parts were replaced and others cleaned and rustproofed, says Cornell scientific-instrument maker Rodney Bowman. The bigger challenge was moving the six-foot structure to Clark Hall's basement machine shop and back. "This piece here," Bowman says, pointing to the arc, "that's at least 550 pounds. It's nothing that two guys could get hold of." A forklift, slings, and muscles did the trick.

The Quad and its sundial were both named in 1979 for Joseph N. Pew Jr. 1908. When the University unveiled its initial sundial design in the late 1970s, Corson protested. Sundials had caught his interest during World War II, when he learned celestial navigation while working for the U.S. Army Air Corps. Since then, the former Engineering dean had made many wooden and cardboard sundials, and he contended that the Pew sundial should be more than "a garden ornament." "I had so much criticism of it that they said, 'Well, you do it,'" Corson recalls. "And Rodney and I are still doing it."

During the three months of repairs, Corson used his home computer to calculate the coordinates—one for each day—for the complex curve that Bowman turned into the new cam. Once the parts were re-installed, he visited the machine shop weekly to make final calibrations. "It's as accurate as we can make it," Bowman said, as Corson left the Quad. "It's important to him."

Far Above...



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—PRESIDENT DAVID J. SKORTON

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- **Living-learning opportunities on North Campus and West Campus**, where the Residential Initiative is strengthening the connection between the academic lives of students and their lives outside of class.

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About 600 faculty members will likely retire in the next 10 to 15 years. As a result, Cornell must recruit, support, and inspire the next generation of faculty in every college and in every program. This wave of retirements poses a great challenge, but it also offers a great opportunity for Cornell to demonstrate its commitment to the range of excellence that characterizes the university and to diversify its faculty. *Far Above* will raise funds to support faculty and programs, including:

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Many campus facilities were built in an earlier era of technology no longer suitable for today's pedagogy and research. Cornell aims to develop state-of-the-art facilities on a beautiful and environmentally friendly, sustainable campus to foster creativity and inspire both education and discovery throughout the university. Appropriate technologies for learning, research, creativity, and sustainability must be a part of this development. Facilities for which *Far Above* seeks support include:

- Life Sciences Technology Building
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- Biomedical research building at Weill Cornell Medical College
- Milstein Hall
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• Program Support

• The Cornell Annual Fund

As national chair of the Cornell Annual Fund, Bob Katz '69 leads by example. His giving to the university begins every year with the Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund supports all the essential components of the university and is a key strategic objective of the campaign. "It is our first job to support every person, every study, every year," Katz says. "Regular or occasion-driven gifts to special priorities are 'special' precisely because they are built on—not substituted for—sustained giving to the Annual Fund."

In 2005–06, the Cornell Annual Fund supported students, faculty, and facilities in a variety of ways. For instance, resources empowered the university to build competitive and responsive faculty recruitment packages. The Annual Fund also supported shared core facilities, diversity initiatives, and Ithaca-Weill collaborations.

Cornell hopes that alumni and friends will help the university double the Annual Fund over the next five years—to approach \$30 million per year by 2011–2012. "Having that powerful stream of current-use, discretionary resources will be the equivalent of raising an additional \$600 million in unrestricted endowment," Katz says.

"Each of us has the opportunity to set an example for each other," says Katz. "We have all been asked to support the campaign and to make gifts toward a variety of priorities, but I encourage you to consider making the Cornell Annual Fund your initial priority every year—during the campaign and continuing after the campaign is over."



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MATTHEW SNEAD



Bill Kay '51 is surrounded by Cornelliana in his office at Drexelbrook, just outside Philadelphia. Red-decked walls signify his deep love for his alma mater, which he visits as often as he can.

A real estate developer, investor, and business owner, Kay always stands ready to help Cornell. Most recently—for his 55th reunion—Kay invested in the Residential Initiative. In honor of a \$10 million gift, one of

the new residence halls on North Campus has been named for the Kay family.

North Campus is the part of Cornell's living and learning environment that is focused on strengthening the undergraduate experience for first-year students. Kay's gift will be used to advance the West Campus project, which will consist of five program houses, a new community recreation center, and outdoor, social, and recreational areas for upper-level students when it is completed in 2008.

It's hard to top Kay's involvement, leadership, and devotion through the years. He loves getting to know students who benefit from his scholarship gifts. He's a life member of Cornell University Council, a 1997 recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, and the recipient of ILR's 2000 Jerome Alpern Distinguished Alumni Award. He was instrumental in founding the Real Estate Advisory Council, a key figure in planning the Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate program, and a co-founder of the Frederick G. Marcham Scholarship in the Department of History. He attends reunion almost every year, hosts Cornell gatherings at his home, and participates in nearly every Cornell function in Philadelphia. He also cheers on the Big Red from his own box in the Schoellkopf colonnade.

"I can remember my first gift to Cornell," he says. "I gave the big sum of \$5, which wasn't bad in 1952." In 1972, Kay made his first major gift—naming a room in Olin Library for his parents—to commemorate both his father's 50th reunion and his parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Since then, he's been convinced of the importance of supporting Cornell.

"For many years I've said you'll never put back anything close to what you received from Cornell. I feel that quite strongly. You can't give enough," Kay explains. "Cornell has got to be one of the most unusual universities in the world today. It attracts a unique undergraduate and graduate student body and marvelous professors. It has just gotten better as the years have gone by."

Excerpted from Communiqué, Fall 2006, originally written by Bethany Murray.

Message from the Campaign Chairs:

With its sesquicentennial year in sight, Cornell is at a wonderful point in history. It is recognized as a model for American higher education and respected for its dedication to serving the needs of society in fulfillment of its land-grant mission. This mission is recognized for the uncommon sense of larger purpose it imparts to every endeavor and the faculty and students it attracts who are motivated by a commitment to using knowledge to make transformative contributions to the world.

In addition, Cornell's colleges are regarded as leaders in efforts to confront the most challenging global problems and to discover dramatic breakthroughs that will improve the quality of our lives. This discovery is accelerated by state-of-the-art facilities that promote interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers. Partnerships that combine the diverse strengths of our faculty across colleges in Ithaca and the immense expertise of their colleagues at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City will bring forth new insights to save lives and expand our definition of what is possible.

The university is poised to be the best of its kind; to welcome students—the most outstanding from all walks of life across the globe—to learn on a campus that is singular in its breadth, depth, connectivity, and diversity; and to expand its public mission by fully realizing a role it has already begun to play: land-grant institution to the world.

Cornell needs us. This campaign will ensure that faculty and students can continue to generate revolutionary discoveries and to provide an inspired vision of the future—one that promises a better life. These are bold aspirations, and we must work together to realize them. Please join us in supporting this very important initiative.

Stephen B. Ashley '62, MBA '64

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LAST SUMMER, ADAM HOLLIER '07 spent nine weeks volunteering at the East Biloxi Coordination and Relief Center. At the Center, founded to assist storm-ravaged locals and direct the army of do-gooders who had descended on the area in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Hollier coordinated volunteers, wrote a personnel manual, ran a building supplies warehouse out of a church, and created an electronic inventory to track materials donated by companies nationwide. On weekends, he delivered windows, doors, and toilets and helped out around the home of a ninety-two-year-old widow who provided his accommodations. "I decided Biloxi was where I needed to be," he says. "It was an incredible experience. I went down to be of use, and there was a plethora of opportunities to make an impact."

When Adam Jacques Chester Lafayette Hollier was born, his parents named him after the relatives they hoped would influence him. Now a senior in Industrial and Labor Relations, the twenty-one-year-old Detroit native has crafted an acronym from his initials that honors another personal influence: "Amen Jesus Christ Lives Hallelujah." Hollier's Catholic faith serves as inspiration for a dizzying commitment to public service on campus and off, rounding out a schedule that would seem to preclude classroom attendance. Yet he boasts a cumulative GPA of 3.3 and still averages eight hours of sleep a night. With his long-term sights set on the Oval Office by way of the U.S. Senate and the Michigan governor's mansion, the easy-going student-athlete has ample motivation for clean living and good grades. He's joined a charismatic congregation and though he may call himself "pretty much no fun," his smile comes easily, his football coach credits him with cultivating the team's *esprit de corps*, and—with friends occupying the apartments above and beside his rarely locked North Campus three-bedroom—his well-equipped kitchen is a hub of activity.



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Service with a smile: Adam Hollier's dizzying array of volunteer activities includes a local fire department, a Big Brother program, and helping to rebuild post-Katrina Biloxi.

Humming Along

BARBARA STEWART '62 TOUTS (AND TOOTS) THE HUMBLE KAZOO



PROVIDED BY BARBARA STEWART

In September, U.S. and Canadian troops deployed in Afghanistan received some unusual packages: boxes of camouflage-colored kazoos. Barbara Stewart '62 was the mastermind behind donating the 600 plastic instruments, intended to boost morale. The founder of an arts education nonprofit based outside Rochester, New York, Stewart has been using kazoos for more than twenty years as a whimsical way to make the performing arts more accessible. She has appeared as a guest on the "Tonight Show," played a kazoo duet with comedian George Carlin, and performed at Lincoln Center with her ensemble, Kazoophony, which has been praised by the *Wall Street Journal* as "the world's premier kazoo group."

Stewart's training includes a degree in flute from the Eastman School of Music—plus an MFA in playwriting from Columbia, a design fellowship in the Yale School of Drama, a business degree from Dartmouth, and a master's in library science from Simmons College. (In the the early 1990s, she also held a world record in pole-vaulting.) She admits that, considering her many academic degrees, her promotion of the kazoo can seem a tad ridiculous. "But it's harmless fun for the musically marginal," she says, "and that will ultimately get people involved in the performing arts."

Stewart is the author of *The Complete How-To Kazoo* from Workman Press, a book-and-kazoo package that the *New York Times* called "the seminal work" on the instrument. In response to its continuing popularity—more than 300,000 copies have been sold since it was first published in 1983—Stewart released an updated version in 2006. Although the manual is intended as a humor book and gift item, she says, it also covers topics like the history of the kazoo and playing techniques. "Anyone who can talk, sing, or hum can play the kazoo," Stewart says. "It's a way of bringing people together to experiment with sound." Via her website (www.howto.kazoo.com), Stewart is currently conducting a letter-writing campaign to Congress, lobbying to make the kazoo the national instrument. "There are a few other American instruments, but who can play the sousaphone?" she asks. "Or carry it?"

— Kayla Rakowski '08

Hollier—whose father and brother are professional firefighters—volunteers with the Cayuga Heights Fire Department. As a kid, he found inspiration in Colin Powell's autobiography, and most of his volunteer efforts on campus involve outreach, networking, and opportunities for minorities. The summer stint in Biloxi came about after a spring-break volunteer trip to the Gulf Coast with fellow African American students, when he met a Biloxi native who described the plight of his neighbors. (Hollier also traces his lineage to two Native American tribes and the Scottish Isles; he spent two years as a residence assistant at Akwe:kon, the Native American program house. "Wherever I go," he says, "I blend in.")

But he doesn't exactly blend in on the football field. Of ninety-nine players on the 2006 varsity roster, only two were smaller than Hollier, a five-foot-seven defensive back who weighs in just south of 200 pounds. Not that he worries about his size. "He throws his body around recklessly," says head coach Jim Knowles '87. Hence the injuries that sidelined Hollier for all but one game. "He's just a little guy, but that's his personality—full speed with everything he does, with a great attitude and a smile on his face." That attitude made Hollier an influential force on the team. "When I took over, they were 0 and 7 in the Ivy League, but he was upbeat from the moment I met him," says Knowles. "Not many guys from his year stayed, and he's one of the players who helped us make the transition."

Hollier has a knack for understanding people and using that knowledge to be an effective leader, says Lauren States, an IBM vice president from Westchester County whose family volunteered on the Gulf Coast during their summer vacation. After a day of removing debris from crumbling houses, States signed up to help at the Relief Center. She showed up in designer jeans and Coach heels, expecting to do something clerical. Hollier needed her group to inventory and organize the warehouse. "I can't do that," States told him. His response still resonates. "He said, 'You can do it; you just don't want to,'" she recalls. "He was exactly right." States returned to the base camp for sturdy shoes and spent the rest of the day haul-

ing construction materials. “Adam’s commitment to community is deep,” says States. “A lot of people would be working on the right internship, the right fellowship, the right thing to help them get into graduate school.”

After Cornell, Hollier plans to pursue graduate studies in city and regional planning, and return to Detroit to launch his own urban revitalization program. “I want to serve firefighters, janitors, nurses, teachers, police officers, and other civil servants,” says Hollier, whose mother is a social worker and sister is a cop. “My goal is to make sustainable change in the institutions that influence our lives.” The time in Biloxi provided an education in the realities of policy, and last fall Hollier completed an independent study analyzing data he collected on how the people he met endured the destruction of their community and the challenges of rebuilding. “Being down there was an eye-opening experience—seeing how things work, how they don’t, how the mechanisms we have in place to fix problems either help or hurt,” he says.

In December, on the first Sunday after classes ended—when most students were still recovering from the weekend’s festivities or studying for exams—Hollier and a handful of fellow undergrads gathered in the lounge at Ujamaa Residential College to host a Kwanzaa celebration for the Ithakids Big Brother Big Sister program. Hollier coordinates the program, which pairs local elementary and middle school children with college students. He was sporting a black T-shirt with ransom-note typography declaring, “I’ve just kidnapped myself. Give me 100,000 dollars or you will never see me again.” The odd message is a reference to the pre-Civil War intellectual gymnastics that made a fugitive slave guilty of kidnapping—himself. Says Hollier: “I try to say something with everything I wear.”

After the kids wolfed down a half-dozen pizzas, a presentation introduced them to the Swahili vocabulary of Kwanzaa and the holiday’s origins. Hollier’s own little brother wasn’t on hand, so after the program ended, he took the little brother of a friend to Robert Purcell Community Center for a few games of pool.

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

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Happy Ending

AFTER HIS PUBLISHER YANKED HIS NOVEL, ENGLISH PROF J. ROBERT LENNON LANDED ON HIS FEET (AND IN *HARPER'S*)

CAM: Your novel *Happyland*—about a doll-company millionaire named Happy Masters who takes over a college town in Upstate New York—sparked a minor scandal when W. W. Norton scrapped it for fear of a lawsuit. What happened?

JRL: Pleasant Rowland, who started American Girl, was buying up property in Aurora. She had gone to Wells College and wanted to make the town a tourist destination. People told me I should write a novel about it, and the more I thought about it the more I liked it. But Happy is a totally made-up character.

CAM: You really didn't do any research on Pleasant Rowland?

JRL: None—not even a little sneaky Google. I didn't want to know anything about her, because if it was good I'd be tempted to put it in the book. After it was finished I did look her up on the Internet. She turns out not to be anything like Happy, thank God.

CAM: But she threatened to sue anyway?

JRL: No, I don't think she intervened at all.

CAM: So . . . your publisher just panicked?

JRL: Someone must have. I never found out who or why because I never talked to Norton again; I only talked to their lawyer. After I handed in the final draft in January 2005, something happened. They suddenly didn't want it anymore.

CAM: Did you get paid?

JRL: Their generous gesture was to not force me to give back the first half of the book advance.

CAM: Then *Harper's* decided to excerpt a huge chunk of it over four months.

JRL: *Harper's* is really into First Amendment issues, and the back story was interesting to them. They started running it in

summer 2006. It was an amazing opportunity, and I got more attention for it than I would have just publishing a book.

CAM: What does Happy do that's so bad?

JRL: She wants to remake a whole town, the problem of course being that the town is full of real people. The old-timers are being replaced by these weird, overweight Midwesterners wearing fanny packs. The people who grew up there have to think about whether that's OK with them, whether they want to try to preserve the town or let it lose its identity.

CAM: You've said that Happy is an allegory for the Bush Administration.

JRL: I'm frustrated at the political manipulations that have been coming out of the White House—I was so anxious about it that it was preventing me from writing. So I made Happy Mephistophelian, Karl Rove-like, and had her use the same kind of language that the Bush Administration does to pull the wool over people's eyes.

CAM: For instance?

JRL: She wants to replace the college library, which she thinks is ugly. So she has someone plant evidence that it's falling apart so she can tear it down and donate money to build a new one. Of course, it's not going to be a library; it's part of her master plan. She convinces people to do what she wants—and to think they're choosing to do it.

CAM: What did the whole experience teach you?

JRL: You just have to write whatever the



hell you want to write. Whether people buy it or not is a total crapshoot—you've got to write what makes you happy. It would make me even happier if the book got published.

CAM: Are you bitter?

JRL: I was, but I'm not anymore. I think it's interesting what happened. And I'm glad it's over.

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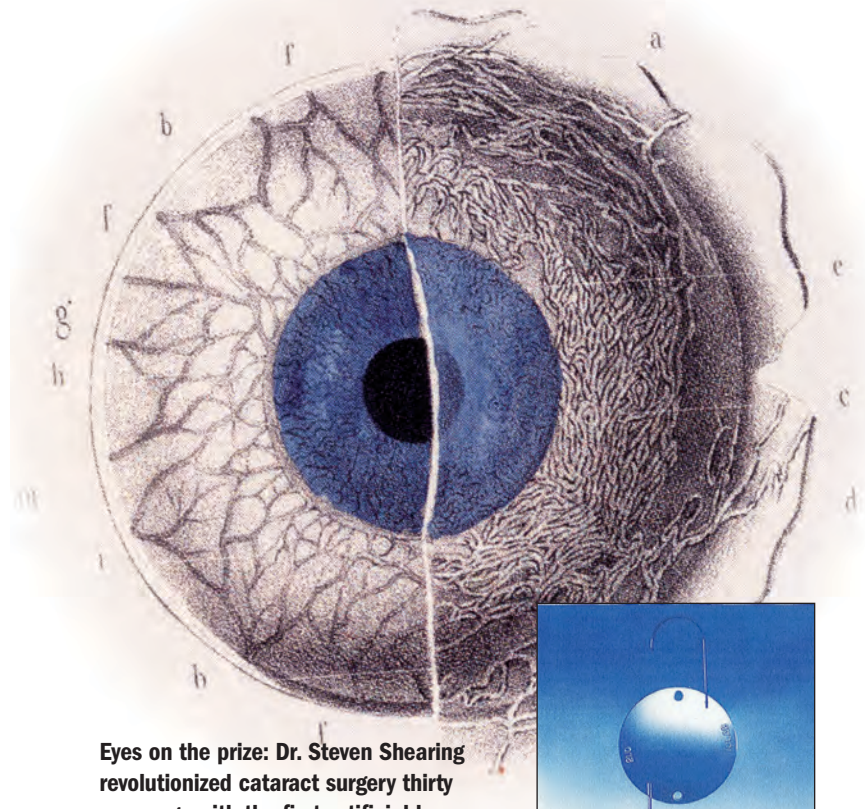
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OPTHALMOLOGIST DR. STEVEN Shearing '56 recently traveled to India, where a friend introduced him to a well-known local doctor. The Indian physician began describing an artificial lens he had been using to cure hundreds of impoverished patients with cataracts—and what a blessing restored sight had been for them. The friend asked the Indian doctor if he knew who invented the lens. He didn't—and was told, "You're sitting opposite him!"

It's been thirty years since Shearing

revolutionized cataract surgery with a thin plastic disc flanked by spring-like wires. But the impact of the Shearing Lens is still felt today. Lenses with the same basic design are now the most common type of artificial implant in the United States, with 2.8 million cataract operations annually. That number is sure to increase as the population ages.

Severe cataract cases are rare in the United States today. But thirty years ago, People had cataracts surgically removed and their vision improved—but not by

the condition, which clouds vision, made reading difficult and driving dangerous. Afterward, "Coke-bottle" glasses offered further improvements but narrowed the field of view. "They caused what was called a jack-in-the-box phenomenon," Shearing says. "You didn't see something in your visual range and then it jumped out. People would fall down and break their hips."

Cataracts naturally develop when people reach their sixties and early seventies. They form in the eye's lens, a structure about the size and shape of an M&M filled with water and protein and wrapped in a cellophane-like bag called a capsule. Like a camera lens, it focuses light and images onto the retina at the back of the eye. But with age, protein cells accumulate, blocking images from the retina and turning the lens grayish-white. That color gives the condition its name, Shearing says. "It's as if you are looking

through a waterfall."

Over the centuries healers have tried to treat cataracts with surgery, including attempts in the 1700s with an artificial lens that Shearing calls "a disaster." Then in World War II, British ophthalmologist Harold Ridley noticed that downed Royal Air Force pilots whose eyes had been pierced with splinters of plastic windshield recovered surprisingly well. In 1949, he tried a novel procedure: he took out the natural lens and replaced it with a plastic one. His gambit worked—but only up to a point, and many criticized his innovation. A decade passed before a few European ophthalmologists tried again, this time placing the artificial lens toward the front of the eye, either wedging it near the iris or sewing it to the iris itself. The technique was certainly easier than going deeper into the eye, as Ridley had done. But those implants often damaged the cornea. "There was a lot of debate in the

early 1970s," Shearing remembers. "Is it dangerous? Should we work on this? And that's when I came along."

The New York City native was setting up practice in Las Vegas while his wife, a lawyer whom he had met and married at Cornell, set up hers. (Miriam Mattinen Shearing '56 later became the first female chief justice of Nevada's Supreme Court.) By then, a small minority of ophthalmologists, including Shearing, had embraced Ridley's approach: putting an artificial implant where the natural one had been. But the implants available weren't up to the task.

As Shearing saw it, surgeons faced a dilemma. To insert an artificial lens, the surgeon had to go through the pupil—an exceedingly narrow opening. A lens big enough to fit into the capsule wouldn't slip easily through the pupil, and one small enough to fit through the pupil would bounce around inside the capsule.



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Shearing changed the game with the concept of compressibility. "I said, 'Well, let's spring-load it,'" he remembers, "so it's easy to get in, and then let the springs open to a remembered position." He hired a manufacturer to make a lens with two polypropylene wires that would hold it in place. In March 1977, he implanted the first Shearing Lens on an indigent woman whom he had treated in the past for free. It was a move that would be practically illegal today: federal regulations now require lengthy review of human experiments. "I thought a lot about that first case," Shearing says. "Who to do it on; was it fair?" He went ahead, deciding he would use a conventional implant if his posed any problem.

It didn't. The capsule quickly sealed around the lens, with little trauma. "It was the lens that changed everything," says Calvin Roberts, clinical professor of ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College. "The surgery itself was technically more difficult—you needed greater skill. But with time, everybody converted." Other companies soon followed with innovations, and surgeons quickly discarded the Shearing Lens for improved versions. Medicare paid for the procedure, creating even greater demand for artificial lenses.

If Shearing's is a story of medical innovation, it's also a cautionary financial tale. The manufacturer, IOLAB, had insisted on an exclusive license. Concerned that IOLAB would not manufacture the implant otherwise, Shearing agreed. If you ask him whether he regrets that decision, he admits it was "a big mistake." IOLAB eventually terminated the contract, cutting him out of profits from subsequent generations of lenses.

Still, the lens did earn him patent royalties and an international reputation. Today, cataract surgery takes fifteen minutes on an outpatient basis; the newest lenses, which allow people to see both near and far without glasses, are based on Shearing's original design. Roberts compares the lens's influence to that of Henry Ford's Model T. "So, you say, it's been almost 100 years since Henry Ford. Haven't there been great changes?" Roberts says. "Well, there have—but cars still have four wheels."


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SMART BOMB

By David Dudley
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Keith Olbermann's well-tuned sense of outrage has made him an unlikely hero for a skeptical age.

As a sportscaster for Ithaca's WVBR, the student-run FM radio station, a teenage Keith Olbermann '79 was prone to irreverence. On pleasant days he'd haul his microphone outside the station's Linden Avenue headquarters and broadcast in the sunshine. Once he did the sports in rhyme. He'd been reading a lot of Ring Lardner and was inspired to compose a two-and-a-half minute sportscast in verse, just as the legendary newspaperman had done as a beat reporter covering a Cubs-Giants rainout in 1910.

After wrapping the bit, Olbermann walked into the control room, where he found the station engineer getting off the phone. “Somebody just called in,” the engineer announced, “and asked me, ‘Is this guy a jackass, or what?’”

Olbermann chuckles at the memory. “It wasn’t a rhetorical question,” he says. “The guy was really trying to find out if I was thought of as a jackass, or if there was some other explanation.”

This is an issue of ongoing resonance with current Olbermann watchers, some of whom wrestle with the same question as they tune in to his nightly MSNBC newsmagazine, “Countdown with Keith Olbermann.” In the past two years, the former ESPN anchor has assumed a polarizing role as an outspoken liberal voice amid the right-leaning talkers on cable news. The position comes with all the glory and infamy of digital-age punditry: video clips of his speeches assailing the Bush Administration ranked among the most popular blog links of 2006 and have raised Olbermann’s profile in antiwar circles. Some network execs and industry critics tracking the show’s rising ratings and pop-culture cachet have suggested that “Countdown,” with its brisk mix of serious policy discussion, tabloid whimsy, and unabashed commentary, is nothing less than the network news of the future. “The most compelling news personality of his generation,” the *Hollywood Reporter* recently proclaimed. “Love him or hate him, he is a charismatic, righteously indignant force of nature who is inspiring fervent cheers and detesting jeers in equal measure.”

Accordingly, the nation’s red precincts now echo with attacks on all things Olbermann: his opinion-laced style, his seriocomic feud with Fox News rival Bill O’Reilly, his history of workplace disgruntlement, his dating habits. In November, a frequent poster to a conservative Web forum was arrested by the FBI for mailing threatening letters laced with a harmless white powder to several media personalities with perceived left-of-center tendencies, Olbermann included. In January, Geraldo Rivera threatened to “make a pizza out of him.” In other words, the former local sportscaster with the Guy Smiley looks has officially joined Michael Moore and Al Franken on the Liberal Media A-list.

This seems to suit Olbermann fine. Arriving for a late breakfast at Manhattan’s Parker Meridien Hotel, Olbermann is buzzing over the latest from the Fox camp—O’Reilly’s charge that NBC itself is “an activist network” that had gone “sharply to the left.” The previous morning, NBC News president Steve Capus told reporters that O’Reilly—who pointedly refrains from mentioning Olbermann by name—had a more specific target in mind. “I don’t quite understand it,” Capus said. “I assume it’s because Keith Olbermann has had such tremendous growth and there’s real momentum behind Keith’s broadcast.” This in turn has handed Olbermann yet another opportunity to berate his *bête noire*, and he’s a contented man.

“People think I’m really bothered by all the criticism,” he says, sipping a strawberry smoothie. He tells a story about being rebuffed by a fan at Shea Stadium in April 2003, right after “Countdown” debuted. “The guy tells his friend, ‘Never mind him—he’s a liberal.’ Now, I’ve been on the air a week and a half. All we’d done at that point is introduce reporters from the field in Iraq. No commentary, no criticism, no point-of-view. And yet, this word had become like a sign. So we’re starting with the point that, because someone perceives me—incompletely, if not incorrectly—as a liberal, they’re going to dismiss me utterly. Somehow they think that will limit me. I think it liberates me.”

As befits a man who has been doing radio since high school, there is little dead air during a conversation with Keith Olbermann. He’s an unlined forty-eight years old, six-three and possessed of camera-ready gravitas: his jet-black helmet of anchorman hair has assumed a dignified pewter cast, the 1980s moustache of the KTLA years is long gone, and he chats in the dulcet baritone of a born broadcaster. On “Countdown,” when he needles O’Reilly by quoting the Fox host’s own words, he takes his voice down a notch and assumes the stentorian tones of Ted Baxter, fatuous anchor of the “Mary Tyler Moore Show.” But the joke is that this sounds little like O’Reilly, who has a plainspoken, I’m-Just-Saying cadence to even his most immoderate pronouncements. It just sounds like Olbermann, only more so.

The voice is deployed to its most striking effect when he delivers a “Special Comment,” an op-ed monologue that closes the show occasionally (“whenever my blood rises to a sufficient height,” Olbermann says). The first, inspired by the woeful official response to Hurricane Katrina, ran in September 2005, and its memorable charge that the government “has just proved that it cannot save its citizens from a biological weapon called standing water” was so well received that MSNBC execs asked for more. Olbermann demurred. “It has to be organic,” he says. “I viewed it as an isolated incident.”

The Special Comment would not re-emerge until August 2006, with an epic denunciation of then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who had just compared critics of the war in Iraq to appeasement-minded politicians of pre-World War II Europe. “Thus did Mr. Rumsfeld make an apt historical analogy,” Olbermann began, “excepting the fact that he has the battery plugged in backwards. His government, absolute and exclusive in its knowledge, is not the modern version of the one which stood up to the Nazis. It is the modern version of the government of Neville Chamberlain.” He closed with a McCarthy-era quotation from his broadcasting idol, Edward R. Murrow. Less than two weeks later he excoriated the Bush Administration on the fifth anniversary of 9/11. Clips of those two speeches, posted to YouTube and several political websites, have been downloaded hundreds of thousands of times, making “Countdown” a multi-platform phenomenon.

Despite the newfangled distribution technology, there’s something distinctly retro about the performance: a man in a suit, eyes locked on the audience, aiming ten minutes of well-modulated spleen at an unmoving camera. The essays bristle with literary references, ornate locution, and a barely contained sense of cosmic indignation. Associations with CBS newsmen Murrow are both inevitable and intentional—more so since Olbermann began borrowing Murrow’s sign-off, “Good night, and good luck.” But a more frequent point of comparison is a fictional one: Howard Beale, the old-school anchorman prone to on-air meltdowns in the 1976 film *Network*. “You could do worse,” Olbermann says of his two journalistic models; a fan of the movie, he posed as a pajama-clad Beale for *GQ*’s 2006 Men of the Year issue. “I can tell you that when I did that [Rumsfeld commentary], I felt like I was going to get up out of the chair and grab the camera and go, ‘Are you listening to me?’” At this, the voice assumes full Special Comment intensity, a swelling tide of outrage. “Did you hear how little he understands of the history he pretends to be a master of? That he thinks he would have been Churchill when in fact he’s clearly Chamberlain? And, oh, by the way, it was *his* party in this



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Mad TV: Ratings for MSNBC's "Countdown" have jumped since Olbermann (above) began aiming editorials at the Bush Administration. Below: Olbermann joins ESPN's Jeremy Schaap '91 and Mark Schwarz '81 for a Cornell reunion at the 1998 American League playoffs.

country that appeased Hitler! It was *his* party that didn't want to get involved in the Second World War!" He cuts himself short and returns to his smoothie. "Anyway, I'm doing it again."

The peculiar thing about the current incarnation of Keith Olbermann as truth-telling Last Angry Man is that he first found fame as the smart-aleck who refused to take anything seriously. With his "SportsCenter" partner Dan Patrick on ESPN in the 1990s, he turned the staid highlight show into a postmodern playground of catch phrases and absurdist ad-libs. It was a style Olbermann had been honing for a long time. "What you saw on 'SportsCenter,' that's what he did on his sportscasts on WVBR," says Peter Schacknow '78, who worked the news desk at the student station. A former business anchor on Bloomberg radio, he's now a CNBC producer. "Keith already had this professional-quality broadcast voice."

Olbermann grew up in the prosperous Westchester County suburb of Tarrytown, New York. At eight years old, he got his first pack of baseball cards; within a few years, he was writing and performing his own sportscasts, first to himself and then via a high school radio station. "It opened up for me like a jewel that you find in the street," he says. At fourteen he wrote and privately published a book on major-league baseball coaches. At sixteen, when he arrived at Cornell, he had a sideline writing baseball card copy



PROVIDED BY KEITH OLBERMANN

and editing a sports-card collectors' magazine. (Olbermann remains a rabid memorabilia collector, with a stash of cards covering every year from 1863.)

By the time he found his way to WVBR, Olbermann had a healthy head start on his colleagues. "The fact that I was sixteen and on a radio station was something I expected of myself," he says. "The older students were kind of surprised at my preparation. But I had done this before, so they put me on quickly." Olbermann first broadcast on October 7, 1975. "I came back to



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KEITH OLBERMANN

Radio days: Olbermann at the WVBR mic in 1975 (left) and on the run in 1977 (right), covering the Phi Psi 500 on College Avenue.

my room in Mennen Hall and played the tape of it that my neighbor had recorded,” he says. “And realized that I mispronounced my own name.” The lesson proved instructive: Olbermann became a methodical archivist of his own work and has since filled a rented storage space with tapes of his broadcasts.

Coursework took a backseat to radio work. With the Yankees a perennial contender, Olbermann’s autumns were full of skipped classes and flights to New York to cover World Series games. “I was prioritizing,” he says. “I never heard anybody in broadcasting say that their grade-point average ever figured in to whether they got work.” At WVBR, where he quickly became sports director, he sold advertising, trained recruits, learned how to report breaking news, and dueled with pro rivals for listeners. “Keith was single-handedly trying to turn the sports department into something,” says Jim Savitt ’80, a freshman sportscaster recruited by Olbermann. “It was an intellectually exciting place to be. We were trying to learn the business, trying to assert our adulthood. Keith had opinions on everything, and he had a way of articulating them in such a way that you were never really sure whether he knew what he was talking about.”

In those post-Watergate years, the student broadcasters tended to obsess over careers, not politics. “They didn’t call it the ‘Me Decade’ for nothing,” says Schacknow. Once, in a rare moment of self-doubt, Olbermann wondered aloud if he would make it. “He asked me, ‘Are we fooling ourselves?’” Schacknow recalls. “‘Are we good enough?’ And I said, ‘Well, I know you are.’”

The ink was barely dry on Olbermann’s diploma when he was hired by UPI in New York City. In 1981, he went to television, joining a new cable news network called CNN, then did local TV sports in Boston and Los Angeles. ESPN came calling in 1992, and the arch, self-referential banter Olbermann pioneered with Patrick on “SportsCenter” seemed to reinvent the genre overnight, paving the way for an army of imitators. It also made Olbermann one of the most famous sportscasters in America.

In a self-lacerating 2002 essay for *Salon* called “ESPN: Mea

Culpa,” Olbermann shed some light on his turbulent 1997 exit from “SportsCenter.” “I couldn’t handle the pressure of working in daily long-form television,” he declared, “and what was worse, I didn’t *know* I couldn’t handle it.” The details were more complicated: Olbermann publicly tweaked the network and its executives and gave some brutal assessments of former colleagues to the author of a behind-the-scenes book. As ESPN’s director of communications, Mike Soltys, memorably told *USA Today*, Olbermann “didn’t burn bridges here—he napalmed them.”

The publicity saddled Olbermann with a reputation as a difficult co-worker, a perfectionist and prima donna who could be his own worst enemy. In 1998, that image only sharpened. Handed an opportunity to do a newsmagazine for MSNBC, “The Big Show,” he quickly found the program consumed by the mushrooming Clinton impeachment scandal. The show was renamed “White House in Crisis,” and, after seventeen months and an unsuccessful effort to broaden it beyond l’affaire Lewinsky, Olber-

The question then becomes: How long can Keith stay angry? ‘It’s hard to sustain that degree of outrage day after day,’ says NPR’s David Folkenflik ’91. ‘But smart people can play a lot of roles, and Olbermann is smarter than a lot of guys.’

mann wanted out. He found a very public outlet for his frustration: a convocation speech for the Class of 1998 in Barton Hall. “There are days now when my line of work makes me ashamed, makes me depressed, makes me cry,” Olbermann told the assembled graduates. The speech helped seal his fate at the network. “I remember, as I was writing it, that I had no inclination whatsoever to hold anything back,” he says.

Mulling a more permanent return to campus, Olbermann spoke to a Cornell administrator about teaching in the communication department. Instead, he was traded away like a moody power hitter: NBC sold his contract to Fox Sports. “That’s when you start thinking, Well, teaching at Cornell is noble and really a

nice sort of symmetry," he says, "but that's eight million dollars."

His tenure at Fox was remunerative but no happier; two and a half years later, his low-rated weekly sports show was off the air, and a few industry prognosticators sensed the end of his TV career. "The sad truth is that Olbermann's perfect format was ESPN's 'SportsCenter,'" *Sports Illustrated* mused in 2001, calling him "a supremely talented but restless soul who has worn out a string of welcome mats. . . . Olbermann will probably spend the rest of his career trying to recapture what he had with Patrick."

The door of Olbermann's office at the MSNBC studios in Secaucus is decorated with a few telling artifacts of his new station in life. Next to a picture of Kent Brockman, cartoon anchorman of "The Simpsons," there's an Olbermann trading card, trimmed in blue, with his team affiliation ("Liberal"). And there's a chummy snapshot of him with a beaming Bill Clinton, who asked Olbermann to attend the first meeting of his Clinton Global Initiative in September. "I've had fans among political figures before," Olbermann says. "But I hadn't been invited to those things until the Special Comments occurred. It's interesting. It's also useful to remember that bandwagons leave every quarter hour in politics."

The journey back to prime time began with a gig as a substitute host on MSNBC in 2003. The shows went well, and the perennial third-place cable news network agreed to give Olbermann another shot. The premiere of "Countdown" neatly coincided with the invasion of Iraq, but it took time for Olbermann's innate skepticism to seep to the surface. "At the beginning, there was not going to be any commentary, and there was certainly not going to be any political stance," he says. "It was supposed to be an attempt to take a news format and make good television without sacrificing journalism. In an age of specialization, we'd be generalists. We have everybody on there, from John Dean to Lindsay Lohan."

Critics often call "Countdown" a left-wing approximation of the fire-breathing Fox News formula, but it's an inexact match: Olbermann's interview segments are typically civil exchanges with a repertory of journalists or like-minded experts, not O'Reilly-style shout-downs. The show's focus on the manifold failures of the Bush Administration, Olbermann contends, isn't an ideological crusade but an overdue application of journalistic incredulity. "On 9/11, the people who would have been skeptical of the president of the United States—the media and the opposing political party—suspended those skepticisms, for extraordinarily patriotic reasons," he says. "The administration believed that was some sort of permanent arrangement. And the last two years it's been necessary to disabuse them of this, in the strongest possible terms."

As support for the war wanes, Olbermann has the zeitgeist on his side. "Countdown" is now MSNBC's highest-rated program, and while his numbers lag well behind his time-slot rival O'Reilly, Olbermann has tightened his grip on second place, especially among younger viewers. All of which makes life pleasant in Secaucus these days, a state of grace that stands in marked contrast to Olbermann's previous employment situations. "Everybody loves Keith, loves the show," says executive producer Isabelle Povich '89. Rumors of friction with executives over Olbermann's anti-Bush rants occasionally rustle the blogosphere, but Povich dismisses them. "Those are conspiracy theorists. It's more like, 'What are

you guys doing that we should be doing too?' They've been incredibly supportive."

The question then becomes: How long can Keith stay angry? Povich notes that, while the Special Comments drive the buzz, they are a small and still-infrequent component of the show, much of which covers matters of less geopolitical import: celebrity tantrums, weird video clips, car chases. "Keith and I respectfully disagree about that," she says. "I'm the pop culture person. He thinks I'm crazy. But, you know, at a party you're not always going to talk about the war. You're also going to talk about 'American Idol.' Our job is to give the right mix."

That mix—a curious aggregate of hard and soft news—may reflect lessons learned from Olbermann's previous MSNBC outing. Still, many ask what the White House's most determined mainstream broadcast critic will do with his nightly sixty minutes when the current occupant leaves office. "You do wonder how he's going to be able to shift gears," says National Public Radio media correspondent David Folkenflik '91. "It's hard to sustain that degree of outrage day after day. But smart people can play a lot of roles, and Olbermann is smarter than a lot of guys."

His foes, meanwhile, can take solace in his employment history and await the inevitable blow-up with management. So far, publicity brushfires have been largely limited to personal gossip and an intemperate e-mail Olbermann sent to a viewer in 2006 (in which he called MSNBC colleague Rita Cosby "dumber than a suitcase of rocks"; he later issued an apology and has since curtailed his communications with fans). But stay tuned: Olbermann is negotiating a new contract in March. "Because of his personal demons, Keith has imploded everywhere he's worked," Fox News spokesperson Irena Briganti told the *New York Times* last summer, one of many salvos in the proxy war-of-words she conducts on behalf of O'Reilly. "It's obvious Keith is a train wreck waiting to happen."

Jim Savitt isn't so sure. Olbermann, he suspects, is right where he wants to be. "Keith has a magnet inside him that pulls him to controversy," he says. "I think he enjoys it. He likes to be where the action is." Others say that, unlike *Network's* Howard Beale, Olbermann does not appear to be a man on the edge. He has a steady girlfriend, talks about having kids, and somehow even mended fences with ESPN, rejoining his old partner Dan Patrick in 2005 for an hour on ESPN Radio every weekday afternoon. "He has the courage of his convictions, and he seems comfortable with his role," says Peter Schacknow, who just attended a forty-eighth birthday party for his old 'VBR colleague. "I'm shocked at what he's become. This is a late development. He's found his voice."

Judging by the adamant certainty in that voice, Olbermann seems unlikely to lose it again. This, of course, is what drives his detractors, liberal and conservative alike, to distraction—the whiff of the demagogic in his commentaries, the sense that he sometimes indulges in the same overconfidence that afflicts his opponents. Not so, Olbermann says: he is merely arguing the inarguable. "There's an old saw—'It's just my opinion, but I'm right,'" he says. "I don't even view it necessarily as commentary. I prefer to think of it as analysis. Which is, of course, commentary that the commentator views as correct."

And then—briskly, because he's due on the radio in an hour—he's up and out the door. Like any good broadcaster, Olbermann doesn't end a conversation with the usual civilian pleasantries. He has a sign-off. "We're not liberal," he announces brightly, striding to the lobby. "We're right!" ●



Food for Thought

**Why do we eat?
(Hint: It's not because
we're hungry.)**



By Susan Kelley

Illustrations by Martin Mayo

a dozen students slump in their chairs in a darkened room on Warren Hall's fourth floor. They think they are there to give a marketing professor feedback on different types of television programming, and they're clearly bored with the "Charlie Rose Show" clip they're watching.

In fact, they're the ones being watched. A food psychology expert is observing how much they'll eat of the cookies, carrots, grapes, and M&Ms in front of them. "They're so bored that they don't even pay attention to their food," whispers post-doc researcher Collin Payne. That wasn't the case with another group, who viewed a film clip of car chases and people hanging off buildings, Payne says. "When they're watching the movie, they're just shoving it into their mouths."

This is one of some twenty experiments conducted each year by Brian Wansink, professor of applied economics and management and director of Cornell's Food and Brand Lab. Each study asks questions about why we eat. The answer, he's found, is rarely hunger.

That's because environmental cues—from the size of an ice cream scoop to the music in a restaurant—prompt people to eat too often and too much. "Mindless eating," as he calls it, is a major reason why 66 percent of U.S. adults are overweight, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Are we exercising less? Yes. Is more fast food available? Yes," Wansink says. "But obesity mostly relates to frequency and volume. The more frequently we eat and the more we eat, the greater the risk of obesity. Those are bigger drivers than whether a person decides to have a hamburger versus a grilled cheese sandwich. And a lot of the things that influence frequency and volume end up being cue-related."

How often one eats depends mostly on convenience; the closer a food is, the more likely you'll eat it. When Wansink placed chocolate kisses on the desks of college secretaries, they ate twice as many in a day (nine versus four) as when the chocolates were placed six feet away. And they ate two more pieces a day when the candy was in a clear jar versus an opaque one. How much one eats depends mostly on the



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Portion control: Too many of us are guilty of “mindless eating,” says Professor Brian Wansink.

food’s context, like the size of the container it’s in—a notoriously unreliable method, because it relies on the eyes, not the stomach. Wansink found that Chicago moviegoers given a large tub of popcorn ate 35 percent more than those given a medium one—even when the popcorn was five days old. “Does your perception of satiety influence how much you eat?” Wansink asks. “Maybe. But I’ll tell you, if it explains 2 percent of the variants, the size of a package, bowl, or plate is going to explain 40 percent.”

The trick is to re-engineer our environments to cue us to eat less. That’s the gist of Wansink’s fourth book, *Mindless Eating: Why We Eat More Than We Think*, which made it to the number eleven spot on the *New York Times*’ best-seller list in October 2006. In the book, Wansink says that most people only eat mindlessly in certain situations, like at their desks or at buffets. He advises readers to identify those situations, then find three small ways to shift their surroundings. For example, eat from smaller bowls and plates; replace short, wide glasses with tall, skinny ones; and repack bulk foods into small servings. Making just a few such changes can mean a reduction of 100 to 200 calories a day, Wansink says. “Set things up so that you don’t have to think about food—but you don’t gain twenty pounds every year either.”

The book summarizes more than 200 experiments, most conducted at universities and for institutions like the U.S. Army. Many of the experiments rely on crafty techniques. Wansink con-

cocted a “bottomless” bowl (that constantly filled via a hidden tube) to test how much volunteers would eat if they never finished their tomato soup. The answer? About 73 percent more than those who ate from a normal bowl—demonstrating the danger of the clean-plate mentality.

Those quirky experiments—and Wansink’s ability to boil down his findings to news-you-can-use tidbits—have made him something of a media darling. His research has appeared on CNN and “20/20,” on the front pages of the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*, and in magazines from *Oprah* to *Fitness*. Online, *Slate* has called him “Dr. Gorge.” Prestigious academic periodicals, including the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the *Journal of Consumer Research*, and the *Annual Review of Nutrition*, have also published his work.

Still, “cute” is often how colleagues describe his research, says Wansink, who has a doctorate in marketing from Stanford. That perception is likely what cost him tenure at Dartmouth and the Wharton School, he says. That was before he accepted an endowed chair at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; he came to Cornell in 2005. “At Dartmouth, they said, ‘Who cares about food?’ At Wharton, they said my published work was too interdisciplinary: ‘Why not just focus on marketing?’” Other critics charge he builds only tangentially on established streams of research.

Nonetheless, Wansink’s work can have an important impact

Tips from ‘Dr. Gorge’

Use tall glasses

People (including veteran bartenders) pour at least 28 percent more into short, wide glasses than into tall, narrow ones.

Avoid eating while watching TV

The longer you watch, the more you eat. Viewers who watched sixty minutes of television ate about 30 percent more than those who watched for thirty minutes.

Beware of fancy jargon

Menus that use descriptive names such as “Black Forest Double Chocolate Cake” versus “chocolate cake” increased cafeteria sales by 27 percent. Eating something you think you’ll like prompts you to overeat, even if the taste disappoints you.

Buy in small packages

People serve 22 percent more food out of large packages than small ones.

Choose two

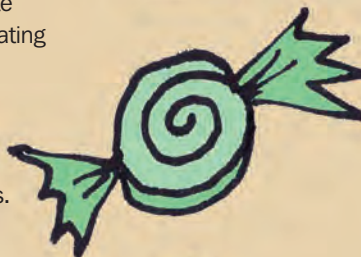
Variety causes people to overeat. At a buffet, consider putting no more than two types of foods on the plate at a time. It reduces consumption by at least 20 percent.

Avoid “supersizing”

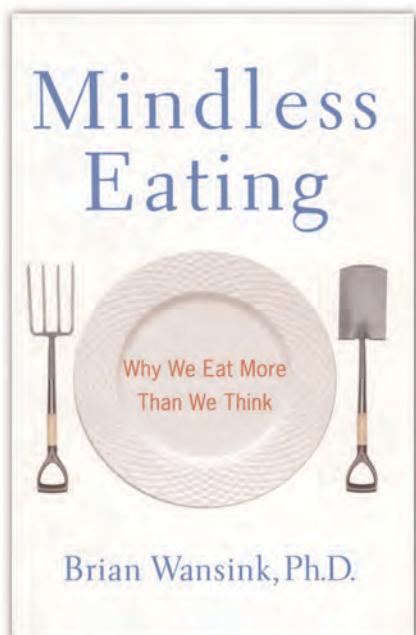
The bigger the meal, the harder it is to estimate its calories. Diners who “super-sized” their fast-food orders underestimated the calories they consumed by 40 percent, while those with smaller meals made fairly accurate estimates.

Beware of “low-fat” snacks

Foods labeled “low fat” have only 11 percent fewer calories than their regular counterparts. But people eat at least 25 percent more calories when they eat the low-fat versions.



in such areas as public health, he says. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is poised to restructure its school lunch programs from a cash to a debit-card system, based on a Wansink study that showed when people are given the choice between buying healthy foods with a debit card and unhealthy foods with cash, they’re 24 percent more likely to use the card. A current study looks at why some kids as young as three have healthy eating habits—and why some don’t. He and Payne have initially found that children with the best habits are those whose parents pre-plate food for them. That may be because parents tend to offer a little of everything, whereas a child will take only the foods they prefer, such as French fries. “That has tremendous potential,” Wansink says of



the initial findings. “Most parents think that Junior really knows what’s best for himself. But it’s not apparent that he does.”

At six-foot-one, Wansink maintains his weight at 176 pounds by taking his own advice. At home, he and his wife use antique plates measuring nine inches across, rather than the standard eleven. And they began serving only salad and vegetables family-style after his study showed that removing serving dishes from the table reduced consumption by 20 percent. Those small changes and others allow him to indulge occasionally in Burger King—and the fancier fare his wife learned to make at Le Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris. “I’m not going to say, ‘Honey, I don’t want that. Can you make me poached fish?’” 🍷



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The press conference, on January 9, 1972, may have been among the strangest in history. For more than a quarter century, Howard Hughes had filled America's front pages—as a Hollywood filmmaker, a record-setting aviator, and a ruthless business tycoon—and his playboy lifestyle provided endless fodder for the press. But then it all stopped. Hughes became a recluse, shutting himself off from all but a handful of associates, first on the ninth floor of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas and then on the ninth floor of the Britannia Hotel in the Bahamas. His last on-the-record interview had taken place in 1954. He hadn't been photographed since 1958. Meanwhile, rumors circulated: Hughes was terminally ill, or had drifted into madness, or was dead and had been replaced by an impersonator.

But on this day in January, Howard Hughes was back—sort of. The millions who watched the television broadcast saw seven reporters (hand-picked by Hughes) sitting in a Los Angeles television studio. One by one, the men tossed questions at a speakerphone on a table in the center of the room. The raspy voice that answered belonged to Hughes, speaking from his Bahamian suite, and it rambled on for two-and-a-half hours. One of the first questions was about the man who had prompted this theater of the absurd—Clifford Irving '51, until recent weeks a moderately successful novelist, now a figure nearly as mysterious and hounded by rumor as Hughes himself.

One month earlier, the McGraw-Hill Book Company announced that it would publish *The Autobiography of Howard Hughes*. The press release claimed that the sixty-seven-year-old

billionaire developed the book with Irving after several lengthy interview sessions “in various motel rooms and parked cars throughout the western hemisphere” and that Hughes chose Irving “because of his sympathy, discernment, discretion, and . . . integrity as a human being.”

McGraw-Hill had paid a \$750,000 advance for the book, and a total of nearly one million dollars was being offered by the Book-of-the-Month Club (which touted it as “the most important document in American literature published in forty years”), Dell Publishing Company (for paperback rights), and *Life* magazine (for exclusive excerpts). According to experts who had read it, Irving's 230,000-word manuscript was packed with details, anecdotes, and speech patterns peculiar to Hughes. So, the reporter asked, was Irving's tale true?

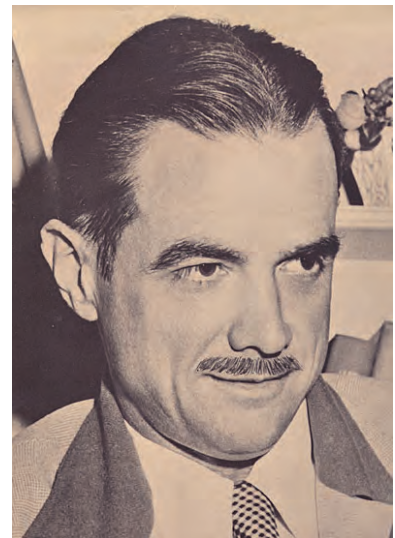
“I don't know him,” Hughes insisted. “I never saw him.”

The denial would prove to be the beginning of the end for Irving's elaborate hoax. Within weeks, investigations revealed that the “autobiography” was bogus. The day before the book was scheduled for publication, Irving and two co-conspirators (including his wife, Edith) found themselves indicted for conspiracy, forgery, perjury, grand larceny, and mail fraud. Each spent months in prison.

The hoax also landed Irving on the cover of *Time*, which dubbed him “Con Man of the Year” in 1972, and gave the author an enduring, if unwanted, literary immortality. Last April, the *Indianapolis Star* ranked Irving's pseudo-autobiography as one of the “ten greatest hoaxes of all time,” right up there with Orson

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In 1972, he masterminded one of the greatest literary hoaxes of the century. But when Hollywood turned his life into a movie, Clifford Irving '51 became very interested in the truth.



True lies: The three hoaxers—Irving, co-writer Richard Suskind, and Irving's wife, Edith—face the music in 1972. Irving would serve sixteen months in prison for masterminding the fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

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How They Did It: Jury's Version

Clifford and Edith Irving and researcher Richard Suskind (c.) are booked at Elizabeth St. police station.

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COURTESY OF CLIFFORD IRVING

Sixteen-year-old Clifford Irving as a Cornell freshman in 1947. An English major, he had early dreams of literary fame.

Welles's 1938 "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast. But Irving, who wrote nine more books after prison, would prefer to be remembered for something else. "I'm seventy-five years old," he says. "I've done a lot of things in my life, and that was one of them. That's not my legacy. If I have any legacy, it's in my body of work, my novels."

And here is where the story comes full circle. In that strange press conference, Hughes noted, "I only wish I was still in the movie business because I don't remember any script as wild . . . as this yarn has turned out to be." Hughes died in 1976, but three decades later, Hollywood has obliged. In April, *The Hoax*, starring Richard Gere as Clifford Irving, is coming to a theater near you. Irving, however, has chosen to distance himself from the film. Because, he says, it's not the true story.

Clifford Irving's father always wanted him to be in the movies. Jay Irving—born Rafsky—had made a name for himself as a cartoonist before losing most of his money in an ill-fated attempt to start a TV series called "Draw Me a Laugh." Embittered, he dreamed that his only child would succeed as a Hollywood player. "I think he had high expectations," Irving recalls from his home in Aspen, Colorado. "I always felt he wanted to avenge his own defeats through my successes."

In Irving's first novel, *On a Darkling Plain*, published in 1956 and set at Cornell, one character discusses "the burden of being an only child" with "no idea of how to lighten the load except by creating this illusion of success." Both Jay Irving and his wife, Dorothy, passed away months before their son's hoax. "Or else," Irving says, "I doubt that I would have had the courage to do it."

A capable artist himself, Irving graduated from Manhattan's High School of Music and Art in 1947 and entered Cornell at sixteen. He rowed freshman crew, served as president of Pi Lambda Phi, and majored in English, having discovered years earlier that girls who mocked his large ears changed their tune upon discovering his talent for poetry. While still an undergraduate, he married Nina Wilcox Merson '53. "What I really liked about Cliff was his passion for learning," she says. "We shared a profound love of

literature and art and classical music." But the marriage was soon annulled. "We realized we were children trying to be adults," says Irving. Merson, who later became an actress, recalls being taken aback by the "contempt and charges of villainy" that hounded Irving two decades later. "I thought that reaction was way over the top," she says.

Irving read voraciously at Cornell—Fitzgerald and Faulkner, Yeats and Eliot, and Hemingway, whose sense of adventure he greatly admired. An encounter with Dylan Thomas at the house of English professor David Daiches made a major impression: Irving arrived to find Thomas, visiting Cornell to read his poetry, half-drunk and singing bawdy songs. "It all came together for me," Irving recalls. "Writing isn't merely putting words on paper. It's a way of life, of connecting with source energy. And I saw that the people who do it, with full commitment, are full of *joie de vivre*, and often wonderfully vulnerable and human. I wanted to be part of that tribe."

After leaving Ithaca, Irving embarked on a peripatetic existence: Fuller Brush salesman in Syracuse, copy boy in New York, machinist's helper in Detroit. He sailed a schooner from southern Mexico to the French Riviera, lived on a houseboat in Kashmir, spent three months among the Berbers in southern Morocco, and traveled to the Suez Canal with the Israeli Army. His second wife, Claire Lydon, died in a car crash in 1959, and he divorced his third, the English model Fay Brooke, in 1965. By age forty, in 1970, Irving was married to his fourth wife, Edith, and they were raising two sons in a 500-year-old house on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza (an older son, Josh, was living with Brooke in London).

In his 1969 non-fiction book *Fake!*, Irving described Ibiza as "a tight little island where everybody minds everybody else's business and not much indiscretion goes unnoticed." *Time* would later portray the expatriate community as "an exotically primitive colony of artists and writers and international posers." There Irving befriended a world-class poser—Hungarian art forger Elmyr de Hory. *Fake!* told the true story of how de Hory created hundreds of counterfeit Picassos and Modiglianis, selling them to unsuspecting museums and galleries for millions. "If fools did not go to market," read the book's epigraph, "cracked pots and false wares would not be sold."

The pieces were now in place for Irving's scheme: a desire to make his mark, a disdain for the establishment, and an understanding of both the literary market and the art of fakery. When he came across a sample of Howard Hughes's handwriting in *Newsweek*, he mused that an authorized biography with the billionaire's imprimatur would be like gold in the publishing world—and that Hughes was likely either too ill or too neurotic to make public denials. In December 1970, he ran into an old friend, writer Dick Suskind.

"I've got a wild idea," Irving told him.

Looking back, Irving can point to a series of rationalizations that made the project seem achievable. He admits that it was probably his version of a midlife crisis. "I didn't decide to rob a bank, because I'm not a bank robber," he says. "But write a book? An imaginative book about a remarkable person? That appealed to me." Irving insists, too, that he and

Edith and Suskind figured theirs was more a whimsical fraud than a felony. They even believed that their decision to keep the money in escrow, in case it had to be returned, mitigated any criminality. "If we had thought we were committing a crime punishable by prison time," he says, "we never would have gone forward."

The conspirators also considered *The Autobiography of Howard Hughes* a victimless con. "First of all, the publishers were getting a good book," says Irving. "Second of all, Howard Hughes was getting a better life. We made him into a semi-heroic figure." Greed was not a factor, he says. He was in the midst of a four-book, \$150,000 deal from McGraw-Hill. "I never would have done it just for the money. I had money. I wanted adventure and fresh achievement."

Former wife Edith Sommer, who still lives in the house on Ibiza and now uses her maiden name, agrees that the conspirators underestimated the scale of the crime. "We were idiotic and

naïve," she says. "No publisher likes to be taken for a ride."

The scheme called for serious chutzpah, not only in the notion that he could bluff his way to hundreds of thousands of dollars by taking on both the Hughes empire and the literary establishment, but also in the way it was carried out. There were forged letters from Hughes, including a nine-page note, all pronounced genuine by handwriting experts. One letter stated that the billionaire was content to have all his money from McGraw-Hill paid via Irving, as long as the checks were made out to H. R. Hughes. In another, Hughes asked for a larger advance; McGraw-Hill was happy to comply.

There were the elaborate stories, too, that Irving concocted about his encounters with Hughes—on a mountaintop in Oaxaca, Mexico; in a tropical rain forest near San Juan, Puerto Rico; at a Holiday Inn in Beverly Hills. Irving told his editors of using code words and being driven to secret locations. He did visit those places, so he was able to produce hotel bills and plane tickets. But much of the time Irving was actually meeting his mistress, a Dutch baroness named Nina van Pallandt. "The more crazy the adventures were," he says, "the more they loved it." Irving also enjoyed the game—up to a point. "It was fun and exciting and I loved every minute of it, despite the fact that my heart grew heavy in the end."

As that end approached, Irving was forced to make denials in the face of denials. Though voice experts agreed that it was indeed



Beginning of the end:
At a 1972 press conference, Howard Hughes broke his silence to denounce his fictional autobiographer.

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Hughes on the line at the speakerphone press conference, Irving insisted that “it’s not him—it’s a damn good imitation of what he might have sounded like a few years ago, when he was healthy, but it’s not him.” A week later, at McGraw-Hill’s insistence, Irving sat for a “60 Minutes” interview with Mike Wallace. “For better or worse, I think I know Howard Hughes better than any man alive,” he said. “The autobiography is genuine.” (Wallace believed him.) He volunteered to take a polygraph test, but the results were deemed inconclusive. “In many ways, Clifford created his own reality show,” says film producer Joshua Maurer, who optioned Irving’s story thirteen years ago. “He took his life and made it the center of his fiction. He became his own protagonist. I think he had to be a great actor, a great writer, and most assuredly a great con man.”

The motor that kept the scheme going, however, was the manuscript. Editors at McGraw-Hill and *Life* who read the autobiography found it so convincing that they supported Irving even after Hughes denied meeting him. The book was a mix of legitimate research—Irving and Suskind interviewed obscure Hughes associates and combed through unpublished memoirs, private interview transcripts, and newspaper files—and outright thievery. Irving had secretly made a copy of a book being prepared by Noah Dietrich, Hughes’s longtime chief of staff. He merely reworked the information, embellishing certain incidents and replacing Dietrich’s voice with that of Hughes.

But the autobiography was also the product of the two authors’ vivid imaginations. They invented scenes of Hughes seducing his father’s mistress, swimming in the nude with Hemingway, meeting Albert Schweitzer, and flying reconnaissance missions out of England during World War II. They were careful to “libel the dead,” or primarily involve individuals who had passed away. And they gambled that the one man who could bring down the con would never emerge.

“I think we did believe that Hughes would not come out of hiding,” Irving says. “That didn’t mean that we felt it was risk-free, because we knew there were plenty of people surrounding him who were going to scream and yell. But somehow, we felt that we could handle that. We weren’t even sure it would get that far. If things hadn’t gone so well for us, if so many amazing and serendipitous things hadn’t happened, we probably would have hit dead ends or lost interest because it was basically a lunatic idea. But the publishers were enthusiastic, and we managed to blunder forward.”

Ultimately, the plot fell apart because of the money. Authorities noticed that the person who was withdrawing checks from a Swiss bank account in the name H. R. Hughes was not a six-foot-three male billionaire but a five-foot-three woman going by the name Helga Hughes who bore a striking resemblance to Edith Irving. The couple denied it for a while, but once they admitted they had not been truthful about the checks, the hoax unraveled. Investigators descended from all sides, from the FBI to the Swiss police. At one point as many as thirty employees of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service were tracking clues around the world. By mid-February, even publisher Harold McGraw was forced to admit, “We’ve been taken.”

There tended to be two perspectives on Irving. Some considered him a brilliant cultural provocateur; a New York underground

paper hailed the hoax as “one of the most imaginative revolutionary acts of the season.” Strangers would approach Irving on the street and tell him, “Don’t give back a dime of the money.” But others have taken a dimmer view. “I just don’t think that there is room in journalism—and this is really journalism, too—for that kind of fakery,” says former *Chicago Sun-Times* managing editor and CNN vice-president Stuart Loory ’54, currently the Lee Hills Chair in Free-Press Studies at the Missouri School of Journalism (and a freshman in Pi Lambda Phi when Irving was a senior). “It casts a dark shadow on the whole business.”

At the time of the hoax, many were convinced that the conspirators couldn’t possibly have pulled it off by themselves. Art forger de Hory, who denied any involvement, judged that the creator of the fake Hughes letters “would have to be a genius And Cliff, dear boy, is no genius at anything.” Hughes’s spokespeople were certain that the hoax was a scheme of mammoth proportions, much too intricate for three amateurs. Says Irving, dryly,

COURTESY OF CLIFFORD IRVING



Irving with his current wife, Julie. He’s written nine books since serving time for the Hughes hoax. “I’m seventy-five years old,” he says. “I’ve done a lot of things in my life, and that was one of them. That’s not my legacy.”

“There are other compliments in life that I would rather have.”

He remains proud, however, of the book itself, often including *The Autobiography of Howard Hughes* on the “Also by Clifford Irving” page of his novels (under the heading of “Fiction”). “Whether genuine or a hoax,” *Los Angeles Times* book critic Robert Kirsch wrote in 1972, “it’s a crime not to publish it.” After his sixteen-month prison term, Irving went to court and won the right to do just that. But it would be twenty-seven years before the book was finally made available via Terrificbooks.com, an online direct bookseller started by Irving and some acquaintances; the book occasionally appears on Amazon.com for upwards of \$150.

Irving had more success with *The Hoax*, his first-person account of the Hughes affair, written just before the author was incarcerated. It was published by a small press after a lucrative arrangement with Simon & Schuster fell through (because of intervention from Harold McGraw, according to Irving). But, as a *Time* writer said in a negative review of *The Hoax* published in

Art forger de Hory judged that the creator of the fake Hughes letters 'would have to be a genius And Cliff, dear boy, is no genius at anything.'

September 1972, "to believe the confessions of Clifford Irving is a little like believing the confessions of Baron Munchausen."

After being paroled on Valentine's Day 1974, Irving embarked on an effort to reconstruct his reputation, which was no easy feat. The hoax had become a pop-culture touchstone: people wore buttons that asked, "Is this a genuine Howard Hughes button?"; a pornographic movie called *Helga and Howard* played in midtown Manhattan. But Irving wasn't famous; he was infamous. "Publishers wanted to have lunch with me, but they didn't want to publish me," he recalls. "They didn't want to be identified with me professionally. That took time."

He declared bankruptcy, agreed to divorce Edith, and even tried to start a business as a ghostwriter for the rich and famous. Slowly, his career began to rebound. He co-wrote a couple of spy novels and then reestablished himself in 1982 with the publication of *Tom Mix and Pancho Villa*. "Fortunately, they didn't send me to prison for that one," he quips.

Five more books followed, their settings ranging from a Polish concentration camp to a Houston courtroom, and several have been adapted for television. He's just finished another, titled *I Remember Amnesia*. Irving has been married to his sixth wife, Julie, since 1998. (Wife number five, an Australian woman named Maureen, is "barely worth mentioning," Irving says; he married her to help her obtain green card status.) The Irvings winter in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, where they have an apartment, and spend much of the rest of the year in a rented home in Aspen. This summer, they rented a place in the south of France and hosted Irving's youngest sons. Edith joined them, too.

Irving will admit to regrets about the Hughes affair, particularly concerning his duplicity toward McGraw-Hill editor Beverly Loo, once a friend. (Loo, now a faculty member at George Washington University, says that she was astonished when Irving's lawyer asked her for a recommendation to his parole board.) Thoughts of the hoax rarely cross his mind, he says. "For a long time, I wanted to step away from that event. I did not want my life to be identified with the Howard Hughes hoax, as much as it may be difficult to avoid. And it's going to be even more difficult with this movie out. But I'll certainly do my best."

This isn't the first time he has been the focus of a film. In 1974, Orson Welles released *F for Fake*, a curious quasi-documentary about Irving, Elmyr de Hory, and the art of deceit. But *The Hoax* is different, a big-budget Hollywood re-imagining of the event itself, which producer Maurer describes as "a new interpretation of the Irving story." As the tagline of the movie's trailer declares, "Based on the true story. Would we lie to you?" Irving's response: "Yes they would, and they do, consistently and blatantly, throughout the movie. It's a hoax about a hoax."

Still, the film has given Irving a high-profile boost. He was well-compensated for selling the film rights to *The Hoax*—Maurer describes the deal as "extremely high-end"—and the book was reissued by Hyperion in October. Irving has launched a website (CliffordIrving.com) to sell his work and capitalize on the publicity. But he is less enthusiastic about the film itself. As a paid consultant, he sent a series of notes to the producers, complaining of

the "deep and widespread" inaccuracies in early scripts. "It's a movie, and you can do as you please," he wrote. "But be aware that there is no authenticity." When he finally saw the final shooting script, he says, he was "horrified on many levels. First of all, I didn't think it was a good script. I thought it was silly. I said to my agent at the time, 'I don't want to get involved with this movie.'"

It's certainly not that his role is underplayed. The screenplay even suggests that the book—and its accurate guess about a secret loan from Hughes to Richard Nixon's brother—may have sparked the Watergate break-in. Rather, Irving believes that—unlike his *Autobiography of Howard Hughes*, which made a hero out of its flawed subject—Hollywood's *Hoax* is a slap in the face. "It insults me, Dick Suskind, and all the characters involved in it," says Irving, who asked to have his name removed from the credits as technical adviser. "They've made the publishers into idiots. It's totally inaccurate. [The producers] say that's not true, but they're movie producers, and they lie consistently as a matter of principle."

Maurer, who shepherded the movie from book to screen and spent hours chatting with Irving by e-mail and phone, questions Irving's understanding of fact and fiction. "His perspective is rather intimate, and I'm not going to begrudge him that," he says. "But it is ironic that Clifford is criticizing our movie for manipulating the truth, when the story of the hoax is about the very manipulation of the truth itself." Besides, says Maurer, his film has really done Irving something of a favor. "We portrayed him much more sympathetically than he portrayed himself," he says, echoing the rationalization Irving once made about Howard Hughes.

The producer isn't the only one to note the irony of the situation. Last January, *New York Times* columnist Frank Rich invoked Irving in his examination of a more recent literary scandal, that of James Frey's fabricated memoir, *A Million Little Pieces*, and the cultural predominance of "truthiness," a term coined by Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert. Referring to Irving, whose book "bamboozled the world long before fraudulent autobiographies and biographies were cool," Rich dismissed the author's misgivings about the movie. "That Mr. Irving can return like Rip Van Winkle after all these years to take the moral high ground in defense of truthfulness," he wrote, "is a sign of just how low into truthiness we have sunk." Irving's response is frustration that commentators like Rich "seem to operate under the belief that if you've told a public lie thirty-five years ago and paid the price, you're barred for the rest of your life from telling the truth and pointing out other people's lies."

If Irving appreciates the symmetry of his predicament, he doesn't mention it. The man whose infamy will be relived nationwide claims that, other than friends and family, he doesn't care a whit what people think. The truth, as he knows well, has many layers. "Whatever people believe is an attitude—it has little to do with what we fondly call 'truth,'" says Irving, who plans to write his own autobiography in the near future. "The past is fiction, the future is fantasy, and the present, for the most part, is an ongoing hoax." ●

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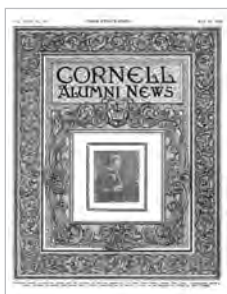
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Spreading the Word

Best practices for alumni participation, Part II

By Stephanie Keene Fox '89
and Larry Taylor '73

Ed. Note: This is the second of two articles about the various ways Cornellians encourage participation in alumni organizations; the first appeared in the January/February issue.

What are some of the best ways for alumni groups to encourage membership and galvanize volunteers? To find out, we surveyed all organizations belonging to the Cornell Alumni Federation, from regional clubs to college-based groups, as well as some classes. We gathered their feedback about what works well and distilled it into the following "best practices."

In this installment, we'll share some of their most successful strategies aimed at encouraging alumni participation. We hope that these tools and ideas enhance the vitality of your own organization.

Reminder e-mails

More and more alumni organizations use e-mail as a way to keep in touch with their members. Messages usually include a link to the group's website and another to the Cornell site, to provide general University information. The groups we surveyed highly recommended the use of reminder e-mails prior to events. Most groups send at least one reminder per activity; some, such as the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida, usually send two. The Ithaca-area alumni association e-mails members after an event to both solicit feedback and encourage participation in the next activity.

E-lists

Groups that e-mail their constituents usually do so with the help of an electronic mailing list, or listserv. These lists

are best handled through Cornell's "e-list" service. This is critical because the use of an outside vendor could violate Cornell's privacy policy. Furthermore, the University's new software includes administrative tools that make distribution management easy, via either e-mail commands or Cornell's e-list website. The service also offers the advantage of useful functions, such as the ability to post messages and to generate reports on the percentage of e-mails delivered. To start using the University's e-list service, first identify a local volunteer to manage the list and then contact your organization's on-campus staff partner.

E-mail certainly has its advantages: it doesn't cost much and is particularly effective with younger alumni. But be aware that the University's database has e-mail addresses for only about half of all alumni. So when an organization wants guaranteed coverage, a mix of electronic and direct mail is best.

A range of events

When it comes to garnering maximum alumni participation, the quality and variety of events trump quantity. Different events tend to attract different segments of the alumni population, so balance the calendar of events for the year to offer a

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Birthday bash: Some 350 alumni and friends celebrated Ezra Cornell's 200th birthday in January at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, sponsored by Joseph Giles '84. They included Class of 1958 members pictured here (left to right): Eileen Linsner, Gerry Linsner, Gladys Stifel, Elizabeth Merritt (front), Mary Carr, Alan Goldman, and Carol Welch.

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May 15, 2007**

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New York/Ontario Region

CWC/Cortland County, March 20—Tour of Intertek and dinner, Cortland. Contact Sally Horak, 607/756-2065.

College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, March 24—Cornell in Rome 20th Anniversary Celebration. Contact Jane Hodgson, jeh65@cornell.edu, 607/255-7510.

CAA/Central New York, April 7—Tour of Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency. Contact David Duerr, dduerr@syracusechamber.com, 315/470-1881.

CWC/Syracuse, April 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Helena Viramontes, professor of English. Contact Katherine Buehl McMahon, kab249@cornell.edu, 315/492-2378.

CC/Genesee-Orleans, April 12—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: George Hudler, chair of plant pathology. Contact Hans Kunze, 585/495-6797.

CWC/Cortland County, April 17—Book discussion: *The Orphan Home* by Christine Buchholz Buck and John Buchholz, Cortland. Contact Bernice Potter-Masler, 607/756-5010.

Entrepreneurship@Cornell, April 19–20—2nd annual celebration, including a CEN event. Contact Debra Moesch-Shelley, DLM8@cornell.edu, 607/254-2802.

College of Engineering, April 20–21—CEAA Engineering Conference: “The Impact of Globalization on Business and Technology,” Ithaca. Contact David Heller, dheller@hellerindustries.com, 973/377-6800, ext. 103.

CC/Rochester, April 25—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Peter Katzenstein, international studies professor. Contact Gilbert Chan, gac2@cornell.edu, 585/272-0734.

CC/Southern Tier, April 26—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: C. C. Chu, professor and director of graduate studies in fiber science and apparel design. Contact Beau Saul, jbs15@cornell.edu, 607/255-6012.

CWC/Cortland County, May 15—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Rita Calvo, senior lecturer in molecular biology and genetics. Contact Amy Simrell, 607/347-6621.

Metro New York

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, March 15—“Cornell Celebrates New York Wines” dinner and auction, Lighthouse on Pier 61, Chelsea Piers, New York City. Contact Tim Oonk, tjo7@cornell.edu, 607/255-7604.

CC/New York, March 23—Casino night, Cornell Club, New York City. Contact Kerry Strassel, k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com, 212/692-1381.

CAA/Princeton, March 24—Wine tasting. Contact Stephanie Bosworth, stephanie.bosworth@mercer.com.

CAA/Westchester, April 13—Second Friday Lunch Club, Valhalla Crossing. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com, 914/478-5842.

School of Industrial and Labor Relations, April 16—5th Annual New York Human Resources Week, featuring three conferences. Contact Kasi Dean, kad57@cornell.edu, 607/254-7250.

CC/Long Island, April 19—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kathryn Boor, food science professor. Contact Randy Rosenberg, rrr74@cornell.edu, 516/681-8875.

CC/Monmouth and Ocean Counties, April 20—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kathryn Boor, food science professor. Contact Lynne Shapiro Smith, LShapiro@citistreetonline.com, 732/671-7812.

CC/Rockland County, April 21—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kathryn Boor, food science professor. Contact Dana Stangel-Plowe, djs226@cornell.edu, 845/639-3277.

CAA/Princeton, May 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, assistant professor of communication and information science. Contact Susan Todes Perl, stperl@comcast.net, 609/275-4774.

CC/Northern New Jersey, May 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, assistant professor of communication and information science. Contact Rolf Frantz, raf22@cornell.edu, 973/539-9787.

CAA/Westchester, May 10—An evening with history professor emeritus Walter LaFeber, speaking on “9/11 in Historical Perspective.” Contact Andrea Glanz, wcbigred@aol.com, 914/428-7340.

CAA/Westchester, May 11—Second Friday Lunch Club, Valhalla Crossing. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com, 914/478-5842.

Northeast Region

CC/New Hampshire, April 1—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Bernd Blosser, associate professor of natural resources. Contact Nancy Tierney, 603/448-4722.

CC/Rhode Island and Bristol County, April 3—Lunchtime talk: Douglas Parker, author of *Ogden Nash: The Life and Work of America's Laureate of Light Verse*. Contact Sara Strachan, cornellclubri@gmail.com.

Northeast Regional Office, April 10—Cornell Alumnae Dinner, the Helmand, Cambridge. Contact Alexis Riedl, ar48@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

CEN/Boston, April 10—Featuring Steven Simmons, chair and CEO, Simmons Communications, at the offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, Boston. Details and registration at: <http://cen.cornell.edu/article.php?sid=340>. Contact Magdalena Kalinka, mak93@cornell.edu, 607/254 8327.

Northeast Regional Office, April 12—Young alumni gathering. Contact Sarah Perkins, sbp29@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

CC/Coastal Connecticut, April 13—Annual meeting: “How Local Cornellians Use Their Gifts.” Contact Myron Stacks, mstacks@aol.com.

Northeast Regional Office, May 10—Young Alumni gathering. Contact Sarah Perkins, sbp29@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

Northeast Regional Office, May 14—Cornell Alumnae Dinner, Dandelion Green, Burlington, Massachusetts. Contact Alexis Riedl, ar48@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

North Central

CC/Pittsburgh, April 4—Cornell Dinner Club, Sonoma Grille. Contact Mady Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com, 412/831-9039.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, April 7—Tour of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Contact Justin Stone, 440/212-7668.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, April 10—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Nelson Hairston, chair of ecology and evolutionary biology. Contact Sara Britting, SLBritting@aol.com, 440/333-7242.

CC/Pittsburgh, April 11—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Nelson Hairston, chair of ecology and evolutionary biology. Contact Mady Bauer, cornell68@adelphia.net, 412/831-9039.

CC/Michigan, April 13—*Tony 'n Tina's Wedding*. Contact Erick LaVoie, 734/674-3358.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, April 24—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Barry Strauss, history professor. Contact Justin Stone, cornell_club@yahoo.com, 440/212-7668.

CAA/Central Ohio, April 25—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Barry Strauss, history professor. Contact Rose Cacioppo, rosecacioppo@netscape.net, 614/937-7673.

CC/Mid-America, April 26—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Barry Strauss, history professor. Contact David Sims, david.sims@micorp.com, 913/236-8658.

CC/Pittsburgh, May 2—Cornell Dinner Club, Abay Restaurant, Pittsburgh. Contact Mady Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com, 412/831-9039.

Middle Atlantic

CC/Delaware, May 6—Point to Point. Contact Walter Wujcik, wujcikwalt@aol.com, 610/431-1101.

CC/Delaware, May 15—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: C.C. Chu, professor and director of graduate studies in fiber science and apparel design. Contact Eric Etschman, ede22@cornell.edu.

CC/Maryland, May 16—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: C.C. Chu, professor and director of graduate studies in fiber science and apparel design. Contact Roy Troxel, rrt4@cornell.edu.

CC/Lancaster, May 17—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: C.C. Chu, professor and director of graduate studies in fiber science and apparel design. Contact Rick Faulkner, RFaulkner@Barrickdesign.com.

Midwest

CC/St. Louis, March 15—Dragon Day and Zinck's-and-a-half event for young alumni. Contact Wendy Sponaugle, wfs4@cornell.edu.

CC/Minnesota, March 20—Reading group: *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides, Caffe con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Buzzi McVay, cbmcvay@earthlink.net, 612/377-5780.

CC/Minnesota, April 17—Reading group: *Rumsprieger: To Be or Not to Be Amish* by Tom Shachtman, Caffe con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Buzzi McVay, cbmcvay@earthlink.net, 612/377-5780.

College of Engineering, April 26—All-engineering reception with Jim Gossett, professor of civil and environmental engineering, speaking on alternative energy, at the offices of Transwestern Chicago, Chicago. Contact Carol Eichler, cme24@cornell.edu, 607/255-7757.

Southeast

CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, March 20—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Doyle, director of undergraduate biology. Contact Alejandro Badia, alex@surgical.net, 305/379-6142.

CC/Gold Coast, March 21—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Doyle, director of undergraduate biology. Contact Lawrence Ben, bulldogLSB@aol.com, 954/961-3710.

CC/Suncoast, March 22—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Doyle, director of undergraduate biology. Contact Thomas Murphy, TLM33@cornell.edu, 727/384-2727.

CAA/Southwest Florida, March 24—*Damn Yankees*, lunch and matinee, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers. Contact Neena Lurvey, NLurvey@comcast.net, 239/495-8576.

CC/Eastern Florida, March 30—Scholarship fundraiser: dinner with government professor Ted Lowi, Breakers, Palm Beach. Contact Esther Bondareff, esbcu37@aol.com, 561/209-6293, or Katie Yeoman, katie.yeoman@thebreakers.com, 561/616-0245.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, April 12—Jeffrey Dering, executive

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variety of activities. For example, the Cornell Alumni Association of North Texas traditionally offered many events that appealed to young alumni. But last year, it organized a members-only activity aimed specifically at families: tables at the annual Breakfast with Santa/Neiman Marcus parade. Area alumni joined the association just to attend this popular event, and tickets sold out in one week. The association is now offering more family-friendly events.

Phone-a-thons

Phone contact is effective, either with a phone-a-thon that takes place at a central location, or with a phone tree, where volunteers divide up the club list and make calls from their homes. The method an organization chooses is often a function of the availability of space and the organization's volunteers. Some groups have had a good response from using a phone-a-thon to encourage participation at specific events. These phone-a-thons are particularly effective when they take place after an invitation has been mailed out and just prior to an event.

Buddy systems

Personal contact is a useful way to encourage alumni to participate. Some groups set up a buddy system, in which veteran members are paired with new

members. The veterans call or send the new members a personal reminder to encourage them to attend events and to make them feel welcome.

Greeters

Most groups use a greeter of some kind at key events, who meets alumni at the door and acts as a host for the event. Greeters can be especially effective when they make introductions and help the attendees feel welcome. The more comfortable alumni are at an event, the more likely they will continue to participate in the organization.

Book-award programs

Sometimes new participants need a bite-sized role to get them started. Book award programs can often fit the bill. The Cornell Latino Alumni Association instituted a book scholarship toward which all dues went for one year—and tripled its dues-paying membership. The Cornell Club of St. Louis invited alumni to donate and present Cornell book awards to a junior at the high school of their choice.

Unifying goals

One effective way to encourage participation is to organize a special project or program that captures the imagination of the participants. For many alumni

groups, that unifying goal is a scholarship fund. For example, the Cornell Club of Chicago's key annual event is a scholarship fundraiser called the Full Moon Ball. The Cornell Club of Northeastern Ohio created "Summer on the Cuyahoga," a program in which eleven Cornell students are selected to work in Northeastern Ohio for paid internships. The Cornell Club of Pittsburgh's fund supports under-represented students attending Cornell's Summer College for High School Students. These types of major initiatives are often the rallying point for a diverse membership and by their very nature encourage alumni participation.

We'd like to thank the twenty-eight Cornell leaders who contributed their time to share their best practices. We hope these tools and ideas enhance membership in your organization.

Ed. Note: If you have questions about the survey results, please e-mail Donna Carl at dc37@cornell.edu and the authors will respond.

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director, Pelican Man's Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary. Contact Jim Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net, 941/366-3125.

CC/Eastern Florida, April 15—Family Day picnic. Contact Martin Solomon, solomonmm@yahoo.com, 561/274-7581.

CAA/Blue Ridge Mountains, April 18—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, associate professor of hospitality facilities and operations. Contact Janet Moore, jmoore96@bellsouth.net, 828/684-9300.

CAA/Charlotte, April 19—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, associate professor of hospitality facilities and operations. Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

CC/Central Florida, April 20—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, associate professor of hospitality facilities and operations. Contact Max Elson, melson@rwbaird.com, 407/566-0796.

CC/Gold Coast, April 22—Spring Social for club members and the Class of 2011, at the home of Rose and Lawrence Ben, Hollywood. Contact Lawrence Ben, bulldogLSB@aol.com, 954/961-3710.

CC/Suncoast, May 3—All-Ivy Plus Networking Night. Contact Tom Murphy, TLM33@cornell.edu.

CAA/Southwest Florida, May 5—*Swing*, lunch and matinee, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers. Contact Neena Lurvey, NLurvey@comcast.net, 239/495-8576.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, May 10—Red and White Luncheon. Contact Jim Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net, 941/366-3125.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, May 10—Happy hour, Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen. Contact Ron Chandler, rphan@bellsouth.net.

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Southwest/Mountain

CAA/Greater Houston, April 22—Reception for students accepted to Cornell. Contact Antoine Bryant, antoine_bryant@hotmail.com.

CAA/North Texas, April 24—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Patrick Stover, associate professor of nutritional sciences, speaking on "Nutrition and Health: Is It All in the Genes?" Contact Jonathan Licker, Jonathan.L.Licker@fritolay.com, 972/369-0034.

CC/Oklahoma, April 25—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Patrick Stover, associate professor of nutritional sciences, speaking on "Nutrition and Health: Is It All in the Genes?" Contact Robert Connor, robert_connor@ML.com, 918/743-0953.

CC/Colorado, April 27—13th Annual Dude Ranch

Weekend, Lost Valley Ranch, Deckers, Colorado. Contact Rich Boyan, rvb2@cornell.edu, 303/666-5525.

CAA/Greater Houston, May 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Cindy Van Es, senior lecturer, applied economics and management. Contact David Martin, dcm1@cornell.edu, 713/528-9587.

CC/Austin, May 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Cindy Van Es, senior lecturer, applied economics and management. Contact Nicole Blair, nblair711@hotmail.com, 512/970-4497.

Western

Cornell Silicon Valley, March 22—8th Annual Cornell Silicon Valley Presidential Event, San Francisco. Contact Shannon Murray, shm4@cornell.edu, 650/755-9711.

31 The best (and only) class news that I have right now is not news but is very good. Our own **Sy Katz**'s great legacy to Cornell and our class was a smashing success this year! After the Columbia game last Nov. 11, "The Sy Katz '31 Parade" down Fifth Avenue was by far the biggest and best ever!

Early in the fall my son **Bill '65** decided it was high time to start "bending the twigs," i.e., introducing his three granddaughters, ages 10, 7, and 4, to the joys of Cornell by taking them to march in the parade. Their parents **Kenny '87** and **Kara Vanneman Klein '89**, Uncle **Ting '67** and Aunt **Jane Wallace Vanneman '68**, and I, of course, agreed enthusiastically. So, with a lot of help from our honorary classmate **Alice Katz Berglas '66**, her brother **Bob Katz '69**, **Penny Skitol Haitkin '65**, and a host of others they enlisted to help take care of this arthritic old-timer, we staged a family reunion and marched in Sy's parade!

Leaning heavily on my trusty "walker," and sometimes on my sons, I was (almost) able to keep up with the Big Red Band and the cheering crowd of alums—stretching from curb to curb and half a block long—from in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral to the Cornell Club-New York on 44th Street. The Band blared away with "Give My Regards to Davy." The alums sang and cheered. The bewildered natives on the sidewalks and at the blocked-off street crossings wondered what these "crazies" were doing marching down Fifth Avenue to the tune of "Give My Regards to Broadway."

The police blocked off 44th Street to cross-town traffic, and a huge floodlight illuminated the area in front of the Cornell Club and particularly the drum major's ladder, from the top of which he directed a concert of Cornell music. The "committee" had thoughtfully provided for many of us—kazoos shaped a little like Sy's beloved trombone—so even those who had forgotten the words of some of the songs could join in the cacophony.

Our new president, David Skorton, had graciously agreed to be the Grand Marshall of this year's monster parade, and what an introduction to Cornell enthusiasm he and his charming wife, Robin Davisson, were accorded! They both entered right into the spirit of the occasion, and he furnished the perfect climax by climbing the ladder to the top and imitating the drum major's bend-over-backwards salute to the crowd. If among the alums there were any who weren't sure yet that he was the right person for president of the university, they were convinced right then and there!

I think we '31ers can think of Sy sitting atop one of those tall office buildings across from the club, watching all those Cornellians having a great time down below, and as he did after some of his other less magnificent pranks, simply smiling and gently chuckling to himself. May his parade go on forever! ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., Apt. 250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggampi@yahoo.com.

32 June 2007 will bring the 75th anniversary of our graduation, and I think that most of our peers will, by then, have achieved a 97th birthday. The university, recognizing the validity of this assumption, has provided a choice that we relics may make between a reunion as we remember them or a get-together in a slightly different format. Because the attendance of 75th-year classes has been very sparse, I am convinced the revised program makes better sense.

Here's how it works: Our class treasury takes care of most of the expenses including lodging, registration fees, breakfasts, lunches, receptions, dinners, and on-campus bus transportation. We may attach ourselves to the 70th-year class (1937 in our case) for programmed activities of all sorts. The young lady in charge of all this is: Deanna Quvus, Alumni House, 626 Thurston Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850-1290; tel., (607) 255-7085; e-mail, DQ11@cornell.edu. This is an elder-friendly program and I know that Deanna will be able to help you. Just communicate with her and she'll take it from there.

In the Nov/Dec issue of this magazine, I mentioned that **Charles K. Bassett '14** made a gift of two bells to be added to the chimes in the Library tower. Following is an anecdote involving Charlie Bassett. It goes back a few years to when the Princeton Triangle Club, the U. of Pennsylvania Mask & Wig, and, I suppose, a number of other institutions used to put together elaborate revues, which they took on the road to any number of favored cities.

Charlie Bassett was driving his father along a street on which the rear wall of one of Buffalo's theaters had a fire escape. The Bassetts were in an open car with the top down, and on the fire escape Charlie spotted a group of fellows catching a smoke and dressed for their appearance as the chorus line. Charlie tapped the horn and the fellow collegians waved an acknowledgment. The elder Mr. Bassett said, "Charles, chorus girls! I'm appalled!" Charlie tried to explain, "Dad, those are college men dressed up as girls," to which the reply was, "A LIKELY STORY!" ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209; tel., (716) 886-1314.



Give My Regards to 44th Street: Last November, the Big Red Marching Band capped "The Sy Katz '31 Parade" with an impromptu concert on the sidewalk in front of the Cornell Club-New York.

ROBERT BARKER / UP



35 Dear Classmates: We have received greetings from **Larry Dwon** in West Kill, NY, **Wilfred Kelly** in Vergennes, VT, and **Ruth Tachna**, BA '34, in Sarasota, FL. They report that they are still living in the same residences as previously reported and which we have passed on to you. Thanks very much.

Charles H.J. Bogel (105 Connetquot Rd., Bayport, NY 11705) reports that his granddaughter **Erika Ackermann** Duffy is Class of '91. He also has seven additional grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, aged 1 through 17. It sounds like you must have a great time when you get together, Charles. Charles has retired from his real estate and insurance business, of which he was president. He was also a Justice of the Peace and a Rotarian with 50 years of service.

'Trying to keep moving! Taking pills!'

RUTH BARCLAY WRIGHT '38

Charles has experienced the growth of Bayport from a small village with a post office that had to be visited to pick up the daily mail, to a thriving community with home delivery from four post offices. He has been involved with the Lions Club and the fire department, and over the years his hobbies have been golf and sailing. He lost his wife Marjorie in 1996 after 61 years of marriage.

It may be some time before I can produce another column, as the Class News has temporarily dried up. I send my best wishes to all of you. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830-6720; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

37 **Mary Keane** Brady writes: "I am doing well. I live near Nantucket Sound in Harwich Port, MA, on Cape Cod. My family live in the Boston area; one son also lives here in Harwich Port. I have three children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Keep busy with family, friends, and local interests. I am not sure, but hope to be back for reunion—the 70th!" **John** and **Ann Hough** (Janesville, WI) noted their recent travels: In summer 2005 they took a riverboat trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Later, in the fall of 2005, they visited the Big Island of Hawaii. Last fall they cruised from Port Liberty, NJ, to the Maritimes and Quebec and back. They are looking forward to reunion.

Ed Speiser (Wyncote, PA) owned a small chain of ladies apparel shops and retired in 1988. He and wife **Lennie** report "many fine travels through the years, but none recently." The Speisers have two sons and four grandchildren: Brad attends Boston U., Alex attends Temple U., Jaime attends Elon U., where she is an outstanding tennis and softball player, and Dan is a high school senior. **Ruth Mason** Phillips takes weekly hikes with a local group near her home in Eckert, CO. "I am still enjoying good health for 91 years and

hope to return for reunion. Have recently moved to a larger house with my son, Dr. **Arthur Phillips III** '69. Still the same area, but a different address."

Mary "Schustie" **Schuster** Jaffe (Ithaca, NY) serves on the program committee at Challenge Industries, a workshop for the handicapped, where she was on the board of directors for six years. Her hobby is playing recorder with a local group, and recent travel included an Alaska cruise in August. "I will be at reunion." **Arthur Harris** lives in Rumson, NJ, and his hobbies include tournament bridge and membership in the National Puzzlers League. He has two great-grandchildren, Sofia, 4, and Zeke, 2, and his grandson Isaac Harris is an architect.

Betty Eldridge Boylan (Emporia, KS) has moved to an assisted living apartment and is enjoying all the activities. "I am taking care of myself

and have no complaints." ♦ **Class of '37**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 401, Ithaca, NY 14850. You can e-mail your news to the Class Notes Editor at: adr4@cornell.edu.

38 **George** and **Dorris Batt** of Princeville, HI, sent a copy of their Christmas letter, photos and all: "Our 30th year in Kauai was exceptional. We spent the first week of April with Wendy and Charlie in Virginia to see the beautiful cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin in D.C. July and August were spent at the cottage on Long Lake in Harrison, ME. Our 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated August 17 in Maine with friends from Chicago and Cape Cod, along with six part-time Kauai residents and seven Maine residents. Our granddaughter Heather was married in September at beautiful Boturick Castle overlooking Loch Lomond, Scotland. A marvelous, magical time. Two days later we traveled to Heidelberg, Germany, for one week. It was a memorable time visiting relatives and revisiting historic and interesting places nearby. On the way home we had another four days of R&R in Virginia."

From **Marshall Hoke** (New London, NH): "Closed the sale of the Lakeshore home of 36 years, which was a big chore. Nice to be done with it now. Our extracurricular activity is mostly keeping apace with many descendants." Marshall writes that it's a happy time ("As the saying goes, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'") and adds, "I believe the diversification of the imagination acquired by liberal arts enhanced my related enjoyment of all life's thrills and chores thereafter." He sends greetings and best wishes to all. **Bernard Gartlir** (Roslyn, NY, and Palm Beach Gardens, FL) is practicing law in New York and Florida. What he remembers best about Cornell is life in the Baker dorms as a freshman and being editor of the *Daily Sun*.

Dick Goodwin (Silver Spring, MD) and wife Babs live in Riderwood Village, a retirement

community of 2,800-plus residents about ten miles north of the White House. "I'm still playing golf, and other extracurricular activities include a genealogy group, daily walks, drives to various points of interest in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Delaware, and visits to family members in Cape Cod and Rhode Island." He's also involved in various activities at Riderwood Village. "I'd like to have all old friends who live in my general area, or who come to the Washington, DC, vicinity, contact me" (tel., (301) 586-8211). Dick remembers his entire four-year career as an undergrad—"especially my Alpha Chi Rho fraternity and the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club." **Ruth Barclay** Wright (Cape Porpoise, ME) writes that she has very few outside activities, except for a Mah-Jong group and "socializing with family and friends. Trying to keep moving! Taking pills!" She says she'd rather be doing the things she used to do 20 years ago. Ruth remembers good friends and activities and the beautiful surroundings.

Harold Segall (Scarsdale, NY) retired from the law firm of Holland & Knight last fall. Harold's colleague Barry Vasios, who happens to be the father of **Alison Vasios** '02, sent in a copy of the remarks he made at the October 17 retirement party, held at the Yale Club in NYC. They begin, "First of all, Harold was a scholar. He proved that by winning an academic scholarship to Cornell and confirmed that at Cornell by, among other things, winning the Shakespeare Prize. But his achievements as a scholar didn't end at Cornell. He moved on to Yale Law School, where he finished first in a class that included, among other luminaries, Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart and President Gerald Ford."

Vasios goes on to describe Harold as a soldier (four years in the US Army), an exceptionally good lawyer, a teacher (Yale Law School and Fordham Law School), a proud family man, and the *vox populi*, the voice of the people. "You all, I am sure, have been copied by Harold on his innumerable letters to the *New York Times* and to every daily newspaper in Westchester County. We wish him well in his retirement, which if you are like me, you will believe only when you see that he has stopped coming to the office."

More updates to come in the next issue. Please let us hear about your latest news. ♦ **Class of '38**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Or e-mail your news to the Class Notes Editor at: adr4@cornell.edu.

39 **Glenn Robinson** sold his Florida home after the death of his wife of 62 years in 2002, moved to Brockport, NY, to be near his family, and now lives in an apartment there with his daughter. He plans to return to Florida for a visit this year. He has one great-grandson. **Russell Hopking** of Roswell, GA, planned to spend Christmas with his family in Denver, then see them again later at their annual outing at St. George Island in Florida. He hopes to return to golfing after repairs at his club are completed—and if his legs permit.

Here's a reminder that *Peacemaker's Altruism Manual* by **Robert Leigh Brown** (Lehigh Acres, FL) can be purchased on the Internet at

www.trafford.com, the proceeds of which will help support the Bess Brown Center, a housing community at Cornell. **Lee Frair** of Portville, NY, was in the education field for 35 years and then with the Allegany County Legislature for 14 years. He is in good health and has been blessed with seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. **Dick Wheeler** of Fort Myers, FL, says he is in good shape and exercises regularly. He collects stamps and asks if anyone else is also interested. We received word that **John Kaegebein** passed away in June 2005. **John Macdonald** of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on June 9, 2006.

Arnold Allison of Delray Beach, FL, has given up golf and tennis, but now exercises daily in his pool. He was a Physical Education major at Cornell and participated in every sport there. He is in good health and is looking forward to his 70th Reunion. **Kenneth Holgate** of Dundee, NY, went to the Cornell-Yale game, but says what we need is another **Brud Holland**, MS '41. **Harry Abbott** of Louisville, KY, says that he stays active and is involved in two language groups, French and German.

Morris Erdheim, DVM '39, of Boca Raton, FL, sent in a News Form, but with no news. **Francis H. Thomas** lives in the Piedmont Crossing Retirement Home in Thomasville, NC. **Byron Bookhout**, MS '40, of Dover, DE, lives in a continuing care retirement home. He participated in the Senior Olympics and is involved in community activities. **Robert Latimer**, MS '42, and wife **Ruth (Phelps)** '45, MS '46, live in the Waterman Village retirement community in Mt. Dora, FL. Robert participates in a number of exercising and sporting activities regularly. **Oliver Stark** of Westhampton, NJ, lives near his son's family and is in fairly good health. He sings 2nd tenor in the Presbyterian Church's choir and has joined the New Jersey Pinelands Preservation Alliance. His wife **Margaret (Pearce)**, a graduate of the Ag college, passed away in 2005. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

The mail bag is overflowing! Thanks to all who sent their news, which we'll include here and in the issues ahead. **Elizabeth "Luxie" Luxford Webster** (Hamburg, NY) gives a hint of what's going on with your correspondent as this column was written: "Ruth: Hope you are back from Boston and that all went well for Bernie!" All did go well for **Bernie** '41 . . . and for Ruth as well. Both had surgery in Boston around Thanksgiving and, after some weeks in a rehab facility, are feeling like their old selves again. It is likely that Ruth will return to write the Women's column herself in the months ahead.

Luxie continues: "Celebrated my big 90 with family in the Adirondacks. Survived an early October snowstorm with high winds and lots of ruined trees; power was off for four days. The monthly sing-alongs are getting bigger—100-plus people at the last one. We always sing a Cornell song to recognize our '39 Songbook. Husband **Bill** '42 and I are both playing tennis to the best of old-age ability. We also did our annual drive to Lander, WY, and back (3,000 miles) in September and October."

Florence Morgenstern Dreizen (New York City) writes: "I'm still working part-time as an administrative law judge for NYC. I review the other judges' decisions, and they cannot send out their decisions without my approval. My granddaughter Rosie keeps me busy since her mother **Alison Dreizen** '74 is a senior partner at a law firm and nannies aren't always available. My other daughter, **Laura Dreizen** Insel '70, still teaches at a high school. Her son lives at a distance from us both, so we have to be satisfied with few visits. My daughters and I have created a large scholarship fund, since all three of us are Cornell grads. We're hoping to see our classmates at our next reunions."

Sadly, we report the death of former *Daily Sun* staff editor, class leader, and beloved classmate **Ethel Piness** Abrams of cancer on November 14, 2006. Piney worked as a social investigator for the New Jersey Board of Child Welfare, as a high school teacher, and, after her retirement, as a language consultant for Atkins Int'l, where she taught English to foreign executives of major corporations wanting to do business in the US. **Naomi Goldberg** Krivant attended the funeral services in New Jersey and writes: "I enjoyed a close friendship with Piney until her death. She was beloved by her students and clients as well." She will be dearly missed. ♦ **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-2258; e-mail, BG11@cornell.edu.

40 Greetings to all! And to start with my usual meteorological report, I hope spring has sprung or is beginning to spring for all of you—although as I write, I am waiting for a snowstorm that will herald Santa's arrival.

At last I received a batch of those News and Dues forms from Ithaca, so I have a couple of columns worth of material. But they *will* run out, so if you haven't sent yours in yet, be sure to.

Margaret "Tammie" Tammen Perry took a Caribbean cruise in February 2006 with ten friends and relatives. A great time, but a lot of wear and tear, too. Otherwise, she volunteers in her church activities. **Paul Merz** reports that after five years in the Navy during WWII, he owned and operated the Merz Bros. Feed and Farm Supply Co. for 41 years. He has also been active in local government and has traveled extensively. **Jim Trousdell**, MD '43, after graduation, went on to Cornell Medical College. He is now retired and keeps busy with his properties in Oyster Bay, NY, and Brattleboro, VT. His family is spread out, with daughters in Germany and California and a son in Virginia, but he's very pleased that another son and his family are only ten miles away.

Cornelia Snell Bensley still lives in California, but traveled back east in October '06 to see family and also the fall coloring. I (Ellen) add that California doesn't have anything like the gorgeous eastern fall foliage. I know! Right, Cornelia? At home she keeps busy volunteering in church and clubs and at the Rossmoor drop-in center.

Willard "Ossie" Ossont wrote a lot of news. In full retirement he spends most of his time on

the usual chores involved in maintaining his home in New Hartford, NY, and their camp of 57 years on Canandaigua Lake. He's also still a coin collector and the family historian, with pictures going back to ancestors in Europe in 1790! He and his wife of 66 years, Lorraine, are both well and active. They have nine great-grands and are delighted that another grandson is now at Cornell—their third Cornell offspring. Sadly, he reported the deaths of two college roommates, **Roger Reniff** and **J. Stanley Hall** '39. All three were fellow AG teachers for some 30 years.

A note from **Dorothy Weitzman** Seely's daughter Barbara Goodman says Dorothy died in December '05. She is also survived by a son and three grandchildren. **Estelle Wells** Evans remembers her freshman roommates in Risley, including **Janet Greenwood** Cooper, with whom she still keeps in contact and who is doing well near her family in Burlington, VT. Estelle also remembers Eleanor Roosevelt visiting Home Ec during those years. She ends, asking, "Where has the time gone?"

With that question I'll quit and hope someone has an answer! Happy springtime to all—and do send in your news. ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603; tel., (540) 665-5788.

41 There is still more to say about Reunion. During the discussion that followed our Friday evening dinner, **Ed King** reminded the group that our own **Mattie Urban**—not Audie Murphy—was the most-decorated hero of World War II. The explanation for the oversight: his service records had somehow been lost for 35 years. Their recovery resulted in Jimmy Carter conferring on him our nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor. He also received seven Purple Hearts! Ed is trying to get the university to erect a memorial to Mattie on the campus. Way to go, Ed!

After that same dinner, as Shirley has reported previously, most of our gang went to the traditional Cornelliana Night. **Chuck Boak** and I chose to do differently; we just adjourned to the Statler lounge to have a drink and reminisce. The discussion turned to campus characters, and Dr. Lee, the undergraduates' favorite physician, came up. Chuck recalled that he was very partial to Cornell athletes. One time when Chuck was crew coxie, he had been admitted to the infirmary less than a week before the Poughkeepsie Regatta with a temperature of 104. When Doc Lee spotted Chuck in the ward he said, "What the h--- are you doing in here with all these sick people?" and imperiously moved him to a private room. Chuck recovered in time for the race!

John Ayer is a different kind of athlete. He's still competing in cross-country ski meets and marathon and white-water canoe races! In his note last spring, he said he was once again going to drive his vintage, freshman-year car to reunion from his home in Skaneateles. Maybe that explains why he never showed up! His most recent words to us were: "Keep active." **Jim Van Arsdale** and wife **Suzanne (Jameson)** '46, BS HE '45, report that they are wintering in Jamaica, spending six months at their cottage at Silver

Lake, NY, and the remaining two months at their home in Castile, NY.

Stephen Barnes, Sidney, NY, changed jobs after 39 years with Agway, to a local funeral parlor where he is still working part-time. Working may be especially good for Stephen; he lost his wife Patricia three years ago. Maj. **Ted Eiben**, MS '46, Port Byron, NY, writes, "No nursing home yet, happily, but somewhat lonesome." Ted, I suggest a lifecare community. Many of our class members are going that way and they sound pretty content. ♦ **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

Our president **Jean Way Schoonover** and former president **Bill Webber** will represent us at the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in Philly in January. More news on that in the next issue. Jean had a week-long trip in October 2006 as a member of the Gibraltar American Council and guest of the Gibraltar government. On her return, Jean was told that her dear friend and freshman roommate **Agnes Glueck** Manston, Claremont, CA, had died on October 26. They shared a "hole in the wall" apartment in NYC in 1943 until Agnes's marriage. Agnes came to our 50th Reunion, after which she and Jean traveled to Budapest for a great visit with relatives of Agnes. What great memories of a treasured friend, Jean.

I was delighted to hear from **Alice Williams** Hallanan (Alexandria, VA, and Pierrepont Manor, NY), who was sorry to miss our great 65th Reunion, the first she has missed in many years. She and husband Col. George Hallanan Jr. have moved 28 times with their six children as a military family. One son is a colonel in the Air Force, and daughter **Alice Marion** "Sunny" **Hallanan** '79, the only Cornellian, is now an Episcopal priest. Col. Hallanan has had three retirements (US Army, Congressional staff, and U. of Maryland), while Alice has been raising the family and running the farm near Lake Ontario, which they still enjoy.

Betty Dicker Kaplan, who has MS, lives with a caretaker near her daughters in Highland Park, IL. She enjoys her new friends at the Community Center and regretted not being able to join us at reunion along with her sister and husband, who were there for their 60th. Many members of her family are Cornellians. **Jean Palmer** Gerlach, Cleveland, OH, is still living in an independent apartment, enjoying the concerts, pottery classes, and fitness exercises. She has enjoyed talking with **Mary Lou Garmong** Overman and **Marion Pergande** Jax and would like to hear from **Corinne Hickox** Vaughan and **June Thorn** Cobb.

Isabelle Richards McDermaid says that "life is good" at the Bethany Lutheran Village in Centerville, OH, though she greatly misses her husband William, who died in December 2005. Four children and six grandchildren offer priceless support. It was great to see **Betty Herrold**, Lancaster, PA, and **Kathryn Clark** Novak, Orange, CT, at our reunion. May the sun be shining for all of you. ♦ **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, kid12054@aol.com.

42 Ed Markham (Bainbridge Island, WA), who enjoyed a Montana hunting spree that netted him several pheasants, sent news of **Gus Vollmer**. Writing from Caracas, Venezuela, Gus experienced several misfortunes—such as wearing a cast for eight weeks because he broke his arm, and fires burning down his machine shop and all the pasture and pine forest on the ranch. However, he and Luisa enjoyed a nice vacation in Bermuda and, along with the Markhams, are looking forward to the 65th.

News of the 65th on June 7-10, 2007, is making the rounds as our able chairman **Don Kent**, MD '45 (DSK5169@aol.com) sends out the highlights. President **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (tel., (212) 752-2032) and treasurer **Jim Kraker** (tel., (386) 423-8443) welcome your questions and hope for early registrations. **George** and **Barbara Crohurst Howell** (Oakbrook, IL), Reunion Campaign co-chairs, also look forward to hearing from you.

Liz asks everyone to call, write, or e-mail members of our Nominating Committee regarding class officers for the next five years. An election will take place at reunion. The committee members are: Dr. **Solomon Cook**, PhD '50, 303 State Rt. 37, Hogansburg, NY 13655-3114; tel., (518) 358-2395; **Al Henderson**, LLB '47, 10231 W. Coggins Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351-3406; tel., (623) 972-4620; e-mail, AHenderson10@cox.net; and **Ruth Simes** Morgan, 12851 Silverthorn Ct., Bonita Springs, FL 34135-2456; tel., (239) 495-8108; e-mail, crmorgan3813733@aol.com. The committee will report your ideas and suggestions at the reunion election. Present officers include Liz Eddy, Jim Kraker, Carolyn Evans Finneran, Don Kent, and Executive VP **Tom Flanagan**.

Some interesting news about retirement communities. **Jim**, MS '47, and **Alice Popp Whitaker** write that they have moved to Collington Retirement Community just outside Washington, DC, from their home of 57 years in Storrs, CT, where Jim was a professor of agricultural engineering before retiring a few years ago. "Collington allows for as much or as little activity as one wishes and we have been taking it on the light side. New friends have been made with folks from all kinds of backgrounds, although retired Foreign Service people are numerous and many others have had overseas experience."

Ignatius and Dorothy **Lacombe** (Plattsburgh, NY) write, "After five years, we still consider that living in a retirement community fits in perfectly with our lifestyle. Four of seven children live in the immediate area, so we have frequent get-togethers. I enjoy research and writing about family history, as well as attending weekly conversational French classes." They visited their favorite vacation spot on Bailey Island, ME, last summer and hope to visit granddaughters in college in Rochester (U. of R. and St. John Fisher College). Great-great-grandsons continue to arrive in North Carolina, Baltimore, and Portugal. No wonder Iggy states he is doing exactly what he wants to do now!

Arvin White (Grand Junction, CO) moved from Upstate New York to a retirement home close to his daughter. He enjoys WWII history, daily walks, and his two grandchildren. Married

42 years to Helen, he is looking forward to his 90th birthday. **Henry Otto** (Los Gatos, CA) writes, "Following a week of skiing (downhill—cross-country is now too demanding) at Aspen, CO, and a week at Park City, UT, Marice and I went east to spend a few days in NYC prior to a cruise to Bermuda. As everywhere, there have been many changes there. Our late classmate **Conrad Englehard's** Inveroni Hotel has been demolished and replaced by a conference center and condos; and his 'Far Above' beautiful estate, where he had had us for cocktails, I was told had been sold." **Fay Brandis** (New Hartford, NY) recounts his career as a pilot: major in 8th Air Force (1942-45); captain at Pan Am Airlines (1945-80); chief pilot, Oneida Limited (1980-85); and corporate pilot, freelance (1985-93). He has two sons and three grandsons, one of whom, Jonathan, is a TV and movie actor.

Robert Laben passed away last year, but is far from forgotten at UC Davis, where his name is going on one of the two newest buildings in the Tercero residence hall complex. During WWII he served in the Field Artillery and was wounded in the D-Day landing. Between operations he taught in the Cornell ROTC. He later taught animal husbandry at Davis from 1950 until his retirement in 1986. He continued to serve as a member of his department's Memorial Fund Committee, which named a scholarship in his honor.

Two pieces of miscellany. Ezra Cornell helped Samuel Morse string the first telegraph line from Baltimore to Washington, DC, and helped found the Western Union Telegraph Co. If you had known this "Jeopardy" question, you could have won. No one knew it. The recent *Superman Returns* movie reminds everyone of Cornell's Superman, **Christopher Reeve** '74, but I couldn't help but see the resemblance Brandon Routh had to my Southside High School friend Carlos Routh. I'd like to find out if Brandon is Carlos's grandson. If anyone has any info on this, I'd love to hear it. Brandon went to Iowa University.

Keep writing to me. Use my e-mail address. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 In assembling the notes you so kindly toss over my transom, I try to deliver them back in some kind of logical order: wanderlust, downsizing/moving day, wondrous offspring, and like that. See if you can figure this one out.

Barbara Wahl Cate writes from could-be-anywhere-on-the-planet: "Retired. Now professor emerita. Husband Tracy and I traveltraveltravel—last spring to the Harley-Davidson Rally in Daytona. We then drove—with tandem bike on the backseat—to Memphis to join eight other couples on the *Delta Queen*. All rode bikes to New Orleans by day and back to the *Queen* for the night. Next, to Munich to pick up our offshore motorcycle (this one a BMW) to tour Germany, Austria, Italy, and France. Then to Louisville for an 80th birthday party, not mine. And back to France to study tree farms; we have one. [Keep it mostly Stateside, right?]

"To Paris for two years with the State department," writes **Marion Rossman** Tozier (Belfast,

ME). “Married and divorced a horse rustler. Raised two sons. Remarried a widower.” A bow to **Marjorie Grohman** Gunner, who—in recognition of her long service as president of the Outer Critics Circle—was honored last spring by having her caricature hung on Sardi’s fabled walls. [Covered an unsightly marinara splotch. Some improvement.]

Sound Taps, alas, for **Art Concors**, co-founder of the Thruway Market, Walden, NY, Big Red and lifelong tennis ace.

I call from time to time our walking wounded. Like **Parker Smith** who told me he was experiencing frequent falls, one so loud that the assisted-living lady next door hurried in to see if he had survived. “Sounded like the atom bomb!” she said. Parker to me on the phone: “Isn’t it amazing how many people have heard the sound of an atom bomb?” **Bill Jameson**, PhD ’48, reports, “We moved from Davis to Roseville, CA, to be near our daughters, and have a quiet life, mostly gardening and writing.” **Joe Hickey** (Brunswick, ME): “Moved to a condo development. We take overnight trips throughout Maine and New Hampshire. The foliage was gorgeous this year. I’m regularly in touch with **Alan Drake** of Lake Placid, NY.”

Class treasurer Dr. **Shig Kondo** writes, “Unlike so many of our classmates, we’ve moved out of a retirement community to an apartment in Wellesley Hills, MA, within walking distance of our two married daughters. I’ve retired from performing autopsies. No more blood on my hands.” [Shig, he whispered, remember Pearl Harbor?] You may recall reading here of Dr. **Charles Harris**’s hassle unloading the unsold copies of his 1975 autobiographical novel, *One Man’s Medicine* [which I can and do highly recommend; also check him out at civilwrites.com]. Good news! It’s been republished. Online at \$21; from the author at \$12.50. [When you’re stuck with this lot, Chaz, the class fund will buy a copy for any of us still standing. Same goes for **Ray Ward**’s dramatic *March Into the Endless Mountains*, the beginnings of the Revolutionary War and the adventures of a double spy. More on this later.] [Shig: We can afford it. Treasury stands at ¥4,764,173.41. Total for both books might run ¥83,373.4.]

This from **Dinty Moore** (Sewell, NJ): “Still moving around. Am back in my house, rebuilt after a fire two years ago. Play a little golf when invited. Had to stop driving after a stroke left me with no vision in the right side of each eye. After therapy and much practice I just got my license back. Whoopee!” “Plenty of travel in the past few years,” writes **Roy Herrmann** (Ontario, NY). “Rotary trips to Australia, New Zealand, and Scandinavia. Traveled to Germany to visit son **Eddie** ’87 and wife **Hannah Buxbaum** ’87, JD ’92, a professor at Indiana U. on sabbatical at Cologne with their two daughters.”

Margo and **Bob Larson** (Freeville, NY) sailed to Europe on the *Queen Mary* in November ’05. “Visited daughters who live in a) London and b) Vienna. We also visited **Anna Kwiaton** ’93 in Poland. She was my translator in the ’80s, when the US was trying to move Poland off dead center. She was 17 or 18 then, and spoke perfect English. She so impressed us Larsons that

we not only encouraged her to go to Cornell, but—together with **Esther Schiff** Bondareff ’37—paid her tuition and fees. She loved Cornell, graduated in three years, received her MBA in France, and became a banking official in the new Polish government.”

Peggy (610.382.9254) and **Bill Dickhart** (610.382.9255) are enjoying his-and-her phones and the assisted life at the Meadows at Shannondell, Audubon, PA. [“Hello, Bill. Peggy here, across the table. Put down that bleeping Sports page and bleeping talk to me!”] **Sam Hunter** (St. Paul, MN) mourns the death [I had written “passing”] of **Ken Stofer**: “I watched him throw darts to our ends. He was great!” As were you, Sam. As were we all.

The theme of this column? Barbara to Sam. I’ve arranged you by height. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 Travel is the favorite sport of ’44ers. Gene and **Nancy Claney** Hoffman made their annual pilgrimage to London and Ireland, finding the trip more challenging and the sites changing. Each change in the five decades of trips has made the area “more charming.” **Janice Taylor** Scott spent time in Mexico—San Miguel and Mexico City. “If you think the traffic is bad wherever you live, I invite you to experience it in

‘New friends have been made with folks from all kinds of backgrounds.’

JIM AND ALICE POPP WHITAKER ’42

Mexico City.” She attended a grandson’s graduation from the U. of New Hampshire in Durham. No traffic problems, but lots of nostalgia—the family lived there in the early ’50s. Dr. **Ann Bishop** McKusick and husband Victor vacationed in their “old Nova Scotia farmhouse,” where they had many guests and enjoyed walking on their country road. In May they were in Canada where Victor addressed the Health Sciences Convocation at McGill U.

The **Milton Stolaroffs** cruised on the *Radisson Seven Seas Voyager* to Sydney and the west coast of Australia, on to Bali, Malaysia, Manila, and Hong Kong. They had visited some of those places years ago and were amazed at the changes. They went back to Los Angeles for 12 days, then home to “paradise” (Hawaii)—free of freeways! **Bill Wheeler** spent the summer on Nantucket, the area of “perpetual rain,” but was happy to escape the Arizona heat. He and Jo are healthy and enjoyed a trip to Sicily, remembering General Patton. They claim seven grandchildren and six great-grandsons.

Dr. **Harmon Leonard** writes that wife Joey, having recovered from a stroke, was well enough for them to plan a cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Their home is in Gold Canyon, AZ, but they spend summers in Colorado on their daughter’s farm. Harmon still rides his horse.

Sally and **Bob Greenburg**, LLB ’48, toured the Canadian Rockies in September. They visit his ex-roommate **Peter Tolins**, MD ’47, and wife **Gloria (Ellison)** ’45 in Walnut Creek, CA, several times a year. Bob and **Ed Carman** play tennis regularly in Potomac, MD.

Harold, JD ’49, and **Ruth Cosline Rhyndance** have decided to stay in their lovely mountain home (Rundell adjective—we’ve been there) in Fairview, NC, rather than move to a retirement community. Bud and **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell moved into Falcons Landing in December ’96. It has been ten years of comfort, excellent food, fascinating people, and great activities. “We have two cars and haven’t given up outside friends or doings.” Classmates across the country write glowingly about their CCRCs. Hope Harold and Ruth will reconsider. They are wishfully interested in **Art Kesten**’s next cruise. Shannon and **Marie Buening** Cramer await news of the next cruise, too. They really enjoyed their last one.

John Lesure of Altamonte Springs, FL, says the lifestyle they enjoy is “cocooning.” They admire those who travel the world, but, because of decreased mobility, they let the world come to them. **Aaron Waldman** writes from Metuxen, NJ. A widower for ten years, he remarried in 2004. Because of health problems they stay close to home, but “look forward to the time when we both can travel.”

Editor’s Note: If you don’t see your news in this column, just wait for the next issue. I’m hoarding for future columns. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

45 News reports from our class are dwindling; please keep in touch and tell us your latest. One we did receive was from **Rosalind Blumenthal** Schmorak (Oak Ridge, TN), who is a poet married to a retired physicist, Marcel Roman Schmorak. They attend classes at the Oak Ridge Inst. for Continued Learning, concerts, and theater. She would like to be traveling again and hopes to hear soon from her lifelong friend **Doris Klein** Lelchook (Newton Upper Falls, MA), whose son **David Lelchook** ’78, sadly, was killed by a Hezbollah rocket while riding a bicycle through his kibbutz in Israel. **Peter Lantos**, PhD ’50 (Erdenheim, PA) has been a management consultant for over 28 years and keeps trying to retire, but keeps getting questions and requests for assistance. Pete says, “As long as I have my wits about me I will try to fulfill these inquiries,” but he spends a lot of time with the Speakers’ Bureau of the American Chemical Society.

From Scarsdale, NY, Dr. **Marvin Moser** reports still being editor-in-chief of the *Journal*

of *Clinical Hypertension* and recently added to his numerous previous books on the subject. In his spare (!) time he is clinical professor of medicine at Yale. From **Walter G. MacFarland III** (Media, PA): "Jean and I, last July, traveled to Alaska; seven days on the Inside Passage, then seven days inland. The land trip included a nine-hour drive from Fairbanks to Coldfoot, north of the Arctic Circle. Then we returned to Fairbanks via air in an hour and a half. During the trip we took two river trips, one in a rubber raft, the other on a large sternwheeler. We are now planning a trip to Africa to view the game (not to shoot it)."

On December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, I sent e-mail messages to as many of our classmates as I could, begging for some news. I did indeed receive some, but stated that 65 years ago that day, I was attending a meeting of some freshmen with President Edmund Ezra Day when we heard the big news, and then asked the specific question, "What were you doing at the time?" That must have rung a bell, as it produced many replies. **George Wieber** (Naples, FL) said that he was probably sitting next to me at the same meeting! So did **Alice Ross McCarthy**, MS '47, who entered the WAC after graduation. Alice says that, after a sad divorce from **W. J. McCarthy '49**, she was inspired to pay back the universities and professors who educated her so well, so started writing books and newsletters. Her book *Healthy Teens* is in its third printing, having sold over 40,000 copies and won four

national awards. Unfortunately, her semi-annual newsletter (4-page, 4-color), which reached 10-12 million copies, will end this year, as schools have been cutting all extra expenses to meet the demands of the No Child Left Behind program.

William Glaeser (Columbus, OH) was with his roommate, **Jim Conboy**, LLB '52 (Fort Plain, NY) in Founders Hall listening to a New York Philharmonic concert broadcast, and when the program was interrupted with the report, they looked at each other and said, "Where is Pearl Harbor?" Bill's wife is recovering from a hip replacement, so they aren't traveling much, but do participate in a program wherein seniors meet with medical students and interchange ideas on a one-to-one basis, which benefits both. **Miles Bailey** (Louisville, KY) was walking down the hill from the Library and met a roommate from Stewart Avenue, who gave him the word. Miles says he has been active in Rotary Int'l for years, traveled worldwide, and enjoyed every minute.

Class co-president **Tod Knowles**, MBA '49 (Annapolis, MD) reports that he and wife Marion were at St. Michaels, MD, from Dec. 7-9 "to celebrate our 5th anniversary, having been wed on Dec. 7, 2001. Thus, I can't forget our anniversary! The weather was fine and we were treated to a local Christmas parade. **Bill** and **Lib Mershon Hoffmann** (another Crabtown resident) joined Marion and me for a week in the Shenandoah area, staying at Massanutten. They are great company and both were feeling fine." Tod also recalls: "On Pearl Harbor Day, I was in my dorm room on the fifth floor of Lyon Tower. One of my floor-mates was Hawaiian; he knocked on my door and upon responding, I was confronted with his face, white as a bed sheet! That's how I learned of the attack."

Edmund Cranch (Ithaca, NY) recalls, "On December 7 I was doing Engineering homework while listening to the New York Giants football game on the radio." Ed also says that Virginia and he have arrived in Bonita Springs for their four-month stay to avoid the Ithaca winter, and on December 29-30, 2006 will go to the Everblades Hockey Tournament in nearby Estero, FL, where Cornell will be playing the U. of New Hampshire. "**Maxine Katz** Morse will be in town and we will go with her." The question is: will Maxine root for Cornell or the U. of New Hampshire? **George Rautenberg** (Lexington, MA) says that he traveled a lot during his working days and is now glad to let the world come to him; for over seven years he's been a volunteer interpreter at Minuteman National Park and enjoys meeting visitors from all over the globe. He recalls eating Sunday dinner at his fraternity house when the news hit, and the next day walking by Risley with a radio in his ear, listening to FDR speaking to the Congress and the nation.

Lena Struglia (Salem, OR) recalls being home in Cortland, NY, celebrating her grandfather's birthday when the news subdued the festivities. She and her brother returned to Ithaca, Lee to Cornell, he to Ithaca College, until he was drafted and returned to finish in 1947. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

46 Last June, we gathered for our 60th Reunion and had a BALL, thanks to **Mavis Gillette** Sand and **Bill Farrell**. Each reunion seems bigger and better than the last. How do you do that? We were just as young at heart as we were in 1946, but we were a bit grayer, balder, heavier, feebler, and deafer. Otherwise we didn't change. You could still hear the youthful voices and the enthusiasm for Cornell when we sang the Alma Mater.

Cornell inaugurated her 12th President, David Skorton, on Sept. 7, 2006. Were any of you fortunate to have been there? If so, write and tell us about it. There were some good articles in the last magazine, but a personal account from you would be really great.

Recent correspondents include: **Sylvia Mayer** Helbert Paul (Williamsville, NY), who fell practicing for the Reunion Run and didn't make reunion. We really missed her, and our class has no medal this year. We hope she can make it for our 65th. Now she is exploring the market and learning about kayaks and one-person canoes that she can manage. She is the most energetic member of our class. She and Larry are planning a trip to Machu Picchu, Peru. We can't wait to hear that story. **Priscilla Alden** Clement (South Hadley, MA) sent several photos of Cornell family visitors she has had since reunion: **Ann Buchholz Alden '45** and brother **John '43**, **Tom '47** and sister **Betty Alden Talpey '48**, and **Dick Johnson '47**.

Joyce Manley Forney (Dallas, TX) has conducted a 60-year-plus round robin with **Priscilla Clement**, **Virginia Dondero** Pfundstein, **Alice McKinney** Luttrell, and **Sara McKissock** Vick. They all lived in the same dorm fresh year. **Lillian von Wieding** Haggart (Grand Island, NE) is apartment living since the death of her husband and her retirement.

Janet Elwin Starr (Hanover, PA) also wrote that her husband **Jim '44**, MS '48, is deceased and that she's retired. She volunteers in the retirement community where she lives. Janet and her sisters **Muriel Elwin** Zepp '47, BS '48, and **Nancy Elwin** Pegues '52 (Lakewood, NJ) visited Woodloch Pines in the Poconos, where they learned that the family running the resort in Hawley, PA, are sons and grandsons who attended the Cornell Hotel and Business schools.

Mavis Gillette Sand, with her brother and sister, had a family reunion near Ithaca. They toured the Ornithology Lab, Taughannock Falls, Corning Glass Museum, and the Glenn Curtis Airplane Museum. Send news to: ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; or call (610) 927-8777.

Some promised and arrived solo. Others arrived with significant others. All contributed to 60 in '06's unanimous acclaim as '46's best reunion to date. The credit belongs to our whole class and our very helping and welcoming clerks, **Theresa D'Andrea '07** and **Sade McDougal '08**. But, particularly, we owe homage to super-organized Reunion Chair **Mavis Gillette** Sand (East Aurora, NY) and her beaming co-chair **William Farrell** (Johnson City).

Attending stag were epicurean **Allen Boorstein** (New York City; allenatamber@cs.com),



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budding memoirist **David Day** (Centennial, CO; dvdy@comcast.net), and reunion regular **Robert Hubbard** (Panama City, FL). Also, former puck chaser **Brendan O'Hara** (Glen Head, NY) and erstwhile ex-pat **Gabriel Pesce**, MCE '51 (Port Hueneme, CA; gvp2@cornell.edu).

Paired were Mooney barnstormer **Raymond** (Roxbury, CT) and Barbara **Hunicke**, snowbirds **R. Fitz Randolph** (Vero Beach, FL; fitzrnd@aol.com) and Alice Chin, and terpsichores **Richard** (Pittsburgh, PA) and **Betty Hartman Selby** '47. Also, 50th and 60th reuners **Gordon** (Los Alamos, NM; gspencer48@earthlink.net) and **Eve Freyer Spencer** '47 (let's coax them off the ten-year cycle to our 65th); song stylist **Orrie Stevens**, LLB '48, with wife **Ann (McGloin)** (Wyndmoor, PA); Cornell Annual Fund rep **Richard Turner** (Lakewood) and wife Autumn; and Anne and **Peter Verna**, MCE '48 (Charlotte, NC; pvernajr@carolina.rr.com), who are still thriving on their homegrown organic produce. [Note: Sadly, we received word that Orrie Stevens died on Aug. 28. More about our classmate and friend in the next issue.]

There were some who didn't promise, but we were elated they showed up. **John Fraser**, PhD '49 (Houston; jfrase@earthlink.net) said **Hank Gieseler** "utzted" him into coming to his first reunion. He said, "It was great seeing Dave Day, **Park Metzger**, and **Bill Papsco** again." **Herbert Hawley** (Geneseo, NY) and Mycology professor emeritus **Richard Korf**, PhD '50 (Ithaca; rpk1@cornell.edu) renewed their friendship that began with their dramatics apprenticeship as frosh at Cornell. Herb was thrilled with his warm welcome at Student Agency, where he once labored. He still works on Geneseo SUNY campaigns and was honored as one of their top three fundraisers. Dick has given up his Florida home, but not his straw boater, and will henceforth brave Ithaca's winters. He's now working on an audio version of "John Brown's Body."

Ginny and Park Metzger (Orchard Park; parkmetzger@msn.com) had a ball. He was thrilled to see fellow crewmembers and Dave Day. Since reunion, they've been prepping for winter in Buffalo's snowiest area. Barbara and **Richard Shineman** (Oswego, NY; rshineman@compuserve.com) found reunion "very rewarding." Dick was looking forward to renewing his friendships with David Day and Dick Turner. As he was registering a friendly voice called out, "Hi, I'm David." Dick took the extended hand and marveled, "You're looking so young." He met Dave Day later; the check-in encounter was with new Cornell President David Skorton.

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47 Early spring! I hope you are having crocuses, returning birds, and blue skies. Our reunion committee is planning away with able help from Cornell staff, and you are surely getting mail. I have seen your responses and am pleased about those planning to attend, a little

worried about those not sure, and really sorry about those who said no.

Last November, Dean Harry Katz of the ILR school hosted a special event at the Cornell Club in New York City honoring **Jerry** '49, MBA '50, and **Enid Levine Alpern** and celebrating the legacy of Jerry's brother, **Daniel** '46. In 1946 Daniel, who had taken leave from the College of Engineering to serve in the Navy, wrote to the university asking to transfer to Cornell's brand new school of ILR, and one month later was killed in the line of duty. Later that year, Daniel and Jerry's parents established ILR's first scholarship fund in memory of Daniel. A year later, they established the Daniel Alpern Prize, ILR's first prize for scholarship and leadership, and still its most prestigious senior award. The event at the Cornell Club celebrated the Alperns' continuing generosity that has provided 390 scholarships and 129 prizes awarded to outstanding ILR students during the past 60 years. Jerry has always been a good friend of our class in company with Enid, and we certainly extend congratulations for the honor, and sympathies for the loss of Daniel.

A nice Christmas card from **Betty Miller** Francis tells of much traveling, seemingly everywhere. At the beginning of last year, she was on a cruise around South America, spending New Year's Eve in Buenos Aires! In May she was in the Bahamas; in June it was Scotland, with visits to London and Ireland; and this past December it was Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. It all sounds wonderful. I am hoping and planning on you coming to reunion, Betty. Another nice letter was from **Margi Schiavone** Berens's daughter **Mary Berens** '74, Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs at Cornell, informing me of the selection of classmate **Barlow Ware** as a winner of this year's Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service award. Another honor! I know we all extend congratulations. We can be pleased with our class; class treasurer **Margaret Newell** Mitchell was an early recipient of this award, honored in the third year of its existence—1997—for her extraordinary service to Cornell.

James Del Signore sent in a News Form containing no news, but since he lives on Taughanock Blvd. in Ithaca, I hope we'll see him at reunion. **Elmer**, DVM '47, and **Ruth Jones Robinson**, DVM '47, both graduates of our Vet college, report that they summer in Saratoga Springs and spend winters in Nokomus, FL (which is near Venice), after having been in the Keys for 20 years. They walk and play racquetball, but not as much sailing and running as before. Elmer visited the Amazon in Brazil in 2005 and both were in Scotland in 2006. They exclaim that they plan to be at reunion "no matter what!" Great! See you!

The registration package for reunion should arrive in March. I hope as many of you as possible will come. All of us want to see all of us! ❖ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **Martha Clark** Mapes, MS '49, Freeville, NY: "Suggestion for 60th reunion 'class outfit': a white cardigan sweater with pockets and red trim, packable for travelers and wearable

year-round in the best of social circles." (*Ed. Note*: Good idea! Let's not get any cheap hats or silly unwieldy outfits that you wouldn't be seen wearing in public other than "on-the-Hill." Skeeter, do you agree?) (Money is no object!)

Sorry to hear that **Irving "Holk" Holcomb** passed away in Amherst, MA, in December, a faithful '48 duespayer and news sender to the end. He parachuted behind German lines in the Battle of the Bulge on a volunteer mission to scout enemy deployments; he adopted our class instead of '46, when he was originally to graduate; and he did everything at Cornell: golf, hockey, all the honor societies, and the committee on student conduct on examinations.

John G. and Merilyn Baron Woods, Philadelphia, PA: "Visited grandchildren at Cornell on Homecoming weekend last October 13-14. **Mike Woods Lis** is '08 Engineering, and **Rebecca Woods Lis** is '09 A&S." John is a director emeritus of the College of Engineering Alumni Association and attended their meeting. **Bill Copeland**, Hamilton, OH: "Visited Duck Island in the North Carolina Outer Banks with children and grandchildren last July. Fondest memory is the many Cornellians I love! Meanwhile, one day at a time." **Cornelia Ferrell** Goodwin, College Park, MD: "Getting around with a cane. Fondest Cornell memory was in Home Ec. Most recent activity is attending church. Would rather be driving."

Dianne Shapiro Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Retired judge—second of four generations. Dad was a judge and three children and two grandchildren are lawyers. Keep active with bridge, tennis, and trying to keep up with bookkeeping. Visited Budapest and Prague. Would rather be returning to Cornell as a student in ILR in their new buildings (original buildings were Quonset huts, or similar). Plans are to enjoy life and maybe see a fifth-generation attorney. World's most pressing problem today is hatred—toward each other."

Marjorie Wright Mueller, Clermont, FL: "I lead a water exercise group in our park's pool, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Play bridge three times a week. Fondest memory is meeting and marrying my wonderful husband at Cornell in 1948. Sadly, he died 14 days before I wrote this (ruptured aortic aneurysm). He lived a good life. The children and grandchildren all came from Texas, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Tallahassee. They were loving, comforting, and helpful. I miss him a lot, but they were wonderful."

Gerald Sallus, Albany, NY: "I'm a part-time attorney. I chair the Brandeis U. Men's Club, and am on the boards of Culver Marina and the League of Women Voters' Education Fund. Fondest Cornell memory was graduating. Visited Yosemite with daughter and grandson; all was perfect except it was harder climbing Vernal Falls. Spent two weeks in Hawaii with son and family while attending ABA conference and visiting friends. I was Judge Pro Tem at traffic court. It wasn't much fun, but I had more fun than the people who appeared before me. World's problem is war and lack of empathy and action for the most unfortunate. Solution is to 'do something.'"

Arthur Bernstein, White Plains, NY: "Two great-grandchildren. I'm a consultant. Fondest memory at Cornell was meeting my future wife,

Helene (Fehrer) '47. **Harriet Morel** Oxman, Sarasota, FL: "Still traveling. Visited Bhutan looking for James Hilton's Shangri-la. Have renewed my passport for another ten years. Lots more places to visit. Will keep you all posted." **Marilyn King Dawson**, Asheville, NC: "I moved across town to 38 Sheffield Circle." **Al Eisenberg**, Hypoluxo, FL: "I'm taking continuing education courses at Hofstra U. when up North, and at Palm Beach Community College in winter. Still play tennis, fish, and golf, and broadcast with my ham radio gear. Fondest Cornell memory: sailing on Lake Cayuga, summer of '47. Toured Italy last summer. Attended reunion of my WWII ship, the USS *Huntington*, in Savannah, GA. Will be getting a replacement hip soon—too much tennis. My wife of 53 years, Arlyne, passed away in July '05.

Harold Reynolds Jr., MA '53, Woodstock, VT: "Activities are reading, politics, gardening, and travel, day and night. Fondest memory is 'Jennie McGraw Rag' echoing from the bell tower. Traveled to Berlin and Dresden, chasing opera. Family events are constant, including 50th anniversary of the construction of our Vermont home. There is much joy in the constant search for opera. Would like to hear that the US Congress is facing its responsibilities. World's problem is chaos in the Middle East and growing disparity of income in the US and in the world. Solution is a regime change in the US. Recently discovered a Nobel Prize author, Portuguese-born José Saramago and his novels. Meaning of life is 'enjoying what is!'" (Ed. Note: Harold's writing is very legible.) ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 **Milton** "Bill" **Herzog** (Columbus, NJ) writes: "The family keeps getting educated. Son **Steve** '74, PhD '81, just got his master's in taxation. 'Professor **Don** '78 keeps writing books on political theory. Now, **Carol (Felder)** '51 and I have our first granddaughter, **Emma** '10, starting Cornell as of fall '06. Her parents met on the Hill, just as we, her grandparents, did. Time will tell . . ." You can reach Bill and Carol at bherzog@net-gate.com. Volunteer pediatrician **Lois Johnson Hamerman** (Philadelphia, PA) continues with research on brain damage in newborn infants. She also set up a nonprofit, Pennsylvania Center for Kernicterus (per Google: a form of brain damage caused by excessive jaundice). Lois and husband **Conrad** '53 remember the beautiful campus, excellent teachers, and friends from Cornell.

Eighty-seven years old and "beating the odds" is Rev. **Franklyn Cism**, MS '50, of Harpursville, NY. "Retired from teaching chemistry, physics, earth science, and general science for 32 years in Harpursville Central Schools. Was on the school board for 20 years, as well as the Town of Colesville and Broome County planning boards and the Broome County Environmental Management Council. Was also a member of the American Legion Post 1596. Recently, I've been watching the corn grow and cars pass by. Have developed peripheral neuropathy and am now mostly home-confined. Would prefer to be walking without assistance. I remember my life from 1946-50 with my family, wife **Gilberta (Stevens)** '45, daughter

Reita, and son Lyn at Vetsburg, then Tower Road."

Three singers sent in news last summer. **Alan Jamison** of Trumansburg, NY, remembers Cornell NROTC, Glee Club tours, Big Bands, and a train trip to Wells College with some Navy buddies for dinner, a play, and a dance. Alan is still singing bass with the Trumansburg United Methodist Church choir, and keeps busy reading, watching TV, and maintaining two homes with wife Mary. "Enjoying our second home (boating, etc.) on Cayuga Lake across from the Village of Aurora. Life is perfect outside of doctors' interventions. I feel lucky to be the oldest of seven siblings still surviving." **Leonard Abraham** of Belchertown, MA, is retired and keeping the house going—weekly food shopping and clean-up and repairs. "I've been singing in the church choir and doing some barbershop quartet work. Still active in the 'dog fancy,' especially dog shows. I remember my time at the SAE fraternity and doing high-jumps at track meets." Reach Leonard at LGAKMS@cs.com.

A long note came from a third singer, **Peter Demnitz** of Morristown, NJ, who has been retired since January 1998. "I've sung bass in the Morris Choral Society for over 25 years, looking for a 'special someone' with whom to sing a duet. Was reintroduced to a lady whom I first met in fourth grade on Staten Island, who now resides on Long Island. She's active as a master gardener with the Nassau County Cornell Extension Service. Hoping to make her an honorary member of our class before the 2009 reunion. What's the initiation fee? From Cornell I remember my active involvement with the newly formed I.C. (Independent Council) for us non-fraternity/sorority types. Other memories are too numerous to count!" Pete would like to hear from "Tail Gunner" **Joe Apicella** from the original gang at 516 University Ave., and **Al Dendo**, too. "Please also remember me to **Dick Keegan**, who had something to do with me being on the Class Council, for which, at long last, I'm willing to do some work! Also, farmer **Dave Hardie**, who, with his lovely spouse, kept me from having too close a relationship with John Barleycorn. Seems like Ole Man Liver has withstood the rigors of time quite nicely, thank you. Best to all!" Class of '49, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 100 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, CT 06492; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

50 Class Announcements: 1) Need an excuse for a great weekend in New York City? Shopping? Broadway show? Fine dining with friends? Reserve Friday, April 27 for the annual class dinner at the Cornell Club. A person of Cornell prominence will be the dinner speaker, plus music and sing-along with **Dave** and Susan **Dingle**. Make dinner reservations (\$75 each) by sending a check to **Stan Rodwin**, P.O. Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546; tel., 585-889-3180; e-mail, rodpkg@frontiernet.net. The deadline is April 15! Overnight accommodations are your choice; however, a few rooms are available at the Cornell Club and can be reserved through Stan. From an initial mailing last July, 35 classmates indicated plans to attend. With accompanying spouses and friends, attendance should be more than 60!

2) More than 80 class members have volunteered to serve on the new regional class councils. With 11 on the central council, we now have nearly 100 in positions to promote communications and class activities nationwide. More information in the next class column. 3) To encourage and facilitate communications among us all, we have begun to include e-mail addresses with each update. Should you prefer that we not do so, please advise us when you send in your news reports. If you write via e-mail make sure that the subject heading contains a Cornell reference such as Cornell Class of '50. Unidentified e-mails go to the Spam folder!

Robert Plaisted has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the ALS Alumni Association. Since 1977 only 176 of the more than 80,000 alumni have been so honored. The honorees represent a wide range of interests and accomplishments, and each has achieved success in a chosen field and shown leadership on behalf of Cornell and the Ag college. Robert joined the Dept. of Plant Breeding in 1956 and served as department chair from 1964 to 1979. He was instrumental in the development of nearly 20 potato varieties and breeding lines, and his potato research is heralded by growers, processors, and researchers worldwide. He lives in Ithaca with wife **Ellen (Overbaugh)** '51, and they have three children, Kathy, Diane, and **Thomas** '79.

Jane Wigsten McGonigal, PhD '84, Ithaca, NY (jwm7@cornell.edu) was assistant director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Jane maintains our class website and solicits news, especially pictures, from our 55th Reunion. She serves on the Protestant Cooperative Ministry Board and chairs the Endowment Committee. **Robert Kushell** (kushellassociates@msn.com) specializes in helping existing businesses develop well-structured franchising systems. He has been asked to develop a franchise course for university business schools in the Triangle area. He lives in a unique housing development called Fearington, operated in conjunction with Duke U., which provides 1,000 different types of residential units. "I go to the gym three times a week. Like most, I have responded to some health problems along the way, but have absolutely no complaint—a great wife, sons, and a fabulous grandson."

George Casler, MS '59 (glc4@cornell.edu) reports that he and wife Pat enjoyed an 18-day Lewis and Clark Elderhostel tour from St. Louis to the Pacific. They also visited their son in Cincinnati going both ways from Ithaca. **Robert Purple**, Canandaigua, NY (thepurps@aol.com) retired in 1987 after 37 years with the New York Dept. of Transportation, then worked part-time for the next 14 years for an engineering consulting firm in Rochester. He and wife Phyllis remain active in the Congregational Church, Bob in the adult choir and Phyllis as the historian. They take their winter break in Hilton Head Island, SC. Both enjoy reunions of those of our class that served in the 87th Infantry of Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army in WWII. They also have enjoyed 50 years of reunions with five Cornell couples from the classes of '49-52 with whom they are close friends.

Phil Davis now lives with his daughter Margaret and son-in-law Andy in Maryville, TN, in

the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. After graduation he bought his father's farm in Kerhonkson, NY, and married **Mary (Pelton) '53**. Of their four children, two (**Holly Davis Kinch '79**, MAT '81, and **Margaret Davis Smith '81**) attended Cornell, as did two sons-in-law, Drs. **Richard Kinch '77** and **Andrew Smith '79**. After Mary died in 1986, Phil took to the road alone in an RV and over the years has traveled many times across the US, taking time to visit fraternity brothers and fellow Cornellians. His most recent trip of three months had him visiting classmates **Ben Williams** (with dinner at Kendal at Ithaca with Ben and several retired Cornell profs); **Doug Lockwood** and wife Leslie in Albion, NY; and **Charlie Taft** and wife **Audrey (Hoeflin) '57**, who still grow rhododendrons in a greenhouse in Hamburg, NY. Traveling west he visited **Elder "Mike" Wolfe** and wife Barbara in Avon, OH, and other Cornellians in classes of the '50s. And, finally, he spent three weeks fishing in the Lewis and Clark National Forest and on the Yellowstone and Gallatin rivers.

Dick Pearce, East Greenbush, NY, was a civil engineer with the government. In retirement he's a master gardener who golfs in the summer, plays tennis all winter, and hunts and fishes all over North and South America. With wife Louise he has two children and four grandchildren. **Bernard Roth**, North Dartmouth, MA, serves as a consultant to local charities and to the Boston Executive Service Corps, helping advisees start businesses or find jobs. With Eleanor, his wife of 56 years, he has enjoyed small ship tours in Europe and the US, and plans a cruise from Charleston, SC, to Jacksonville, FL. He has one grandchild at Cornell, one at Vassar, and two in Midwest colleges, with three more coming along. To stay young he recommends keeping active and "never to be home for lunch."

Mary Elizabeth Adams Williams, Santa Fe, NM (coolypatch22@aol.com) is a retired registered nurse. "Patch" sings in the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church. She also accompanies husband **Cooly**, MD '54, to exhibits of his paintings, most recently one in Kansas City arranged by their daughter Ann, with input from son Michael of Austin, TX. She recommends "treasuring every day." **Margaret Rueter** Ruck, Glen Ellyn, IL, retired at age 77 from work as a lunch room supervisor in elementary schools. She currently volunteers as snack bar assistant and newspaper deliverer at Elmhurst Hospital, and emergency room assistant at Central DuPage Hospital. She's grateful for her Cornell education, which placed her among highly intelligent classmates and teachers, her four children, and the privilege of being able to travel about the US in her geriatric years.

Walter Mehlenbacher, Castile, NY, is retired from specialized farming, in which he was the leading producer in the Northeast of certified foundation seeds—potatoes, oats, wheat, birds-foot trefoil, crown vetch—and fine-bred beef cattle and sheep. **Robert Potter**, Oneida, NY, is a retired General Electric engineer. Currently, he does tax returns for the elderly and takes on volunteer assignments for the Oneida Healthcare Center. He enjoys golf, viewing college sports, and, with wife Eleanor, frequent visits to see his

four sons and three daughters in California, Texas, Florida, Ohio, and New Jersey.

Several class members attended last summer's on-campus sessions of Cornell's Adult University: Photography Studio (**Bernard Herman** and **Richard Hudes**); Arts and Crafts Movement (**Daniel** and **Betty Rosenberger Roberts**); and Mozart: Music, Life & Times (**John '49** and **Jean Miller Weber**). ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoinder@ix.netcom.com.

51 **Jack Howell**, Class Treasurer, reported at our annual fall Class Council meeting that we had contributed \$35,000 to Cornell from class dues (July 1 to June 30) as follows: Ramin Tradition Fellowship, 10K; Johnson Museum Print Collection, 5K; Library Acquisitions, 5K; Cornell Plantations, 5K; Lab of Ornithology, 5K; and Hurricane Katrina Transfer Student Fund, 5K. Jack and **Betty (Meng)**, with their three sons and a daughter-in-law, explored the Acadia National Park carriage roads by bicycle for a week in June. With children in Duluth, MN, Durango,

as a freshman. He says he put the house in his wife Marilyn's name for tax purposes and is now unemployed and homeless!

Dean Gernon, Glendora, CA, is still working with Habitat for Humanity, finishing up his 20th house. Wife Rose continues to substitute teach and travel—in Africa last November. Oldest granddaughter entered Cornell as a freshman in September 2006. **Ernest** and **May Sofis**, Hingham, MA, completed a 15-day trip to Italy. "It was a joy!" **Donald Regula**, MD '55, Schenectady, NY, retired in 1989 after 35 years of ob/gyn. He continues to work his 160-acre farm, cutting hay and lumber and caring for horses and goats. With his wife deceased in 1995, it takes a lot longer to do chores, but he says, "I love it." He continues to travel to the Outer Banks, NC, one or two times a year for saltwater fly-fishing. He meets **George** and **Patricia Stitt Truell '52** in Ithaca for Homecoming almost every year.

Highlights for **Don '52** and **Mibs Martin Follett** in 2005 included a ten-day study trip down the Croatian coast in a schooner from Venice with 55 other Cornellians, a two-week stay in Topsfield, MA, with three grandsons (soccer, piano, ice hockey) while their parents were away, a granddaughter's graduation from U. of New Hampshire, and watching two other grand-

'Plans are to enjoy life and maybe see a fifth-generation attorney.'

DIANNE SHAPIRO GASWORTH '48

CO, and New Hampshire's White Mountains they do a lot of traveling, including the Shakespeare and Shaw festivals in Ontario and Niagara-on-the-Lake. More recently they participated in and recommend two California Elderhostels: a week in San Francisco and a second in Yosemite. They hear from Jean and **John Roberts** in Sedona, AZ, Carol and **Russ Schuh**, Lombard, IL, and **Jesse** and **Betsy Zobel Hannan** with homes in Seneca Falls, NY, and Sarasota, FL.

Harold and **Rose Gould** checked in from Pavilion, NY, where he is a semi-retired dairy and crop farmer. **Reginald**, MBA '52, and **Alice Rice**, Menlo Park, CA, are enjoying life immensely with five grandchildren and involvement in local politics, duplicate bridge (almost life master), watercolor painting, tutoring Hispanic kids, and voracious reading. **Reginald** says, "No more tennis, skiing, or backpacking due to bad knees." He sees **Jim Stocker** around town occasionally. **Janet Armstrong** Hamber's red-letter day in Santa Barbara, CA, was a big surprise party honoring 30 years of service, with a cake that said, "To Jan Hamber: in appreciation of your commitment to the California condor and inspiring three generations of field biologists." She says, "I give thanks to Cornell's Dr. Arthur A. Allen and his class in ornithology for inspiring me to follow this line of work." **Thomas Nuttle**, Baltimore, MD, failed to get either child enrolled as a student at Cornell, but now has a granddaughter (**Molly Ryan**)

daughters' varsity tennis matches. They still spend winters in Tequesta, FL, and summers in West Easton, PA (except for a family reunion at Cape Cod), but Don has sold his airplane. **Tomas Blohm**, Caracas, Venezuela, was glad to hear of his roommate from Washington (CT) Gunnery School, **Dan Nesbett**. He recalls Dan played the trombone, "whose flat decibels I clearly remember after 60 years."

Larry Smith, Northport, NY, has "just about completely" retired from his architectural practice except for adding to and renovating his second home retreat in Southampton. Son **Mark '87** is a reconstructive plastic surgeon at Beth Israel and associated hospitals in NYC. Daughter **Tami '89** is also an MD, but currently working as a director for a major pharmaceutical company in NYC while raising Jack, 7, and Lucy, 8. **Leonard Steiner**, still happily retired from the real estate industry after 17 years, reports an extremely successful dinner, dance, and silent auction at the Castle in Tarrytown for the NYU Cancer Center sponsored by the Steiner family. In 2005, he and Barbara took their annual trip to the Scottish Highlands, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Moscow, and London.

John and Jean Roberts, Sedona, AZ, report that grandson Derek, attending Claremont McKenna College near Los Angeles, obtained a summer internship at the Free U. of Berlin. Grandson Joro is acclimating to a snowy 7,000-ft.

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elevation at Northern Arizona U. in Flagstaff. Their youngest grandson, Ryan, died accidentally; 250 people attended the memorial service. **Alfred Blumstein**, PhD '60, university professor and the J. Erik Jonsson Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research and former dean (1986-1993) at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management of Carnegie Mellon U., will be one of two people awarded the first Stockholm Prize in Criminology this June. The winners will share the prize amount of 1 million Swedish Kronor (about \$150,000).

Barry Nolin's Class of '51 Web page is <http://classof51.alumni.cornell.edu>. Please send your news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail bbond@ee.net.

52 There is lots of new news, thanks to you all. **Edwin Biederman Jr.** writes from State College, PA, that though retired he stays busy listening to classical music and maintaining his home. **Paul Davis**, MBA '59, Chatham, MA, is retired from IBM's World Trade Corp. He and his wife travel to see friends in Europe and Asia, and they had recently returned from Europe. **Daniel Divack**, Great Neck, NY, is retired after 41 year in his ob/gyn practice. He's "enjoying the change," and spends his time reading and painting. **Dorothy LaGuardia** Gillespie, Setauket, NY, who works with Meals on Wheels on Mondays and audits a class on the history of the civil rights movement at SUNY Stony Brook, writes, "It's really a wonderful program." **DeWitte "Tal" Kersh Jr.**, LLB '57, Waterville, NH, is a mostly retired lawyer, and also chairman of the board of selectman; planning board ex officio; and a member of Linwood Rotary, Cornell Club of New Hampshire, and New England Ski Museum. He's working with the town manager to manage a small resort village, including zoning, planning, and present and future land planning. He skis 90 days a year, and in season golfs five times a week. He and his wife travel spring and fall. **Fred Leonard**, Merion, PA, is semi-retired from his insurance agency, which specializes in racing shell insurance. He writes, "While coaching light crew at Penn for 27 years, I got to Cornell every other year to race and keep up with campus developments. I miss that, since I retired from coaching in 1992."

Doug, MPA '53, and **Sue Brigham MacLean** '53 are now in Austin, TX. Doug is retired but stays active with Boy Scouts. He's a life board member in Houston and volunteers. The MacLeans have sons in Austin. **Stuart Merz**, LLB '57, is retired but still in Shaker Heights, OH. He volunteers at church and at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum in Sanibel, FL. Stu says he has recently been getting older and would rather be getting younger. **Irwin Sitkin**, Chatham, MA, wrote that he and Helen were winding down another wonderful season with a recent trip to London, where among other things, he collected old woodworking tools. That was followed by a week visiting friends in Dublin and attending the Ryder Cup. The Sitkins were heading south and planned to return to the Cape around Memorial Day. He wrote, "Looking forward to reunion in June. Already planning to

join Jane and **Bernie Schapiro**, Sally and **Paul Schlein**, Carolyn and **Ernie Mendel**, and more of our Tau Epsilon Phi brothers."

I hope that the rest of you are making similar plans. **Bob Chabon**, M Ed '55, has written that the reunion lecture, "What Kind of President Will We Elect in 2008?" with Profs. Ted Lowi and Joel Silbey will be Friday, June 8, 2007. There is much more information coming about our reunion. Watch your mailbox and our Web page, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Donald Henn, Huntington, NY, writes that he and Abbie had "a very-mini-Cornell reunion in Southold, Long Island, with **Robert** and **Lois Anderson**, **Peter** '53, **JD** '57, and **Jean Thompson Cooper**, and **Gloria Maloney**, widow of **Robert Maloney** '53. Interesting talks were had of Cornell days, North Lansing, and, of course, children. I am now fully retired after serving 31 years as a trustee of the Ridgewood Savings Bank in Queens." **Jean Cooper** writes, "Am still hooking up a storm—I even won a national rug-hooking contest in the 'Commercial Patterns' category. Have become a pretty good fundraiser for our local community hospital, a trade I learned AFTER graduation, and am still learning. Cornell's educational prowess goes on forever. It is awesome!"

Irwin and **Arline Braverman Broida** are enjoying retirement in a 55-plus active adult community in Wayne, NJ. They are involved in bridge, Canasta, book groups, theater, and travel, and in planning and chairing events in their community. Last fall they took a river cruise from Vienna to Belgium. In spring they traveled to China, Korea, and Japan. **Joyce White** Cima has been hobnobbing with neighbors on Cayuga Lake in Lansing, NY, and is busy with the Ithaca History Center. She is a member of the corporate housing board for Alpha Xi Delta. She has been traveling and in February was to be birding and whaling in Baja, Mexico. **Joyce** followed graduation with a 37-year career with the university.

William Hubbard, Poughkeepsie, NY, is a retired real estate appraiser. He works part-time at Business System Technology and at yard and home maintenance. He's active with Lions and works in St. Andrews Episcopal Parish. With two daughters and their families in Wiesbaden, Germany, and Budapest, Hungary, he has been traveling. **Alan Rose**, Cayce, SC, is still a real estate appraiser. He attends college football and basketball games at the U. of South Carolina. He's mostly working and watching a grandson, who achieved a baseball scholarship at the Citadel, pitch. Al hopes to see old friends at reunion. He specifically mentioned **Fred Eydt** and **Whit Mitchell**.

Now, then, I hope most of you are also planning to see old friends at our 55th Reunion, June 7-10, 2007, Ithaca, NY. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, joangaul@mac.com.

53 Nuclear energy engineer and advocate **Murray Miles** (Gaithersburg, MD) reports on his first public speech, presented last fall at the Keese School of Continuing Education. The subject: Radiation: It's Good for You. "Rutabagas are radioactive," he began—as is his wife **Enid**

(Spangenberg)—and took it from there. “About 15,000 nuclear rays or particles pass through your body every second,” he went on, and “the lowest exposures I have found are to men aboard nuclear attack submarines at sea. The sea water shields them from the sun and cosmic radiation.” He spoke of his experiences with Hyman Rickover, generally referred to as “the father of the nuclear Navy,” before and after Rickover was an admiral; Three Mile Island (“No one has ever been killed by radiation from a nuclear power plant in the US”); Chernobyl (a different story); the benefits of medical radiation; and the expense in dollars and pollution of not using nuclear power. Fear of radiation causes “illogical, irrational behavior,” he maintained, and concluded that “reasonable amounts of radiation are not bad enough for your health to notice (and they actually are good for you.”

Gordon Lankton (Sterling, MA) has opened a spectacular Museum of Russian Icons across the street from Nypro in Sterling, MA, of which he was CEO 30 years before selling the plastics manufacturing firm to its employees in 1987. Rusophile Lankton and other **Janet (Kilby)** collected the icons, some of which date from the 15th century, during a number of business visits to Russia over 16 years. The priceless artifacts of Russian religion and history are housed in a solar-powered building that was once the town’s post office and library. “I like the collection,” he told a reporter. “I think others should be able to see it.”

Rose Carpenter Gernon (Glendora, CA) has become a substitute teacher (“I’m retired, I think”) with time for travel (Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe on safari; the Galapagos, South Africa), machine embroidery, grandchildren, and the state public policy committee of the American Association of University Women. **Ruth Burns** Cowan is deep into studies of the rule of law in the Republic of South Africa. “We have been lucky,” says **Marilyn Ellowitch** Frank (Pittsford, NY, and Sarasota, FL), who spent most of her working years as an executive director of the National Kidney Foundation. She retired as a fundraising consultant. Now she and husband Irwin have lots of time for golf and bridge and travel to see their three scattered sons—two professors and one anesthesiologist.

Lawrence and Catherine Austin Smith (who’ve remained in his old hometown of Piffard, NY, all these years) say that what keeps them busy these days is “farming in the summer, Chile and Mexico in the winter, and Scottish terriers all the time.” You may recall that Catherine came to Cornell from Caracas, Venezuela. Lawrence, who lists his birth name as “same,” nourishes glowing memories of **Stan Warren** ’27, PhD ’31 (Ag Economics) and **George Healey**, PhD ’47 (English). “We are trying to figure out how to retire, how to find winter sun, and how to continue to contribute to our rural community all at the same time.”

Berton Shayevitz (Manlius, NY), like quite a few of our MDs, continues to practice. Berton and wife Myra were promoted last year to assistant clinical professorships at the SUNY Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse. There they have been teaching parts of the practice of medicine course—relating, eliciting histories, and physical

examinations—to first- and second-year med students. Berton has long saluted the voice of experience. He says the most unforgettable characters at Cornell for him were “the World War II veterans who were still [on campus] during my first two years. They were far more mature and worldly than most of us. They worked hard and played hard and served as significant role models to those of us attending Cornell out of high school.” How true.

Morris Shorofsky (NYC), when last heard from, was still engaged, full-time, in the private practice of internal medicine, which is just what he says he wants to be doing. His most unforgettable Cornell experience? “American Ideals (Konvitz).” **Bertram Pitt** (Ann Arbor, MI), like many, is retired (from the U. of Michigan) but is “busier than ever, running several large clinical research studies around the world.” **Joe Huth** winters in Venice, FL, where he has been doing some writing. When growing season arrives up north, he migrates back to Delmar, NY, where he stays busy with a large community garden plot and church activities. In fairly recent memory, Elderhostels have drawn him to Prince Edward Island and Auburn, AL, besides short trips to St. Augustine and Key West.

Rick and Lois Patterson Noyes ’56 (Osprey, FL) followed their golden wedding anniversary with a return to Mater for Lois’s 50th Reunion. Their core family of 20 gathered for the renewal of their wedding vows on a dinner cruise in Sarasota. “We wonder at our fortune to live in Sarasota, where our family loves to visit us for fishing, swimming, and golf.” Rick is leader of the building committee for their community golf club and an elder of their Presbyterian Church. Exercise helps him stay in “reasonably good physical condition.” **Jack Severns** (Kent, WA) “enjoys a beautiful but overpopulated Pacific Northwest.” His finest hours at Cornell, he recalls, were singing with the A Cappella Choir. He casts a vote for “good friend **Ernie Hardy**, PhD ’69,” as his most unforgettable Cornellian.

The hills of western Massachusetts will be alive with the sound of Beethoven and of ’53 classmates reuniting at Tanglewood on Sunday, July 22. Phil and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron will continue their quasi-annual mini-festival with a mini-reunion to move us into the mood for our 55th (June 5-8, 2008) to the strains of an all-Mister B (as **Poe Fratt** used to call him) program. Stay tuned. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 “Life is very quiet if a tad frustrating.” These words from your correspondent, **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, whose computer malfunctioned the day before a planned Christmas trip to California and remained in Sick Bay until long after deadline. Regular publication of the ’54 class column will resume in the May/June issue. Send news and words of encouragement to: ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Alumni Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

55 Dateline: Christmas Week 2006. **Joe Simon** called recently to give me some information about the dinner held on campus last November at which **Jim Van Buren**, MD ’59, was named to Cornell’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Besides Jim and his wife **Mary (Martin)** ’56 and their five children, attendees included former teammates **Ralph De Stefano**, **Dick Mathewson**, and **Dick Jackson** ’56. Two other key players from the ’54-55 team, **Stan Tsapis**, LLB ’58, and **Len Oniskey**, were represented by their widows, Micky Tsapis and **Doris Carretti Oniskey** ’54. The Robison Hall of Fame Room is located on the main floor of the new Friends Hall, which was dedicated last October as part of Homecoming Weekend. Of particular interest is a visual presentation of 463 current individual members of the Athletic Hall of Fame. And thanks to the generosity and genius of Prof. **Don Greenberg**, BCE ’58, PhD ’68, all athletes have their portrait and a description of their heroics projected on a large flat screen.

Now to the mailbag. **Bob Leader**’s oldest son, **Henry** ’84, has produced his seventh child, bringing Bob’s grandchildren total to 15. Bob enjoys spending time in Cocoa Beach, FL, or Trout Lake in the western Adirondacks. **Don Demske** is growing “the best tomatoes east of the Mississippi,” building sets for a little theater group, and “still sleeping with the same gal after 52 years!” **Ron Ganeles** is proud to announce that his granddaughter **Caryn Ganeles** is a member of the Class of 2010. “Third generation sounds good,” Ron adds, “but oh so strange!” **George Forester** has brought his latest invention to market, a one-handed pocketable computer keyboard, the EkaPad. George’s company, EkaTetra, wanted to create a small, mobile, universal and easy-to-use keypad. “The development required six years,” George explains. “Much of the time was used creating and testing ergonomics, as the EkaPad handles more like a woodwind instrument than a traditional qwerty keyboard.”

On a recent trip between Florida and Duluth, GA, last spring, **Don** and **Lea Marshall** enjoyed lunch with **Ed and Lyn Foster Comans**, DVM ’60, at their winter home in the Villages at Lady Lake, FL. The Marshalls suffered damage to their Vero Beach, FL, home after the 2004 hurricanes, but the restoration “was completed (at last) last March.” And here’s an enthusiastic note from **Ann O’Neil** Potter, who moved to the Villages in September ’05. “What a great place to live!” she says. It’s an over-55 community, “but like nothing you’ve ever seen before. This is a place to have fun!” Ann has enjoyed visits from **Marie Chandesh** Spollen, MS ’74, and **Herb and Pat McCormick Hoehing**. She also keeps in touch by e-mail with **Claire Desaix** Simpson and **Janet Scanlan** Lawrence.

Last year, **Louis Altman** wrote that he and Ellie were getting ready to sell their house in Chicago and spend most of the year in Florida, where he’s joined the Cornell Club of Sarasota. Lou was elected president of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, and enjoys playing tennis every day. **Sue Spooner** Olsen’s book, *Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns*, has been traveling through the production process. It will be in bookstores in March and is posted on both the Timber Press

website and Amazon.com. “I thoroughly enjoyed doing the research and writing, as well as composing and selecting the 700 photographs—all of which, along with the editing, consumed most of my waking hours for almost three years,” Sue explains. She adds that our 50th Reunion was her first, but won’t be her last—she’s already looking forward to 2010.

Fran Goldberger Rubenstein says now she understands the old saying attributed to parents, that next time they’ll skip over parenting and go right to being grandparents—in their case, of Sophie Miranda, Class of 2025. The Rubensteins divide their time between Paradise North (the Berkshires, in Massachusetts) and Paradise South (Boynton Beach, FL), with trips in between to visit their son, who’s on the faculty of the U. of Liverpool. Fran encourages classmates to check out the many Cornell Club events in the Berkshires. “Come join us!” Hope your year has been filled with fun, family, and friends. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Donna and **Norm Ross** have moved into Avalon Village, a retirement community in Hampden, ME, and summer at the coast in Jonesboro, ME. **Roy Curtiss III** (St. Louis, MO) presented the keynote address at the Third Int’l Salmonella Conference in Victoria, BC, Canada. **Baxter Webb** (Palm Beach, FL) says, “I love retirement. I never thought I would say that!” Baxter is trying to save the Royal Poinciana Theatre in Palm Beach, but there’s time for lots of traveling.

Barbara Grove Purtee (Gulfport, FL) remarked that she had fun at our 50th, but that those Ithaca hills have gotten steeper over the past 50 years! **Ken Rind** (New York City) is an active venture capitalist and volunteers with the US Civilian Research and Development Foundation and the US-Israel Science and Technology Foundation. **Katherine “Tis” Weigt** Huberth (Auburn, WA) is a professional artist and teacher. Her painting “Primordial Patterns” was published in *SPLASH 9* by Northlight Books.

Marilyn Thomas Kennedy (Milwaukee, WI) reports: “50 years ago, I arrived in Tokyo, Japan, to join my husband **Don ’55**. He was in the Navy stationed at Yokosuda Naval Base. We had a great year and a half in Japan! Don’s classmate **Jiro Inumaru ’55** was wonderful to us. Three and a half years ago we returned to Japan for a two-week visit. Our son **Jeff ’90** accompanied us. We had a delightful visit with Jiro and lunched with him at his hotel in Tokyo.” **Carol Blicher** Gartner (Valley Center, CA) retired from Purdue U. as professor of English and, earlier, as dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Carol is volunteering her time as VP for acquisitions, Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve (an environmental organization), and VP of Friends of Valley Center Library, and she participates in San Diego Independent Scholars.

Jean Willman Scott and husband **Bill ’55** lived in Ithaca until 1990 when they retired and moved to Venice, FL. Jean volunteers for Tidewell Hospice doing Reiki and healing energy therapy. **Bob Silman**, founder of Robert Silman Associates

PC, an engineering firm that has “shored up” many historic buildings, received this year’s Landmarks Lion Award from the Historic Districts Council. The award event was held, appropriately, at Columbia U.’s Low Memorial Library, one of Bob’s many projects. Bob is married to our classmate **Roberta (Karpel)**.

Here’s our annual report of classmates’ attendance at CAU’s events last summer: **Claudia Gabel** Anderson (Greenville, NY) and **Peter Burckmyer** (Somers, NY) attended Underground Ithaca taught by John Chiment; **Jim Biben**, JD ’58 (Rochester, NY) attended The Senate, taught by **Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76**, and Joel Silbey; Sara and **Bruce Bloom** (Southhold, NY) attended Lithography: Writing Nonfiction; and **Signe Jonsson** Brightman (Merion Station, PA) attended Vet World.

Bob and Diana Motycka Day (Silver Spring, MD) have been very active in organizing and coordinating participation of the Cornell Club of Washington, DC, in an urban tree planting program in inner city Washington. A few weeks ago, the Days and ten Cornell Club members pitched in with shovels and sweat to plant 50 trees at Crispus Attucks Park in the N. Capitol St. corridor. Bob has been deeply involved in generating many new Cornell Club projects involving community activities and general urban improvement programs in D.C., including working with a community rowing group called the Big Red Dragons, which introduced Chinese dragon boat racing. Bob has also developed projects to clean up the Anacostia River. For all of you in the Washington, DC, area, check out the club’s monthly newsletter for upcoming projects.

There have been lots of favorable reports from our classmates regarding the 50th, including the following suggestions. From **Peter Thaler** (Los Angeles): “Next time, let’s have a single dormitory with a larger gathering room. Better weather would help.” And from **Curt Reis** (Rolling Hills, CA): “Why not raise dues \$10-20 to help subsidize Reunion?” And another suggestion: classmates seemed to like the idea of continuing and updating our website, which is being done. The address is <http://classof56.alumni.cornell.edu>.

And finally, I am saddened to report the passing of our classmate **Lenore Spiewak** Feldman (New York City). I received the following from Ellie Raphaelson of Boca Raton, FL: “I would like to pay tribute to my wonderful friend of 53 years, Lenore Spiewak Feldman, who passed away suddenly in August. She was an outstanding member of the community, having been the national president of the National Council of Jewish Women, and a member, until her passing, of the Int’l Council, all while raising four children and leaving a legacy of 13 grandchildren. She was respected and beloved by all who knew her. I was proud to count her as my friend. She is sorely missed.” ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Want to know who’s planning on coming to reunion? Check out our class website, <http://classof57.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Betty Starr** King is updating the information regularly.

2006 was a banner year for Bob and **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD ’60. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and last summer toured Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Norway after attending the Rotary Int’l Convention in Denmark. But the biggest news for Marcia is that she welcomed her *first* grandchild, a girl, in October.

When **Robert, JD ’57**, and **Carol Elis Kurzman** married in 1956 they were both students and honeymooned in Bermuda. So what did they do to celebrate the golden anniversary last year? Took a cruise to Bermuda! In September their daughter **Amy Kurzman** Buckman ’91 had a baby boy, bringing the total of Kurzman grandchildren to nine. **Elaine Meisnere** Bass and her husband also took a cruise for their 50th, with their three kids, spouses, and eight grandchildren joining in the fun.

Back in 1956 **Sue Westin** Pew spent two months traveling in Europe with **Pat Farrell** Marinelli, **Joanne Field** Bleakley, **Jan Charles** Lutz, **Lydia Ebel** Andersen, and **Marilyn Hester** Ridgley. Last summer the group, including **Jo Buckley** Emerson, got together at the Pews’ place on Martha’s Vineyard to reminisce about their adventure 50 years later.

Eileen Hoffman King has been retired for six years now, so gets to enjoy lots of visits from family and friends, including **Bev Graham** Powers and **Jan Booth** Anderson ’56. But **Chris Zeller** Lippman is still working; she’s assistant registrar at the Dwight School in Manhattan. **Sue Breslow** Dillon works part-time as an assistant to the attorney for the Nassau County Parks Department, but her main focus these days has been on her daughter. Alice Dillon is in need of a kidney transplant, and an anonymous donor has stepped forward to be tested. Her situation has been reported in the local Merrick, NY, paper and in *Newsday*.

In October an exhibition featuring the drawings of **Carol Rose Anderson Brown** and the photographic works of her husband, the late **Joseph Dean Brown ’58**, took place in Santa Fe, NM. **Carol Gehrke** Townsend, an avid gardener, traveled to the South Island of New Zealand early last year and followed up with a trip to Miami to see the Chihuly installation at the Botanical Garden there. Carol visited with **Marnie Enck** Broman, MD ’61, and her husband, docents at the Garden. At year’s end Carol was off on a New England cruise and then to NYC to visit the Bronx Botanical Gardens before flying back to California.

We lost some valued members of the class last year. In October while I was reading the Sunday *New York Times*, I saw this headline in the obit section: “Winifred Bennett, 71, Amateur Who Proposed Jefferson Tests.” Because of her age I was curious to read the article, and a few paragraphs in saw the name **Winifred Joyce**. Win was instrumental in getting a researcher interested in the use of DNA to determine the genetic link between Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings and her descendants. **Elizabeth “Betty” Quinn** Lewis passed away in November. Betty had been a longtime volunteer at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. She was one of three founders of the Ronald McDonald House in that city and received the Golden Heart Award in honor of her service. **Barbara Flynn** Shively sent

along the news that **Connie Engelke** Skov had died last fall. And a faithful correspondent to this column, **Harriet Merchant Shipman**, succumbed to pancreatic cancer last year. Her husband **Charles '55** said that she was so looking forward to our 50th, as she had attended all our reunions. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

The understated invitation to **Ara Daglian's** 80th (yes, 80) birthday bash (I was not invited) asks those on the list to be there for cocktails and Ara tales, and includes a picture of the "Man, Myth, and Legend" wielding a knife and fork, with the former large enough to carve up an elephant. The mild-mannered one, having survived a fairly normal stint as executive secretary and currently general manager of NYC club managers, celebrated last September at his estate on the Jersey shore. **Paul Noble** and **Judy Richter Levy**, LLB '59, were there and can fill us in at reunion as to what actually happened, but the great one probably lectured on the art of fire-fighting when his heartburn was probably more intense than the fire, and the fact that in 25 short years he rose to the exalted position of chief assistant to the assistant chief of a three-person volunteer station. His activity after the party has consisted of European river cruises, from which he has regrettably returned to this country.

Roger Jones, MPA '60, also made a foray in Europe in the late summer and early fall, traveling through 17 countries and 60 or so cities, towns, and villages in a two-month span. He is back at his home at the Spruce Creek Fly-In Community in Port Orange, FL, and looking forward to the 50th, remembering when his grandfather came to his 50th at the end of our junior year. **Lee Poole** is refinishing furniture while enjoying retirement in Vermont, having worn many hats as a Presbyterian minister, including family counselor, director of development for Beirut U.'s international college, tour organizer for European travel, and fundraiser for the purchase of two fire department ambulances, on which I'm sure Ara consulted. Lee recounts the decision he had to make to resign from the Glee Club in order to raise money to get through Cornell and get financially ready for Princeton Theological School.

Tom Paterson is living and loving it in Beaufort, SC, doing some landscape design and consultation and playing a little golf, as is **John Schuerger**, who is looking forward to catching up with his 150-lb. crewmates and Phi Kappa Tau brothers. He is now in Florida, having spent most of December and January in Singapore and Hong Kong. Also golfing at least three times a week is **Myron Green**, who is deeply involved with the state of Israel's ambulance and blood service emergency clinic, conducting quite a bit of blood-related research. Unlike Ara, he celebrated his 70th quietly so that no one would know that milestone had been reached.

Rick Knittel is an engineering advisor/expert witness by day, and trombonist in a jazz band by night, and was feted at a surprise party by a group of 40 family and friends on his 70th. **John Fisher** is making all of us look bad by returning to school, mastering political issues of the Middle

East, and currently taking a course in Chinese culture. All of **Bill Galvin's** children and grandchildren threw a surprise party for him on his birthday. He attended the 100th anniversary of Seal & Serpent in fall '05, highlighted by a dinner at the Straight for 190 members and friends. **Allan Dunn**, orthopedic surgeon and scientist and discoverer of morpho-angiogenesis, a unique action of growth hormone that rejuvenates adult blood vessels to form fetal capillaries (which produce fetal stem cells), has indeed been a pioneer in his work. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 Classmates, I'm sorry to begin with some bad news. We've all lost a good 'mate and Cornell supporter, **Tom Akins**, who **Jim** and **Annette Fogo Harper** report died in a fall at his home last September. More may be reported elsewhere, but Jim reminds us that Tom was a Phi Gam, a frosh football player, and an all-round good guy, and he will be missed. We extend the class's sympathies to Tom's family and many friends.

We have a few Notes carried over from last summer and, just now in hand, your more recent News and Dues write-ins. Thanks for sending them; our column is now longer as a result of

doesn't seem all that special, but as the guide said at the time, 'I'll bet there aren't too many 70-year-old cancer survivors who've been up here.'" Probably true, Jon, and congratulations on your feats.

Russ Taft has been keeping his activities at the usual high level, too. He writes, "Still doing theater work. I was in three plays in the past year and rehearsing for a repeat of *Scrooge the Musical* again this season. Also singing with the Maui Chorale Association, with an upcoming Christmas concert. Main travel this year was to Fiji to visit my daughter, who was living on Koro Island for several months, and then I took a Blue Lagoon Cruise around other Fiji island groups. A delightful and interesting trip. Starting to think ahead for June 2008." **Jack "JB" Kelly** still manages wealth at Smith Barney in New York City and has the additional pleasure of working with his sons John II and Robert, also financial advisors of senior portfolios. Jack and Ingrid continue to reside at their Windsong Farm in Pottersville, NJ, and he says he's looking forward to seeing many old friends in the near future at Cornell.

Benton "Benny" Butler Manganaro enjoys retirement and travel, especially to Southeast Asia last fall, from her and Joe's new residence in Columbus, GA. They recently moved from Sarasota, FL. The Rev. **Francis Waite**, MAT '72, traveled to Brazil with a mission team of Aldersgott

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NANCY SAVAGE PETRIE '55

that and you get more news. **George Nicholas** is one of our Hotelies who lives in Leonia, NJ, in winter and says that he was having a good summer in East Hampton with his wife and son John. They run a small marina called Sunset Cove, and a restaurant, Fiddler's Cove, with ten cottages next door, all in Three Mile Harbor. George says, "The operations are a Mom-and-Pop style. Other than working, I love clamming, shelling, tennis, and occasional jogging . . . all in good health." George welcomes hearing from fellow Hotelies and classmates.

Jon Howell writes, "The most important thing in my life is that I've fallen in love with a new lady, Aimee Elizabeth Rovere, 15 months old on August 19. I've been trying to teach her to say, 'Let's go skiing Pop Pop,' but so far no luck. She already has strong legs and an adventurous spirit, so my confidence in her abilities is unbounded. Why, she might even be a climber and ski-mountaineer!" Indeed, Grandpa Jon is heavily into skiing: all over the West, plus some ski-mountaineering near an avalanche chute in Wyoming, then to the three-day camping and ski tour of the 23-mile Grand Teton Crest Ski Traverse, and more—avidly! He was off to California in the summer, where, he says, "Mt. Shasta at 70 became my mantra for 2006. Success! At 10:30 a.m. on July 3, I was standing on top. What a great view! Once you've done something like that it

Renewal Ministries last year and otherwise spends his time filling in at pulpits of various churches in the Livingston Manor, NY, area. He would like to hear from **Allan Burns**. Ann and **John Schneider** live in Wellington, FL, where John still practices transaction and estate law at his third-generation law firm. He gets away for snow skiing in his travels and also enjoys tennis and parasailing. He too is looking forward to attending our 50th next year along with son **Mark '93**, a fourth-generation Hotel school grad who will be up for his 15th then.

Judith Welling Baker and husband DeWitt III travel, having had an "extensive trip to the Middle East last May and Ireland in July." They also enjoy theater and opera in NYC when Judith is not engaged as a retiree in her charity work. **Michael Gershon**, MD '63, also of NYC and a professor in the Dept. of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia U., says there's nothing he'd rather do than what he does: traveling for meetings and lectures and fun. "If there were anything else I would rather do, I would do it." He is on an advisory board for Cure Autism Now and with his wife **Anne (Angen)**, MD '64, helps in the babysitting for eight grandchildren. From his Cornell days, Michael remembers being coxswain of lightweight crew and his fraternity activities.

Albert Caines is a retired entomologist and vector control specialist for the Oswego County

Health Department; he misses the job—“one in a million.” In his free time, Albert is into NASCAR racing, his grandson’s high school sports, hunting, and fishing, along with “playing with his pet skunks, raccoons, and other wild creatures.” He’d like to hear from **David Mech** and **Don Schneider**, LLB ’63. Albert can be reached at 29 Kline Dr., Pennellville, NY 13132. **Herb Whittall**, when not technically advising the Electrical Generating Systems Assn., is busy as treasurer of the Indian River Symphonic Assn. that brings seven orchestras into Vero Beach, FL, for concerts each year. Many are from afar: Wales, Hamburg, Germany, and Russia. He also bookkeeps for the gift shop his wife runs for the Friends of the Library in their main county library. They raised \$28,000 this year—a very generous amount, your correspondent adds, based on his own experience with his local Friends of the Library. The Whittalls completed a round-the-world trip in Nov/Dec 2005.

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JON HOWELL ’58

Herb would like to hear from **Ken Derr**, MBA ’60, with whom he (we all, Herb) has lost contact. The last we’ve heard, he was CEO of Chevron. Ken, are you still handling that huge job?

Brad Corbitt continues as captain of his charter boat. He is also helping his daughter remodel homes and volunteers as a driver for a local transportation service—and that’s when he and **Nancy (Horgen)** ’74 aren’t traveling to/from and enjoying their place in the Florida Keys. Farmer **Philip Coombe Jr.** raises 150 head of beef cattle on his 1,200-acre farm in Grahamsville, NY, where he’s now retired from his job as commissioner of the Dept. of Correctional Services for New York. He and hundreds of volunteers are building a 24,000-sq.-ft. library for their little town; he’s responsible for the job and doing a considerable amount of the actual construction. Phil says he loves what he’s doing, feels that his college experience “was the best anyone could have,” and sounds like he’s living life to the fullest.

Finally, a correction from the Nov/Dec column: it’s **Steve Bank**’s e-mail, not his son Larry’s e-mail address that is spyder59@bellsouth.net. Cheers to all as spring is soon upon us. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps Jarvie**, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net. Class website, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu> (for other news and events of the Class of ’58).

59 Receiving much press coverage and acclaim for his latest novel, *Against the Day*, is the “famously solitary” **Thomas Pynchon**. The epic novel is set during the years between the Chicago World’s Fair of 1893 and the years just after World War I. In a blurb about the book, Thomas writes:

“This novel moves from the labor troubles in Colorado to turn-of-the-century New York to London and Gottingen, Venice and Vienna, the Balkans, Central Asia, Siberia at the time of the mysterious Tunguska Event, Mexico during the Revolution, post-war Paris, silent-era Hollywood, and one or two places not strictly speaking on the map at all. With a worldwide disaster looming just a few years ahead, it is a time of unrestrained corporate greed, false religiosity, moronic fecklessness, and evil intent in high places. No reference to the present day is intended or should be inferred.”

Almost concurrently with the novel’s publication, Thomas was in the news for his support of British novelist Ian McEwan against charges of plagiarism. In a letter to England’s *Daily Telegraph* he stressed that authors of historical novels must borrow from resources contemporary to the period they are writing about: “Unless we were actually there, we must turn to people who

were, or to letters, contemporary reporting, the encyclopaedia, the Internet, until, with luck, at some point we can begin to make a few things of our own up.”

Dave Dunlop of Brooktondale, NY, notes that a lot of great people come to Cornell as guest speakers. “One of the best I have heard is our own classmate **Jack White**, who was outstanding when we were students together in the ILR school and still is. It is great to see a classmate with so much ability having invested his talents so generously in public service and education.” Jack, the US deputy secretary of defense from 1995 to 1997, presented a lecture in September for the Cornell Inst. for Public Affairs 2006-07 Colloquium Series entitled US Military Transformation: Challenges and Choices. He is the Robert and Renée Belfer Lecturer at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and contributes to the policy debate by co-chairing a project on military transformation with another former deputy secretary of defense, John Deutch.

Dave also writes that he and **Neil Janovic** serve on the Cornell Plantations Second Century Committee. “Last spring Neil gave me some seeds for my garden. Along with lemon cucumbers and other exotic plants was some Aztec spinach. These seven-foot-tall giants are now the dominant feature of my little garden!”

Always on the alert for news of ’59ers, **Ron Demer** reports that the December Harvard Business School *Alumni Bulletin* noted that **Steve Fillo** was in Sofia, Bulgaria, earlier in 2006 to attend the annual meeting of the Bulgarian-American Enterprise Fund. Steve, who now lives in Edwards, CO, is chairman of the fund’s board of directors. The fund has invested in Bulgarian entrepreneurs over the past 15 years, creating jobs and teaching former Communists about

free markets to insure that capitalism takes firm root. The Fund has grown from \$55 million to over \$200 million and is the top performer among all US government enterprise funds created when the Berlin wall came down.

Ron, who lives in Ithaca, also reports that **Art Geoffrion**, who lives in Santa Monica, CA, has retired after many years of teaching and research at UCLA. “He was honored by the board of his main professional society with a surprise day-long public program and closing reception at their annual meeting in Pittsburgh,” notes Ron. “His principal retirement hobby is discovering close relatives through genealogical research, visiting them, capturing their information into his database, scanning old family pictures, and collaborating within the family to caption them properly. He has met more than a dozen relatives, half over 75 and one 99 (who is frequently mentioned in Art’s parents’ courtship letters, which he still has), been warmly received, and heard many priceless family stories.”

“Fourteen years is a long time to be away from home,” comments **Patricia “Paddy” Hurley**, who loves being back in her house in Ivoryton, CT. Paddy has retired from full-time public school teaching and is looking for that perfect part-time job. In the meantime she is doing some substitute teaching and quite a lot of performing with her quartet, Fair Winds Brass Ensemble. She’s also having fun with her local grandkids—two boys, ages 3 and 1-1/2. **Jim Glenn** writes that he and his wife Gwenneth have sold their Florida home and moved to a temporary apartment nearby. They are building an adobe house in Taos, NM, and plan to move there in June, after Gwen completes her last year as the librarian and media center specialist in a local elementary school. Jim is winding down his real estate business in anticipation of the upcoming move. The Taos house has been designed by Gwen’s architect brother in typical Southwestern style. The contractor is **Charles Dillon** ’76, who works with a quality team of Taos Pueblo Indians. Jim can be reached at 2680 Grande Isle Dr., Apt. 19215, Orange City, FL 32763. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jct24@cornell.edu.

60 Shortly after the previous column went in, **John Siegfried** wrote with more information on the August reunion of the Ithaca High School Class of 1956, specifically about the “class within a class,” those who went on to graduate from Cornell in 1960. John reports that all the “townies,” which group now includes several who have migrated back to Ithaca in recent years, agreed that they would try their best to attend the 50th Reunion of our class in 2010. The reuniting group included, along with those mentioned previously, **Dave Auble**, MBA ’62, of Ithaca, **Merrill Burr** Hille of Seattle, WA, **Albert Cappucci**, MBA ’61, of Ithaca, **Jim Carter**, MST ’65, of Pine City, **Carl Crispell**, MAT ’66, of Ithaca, **Dan Dorf** of Orlando, FL, **Carol Sue Epstein** Hai of Rochester, **Bob Flannery**, MBA ’63, of Traverse City, MI, **Julie Gentle** Jackson of Ithaca, **Leonard Johnson** of North Falmouth, MA, **Hugh Lacy**, MCE ’63, of New York, **Neil MacDougal** of Glenwood Springs,

CO, **Pat Mahool** Thayer of Ithaca, **Ted Quirk** of Las Vegas, **Roy Park**, MBA '63, of Ithaca, **Renee Sack** of Woburn, MA, **John Stratakos** of San Jose, CA, and **Herb Warren**, JD '62, of Prospect, KY.

John Siegfried is a retired corporate attorney living in Cleveland, OH. When queried about news, he says, "What with six children and 11 grandchildren scattered across the US, my wife Susan and I have very little time to do much other than keep up with our family." Also busy with family is **Janice Petro** Billings of Corona Del Mar, CA, who has six children and 13 grandchildren and says she "loves spending lots of time with them." A retired school superintendent, Janice also manages to find time to teach at Pepperdine U. and serve as a consultant with the Association of California School Administrators. She and husband Ross have been doing extensive genealogical research and ended up buying some ancestral land on Billings Lake in North Stonington, CT.

Inspired perhaps by the bonhomie of the Ithaca High School reunion, Leonard and Patty Johnson played host on Cape Cod during the fall to a weekend group of classmates who were headed for the Cornell-Brown football game in Providence. On hand for the festivities were **Jon** and **Jane Emerson** of Farmington, CT, **Pete** and **Judy Leadley** of Rangeley, ME, **Ron** and **Betty Roach** of Rocky Hill, NJ, **Jack** and **Grace Gallaway** of St. Petersburg, FL, **Ray** and **Marilyn Perry** of Newport, and **Frank Earl**, who came up from Slidell, LA, where, says Leonard, "he has been putting his house back together after Katrina." Leonard's brother **Keith** '56 and **Ned Nolan** '53 also joined the group. As far as the game was concerned, "the weather in Providence was sunny and warm, and the band was terrific—more than I can say about the football team!" The group was consoled, however, by a dinner hosted by Ray at a yacht club in Newport.

En route back to Hartsdale from a reunion at Evanston High School, **Barbara Cyrus** Martin paid a visit to **Bob** '57, MBA '59, and **Liz Chapman Staley** at their farm in Loami, IL, where they raise buffalo, llamas, and donkeys. Barbara noted that Liz can be seen driving a tractor around the farm when feeding the herds. The property, which had belonged to Bob's aunt for many years, has been extensively remodeled. Two barns and a pond have been added, and the Staleys are now building an indoor arena for small ponies and carts, which will amuse their nine grandchildren. The four Staley daughters and their families are widely dispersed, living in San Francisco, Seattle, Pennsylvania, and England.

Paul Becker spent three years commuting from his home in Bloomington, IN, to his teaching position at the U. of Tennessee, Knoxville until he retired in spring 2006; Paul points out that it was his third (and presumably last) retirement. Three of Paul's four children now live in Los Angeles. **Kevin** '89 is a research manager in polymer engineering, Randy has moved on from acting to producing scripts for movies and television, and Tineka is a casting director. His oldest child, Lisa, is the director and head curator at the U. of Colorado Art Museum in Boulder.

Also on the U. of Colorado campus these days is **Mel Hirshowitz's** older daughter Lauren,

now a junior. Mel's younger daughter Emily graduated last June from the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. **Bill Ballou** writes from Williamsburg, VA, "I'm still waking on the right side of the grass, consulting, and teaching skiing part time." **Bob Aldinger** of Aiea, HI, says, "I'm continuing to enjoy retirement. Hawaii proves to be very hospitable, with much to do."

During his term as president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, **Bill Henry** of Sequim, WA, was named one of the top newsmakers of 2005 in the global engineering construction industry by *Engineering News-Record*. Bill began an initiative to reduce global corruption in construction, and traveled with his wife **Joan (Kather)** '64 to Asia, Africa, South America, and Europe, as well as throughout North America, meeting with engineering leaders to gain their support. Now retired on the Olympic Peninsula in western Washington, Bill and Joan say they are "enjoying the outdoors in the Northwest," though it should be noted that his note arrived before the recent record-breaking precipitation in the region in December.

Jay Harris sent along a letter expressing great sadness about the death of **George Farley**, his teammate on the Cornell basketball team for four years. "I know that our classmates and teammates during that period, **Dave Zornow**, **Fred Wynne**, and **John Furlong**, join me in expressing our respect, admiration, and fond memories of George. We had a fine team our senior year and went into the last weekend against Penn and Princeton with the possibility of a tie for first place in the Ivy League. Unfortunately, we lost both games, but in one of them, against Princeton, George had a magnificent night and scored 47 points, setting an Ivy League and Cornell record. He was named to the All-Ivy first team that year. He will be greatly missed." Send news to: ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Class President **Marshall Frank** and wife **Rosanna (Romanelli)** attended the Cornell-Columbia football game with a huge crowd of Cornell alumni. Other '61ers cheering on the Big Red were **Ed Goldman**, **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, **Elke** and **Peter Greenberg**, **Len** and **Janet Blank Horowitz** '63, and **Dick** '58 and **Lynn Rothenberg Kay**. President David Skorton led the way as hundreds of alumni marched behind the Big Red Band from St. Patrick's Cathedral to the Cornell Club. A "Taste of New York" buffet was a welcome treat, and Marshall and Rosanna were joined by their daughter **Erica** '03 (and two of her sorority sisters), **Bobbie Horowitz**, and **Dee Palmer** Kaplan, M Ed '62.

Memories of Cornell. **Arthur Tasker** of NYC wrote to remind me of Freshman Camp and the meeting of his folks and my folks in the Straight. The McCullys were considering buying a future restaurant site in East Marion, NY, almost in the Taskers' backyard. **Dorothy Ann Meigs** Ghent of Melbourne, Australia, is a sacristan (a worker in a sacristy). She performs this function in the Melbourne RC Cathedral. She would like to hear from **Phoebe Mason**.

Charles McChesney of Mars, PA, retired and is enjoying his grandchildren and church activities. He would like to hear from **Joe Carroll**, ME '68, **Bob Levy**, and **Lloyd Goettler**. Bobbie Horowitz, another candidate for a "100-hour day," is a writer, performer, and producer in NYC. Bobbie has a musical in the works, is currently producing *The Betrayal of Norma Blake* for a New York run, and is marketing her youngsters' adventure story, *The Adventures of Harrold and Marrold*. Bobbie says, "I hear from **Lynda Psachie** Loberg and **Frannie Olman** Hardaway '62, but where is **Billy Kretschmer**?" **Joseph Santamaria** of Houston, TX, is a practicing architect. He fondly remembers the chimes playing the "Evening Song" and would like to get in touch with **Bruce Herbert**. **Miriam Adam** Swanson of Kihei, HI, fills her retirement with gardening, kayaking, golfing, beaching, and entertaining visitors. Miriam would enjoy hearing from old Cornell friend **John Funsch**, MBA '59.

Ruth Virginia Elcan of Pelham, MA, recently toured China with three friends. Extracurricular activities include serving on the board of an arts and crafts center, painting, and gardening. Three friends Ruth would like to contact are **Susan Wainger**, **Terry Tondro**, and **Judy Stein** Goldstein. **Adelle Case Picking** and husband **Skip**, MBA '62, of Johnstown, PA, treated grandson Jake Picking, age 15, to a golfing trip to Scotland and sightseeing in London. Adelle mentions **Prue Prescott** Robertson as a Cornell friend she would like to hear from. Personally, I would like to hear from **Larry Bortles**'s wife Rose. We met at reunion and enjoyed each other's company. **Bill Magee** of Cazenovia, NY, is the chair of the agriculture committee of the New York State Assembly. In response to whom he would like to hear from, Bill said, "Anyone that remembers me." That covers a lot of ground!

Stephan Minikes, US Ambassador, Retired, lives in McLean, VA, and does consulting for foreign countries and businesses doing business in the US, as well as US businesses doing business globally. He also lectures in the US and overseas on US foreign policy to interested businesses and university audiences. **Robert Sussna** of Stockton, NJ, an architect and artist, traveled to Italy drawing and painting along the way. The one thing Robert remembers from his time at Cornell was meeting his wife **Debby (Beilin)** '63. That's so nice. **May Lee** Ling of Hingham, MA, is a staff nurse at Brodeton Hospital. In August she participated in the PMC 192-mile bike ride for cancer research. **Diane Thomas** Staab of Memphis, TN, is General Counsel, Asia for International Paper. Diane is planning to move to a newly constructed retirement home in Old Greenwich, CT, when she completes her current Shanghai assignment.

Garrett Codrington of Chester, NJ, another romantic, tells us that the thing he most fondly remembers at Cornell was "meeting my wife **Kerstin (Westman)**, SP '59-60, and courting her in every beautiful spot on and off campus." Lovely, just lovely. On a trip to New England the Codringtons had a reunion with **Gene Shea** and **Chris Thurlby**, JD '69. "Life is good, no changes needed," says Gary. **Susan Joyner** Hine writes from Shelter Island Heights, NY, that she attended the Jane Austen Society of North America

meeting in Tucson. Susan is also involved in a lecture series on foreign policy in NYC and does referrals for summer camps.

Arthur Kroll, chairman and CEO of KST Consulting Group of Hartsdale, NY, spends most of his time doing research to find a cure for leukemia. Arthur and his wife Lois enjoyed a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. "Next to rice, US tourism is the number one business in Vietnam." **Marifrances Tomlinson Hiltz** says hello from Franklin, TN. **Robert Stamper** of Berkeley, CA, is a professor and the Michal Vilensky Chair of Ophthalmology at UC San Francisco. **Michael Hirsch**, a recently retired orthopedic surgeon will soon be leaving his home in Oxnard, CA. As soon as he and wife Maureen have their boat outfitted, they will enjoy a six-month Mexico cruise.

Please keep sending updates on your many activities. Your news makes our column interesting. ♦ **Joanna McCully**, joannacelclady@aol.com; **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net. Class website, <http://www.cornell61.org>.

62 When you've finished reading this magazine, log on to our class website at <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/> for the latest in reunion news, including a list of classmates who've indicated they'll be there. **Alan Flaherty** (af95@cornell.edu), our new webmaster, seeks additional words and photos for the class website as we approach our 45th Reunion. Do you want to

contribute to the Grandchild Gallery or the Travel Gallery? Click on the *Send Pictures or Info* button on the website for details. Classmates are doing such a variety of activities and have such diverse memories of time on the Hill that you'll just have to be at reunion in Ithaca, June 7-10 to hear about it all!

Cornell recollections from **Nancy Terrell Weight** (weightn@comcast.net) include the January walk back to the dorm after swimming, "with boots crunching on the ice and hair turning into icicles." Not to be repeated when you're there for June reunion! Nancy's with Chicago Title in Denver, where she enjoys Rocky Mountain hiking and "all activities that come with managing, traveling, and adventuring with my children and five grandchildren (four boys 5 to 10, and a very girlie girl, 3)." One of the highlights of **John Curtis**, BCE '64, MS '65's last year was traveling with Cornell alumni through the Panama Canal. "It was a lifetime journey for us and we met many wonderful folks along the way. We are quite pleased to receive guests and visitors at our new home in the Dallas area (on Lake Ray Hubbard), though it may be a while before we actually become Texans. We will be more of the 'like, whatever' California variety and not the 'y'all come' Texas types, at least until we get some of that black mud on our boots." John (Johncurtis6111@aol.com) has retired as director of parks and public works for the town of Los Gatos, CA, where he was also past president of the Morning Rotary Club.

Boating, biking, and skiing are primary retirement activities for Mary Ann and **William Rustay** of Amherst, NY (mabrustay@msn.com). William does occasional consulting for his former employer. "Veterinary Relief Service" reads the card of **Albert J. Haberle**, DVM '64 (ajh55@cornell.edu). When not filling in for other vets in the Westport, NY, area, he and **Bonnie (Woodard) '66** enjoy hiking the High Peaks, canoeing, and sailing. They have restored an 1833 house on Lake Champlain. Albert's already planning a '60s party for the classes of 1960-68 in the fall of 2012 at the Delt house, "for all who are still alive or think they are alive." In the meantime, guys, plan on June 2007!

Kent, CT, is home to Susan and **Bob Frishman** (gsp01@attglobal.net), who are building a home in Sandestin, FL. Bob is president of Greenwich Search Partners, an executive placement agency in the computer industry. The Frishmans enjoy skiing, water sports, travel, and Lions Club activities. The Statler football training table is **Robert Ritz's** favorite Cornell memory. Retired, he enjoys golf, travel, fitness, and grandchildren. Robert and Dorothy live in Sugarloaf, PA. You'll find **Frederick Claus** (alphaguy@bellsouth.net) in Louisville, KY, where he's a "preacher"—he received his Doctor of Divinity degree.

"The belly dancing in the Bay Area is fantastic!" enthuses San Franciscan **Jennifer Shaw** (shaw000@earthlink.net), who lists her activities as dancing and yoga. Volunteering with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Ventura County, CA, keeps **Marianne Mattucci Escaron** (mvescaron@att.net) busy when she's not docenting at the renovated Getty Villa in Malibu. She's currently learning to write grants. Marianne's grandson lives in Madison, WI. She cited the beauty of Ithaca and

excellence of French classes as favorite memories. **Wayne Olson** (wolson5428@aol.com) has written and edited technical texts from 1987 to 2003 and has authored about 30 scientific articles in the past 44 years. He's consulting with pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical houses that specialize in proteins and peptides. He is also writing chapters for two new books. One of those is a murder mystery, for which he can be found "searching for material at the (Kankakee, IL) Salvation Army."

Singing with the Waiters is among **Donald Morgan**, MD '72's fondest Cornell memories. He's hoping to hear from former Waiters. Don (neuzamorgan@aol.com) found great skiing at Snowbasin, UT, just before heading to Rio to join wife Neuz there for the winter. When home in Delaware, he enjoys bicycling, reading, listening to music, and socializing with friends. Their older daughter travels to Brazil on Sony business, and their younger daughter is to be married this spring. In New York City, **Susan Ribner**, MA '65 (SRibner@aol.com) teaches creative non-fiction and freshman composition at Hunter College, as well as a memoir class for seniors. She's enjoyed leading writing workshops at the Prague Summer Program. After returning from Prague last summer, Susan spent a month at a writing residency at Anderson Center in Red Wing, MN. Also in New York, **Brenda Barnett Solomon** (bbsolomon@aol.com) is a real estate broker with Daniel Gale Sotheby's. She and Charles sold their Roslyn Harbor home to move to Park Avenue, whence they enjoy opera, concerts, the Metropolitan Museum, and Central Park.

It's not too late to volunteer to help with reunion. Of course you'll be there, so get involved! Just call **Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler** at (603) 795-9912 or e-mail her at rzb3@cornell.edu. ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 It's hard to believe that our 45th Reunion is only a little more than a year away. Plan on attending in June 2008. You'll hear more as the year progresses.

Frank and **Barbara Peterson** divide their time between La Quinta, CA, and Tigard, OR. Frank is emeritus professor of geology at the U. of Hawaii. He and Barbara like to golf, hike, and participate in geologic activities. His fond memory of life at Cornell was tray-sliding down Libe Slope. He would like to hear from **Bill Goodall**. **Elenita Eckberg Brodie** had a busy 2006. She went to Belize on a dive trip last May. Then, in the summer, she went to Moscow and boarded the Trans-Siberian Railroad, taking it to Ulaan Bator, Mongolia, with stops in Krasnoyarsk and the Lake Baikal area. In Mongolia she stayed in the gehr (yurt) camp and did some horseback riding. After that she spent a few days in Beijing. She visited **Vicki Fielding Maxant** in Massachusetts, and they had a chance to take a whale-watching cruise out of Boston Harbor.

Paul and **Judy Branton Wilkins** still live in Penn Valley, CA, and Judy still teaches piano and has recitals. They are enjoying new adult relationships with their children. Son Brian (USC '95) is a manager of talent in the film/TV industry and has started his own firm. Cathy (UCLA '04) is

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going to Cal State Northridge for a master's in special education. We had a nice three-day visit here in Tucson from **Neil**, MD '69, and **Edie Osborne Kochenour**. Neil retired last July. He and Edie spent two weeks in New Zealand in early September. Neil then went fly-fishing in British Columbia. Edie, also retired, is helping people record their oral histories. She works with a professor at the U. of Utah who is a folklorist. She is also active on a university women's commission. Neil and Edie bought a home in Academy Village on the southeast side of Tucson and were hoping to settle in by the fall. We are looking forward to having them here.

Alexis Sommers is coordinator of graduate programs in industrial engineering at the U. of New Haven, CT. He is lead professor in the new forensic engineering program in the Dept. of Forensic Science. He has research interests in metal failure and casting fracture, which is part of the field of forensic science. Alexis also plays doubles in tennis and says he has a high handicap in golf. He is a member of Guilford, CT's Pension Committee and unsuccessfully ran for town treasurer. Wayland, MA, is the home of **Donald** and **Dee Clark Gould**. Donald is retired but is running a small nonprofit company, the Karelian Scholarship Fund, which raises money in the US to fund university education for Russian students in Russia. His hobbies are watching sports, birding, studying Russian, and traveling. **Lewis** and **Carol Childs** live in Rochester, NY. Lewis finished work last year on a new Buffalo life sciences research facility. He is now a freelance consultant architect. Other projects that Lewis has been doing include residential, food industry, and Monroe Community College rehab. Their daughter and 10-month-old grandson live with them and keep them busy. Lewis is looking forward to backing off on his practice, moving to a better climate, and working on some sculptures.

Linda Berman Waldrum is a tax examiner in Ogden, UT. **Vivian Grilli DeSanto** wrote this fall that **Stephanie Tress** Depue and her friend Gene Murphy came to Wilmington, NC, to attend the DeSantos' Italian Festa to celebrate their daughter's 40th birthday in July. Stephanie and Gene live nearby. In October, Russell and **Paula Trested** Laholt-Oeste came for a few fun days. **Carolyn Handler** Miller writes from Los Angeles that she is a lecturer at the U. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, a freelance writer for digital media books, and a consultant on media content. She is also extremely active in committee work for the Writers Guild of America, the union that represents writers of television, feature films, and digital media. She has published a book, *Digital Storytelling: A Creator's Guide to Interactive Entertainment* (Focal Press). **Ron King** (formerly Allen A. King) and his wife Gerri live in Concord, NH. Ron is self-employed as president of the Natural Playgrounds Co. (www.naturalplaygrounds.com). He designs natural playgrounds all over the country and is very happy doing that. Ron and Gerry are involved in politics and like traveling, hiking, and chocolate!

Cornell's Adult University reported the attendance of the following '63ers: **Bob Bouton** in Science; **Alexandra Shapiro** Garrison, PhD

'71, in Senses; **Diane Flora** Gutterman in Fields and Forests; **Vicky Fielding Maxant** in Wines; **Barbara Keebaugh** Poresky, MS '70, in Underground Ithaca; and **Charles Skinner** in Adult Sailing/Rowing. That's all for now. ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749 e-mail, icke63@msn.com.

64 It's early spring of '07, which means we're past the halfway mark to our next reunion. And according to an e-mail I received from **Ted Weinreich**, if you wish to support our class and its projects with donations spread over multiple years, 2007 is the year when it's legal to begin making those donations. Meantime, let's catch up with some news.

Last November 11, Veteran's Day, there was a big Cornell celebration in NYC following the Cornell-Columbia football game. **Bruce Wagner**, who lives in Middletown, NJ, was there and filed this report: "The Big Red Marching Band—seemingly all 200 of them—arrived in midtown

services to the working poor, and has been its executive director ever since. The Center had just four lawyers and a four-member support staff when she took it over, and over the past quarter century, Joan has built it into a large (13 lawyers, 17 staff members, and hundreds of volunteers and student interns) and important force in the San Francisco legal community, including free legal clinics in San Francisco, San Jose, and Berkeley. Over this time period, the Center's work has expanded from general legal aid to a wider focus on employment law assistance for the working poor, covering issues that include wage and hour violations, unemployment compensation, family and medical leave, public school access for disabled students, and discrimination based on disability, parenthood, and sexual orientation. The chair of the LAS-ELC board wrote, "As a result of her leadership, the society has improved the lives and economic self-sufficiency of hundreds of thousands of working poor individuals and families, and achieved positive changes for low-wage workers on a systemic level." After Columbia Law

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and marched down 5th Avenue from St. Patrick's Cathedral (50th St.) to the Cornell Club-New York (44th St.). Hundreds of Cornell alumni and friends, outfitted with red kazoos and march stickers, marched and sang with the band. After the parade, the band played our favorite Cornell songs in front of the Cornell Club, followed by a Taste of New York buffet at the club." Other classmates there included **Toby Kleban** Levine (with husband Andy), **Carolyn Chauncey Neuman** (with husband **John** '62), **Nancy Taylor Butler** (with **Ed** '63 and their daughter **Katie** '96, MBA '04), **Marcia Goldschlager** Epstein, **Jason Gettinger**, and **Nancy Alfred** Persily.

Cornell offers a Summer College Program to promising high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior years and have what it takes to undertake college-level work. This past summer, **Brian Wruble**'s daughter Henrietta was one of those attendees. Brian and wife Kathleen live in New York City. Last October, **Joan Messing** Graff was named a recipient of the 2006 Loren Miller Legal Services Award, the California State Bar Association's highest honor given annually to a lawyer who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to legal services and performed significant work in extending legal services to the poor and indigent.

Joan is the third lawyer in her family and has devoted her 39-year career to resolving employment issues that beset the working poor. In 1981, she became the first woman to lead the 90-year-old Legal Aid Society of San Francisco-Employment Law Center, which provides direct legal

School graduation in '67, Joan began her law career with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, DC, before moving to San Francisco in 1970.

Sonia Kosow Guterman, MS '67, still works as a patent attorney in South Boston and says she has no thought of retiring, "as I am enjoying getting people patents and also training associates." Sonia recently convened a Boston Bar Association continuing education program on biotech licensing, and co-chaired the association's Life Sciences subsection of the Intellectual Property Committee. She displays her love of music by playing violin ("at the back of the seconds!") with the Wellesley Symphony. Sonia has two grown daughters. She recently attended a benefit at Tufts U. for a scholarship named in honor of her late husband **Martin**, PhD '68, at which Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Yehudi Wyner performed and Sonia saw Wyner's wife, **Susan (Davenny)** '65. Sonia also enjoys "gardening up a storm," and has converted her house in Belmont, MA, into an arboretum with lilacs, ferns, orchids, and native lady slippers.

That's all for now. Once again, I could really use some news, especially from classmates who haven't been in this column in some time. Look for your annual class mailing scheduled to arrive shortly. You can also visit our class website, which has, in addition to class news, a link to a site for you to use to e-mail your news to me: <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 Your annual News and Dues class mailing will be arriving soon. We've reached a point in our lives where lots of things are going on with us and with our children and grandchildren. We can't pass this good information on to your classmates without hearing from you, so make sure to fill out the News Form and send it in, or write to your correspondents directly at the addresses below.

Now for this issue's news. As usual, a number of our classmates participated in CAU on-campus programs last summer. **Carol Greenwald** Bender took a class in Digital Photography led by **Marilyn Rivchin** Kawin, MFA '91. Former reunion chair, and recently honored by Cornell for her alumni activities, **Penny Skitol** Haitkin and her husband Jeff each took two classes. Early in the summer Penny took Neal Zaslaw's Mozart: Music, Life and Times, while Jeff learned about great films in Jonathan Kirshner's Master and Commanders: Great Hollywood Film Makers and their Films. They closed the summer program by participating in **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Joel Sibley's class on the Senate. Other classmates participating were **Bruce Maston**, who took the Roman Epoch and Ours led by Barry Strauss, and **Francine Grace** Plaza, who learned about Bookbinding and Book Conservation from Michele Brown.

I'd like to thank co-president **Barry Cutler** for the next item. Classmate **David Oshinsky**, MILR '68, was awarded the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in history for his book *Polio: An American Story*. And thanks to Google I was able to learn a great deal about David since he left Ithaca. Presently, he is the Jack S. Blanton Chair in History at the U. of Texas, Austin. David received his PhD from Brandeis and spent over 25 years at Rutgers U., where he was the Board of Governors Professor of History and received a number of honors. In 1987 he won the university's Distinguished Teaching Award. Previous literary awards include the 1996 Robert Kennedy Book Award and the American Bar Association Scribes Award for his book *Worse than Slavery: Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice*. Dave also is a regular contributor to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Tim Richards has a lot of news to pass along. He is presently a "92 percent" owner of Orchard Hills Athletic Club, a 75,000-sq.-ft. indoor/outdoor multi-purpose athletic club located 75 minutes northwest of downtown Boston. In January 2006, Tim was surprised by being awarded the first-ever President's Medal for his service to the community. It is the highest award given by Fitchburg State U., Lowell. Then four months later he was honored with the Service Beyond Self award from Mt. Wachusett Community College. Tim was recognized primarily for starting the first Boys & Girls Club in the region. According to Tim, the club has been successful beyond his wildest expectations, and he has received strong support from the leaders in the communities being served by the club. He and wife Sheila recently moved into a condo overlooking a lake. Tim continues to keep in touch with **Jeff Parker**, MBA '70, his former roommate at Cornell. For the past 30 years they have been getting together for lunch about every other month. The

best way to contact Tim is to call in at Orchard Hills Athletic Club, (978) 534-5957.

Passing along news from Ithaca is **Peggy Haine**. Peggy retired from the university in 2004 and is now a realtor. In her new occupation, Peggy reports that there are some beautiful high-end condos being built in Ithaca—"perfect for Cornellians who'd like to retire in Ithaca." For "after hours" activities, she is a board member of the Ulysses Philomathic Library in Trumansburg. Peggy is also a food and wine writer specializing in Finger Lakes restaurants, growers, and wineries/vineyards. As if this isn't enough, she and husband Peter Hoover are in the process of a major renovation of their home—they've demolished half and are living on only one floor of it. To quote Peggy, "It would have been cheaper to build a new house, but we love our old farmhouse and orchard."

As I noted earlier, we need your help to get news to your classmates. Please send in your News Forms or contact us directly. ♦ **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Terry Kohler**terter Schwartz, 36 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534; e-mail, TerryKS7@aol.com; and **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822.

66 **Eric Rabkin**, esrabkin@umich.edu, and his wife **Betty (Backer)** are the proud grandparents of 2-year-old twins, children of their son David. Eric also reports that their daughter Rachel was married last May. We were pleased to get an update from **Winfield Coleman** (winfield1@mindspring.com), who lives in San Francisco with his wife of 25 years. After grad school at Harvard, he received an MFA in painting from NYU. He recently served as a curator in the AOA department of the Stanford Art Museum, specializing in the arts of Oceania and the Americas. He would love to hear from fellow classmates or others who might remember him, especially **Marc Kessler** '67, **Carol Hoffman-Guzman**, and **Ellen Borker** '67. **Hugh** and **Erin Fleming Starr** are also new grandparents. The Starrs continue to live in Hawaii.

John Deasy, MPS '72 (deasyjrr@aol.com) is enjoying retirement. He and wife Konstance McCaffree spend time at their camp on an Adirondack lake. John also flies an old Beechcraft Bonanza aircraft. Our 40th Reunion was John's first, and he thought it was great. Retirement has also been enjoyable for former teacher **Bonnie Lazarus** Wallace, bonnie1@sbcglobal.net. She is able to travel all over the world with husband Stephen as he lectures on dental implants. She also enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. **Cesar Carrero** continues with his own real estate business in Puerto Rico. His stepson is communications director for Hispanic affairs in the US Senate. Cesar and wife Mayra travel and most recently enjoyed a trip along the rivers of Western Europe, traveling in France, Spain, and Germany. They also went to Scotland.

Also reporting retirement is **Joanne Pakel** Ikeda, jikeda@berkeley.edu. She spent 36 years as a nutrition specialist in the Dept. of Nutritional Sciences at UC Berkeley. Husband Roy is retiring

from his law practice. They look forward to expanding their volunteer work in the San Francisco Bay Area and spending time traveling. "Eat your almonds!" That directive comes from **John Monroe**, jwm28@cornell.edu, who works in the family almond business, Done-Again Farms. John is also a musician and played in a concert with the Golden Gate Park Band in San Francisco. He and wife **Margaret (Warne)**, MS '68, traveled around the country last year. They helped their son move from Iowa City to Ames, IA, then attended reunion, and in August spent a week at the Outer Banks.

Bill '65 and **Dorothy Hoffman Fine** (dotty ochbill@yahoo.com) have retired but did not move to Stockholm as planned. They live in Dublin, Ireland, and are avid hillwalkers. **Lee**, lindqbike@aol.com, and **Joan Buchsbaum Lindquist** '68 welcomed their third grandchild, son of **Kevin**, MBA '99, and **Annette Harville Lindquist**, MBA '98. Lee and Joan biked Acadia National Park and visited **Tom** and **Vicki Graboys** in Boston. Last May they visited **Bob** '67 and **Nancy Kaye Litter** '68 at the Getty Museum, where Nancy is a docent. **Charlie Rappaport** (cr74@cornell.edu) and wife Penny Hall continue to enjoy retirement. Charlie's daughter had to leave Tulane due to Hurricane Katrina and is getting an MSW at the U. of Tennessee.

Willakenzie Estate Winery, owned by **Ronnie Barrett** Lacroute, rlacroute@willakenzie.com, was the scene for the wedding of daughter **Nathalie** '97 to Joshua Lizotte. Ronnie, who led a marvelous wine workshop at reunion, reports that the winery nearly sold out of wine this fall due to great reviews and stellar vintages. New releases are now available. Donald and **Susan Rockford** Bittker became grandparents for the fifth time, with the birth of Dean Starbuck Bittker in October.

On behalf of the class officers, Class Council, and volunteers, we appreciate all the comments and thanks received for reunion. We are so glad you enjoyed it! ♦ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, lady scienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; and **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu.

67 Don't forget! Our 40th Reunion is scheduled for June 7-10. **Dave Darwin** and his committee have done a great job planning for the week-end. Events include a sunset welcome dinner on the Straight Terrace; an ice cream social; a special class forum with Ross Brann, M. R. Konvitz professor of Judea-Islamic studies at Cornell, covering the latest in the Middle East; a rock-and-roll party; a class picnic; dinner in fabulous new Duffield Hall; college and school breakfasts; recreation activities; all things Cornelian that go with reunion (Olin Lecture, Savage Club, Cornelliana Night, the reunion tents on the Arts Quad); plenty of time to visit, talk, walk, and reminisce; and lots more. Look for the March registration mailing and BE THERE! More information is available at our class website, <http://classof67.alumni.cornell.edu/>. E-mail questions to Dave at dd69@cornell.edu.

George Peterson, MBA '69 (Somerville, MA; gbp@airmail.net) is VP, finance and administration at ABTI-American U. of Nigeria. "I am in northeast Nigeria as part of the team that is

establishing the first American-style university in sub-Saharan Africa (www.aun.edu.ng). This is being done with the help of American U. in Washington, DC. AAUN is now in its second year of operation." **Bob Wood** (Allentown, PA; bob.wood@sodexhousa.com) is executive VP, client development at Sodexo USA, part of a multinational specializing in food and management services. "My role is to help our teams add value to our clients by enhancing their image with their customers. Sodexo has also encouraged my community involvement in helping nonprofit organizations feed the needy through our Stop Hunger initiative. On June 17 last year, I became the very proud husband of **Ilene (Rosenthal) '76**, the most special woman in my world. I'm also the proud grandfather of Sara Paige Meltzer, and I look forward to spending time with her as she grows up. I am happy to say that after much soul searching and reflection, I am doing exactly what I want to be doing. While many fellow Cornellians and professors have touched my life, my fondest memory is the role I had as executive chef of Hotel Ezra Cornell in 1967."

Sally Leibowitz Kitch has a new address in Tempe, AZ. "When people read that I have a new address in Arizona, it may suggest that I'm retiring, but that is distinctly not the case. Instead, I'm leaving my job as professor and department chair at Ohio State and taking on a new position directing the new Inst. for Humanities and CLAS Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Arizona State U. It was one of those opportunities that came knocking at my door, and although it was difficult to leave Eastern winters, I ultimately decided that the ASU offer was too good to pass up, especially since it came with an initial sabbatical to work on my new book, entitled 'The Sex Factor: Gendered Foundations of Race and Strategies of Resistance.' Arizona is also closer to California and my two little grandsons, as well as to Santa Fe, where we spend the summers. I'm finally a westerner through and through."

Sally continues: "I did some consulting with the Feminist/Sexuality Studies program at Cornell in April 2006. It was fun to be back on campus after 14 years or so. Of course it snowed and turned bitter cold for the occasion and reminded me why a move to Arizona is a good idea. I had lunch in Risley, which now has an open cafeteria. It was great to see professors having lunch with groups of students in the dining room, something that never happened in our day. The food was pretty much as I remembered it, but there was more choice. I particularly enjoyed talking to the cashier, an African American man in his 50s, who told me that he was a big supporter of Hillary Clinton. He figured I would be, too, since I had told him why I was visiting Cornell." ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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I hope you've had a good winter. In November, **Marty Glenn** was sworn in as Judge of the US Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan.

Among the invited guests were **Joan Gottesman** Wexler, **Jay Berke**, and **Jay Waks**, JD '71. I know Jay Waks has been busy working for Cornell, as

he is doing an outstanding job as chair of the Cornell University Council in addition to his active involvement with the Law school.

Art Kaminsky and his wife Andrea live in Manhasset, NY. Art is president of Athletes and Artists Inc., and he is an expert in contract negotiations. Art enjoys doing color commentary for telecasts of local high school and college sports, and has done over 100 games in the last two years. Last year he spent two weeks at the Winter Olympics in Italy. **Allan Brookstone** (formerly Allan Stone) lives in Valladolid, Mexico, and works as an English teacher. He enjoys painting, writing, and doing research for a novel. Allan asks for news of **Mike Platzer '67**, MA/JD '71. The last address we have for Mike is in Austria, and I urge him to write in, should he see this column.

Tom Weiss is a psychiatrist with a very busy practice that includes work in an urban outpatient clinic, a second rural clinic for an underserved population, and also in a medium security prison. Tom reports, "There is no such thing as 'after hours,'" but he tries to get to the Caribbean and islands of Maine when he can. Tom lives with his significant other Mary McCall and is proud to have two Cornellian children, **Anna Rachael '07** and **Nathaniel Albert '09**. **Linda Jacobsen** lives in Groveland, FL, and describes her job as "commercializing transfection reagents." After 30 years in the Midwest, Linda feels "home again with her East Coast neighbors." Linda's husband Kai Ewald is a former New Yorker, also apparently glad to be back East.

Judith Winter Andrucki, MST '69, and husband Martin live in Lewiston, ME. Judy is an attorney and also busy as a trustee of the U. of Maine system and member of the board of directors of the Maine Music Society. She enjoys singing with a local group. Judy asks for news from the members of the Notables who toured for the USO in 1969. **Sara Straw** Winship and husband Dale live in Atlanta, GA. Sara retired in 2001 and presently enjoys playing a lot of tennis. She is involved in a variety of volunteer activities as well, including tutoring an adult literacy student. Like many of our class, Sara reports she would rather not be turning 60 around now, "but, yes, I have considered the alternative, so I'm marching forward merrily." Sounds like wise advice!

Stan Smith is president of Smith Economics in Chicago and has recently been involved in investment activities in China. Stan is engaged to a Chinese national. He asks for news about **Ken Reich** and **Andy Hirshik**. **Karen Woysner** Zill lives in Washington, DC, with husband Nick. For the last four years Karen has been an independent educational media consultant. This follows her 20-plus years in public television. She is active with the Alliance for a Media Literate America. Karen is an active gardener and skier. Her older son graduated from Columbia and is now working toward a PhD in molecular biology; her younger son graduated from Columbia in '06.

Sally Best Bailey is enjoying her job as director of college counseling at College Prep Boarding and Day School in Colorado. In her spare time, she enjoys taking care of five mountain dogs. She and her husband live in Elbert, CO. She has fond memories of her years at Cornell

and singing in the band the Hedge. **Jim Gutman** is VP and executive editor with Atlantic Information System in Washington, DC. Jim and wife Kathy live in Laurel, MD. He enjoys playing in the 48-plus baseball league and "pretending I'm still young." That's something many of us do well. I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

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Linda Pearce Kabelac happily writes from her Cornell Office of Trusts, Estates & Gift Planning that the School of Hotel Administration will be receiving the largest-ever single gift: \$15 million from **Leland** and **Mary Pillsbury**. The gift was announced at a general meeting of the Cornell Hotel Society in New York City and is earmarked for the Inst. for Hospitality Entrepreneurship. The institute is concerned with forming new hospitality businesses, managing small and family-run enterprises, franchising, corporate venturing, new venture funding, and innovation. Its goal is to provide students with the skills and ability to think like an entrepreneur. "I am pleased to be able to give back to the school that has meant so much to me. It was through my professors and my fellow students that I was able to develop as a businessman and an entrepreneur," said Leland in an announcement from the Hotel school. Meanwhile, when Linda Kabelac is not making major announcements from the trust office, she indulges her interests, which include: the Ithaca Garden Club, acting as a master National Garden Club judge, breeding championship Korat cats (originally from Thailand), and antiques.

The *New York Times* reports that twice in less than two years, **William Perez** has accepted a position as CEO. Having left Nike, he will now head the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., the maker of chewing gum, Life Savers, Altoids, and other confectionary products. From a press release we learn that **Steve Belkin**, one of the Atlanta Spirit LLC owners and Atlanta Hawks governor, is involved in community service. Last year he helped fourth grade students from Atlanta with their American Dream Program, designed to expose young people to another area of the country while reinforcing their school's curriculum. Students traveled to Boston to learn about the Colonial and Revolutionary War periods.

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Tim, MA '83, and **Suzy Crane Larkin** have been cycling again. They made their nearly annual trip from Brooktondale, NY, near Ithaca, to Block Island, RI. Their progress on a tandem bike was followed by several classmates through the Larkins' remarkable website. **John Rees** learned that **Cynthia Gravely** Morse, formerly on the missing classmate list, graduated with the Class of '69 after spending her freshman and sophomore years at Wells College. She received a master's degree from Tulane and was a kindergarten teacher in New Orleans for 35 years. Before Hurricane Katrina, Cynthia lived in the Carrollton district and was in the process of retiring.

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LINDA GERMAINE-MILLER '71

A medical oncologist and member of the board of directors of Midwest Medical Insurance Co., **Gail Papermaster Bender** tells us she traveled "to Hawaii, Norway, and Paris on learning vacations." She also says that she had a wonderful time visiting with **Gail Merel** and her husband in Houston. Characteristically, Gail most fondly recalls her friendships made at Cornell. **Stan Chess**, JD '72, has an interesting job as CEO of Law TV and as a member of the *Cornell Daily Sun* Alumni Assoc. He maintains his ties with the university and remembers **David Lettick**. **Jesse Jenner** writes that his former law firm, Fish & Neare, merged with Ropes & Gray last year. He writes, "Now I am a member of the managing policy committee and enjoy the resources of 800 law firms." Also in January 2005, **Robert Jossen** joined the law firm of Dedert LLP. He tells us that his son **Daniel '02** is teaching in the Fairfax County public school system, and that **Matthew '04** works for Nevo, a computer consulting company located in Cambridge, MA.

Kenneth Kohn and his wife Patricia are proud to announce the graduation of their son **Jonathan '05**. Daughter Kimberly is married and lives in Stamford, CT, while their son Scott lives in Charlotte, NC. Kenneth is employed as a financial consultant with Paramount Planning Group, but enjoys off-hours out-of-doors on the golf course, biking, kayaking, and jogging, interspersed with indoor workouts and travel. Kenneth celebrated his dad's 90th birthday and tells us that his father is still substitute teaching. In answer to the question about old friends you would like to hear from, Kenneth wrote **Dennis Huff '70**, **Al Gulkow '68**, and **John Barbre**. "Great professors" was his outstanding memory of Cornell. **Harry**, PhD '76, and **Ruth Sauberman Wachob '70** are enjoying their new granddaughter, Arwen. Harry is founder and chair of BioDevice Group, a professional organization for biomedicine and biotechnology, and is also on the board of Nano BioConvergence Group.

Attorney **Reuben Munday**, MPS '74, is a senior partner with Lewis & Munday PC. He also

gives his time to the City Year Board; National Conference for Community Justice, Detroit Board; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Detroit Advisory Board; and Detroit Riverview Hospital Board. Reuben is also working on a novel, and most fondly remembers discussing literature at the Temple of Zeus. He would like to hear from **David Borg**. **Frank Powell**, ME '72, writes that he and his wife Sally have moved back to their roots in suburban Philadelphia—Bryn Mawr.

A number of classmates took the opportunity to participate in Cornell Adult University's on-campus program. **Robin Atwood** Fidler took a culinary course, **Gary Gartenberg** learned

about digital video, **Jim Glidden** perfected his fly-fishing, and **Gary Keller** tasted wine. In addition, **Susan Burlingame** LeVangia took a course on fields and forests, while **Iles Minoff** sculpted in bronze and **Mike Natan** sailed. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

70 **Joli Adams** writes that there is much that has changed and much that has not in the last several years. Claude is still editor at *Astronomy & Astrophysics* in Paris, where Joli also now works at correcting English for various international papers. She teaches English a few hours per term at the U. of Paris VII (Diderot), and also does a bit of (US) college counseling on the side. Joli does lots of gardening in their new country house (new to them as it was first built a long time ago). The home is close enough to Paris so they go back and forth regularly. Their oldest has continued studies in the US, where she is now in the vet/bio PhD program at Penn and doing well. She lives with her Yalie sweetheart [now husband after a magnificent wedding in France last summer] with their dog and cat in their own house in Center City. Recently, Claude and Joli made a short visit to confirm that all is well, and to enjoy Philadelphia. While in Philly they had brunch with **Linda Jackson**, MAT '73, her husband Mike Murray, and their daughter Lindsay, a junior at Penn. Joli also had coffee with a former student from Paris. It's a small world and a happy one at times. Their second daughter has her own new direction in elementary teaching in the Lyon area after years in art and later art history. She is very happy with it, and she and Joli compare notes on the métier regularly.

Alan Drucker (psori@Twcny.rr.com) of Syracuse, NY, has retired after 34 years as a principal mechanical engineer at UTC Carrier Corp., with 18 patents to his credit. He plans to continue part-time work as an independent consultant. He and wife Penny became grandparents for the first time in February 2006. Their son Aaron is a

musician/songwriter, and son Zack is a noted fine art photographer. **Nicholas Adams** (niadams@vassar.edu), still teaching at Vassar College, has published a history of the architectural firm Skidmore Owings & Merrill. Published originally in Italian by Electa, it will appear in English in spring 2007 by Phaidon. Work entailed visits to the Cornell Library (and writing the word Cornell many times over), not the least because **Nathaniel Owings** was Cornell BArch '27.

It's been a pretty exciting year around the house of **Steve** (Saichelle@saul.com) and **Carol Tanner Aichele** '72, BA '71, in Malvern, PA. On June 2, 2006, second granddaughter Sarah, aka Sally, was born. Daughter **Kate Aichele Murphy '99** and husband **John '99** are the proud parents, so Sally is a Cornell kid through and through. Son **Tom '02**, completed his Navy service May 31, 2006 and began the Smeal School of Business at Penn State. Their first granddaughter, Elizabeth, 2-1/2, is the daughter of their son Stephen and his wife Tracey. They live in East Lansing, MI, where he works for the USGS and she works for Michigan State U. In May 2006, Carol ran (albeit unsuccessfully) for the Pennsylvania State Senate. She continues as chairman of the Chester County Board of Commissioners. "Steve completed his four-year term as managing partner of my law firm, Saul Ewing, a 280-lawyer regional law firm, in January 2006, and is now chairman of the firm. He also became chairman of the Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia and a director of the Union League of Philadelphia in 2006."

Dave Barbano, PhD '78 (dmb37@cornell.edu) had a heart attack on January 4, 2006 and heart bypass surgery that day. He has recovered and is back to work in the Food Science department at Cornell. He taught the dairy chemistry course during the fall semester and is continuing his dairy product research program. Dave has been on the faculty at Cornell since 1980. **Carolyn Mangeng** (camangeng@lanl.gov) is wrapping up 31 years working for the Los Alamos National Laboratory and looking forward to retiring soon so she can spend more time hiking, skiing, gardening, birding, and traveling with her husband Dale Spall. She is hoping to get reacquainted with some old Cornell pals! Son Brian, 23, is finishing a geology degree at the U. of Wyoming and has plans for grad school. Son Andy, 21, is completing his off-the-grid log cabin in the mountains of northern New Mexico and pursuing his dream of self-sufficiency. Last year Carolyn and Dale ventured on a Cornell Adult University educational trip to Peru and had a fantastic experience! She never thought she'd write in with news for our column, but the closer retirement comes, the more important become those old personal connections.

Dave and Nicolet **Damaske** continue to live in Victor, NY, and own and operate ParkView Fairways Golf Course. Their son **Matt '95** works with them, and he and wife Katya have a new son, born September 28, 2006. Annually, Dave and Nicolet visit Seattle to see their daughter **Teresa**, MLA '02, and The Hague to visit Nicolet's family. Their daughter **Mieke Damaske Smythe '99** lives nearby with her husband and

three children. Enjoy the springtime! ❖ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 Class officer **Sally Clark** Shumaker forwarded a nice letter to us from **Mark Zakarin**, who lives in California. “Having started in show business as a writer, I returned a couple of years ago, after a 17-year career as an executive at Showtime and ABC, to write and produce my first theatrical feature, *Keeping Up With the Steins*. The film won a couple of festival awards, was picked up by Miramax for national distribution in May, and played through the summer. It stars Jeremy Piven, Daryl Hannah, Garry Marshall, Doris Roberts, Richard Benjamin, Jami Gertz and Cheryl Hines. More importantly, I have a wonderful family. Gina and I live in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles and have been married for 14 years; we have two sons, Ethan, 8, and Griff, 5. Considering that I hardly left my Buffalo and Eddy Street apartments, except for Sui Sub runs, it’s amazing that I’ve stayed in touch with anyone from my Cornell days, but I have. **Gary Weiner** and **Joanne Guattery** of Sonoma County, CA, and **Jon Kaplon** of Manhattan are still very good friends of mine. So there is something to be said for agoraphobia.” Contact Mark at mark@zakarin.net.

Caryn Furst has started a new business venture called Schools First. Caryn writes, “You may recall that I served on our school board for three years. Well, in May I unfortunately lost my bid for re-election. Trying to make lemonade from lemons, I decided over the summer to use both my 35 years in PR and my three years as a board member and start a marketing communications firm for school districts. I have just landed my first client—a neighboring district—and will primarily be handling their community newsletter. You can check out my website at www.schools-1st.com.” Caryn also works in her husband David’s computer firm, Acappella Software, and is the mother of 12-year-olds Moranda and Shara. When not in the office, Caryn and her husband enjoy taking dancing lessons, including Salsa, Lindy, Swing, Mambo, and Foxtrot.

Victor Curran writes to us from Massachusetts that this year he became a published author by contributing a chapter to *The SP Century*, a collection of essays on the first hundred years of the Society of Printers, an organization of Boston graphics professionals who had a profound influence on the book arts in the 20th century. (The editor of the volume was another Cornellian, **Scott-Martin Kosofsky** ’74.) In addition, last fall Victor began a new job representing W.E. Andrews, one of the Boston area’s most respected commercial printers (annual reports, etc.). Victor would like to hear from you at victor.a.curran@rrd.com. **Gay Helen Perkins** (Gay.perkins@wku.edu) lives in Louisville, KY, where she is a professor in the Dept. of Library Services at Western Kentucky U. Gay is a member of the American Library Association and co-editor of the *The Western Scholar* of Western Kentucky U. In her leisure time, Gay enjoys handicapping horses, listening to blues and jazz music and attending theatre. Gay would like to locate **Judy Adler**, MD ’75.

Edward Hoffman presented several lectures at Japanese universities last year. One of his personal goals is to learn Japanese and improve his fluency in Portuguese. Last year he interviewed acclaimed Japanese film director Mirokazu Koreeda at his Tokyo studio. Ed keeps in touch with **Jack Fei**, **Eric Freedman**, and **Harvey Gitlin** ’72. In the future he hopes to continue his writing and teaching and would like to collaborate on cross-cultural psychology research. **Matt Silverman**, my trusted and dedicated co-correspondent and Cornell pal, tells us that he is still working for a living and actually often enjoys it. “I have a nice position with a small software company based in Austin, TX, which takes me there frequently, as well as visits to customers, mostly in the Northeast and Canada. My kids are doing what most kids do—they grow up and leave. Son Jason, now out of college, is earning a living selling and renting NYC real estate while he contemplates his life’s work. Daughter Sally has ambitions to be a chef, and after high school graduation this spring, plans to matriculate for a bachelor’s in culinary arts and education. Off-hours I participate in a community fraternal organization that does fundraising for local charities.”

It’s always so nice for Matt and me to hear from classmates with news about their lives. If you enjoy reading this column on a regular basis, please take a moment now and send off a quick e-mail with your news. We’ll write about you! ❖ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

72 **Maxine Roeper** Cohen is a member of the Class of ’72 Council and looks forward to seeing friends at our 35th Reunion in June. She tells us that the reunion chairs, along with the Class Council, are preparing what promises to be a wonderful roster of events. Maxine continues to work as an educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County. She and husband Larry celebrated 30 years of marriage in August 2005. Their oldest son recently completed a neurosurgery residency in Pittsburgh, their middle daughter (Cornell ’01) is in a psychiatry residency program in Syracuse, and their youngest daughter graduated from Penn last year and has stayed there as a graduate student; two “furry children” remain at home. Maxine keeps in close touch with **Shelley Rothenberg** Nyman, **Carolyn Jacobson**, and **Stan Fish**, DVM ’75.

Elizabeth Post Falconi has “retired” after six years as township supervisor in Newtown, PA. She now spends two to three days per week babysitting for her granddaughter, born in July 2005. Grandma Betsy is still active on the board of trustees of George School and manages \$2 million in grant funding for a village streetscape project in her township in addition to gardening, walking, swimming, cooking, and traveling to Chile in early 2006. **Thomas Ames**, ME ’77, changed jobs in April 2006 and is now doing environmental work for Compliance Plus Services in Hatboro, PA. He is adjusting to working for a small company of ten people after having worked for the US Navy and a large school district for most of his career. Tom and his wife have been happily married for

30 years and celebrated the weddings of two of their children between Dec. 2004 and Nov. 2005. **Robert Blye** is an ecologist with Normandean Associates Inc. in Stowe, PA, and enjoys vegetable gardening, birding, hunting, fishing, and “botanizing.” Daughter **Amy Blye** Cohen ’97 presented Rob with a granddaughter, Sara, “Class of 2022!”

Michael Goldsmith, JD ’75, lives just outside Park City, UT, and has taught at Brigham Young U. Law School (where he is the only Jewish professor) since 1985. He spent the winter of 2005 as a visiting law professor at Cornell. “Based on that experience, I can report that everything on campus is just the way it’s always been like it’s never been before!” Michael says. **Robert Wolpert** of Durham, NC, writes that son **Kyle** ’10 has joined his sister **Genevieve** ’07 at Cornell, and “for one glorious year” both of them are on campus. **Steven Coren**’s daughter **Erica** ’10 is a student in ILR, and son **Andrew** ’05 is doing well at JPMorgan Chase. **Gail Povar**’s daughter Alexandra recently entered Brown, and son Justin recently graduated from Brown. “We’re a Brown/Cornell family and still loyal to Cornell despite our kids’ defections,” Gail says. Husband **Larry Bachorik** ’71 is now working in international affairs at the US Food & Drug Administration, requiring trips to London, Paris, and Geneva all in the past year.

James Kozuch is a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow and represents clients in intellectual property litigation, including patent, trademark, and copyright infringement. He also handles due diligence studies, US and international patent prosecution, and the preparation of agreements and intellectual property opinions. Jim is a licensed professional engineer and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and has served on the board of commissioners of Lehigh County and the board of commissioners of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County. In October 2006 he discussed the basics of intellectual property law with approximately 80 graduate students in Cornell’s Master of Engineering program, as part of the university’s weekly seminar series on “enterprise engineering.”

Salim Chishti (formerly **David Adler**) is now the representative of the Sufi Order Int’l in Knoxville, TN. He operates the Nur-al-Iman (Light of Faith) Sufi Center there with his wife Tara. In April 2005 he spoke at a conference in Lahore, Pakistan, on Universalism and Islam, delivering a talk on Islamic interpretation of dreams. In October 2006 he spoke at an interfaith contemplative outreach symposium in Boston on contemplative traditions in Islam. **Vivian Katzenstein** Friedman is a full professor and clinical child psychologist at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham School of Medicine’s Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology. She has four children, ages 26, 23, 21, and 17. The oldest is a PhD candidate in engineering at UCLA. The next is a fellow at the Harvard Initiative for Global Health in Cambridge. Vivian loves the South and “invites y’all to come visit.”

Carolyn Jacobson saw **Joyce Jaffe** Reynolds, **Jo Ann Flickinger** Patross, MBA ’74, and **Dorothy Spear** Oakes in Colorado Springs at a meeting of the President’s Council of Cornell Women last October. A few days later Carolyn

decided to visit **Joan Brooks** Alexander in Buffalo on her way to ILR alumni board meetings in Ithaca during Homecoming weekend. Carolyn had an unexpectedly long visit because of the surprise snowstorm that hit Buffalo the day after she arrived. She never made it to Ithaca, as the roads were closed and there was no electricity. Joan tells us that even when the going got tough, Carolyn displayed the charm, good humor, and resilience of a native Buffalonian. **Richard Schild** reports that **Charles Perrella** passed away in May 2006. Richard is a senior systems designer living in Valley Cottage, NY. ♦ **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

73 As I write, the Honda generator is keeping the refrigerator and the computers going. A once-every-hundred-years windstorm saw Mercer Island and most of the Seattle area carpet-bombed by evergreen limbs. Out here in the Pacific Northwest, we love our trees, and grow 'em big (the Ross Estate features a 120-ft Douglas fir in the backyard), but the affection isn't always returned. Hence this month's terse style—the result of word processing on emergency power. Omit needless words, save gas.

Samuel '71, MD '76, and **Sandra Sharon Rapoport** (rapoport5@aol.com) now have three children with Ivy League ties, Benjamin (Harvard '03 and MIT PhD), Ezra (Harvard '06), and Sarah (Brown '10 and Brown Medical '14). I detect in the Rapoport clan a culture of accomplishment. Sandra is co-author of *The Passions of the Matriarchs*, and Sam practices neurology in NYC. **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74, is busy as interim CEO and president of Family & Children Services of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, as well as working for Hillel at Stanford. He reports that son Chaim graduated from Loyola Marymount in L.A. last May.

With sadness we note the passing last April of **Elissa Pellegrino** Packard of Fort Wayne, IN. She is survived by husband Phillip (papackard@juno.com) and daughters Christina, 26, and Cheryl, 23. **William Irons** passed away in September after a two-year battle with cancer. His wife Barbara (barbaradayi@bellsouth.net) and children Elizabeth and Christopher remember a courageous husband and father who, through it all, never complained or asked why.

Congratulations to **Nancy Dworkin** Miller of Jersey City, NJ, honored by the National Association of Social Work Foundation as an NASW Social Work Pioneer for exceptional contributions to the profession. Drs. **Mark Granick** (mgranickmd@umdnj.edu) and **Carol Singer-Granick '74** live in Livingston, NJ, and report that their oldest daughter is putting her Cornell Architecture degree to good use in Cambridge, MA. **Jeffrey Algatt**, MBA '74 (jralgatt@aol.com) writes that he and wife Ellie are empty-nesters in Center City Philadelphia (walking to work, to the theatre, and to restaurants), with a guest room ready to host itinerant Cornellians.

Ann Elizabeth Prezyna (houseboata@the.river.com) helped move her dad from the family homestead in Buffalo into a retirement home. She and husband Gordon Lewis have their own retirement ranch in Arizona, where they now host 100

burrowing owls made refugees by spreading subdivisions. **Marc Berk** (Mberk1@starpower.net) and wife Helene live in Gaithersburg, MD. He's a senior research fellow at the National Opium Research Center; she's a special education teacher. Daughter Rachel is newly married, and son Joe is a freshman at Temple and a third degree black belt. Marc is eager to hear from the gang at 301 Eddy Street.

Shelley Grumet Schimelman (Sgs1951@gmail.com) enjoys serving as part-time reference librarian at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library in the rolling hills outside Albany, NY. Husband **Mark '72** practices medicine in Troy, daughter Rachel is an art curator at the U. of Texas, San Antonio, and son Benjamin is a senior at RPI. But the big news was the September wedding of oldest daughter Sondra at Nantasket Beach. **Charles Wait** (charleswait@hotmail.com)—newly elected to the Cornell Council—and spouse Candace report from Saratoga Springs that **Charles Jr. '04** is now in his third year at NYU Law School, son Chris has graduated from Vassar, and daughter **Alexandra** has joined the Cornell Class of '10, making her the second member of the fourth generation of Waits to storm the rocky heights.

Grandparentage has touched '73. After 34 years of marriage, **Frederick Yosca** (fyosca@bloomberg.net) and wife Patricia are the grandparents of Sammy Waxman, as well as the proud parents of Pam, 33, and Matt, 30. They make their home in Lynbrook, NY, and recently encountered classmates **William Krise**, who directs a federal fish hatchery in Bozeman, and **Jon Shure**, who runs a public policy firm in Ewing, NJ. **Gregory** (Gpage55@hotmail.com) and Susannah **Page** live in Greenwich Village with daughters Elizabeth, 12, and Victoria, 14. Greg founded the Cornell women's track team before graduation, and later founded the women's tennis teams at Syracuse and NYU before leaving coaching in 1998 as the youngest coach ever to earn the NCAA and IC4A Silver Coaching Awards. He now works as a contract attorney in NYC.

Anne McComb (annemccomb@aol.com) lives in Leverett, MA, and has retired from her private psychology practice. She and David vigorously pursue the pastoral life, now that she's free of the answering machine. That includes hiking, horseback riding, and raising two new puppies. **Richard, MS '65**, and **Claudia Gaillard Meer's** son **Jonathan '02**, MPA '03, is clerking for a county judge in New Jersey after graduating from Rutgers law. Claudia now has 32 years at Rutgers and 12 as CAAAN's Bergen County chair. **Jerelyn Marcus** Cohen (jerri2sons@hotmail.com) is an optometrist in private practice in Great Neck, NY. She and husband Bernard are raising sons Jeff, 18, a freshman med scholar at U. Rochester, and Adam, 16.

Prof. **Bruce Jentleson**, PhD '83 (bwj7@duke.edu), author of *American Foreign Policy: The Dynamics of Choice in the 21st Century* (3rd Edition), reports that daughter **Katie '06** graduated Cornell magna cum laude. Bruce is spending his 2006-07 sabbatical at Oxford at the Int'l Inst. for Strategic Studies (London), and in Spain on a Fulbright Fellowship. **Craig Peterson** (craigp@rochester.rr.com) reports that son **Kyle** is a senior

in ILR, and daughter **Katie '09** is a sophomore in the Ag college. **William Lacey** (wslassoc@aol.com) is retired in St. Joseph, MI, and consults on nuclear plant management.

Roger Joseph (Roger.Joseph@bingham.com) is on the management committee of Bingham McCutcheon, which specializes in complex financial transactions, and made *Fortune's* 2006 "100 Best Companies To Work For" list—due in large part to Roger's influence, I'm guessing. **Roger Jacobs** reports that son **Joshua '06** is a first-year law student at Cornell, and daughter **Rachel '10** is right behind him as a freshman.

In brief. Classmate offspring attending the 2006 Cornell Summer College Program included: **David Jenkins**, DVM '77's son Steven; **Maureen Whitefield's** daughter Alexandra; **Irene Kohan** Yesowitch's daughter Hannah; **Harlan Korenvaes's** son Max; and **Mark Liff's** daughter Stephanie.

Our daughter Emilie is winding up 27 months as a Peace Corps volunteer in the village of Tanka Lokoto. The family spent two weeks in China last spring cruising the Yangtze and breathing in—with some difficulty—China's new capitalist spirit. Daughter Caitlin ran for Washington State Legislature after our return, the only Democrat willing to go up against four Republicans. She emerged with 40 percent of the vote and a lot of experience, including a new respect for rodeos, grange halls, and cattle ranches, and a far deeper knowledge of Eastern Washington water rights than her Dad.

Time to power down now, since this column is costing about \$2.65 a gallon. With 20,000 people off the grid and heating with Duraflame and old newspapers, Mercer Island frankly smells a lot like Chinese capitalism. If the heat doesn't return soon, my *Time* magazine collection is on deck. I'll start with 1974. Watergate. It's all online now anyway. ♦ **Dave Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 Thanks to all loyal payers of class dues and those who jot down responses on those yellow News Forms. Based on a decidedly non-scientific methodology, my observation is that most '74 forms seem to be sent in by classmates from the Northeast, Florida, California, and Nevada. **Betsy Schilling** Card writes that she lives with husband Steven in Reno, NV, and works as a diagnostic radiologist in Carson City. **Rodger Engebretson** of Benicia, CA, is managing controls systems for Shell, working in the L.A. refinery and commuting from the Bay Area. He enjoys staying active, playing soccer, skiing, hiking, surfing, etc. Jeff fondly remembers 214 Eddy St. as a great place to live and wondered what happened to "the ladies upstairs," **Bonni Schulman** Dutcher and **Marianne Stein** Kah. As luck would have it, Marianne Kah recently sent in a business card listing her position as chief economist for planning, strategy, and corporate affairs at Conoco Phillips. She and husband Jeff Coe live in Houston, TX.

David Ehrlich sent a lengthy report, inspired by his attendance at his wife's 30th Boston College law school reunion, although her most famous law school classmate, John Kerry, did not attend. David is a trademark and copyright lawyer who

works in NYC as a member of the Fross Zelnick law firm. Some of his clients include Lego, Sega, and Bozo the Clown. He lives in Maplewood, NJ, with wife Janet Painter. They married in 1983 and have two sons. Andrew, 21, skipped college and serves in the Navy, stationed at the Pax River Naval Air Station in Maryland. Other son Edward, 17, is a high school senior and is looking at colleges. David says, "Big professional developments are few at my age, but I was named to the 2006 International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, Trademarks section. It is a pretty select group, selected by a poll of lawyers in the field."

A recent press release noted that **Bradd Siegel** was named for the 20th consecutive year to *The Best Lawyers in America*, also a peer-review selection process. Bradd is an attorney with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur in Columbus, OH, and among other achievements, serves as editor of *Ohio Employment Law Letter* in the area of labor and employment law. **Jeffrey Gold**, MD '78, serves as the EVP and provost of health affairs, as well as the dean of the College of Medicine at U. of Toledo in Ohio. Jeff says that earlier career achievements as a cardiac surgeon and professor of cardiothoracic surgery prepared him for "this transition into the front lines of academic medicine." He notes that this is a challenging time in American medicine, "when physician leadership is particularly important in education and far beyond." Jeff and his wife **Robin Hayworth '75**, a practicing ophthalmologist, have children Matthew, 22, and Stephanie, 17.

Attorney **Linda Mariani** and husband David Neusner reside in New London, CT, where Linda continues to have an eventful career as partner/owner of law firm Mariani & Reck LLC. Among the highlights noted on her CV are special appointments as arbitrator, special master, and judge trial referee in the New London judicial district, as well as leadership positions in many local civic organizations. Welcome news from the heartland finds Paul and **Janet Donnelly** London, a licensed clinical social worker, living in Wilmette, IL. Janet's practice, London and Associates, offers individual, couples, and family therapy. **Diana Perryman** Taliaferro and husband Phil of Erlanger, KY, have built and decorated an Adirondack log home on Schroon Lake, NY. She would rather be sitting by a fire at the new cabin, but for the present, has kept her day job as a trial consultant.

Indefatigable class leaders **Kristen Rupert** and **John Foote** met up with **Janet Blick** McKinley in Cambridge in early November at a women's volleyball game between the Big Red and Harvard. Janet was there to watch her daughter Kathryn (Harvard '09) make a valiant attempt to bring down the Big Red team. Cornell won the match 3-2, led by the daughter of another '74 classmate, Ivy League Player of the Year **Elizabeth Bishop '07**, daughter of **Mort Bishop**.

John, Kris, **Mary Berens**, Dale, JD '77, and **Debbie Lazar**, **Chris Cobaugh**, **Mi O'Connell**, yours truly, and several other classmates were among those who attended the **Christopher Reeve** Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 18. This day-long event featured several films in which Chris played a part, including *The Bostonians*, *Remains of the Day*, and, of course, *Superman*. Chris's stalwart

mother, Barbara Johnson, attended the activities and shared anecdotes about Chris at the touching dedication ceremony. In addition to the unveiling of a plaque bearing Chris's (handsome) likeness at the Schwartz Center, class VP **Evan Stewart**, JD '77, announced progress toward the formation of a '74-sponsored Christopher Reeve scholarship, intended to support a student majoring in English or Theatre. **Mira Tetkowski** Berkley (MS '76, Buffalo State; PhD '00, SUNY Buffalo) was one of several who made the trip back to campus (some for the first time since graduation) based on a personal link to Chris. Mira recalled herself as a shy student who met him at Risley Hall, which in 1970 served as a dorm for students interested in the creative arts. She serves as the coordinator of the Early Childhood Education program at SUNY Fredonia.

Earlier in the fall, **Paul Foley** and **Russell Galbut** were on the docket for the Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series in the Hotel school. Paul is president and CEO of MAIR Holdings Inc. and its primary business units, Mesaba Aviation and Big Sky Transportation. Paul has previously held a number of executive-level positions at airline and airline-related companies and returned to Cornell for the 80th Annual Hotel Ezra Cornell as an industry leader on the panel, "Flying High for Years to Come." Russell is the managing principal of Crescent Heights, the nation's largest residential condominium company. An expert at "uncovering emerging real estate trends—from residential and hotel

in Cassis, France. There she will be finishing her book on women's letter-writing in pre-revolutionary France. **Ken Gittelson** lives with wife Linda in West Hempstead, NY, and works as a teacher of mathematics, both at Benjamin Cardozo High School and as an adjunct professor at Queensborough Community College. He enjoys playing tennis, golf, and duplicate bridge, and would most like to hear from **Mark Kon**.

That's all for now. Please keep the cards, e-mails, and press releases flowing to: ♦ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net; or **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu.

75 As I write the news of my college classmates, I think of how different my life is now with my son Jack away at college, and my mind wanders back to the good old days high above Cayuga's waters. During fall semester of freshman year, Art History was on Saturday morning (poor scheduling on my part—never again!). **Dan Malone**, star freshman football player who mistakenly thought that this topic was an easy one to fulfill his humanities requirements, was also in the class. A long way from art, the attorney Daniel P. Malone has been awarded the State Bar of Michigan's Champion of Justice Award, one of their most distinguished honors. Dan was recognized for creating the Generation of Promise Program, whose goal is to build a community of young leaders who celebrate diversity and are dedicated to

'Some of David Ehrlich's clients include Lego, Sega, and Bozo the Clown.'

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construction to redevelopment and adaptive reuse"—his company was recently awarded the Freddie Mac Multi-Family Development Firm of the Year Award by the National Association of Home Builders, the first time this honor has been bestowed on a condominium developer.

Marie Van Deusen received the 2006 CALS Outstanding Alumni Award. Marie, as an SVP for Smith Barney Citicorp, serves as a mentor for young women in the financial services field and has been instrumental in starting a program in Maryland to assist low-income people in income tax preparation, finding affordable housing, accessing legal assistance, and enrolling in Medicaid. **James Shiffner** and wife Cathleen Carter live in Buffalo, NY, where James is a psychologist in private practice. He enjoys golf, gardening, yoga, and "hassling insurance companies," but would rather be writing. A few steps ahead and looking for a publisher is **Ron Pies** of Lexington, MA, who has just finished "Everything Has Two Handles: The Stoic's Guide to the Good Life."

Dena Goodman, professor of history and women's studies at the U. of Michigan, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and will be spending spring 2007 at the Carnegie Foundation

reducing polarization that hamstrings metropolitan Detroit. This innovative, year-long experience helps to create a corps of future leaders with broader vision. Congratulations, Dan! Dan works with the Detroit-based law firm of Butzel Long, where for the past 28 years he has focused his practice on civil litigation, product liability, and automotive government compliance.

Fellow class correspondent **Mitch Frank** (mjfgator@aol.com) is teaching at Barry U. School of Law in Orlando, FL, where he was granted tenure after seven long years. He and wife Serena have two beautiful daughters, Briana, 9, and Arielle, 6. Florida Gator football games are a highlight of Mitch's fall, although I'm certain that he's still following our own Big Red teams as well. When asked what he'd rather be doing now, Mitch replied, "With the exception of **Buck Briggs '76's** job—absolutely nothing!" Another legal professional from our class, **Eliot Schuman** (eliotms@aol.com) is a trial attorney for Schuman, Sall & Geist in White Plains, NY. A member of CAAAN, Eliot currently enjoys teaching, coaching, and mentoring high school mock trial programs, but would also like to be playing golf and traveling more often.

Fiddlin' Around

BRUCE MOLSKY '76

ask Bruce Molsky what his favorite song is and he'll tell you he has no idea. "Whenever you're playing a piece of music," says the folksinger, fiddler, banjoist, and guitarist, "you have to be thinking that it's your favorite at that moment."

Molsky, whose solo albums focus on classic southern folk tunes such as "Cotton-Eyed Joe" and "John Brown's Dream," has highly eclectic musical interests. He's a member of Mozaik, a band that blends Irish, Balkan, Dutch, and American folk traditions. He also plays in Fiddlers 4, whose Cajun tunes laced with bluegrass and jazz influences created a sound that earned the group a Grammy nomination for Best Traditional Folk Album in 2003.

The fifty-one-year-old, who spends more than 200 days a year touring Europe, Australia, Japan, and the U.S., got his start as a Cornell undergrad. "One of the first gigs I ever played was at the North Campus coffeehouse," Molsky says. "It was in 1973, and I still remember what they paid me: a hot fudge sundae." Influenced by the folk music he heard on the radio while growing up in the Bronx in the 1960s, Molsky taught himself to sing and play. His music ranges from the slower pace of Appalachian tunes to the more



up-tempo feel of eastern European rhythms. His sixth solo album, *Soon Be Time*, was released by Compass Records in May 2006.

In October 2006, Molsky and a pair of fellow fiddlers began a tour called "Highland, Heath, and Holler," playing a program that combines the music of Scotland, Ireland, and Appalachia. When he's not on the road, he lives in Beacon, New York, with his wife, Audrey, a software engineer. "I hope my music is organic," Molsky says. "That's what I'm after—feeling like it's a conversation with the audience."

— Christina Bosilkovski

Chris Jenks (chrisjva@aol.com) lives in Chantilly, VA, just a few miles from my home. He's manager of the Transit Cooperative Program and Airport Cooperative Research Program for the Transportation Research Board in Washington, DC. **Paul Feldblum** (pfeldblum@fhi.org) is an epidemiologist doing reproductive health and HIV prevention research in developing countries. When not working or watching his son play soccer, Paul enjoys basketball, biking, gardening, reading, and traveling, and would love to hear from **Paul Masters**.

In Boston, **Barbara Foote** Shingleton (bfshing@aol.com) is busy managing three houses and visiting three grown children. She serves on several nonprofit and for-profit boards of directors, and is currently working on a number of major projects, including Boston Trinity Academy, a new

prep school in Boston, a co-op renovation for one of her daughters, and building a new house on St. Thomas. In nearby Hanover, NH, **Aline Ordman** aordman@sover.net, an artist and teacher, was awarded prizes in 2005 and 2006 at the Pastel Society of America's juried shows in NYC. Aline also won honorable mention in the 75th Annual Hudson Valley Art Association's juried show.

Jeffrey Weinberger (jhwmd53@mac.com) has spent the past 24 years practicing general internal medicine in Greenwich, CT. His daughter is a freshman at St. Lawrence U. in Canton, where dad proudly cheers her on at her crew regattas. Jeffrey fondly recalls the outstanding faculty at Cornell, including Profs. LaFeber, Kamen, Keeton, Eisner, Lowi, and Maas, all of whom have had a profound impact on their students over the years. Another physician classmate,

Andrew Weinberg (andrew.weinberg@med.va.gov) is chief of geriatrics and extended care at the Dorn V.A. Medical Center in Columbia, SC, and professor of clinical medicine at VSC School of Medicine. After hours, Andrew is a naval rescue flight surgeon with the HMM 774 helicopter squadron base in Norfolk, VA.

A few of our Texas classmates have written with news as well. **Dianne Veris** Puls (dpuls@spencerstuart.com) and husband Mike are in Irving, where, after 21 years of being a stay-at-home mom, Dianne is now working for SpencerStuart, an executive search firm in Dallas, and loving it. With her free time filled with fitness activities, book club, caring for her 85-year-old handicapped mother, and keeping up with her two sons (Jeremy, a sophomore at U. of Colorado, Boulder, and Garrett, a junior at Texas Tech), Dianne wishes that she had more time for travel. Reminiscing about Cornell, she recalls the "Straight breaks" and the beauty of the Finger Lakes Region, as well as friend **Nancy Newcomer** Vick '74, from whom she'd like to hear.

From the "Big D," **Todd Teitell** (ttxtd@aol.com) reports that he and wife Betsy have been spending a lot of time traveling to visit their three children at the U. of Texas, U. of Georgia, and Oklahoma State. Todd serves as president of Colemont Insurance Brokers in Dallas. Our class secretary, **Vickie Thaler** Vaclavik (vickie.vaclavik@utsouthwestern.edu), a professor in the Dept. of Clinical Nutrition at the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, has co-authored the sixth edition of *Dimensions of Food* with two retired Cornell professors, **Marcia Hutchins** Pimentel '45, MS '50, and **Marjorie Mealey** Devine, PhD '67. Vickie has been involved as the lead author since the third edition in 1990, and participated in researching data for the first edition while still a Cornell student. Vickie also serves on the board of the Cornell Alumni Association of North Texas.

Outside the US borders, we've heard from **Wendy Sneff**, who moved to Seoul, Korea, in August to study Korean prior to her becoming deputy press officer at the US Embassy in Seoul next summer. Wendy's daughter Caitlin attends Seoul Foreign School. A bit closer to home in Pickering, Ontario, we find **Stephen Kelleher** (skelleher@hyundaicanada.com), president and CEO of Hyundai Auto Canada. He and wife Ursula have a daughter Erin and a son Michael. Steve reports that he's working far too much but still enjoys playing and coaching minor hockey, recalling fond memories of his Cornell team beating Harvard 5-4 in overtime at Harvard in 1974. It was a great game, Steve! And speaking of Cornell hockey, **John Czelusniak**, MBA '76, attended his first game at Lynah Rink in 30 years, enjoying the talented skating of our team and the energetic fans, who John says are as loud as ever, though perhaps with more scripted cheering—and the ever-present cowbell! As finance manager for Eastman Kodak, John lives in Spencerport, NY. His daughter **Sandy** '07 is a member of the Cornell Chorus, so he has spent much more time in Ithaca these days, attending her concerts.

Also in Ithaca for musical endeavors was the legendary rock-and-roll band Zoltan, whose members got together for a brief but exceedingly

well-received Central NY Reunion Tour at Sigma Pi fraternity on Homecoming weekend. Eponymous drummer **Peter Phillips** (formerly Zoltan Peter Petrovits) and bass player **Reber Carroll** were joined by lead singer **Sandy Kraker '74** and alternate drummer **Tom Garr '76**. **John Valyo '77** took care of lights and sound. Joining them in the audience for what felt like a walk back in time were **John Stetson**, **Fred Parker**, **Willie Dougherty**, **John Morrison**, **Mike Quaid**, **Jeff Craver**, and the recently betrothed **Gary Wicks, PhD '81**, and **Wendy Roxin** Shinay. The attraction of hearing those old Led Zeppelin, Jethro Tull, and Steve Miller favorites was enough to draw approximately 100 fellow Sigma Pi alumni back for the show. To broaden the appeal to the current House members, Reber and the Rebettes (the entire Reber Carroll family) belted out a short punk-rock set that really got the house rockin'!

We look forward to receiving your news for our next columns. Send your info to: ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; or **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@aol.com.

76 I'm sitting in my kitchen writing this column while listening to the CD given out at our 30th Reunion, reflecting the songs of our years in Ithaca. Memories! Here's to the present and the memories!

Rick Brunette writes from Kalispell, MT, where he enjoys river rafting, boating, hiking, fly-fishing, kayaking, and camping. He is the president/state director at Northwest Montana Association of Realtors, handling a high-growth recreational second home market. Fondest memories . . . the friendships at Cornell. **John "Jack" Bramkamp** lives in San Dimas, CA, and is a territory manager, vegetation management for United Agri-Products. He writes that he spends his time watching daughter Kelly, 9, participate in drill team competitions for "Shooting Stars," having attended two competitions at Knott's Berry Farm and Sea World. Now he's in the process of saving up for his daughter Amber's wedding in July. He fondly remembers trudging up and down snowy hills to class and attending football and hockey games.

Janet Tompkins Rydell lives in Los Alamitos, CA, and is a cash manager with Toyota Financial Services. Her free time is spent helping her sixth grader with homework, going to the movies, book club, etc. She has fond memories of relaxing Friday afternoons at Helen Newman, going for a swim and sauna. She'd love to hear from **Sheryl Goldstein** or **Karen Klein** Polakoff and her Donlon 5th floor friends. **John McPhee** is a program manager, supply chain at Enventure Global Technology. He spends time golfing, cooking, and camping and would like to be doing more of it. He's living in Houston, TX. **Brian Boland** lives in Charlotte, NC, and is VP and assistant general counsel at Wachovia Corp. and Wachovia Bank. Brian writes that he moved from New Jersey and is making additions to his new home in Charlotte. He aspires to take a year's sabbatical and do extensive international traveling. He would like

to hear from **Steve Lau '77**, ME '79, **Florence Keenan**, **Leslie Starr**, and **Jordan Lee**.

Kate Thompson Mahers is a nephrologist at a multi-specialty clinic in Seattle. She has fond memories of playing Hearts with roommates at the Highland House apartment and would love to hear from **Janis Fleishman**, **Elyse Sharfman**, **Elaine Lubin** Robbins, and **Marc Popkin**. **Michael McClellan** is an attorney and lives in Lattingtown, NY. His daughter **Katelyn** is ILR '08. He fondly remembers the Chapter House, the Haunt, hockey games, and swimming in the gorge. **Nancy Arnosti** is a biotechnology consultant. She spends a good deal of her time chauffeuring her children Derek and Juliana. Nancy would love to be skiing more and fondly remembers the physical beauty of the campus. She would like to hear from **James Beede**.

John Brindley lives in Austin, TX, and is president/CEO at Seton Medical Center. He spends time on community boards, United Way, American Cancer Society, etc. Warm memories of Cornell are walking from North Campus to MVR in the winter or playing rugby in the fall. He would most like to hear from **Tim Mason**, BArch '78. **Cindy Soffen** Cooper of Durham, NH, is a gynecologist. She spends time on the National Board of Medical Examiners, Step 3 Committee. She has warm-hearted memories of evenings at Greek Peak and would really like to hear from **Sharon Friedrich** Aspis, **Charles Stoopack**, and **Leonard Kingsley '75**, BA '76.

Steven Weinstein, MS '78, writes from Hartsdale, NY. He is a physician-scientist conducting clinical trials of investigational biologics. He claims his present after-hours extracurricular activities to be "ingesting post-fermentation products of macerated vitis vinifera" (you figure that one out!). His fondest memory at Cornell is meeting his wife **Marcia Meislin**-Weinstein '75. He would like to hear from grad student **Ralph Loring**, PhD '80. **Bob Harrison** lives in NYC and is currently CEO at Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a partnership between the William J. Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association focused on child obesity. He spends lots of time with his daughters Justine, 11, Amanda, 9, and Caroline, 7. He retired as a partner at Goldman Sachs after 22 years on Wall Street and worked on the presidential campaigns of Wesley Clark and John Kerry. Then he worked for President Clinton at the Clinton Foundation. Tender memories for Bob are the Rockin' Remnants DJ on WVBR on Saturday nights and the after-parties that followed.

Patricia Briscoe DeJarnett lives in Cincinnati, OH, and is the director, school-based health care at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is involved in some not-for-profit organizations and in her community council. She has two teenage daughters who keep her very busy and is enjoying playing tennis. Patricia fondly remembers the summer of 1975, staying in off-campus housing and making some very close friends with whom she is still close to this day. She would love to hear from **Elizabeth Kennedy '78**, an old roommate. **Reena Sigman Friedman** and her husband **Aryeh '75** live in Huntingdon Valley, PA, and have four children: Ilana, 24, Uri, 20, Shira, 16, and Tamar, 14. She is an associate professor of

modern Jewish history at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, PA. She has published a book, *These Are Our Children: Jewish Orphanages in the US, 1880-1925*, as well as numerous book chapters, encyclopedia entries, and articles. **William "Willy" Bemis** writes from the Shoals Marine Laboratory where he is the Kingsbury Director. He spent summer 2006 on Appledore Island and hosted a post-reunion party for fellow Class of '76ers. He fondly remembers courses with Bill Wimsott, Harvey Pough, J. B. Heiser, Rie Martini, John Anderson, Howie Evans, Chuck Walker, Jon Foltor, and others. Willy would like to hear from **Greg Dobson**.

I close on a very sad note. This past fall, we lost a dear friend and classmate, **George Dentes**, JD '79. George died suddenly, leaving behind his wife **Elsie (Little) '77** and children **Tess '05**, **Scott '07**, and **Zak '09**. George, a native Ithacan and Tompkins County District Attorney for 16 years, positively touched so many lives. He was an inspiration to all who knew him, as was reflected by the hundreds of people who came to pay their respects, including 20 of his DU fraternity brothers. George is one of my fondest memories of Cornell. ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@aol.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@rcn.com.

77 Thanks to all who sent in class news forms over the last several months. We'll work our way through your updates in the next several columns. In honor of our upcoming 30th Reunion, June 7-10, let's start with a review of what some of our classmates remember most fondly from their time on the Hill:

Break times at the Straight (**Stephani Wilson** Humrickhouse). Hearing and reading poems at the Temple of Zeus; swimming in Ithaca waterholes; dancing . . . (**Diane Freedman**, MAT '78). Living in Collegetown with friends (**Camille D'Annunzio-Szymczak**). The camaraderie with my fellow students (**Mitchell Kirsch**). The beauty of campus, my roommates, AFROTC, the apples (**Susan Huyler** Bomalaski, MS '82). Great ice cream in the dining halls from the CU Dairy (**Ian Friedland**). Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity (**Jim Haswell**). Football and hockey games, reservoir watching, friends, getting a great education (**Andrew Weber**).

Great memories! Do plan to come back to Ithaca this June. Registration material for reunion will arrive this spring.

What are all those classmates up to now? From **Stephani Humrickhouse** (shumrickhouse@nichollscrampton.com): "I am a partner/shareholder at Nicholls & Crampton, PA, a boutique law firm in Raleigh, NC, where I practice bankruptcy law, representing corporate debtors. I am mother to son John, a sophomore at UNC, Chapel Hill. I am also taking a Spanish course and I volunteer at Wake Relief, an organization that provides food for at-risk families. My husband Scott and I just returned from Italy, where we rented a villa in Sienna and took cooking classes. Makes me think I'd rather be drinking a glass of good red wine with some old friends right now. Would love to hear from **Elise Epner**."

Diane Freedman (Durhampdf@unh.edu) is a professor of English at the U. of New Hampshire, teaching and writing on American literature (contemporary memoir, poetry, nature writing, Jewish-American literature). "After-hours activities include spending time outdoors—lake swimming, walking in the woods, bicycling—traveling, and following my son's music activities with husband **Brian McWilliams, MFA '83**. Recently, I've been working on a book project and have traveled to France. We're planning a trip to Australia in the future. Would like to be living in France and retired right now!" Camille D'Annunzio-Szymczak (dannunzio1@comcast.net) is the modeling lead for the Chem Bio Explosives Defensive Systems at Northrop Grumman. She and husband William live in N. Potomac, MD, where Camille is involved in Girl Scouts, PTA, and other kid-related activities. She would like to hear from **Laura Epstein Schlatter '76**.

Nephrologist Mitchell Kirsch (seif54@aol.com) and wife Iris live in Setauket, NY: "In June 2006 I received the National Medical Award in Nephrology, given by the Kidney and Urology Foundation of America. I'm very busy with three children, ages 13, 15, and 17, the oldest a high school senior. We visited Cornell last year and she was excited about applying there." What he'd rather be doing? "No change; no regrets." Susan Bomalaski (sbomalaski@hotmail.com) and husband Dave have been living in Alaska for just over a year and have been exploring the state. "I am executive director of Catholic Social Services, which runs a homeless shelter, a shelter for women and children, a food pantry, and adoption, refugee, and disability services. After hours I cross-country ski, hike, snowshoe, and play classical guitar." Susan would like to hear from **Jeff Rowell** and **Charles Abate**.

Ian Friedland (Arlington, VA; FriedlandIM@comcast.net) is director of structures research for the Federal Highway Administration. Lately, he's been working ("Would rather be retired!"), participating in Cornell Club of D.C. community service events, and scuba diving. He made a trip to Bonaire and plans another to the Cayman Islands. Jim Haswell (boys3@optonline.net) and wife **Kathy (Beauregard) '81** live in Westport, CT, and are raising three teenage sons. Jim is a pathologist at Griffin Hospital, a small community hospital in central Connecticut. He writes, "I just 'retired' from coaching basketball and baseball with my three sons." Physician Andrew Weber (lungsdr@optonline.net) has a solo practice in internal medicine, pulmonary diseases, and critical care. He doesn't have a lot of "after hours," but is a tennis enthusiast and a runner. He and wife Laury live in Woodbury, NY, and recently enjoyed the bar mitzvah of their son.

In other news, reunion co-chair **Joe Reina** (Bridgewater, NJ; jtr25@cornell.edu) began an acting career last summer, appearing in a local production of *Peter Pan*. "I played Mr. Darling and a pirate. We played to more than 500 for six nights and I received a good review. I am auditioning for the fall and taking an acting class in October. My daughter Katie and son Joe are also considering acting careers." **Belinda Thompson, DVM '81** (bt42@cornell.edu) and partner **Kathy**

Bombrick, MA '84, have been rehabilitating their house in Ithaca, NY. Belinda, a veterinarian, works in veterinary support services at the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell's Vet college. She's also involved in middle school activities and likes to garden when she's not working. **Kathy Bard Levine** (kathylevine@optonline.net) is a registered dietitian, a nutritionist in private practice, and, in her spare time, a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteer. She and husband Josh live in Katonah, NY.

From **Bruce Schafer, MBA '79** (Maplewood, NJ; Bruce.Schafer@verizon.net): "I've been working as hard as I can at my new role at Morgan Stanley—on operational risk issues in institutional securities. Outside of work, I am a book collector, with emphasis on Americana (travel in the Eastern US) and early 20th century literature (Dreiser, Lewis, Steinbeck). I've been watching my girls become teens, and helping where I can." **Rich Jaso** (Rich.Jaso@unisys.com) and wife **Debbie (Graham) '78** live in New Fairfield, CT, and see a lot of Cornell friends often, including **Steve Corbo '78**, **Jon Clemente '78**, **Tim LaBeau**, and **Dave Ambrosia '78, JD/MBA '82**. Rich wrote the following last fall: "I am managing director of emergency management consulting at Unisys. Current engagements include oversight of emergency operations for the City of New Orleans—do I have stories! Post-Hurricane Katrina and Rita response efforts have kept me frantically busy. Witnessing the devastation and its effect on lives, culture, and politics has had a profound impact on my life."

Your class officers and fellow Cornell classmates are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our 30th Reunion this June. Be there if you can! Class Correspondents: ♦ **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, rudin@starpower.net; **Howie Eisen**, Heisen@drexelmed.edu. Reunion Chairs: **Mike Murray**, MichaelL.Murray@itt.com; and **Joe Reina**, jtr25@cornell.edu.

78 Lois Bottone Conwell (lois@topher.net) is a culinary arts teacher at Plano High School in Texas. She also owns two of her own companies, called "All Wrapped Up Real Estate" and "All Wrapped Up Promotional." She looks for houses to fix up and is currently restoring a historic house on Park Street. However, she'd rather be sitting on a beach with a frozen drink! Lois's most fond memory of Cornell is the Thirsty Bear Tavern. **Michael Riley** (mrd14@cornell.edu) lives in Rochester, NY, where he has a sports marketing business. Michael works with the PGA tour on golf events, player appearances, and corporate sponsorships. He enjoys playing golf and traveling and is still a big fan of Big Red hockey. **Vivian Wohl** (vwohl@earthlink.net) lives in Sausalito, CA, with her husband Bruno Tapolsky. Vivian works for Federated Investors Inc. **Eve Murphy** Reid (evereid@airmail.net) is a marketing consultant and lives in Dallas, TX, with daughter Claire. She commutes to NYC to see husband Warren Weitman. Eve is in the process of transitioning her company, but would rather be trekking in Patagonia! Her fondest Cornell memory is getting up at dawn to run five miles, even after a heavy snowfall. She would like to hear from **Jim Rice**.

Karen Wilk Rubin (kwrubin@yahoo.com) lives in Cooper City, FL, with husband Ira. She is a pediatric dietitian at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, FL. She is also a nutrition columnist for *Foodservice Director* magazine. Karen and Ira are still busy with hurricane repairs at their home after Katrina and Wilma blew through. Karen is looking forward to retirement. Her fondest Cornell memories include Sunday dorm brunches, the "Pancake House," frat parties, and friends. **Sarah "Sally" May Tucci** writes that she and **Emily Farnham Mastrianni '89** both row for a masters crew, Skidmore Community Rowing. Their boats won two national championship gold medals in 2005. They went to the FISA Worlds regatta in 2006 and won two gold medals there as well. Sally May, as we called her back then, Karen Wilk Rubin, and I (Pepi) were all on the 5th floor of Donlon Hall our freshman year.

Bill and Ellen Haas Sternberg (ellen@sternberg.com) live in Potomac, MD. Ellen is a display account executive with Legal Times. **Chip and Linda Joy Baines** watched the Cornell men's lightweight crew team win the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) title in spring 2006. Their daughter **Emily '07** is the coxswain for that team. They edged out Harvard for the title. Their other daughter, Katie, is married. **Mitch, JD '81**, and **Ann Zanger Lowenthal** (annlowenthal@earthlink.net) live in Brooklyn, NY. Mitch is a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton, and Ann is happily at home with her son Daniel, 14, after 12 years in public finance. Mitch and Ann go skiing in Colorado as often as possible; it is their passion. Ann sends her best wishes to classmate **Diane Elliott**. She would also like to hear from **Susan Labow** Allen.

Barbara Taborsky Ludlow (beachglassbum@optonline.net) and her husband **Harry '72** live in Bridgehampton, NY. Barbara is a farm stand owner/operator with her husband and children. Their son **Nathan '05** joined the family business after graduation from Cornell's Ag college in December 2005. The business consumes all of their time between May and October. Other activities such as reading, house renovation, and exploring the Caribbean for snorkeling spots can be done from November through April. Barbara also does volunteer work at their church. Her fondest Cornell memory is "the end of the snow for the season."

Michael A. Johnson (maj21@cornell.edu) lives in Bowie, MD. He is the deputy assistant sergeant-at-arms for the US Senate. He's been developing a Homeland Security plan for the US Senate and also teaching at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. Michael enjoys tennis and roller-skating. He says that Cornell evokes memories of the gorge where he would hang out and swim. **Lenore Diamond** Robins (www.LenoreDiamondRobins.com) is an artist living in Boca Raton, FL. She currently exhibits her work at Art Fusion Gallery in Miami, the Wit Gallery in Lenox, MA, and the Indigo Gallery in Ft. Collins, CO. The Artist's Guild of the Boca Raton Museum of Art, of which she is president, also has Lenore's work on exhibit. She lives with her daughter Cara and husband Stephen.

Rob Dewald (rdewald@nycap.rr.com) is a social studies teacher at Scotia-Glenville Middle School and lives in Niskayuna, NY. He also enjoys coaching cross country and indoor and outdoor track. He spends lots of time with his own children, who play on travel soccer teams and are involved in the Olympic Development Program. **Jayne Alexander** (jalex18@verizon.net) lives in Staten Island with her husband Ed Selling and their daughter Alexis, who attends the Scholar's Program at the local high school. Jayne treated herself to a kayak for her 50th birthday and paddles around Great Kills Harbor on Staten Island. Her husband retired from the NYC fire department after serving the city for 26 years. Jayne has been a physical therapist for 21 years and works doing home care on Staten Island. **Eugenie Shen** (eshen168@hotmail.com) lives in Hong Kong and works for AIG Global Investment Group. **Linda Wilde** lives in Carmel, CA. She is a judge in her "day job" and an artist the rest of the time.

Some of our classmates attended CAU in summer 2006. **Laura Call** Andolina, MBA '86, studied Animal Health and the Veterinarian's World with Dr. Howard Evans and the staff at the Vet college. **Barbara Ludwig** Arditte tried her hand at a drawing class, and **David Levine** studied the Roman Epoch and Ours, taught by Barry Strauss. **Joan Passiatore** Popolo enjoyed Highlights of Astronomy, led by Yervant Terzian, and **Debra Hyman** Rathauer took two courses, one in bronze sculpture and one in digital photography. **Jane Conable** Schmieder studied Islamic Civilization: Rise, Decline, Resurgence, which was taught by David S. Powers.

Many talented high school students who are the children of our classmates attended the Summer College at Cornell in 2006. They included **Jonathan Warach's** son Aaron, **Minda Solomon** Dolmatch's son Michael, **Jody Katz's** son Michael, and **Jeff Hawkins '79** and **Janet Strauss's** daughter Anne. Also attending were **Joseph Lubeck's** daughter Rachel, **Marianne Basarab** Marcott's daughter Jacqueline, **Michael** and **Deborah Slotnick Miron's** daughter Jessica, **Dennis '77** and **Lilian Tang Soohoo's** daughter Hilary, and **Donald Strenk** and **Diane Elliott's** son Stephen.

Make sure to check out our new class website at <http://classof78.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Keep sending us your latest news to include in the column. ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; and **Chip Brueckman**, jcb58@cornell.edu.

79 As winter looms ahead of me, it is great to know that by the time you read this column it will be nearly spring. Hopefully, the winter will not be harsh as we embark upon what will be for most of us the year we turn 50. In many ways it seems like just yesterday that we were leaving life in Ithaca behind and starting on our adventures. As always, it is great to hear from you about those adventures. In particular, it would be fun to know how you are planning to spend this milestone birthday year. My husband **Bob Gould** and I planned a family holiday trip to the Florida Keys. Bob turned 50 in January and I followed three weeks later. We continue to enjoy our almost 27-year marriage as we adjust to the empty nest.

Our 20-year-old son is a third-year political science and economics double major at the U. of Virginia. He is planning on going to graduate school, perhaps for a master's in public policy, and eventually would like to earn his PhD. Allison, our 18-year-old daughter, is finishing up a successful first semester at James Madison U., where she is planning on majoring in media arts and design. She also enjoys swimming on the JMU intercollegiate team.

I enjoy teaching nutrition at Towson U. and am applying to the EDD program there. I may be retired before I earn my degree, taking one course a semester, but there is always a benefit to the pursuit of knowledge. Bob continues in his position as marketing manager at Snyder's of Hanover. The pretzel business seems to be sound, so we feel pretty secure that it is here to stay.

I received an e-mail from former apartment-mate **Laura Grinberg** Bennett filling me in on her news and the whereabouts of our other roommates from the 1978-79 academic year. Laura lives in Stony Brook, NY, and is a pediatrician in a large pediatrics group. Her husband Norman is also a

school nurse in Syosset, NY. She and husband William enjoy raising their three teenage children. In her spare time Barbara enjoys reading, walking, and listening to music. Although she wouldn't change a thing about her life, she misses the camaraderie of diverse classmates at Cornell.

Also living on Long Island, in Hewlett, **Julie Pareles** (giantsteps@optonline.net) writes that she is the executive director of Blue Ocean Inst. (www.blueocean.org) in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. She is busy raising identical twin boys. **Emily DeNitto** (edenitto@verizon.net) is a features editor at *Worth* magazine and a restaurant reviewer for the *New York Times*. She and husband Ronald Marans live in Croton-on-Hudson with their 7-year-old daughter Alexa. In their spare time they are able to enjoy NYC theatre and galleries. She would like to hear from **Ray Quaranto**.

The Real Deal, a book written by **Sandy Weill '55** and **Judah Kraushaar**, MBA '80, was just released in the fall of 2006. At this writing, Judah (JKraushaar@optonline.net) was looking forward to a month-long book tour that included a stop in Ithaca. When he is not writing books, Judah is

‘Barbara Taborsky Ludlow's fondest memory is "the end of the snow for the season."’

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physician, with a specialty in vascular medicine. They have three children: Ilana, 19, a sophomore in the honors program at the U. of Delaware; Aaron, 17, a senior applying to colleges; and Evan, 14, in ninth grade. Laura keeps involved with Cornell through alumni interviews in secondary schools. She hears from **Joyce Sapin-Schulman** fairly often and they try to get together at least once a year. Joyce is a pediatric neurologist and is married to a pediatric nephrologist. She and her husband have two daughters and live near Philadelphia. Our third apartment-mate, **Debbie Zimmerman** Kotloff, is a veterinarian living near Philadelphia as well. She and her physician husband are parents to three boys.

Lisa Nadler (nadle001@mc.duke.edu) writes that she is a family physician in Durham, NC. She lives with her partner Deborah Pilkington and enjoys biking, softball, volleyball, and volunteering. She is very involved with a nonprofit group entitled SWOOP, "Strong Women Organizing Outrageous Projects." This organization provides service to low income, disabled, elderly, or overwhelmed individuals. Lisa also sits on the board of Senior PharmAssist, another nonprofit that helps provide education and access to medication for low income seniors. She would love to hear from **Jackie Marr**, **Peggy Erlenkotter**, and **Christine Sellers '74**.

Practicing internal medicine in Fort Lauderdale, FL, **Ken Homer** writes that he is working hard to support his two sons in college. He would like to hear from **Jim Boop** and misses long talks with **Walt Kopp** on Libe Slope about the meaning of life. **Barbara Moldawsky** Jacobowitz is a

general partner in Roaring Brook Capital, a long/short equity partnership. He is also on the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee. He and his wife Michele live in Chappaqua, NY. Judah would like to hear from **Carl Corrigan** and **David Langbart**.

Susan Schapiro Caplan (susan.caplan@yale.edu) is currently a PhD student at Yale U. She and husband **Gary '62** live in Cheshire, CT, with their son. When she is not writing papers, she enjoys painting and vacationing in the Tropics. She misses walking around the gorge at Cornell and would like to hear from classmate **Elizabeth Hyde**. Recently honored classmate **Kathy Keneally** has been named to the New York Super Lawyers List in Criminal Defense: White Collar for 2006. Kathy, who received her LLM in taxation from NYU School of Law and her JD from Fordham Law School, is a partner at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP and has over 20 years of experience in representing clients in white-collar criminal defense, tax controversy, commercial litigation, trials, and appeals. Kathy co-authors a column entitled "White Collar Crime" in the *Champion* and also writes a column on IRS practice in the *Journal of Tax Practice and Procedure*.

As a reminder to all of our classmates, the friends of **Debbie Moses** have established the Debra G. Moses Memorial Fund to benefit Cornell's libraries. Debbie passed away in December 2005 after a long battle with cancer. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund, which will purchase books on varied subjects, should make checks payable to Cornell University Library and send them to Library Development, 701 Olin

Library, Ithaca, NY 14853. Please indicate that the check is for the Debra G. Moses Memorial Fund. Debbie was an avid reader and our goal is to pass her love of literature down to future generations. Books purchased by the Debra G. Moses Memorial Fund will include a bookplate that says, "Her love of literature and zest for life live on in those who follow."

Your class correspondents would love to hear from you. News is sometimes sparse and it is difficult to write about your exciting lives when we have no information. Send us an e-mail and let us know what is going on in your life. You can write us at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: ❖ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Cindy Williams**, cw32@cornell.edu.

80 Party till you drop? *The Great Gatsby* Party had a tamer ending than the book, but was a grand time for some 50-plus attendees, with jazz, flappers, vintage cars, and, most of all, great company, many attired in the form of Daisy, Tom, Nick, Jordan, Wilson, and, of course, Gatsby himself. There was even a visit from the Revengers in the form of an armed and dangerous former Cornell Lunatic, **Mike Kaufman '79**. The

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evening maintained a link to our Cornell education via a discussion led by Linda Van Buskirk from the Dept. of Communications in the Ag college, who deftly managed to extract interesting and entertaining discussion and insights from the audience on the many meanings of the book, such as, "It's all about desire," from **Jill Abrams** Klein, and why it was chosen (good writing style, not the aspirational characters).

Among classmates witnessed in attendance, in addition to Jill, were flapper **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead with her husband Walter Mystkowski, daughter Sarah, and son Robert to help her with the exceptional organizing of the event, **Brian Bertan**, **Scott Miller**, MD '84, who came over from Princeton, NJ, with his daughter, **Marian Dulberg** Zeldin with her daughter, and **Beth Santa**, and me. A number of others checked in with support and regrets to have missed out, including **Brad and Maggie Blinder Tolkin**, **David Toung**, and **Dennis Cahill**. If you missed the party, hopefully you were there in spirit from (re)reading the book sent out by the class. Under the guise of our Class of '80 Constitution that purports a mission of promoting the interests of Cornell and the class "by involving class members in activities that foster class unity and goodwill," we hope to have more events like this around the country in the future. Perhaps a few regional 50th birthday party/reunions for those who are willing to share that milestone with your classmates?

Stay tuned. Your class officers are at work and would love your input and participation.

Beth Santa tells us that her interior design firm, Nest of Southport (CT) was recently featured in *Fairfield County Home* magazine. From the news desk, the Associated Press reports that our own **Doug Corwin** and his extensive Cornell family, who run Crescent Duck Farm in Aquebogue, a modern and quality focused operation with 4 percent of the national market and one of the few remaining duck farms on Long Island, is a sponsor of a holiday event focused on a 30-foot "Big Duck" that is a highlight of Suffolk County holiday festivities (featured on NPR!). Doug, I hope the Duck wears appropriate Big Red colors when not wreathed in garlands. Please send pictures.

George Frantz, MRP '91, writes that he has been involved with the New Orleans recovery, including touring reporters and students around to give them a better understanding of the situation. George also notes that there was a *San Francisco Chronicle* series that noted many Cornellians helping out down there. As the next generation achieves fame, we hear that **Steve Benjamin**, MBA '82's daughter Megan was the first American woman to win the gold as the World Champion in the individual vaulting at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. Also participat-

ing was Annalise VanVranken, daughter of **Sheila Kanaley** and **Rick VanVranken** '81, MS '83, who just missed a gold to win the silver while setting an American record in the cross-country event.

Catching up on those much-appreciated Notes you send in . . . **Lisa Lindgren** has also taken up the equestrian circuit when not busy as an online marketing consultant for high tech in San Diego. **Pat Avery**, from Sussex, WI, has joined QuadTech Inc. as worldwide leader of sales and marketing. **Fred Telischi** is director of the U. of Miami Ear Inst. and would like to hear from **Fred Cogswell**. (To all classmates: We highly recommend the Cornell online Alumni Directory at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/> for reconnecting with old friends. And please keep your own information up to date too!)

Continuing, **Craig Tendler** reports in from Teaneck, NJ, where he oversees implementation of oncology clinical trials for OrthoBiotech and wishes he was watching hockey at Lynah once again. He remembers being a Biology TA for a number of players in the day. **Gary Stern** says his Chicago law practice has been recognized for four straight years by the Lawyers Network of Illinois. **Barbie Stern** also writes in, from her job in customer business development for P&G in Cincinnati, that she would like to see some more informal regional reunions and events, as well to catch up with old friends. (Great idea!) **Doug Molin** checks in from West Stockbridge, MA, where he is

in medical practice. **Sheri Casper** sends her regards from New York; **Gail Tishcoff** writes from Jackson Heights, NY, how much she misses the Ithaca gorges. She works as supervisor of rehabilitation services for the Shield Inst., specializing in autism.

Ed Friedman, an attorney in Merrick, NY, notes how visiting campuses with his son brings back memories of hanging out with friends at Cornell. He would like to hear from **Nat Levner**. **Angela Abruzzese** Daley shared the same trigger of longing for her time on campus and would like to hear from **Rhonda Aaron** Lovelace. **Jean Ellis** writes from Wenham, MA, where she is a teacher and a volunteer at the local children's theater. She would love to hear from old friends. **Grace Sharples** Cooke reports in from the Philadelphia area (where she is a development coordinator at Family Support Services) that she really misses the A.D. White Reading Room. She has written a children's book and is working on getting it published.

As we did last year, we heard from a number of parents who are sending their high school progeny to the Cornell University Summer College Program. Last year this included **Mark** and **Cheryl Hines Carrier**'s son Mathew, **Steven '79**, MA '83, and **Joy Horwitz Fram**'s daughter Brianna, and John and **Lucille Muccin** Oricchio's son John. What a great way to share Cornell with your kids. Check it out at www.summercollege.cornell.edu.

Sadly, we hear from the Virgin Islands of the death of classmate **Luc Van Wambeke**. A Hotel school grad, Luc spent a number of years on the finance side of the hotel business before settling in the Virgin Islands working for a development corporation.

And from our near classmates: The friends of **Debbie Moses '79** have established the Debra G. Moses Memorial Fund to benefit Cornell's libraries. Debbie passed away in December 2005 after a long battle with cancer. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund, which will purchase books on varied subjects, should make checks payable to Cornell University Library and send them to Library Development, 701 Olin Library, Ithaca, NY 14853. Please indicate that the check is for the Debra G. Moses Memorial Fund. Debbie was an avid reader and their goal is to pass her love of literature down to future generations. Books purchased by the Debra G. Moses Memorial Fund will include a bookplate which says: "Her love of literature and zest for life live on in those who follow."

Keep the news coming; get involved; enjoy life. ❖ **Tim O'Connor**, two2@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; and **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu.

81 Just a year ago we were solidifying our reunion plans. Our Cornell days seem like yesterday . . . and like 26 years ago. Noted at reunion: Even with age, the eyes always look the same! I enjoyed running into Pi Phi sister **Janet Tarr** Wixom at reunion. She got married in 1983, lives in Victor, NY, and works in nutrition at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. She recently sent her son off to Niagara U. I caught up with **Ruthie Wimsatt** Jones, who hasn't changed either. Ruthie is a

dietitian who specializes in diabetes and renal management. She works for a dialysis unit in a local hospital and teaches part-time at Marywood College. Her husband Jeffrey is a fitness center manager and athletic conditioning coach at Marywood. They live with their identical 8-year-old twin boys Matthew and Christopher in Drums, PA.

Although **Steve Pozzi** has lived for a number of years in Mooresville, NC, it was great to know he still hasn't lost his Boston accent or his sense of humor. He said he was "living vicariously" through his daughter **Natalie '09**, who had just completed her freshman year at Cornell, and like him, lived in Mary Donlon. He works for Brenntag North America, after selling the company and working for the new owners. He would love to catch up with **Chaz Calitri**, who didn't make it to reunion. The week after reunion, **Kim '82** and **Sandy Mitchell Kelly** (Chantilly, VA) celebrated the high school graduation of their son, who in September entered the freshman class at Cornell. They also have a daughter who is in her junior year at U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Rosemarie Pavia Reilly (Bloomfield Hills, MI) didn't make it to reunion, but reports that she has managed computer-generated information for General Motors for the past 13 years. Her two kids are in high school, so what little free time she has, she spends going to their school sporting events. When thinking about Cornell, she remembers walking up Libe Slope, working at Noyes Center kitchen, study breaks at Willard Straight with chocolate chip cookies, and late night runs for ice cream at Ho Jo's. She would love to get in touch with **Linda Stern** and **Kathy Golden** Dussault.

Edna Eidelberg Rosloff made it to reunion, along with husband Curt and sons Daniel, Benjamin, and Abraham. Daniel also attended the 2006 Cornell Summer College program. They live in Great Neck, NY. There were several other Cornell alumni children who attended the Summer College program, including: **Kenneth** and **Sara Story Geld**'s daughter Sofia, from São Paulo, Brazil; **Steven Berkenfeld**'s son Jason; and **Peer Munck**'s son Erik.

Robert Cropf spent the summer in Havana studying Cuban civil society. He was selected this past year as the chairman of the Dept. of Public Policy Studies in St. Louis, MO. Robert's wife **Gail Wechsler '80** returned to grad school to obtain a master's in library science. Their daughter Hannah won first prize in the Missouri Future Problem Solvers tournament for her short story on global warming. This past fall **Mark Kirk**, a moderate Republican from the North Shore of Chicago, maintained his House seat in Illinois's 10th District for a fourth term. Kirk is one of the only active Naval Intelligence Reserve Officers serving on the House Appropriations Committee. His work in international and foreign affairs contributed to his being named as one of "28 emerging leaders in Congress" by the *Congressional Quarterly*.

Michelle Goldstein Dresner, MD '85, is an anesthesiologist at Outpatient Surgery Center of Boca Raton, FL. She is married to David and has children Samuel, 16, and Rebecca, 14. **Barbara White** Apseloff became Barbara Shaffer in February '06 when she married William Shaffer. She

is an oncology social worker at George Washington Medical Facility in Washington, DC. Barbara enjoys playing piano with her husband, watching son Nick play lacrosse, and singing in the church choir, and she is a board member of the Breast Cancer Care Foundation. Daughter Natalie graduated from James Madison U. this past year.

Bill Nesheim (Windham, NH) wrote that he is VP, platform software systems at Sun Microsystems Inc. In this new position, he has traveled a lot, especially to the Bay Area in California. This past fall he sent his son Brendan off to UNH. Work and family aside, Bill wrote that he'd rather be hanging out at Squam Lake (where *On Golden Pond* was filmed) in New Hampshire or hiking in the White Mountains. He did enjoy a trip to see old pal **Gilles Nussbaum, MS '86**, in the French Alps this past July. **Mark Hopkins** had his own ski reunion at Beaver Creek, CO, this past April with '81 engineers **Glenn Russo** and **Alex Chermak**. Mark and Glen live in Longmont and Broomfield, CO, respectively, while Alex lives in Westfield, NJ. You can see a photo of them skiing in their shorts at <http://classof81.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Brad Pollak wrote from Long Beach, CA, where he is the director of business development for an online marketing development firm. After hours, he enjoys being a father to two boys, playing piano, bike riding, and reading. He has been teaching his older son to swim while teaching the younger one that it's OK to get his bathing suit wet! Brad remembers looking forward to the joy of spring finally arriving after a long winter in Ithaca. We too look forward to the warmer months ahead!

Check out our class website. There are many opportunities to locate other classmates, get updated information, and give to Cornell for programs or scholarships in memory of deceased classmates. Send reunion photos to our webmaster **Jordan Strub** at jj36@cornell.edu. Keep in touch! ♦ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, RonJenCam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, Lashoto@rcn.com.

82 "Give my regards to Davy / Remember me to Tee Fee Crane!" Our 25th Reunion is here! I just cannot believe it, because I swear it was just last week that I was "running" the Phi Psi 500 with the gang and "watching" the Grateful Dead in Barton Hall! The Cornell Class of 1982 class officers and Class Council would love to see you at Cornell! See our newly renovated class website (<http://classof82.alumni.cornell.edu/>) for the latest on our exciting Reunion 2007 plans. Come one and all!

David Post reports that he is managing member of Llenroc Capital LLC. He says, "After more than 20 years in the investment business, I ventured out on my own and launched a hedge fund, Llenroc Capital. Cornell memories now greet me every day I go to work!" He recalls (fondly?) weeknights at the Thirsty Bear Tavern in North Campus Union. I also have memories of that time and place, mostly revolving around the table being completely covered with Old Vienna splits . . .

Jennifer Gardiner Liguori has sent in an update: "I sold my tennis business of 13 years in

New Jersey back in August, and then we packed up and moved to Charlotte, NC. We purchased a large waterfront lot in the Sanctuary, an Audubon preserve and large development in Charlotte on Lake Wylie. No job, no family, no friends here, just wanted to move to the South! After a three-month stint in a two-bedroom apartment (coming from a 7,000-sq.-ft. house in New Jersey), we bought a small house in southwest Charlotte, near the lake, where we will live while we build our new house. In October I started full-time as a tax accountant at Pesta, Finnie & Associates in Charlotte. I guess this is my third career, after law and tennis professional. The children are dispersed: Elizabeth, 20, at the U. of New Hampshire; Tom, 18, at Georgetown U. (I could not convince him to brave the Ithaca cold); and Steve, 15, at the Salisbury School in Connecticut. We have a premature empty nest. We haven't met any Cornellians yet, but are on the lookout! All five of us are looking forward to the class reunion."

Also checking in was **Thomas Gagne**, who has moved but still lives in Simpsonville, SC. He is owner/president/attorney at the offices of Thomas Gagne PA, with offices in Greenville, Spartanburg, and Anderson, SC, concentrating in insurance law, personal injury, and workers' compensation. He says, "My law practice combines my interest in law and medicine." He spends time tutoring his children, vacationing with his wife, playing with his dogs, swimming, and playing squash and golf. He reports he is a busy father of three children—Jeffrey, 17, Katie, 11, and Colin, 4—and is stepparent to a yellow Labrador retriever and three beagles. As many of us continue to find, Thomas says that his family "is a constant source of joy and challenges." Thomas is also attending Harvard Business School, from which he plans to graduate in 2008 with a management degree. The one thing he remembers most from his time at Cornell is "the highly charged intellectual atmosphere," and he would love to hear from old friends **Alan Tucker**, **John Goldsmith**, **David Blood**, and **Osamu Uehara**.

Stephen Mendell is executive VP for HEI Hospitality LLC, one of the nation's leading privately held hotel investment companies, whose primary focus is the acquisition of first-class, full-service hotels throughout the top 50 US metropolitan markets. Steve is responsible for overseeing corporate acquisitions and new investment opportunities. Other Cornellians associated with the HEI executive team include **Gary Mendell '79** (chairman and CEO) and **Stephen Rushmore '67** (advisory director).

The Cornell University Summer College offers high school students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year and who have the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary to undertake college-level work the opportunity to experience the excitement of college life at a great Ivy League university and to take real college courses with Cornell's world-renowned faculty. Among the many talented high school students who attended the 2006 CU Summer College were six of our classmates' children. They included Abigail, daughter of **Barry '79** and **Barbara Goldman Novick**; Jason, son of **Steven Berkenfeld '81** and **Bernice "Nicey" Blye**; Fernando, son of **Silvio Monteleagre**, MBA '84; Karolyn, daughter of

Stephanie and **Geoffrey Morris**; Erik, son of **Peer '81** and **Jennifer Shachner Muncz**; and Adam, son of Michael Schuit and **Ronda Siegel '84**, AS '82. Send news to: ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mcf29@cornell.edu; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

83 Press releases about fellow classmates fill out this month's column. From the Philadelphia law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, we hear that **Keith Dutill** was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2006, as published in *Philadelphia Magazine's* June issue. *Super Lawyers* is a legal research publication that seeks to recognize outstanding law professionals for their various achievements, awards, professional prestige, community involvement/pro bono work, and success, and selects the top five percent of lawyers by state—as nominated by their peers and a nomination review committee. Keith has been a partner and trial lawyer with Stradley Ronan, a firm of over 140 attorneys specializing in commercial and intellectual property law, since he earned his JD, *cum laude*, from Villanova U. School of Law in 1986. Catching up with Keith, I learned that his oldest daughter, Katelin, will be a freshman at Cornell in fall 2007. Second daughter Megan is a sophomore in high school, and Keith and his wife Lora recently welcomed daughter number three, Julia Claire, born October 28, 2005.

Over on the other coast, we hear from the marketing director of SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) that **Diane Taniguchi Dennis** was elected to their board of directors. Diane, who earned a BS in Civil Engineering at Cornell, is the director of public works for the City of Albany, OR, as well as a licensed professional engineer in the state. Professionally, she has established a national reputation with the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, and the Water Environment Federation as a leading authority on utility management programs. SOLV (www.solv.org) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1969 on the vision of offering a wide range of programs to build community through volunteerism in order to preserve the livability of Oregon. Diane is also working on finishing up her MBA at Willamette U.

Writing to Diane, she updates us that her husband **Clay** is busy with his manufacturing company, Zephyr Engineering (www.zephyreng.com). He has developed a new woodstove utilizing a large ceramic glass front and innovative materials that concentrate heat and help the stove burn cleaner, meeting stringent EPA standards. Zephyr is the first new woodstove manufacturer to enter the market in over a decade in the US. Diane and Clay have two sons. Alexander, 15, is a sophomore at West Salem High School and busy with marching band, JV lacrosse, and the calculus math league team. Son Cameron, 19, is at New York U. and is studying at NYU's La Pietra campus in Florence, Italy. The Dennis family will be making a Spring Break trip to visit Cam while he is there.

Diane tells us that they had a visit from classmate **Moshe Cohen** recently while he was presenting his renowned Negotiation Seminar to administrators of the State of Oregon. She says that Moshe is quite busy with his company, the

Negotiating Table. On a family summer tour of East Coast colleges, the Dennises visited Moshe, his wife Barbra Batshalom, and their children in Boston, and then found time to visit with **Hunter Johnson** and his family in Connecticut. They also keep in touch with **Urania Poulis '82**, BA '87, her husband Paul Avery, and son Nicholas. Another classmate they have kept in touch with is **Chuck Whitehead**, who has returned from overseas with his wife Debbie and their children. Chuck is an associate professor of law at Boston U., teaching courses on corporations and securities regulation. On a final note, Diane says, "We would love to hear from Cornellians trekking through Oregon."

Preparations and plans are beginning for our big 25th Reunion in '08, and we would still love to hear from classmates about what speakers, activities, or overall theme or tone our class would like to see. By the time you read this, our class officers will have met again at the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia to discuss this and other topics.

We are still planning on putting together a class photo scrapbook on DVD. For those of you who haven't heard about this from our previous columns, our class received a grant from the Cornell Alumni Federation to put together a digital slideshow album of photos from our days at Cornell, as well as from past reunions and Cornell Club gatherings, and even just then-and-now photographs. In addition to photos submitted by classmates, we are collecting supplementary items to include in our DVD album, such as our freshman facebook, our yearbook, old *Daily Suns*, and any other original materials we can gather that would go toward enhancing the value of our album and increasing its content richness and appeal. We will be contacting the Cornell Library and other organizations on campus for assistance with this part of the project.

If you didn't get the letter from our class historian, **Omar Saldana**, requesting that you send photos from reunions—or, even better, from our days on the Hill—please consider doing so. We all thought this would be a great way to refresh those faded but fond memories and reconnect with our school that has enriched our lives in so many ways. It's too bad we didn't have the advantage and ease of digital cameras back then, but tucked away in shoeboxes and photo albums there must be some treasured gems you can find: photos of friends you hung around with; memorable sporting events or concerts; Cornell and Ithaca scenes that may be no more.

If you have digital photo files, please send them to me at dpattison@earthlink.net. If you have prints and you don't have a way to scan them yourself, please mail them to **Andy Sosa**, our class reunion chairman, at 4911 Magdalene Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 (e-mail, jas247@cornell.edu). Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so they can be returned, but if they are priceless to you, make copies before you send them. Also, be sure to send in some notes of the names of the people in the photographs (if known), time and place of the picture, relevancy, etc. And lastly, our mailbag in getting low, so make sure to send in some news when you get the annual class mailing this spring! ♦ **David**

Pattison, dpattison@earthlink.net; and **Dinah Lawrence Godwin**, Dinah.godwin@earthlink.net.

84 **Aviva Weintraub** and **Nelly Silagy Benedek** are both working at the Jewish Museum on 92nd Street and 5th Avenue in NYC.

Aviva is the associate curator and director of the New York Jewish Film Festival, and Nelly is the director of education at the Museum. **Gustavo Arnavat** is the co-head of the Latin America Legal Department at Citigroup Private Bank. In his spare time, he is director of the Westchester Community Foundation. He also co-wrote a book on a potential democratic transition in Cuba.

Debbie Goldman Weis is a senior brand manager at GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, working on the launch of a new product they hope to bring to market in 2007. After work, Debbie attends her sons' sports events—baseball, soccer, and football—and helps out at their school. Jason is 11 and Matthew is 9. Other than that, Debbie and family have been doing a lot of work redecorating their home. Her best memory of Cornell is going to Big Red hockey games, especially the Harvard game! **Ted Kalinka** is a builder of single-family residences. After work, he loves to play softball or golf and go pub-crawling around the Jersey Shore, where, he reports, "not much has changed." He also spends time watching his 13-year-old son play baseball. They road-tripped down to the Baltimore Harbor and the National Mall in Washington, DC, during Tyler's spring vacation. There, they were graciously hosted by **Dan Mahoney '85** and **Craig Clickenger**, both living in Maryland with their families. Ted's best memory of Cornell is the Libe Slope concert parties!

Elizabeth Nichols Mikkelsen is the owner of Mikkelsen's Pastry Shop in Naples, FL. After work, she likes to travel, play tennis, and follow her kids' activities. Last summer she traveled for three weeks to Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Her favorite memory of Cornell is "living at 315-1/2 Eddy Street in Collegetown with my roomies." The friend she would most like to hear from is **Len Oniskey**. **Jon Kimball** is the general manager at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. After work, he likes to spend time with his children, ages 6 and 8, and goes bike riding around the Tiburon Peninsula. Jon went back to the Hotel school last year to recruit for Starwood. "It was great to be back on campus." Also on campus, Evan and **Lisa Memis** Mintz's daughter Shana attended the 2006 Cornell University Summer College this past summer.

David Black is the manager of Fieldwood Farm in New York State. After work, he likes to volunteer with the Tug Pegasus Preservation Project (www.tugpegasus.org), which is restoring a 1907 tugboat. **Jim Yeomans** is a market research manager for the Dial Corp. in Scottsdale, AZ. Over the past year, he has been traveling a lot for work and pleasure. In his "off-hours" he Scuba dives, hangs out with friends, runs and races, watches DVDs, and goes to concerts. His best memories of Cornell are running around Ithaca with friends and track teammates. Jim would love to hear from his old Cornell friend **Michelle Lesnick** Goldman.

Anne Gill-Kelly is the managing director, corporate secretary, and assistant general counsel

at Ambac Financial Group in NYC. She and husband John had a baby girl, Caroline Crawford Kelly, in May. Congratulations! **Brandon Maxwell** is the president and CEO of Michael's Restaurant at 20645 N. 28th St. in Phoenix, AZ. If you're in the area, please stop in and say hi! **Louise Lango** Cymerman is an associate veterinarian at the Concord Veterinary Center in Springville, NY. She works part-time and spends the rest of her time with her children Alexander, 6, and Laurel, 2. What she misses about Cornell is the beautiful campus, especially the foliage in the fall.

Steven Atherton married Megan Ann Clinning of Cape Town, South Africa, on September 1, 2001. Their first son, Joseph Kenneth Davis Atherton, was born in January 2005. Second son Samuel Langton Atherton was born in October 2006. **Lynne Jenkins** McGivern is a partner in the law firm of Ashford & Wriston LLC, a family law firm specializing in representing victims of domestic violence. After work, she is board president of Hawaii Women Lawyers, board member of the domestic violence clearinghouse and legal hotline, and board member of Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation. Lynne and husband Tim have two sons, ages 12 and 9. Her fondest memory of Cornell is chocolate chip cookies from the Straight breaks! She would love to hear from **Peggy Kelly**, **Cheri Hoffman** Yanuck, and **Lisa Almedina** McQuade.

Arie Blitz is the director of the heart transplantation and assist device surgery at Case Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. Arie spends time outside of work with family and was recently elected president of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Heart Association. His fondest memory is "outstanding education and friendships." He would most like to hear from **Dion Terwilliger**, MAT '91. **Anita Wolter** McElroy has recently changed positions at IBM, where she continues her human resources career that started in the halls at Cornell ILR. As IBM's director of global staffing, she now has responsibility for all of IBM's recruiting, staffing, and university programs around the globe. She looks forward to the challenge and the travel.

Patricia Shin Ranunkel is the global head of European equities sales trading. Last year, she traveled down to the South of France to sail on available weekends. Her favorite memory of Cornell is having BBQ parties on Cayuga Lake. She would most like to hear from **Luba Drouin**, DVM '87. **Laurie Sheffield**, BFA '85, is a high school English teacher in Massachusetts. After work, she volunteers at her kids' schools and does gardening, home projects, printmaking, and other artwork. Last year, she managed a Little League team and finished a basement renovation. Her fondest memory of Cornell is "sitting on the Arts Quad in front of the Green Dragon, socializing! What a view of downtown from there at night." ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 At the time I am writing this (mid-December), it is near 70 degrees in NYC, which feels much more like spring than early winter! I have been busy developing my mediation and negotiation business and it is going very well. Something

interesting that I have learned is that although the busy holiday season can be filled with stress and conflict (hopefully, yours wasn't!), it is not the busy season for resolution of those conflicts because most people and businesses will wait until January to begin addressing the issues. This has allowed me the time to spend these weeks speaking to groups and businesses and sharing communication techniques that help avoid conflicts. I have also been able to transform a hobby of mine into a side business for the holidays: selling my numerous photos mounted on bright-colored fold-over cards to be used for thank you notes, holiday cards, and gifts. And there is always time for some fun. This year, I am hosting many friends who have decided to spend the holiday season in NYC. It really is a great city all year, but especially during December!

'Sophia Yik Fong would rather be enjoying dim sum with her family in Hong Kong.'

LESLIE NYDICK '85

In this big city, it still can feel small when we unexpectedly see someone from our class. When I take a break to pick up lunch, I often see **Sharon Tolpin** because she works only a block from where I work and live. I also just saw **Steve Dadourian** at a networking breakfast.

We have more room in the column than news to fill it so I'm hoping all our readers will write in soon. Who have you seen lately? What do you remember most about Cornell? Are you hoping to hear from a classmate? Did you move? Have you had time to travel? Are you starting a new business? What is happening with your family? We want to hear about you, so look for the annual class mailing coming this spring and send us your news. As always, you can write to Joyce and me directly at the e-mail addresses below.

Stan Dembinski wrote in that he is living in St. Germain-en-Laye (a western suburb of Paris, France) with his wife Cristina. Stan is in international sales and business development for medical products and services. He enjoys spending time with his family, sailing, and going to the movies. **Sophia Yik Fong** wrote in from Sarasota, FL, where she lives with husband Jonathan and their children James and Alex. Sophia is a community volunteer and vice principal for Sarasota Chinese Academy, a Chinese language school that Sophia helped start! She also enjoys spending time watching her children play tennis, soccer, and flag football. The one thing she would rather be doing is enjoying dim sum with her family in Hong Kong. The thing she remembers most fondly from her time at Cornell is strolling the Plantations and Beebe Lake in the fall. Sophia would love to hear from any of her Cornell friends at syik63@comcast.net.

Although **Rosemary Stasek** has a mailing address in McAdoo, PA, she is actually in Kabul, Afghanistan, as an aid worker training women politicians. She has been having the best time ever with an eclectic collection of missionaries,

mercenaries, and misfits, even though they are all in a war zone! The one thing that she remembers most fondly about her time at Cornell is football road trips. Rosemary would love to hear from **Tracy Uyehara** Nater. **Mike Weinstein** wrote in that he was recently named VP of investments with Oppenheimer & Co. in Melville, NY, after being with Smith Barney in Jericho, NY. Congratulations to Mike, who is also a fellow classmate of mine from Syosset High School. Mike would enjoy hearing from friends at michael.weinstein@opco.com.

Scott Bookner wrote that "it feels like yesterday" that the column included news about his first daughter's birth—but it was more like 13 years ago. On Oct. 22, 2006, Scott and his wife Elissa celebrated their daughter Ilana's bat mitzvah. Other Cornellians present were **David Crandell** '84 and **Gloria Edis** Schoenfeld '60. Scott

also recently attended the bar mitzvah of Neal Richardson, son of **Nancy Kroll** and **Michael Richardson**. Mazel tov to all of them!

Judy Loitherstein Kalisker shared the happy news of her marriage to Martin on Aug. 27, 2006. Cornellians at the wedding included **Chris Beekhuis** '86, **Neal Forman**, and Judy's sister-in-law **Karen Spilka** '75. Judy is working as director of corporate integrity in the legal department of Boston Scientific, a global medical device manufacturer based in Natick, MA. She and Martin live in Natick with their two beagles, Starbuck, 7, and Gracie, 4 months old. For all of you who live in New England, you may have seen **Ginny Scarola** Sidman in a segment on "New England Dream House" in November. They "rescued" Ginny's backyard in Reading, MA, and transformed it into a place she can now enjoy with her family.

We received sad news from the parents of **Philip Melnick**. Philip, who was living in Boston after receiving an MA in library science from Simmons College in 2003, had a fatal accident on May 21, 2006. He had been employed by the law firm of Nutter, McLennen and Fish at the time of his death. We send our deepest sympathies to Philip's family and friends.

One of our classmates sent news but didn't fill in the name or any contact information. Please write to Joyce or me so we can identify you. You told us that you are the president of West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and an active member of many volunteer organizations and boards. You also built a partnership of Stewartstown CEOs with the UK Uganda Fund—and successfully raised the necessary funds—and co-authored a book on family and consumer policy. You most fondly remember Cornell for the beauty of the area, quality of education, good wine, and good friends! I think we can all agree with that, and we hope to find out whom we are agreeing with. Please write again!

For all of you who want to give back to Cornell, a great way to do that is to join CAAAN, the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. You can meet with applicants to share your experiences at Cornell, assist in organizing a welcome reception for accepted students, staff a college fair, or help plan a send-off in August for those students entering as freshmen. In NYC, the students and alumni had a great time the morning after the send-off when they visited the CBS

soccer game that started one morning after breakfast in Tanzania. "All of a sudden, an enormous bull elephant appeared at the water's edge, took a few drinks, and started to walk straight toward our soccer field. We stood in amazement as this massive beast came closer and closer. We didn't think we were in any danger, but it soon became apparent that our guides were a little nervous. We were instructed to stand near the Land Rover and be still. This majestic, towering animal strode

burned down. Fortunately, no one was home and everyone was safe, but they had to start over. Kris talked about the wonderful help and support from her community and church. They now live in Delmar, NY, where Kris works part-time and manages her children and their many activities full-time.

We are low on news! Look for the annual class mailing to come this spring, and please send us the latest on what's happening in your life. ❖ **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net; and **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net.

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CHAD SNEE '88

Plaza on 5th Avenue and appeared on the CBS "Early Show" with **Dave Price** '87. If you are interested in getting involved in CAAAN, please visit <http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu> to sign up.

I hope you have been enjoying a great start to 2007 and that you write in to tell us about it! Send news to: ❖ **Leslie Nydick**, LNydick@aol.com; or **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, jmcornett@bellsouth.net.

86 Our theme this month is life-changing experiences. And as a class, we've had a lot of them. From travel that has given us a new outlook on the richness of our lives to jobs and children that have changed our notion of what life would be like as we sailed through our 30s and entered our 40s.

Susan Milner has landed in Washington, DC, after finishing her PhD at Johns Hopkins last year and then spending ten months in Paraguay on a Fulbright scholarship. As part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience, she was able to travel around South and Central America, and at reunion had great advice for an upcoming trip to Costa Rica. Her most surreal moment? Looking up at a television while in a local restaurant and seeing Jack Lalanne on an infomercial. "Amazingly, Jack looks exactly the same as he did on American TV 30 years ago! He even wears the same navy exercise suit."

Mary Rinko Oefelein traveled far from her home in Spokane, WA, to vacation in South Africa with her husband and three daughters and nine other friends and family. She wrote about seeing the poverty that still defines Soweto; spotting animals on their sunrise safari, including a rare leopard; and hearing elephants grazing outside their tents at night. But as far as life changing? That had to be the "tradition" the guides introduced them to: "You drink a shot of amaroulo liquor with, well, animal dung in it (ours was giraffe dung). You drink down the shot, try to suck the liquor off the dung, and then spit the dung as far as you can. The farthest spit wins! The guides could get it nearly 20 feet! We only managed to choke!"

Jimmy '87 and **Maggie Holcomb Schubauer** also traveled to Africa with their four children and other family members. Maggie wrote about a

right through our game field, through a bunch of safari vehicles, seemingly oblivious to the slight pandemonium he had created. We watched him continue on his path until he was out of sight. It was an amazing experience."

One classmate chose a more permanent location change—**Jen Braman** Lyons who moved back to her home city of Honolulu after living in Cleveland and other far less tropical locations. Jen is a lawyer, but she's had time to visit the set of *Lost*, which gave her son Jack a chance to play in the "snow" that they manufactured to replicate a scene in Buffalo, NY. Jen also was an extra, so check out those crowd scenes in *Lost* and keep an eye open for her.

Leaving the United States or traveling to its far reaches isn't the only way to shake up your perspective and change your ideas of what is possible. How about spending a week with your terminally ill father at a baking school? For **Dylan Schaffer**, it was life-changing enough that it inspired his book *Life, Death, Bialys & More*. Dylan writes, "I learned many important lessons that week, including how to forgive my dad for having been sort of a rotten father, and how to make really good bread. I also discovered that fathers are like dough. They get softer in the middle as they age, they take well to gentle handling, and if they spend too long in a hot place they can explode." Barnes & Noble chose Dylan's book as one of its featured holiday selections, so it should be easy to find at your local bookstore.

Toby Goldsmith's life changed after her husband started a new career and the family relocated from Florida to Georgia. "The move was very quick and resulted in my not working for a year," writes Toby. "It was the first time I had not been in school or employed since the age of 13." Toby now works as an assistant professor of psychiatry at Emory U. and also treats pregnant and postpartum women with psychiatric illnesses. On the flip side, sometimes experiences that we assume will change a person, don't at all. **Kris Garbinski Vivian** is the mother of six children, which makes most of us who have far fewer children think that we would become frazzled and harried. But at reunion, Kris was as lovely and calm as ever. Even more amazing was her news. Just before she and husband **Timothy** '87 were ready to move, their house

87 The countdown toward Reunion '07 continues unabated. Our 20th Reunion is mere weeks away! Your reunion co-chairs **Mary Bowman** and **Chris Olsen** have been working hard to get us all ready for the big shindig on June 7-10, 2007. Our class headquarters will be in the just-completed Hans Bethe House. Bring your family (or your best friends from the class) and immerse yourselves in one massive dose of nostalgia during reunion.

Your class correspondents appreciate those who responded last fall to the plea for news. **Karin Ann Lewis** checks in from Lexington, KY. She directs the Academic Enhancement Program at the U. of Kentucky. In addition, she is a certified interpreter for the deaf. She is conducting her doctoral research and writing her dissertation, while attending to her daughters' activities and enjoying home improvement and landscaping projects. Karin is also into deep-sea fishing. She wants to send a shout-out to her DG sisters. In Wayne, NJ, **Susan Dinan** is director of Honors College at the William Paterson U. She is also an associate professor of history. Susan and husband Benson Hawk have a 5-year-old daughter. She gave birth to another project a year ago, publishing a book entitled *Women and Poor Relief in Seventeenth-Century France*. Also in academia, **Melissa Harshman** has been teaching printmaking at the U. of Georgia since 1993 at the Lamar Dodd School of Art. "I have been married for 11 years. My husband Frank is also an artist and has a studio at home making furniture and birdhouses."

Tom Riford lives in Mercersburg, PA. "I am the president and CEO of the Hagerstown-Washington County (MD) Convention and Visitors Bureau. There are lots of things going on; during the past two years we've had three films and seven network television episodes filmed in and around Hagerstown." Last fall **Jennifer Maisel** had a reading of her newest play, *Birds*, performed by the Rorschach Theatre at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. "**Eric Lichtblau** and **Claudia Regan** were kind enough to attend. My collaboration on this play with my director Wendy McClellan was just awarded the Women Working with Women 2006 Collaboration Award from the New York Coalition of Professional Women in the Arts and Media. We'll be presenting an excerpt of the play at their awards ceremony on September 18 at the Cherry Lane Theatre in New York. I am currently living in L.A. with my husband Michael and our daughter Julia, who is 4 years old." **Mark Mandarano** dropped us an e-mail. "My wife Mina Smith and I now live in Riverdale, NY, with

our two children, son Augie, 3, and daughter Giovanna, 1. In June 2006, Mina, a cellist, brought us all along to Rome and other cities of Italy while on tour with the New York Philharmonic. I have been conducting in various parts of the country and have met up with Cornellians at concerts in California (**Ted Whetstone** and **David Stanton**), Texas, New Jersey, and elsewhere. In May 2006, I performed with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center. So if you ever see that I'm performing in your neighborhood, please come to the show so we can go out for dinner afterwards!"

From the Aloha State, **Robert Goldberg** and wife Candle "live on beautiful Kaua'i with our three princesses, Julie, 6, Mollie, 4, and Leilani, 2. Candle wants a fourth. We're growing fruit trees (mango, papaya, lychee, avocado, jackfruit, guava, lilikoi, banana, jabong, rambutan). In this tropical paradise, Ithaca's snows are a distant memory. I'm a small-island attorney, focusing on civil litigation, and really blessed with a wonderful life." I was pleasantly surprised to hear from old friends **Yelena (Baranova)** and **Stephen Crescimanno**. "We live in Hatfield, PA (a suburb of Philadelphia), with our four children: Jacqueline, 18, Daniel, 16, Matthew, 11, and Daria, 10. Steve is a research chemist at Rohm & Haas Co., and I am a senior programmer analyst at Severn Trent Services Inc. Last Labor Day weekend we drove our oldest daughter to college—Boston University. She is our first to leave the house and we (the parents) are still working out the separation issues! She is doing great, however, and I am reminded of my first weeks at Cornell. Boy, that was a long time ago! After a busy summer, life is settling in to the usual school-year pattern: music lessons, Girl Scouts, Jazz Band rehearsals, various sports, etc."

Yoyen Lau reported that, after Cornell, she went to medical school in Florida, did a family residency in Michigan, and is now "practicing in a little rural town in Alabama. I have been with my husband for 17 years, since the very beginning of medical school. He is an otorhinolaryngologist." They have three children under the age of 10, who keep their parents busy. **Jennifer Chan** Burgos, who lives near me in Belmont, CA, wrote to say that she is an area planning manager for Kaiser Permanente, "securing funding for new hospitals." She plays in a competitive tennis league in her spare time, when she's not chasing after her two boys. She wants to say howdy to **Richard Carbin**.

CU at reunion! Meanwhile, send your news to: ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, ttseng@uchicago.edu; or **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern39@yahoo.com.

88 Greetings, Class of '88! I hope 2007 started off well and you are enjoying a taste of spring in your respective parts of the globe. In course-related news, '88ers signed up for the many fascinating choices offered by Cornell's Adult University. This year the participants included **Paul Kitamura** taking Golf, **Beth Mindlin** in Tennis, **Alison Minton** studying the Roman Epoch, and **Erron Silverstein** exploring Underground Ithaca.

Lisa Daniels, an ILR graduate, has her own law practice and lives on Long Island. "My brother was ILR '84 and the twins' father was ILR '86. I'm referring to my 11-year-old twins Zoe and Zachary.

They have a newly discovered singing talent and have been cast in New York City theatrical productions. In addition, Zach played Tiny Tim in a Long Island run of *A Christmas Carol* this past December." Congratulations to the budding Thespians!

I'd like to share with you an update from **Charles "Chad" Snee**, our former class treasurer. You may recall from a recent column that Chad is deployed in Afghanistan. In the interest of space, I have consolidated some of the paragraphs, and edited just a bit:

"Dear Family and Friends: Today is Saturday, Dec. 9. I am back in the office, here in Kandahar, following a trip to Kabul, Dec. 4-7, to attend a conference hosted by the Afghan Ministry of Defense for all public affairs officers (PAO) assigned to the five corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA). My ANA PAO counterpart, Maj. Mohumad Esa, and his assistant, Capt. Rahulla, attended the conference. For my part, the conference provided me with some guidance regarding topics that I need to stress with both of them, so that they can be more effective doing their jobs. In order to better understand some of the discussions and presentations, my interpreter, Hanif Shafee, came with me. We have a great working relationship, and I am grateful for his linguistic skills.

"After five years in Afghanistan, we are beginning to pull back from the mentor/advisor role, to help break the cycle of dependence that the ANA has developed. Instead of telling them what to do, we ask, 'What is your plan? How are you going to fix this problem?' This role transition is important, because we don't want to be here forever.

"The first two days of my stay in Kabul, it snowed almost continuously—a thick, wet snow that made everything damp and dreary. The next two days were sunny but much colder: temperatures dipped into the low teens at night, which made for a quick scurry back and forth to the bathroom. I saw 13 of my 14 Navy shipmates who trained with me at Camp Shelby, MS, while I was in Kabul. I flew back to Kandahar the evening of Dec. 8. The flight was delayed, so I and a few others took advantage of the extra time to have dinner at a Thai restaurant at the airport.

"We received a sobering dose of reality two days after Thanksgiving, when we learned that one of our own, 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell, had been killed in an engagement in the vicinity of a place called Tarin Kowt, which is about 100 km north of Kandahar. The entire staff mobilized to prepare for the ramp ceremony (placement of the body aboard an aircraft for the final flight home to the family) and memorial service. My main task was the preparation of the program for the memorial service. It was a tough couple of days for many, including me. Lundell leaves behind a wife and four young children, but his sacrifice was not in vain. Perhaps the most poignant moment of the memorial service was the roll call. The sergeant major of the command, Sgt. Maj. Deck, came to the podium and called out the names of several soldiers, each of whom smartly replied, 'Here, sergeant major!' When Lundell's name was called, twice, there was no reply. Sgt. Maj. Deck then addressed the corps commander, Col. Petrucci (my boss), saying, 'Sir, 2nd Lt. Lundell is no longer with us.' Col. Petrucci replied, 'Strike Lt. Lundell from the roll.' It was

an honor to be there, to acknowledge a patriot who selflessly served our country.

"I appreciate the feedback concerning *The Main Effort* that I've received from many of you. The newsletter is my biggest contribution to our collective efforts here, and I am pleased that so many back home enjoy reading it. I have regular meetings with Maj. Esa and Capt. Rahulla, and I take every opportunity to interact with Hanif and the other interpreters. Most of them are from Kabul and are in their mid-20s. They are educated, aware of the world outside of Afghanistan's borders, and insatiably curious. As I see it, Afghanistan's future rests in the hands of Hanif and others of his generation who hunger for a better life. We have marvelous discussions about myriad subjects. The most recent focused on dating and marriage. The interplay between Afghan families, when a marriage might be in the future, is fascinating. Every aspect of the young man's life is scrutinized by the woman's male family members (usually her brothers) before any consent is given by her father to allow the union. Very different from what we in the US are accustomed to.

"The approach of Christmas has precipitated a deluge of care packages. I and my colleagues thank all of you. Your thoughtfulness and desire to send comforting (and tasty!) touches of home have lifted our spirits immeasurably. For the time being, however, please refrain from sending reinforcements. I likely will return just after New Year's Day, which will put me at less than three months until I go home on leave. It will be a lift to greet 2007, the year that will mark the end of my deployment. I close with heartfelt thanks for all of your prayers and support, for me and for [my wife] Lynne, [and my children] Katelyn, Charlotte, and Margaret. Grace and peace. Chad."

As always, we love to hear from you! Remember that there can be quite a lag between submission of news and seeing it in print, so please be patient with the process. Stay safe out there! Send your news to: ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; or **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 Hope everyone had a good winter and is ready for a warm, blooming spring! As we come out of hibernation, please remember to send us your news and updates. The old adage is not true—no news is not good news! All your classmates want to share what is going on in your world.

Aaron and **Amy Parker Sumida** wrote that they love spending time at the lake with their family and enjoy golfing and boating in their spare time. Aaron is vice president at Aldi Foods Inc. in the Tully, NY, division, and says his fondest memory from his time at Cornell was football. Go Big Red! **Suzanne Suppa** was named co-chair of the Brown Bag Lunch Committee of the Boston Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law Section (whew, that's a long title!). Suzanne is a shareholder at Littler Mendelson PC in Boston and a graduate of Boston College Law School.

Kimberly Levine Graham is proud to announce that her husband Barry became a citizen in 2005. They added to their family in July 2006: Avraham joined big sister Shira Leah, 4, and big

brother Naphtali Tzvi, 2. Kim is a full-time mom, which she emphasizes is way harder than multi-million-dollar litigation! She lives in Silver Spring, MD, and encourages anyone visiting Washington, DC, to contact her. Kim attended the wedding of **Stacy Heidecker '04**, her old boss's daughter, who married Eli Lansey of Highland Park, NJ. Her dad **Perry Heidecker '72** proudly looked on, and there were plenty of Cornellians in attendance. Kim also informs us that **Josh Abelson '87**, MA '89, and wife Susie welcomed daughter Rachel in January 2006, and Josh is completely smitten!

Lauren Flato Labovitz announces the birth of son Jacob Edward in 2003, who joins big sister Gabrielle Hannah, 5. Last November Lauren took a trip to New York City to visit with Cornell friends and spent a beautiful day wandering around the city with **Jake White '88**, after which she had dinner and drinks with **Stephen Sinaiko**, **Rob Ceske**, **Chris Mann**, ME '95, **Elinor Langfelder Schwind '90**, and **Chris Saxman '88**. Chris, Lauren and husband **Steven '92**, and **Larry Rosen '88** are planning a trip to Prague. Lauren lives near fellow Cornellians **Chris** and **Sheila Richmond Hasser '90** and **Gary Fisk '90**, and let us know that **Carlyse Marshall** Evans has lived overseas most of the time since graduation.

Ted Shafer and wife Rita announce the birth of triplets Zachary, Zander, and Katherine. They have been showing the kids the world: Brussels, Florence, the Grand Canyon, Cancun, NYC, San Francisco, and Las Vegas, to name a few! They made the news last October (www.chieftain.com/national/1161930286/6). Ted informs us that **Joe** and **Heather Campbell Forkey** are the proud parents of four children, **Mike** and **Christy Clark Pambianchi '90** also welcomed their fourth child last year, and **Brad Siciliano** and wife Laura added Sara to their family, joining big brother Benjamin. Ted remains in contact with **Cam** and **Peggy Curan Haugen** and **Marianne Wait**, and says they are all doing well.

Hard to believe it's been 18 years since graduation. It seems like only yesterday we were freshmen. As college acceptances come in, please let us know of any legacies-to-be. Keep us informed, and we can keep you informed! Have a great spring everyone. ♦ **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, avidon1@hotmail.com; **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; and **Anne Czaplinski Treadwell**, ac98@cornell.edu.

90 Spring has sprung, as has more news from classmates far and wide. **Cheryl Grant Ferris** is living in Stamford, CT, and working at Pepsi-Cola North America as senior manager of strategic planning, supporting marketing. She started playing golf two years ago and enjoys cooking and running—a wise combination. **Benson Yeh**, ME '92, also lives in Stamford, although his work takes him farther afield. Benson's business card has addresses in Taiwan and Shanghai, and he says that he has unsurprisingly been kept very busy with work traveling through Asia. He is a general manager for China for Adexa Services Int'l and, although he does enjoy traveling, he wishes he could do it for fun.

Congratulations to **Deborah Hays**, recently named deputy director for development for ArtsConnection, an arts-in-education program in New York City that reaches 30,000 students, teachers, and parent/caregivers in 120 public schools. She is responsible for maintaining and growing public and private support for the program. In Princeton, NJ, **Antoinette Romanelli Buckley** is a stay-at-home mother who is also an editor and a restaurant reviewer for the *Princeton Packet*. She manages to combine her talents by writing family-friendly reviews that include information on meals for younger diners.

Melissa Chalson Leff and her husband Robert live in Baldwin Place, NY, with their children Alexandra, 3, and Jacob, 6. She works as deputy bureau chief of the special prosecutions division for the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, but, like many Cornellians, she looks forward to taking time off in sunnier climes. Last summer, the family took a vacation in south Florida, with plans for a Caribbean cruise. In Vermont, newlyweds **Julia Smith**, PhD '02, and husband Murray Thompson are enjoying the rural life, where Julia is an extension assistant professor at the U. of Vermont. However, they both may soon be spending more time living on their 80-cow dairy farm just outside of Burlington and putting the finishing touches on their newly renovated house. Julia has also kept busy writing a grant to create an online course on animal health emergency management, a topic that 80 cows are probably giving her some hard-earned expertise in. **Allison Schmied-McCauley**, Julia would love to hear from you!

John Cayer just moved back to the Milwaukee area after three years in Japan and then three years in Minneapolis. He is now director of marketing for a division of SC Johnson. Wax on, wax off, Miyagi-san would remind us! In May, **Betsie Balcom** Rothermel started a new job as assistant professor and researcher in the Center for Excellence in Field Biology at Austin Peay State U. in Clarksville, TN. She is currently studying land use effects on amphibians and the susceptibility of salamanders to a particular fungus. Besides that, she and her husband Scott are "figuring out what to do with our four acres in the country!" **Lisa Baylor David** and her husband **Robert '89** have been keeping busy in Lafayette, LA. The pair trained for a half-marathon in New York City this past August and the Chicago Marathon in October. She is in otolaryngology, specializing in head and neck surgery, but also manages to keep up with her son Beau's "all-star baseball Team J."

On the left coast, in Santa Cruz, **Marta Bechohofer** is teaching language and literacy for adults. She teaches English as a Second Language to the primarily Latino parents of kids at area public schools. On the side, she runs her own business teaching Spanish and English for the workplace. Swimming remains a pleasure for her since her Cornell days, when she fondly remembers skinny-dipping in the reservoir at the wildflower preserve. She has been training and competing assiduously for local open water events, including the FINA World Masters Swimming Championships at Stanford U. this past August, and is considering tackling the English Channel. She already has

a bit of experience at it; Marta was the training partner for Hendrick Meerman, who successfully crossed the channel on August 30 to raise money for a women's cancer organization in Santa Cruz (see www.channelswimforcancer.org for more information on the swim and pictures of Marta). As he struggled to reach the shores of France, she jumped out of the boat to encourage him on the last leg of the swim. Marta shouts out to **Mark Deinert**, **Jana McCune Coulter '88**, **Lynne Dole '88**, and **John Verheul '89**. "There's always Google," she reminded us all. ♦ **Tamiko Toland**, stmoluag@yahoo.com; **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@cornell.edu; and **Kelly Roberson**, klr25@cornell.edu.

91 Greetings, Class of 1991. In the months following our 15th Reunion, a highly energized new team of class officers took the helm, led by president **Bob Baca**. The team boasts a great balance of veterans, many serving in new roles, and new volunteers. For a complete list of the current class officers (and for other interesting and useful information), visit our class website at <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>. The Class Council is committed to creating new opportunities for class involvement during the non-reunion years, and we welcome your input and suggestions for activities, projects, etc. Please feel free to contact any of the officers with your input. Thank you to all retiring officers for your dedicated service to the class during the previous five years. Please don't be strangers.

Kathryn Kraus Bolks, **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, and I (**Ariane Schreiber** Horn, JD '96) look forward to our new roles reporting your news to the Cornell community during the next five years. Please send us whatever information you wish to share. You do not have to limit your news to jobs, weddings, or babies. You may write about gatherings of classmates, new houses, interesting trips, volunteering experiences, personal achievements, Cornell memories, or just about anything (other than engagements or pregnancies). You can submit news through a link on our class website, directly to us via the e-mail addresses listed at the bottom of this column, or on the News Form included in our class mailings.

Speaking of news, wedding bells continue to ring for the Class of '91. On October 28, 2006, **Jason Saul** married Lisa Jenna Fine at the Peninsula Hotel in Chicago. In attendance were Cornellians **Basil Demeroutis**, **Andrew Stifel**, and **David Wiseman '92**. The couple lives in Chicago, where Jason is an entrepreneur and Lisa is a real estate attorney at Mayer Brown Rowe & Mawe LLP. **Denise Law** and R. Robert LaGalia were married on September 22, 2006 in Ramsey, NJ. **Suzanne Schafer** Skalski, **Liza Jones** Hards, and I attended the happy celebration. Denise recently changed jobs and is now a sales VP for Health Advocate, a company that provides corporate clients with advocacy services to help employees and their families navigate complex healthcare and insurance systems. In November, Denise and Liza met up with **Crissy Moeder Shaul** and **Cindy Cheney Wian '92** in New Haven to root for the Big Red as the men's ice hockey team trounced Yale 5-2.

Sitting near the Cornell pep band, the group had a blast screaming familiar cheers and taunts. They were pleasantly surprised to see at least half of the spectators at Ingalls Rink sporting Cornell red. Crissy and husband **Matt** are living in Davidson, NC, where Crissy volunteers at the school of their son James, 6, and works part-time as a classroom shadow for a special needs student. Matt is the general manager of the Charlotte, NC, business unit of Hewitt Associates, the company for which he has worked since graduating from Cornell.

Many of our classmates have been busy expanding their families. Congratulations to **Karen Finkston** Payes and her husband Giora, who became the proud parents of daughter Sarah Lucy. Sarah joins older brother Noah. Karen writes that they are having a lot of fun with their expanded family living in Chappaqua, NY; however, they are not getting much sleep. Also sleep-deprived are **Nicole Bisagni** DelToro and her husband Armando, who welcomed second child Andrew last summer. Older brother Colin made his first trip to Cornell last summer for our 15th Reunion. Nicole and her family live in the Washington, DC, area, where Nicole owns and operates an executive search firm. **Amy Gellert** Lebovitz writes that she is enjoying her growing family in New Jersey. The most recent addition (and future Cornellian) is Natalie, 6 months, who joins Amy, her husband Marc, and their older children Zachary, 5, Emily, 4, and Jeremy, 3. **Jim** and **Cynthia Lee Dow** are living in Old Greenwich, CT, and welcomed their third child, Henry Maxwell, in August 2006. Big brother Nicholas, 5, and big sister Eliza, 3, compete vigorously to take great care of "Baby Max."

Tammie and **Chris Schallmo** couldn't make it to Ithaca for our 15th Reunion because they were busy welcoming Nicholas James on June 11, 2006. It won't be long before Nick joins his parents for his first golf tournament or curling match. He is already accompanying them to both! The Schallmos enjoy getting together in Highland Park, IL, with Jim and **Nicole Halpern** Murphy. The Murphys welcomed a son to their family on April 6, 2006. Owen James joins big sisters Madalyn, 5-1/2, and Audrey, 2-1/2. All three love their Cornell shirts, Big Red teddy bears, and Cornell picture book. Amy and **Chris Field**, MBA '95, celebrated their first Thanksgiving in San Antonio, TX, with son Hunter and new daughter Sydney Elizabeth, born November 20, 2006. Getting back to campus for Cornell football games will be a little more challenging for the Field family now. Fortunately, kids start playing football at an early age in Texas, so Chris is already teaching plays to Hunter (who turns 4 in March!)

On the professional front, **Kimberly Epstein** is an attorney at Bartlett Hackett Feinberg PC in Boston, MA, concentrating her practice in real estate, commercial and real estate lending, and banking, with a special focus on affordable housing and community development financing. She recently moved to Lynn, MA, with her fiancée Peg Martin and their various and sundry pets. **Debbie Fine** writes that she left NYC a while ago to return to Washington, DC, where she previously worked in the Clinton Administration for five years. She

is currently working as in-house counsel for the Center for American Progress, a nonprofit progressive think tank. Last fall, **Dorine Colabella** Scher trotted up to New Jersey from her home in Virginia to conduct a Pampered Chef cooking show for **Dan Svitavsky** and wife **Elena Stremelin '94** and **Jake Freivald** and wife **Sue (Scharpf) '93**. Dorine reports that they all had a wonderful time.

According to the director of Cornell's Audit University, a number of our classmates returned to Ithaca last summer to participate in a wide variety of CAU on-campus summer courses. Class of '91 participants included **Sharon Wolfson** Bader, **Kim Brown** Bixler, **Amy Wefer** Faucher, **Jim Jackson**, ME '93, **Alicia Kowalchuk**, **Heather Tatkon** Powers, MPA '93, **Melissa Raksa**, and **Debra McMahon** Williams. What a wonderful way to experience summer at Cornell, either with or

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MEGAN FEE TORRANCE '92

without your family. Kim Bixler, who participated in the tennis clinic, raves about the CAU summer youth program on the CAU website: "This is a fantastic program. My kids absolutely love it. The counselors are bright, energetic, and enthusiastic."

Finally, are you or any of your Cornell friends lost and don't know it? Please check the list of Lost Classmates on our class website and update your contact information, or advise your friends to update their information, as appropriate. Our 20th Reunion will be here before we know it, and we want to continue our tradition of crushing university attendance records. The first step is ensuring that we are able to contact everyone.

Now it's your turn. What have you been up to? We look forward to spreading your news. ♦ **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu; **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com.

92 I'm proud to report that we'll be traveling as a family of four for the upcoming reunion. My husband, **David Toth**, and I welcomed our daughter Nadia Elise into the world on October 24. She and our son Brayden, 5, will get a good dose of college life come June when we trek to Ithaca from our home in Wisconsin. (My apologies ahead to whoever is staying near us in the dorm in case Nadia cries in the middle of the night!) Brayden is already very excited about "playing college" and, being the typical boy who loves space, can't wait to see the Fuertes Observatory on North Campus. I admit that I walked by Fuertes many times, but never checked out its view of the stars. It's one of those things I always meant to do, but never did. So, here we are, 15 years after graduating and we'll finally go there. (Maybe we'll have to go to Sapsucker Woods, too!)

The birth of Nadia isn't our family's only big change. After four years at another practice, David joined Advanced Healthcare, a physician-owned medical group in August. His new endocrinology practice is walking distance from our house, and we're thrilled that he now has more time to be home and enjoy our family life.

Abi Eiger sent news on her latest happenings. After a career in international human resources with many global companies, she is back at Cornell as the international coordinator for the Weill Cornell Medical College in Manhattan. She is the Middle East liaison. Abi notes that she is now the proud grandmother of two children, and she pursues studies in traditional herbal medicine and practices. The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey welcomed **Michael New** as the boys' varsity wrestling coach this fall. After graduating,

Michael had a short stint as the assistant wrestling coach at Cornell, and joined the Princeton coaching staff in 1996 after the Princeton program had been discontinued for a few years. He was promoted to head coach in 1998 and rebuilt the Princeton wrestling program. His original roster of eight walk-ons grew to a full squad of 50 athletes. Michael also started a women's wrestling program at Princeton, is a past president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, and advises other colleges on how to reinstate their wrestling programs.

Daniel Domenech wrote that he's been happily married to wife Nikki for 12 years. They now have four boys and a girl. Dan and Nikki adopted Timmy and Megan this past year from Guatemala. Their brothers Danny, Joey, and Andy are doing very well. Dan is an elder at Allentown (NJ) Presbyterian Church, where he leads the personnel committee and serves as a youth shepherd and Sunday school teacher. He is a senior director of human resources at Bristol-Myers Squibb. **Jeanine Cline** Jacobson gave birth to daughter Jady on Nov. 19, 2005. "November 19 also happens to be my birthday, and since she was a month early, it was quite a surprise that she chose that day." Jeannine lives in Plantation, FL, and is an attorney.

Megan Fee Torrance, MBA '93, checked in from her home in Michigan. She and husband **John '90** and daughter Emily, 4, are slowly realizing their dream of returning to a rural life. "John built us a house on 14 acres west of Ann Arbor, MI, a few years ago. We now hay the front ten acres, so three times a year we get to pretend we're farmers for the four days it takes us to get the hay in." They also have a large and "largely neglected garden." "Survival of the fittest," Meg joked. "If it's too prissy to require water and weeding, it probably won't do well in our garden." (Oh, how I

miss her humor from our joint Communications classes at Cornell.) “And we have chickens! Our first flock turned out to be four roosters and one hen. Funny, we didn’t get too many eggs from this group. Now we’ve got nine hens and one rooster which is a much better ratio. Nearby farmers find our hobby farm antics rather amusing, but they do appreciate our eggs.” Meg also mentioned that **JR** and **Jessica Torrance Kavanagh** are living outside Pittsburgh. Jess has a new business making made-to-order children’s clothes and specializes in coordinating-but-not-identical outfits for siblings. The three Kavanagh children are apparently very well-dressed!

Martin and **Felecia Wein Ettenberg** had a baby boy, Griffin Ryan, on Dec. 19. He joins big

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SARAH PRYPUTNIEWICZ ’94

sister Samara Parker, who was born on Feb. 23, 2004. In May 2005 the Ettenbergs moved to Princeton, NJ, from New York City. Felicia works as in-house counsel for Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton, and Martin is director, business development at Sensors Unlimited, Goodrich Corp. in Princeton. **Daniel Smalls** was married on July 21 at Anabel Taylor Hall, with a reception at the Johnson Museum. He moved to Spencer, NY, after selling his family mechanical contracting business and now serves as a consultant to the new owners.

I hope that you are able to join us at reunion, June 7-10. Our news for the column is running short, so please look for the annual class mailing coming this spring and take a moment to let us know what you are doing these days. ♦ **Renee Hunter** Toth, rah24@cornell.edu; **Debbie Feinstein**, debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com; and **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com.

93 I hope you had a wonderful winter. As usual, we have lots of news to report. First up, the ever popular “new baby” category. **Irene Herman** Goldstein writes, “Our son Caleb Benjamin was born on August 9, 2006! We are all doing very well. We are still living in Chicago, where I am a vascular surgeon in private practice and Josh is a pediatric neurologist.” **Jessica Raab** Kadar and husband Aran welcomed their first child, Orli, on September 20, 2006. Jess says, “She’s a great baby and we’re loving parenthood.” When asked about her present “after-hours” extracurricular activities, **Amanda Cramer** responded, “Every ‘after hour’ is currently occupied by the little guy. Our son Tomas will turn 1 on March 7, 2007.” Amanda is a winemaker and is “knee-deep in plans to build a state-of-the-art winery in Paso Robles, CA. Hoping for a grand opening in summer ’08.”

Joanna Ogintz and husband Tim happily announce the arrival of their second daughter, Naomi Rose Hemstreet, born on June 26, 2006. Naomi joins big sister Renata Lucille, born on

February 18, 2004. “We all live in Portland, OR, where Tim and I moved after we met in grad school in Austin, TX,” Joanna reports. **Melissa Hart Moss**, JD ’97, husband **David**, JD ’96, and son **Andy**, 2-1/2, welcomed new addition **Chloe Hart Moss** on September 3, 2006. The Moss family moved to Basking Ridge, NJ, in July to be close to David’s job; he is corporate counsel at Wyeth in Madison, NJ. Melissa is a stay-at-home mom.

Kim Powell Sendelbach and her husband put those first- and second-time parents to shame! They have four children: Luke, 9, Anya, 7, Paul Josef, 5, and their newest addition, Adam, born July 2005. Kim says, “We spend most of our after-hours time driving the kids to their extracurricular activities, ballet, soccer, basketball, baseball, Cub

Scouts, etc.” When she’s not chauffeuring, Kim is a pharmaceutical sales consultant. The family lives in Fishkill, NY. **Dan Simon** is also in the pharmaceutical industry as VP, associate creative director at LLSN, a pharmaceutical advertising agency. Dan lives on Long Island and enjoys spending time with his daughters, ages 4 and 2-1/2. Like Dan, **Dhaval Shukla** has two daughters, ages 3 and 1. Dhaval lives in Katonah, NY, and does lead commodities e-trading at Morgan Stanley.

We heard from several of the animal lovers among us. **Dana Zerrenner**-Franks is a veterinary internist at Oradell Animal Hospital. Dana, husband Kieran, daughter Devin, and dog Luke live in Riverdale, NY, but are planning a move to Westchester in the near future. **Anne Magistro Phillips** works nights at the Cornell Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals as a veterinary technician. She and husband **James ’91**, BS Ag ’93, live in Cortland, NY, where Anne is also a dairy farmer who home-schools their three children.

We heard from a couple of sports fans this month. **Scott Hiltonen** is a senior systems analyst in St. Johns, FL, and in his spare time he is on the CAA Soccer board of directors. **Courtney Erickson** is a high school basketball referee and high school baseball umpire, as well as a basketball and football statistician at the U. at Albany and Siena College. He lives in Niskayuna, NY, but is planning a move to Washington, DC, to work for the Democratic National Committee on the 2008 presidential campaign. **Jane Chen** Chin is the president of Medical Science Liaison Inst. LLC. The organization is dedicated to serving field-based medical teams and offers MSL training, consulting, and career development services. After hours, Jane has been writing, doing comedy improv, and problogging. She lives in Redondo Beach, CA.

From California back to Ithaca. Every year, Cornell’s Adult University draws alumni back to campus for summer learning vacations. In July, **Ernest Chen** participated in a course called The

Senate, which was led by CAU favorites **Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76**, and Joel Silbey.

Finally, many of you may remember **Matt Kleiner** from our days at Cornell. Matt was a beloved classmate who passed away in 2003 from complications from AIDS. He was a hemophiliac and was infected as a child by his blood-based hemophilia medication. Before he passed away, Matt sat down with filmmaker Marilyn Ness (sister of **Lisa Ness Seidman**) to share his story in the hope that lessons could be learned and the blood supply and medications could be made safer as a result. In Marilyn’s words, “After the 10,000 hemophiliacs became infected with HIV, the FDA was credited with the ‘worst regulatory failure’ in the administration’s history for failing to take meaningful action in the face of AIDS.” Her film, *Bad Blood*, seeks to finally bring this little known story—Matt’s story—into the public consciousness. *Bad Blood* is actively seeking distribution and shooting was to continue over the winter. To learn more about the film, visit www.necessaryfilms.com/badblood.html. A trailer from the film, featuring Matt, can be found here: www.necessaryfilms.com/mness/fund/badblood.wmv (Windows Media Player version), or here: www.necessaryfilms.com/mness/fund/badblood.mp4 (Quicktime version).

Please keep the news coming. You can either e-mail your class correspondents or submit your news online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. Thanks! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

94 Nothing warms the heart of a class correspondent in December as much as a News Form with hardly any white space on it! It’s good to see that alums still find the time for personal pursuits: **Toshihiro Matsuo** of San Diego, general manager of TV marketing for Sony, plays hockey and rugby after hours. Also in California, architect **Ioana Urma** paints in watercolor and oil, grows herbs, and enjoys swimming. On the other side of the world, **Kaila Colbin** writes, “I’ve been living in paradise (aka New Zealand) for a year and a half. I encourage anyone heading Down Under to shoot me an e-mail!” She has started Missing Link, an information design company, but in keeping with the spirit of those sporty Kiwis, she manages to bike, ski, and practice yoga.

In response to the prompt, “What I’d rather be doing now,” **Timothy O’Neill** of Cary, NC, answers, “Playing golf.” When **William Collazo** isn’t teaching both Japanese and the theory of knowledge at an international baccalaureate high school (he was named Japanese Language Teacher of the Year for the State of Florida), he can be found teaching karate and kendo or hanging out with his daughter Isabela, 5, and son Willy, 3. Among the mountains of Colorado, **William Sullivan** punches the clock as the regional sales manager for Culligan Water. “For fun I play softball and basketball, ski, camp, and go to Wide-spread Panic concerts.”

At an immunology research lab at Harvard Medical School, **Sarah Pryputniewicz** studies the

effects of SIV (simian immunodeficiency virus—the monkey version of HIV) on the immune system. “Outside of work, I’m slowly but surely taking over the driveway with my container garden.” Her green thumb has successfully raised tomatoes, strawberries, okra, squash, and corn, among other delectables. **Megan McDonald**, who works for reunion.com, summed it up best when she wrote, “I’d like to own a travel business and teach and learn more about culture through travel. I’d also love to have more time for hobbies like dance classes and camping and scuba diving—the fun stuff . . . the icing on the cake, if you will.”

Alas, back to work. Or back to school. **Aruna Kampani** is studying toward her third degree after working in management consulting for several years and earning an MBA from Georgetown U. She’s now hitting the books in veterinary school at Virginia Tech. Father of two children (Avi and Zoe), **Joshua Hurwitz** is a doctor at an infertility practice in Norwalk, CT, as well as an assistant professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in NYC. Also in the healthcare field is **David Huang**, who works in emergency and critical care medicine, and **Vicky Lee**, a pediatrician in Maryland. **Scott Robinson** is serving his second tour of duty as a physician assistant for the US Army.

In NYC, **Andrew Reitenbach** is the director of international small cap investments at William D. Witter. **Amy Chiang** works as assistant general counsel for Evolution Capital Management in Honolulu. After eight years in California, **Josh Cantor**, father of John and Jason, moved to the D.C. area to work at George Mason U. When asked if there’s anything he’d rather be doing, he replied, “Being a professional poker player perhaps.” Another example of a successful relocation: **Fernando Poma** worked for Choice Hotels Int’l and then the Westmont Hospitality Group in Paris, France, after which he got an MBA at the Wharton School. After graduation, he left for El Salvador to help manage the family business, Real Hotels and Resorts.

Kerri Scheppeke Kovac checked in from Long Island, where she is the mother of a 4-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl. She is the director of human resources at Southern Container. **Matthew Shafiroff**, an emergency medicine physician, has two little children (Jack and Lily) and lives in New York State. In New Jersey, **Marcia Firestone** Paltenstein is the mother of kids Jason and Jenna. **Laura Sauter** Stein gave birth to Jack Garrett last April; the family, including older brother Scott, live in Charlotte, NC. **Steven Hewitson**, a law partner at Troutman Sanders, calls Atlanta home, along with wife Michelle and sons Connor and Eli.

The column would not be complete without a couple of walks down the aisle. On July 8, **Brian Penney** married **Suzy Iverson** ’95 at the bucolic Stonebridge Country Club outside Manchester, NH. Brian continues to teach biology at St. Anselm College, while Suzy is a physician at Webster Street Internal Medicine. **Mara Leff** Wood and I were a couple of happy bridesmaids at the wedding of **Doreen Lee** to Richard Young on September 30 in a Manhattan loft.

Lastly, an update from **Braxton Pope** in Hollywood. His third film as a producer, *The Take*, stars John Leguizamo and Rosie Perez. “Twelve

years ago,” he writes, “I was sitting on the deck of Telluride House, drinking a St. Ides malt beverage and reflecting on whether I should move to L.A. or NYC to pursue my career. Even granting all the travails of independent film, I don’t think I would rather be doing anything else.” ♦ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dineen@wasyluk.net.

95 Greetings, everyone! There’s an emerging trend in our news updates. Folks are no longer writing with a single event to announce; rather they are sending word of many things going on. It’s a good illustration of how, for many of us, our lives are getting more complex and more rewarding.

Tom Zimmerman sent in a bundle of good news. After two years of marriage, he and his wife Sharon had their first child in June 2006, a baby girl named Gracen Rae. The family lives in Massapequa, NY, where Tom works as an assistant professor of family medicine at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and was appointed medical director of Academic Health Centers. He received the school’s Standard of Excellence award for successfully transitioning their multispecialty, multilocation medical offices from paper charts to an electronic medical record system. Recently, Tom got together with **T.J. Reed**, who is married, living near Boston, and practicing internal medicine.

Robert Friedman joined the law firm of Gunster Yoakley & Stewart in West Palm Beach, FL, where he is continuing his practice as a commercial litigator with a focus on insurance coverage issues. Rob writes, “After our temporary stay in Boca Raton, we have found a new home in West Palm Beach. Not only were we hurricane-free this year, but there were no voting irregularities either! In December, our daughter Rose turns 1 and our big boy Sammy Ray turns 3. It’s getting colder in New York, so you know it’s time for a visit!”

Living in Scarsdale, NY, **David Jakubowicz** has been growing both his family and his medical practice. He works as the chairman of the ENT Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, and when not at work, David spends time with his three children, with the third, Halle, born in September 2005. Juggling a demanding career with family, **Joshua Bretstein** works as the director of legal staffing at First Choice of New York and is raising his baby son Jack with wife Nanne. If he could, he’d rather be “chilling on a beach in Maui with my wife and son” and remembering fondly his Cornell days at ZBT. In Woodbridge, VA, **Agnes Varga** Wells is the workforce services supervisor at the Virginia Employment Commission and has been very busy at work given her recent promotion. Agnes “lives for the weekends” when she gets to spend time with (and cleaning up after) her 16-month-old son Alex. Oh, and **Blythe Westbrook**, if you’re reading this, Agnes would like to hear from you!

After seven years at a law firm, **Carrie Shechter Fox** recently moved to an in-house position as associate general counsel at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Carrie writes, “Since the hospital is affiliated with the Weill Cornell Medical College and my office is on the medical school

campus, I feel in a way like I have returned to my Cornell roots. The job is terrific and it is great to have so much time with my husband, **David Shechter**, and our kids Ilana, 4, and Jacob, 1. Over the summer, we had a great vacation in Potomac, MD, visiting with **Sarah Schneider** Cohen, her husband Shane, and their kids Avi, 7, Estie, 5, and Yonah, 8 months. On the way back, we stopped off in Philadelphia to visit **Brooke Frantz** Salzman and her husband Matt, and to meet their daughter Maya, 1. More recently, we had dinner with **Michelle** ‘Mikki’ **Knudsen**. Mikki’s most recent book, *Library Lion*, has been on the *New York Times* Children’s Books Bestseller List for four weeks. Congratulations, Mikki!”

James McCloskey sent an e-mail full of fun news. He and his wife **Melanie Swiderek, PhD** ’99, live in Londonderry, NH, where James is premier client rep at Putnam Investments and Melanie is a marketing consultant at Deepblack Consulting. When not at their day jobs, these two are busy exercising their creative side. In addition to designing his own home, James is writing an action adventure novel. Melanie is also a belly dance instructor for a local yoga studio and performs publicly under the name Zahar al-Baida. This past October, the McCloskeys returned to Cornell for Homecoming where they saw Cornell beat Colgate, watched the Red-White ice hockey scrimmage, hiked at Letchworth State Park, and visited wineries.

For those returning to Ithaca anytime soon, this next bit of news should be of interest. **Mark and Courtney Kasin Papera** ’96 recently returned to Ithaca and opened Dijon, a French bistro at 311 Third Street, in November. After working around Manhattan for a few years in many elite restaurants, they opened Epernay in Montclair, NJ. Now they have a family and have decided to raise their children in Ithaca. Last, but not least . . . should you find yourself in a bookstore in April, look for **Brenda Janowitz**’s first novel, *Scot on the Rocks (Or, How I Survived My Ex-Boyfriend’s Wedding With My Dignity Ever-Slightly Intact)*. For more information, check out www.brendajanowitz.com.

Thanks, everyone, for your updates. Keep ’em coming! Happy spring! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 On assignment in the Balenciaga headquarters in Paris—in a room filled with \$10,000 gowns and mannequins and a jumble of cloth—the photographer and I stared at each other as someone was about to introduce us. “I know you,” she said, laughing. It was **Jessica Antola**. She’s a photographer based in Paris and Los Angeles. You may have seen her work in the *New York Times Magazine* and *Vanity Fair*.

That was my most random Cornelian sighting of the year—and I bet you can guess the next bit: send us yours. They don’t even have to be random, though random will be a slight change from the weddings and babies we’re writing about these days.

Wedding Watch: **Laura Moy** married Christian Ely on Sept. 16, ’06 in Cambridge, MA. The wedding party included bridesmaid **Cherie**

Purring Koch '97 and ushers **Ruben Koch** and **Alec Hopkins**. Also in attendance: **Jeanette Bettles** and husband **Ken Flanagan '98**, **Don Lazaro**, **Chris '98** and **Liz Ceccacci Orelup**, **Chris Salsbury '95**, **Jeffrey Schenck**, **Mike Stratemeier '95**, and **Dave West**. Laura and Christian live in Cambridge, where Laura says they're enjoying "the challenges of a house that's more than 100 years older than I am." Laura recently hit her 10th anniversary at WGBH, Boston's public TV and radio station. She's the products manager for WGBH Boston Video (translation: she makes DVDs of some of the shows you see on PBS, such as "Masterpiece Theatre").

Wedding Two: After marrying on a plantation near Richmond, VA, on Sept. 16, '06, **David Bender** says he had a fabulous Greek honeymoon with his wife **Heather** (Haverford '97). Best man was **Jason Zausmer**, and other Cornellians in attendance included **Andrew Kratenstein**, **Dave Pincus**, and **Ron Elfenbein**, as well as David's sister **Jackie Bender Brecht '94**, mother **Carol Greenwald Bender '65**, and grandfather **Sam Bender, DVM '41**. David is back in Richmond, continuing to grow his landscaping company. Ron ran a good campaign for state delegate in Annapolis, MD, but "unfortunately it wasn't the Republicans' year," says David. Andrew is working on some legal issues surrounding the Enron case, Dave Pincus is doing biochem research at the U. of Maryland, and Alex is overseeing two construction projects in Manhattan.

Our class is doing its best to populate the Classes of '26 and '27—yikes, you guys are scaring me! The Mamas and Papas: **Heather Caruthers Miniman** recently began freelance medical writing again after the birth of her second child, a boy named Sean, born March 1, '06. Sean's 3-year-old big sister Rachel is, Heather reports, "proud—and protective." Heather, husband **Stuart '95**, and kids live in Douglas, MA. **Kirsten Carroll** and husband Vincent Somoza welcomed their first child in September, a little girl named Adelaide. (This news courtesy of **Heather Nydham** Martinez, MHA '99, who reports that she and husband Nick are about to head off to Belize—their first true vacation since starting their Denver-based business, Detailers Paradise, four years ago.)

Thanks to **Joshua Babbitt, MS '97**, for the news that two of our classmates had babies within four days of each other: **Daniella Ballou**—Aares and **Chetna Bansal, MS '97**, both gave birth in St. Luke's/Roosevelt in NYC, Daniella on Dec. 7 and Chetna on Dec. 10. Chetna was able to say hi to Daniella and baby Sabine as she was on her way in and they were heading home. Chetna had a baby girl named Ayana Aravind Chari.

Danielle Ben-Aviv gave birth to a little girl named Maytal on Aug. 21 '06. Danielle just started in practice as an endocrinologist in Bridgeport, CT, and moved to Fairfield. Congratulations to **Kenya Mayfield** Beckmann on the birth of son Brooks Porter Beckmann on Aug. 12 '06—and on her new job as director of major gifts and campaigns at Hoag Hospital, Neuroscience Inst. in Newport Beach, CA. **Joshua** and Margaret **Vinciguerra** welcomed daughter Anna Kathleen on Dec. 28 '05. Joshua is working as an assistant district attorney in NYC.

And this note from **Justin McEntee**: "My wife Jessica and I had our first child, Finlay Pownall McEntee '27, on Nov. 25, '06. Our cocker spaniel, Sophie, was wary at first, but seems to be taking well to her new brother. To accommodate our son, we sold our 'cozy' apartment in Union Square (which has become far too fashionable for us in the past five years) and traded it for a larger, more stroller-friendly apartment directly across from a Pottery Barn Kids on East 69th St. As soon as we moved in, the apartment next door became available, so we had to buy it, too (as is the rule in Manhattan). Luckily, my father, **Joseph McEntee '64**, is retiring from his law firm in Dallas at year-end, so he and my mother, **Carol (Naylor) '66**, split the apartment with us, giving them a Manhattan retreat and giving us dotting grandparents next door."

Lastly, for those of you planning trips to Ithaca, make a note: **Courtney Kasin Papera** and her husband **Mark '95** have recently returned to town and opened Dijon, a French bistro at 311 Third St. Previously, they owned Epernay in Montclair, NJ. ♦ **Courtney Rubin**, crubin0515@yahoo.com.

97 Perhaps because of the winter weather at the time I'm writing this, it's hard to believe that by the time you read it, many of you will be finalizing travel plans back to Ithaca for reunion. Here's a preview of what you might hear when you come back in June . . .

Melissa Altman Stein (maltman19@yahoo.com) updated us on the recent happenings in her life. She finished her PhD in clinical psych in 2006 and works at the Bronx V.A. Medical Center and loves every minute of it, including research on PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder. She looks forward to sharing many Cornell experiences at reunion with her new husband, especially Hot Truck! Also heading back to the Hill for reunion is **Kathryn Krase** (KatKrase@aol.com). Kathryn spent some time in Ithaca this past summer for a Summer Research Inst., working with the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect. Upon her return to NYC, Kathryn took a position with NYU's Family Defense Clinic, where she teaches and supervises law and social work students. She and husband Bill are also keeping busy on a never-ending renovation of their 150-year-old townhouse in Brooklyn.

Quick quiz: Which classmate hopes to visit the Stifel Fencing Salle and perhaps fence a couple of touchés when he returns for reunion? Answer: **James Kim** (jjkim91@gmail.com)! James is currently working at Cooper Union and NYU after finishing his PhD and getting married to Young Jin Cho-Kim last January at Columbia U. He's also looking forward to connecting with some faculty and classmates, including **Adrian Boma**, **Brian Vance**, **John Heal**, and **Pablo Bedetti, MBA '02**, upon his return to the Hill.

Updating us from downtown Philly is **Chad Levitt** (chadlevitt@comcast.net), who works in specialty real estate finance for Rait Investment Trust. Chad hopes to see as many friends as possible at reunion, although, he writes, "I feel like I may be the only one who hasn't married or had

children." He also updated us on **Marc and Ellen Goodman Stiefel**, who recently moved back to Philly and had a baby boy, Adam. Also welcoming a bundle of joy are **Matthew and Beth Rothenstein** Harman (bharman526@hotmail.com). Daughter Madison Eve joined the family in April 2006. Meanwhile, Beth has been working as a speech pathologist for children ages birth to 3 years, and Matthew runs a hedge fund in NYC.

Mike Perera (mikeperera@nc.rr.com) sends news from Cary, NC. He has been working as a manager for IBM for the past three years and has two children, Daniella, 2-1/2, and Zachary, 4 months. Also residing in the South is **Kinei Lin** (kinei@yahoo.com). Kinei has moved back to the US after working for FedEx for eight years in Tokyo, Japan. Staying close to home, **Kelly Maule Makosch** (kam11@cornell.edu) works for the Cornell Annual Fund. She also celebrated her wedding to husband Kenny in June 2006. Classmate **Meghan Faulkner** was in the bridal party and other Cornellians were in attendance at the celebration. Steven and **Robin Yates** Dulman (rhymd01@yahoo.com) were married in August 2006 and celebrated with matron of honor **Jennifer Mattucci** Santoro, as well as classmates **Margaret Billy, MILR '00**, and **Gregg and Marcy Rosenberg Benson**. They currently live in Hoboken, NJ, while Robin is working at NYU in a pediatric hematology and oncology fellowship. Robin told us that Jennifer lives in Virginia with husband John Santoro and has her own private psychiatry practice. Gregg and Marcy live in New Jersey as well, with sons Jack and Will.

Congrats on all our weddings, promotions, births, and other exciting life events! Remember: this is only a sample of what you can find out about your classmates when you join us in Ithaca for Reunion 2007! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Welcome to another exciting and entertaining Class of '98 column. As we type this column up in New York's global-warming winter and London's schizophrenic weather conditions, the holiday lights are lit and the air smells like Christmas trees. In this season of good tidings and joy, we share with you the joys and triumphs of fellow classmates. (Note: We are trying to write this article together, even though we are on two different continents. **Erica Chan** wrote the bulk of it and left spaces in the article for Gregg to add some words. It was a fun game of Mad Libs for him—I guess we're just trying to figure out unique ways to write these columns after four years!)

'98ers **Ben Butkus** and **Beth Fahey** got married on October 7, 2006, a beautiful day on campus! The ceremony was at Anabel Taylor and the reception was at the Big Red Barn. A joyous Cornell contingent was there; the bride's siblings **Bob Fahey '01**, **Becky Fahey '04**, and **Cathy Fahey '10** were all in the wedding party, as well as **Erika Zimmerman** and **Aaron Bouchie '99**. Other Cornellian guests were **Danielle Wood**, who read Ogden Nash's poem "Tin Wedding Whistle," **Jonathan Ivers '00**, who sang at the ceremony, **Shirley Hapangama**, **Brian Hurh**, **Mike Javid**,

Beth Ann Lawrence '01, Sharmila Sandhu, and Zsofia Stadler, MD '02. It was like a mini-reunion for a lot of the guests who had not been to Ithaca in a while. Beth also told us that Aaron Bouchie was married on Sept. 23, 2006 to Kelly White in NYC. Beth and Ben went to the Sonoma wine country and San Francisco for their honeymoon and now live in Brooklyn, NY, where Ben is a science journalist and Beth is a tech writer.

Agnes Galvez is a full-time doctoral student at the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas in the Educational Leadership program, as well as a full-time long-term care dietician for North Las Vegas Care Center. As if having two full-time commitments is not enough to keep her busy, Agnes spends her free time figure skating, doing hip-hop aerobics, and simply chillin' in the desert city. She misses her friends, however, and says she would rather be teaching, researching, advising college students, traveling, and doing the lecture circuit. She also wants to hear from her long-lost Cornell friends! If Agnes needs any coaching on her skating, she can ask **Leslie Kirchler**, who joined the Northwestern U. Dance Team and coaches ice skating. When not dancing or skating, Leslie is a transportation planner, and at the time she wrote in, she was looking for a condo/town home. Hopefully she found something. She would rather be working as a professor or joining a new archaeology dig. She misses her Friday and Saturday nights at Lynah Rink, and would like to hear from **Shaka Davis** and **Michelle Pangborn**.

Joshua Malkin is a financial advisor. He runs a wealth management group at Smith Barney, helping clients in all areas of finance, including asset management, liability management, risk management, and estate planning. Josh says he loves his job and there is nothing else that he would rather be doing. Hearing the call of the bright lights of New York City, **Albert Choi** made the cross-country move from Los Angeles to New York. Albert has joined VNU eMedia, as its manager of digital strategy for its 46 Web publications, including *Billboard*, *Radio & Records*, the *Hollywood Reporter*, *Adweek*, *Mediaweek*, and *Editor & Publisher*. In his spare time, Albert is a dedicated frequent flyer who travels from continent to continent to see friends and family. He was recently spotted in London with Erica, catching up with friends and shopping for scarves.

Karen Ruenitz is living in San Francisco, working as an artist and teaching fashion illustration at California College of the Arts. You can look at her current work at www.karenruenitz.com. **Kirk Keller** is also living out in California with his wife Sandra. They celebrated their third wedding anniversary on Nov. 1. Their daughter Emma is 20 months old. Congratulations go out to **Janice Whittleton**, who graduated from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke U. in May 2006 with her MBA and a certificate in Health Sector Management. She had a great time in business school, including a study abroad at UCT in Cape Town, South Africa, from January to March 2006. She moved to Denver, CO, in July 2006. **Elizabeth Dewey**, MBA '06, graduated from the Johnson School in May and, like Janice, spent a semester abroad at the Melbourne Business School in Australia. She is currently in

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TODD JACOBSON '97

Last September, 100 teenagers from across Africa arrived at a camp in Johannesburg to find that they had been divided into basketball teams without regard to race or nationality. There were some cultural tensions and language barriers, but those differences dissolved on the court, says camp organizer Todd Jacobson. As head of global community relations for the National Basketball Association, Jacobson works with the league's philanthropic arm, NBA Cares, helping to run its Basketball Without Borders program. "By using the power of our NBA brand," Jacobson says, "we can use basketball almost as diplomacy, to teach young people skills they need on and off the court."

Basketball Without Borders offers free week-long camps for teenage boys in Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America. In addition to athletic training, the teens attend seminars on such topics as health, teamwork, leadership, and HIV/AIDS prevention. More than 120 NBA stars, coaches, and personnel have volunteered to staff the camps since the program's inception in 2001; they've also worked in the local communities on projects ranging from building public basketball courts to renovating orphanages.



At Cornell, Jacobson studied human development in the College of Human Ecology and played varsity soccer. After graduation, he looked for a way to combine his interests in psychology and public service with his passion for sports; he oversaw events for New York City's Parks and Recreation Department before joining the NBA in 2000. "My interest is in using sports as a development tool," Jacobson says. "Sports can galvanize people, bring them together, and teach them about important issues."

— Kayla Rakowski '07

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We hope you enjoyed our joint effort! Apologies to those we haven't been able to fit into the column yet. Hope everyone is doing well. Please keep on sending us information about what you or your friends are doing. ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

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As I write this at my little cubicle in Midtown, I'm scarfing down a sandwich, answering the phone, and IM'ing with a colleague. These are the days of multi-tasking. Do you use your BlackBerry while driving or standing in line at the grocery store check-out line? (Admit it.) Do you rest your computer on your pillow to compile meeting notes before heading off to

Sleepyland? (You know you do.) How about read the paper, watch the news, and eat breakfast all at the same time? (I admit it—I do it every day.)

Some of us are already in our 30s and many more are about to hit that milestone. It is nothing but work and more work these days, either in the office or in graduate school or in the home with new families. Yikes! Stop for a moment. Relax. Read about your fellow '99ers in this special "agenda-style" class column.

Item I: Baby News. **Jodie Hamill** Sadowsky, out in Hartford, CT, is the proud mama of little boy Ryan William, born October 11, 2006. In Winters, CA, **Laura Tocco** Mariani is happy to announce the birth of Miles Daniel, born August 14, 2006.

Item II: Wedding News. **Jennifer Scarpato** and **Andrew Schinder**, JD '03, sealed with a kiss

their relationship that began when they met outside an ILR 210 prelim nearly ten years ago. The couple were married on September 2, 2006 in Madison, CT. **Christina Hughes** was the maid of honor, and **Lee Striar** was best man. Groomsmen included **Jake Williams**, **Michael Niver '00**, **Brian Markowitz**, and **Jeff Shapiro**. Jennifer and Andrew are living in NYC and both work as lawyers. He is an associate in the capital markets department at Cadwalader, and she is a patent litigation associate at Frommer, Lawrence & Haug.

Ilana Kubel married Matt Engel this past Memorial Day weekend in Wading River, NJ. The couple met two years ago at the wedding of **Julie Cohen Fein**. **Amy Nathanson Nash**, **Debbi Share**, **Margaret Miller Martsching**, and **Aliza Kirshenbaum** were bridesmaids. Ilana and Matt live in NYC.

Item III: Work News. After a two-year court clerkship and vacations in Greece and South America, **Diana Rubin** started work as an associate at Skadden Arps in NYC. **Jennifer Kantor Gershberg** is now an associate in the litigation department at Blank Rome in Washington, DC. **Janelle Becker Kahn** is a vice president at NYC-based AllianceBernstein, a global asset management firm. **Christine Ng Vitols** is a vice president in global securities lending at Goldman

(www.stonethrowfarm.biz). Eat local and eat Cornelian-grown veggies! **David "Doug" Hill** is living in Bedminster, NJ, and working as a global supply planner for Infineum, a chemical manufacturer, in Linden, NJ. **Ed Hutchins** lives in Raleigh, NC, and works as an engineering manager for water operations at Cree Inc. in Durham, NC. He writes about his after-hours extracurricular activities: "What after hours? Work never ends!"

Indeed, work never ends. But before you grab that "Crack"Berry to see what new missive you have from the boss, fire off a message to your class correspondents and let us know what you, yes YOU, are doing.

Item IV: How to contact us. Send class news to: ♦ **Melanie Grayce West**, melanie@melaniegrayce.com; **Jennifer Sheldon**, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com; **Brady Russell**, bradydale@thistoo.willpass.com.

OO I love the question on our news form that asks about what you remember most fondly about your time at Cornell. The responses make me smile and bring back some great memories!

One of my fondest memories from Cornell is the fun I had as a campus tour guide. Two of my

Katie Yeoman is hungry for another Ithaca specialty. She remembers "Hot Truck, baby!" Katie also lists singing along to the jukebox at Dunbar's, wine tasting tours, and the Hotel school as fond memories from her time at Cornell. When not reminiscing about our alma mater, Katie keeps busy scuba diving and playing coed softball and kickball. She is the internal audit manager at the Breakers in Palm Beach, FL, and said that she recently initiated a search for her birth mother. The two met and have kept in touch.

Linnea Carter reported that she trained for the 2006 ING NYC. It was her first marathon, and Linnea said, "I had a great day. I not only did it for myself, but I ran for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as a member of Team in Training. I raised more than \$5,000 in honor of my sister, who is cured from childhood leukemia." My husband, **Chris Weld**, also ran his first marathon. He and more than 100 members of his Army battalion finished the Florence, Italy, marathon in November.

Pentagram Architecture is apparently filled with Cornellians! **Alex Mergold** reported that he works with **James Biber '74**, **Michael Zweck Bronner '86**, **Dan Maxfield**, and **James R. G. Bowman '05** at the NYC architecture firm. Alex recently worked on designing the interiors of the Arizona Cardinals Stadium in Glendale, AZ, which opened in August. **Candace Davies**, MBA '06, remarked that she enjoyed the fall colors on Cayuga Lake. And she would rather be horseback riding at the Oxley Equestrian Center! Candace got to enjoy some Cornell activities more recently than some of us, as she graduated in May from the Johnson School. She is now an investment professional with Goldman Sachs. **Doug MacQueen** sent word that he is a resident in internal medicine at Maine Medical Center.

Spending time in the Eco-House and serving on the Student Assembly are what **Rachel Anderson**, MAT '01, remembers fondly from Cornell. Rachel is an agriculture teacher in Greenville, NY, and she's working on an advanced graduate degree in educational administration and policy studies at the U. at Albany. **Laura Wenham** is an editor at Macmillan and she is currently working on a fifth grade science textbook. Laura also reported that she married Julian Galak on October 1, 2006. **David Sacerdote**, another newlywed, married **Dorothy Murray '01**, MLA '05.

Morgan Hartman sent a wonderful update filled with news about him and his wife **Rebekah (Lamphere)**. Not surprisingly, Morgan's fondest memory from Cornell is meeting his wife! The couple is quite busy, and Morgan says, "We are equal parts designers, horticulturists, sculptors, and entrepreneurs. We design and install residential and estate landscapes in the Berkshires." The Hartmans are proud parents of Gable Dean, 4-1/2, and Graziella Janine, born September 22, 2006. **Wayne van Gemert** moved to Moscow shortly after getting a Master of Public Health degree from UC Berkeley in May 2005. He is now working as a project officer for the World Health Organization's TB Control Program in Russia. **Meredith Haff** returned to Boston in August after living in Wellington, New Zealand, for the past year. She worked as the direct marketing manager for Telecom NZ

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Sachs in NYC. She spends her time traveling for work (Boston, Chicago, Miami, and Tokyo) and searching for an apartment to buy.

Berett Shaps is a pediatric resident at St. Vincent's hospital in NYC. **Josh Benjamin** is living in Boston and is a second-year medical student at Boston U. This past summer Josh took it easy with a two-week trip to Tanzania. **Laura Knights** is an associate VP for the Seattle-based Harrison Group, a consulting and market research firm. Her work means travel, too, including a trip to Denmark last summer. **Rebecca Eaton** is working as a consultant to nonprofits in the Boston area.

Shannon Lacy is a captain in the US Army Veterinary Corps; he is currently stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Shannon married **Shannon Lee Campbell '98** on December 31, 2004. **Jamie Roth** is breaking news as a reporter for WFSB-CBS television station in Hartford, CT. **David Asam** is living in Shepherdstown, WV, and working as the sommelier and VP at the Bavarian Inn. He recently traveled to Europe for three weeks and spends much of his free time at wine tastings. **Jennifer Sitts Kester** is a senior planner for the city of Gig Harbor, WA.

Megan Palmer Luton is living in South Onondaga, NY, and working as a speech pathologist in the Syracuse city school district. Megan and husband Brian recently began farming a four-acre patch of land where they grow heirloom and specialty vegetables for the local farmer's markets and area restaurants. If you live in the area, check out the vegetables from Stones Throw Farm

fellow CIVR'ers sent updates. **Greg Pratt** moved to Lancaster, PA, with **Olivia Shea '06** to take a consulting position with a new product development company called Innovation Focus, while Olivia is working with a landscape architecture firm. Greg says he is still singing with a few other "recovering Hangovers," including **Adam Farouk '01**, **Steve Engelbrecht '01**, **Chris Wildeman '02**, and **Andy Goldin '03**, in a vocal band that has toured twice to the Far East and will be releasing a recording soon. Another fabulous tour guide, **Cheryl Stanley**, married in November at the Four Seasons Las Vegas. **Mario Roman**, **Laura Baber**, **Brian Wellman**, and **Heather Foulks** were in the wedding, and **Jonathan Gerber**, **Jeanne Devine '99**, **Stefanie Rainsford Russo '99**, **Suzanne Guziec**, MAT '01, **Eli Soto**, and **Steve**, MS '05, and **Amanda Soule Shaw**, MBA '05, witnessed the ceremony. Cheryl lives in Santa Barbara and is the sommelier for the Wine Cask Restaurant and assistant manager of the Wine Cask Retail Store.

Collegetown Bagels figures prominently in many of our Cornell memories, and **Megan Renfrew** would love a pumpkin bagel with cinnamon sugar and butter from CTB right now. She is a law student in a joint JD/MPA program with Columbia Law School and the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton U. Megan will be joining the Office of Legislative Counsel in the US House of Representatives in the fall. **Erin O'Connell** is also working in the legal field. She is an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Appeals Division of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

and studied at Victoria U. Meredith is now finishing her MBA full-time at Babson College and hopes to graduate in May!

Thanks for sharing all these fun memories! Keep the updates coming. ❖ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Longing for those days of scheduled breaks—specifically, spring break? While some classmates have chosen careers with such schedules, others are tenaciously furthering their education with higher degrees, fellowships, and residencies. I wonder if they will be getting much of a “break” this spring . . .

Earlier last year, **Meghan Butryn** received her PhD in clinical psychology from Drexel U. and completed her clinical internship at Brown U. Last summer she moved back to Philadelphia to start a post-doctoral research fellowship. Congratulations to **Scott Calcagno** for receiving his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine last June. Scott is currently doing a residency in emergency medicine at Mount Clemens General Hospital, Mount Clemens, MI.

In warmer weather, **Christina Bove**, DVM '06, has been interning in small animal medicine and surgery at Veterinary Specialists of South Florida, while applying to cardiology residencies. After completing dual master's degrees in nutrition and epidemiology at Columbia U., **Andrea Deierlein** moved to Chapel Hill, NC, to begin a PhD program in nutrition epidemiology at the U. of North Carolina. Her former NYC roommate of four years, **Kirsten Thompson**, completed a post-baccalaureate premedical program at Columbia U. after working for three years at JPMorgan. Last summer Kirsten traveled to Peru and Brazil and began medical school at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn in August. A five-time Boston Marathoner, she also ran in the New York Marathon this past November.

Also working in the medical field, **Brooke Benlifer** is a registered dietitian living in San Diego, CA. In her free time she enjoys yoga, Pilates, spinning, and running and recently took up freelance writing. Since graduation, **Jen Gilbert** has been an on-camera meteorologist for the ABC affiliates in Myrtle Beach, SC, and, more recently, Baltimore, MD. She received the American Meteorological Society's Seal of Approval, an award for excellence in broadcasting, and after five years in television, Jen is taking some time off from that career to pursue new endeavors. **Guanina Jenkins-Serrano** De La Torre, DVM '01, Westbury, NY, wrote in to say that her lovely 1-year-old surprisingly leaves her as tired as finals. As a stay-at-home mom, she is getting to spend more time visiting family these days.

Congratulations to **Melissa Brawerman** on her July 8, 2006 wedding to Seth Shenkman in Plainview, NY. Members of the bridal party included **Robyn Eaton**, **Laura Lipman** Lester, and cousin of the groom **Adam Shenkman** '98. Other classmates in attendance were **Lauren Drucker**, **Itai Dinour**, **Carrie Gombos** Altschuler, **Melissa Santangelo** Hanna, and **Carrie Danziger**. Send

news to ❖ **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 Just over three months until our 5th Reunion! Make sure to book your calendars for June 7-10, 2007 back on the Hill. **Christine Giameo** wrote in to share the news of her recent move cross-country to Denver, CO. She started as a supply chain manager at Trinidad Benham and has been enjoying mountain biking, rollerblading, skiing, snowboarding, and hiking in the mountains. **Thalia Goldstein** is in graduate school in the Boston area. “I’m studying cognitive development, emotional understanding, and emotion regulation, and how it relates to acting and acting talent,” she writes, “though I’d rather be dancing in New York.” She would love to hear from any members of the Shadows group and any other Boston area graduate students. When asked what she remembers most from our time at Cornell, she says, “Working hard but loving it.” I think many of us can relate to that.

Rebecca Pizzitola is living in Albany, NY, as a research assistant at Rockefeller Inst. of Government. In her spare time she is taking some courses toward a master's in public health, as well as doing some photography, music, fitness, and dinners with movies. She'd rather be “singing along with my favorite band at a live concert in Europe,” and remembers most the gorges at Tremans Park mid-summer. **Megan Ackerman**, if you're out there, Rebecca would like to hear from you! **Benjamin Ragheb** made the move from Pittsburgh to New York City, where he works as a software engineer for TransactTools Inc. “I have been enjoying the public transit system,” Benjamin writes. “Anybody, if you're in town, look me up!” **Bryan Maule** wrote after spending a year in South Korea. “I got stationed at Eglin AFB in sunny northwest Florida. After significant internal debate, I recently separated from the active duty Air Force and transferred to the Reserves.” Bryan also got married in September 2005 to “a wonderful woman, the former Latore Q. Sanders.” After joining the Reserves, Bryan was hired as the public information officer and department spokesman for the Walton County Sheriff's Office in Florida. “My wife and I are looking to buy a house here soon and begin to live the American dream. Wish us luck!”

Pete Ippel is in San Francisco and classifies his present day job as “artist/athlete/coach/residence manager for the San Francisco Ballet. I'm starting my own athletic training group called ‘Wobble Fit’ and moving into my second season as assistant coach for University High School girl's varsity basketball. I've been drawing a lot and am focusing on my art career. I have a new series of photos called ‘The Jumping City.’” Anyone interested in checking out Pete's photos should go to www.hypermodern.net/photo/. Though he loves Northern California, he writes, “It's 52 degrees in the ocean here, and even with a thick wetsuit, hood, and booties, it's still a bit cold!” He would like to hear how the artists of Tjaden Hall are doing, where they are, and if they are still making art. “I recently returned to Ithaca where I competed in the Cornell relays and saw many friends who have moved to various locations around the

country. I look forward to seeing everyone at reunion!” **Tony Fracasso** writes, “I finally found a job in the field! Who knew it would only take two years.” He is working as a meteorologist and moonlights as a househunter in Washington, DC. “I do enjoy cleaning my messy apartment, though,” he jokes. From Cornell, he remembers meeting his freshman-year friends most of all, but would love to hear from “that senior meteorology major who wrote me a welcome letter when I came in as a freshman.”

Rachel Isaacson wrote in from Los Angeles to share her current news as a full-time graduate student at Hebrew Union College. In May 2007 she will receive two master's degrees, one in Jewish education and one in Jewish communal service. “I recently led a team of 15 walkers in the Breast Cancer 3-Day. We walked 60 miles to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and medical assistance. Our team of 15 raised over \$40,000!” Rachel remembers the beautiful fall colors the most when she thinks of Cornell—not something you see out there in Los Angeles. **Janet King** Kennedy married Daniel on April 22, 2006 in Buffalo, NY. Members of the bridal party included former roommates Thalia Goldstein and **Sara Rakaczky**, with more Cornellians in attendance. “I graduated from medical school at SUNY Buffalo and have started my residency in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Hope to see you at reunion!” Send news to: ❖ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Spring greetings! As I write this, the long days of spring and summer seem far away. Out here on the West Coast we've been having freak storms and power outages. Pacific Northwesterners are getting their few minutes of fame on national news.

Speaking of news, there's quite a bit from our classmates. **Kathy Moon** is working in Troy, NY, but misses the chimes from Cornell. Congratulations are due to **Mary Katherine** “Kate” **Russell** Irving, who left the US Army in May and is now in her new role as stay-at-home mom to son Bobby, born June 4, 2006. She still misses her “study” sessions at the Olin Library café. **Teddy Stofer**, meanwhile, is kicking back in New York City and playing golf with his roommates **Peter Mack**, **Christian Strzelecki**, **Tom Bernstein**, and **Mike Tranter** '02. **Annie O'Rourke** is also in New York working as a copywriter in a small advertising agency. While I'm sure that keeps her busy, she is also running her first marathon in Chicago, playing field hockey, taking advantage of the New York social and cultural scene, and reading the classics she never got to at Cornell. She also trains and raises money with the Team in Training of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the Chicago Marathon. It's been filling her time like a second job, but certainly sounds like a worthwhile way to spend some months!

Julie Canter wrote in from San Francisco and is shaping up the Bay Area as a landscape architect at Peter Walker and Partners. **Joseph Law Orloski** is keeping busy in his fourth year of medical school at Jefferson Medical School. He's doing rotations all over Pennsylvania. **Lauren**

Putnam is also in Pennsylvania. She's a math teacher at Solebury School, volunteers as a firefighter, and coaches lacrosse and soccer.

Elizabeth Edwards is in Ithaca at the Johnson School and loves being back. **Michael Meadows** is also in graduate school, currently pursuing a doctorate in Italian literature at Yale U. **Sara Rosenblum** is making the transition to graduate school, too. She writes, "After living in NYC for the past three years, working as a research coordinator for various psychological studies, I have finally moved on to begin graduate school. I just moved to Boston to start a PhD program in clinical psychology at UMass, Boston. I am living in Cambridge, which reminds me in many ways of Ithaca—lots of students, old Victorian houses, very liberal town. I would love to reconnect with other Cornellians in the Boston area. Contact me at sararosenblum@gmail.com." Let her know if you're in the area and want to hang out! I know from my time living in Boston that there are lots of fun Cornellians in the area.

Chris Greenhalgh is up in Canada and is an assistant guest services manager at Inniskillin Wines. Continuing in the further education theme of these notes, he's been studying to be a certified sommelier, though he admits that he'd rather be traveling the world and tasting the wines in their producing regions. It must be nice to try those nice ice wines that Inniskillin produces (I did manage to retain something from Wines class).

Well, I hope you all enjoy the spring thaw and that 2007 is off to a great start! Keep us posted as the news rolls in. You can always e-mail us to let us know what's going on at: ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; and **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, noonans@seattleu.edu.

04 Hope you're having a good year so far! Have you managed to keep your resolutions? (You're reading this in March, but I'm writing it in early January.) Do you have any other interesting news that you would like to share with all of us? Send me an e-mail with your news to the address below.

Colleen Reiss reports that she is an Army officer serving as the executive officer of the 100th Engineer Company at Fort Bragg, NC. When she's not busy at the base, she's coaching youth basketball or assisting with her church's Young Adult Ministries. Another of Cornell's finest is dutifully serving our country. **Sayce Falk '05** is a USMC infantry officer currently stationed at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA. Sayce will be deploying to Iraq late in 2007.

Hilary Johnson is the VP of the YMCA Camp Chingachgook Alumni Association. Although she misses hiking the Adirondack 46 high peaks and Cornell sailing team adventures, she occupies herself by discovering all that Albany has to offer, especially in the form of ethnic restaurants. **Kimberly Tan** is living in Astoria, NY, and working as an elementary school teacher. During her free time she plays tennis, tutors, and is involved in an orchestra. She misses the Cornell Dairy Bar.

Allison Hope writes, "Recently I have been working for Sunstone Hotel Investors as an acquisitions analyst. Prior to joining Sunstone, I worked

for PKF Consulting in San Francisco. When I am not working, I am traveling to visit friends and family or playing golf." Allison is also very active in the Junior League of Orange County and is an event planner for the Cornell Alumni Association of Orange County. One of her fondest memories from school is the Frozen Four. **Meridith Barker**, when you read this, give Allison a call, she would love to hear from you. ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

05 Hopefully, the snow has melted by now where you are, and you are preparing for warmer weather. Over the past few months, I have run into Cornellians all over the place. In the fall I bumped into classmate **Natalie Hernandez** as she hailed a cab in D.C. Just one week later, I saw **Rachel Krantz '06** in the D.C. Metro. Last winter I attended a gallery opening in Philadelphia that featured artwork by the talented **Orlando Soria '04**, BFA '04. Probably the most surprising experience was when I attended a farewell party for a colleague who was moving out to the West Coast. Apparently my friend's roommate graduated from Cornell, and we soon realized that all six out of the seven of us at the table were Cornell alumni. Small world indeed.

It has been so great to reconnect with **Sean Burke**, who is now married to Catherine O'Connor (UVA '05). The wedding was truly a Cornell affair . . . Cornell guests and groomsmen—even the priest was from Cornell! The newlyweds honeymooned in Bermuda before moving to the D.C./Georgetown area, where there seem to be Cornell alumni all over the city. Sean now works at Accenture doing government and strategy consulting; Catherine works for the ONE Campaign, where one of the perks included a trip to Los Angeles for the ONE Oscar party last spring. Congratulations to the both of them!

Congratulations also go out to **Lauren Richards**, who married Chris Ray on September 2, 2006. Lauren is now a mechanical engineer at GE Global Research in Niskayuna, NY. She is in the Edison Engineering Development Program and is currently a project leader for a residential energy project. In her spare time, Lauren enjoys hiking in the Adirondacks, cooking, and bowling. Says Lauren, "I'm surprised how much I miss the [McGraw tower] chimes ringing three times a day." She would love to get back in touch with **Jess Schiffman**. Some of our classmates are making a great commitment to future generations. **Luisa Sparrow** now resides in Rio Grande City, TX, where she is a fifth grade writing and social studies teacher. As an after-school activity, Luisa is a Ready Writing and Oral Reading coach, as well as an advisor to the Alto Bonito Elementary School Green Squad and newspaper.

Tracy Grossman works at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City while applying to med school. To prepare herself for the rigors of medical school, Tracy is also finishing up a part-time post-baccalaureate premedical program at SUNY Stony Brook. When she's not immersing herself in all things medical, Tracy reminisces about the view from the Olin Café. Last August, **Jean Woroniecki** began a new job with Lehman

Brothers' Global Real Estate Group. On top of her new job, Jean is involved with the Cornell Hotel Society, the Cornell Entrepreneurial Network, and the Young Real Estate Professionals (YREP). She can be found at various Cornell events in New York City. While she loves her job, Jean really misses being a student and walking through the Arts Quad in the fall.

I received another update from **Thomas Balcerski**, who is finishing up the final draft for the book he is writing on the history of Acacia Fraternity, Cornell Chapter. Says Thomas, "The book will be printed by Acacia Fraternity Inc. in time for our centennial celebration in August 2007. I also maintain a weblog for the project, <http://cornellacacia.blogspot.com>." When he's not writing, Thomas is tasting wine, refereeing soccer games, and getting ready for graduate school.

Since writing the class column for about two years now, I realize that our class is still quite shy about sending me updates. I know our classmates are doing some interesting and amazing things, so please think about submitting a News Form (included every year in the class's fall mailings) or dropping us an e-mail at classof2005news@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Michelle Wong**, michelle.r.wong@gmail.com; **Jennifer Miel**, miel.jennifer@gmail.com.

06 Hello, Class of 2006! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the recent graduates who earned their diplomas in December 2006. Congratulations! As for the rest of us, it sounds like everyone is doing extremely well, and I can't wait to hear what moves you all make next!

In summer '06, **Jessica Bender** went to Mexico for two months to help a Michigan graduate student (Cornell '04) study birds on a coffee farm outside of Tapachula, Chiapas. This incredible opportunity allowed Jessica to gain lots of fieldwork experience, learn about life on a Mexican coffee farm, refresh and expand her Spanish speaking skills, and gain insight on graduate school. A typical day started at 4:45 a.m. with homemade tortillas, followed by bird foraging observations for five hours or more. "It's pretty sad when waking up at 6 a.m. is 'sleeping in' and you get extremely excited about it!" After completing her project two weeks early, Jessica traveled with her research buddies to explore Chiapas. By bus, they went to Tapachula, San Cristobal de Las Casas, Palenque, and Agua Azul. Jessica confirms, "The coolest thing by far was the Mayan ruins at Palenque and seeing my first wild monkeys in the jungle surrounding them." To see pictures of Jessica's summer adventures, check out her facebook.com account. "Ask me questions and I can tell you so many more stories!" Jessica currently resides with her "parental unit" and is applying to graduate schools.

Jessica isn't the only traveling Cornellian. **Hai-Ching Yang**, a China Fulbright Fellow ('06-'07) affiliated with Tsinghua U., is currently conducting research in Beijing and Shanghai on the role of threat perception in US-China relations. In her spare time, she works with lawyers at the Peking U. Women's Law Center. She also joined Peking U.'s Chinese dance troupe to keep up with

her dance hobby. Hai-Ching said, “Despite lack of blue skies and too many people sometimes, I enjoy both life and food immensely in China.” After backpacking in Xinjiang (“the best trip of my life so far”), she hopes to travel to Yunnan, Sichuan, Tibet, Nepal, and parts of Southeast Asia before entering the “real world” in the US next fall. Abroad in Europe, **Michael Petkovich** is pursuing a master’s degree at the London School of Economics in accounting and finance. He will graduate in June 2007 and begin a career in investment banking in London. “I have offers, but haven’t chosen which one yet. That’s about it.”

On this side of the Atlantic, Cornellians are also pursuing finance. **Daniel Fein** lives in NYC with classmates **Perry Gagliardi** and **Corey Ced-erquist**. Daniel is a Morgan Stanley employee in the investment management division, working on the liquidity cash management team. **Jodi Klion** has been living in NYC with her friends since July. She accepted a position with Barclays Capital in spring ’06, and although she misses Cornell more than ever, she is fortunate to have so many Cornellians nearby. Over the summer, **Nicole Eason** worked at Merrill Lynch in the Manhattan office of the general counsel and has since been a student at the U. of Virginia School of Law.

Lauren Uhlig works at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in NYC. In her free time, she participates in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and volunteers at the Int’l Center of New York, helping international students and immigrants improve their English speaking and writing skills. She is also a member of the New York Road Runner Association (NYRR) and participated in a 10K and a 15K in December 2006. I, too, am a NYRR member, and ran right beside Ms. Uhlig on December 11. I recommend joining NYRR to any of you NYC inhabitants who love running. It’s a great way to stay fit and have fun while doing it. Hopefully, I’ll see some of you at the next race!

Shamika Pryce double majored in Biology and Film, but it looks like she chose to stick with entertainment. We actually took a screenwriting course together our fall semester at Cornell, and I was always so interested to see what path she was going to choose. Doing her thing on the NYC arts scene, Shamika works for Morgan Spurlock at his production company, Warrior Poets, three times a week and interns at Screen Gems in development twice a week. She is also in development at Fourth Row Films, where she reads scripts, writes coverage, and figures out how to improve projects so that they can be, Shamika explains, “picked up by the company or nixed altogether.”

Other Cornellians have decided to continue their education beyond their undergraduate studies. **Damian Guzman** is a student at Columbia Law School and lives on the Upper West Side. Although he doesn’t have much free time, he certainly makes an effort to keep in touch with a few of his closest friends from Cornell. Also interested in legal studies, **Christian Franco** is a full-time student at Brooklyn Law School and lives in Brooklyn Heights. **Michael Ispass** didn’t stray too far from the Hill—he attends Cornell Law School. I actually visit Ithaca from time to time. In fact, I’m writing this column at Stella’s Café.

Paul Ibrahim states, “Nothing much has changed since I sent news last time, so here we go: I’m a first-year law student at the law and economics center of the George Mason U. School of Law, and making just enough time on the side to write a nationally syndicated political column. I spend my breaks at bars in downtown D.C.”

Aside from law students, **Michael Marshak** is in his first year of graduate school at MIT studying alternative energy with Prof. Daniel Nocera. He further explains: “Specifically, I’ll be trying to catalyze the splitting of water (H₂O) into H₂ and O₂. Making this process more electrically efficient will allow it to be connected to a solar photovoltaic cell. So the end hope is to

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build devices that make H₂ and O₂ from water with sunlight.” Okay, did any of you get all that? In addition to research, Michael TAs general chemistry at the university, which he reports, “is not nearly as difficult as the way it is taught at Cornell.” Michael also enjoys the nightlife around the Boston area, and has even made it to a couple of Cornell hockey games.

After graduating from the College of Engineering (CEE), **Patrick Lorem** joined Vista Design and is having a great time! He has been involved in several projects so far and says, “The thing I like is the fact that Cornell is a big name and well respected. I didn’t know what to expect from life after Cornell, but the training I got has helped me a lot, and I can say that I’m proud to be a Cornellian!”

Thanks for sharing your lives with your classmates! We look forward to hearing from you in the future. ♦ **Kate Diccico**, kad46@cornell.edu; and **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

07 Hello, 2007! As Class Correspondents, we would like to welcome you to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. We encourage you to keep in touch by passing along any news, updates, or exciting experiences you may encounter after graduation. You can contact us, **Dana Skolnick** and **Marianna Gomez**, at the e-mail addresses below. This column introduces the newest Alumni Class Council, who will work together on the Senior Class Campaign, as well as our 5th Reunion in 2012. Congratulations to the class officers on your new positions!

Class Correspondents: **Dana Skolnick** (HE) of Hewlett Harbor, NY, is the president of the Human Ecology Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, treasurer of the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, a co-founder of Fostering Leadership in Youth (FLY), and a former senior commissioner on the Student Assembly Finance Commission. She is currently writing her leadership honors thesis and working at the Ithaca

Family and Children’s Services Center, where she helps promote education among disadvantaged families. Dana plans on attending law school in August. **Marianna Gomez** (HE) is a PAM major with a concentration in Health. Since transferring to Cornell in 2005, she worked as a research assistant for Prof. Allen, was a teaching assistant for Collaborative Leadership, and served as an orientation leader and supervisor in 2006. Marianna also served on the fundraising committee of JFCI, was treasurer of two student organizations, and was a founder and president of REBUILD. She participates in a Latin dance troupe called Ritmo Caliente and, after graduation, she will pursue a career in international policy.

Co-Presidents: **Elizabeth “Scottie” McQuilkin** (A&S) of Philadelphia, PA, is co-president of the Society for Women in Business, co-chair of the Student Assembly Finance Commission, the Cornell chapter head for 85 Broads, and the chancellor of Delta Sigma Pi professional fraternity. Aside from her work with student organizations, Scottie is a teaching assistant at the Johnson School and an after-school counselor at a local elementary school. Upon graduation, she will be an analyst in the investment banking division at Lehman Brothers. **Edvard Gumbs** (A&S) of Iselin, NJ, is a pre-med History major who currently serves as the Class of 2007 president. As a junior, he was VP of programming for the class in addition to being a student member of the CAAAN Advisory Council. Edvard plans to pursue a master’s in biomedical sciences, continue biomedical research, and attend medical school.

Secretary: **Keith Greenberg** (ILR) of East Meadow, NY, has served in a number of roles on the 2007 Class Council and as executive director of Willard Straight Hall’s Student Union Board. Currently, he serves as the senior class commencement chair. Treasurer: **Ethan Greenberg** (A&S) will graduate as an Economics major with a concentration in International Relations and will work at ZS Associates in Princeton, NJ, starting in September. Historian: **Stephen Herron** (ILR) of Syracuse, NY, is the former president and current editor-in-chief of the *Cornell Review*, an independent newspaper on campus. As a junior, he competed with the Cornell Mock Trial team. He is hoping to work in publishing or communications after graduation.

Webmaster: **Caroline Nnenda Nyenke** (A&S) majors in Biology with a concentration in Genetics and Development. She was recently appointed chair of one of the largest cultural celebrations on campus—the World’s Fair—which takes place in late March. VPs of Events: **Alvin Liu** (A&S) of Hong Kong currently serves as VP of the Golden Key Int’l Honour Society and has also served on the executive board of the WSH Student Union

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Board, PEER (Asian/Asian American mentoring program), the Museum Club, and Amnesty Int'l. **Samantha Feibush** (Hotel) from Watchung, NJ, is the Zinck's Chair for the class council. She has also served as a function manager for Hotel Ezra Cornell. She has held leadership positions in Alpha Omicron Pi and across several areas within the Hotel school.

VP of Publicity: **Neala Gollomp** (A&S) served as the Arts and Sciences representative to the Student Assembly and works in the A&S Alumni Office. During the spring semester of her junior year, she participated in Cornell-in-Washington and interned in Sen. Joseph Biden's office. VPs of Participation: **Kara Tappen** (A&S) has served as the treasurer of the Class of 2007 since freshman year and is also the finance director of the WSH Student Union Board. Kara will work for Ernst & Young doing financial services consulting in September. **Evan Hellman** (CALS) of New York, NY, served as chairman of CALS Ambassadors and currently serves as the fall events coordinator. He also served on the CALS Centennial Committee and is a communication peer advisor.

VPs of Greek Challenge: **Sara Tam** (A&S) of New York City has recently served as the chapter president of Alpha Omicron Pi and is currently a member of the Cornell Synchronized Skating Team, as well as secretary of the History of Art Majors Society. **David Richard Bean II** (A&S), a History major, is the president of the InterFraternity Council. He is the former VP of public relations for the Student Assembly while serving as an undesignated representative and also on the Assembly's Finance Commission. He loves Cornell and its Greek system. VPs of Giving Societies: **Omar Gonzalez-Pagan** (CALS) of San Juan, PR, served as the Residence Hall Association's president and liaison to the Student Assembly. A Cornell Presidential Research Scholar, he has been involved in undergraduate research regarding evolutionary biology and natural resources. Omar intends to attend law school next fall. **Justin Henck** (ENG) is a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, where he served two years as an alumni relations officer. He will be working for Lehman Brothers in the fall.

Members at Large: **Sarah Boxer** (A&S) of Stamford, CT, has served on the Student Assembly for three years and has been VP for two. She has also served as VP of the Cornell Israel Public Affairs Committee, Cornell's head delegate to the Ivy Council, and as the student liaison to various Ithaca Common Council committees. **Nina Terrero** (A&S) of Lawrenceville, NJ, is the World's Fair funding chair and served as the 2007 Class Council president during the fall and spring of 2004. As a junior, she was the minority representative on the Student Assembly, on which she served as the Faculty Senate liaison and participated in several committees. She has also been elected as the VP of the African-American Latino Asian Native American Programming Board and CUTonight funding board.

Send us your news! We look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Dana Skolnick**, drs45@cornell.edu; and **Marianna Gomez**, mag95@cornell.edu.

'30 BA—**Arthur Bernstein** of Miami, FL, April 17, 2006; active in alumni affairs.

'33 BA—Lt. Col. **Alfred W. Bennett** of Camarillo, CA, February 10, 2006; chemist for A&P; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'33 BA—**Edward O. Berkman** of Santa Barbara, CA, May 12, 2006; screenwriter of *Bedtime for Bonzo*, *Fear Strikes Out*, *Cast A Giant Shadow*, and other movies; author of *To Seize the Passing Dream*, *Sabra*, and other books; journalist; Balkan-Middle East Chief of the US Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service in WWII; information director, UN Appeal for Children; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'38—**Alan Smith** of Pittsford, NY, April 21, 2006; retired from RG&E; active in civic and community affairs.

'39 BS HE—**Margaret Schuman** Green (Mrs. Egbert T. '40) of Fairport, NY, March 24, 2006; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'40—**James E. Hanshaw** of Ithaca, NY, May 3, 2006; union carpenter, Cornell U.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'40 BS HE—**Virginia Pease** Panzarella of Fayetteville, NY, May 9, 2006; high school home economics teacher; nutritionist; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'41 BA, JD '47—**Jules A. Wiener** of Savannah, GA, April 10, 2006; attorney; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'42 BEE—**Beatrice Mead** Hagedorn (Mrs. Alfred A. '42, BME '47) of Woodland Park, CO, May 4, 2006; vice president, Mid-Colorado Investment Co.; active in alumni affairs.

'44—**Siegfried G. Bohle** of Schenectady, NY, April 19, 1993; industrial engineer, General Electric.

'44 BS Hotel—**Margaret McCaffrey** Kappa of White Sulphur Springs, WV, May 8, 2006; hotelier; director of housekeeping, the Greenbrier resort; consultant; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'44 BS HE—**Wynn Ogle** Somers of Marco Island, FL, April 9, 2006.

'45, BS '44, BCH '47—**Howard J. Sanders** of Washington, DC, January 21, 2006; chemical engineer.

'46 BS HE—**Elizabeth Hausheer** Dunwoody of

Englewood, FL, May 1, 2006; active in religious affairs. Delta Gamma.

'46 PhD—**William E. Reed** of Greensboro, NC, April 12, 2006; retired foreign service officer; active in religious affairs.

'48 BS Ag—**Donald R. Holmes** of San Jacinto, CA, January 24, 2006; retired, Donglo Enterprises; active in alumni affairs.

'51, BCE '52—**Ralph M. Baumgarten** of Jackson Heights, NY, March 19, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'51—**Elizabeth Grimm** Hague of Pennington, NJ, September 13, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'51 MA—**Kenneth V. Koepfel** of Tonawanda, NY, May 5, 2006; retired sales executive; economics instructor, U. of Buffalo and Millard Fillmore College; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 BS Ag—**Norman D. Ronemus** of Fresno, CA, May 1, 2006; agriculturist; owner, Ag Forensics. Theta Xi.

'51 BS Ag—Lt. Col. **Ernest A. Schmid** of Goldsboro, NC, April 28, 2006; retired US Air Force officer; real estate agent; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'52 PhD—**Lewis F. Crabtree** of Crickhowell, England, May 8, 2006; Sir George White chair of aerospace engineering, Bristol U.; researcher, Royal Aircraft Establishment; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'52 MS—**Frank Kupka** of Lummi Island, WA, January 3, 2006.

'52 M Ed—**Michael T. Orinik** of Binghamton, NY, January 15, 2005; retired chemistry professor, Broome Community College; IBM consultant; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53 BME—**Richard A. Lee** of Worcester, MA, May 7, 2006; retired vice president, Wachusett Molding Corp.; past owner, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of New London, CT; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53-54 SP Ag—**Richard W. Scharf** of Westfield, NY, April 11, 2003.

'53—**Dorothy Sturdevant** Stahl of San Diego, CA, June 4, 2003; worked for San Diego County.

'53, BME '54—**John R. Swenk** of Port Jefferson,

NY, April 28, 2006; retired systems engineer, Grumman Aerospace Corp.; veteran.

'54 PhD—**Louis A. Ploch** of Gainesville, FL, formerly of Orono, ME, December 11, 2003; professor emeritus of sociology, U. of Maine; veteran; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'55 PhD—**Floyd L. Corty** of Baton Rouge, LA, April 6, 2006; professor emeritus of agricultural economics, Louisiana State U.; evaluated agricultural development projects, USDA; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'56 BA—**Peter Haritatos Jr.** of Rome, NY, April 24, 2006; physician; director, Court St. Clinic, Utica; partner, Internist Group of Rome; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'56 JD—**Kenneth G. Orvis** of Rensselaer, NY, June 9, 2005; attorney; counsel, Rensselaer County Dept. of Social Svcs.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'57 BS Nurs—**Shelby D. Decker** of Pittsfield, MA, May 8, 2006; director of intensive, coronary, and respiratory care units, Berkshire Medical Center; active in professional affairs.

'57 BS HE, MS HE '59—**Jacqueline Mahl Egerton** of Forest Hill, MD, June 14, 2005; nursery school teacher. Husband, Benjamin G. Egerton '57.

'57, BS AEP, MS '60—**David A. Goldberg** of Walnut Creek, CA, April 2, 2006; staff scientist emeritus, Lawrence Berkeley Labs.

'57, B Chem E '58—**Bernard S. Horton** of Cambridge, MA, May 8, 2006; chemical engineer; founder and president, Horton Int'l; also worked for Boeing, Avco, and Abcor; helped to found the National Rowing Assn.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Triangle.

'57 BS Hotel—**Lory M. Johnston** of Plantation, FL, May 5, 2006; restaurateur; former owner, the Elbo Room, Ft. Lauderdale; CFO, American Heritage School; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'57 BFA—**Dorothy F. Meese** of Buffalo, NY, August 9, 2005.

'59, BEE '60—**Karl A. Foster** of Brookline, MA, February 17, 2006; retired account manager. Psi Upsilon.

'59 BA—**Frayda Seifer** Oston of Albuquerque, NM, April 29, 2006; executive VP, Brannen Brothers; active in community affairs.

'60 MA—**Katherine Monsees** Gaudreau of Webster, NY, April 4, 2006.

'60-61 SP Ag—**James R. Hunter** of Theresa, NY, April 30, 2005.

'61 BA—**Justine George** Fowler of Oshkosh, WI, May 3, 2006; director of advertising, Northwest Environmental Systems; dairy farmer;

active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, Paul E. Fowler '58.

'63 BS Ag—**Stuart D. Lamb** of Cobleskill, NY, May 11, 2006; taught agricultural business, SUNY Cobleskill; founder, Lamb's Crop Services; agriculture educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'63 BS Nurs—**Mary A. Sawko** of Binghamton, NY, April 4, 2005.

'64 MA—**Pandam Guritno** of Jakarta, Indonesia, September 14, 2001; university lecturer.

'67 MBA—**William E. Lewis** of East Northport, NY, August 6, 2005; massage therapist.

'68 MPA—**Lawrence E. Kucken** of Dyer, IN, August 23, 2005; senior research analyst, Health Care Financing Admin.

'69, BS Ag '71—**Lee C. Beardsley** of Phoenix, NY, May 10, 2006; retired medical technologist. Alpha Phi Delta.

'69, BS Hotel '70—**H. Phillip Conrad Jr.** of Scottsdale, AZ, May 4, 2006; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'69 MA—**Edward L. Dinnall** of Fruitland Park, FL, May 11, 2006; principal and teacher, Jamaican educational system; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'69 BS HE—**Leslie Rosen** Schweiger of Nashua, NH, May 3, 2006; founder, Creative Promotional Products; Estée Lauder counter manager; active in community affairs.

'72 BME—**Charles M. Perrella** of Valley Cottage, NY, May 7, 2005; president, Trexis Inc.; gemologist; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon. Wife, Irene (Kunar) '72.

'74 BA—**Joan Bensing** Boehnen of Northbrook, IL, May 4, 2006; director, Lake Forest College intern program; former trust officer, Northern Trust Co. Husband, Daniel A. Boehnen, JD '76.

'74 PhD—**Richard A. Fehnel** of Portland, OR, May 6, 2006; education program officer in South Africa, Ford Foundation; founding chairperson, bilateral South African/US Fulbright Commission; dean of off-campus programs and continuing education, Linfield College; professor of public affairs, U. of Oregon; veteran; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'78, BS HE '79—**Danette G. Leiter** of New Rochelle, NY, March 28, 2006.

'79 MBA—**Eric André** of Brussels, Belgium, July 28, 2005; Secrétaire d'Etat, Région de Bruxelles; economist.

'82, BA '84—**Kenneth S. Robinson** of Cerritos, CA, September 20, 2005. Alpha Delta Phi. Wife, Keri (Allan) '85.

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Counter Culture

THE GREEN DRAGON, AAP'S UNDERGROUND HANGOUT, STILL ROARS

aT SOME POINT AFTER 1959, WHEN WHAT WAS THEN called the College of Architecture moved into the former home of the College of Engineering, the University put down an asphalt tile floor in Sibley Hall's basement café. The coffee shop's new student patrons—budding architects and artists, not practical-minded engineers—balked at the institutional look and, using material gathered from the recently demolished machine shops behind the building, laid a new brick floor over the tiles. Instead of hauling the bricks away, Architecture dean Thomas Mackesey wisely decided to let them be. They're still there. The Green Dragon, as the café was later dubbed, would go its own way.

Long before “sustainable” became a design buzzword, the Dragon was a showplace of recycled chic. In the late 1960s, students embellished the fluorescent light fixtures with a lattice of decorative tin cans and built tables from sheets of sidewalk slate balanced on sewer pipes. Art department chair James Owen Mahoney covered the walls with vaguely psychedelic murals inspired by a sixteenth-century geometry text, and the place was ready for business. “Where one week ago there were just a few lonely pieces of furniture sitting on a paint-spattered brick floor, today there is a café that sells everything from hot chocolate and cigarettes to pistachios and matzohs,” the *Daily Sun* proclaimed on April 17, 1968.

With a name borrowed from a tavern in J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, the era's essential undergraduate read (another campus eatery, Okenshields, is also a Tolkien homage), the Green Dragon's eccentric inventory reflected the interests of its student managers: macrobiotic snacks and drafting supplies shared shelf space with staples like coffee and cigarettes. “If you asked for something three times, they would get it on the menu,” recalls city and regional planning professor Robert Schwarting



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Café society: The Green Dragon (seen here in 1968) takes its name from a tavern in *The Lord of the Rings*. It's still open, but less eccentric than in its early days.

'69, BCE '71, MCE '76, who returned to Sibley to teach in the 1980s and found the Dragon and its menu of “eccentric, hippie stuff” little changed from his student days.

Things are a bit more buttoned-down now. In 2002, Cornell Dining officially took over daily operations after the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning gave the Green Dragon away in its plan to regain financial stability and avoid realignment with the other colleges. The menu stabilized, the prices went up, and some students fumed. “There are some people who think we sold out, when the reality was, we just weren't making any money,” says former manager Giselle Barone '06, who worked at the coffee shop both before and after the change. “If something broke, we couldn't just call the Cornell Dining fix-it guys. We screamed and cried a little until whatever it was stopped exploding. Now things are more organized.”

Like the well-worn brick floor, the Dragon's contrarian spirit has endured, and though Sibleyites complain about the higher prices and less-quirky menu, they still dutifully line up every morning. “When it comes down to it, architects still need caffeine,” Barone says. “I think they'd come to this café even if it were run by North Korea.”

— Marina Yoffe '07

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