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Since joining the Cornell faculty in the early Eighties, professor Tom Gilovich has become known not only as a premier trainer of young social scientists, but as one of academia's most renowned researchers on the psychology of everyday life. As one of his former grad students puts it: "To find ideas, Tom tends to look out the window, not in a journal." Regularly cited in both scholarly papers and the mainstream press, Gilovich has authored popular science books like *How We Know What Isn't So: The Fallibility of Human Reason in Everyday Life* and conducted studies on a wide variety of topics. Want to know why experiences are more gratifying than possessions? Or why bronze medalists are actually happier than those who win silver? Gilovich can tell you. "One very attractive part of this field," he says, "is that all of human experience is the playground."

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A victory over Clarkson in Lake Placid's Olympic Arena that clinched an undefeated season. A heart-wrenching 1-0 overtime loss to the University of Wisconsin. The capture of the first-ever Ivy League women's title. These and other watershed moments in Big Red hockey history are recalled in *Forever Faithful*, a chronicle of the program's most memorable games. Coming out in October from Cornell University Press, the book was a labor of love for author Jim Roberts '71, CAM's former editor/publisher and a longtime fan. We offer an excerpt, plus a rundown of great moments in other Big Red sports by contributing editor Brad Herzog '90.

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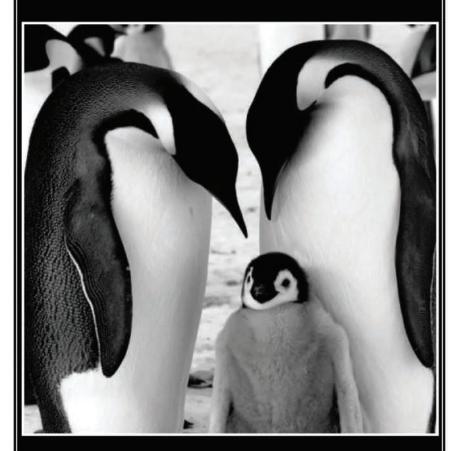
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Visual Memories

In "Wall Art" (July/August 2017) we asked readers to share their dorm mural tales.

I was lucky enough to have moved into a dorm room as a freshman that had a mural painted by someone long before I arrived on the Hill. To the best of my recollection it was an abstract green and brown painting. I remember having upperclassmen tell me how lucky I was to be in "possession" of that room. Unfortunately, I don't have a picture, and the dorm (U-Hall 4) is long gone. Does anyone have a photo or remember the painting? It was on the first floor, I think the room number was 4011.

MARK BOGOMOLNY '84 BEACHWOOD, OH

The staircase silhouette mural in Risley happened the weekend of November 6–8, 1998. Each person had their silhouette drawn, then painted it however they liked. The "Eat at Joe's" picture is from a mural in Risley's second "lost hallway," done by members and friends of the Prudence Risley Travelling Moonshine Orchestra, "Cornell's only reasonably competent jug band." The mural contains many visual puns and inside jokes. I am still ashamed that I never finished the flowers on the wisteria border. Someone else can feel free to fill them in.

ERIN CANNON '01 BINGHAMTON, NY

A few friends and I painted the *trompe l'oeil* Risley tower mural. They are: Felix Rodriguez '99, ME '00, Josh Pollak '99, ME '00, and Jaime Vallés '99; Dan Barrett '98 masterminded the scaffolding. Too late to get in trouble for building scaffolding in the tower?

ASA MITTMAN '98 CHICO, CA

I painted a *Beauty and the Beast* mural in Donlon. I've always wondered if it was still there. My only "all-nighter" in college was spent completing that mural.

AMY FLINT HOFFMAN '98 SOUTHINGTON, CT

I painted the logo for the band Asia and the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* lips and dripping letters on the fifth floor of Dickson. Res Life funded this, for which I was grateful. This

was in 1983, so probably long gone. One day I walked down the back stairs and came out on the second floor, where someone was drawing a perfect, wall-sized rendering of the cover photo for *Born to Run*.

DAVID BERTKE '86 NEW YORK, NY

I was at the painting party when the Cascadilla Hall mural was painted. I believe the primary artist was Jason Hsiao '01.

> A. VICTORIA QUINTANA '01 LA JOLLA, CA

A caption in our "Wall Art" feature incorrectly identified the artist of a tree mural in Donlon Hall. Although Aimee Buduan Hartono '06 obtained permission for the mural and did some base painting, the actual artist was Benjamin Stein '08. CAM regrets the error.

Standing Proud

I was incredibly moved by the article by Faiza Ahmad '19 in the July/August 2017 issue ["Whole Cloth"] describing why she wears the hijab. As I read it, I realized how closely her reasons for declaring pride in her femininity and her religion mirrored my reasons for adopting an afro hairstyle in 1968. I had graduated from Cornell by then, but the upheavals of the Sixties—Malcolm's and Martin's assassinations; race rebellions in Newark, Watts, and Chicago—convinced me that I had to acknowledge who I was rather than try to blend into the dominant white culture.

So after years of hot combs and chemical straighteners applied with shame behind shuttered windows and closed doors in our all-white and sometimes welcoming neighborhood, I cut my hair into an Angela Davis afro. I embraced its texture and "otherness." Since then I've sported large afros, Jheri-curled afros, close-cut afros, and now an all gray afro. Even today people's reactions vary: they admire my hair or they stare at it and look away, or they reach out to touch it as if I'm the family pet. But for my daughters and me, all of us with natural hair now, Stokely Carmichael's rallying cry still resonates: "I'm black and I'm proud." Thank you, Faiza, for your honesty.

> JUDITH THOMPSON HAMER '60 REDDING, CT

Waiters' Dismissal

Your current issue [July/August 2017] carries a small story describing the termination of the Cayuga's Waiters singing group by the University because of hazing in which some members participated. The Waiters have been an integral part of Cornell since my

time as a student, and I had close friends among them. They entertained at events on and off campus, were regulars at reunions, and provided enormous pleasure to generations of Cornellians. The decision to terminate them is shrouded in secrecy and there has been no indication that the complainedof conduct occurred on University property, that anyone was injured, or that complaints were made by those involved. Voluntary associations are a critical part of American society at all levels, not least among college students, and they should be encouraged. The actions of the University in summarily, and without any evidence of due process, ejecting a student group because of activity that may not, by the current standards of some, be seen as "politically correct" is not only an affront to notions of fair play. It also shows a disregard of the powerful message sent by Cornell students in 1958, when they rose against the notion that the University was in loco parentis, with the right to monitor, censor, and control non-academic behavior. It is much to be regretted that Cornell now seems run by administrators who have lost what Carl Becker called its great tradition of freedom and responsibility.

> DAVID B. SIMPSON '60 TENAFLY, NJ

High School Reunion

As news spread of the selection of Martha Pollack as Cornell's new president, most active alumni no doubt wondered who she is, what her background is, and where she is likely to lead Cornell. But for Jim Hanrahan '79 and a handful of Cornellians from the Stamford, Connecticut, area, Pollack's appointment was simply a matter of welcoming back a Rippowam High School classmate. Jim re-affirmed that friendship at a dinner hosted by Martha and her husband, Ken, at their Cayuga Heights home this past July. I had the pleasure of joining them.

Over dinner we shared our best memories of our Cornell years including, among others, the role of fraternities and sororities, our recollections of Frank Rhodes's inauguration, and the thrill of Cornell hockey games. (We advised Martha to sneak in a raw fish for the Harvard game!)

Martha and Ken, welcome to Cornell!

MARTY PUTENIS '79
MADISON, NJ

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Cornell's 'Second Land Grant'



n September 13, we will celebrate the formal opening of Cornell Tech's new Roosevelt Island campus. This exciting event represents a truly transformational moment for the University.

The Ithaca campus will always be Cornell's heart and soul. Yet we have had a presence in New York City for more than a century, most notably with Weill Cornell Medicine, and Cornell Tech is a remarkable expansion of that presence. The complementary advantages that are being opened up with Cornell Tech will amplify the strengths of the Ithaca campus. Cornell Tech is pioneering a new approach to graduate education for the digital age, bridging the gap between academia and industry, and fostering entrepreneurship on campus and in the city's tech ecosystem.

Producing leading-edge research is central to Cornell Tech's mission. Already, it has more than thirty faculty members recruited from top universities, and distinguished practitioner faculty who remain actively engaged in industry. Research at

Cornell Tech aims to have both major academic impact and substantial real-world benefits in areas including human-computer interaction, security and privacy, artificial intelligence, data and modeling, business, and law and policy.

Cornell Tech master's students spend a significant portion of their time learning and working side

by side in a studio-based core curriculum, practicing entrepreneurship, product design, management, prototyping, and other essential skills. Among the projects last year were a high-tech teddy bear that translates facial expressions into emoticons to help children with autism decipher other people's emotions; an app to help international travelers who have paid "value-added" taxes on purchases more easily claim the refunds to which they are entitled; and an app to encourage low-income New Yorkers to save money when their incomes are higher, creating more financial stability if their incomes decline.

The Cornell Tech approach is synced to the needs of New York City's tech sector—and we are already seeing the benefits of that in start-ups formed, venture capital raised, and people employed in companies created as an outgrowth of the work being done there. In fact, the Jacobs Technion—Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech, a partnership with the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology, focuses its academic programs on key tech industries in the city—health tech and connective media—while the Jacobs Runway Startup Postdoc Program helps recent PhDs create companies and products that relate to their doctoral research. To give just one example, a Jacobs postdoc and a researcher at Weill Cornell Medicine recently created a start-up to offer microbial surveillance services to hospitals to help them better protect patients from hospital-acquired infections.

Cornell Tech also extends its expertise beyond its enrolled students. It is working with the New York City public schools to train 5,000 teachers to teach computer science. And through Women in Technology and Entrepreneurship in New York, in partnership with the City University of New York, it is encouraging women—from high school students to undergraduate and graduate students—to participate in the tech industry.

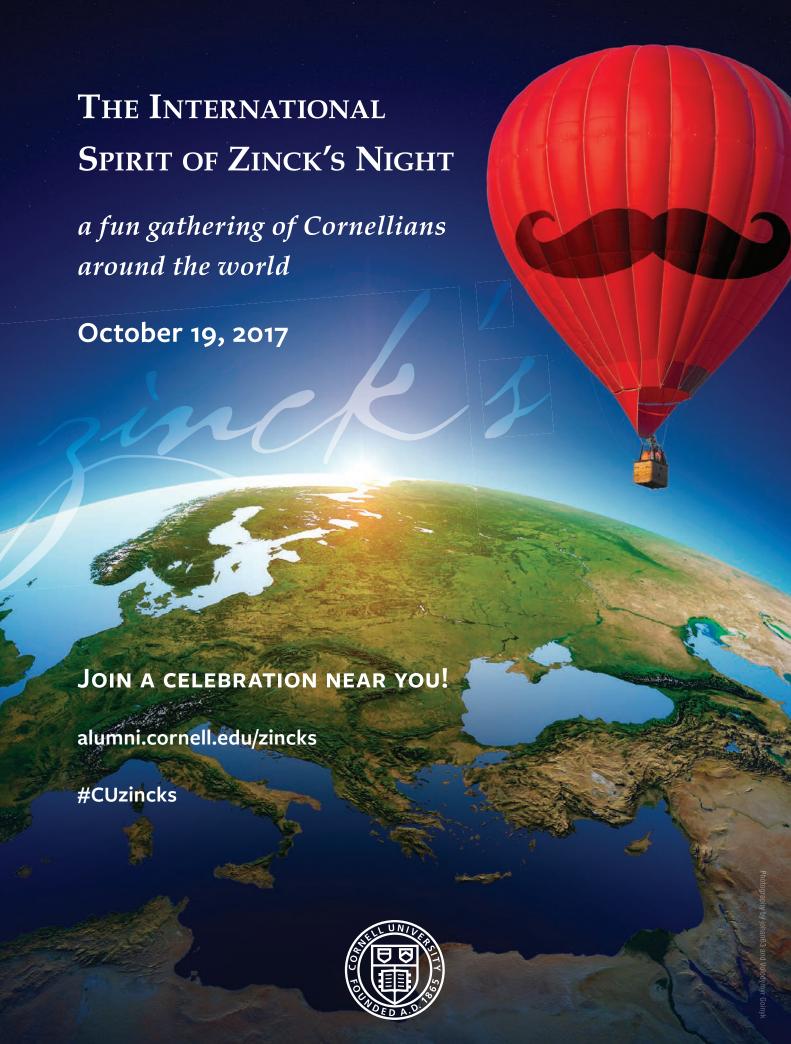
Even the design of the new campus presents opportunities for learning and innovation. For example, Cornell Tech's first academic building, the Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Center, aims to generate sufficient power for its own operations, and the campus's first residential tower is the world's first high-rise "passive house" building, constructed to exacting standards of energy efficiency.

Cornell's original land grant mission was to bring new knowledge in agriculture and the "mechanic arts" to our students and the wider public. With the opening of Cornell Tech—thanks to our "second land grant" from the City of New York and the support of the city, corporations, foundations, and private philanthropy—we are entering a new era, bringing the fruits of the digital age to the people of New York City, the state, and the world.

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Equally exciting are the opportunities for faculty and students that are becoming available through closer connection between the Ithaca campus—with its extraordinary intellectual breadth—and Cornell's New York City programs, which are thriving in the cultural, social, and economic richness of the greatest city in the world. The opening of Cornell Tech is an important milestone and a harbinger of the even brighter future that I see for Cornell.

Martha E. Pollack president@cornell.edu



From the Hill



PUTRID PERFUME: In what's believed to be a first for a temperate region, one of Cornell's "corpse flowers" bloomed outdoors—in CALS' Minn's Garden—in August. Native to Sumatra, the titan arum plant gets its nickname from the fetid odor it produces while flowering, attracting pollinating insects that normally feed on rotting flesh.

Give My Regards to . . .These Cornellians in the news



Kate Walsh, MPS '90 (left), named dean of the Hotel school. A professor of management and organizational behavior, she'd been in the position on an interim basis since July 2016.

The student food science team behind **Jack'd Jerky**—a vegan snack made from jackfruit,
pea protein, tomatoes, and herbs—that
won the Institute of Food Technologists'
product development

competition.

Economics and international studies professor **Kaushik Basu** (right), who began his three-year term as president of the International Economic Association in June.

Cornell's engineering student **RoboSub** team, whose autonomous underwater vehicle took first place at the international competition in July.



CLOTHES CALL

The Cornell Costume and Textile Collection recently received the donation of a purple sheath dress and matching jacket worn by which prominent alumna?



A) Janet Reno '60, former attorney general

B) Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97, former congresswoman

C) Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54, Supreme Court justice

D) Thelma Schoonmaker '61, Oscar-winning film editor

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Pre-Freshman Drowns in Fall Creek

An incoming freshman in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, whose early decision acceptance to Cornell went viral, died while swimming in Fall Creek in August. Seventeen-year-old Winston Perez Ventura '21 (below left), who was participating in the Pre-Freshman Summer Program, drowned in the waters near Ithaca Falls, a popular swimming hole that has long been officially off limits



due to its hazardous currents. "It is very hard to process this tragic loss," says AAP Dean Kent Kleinman. "Winston made an enormous impression on so many who interacted with him during the application process and while he was on campus. He credited his family for much of his drive and success, but this young man had a generosity of spirit and graciousness of habit that is rare." Born in the Dominican Republic, Ventura emigrated to the U.S. at the age of nine. Last December, a video of him joyously learning that he'd gotten into Cornell was widely shared online, prompting a story on ABC News.



Did You Know . . .

That Cornell natural resources researchers created an app to help track bears? Dubbed iSeeMammals, the free Apple and Android app lets citizen scientists in New York State report sightings of black bears or their evidence including tracks, scat, and hair.



Using big data, machine learning, computer vision, and other methods, researchers at Cornell Tech have devised a way to study global fashion trends by analyzing clothing in the billions of photos that are uploaded to photo-sharing services and social media sites each day.

A compound used in

traditional Chinese
medicine to lower blood
pressure—hippeastrine
hydrobromide, found in
the red spider lily plant
(right)—may protect the
brain against infection
by the Zika virus and its
potentially devastating birth
defects, report researchers at Weill
Cornell Medicine.



According to food science professor Robin Dando, a diminished sense of taste can prompt people to choose sweeter foods—offering a possible insight into a driver of obesity.

Sociologist Anna Haskins finds that formerly incarcerated dads may be less involved in a child's education because they see schools as "surveilling" institutions with features like increased security—and avoid them "because of distrust or dislike of the criminal justice system and police, or shame and stigma."



Researchers in CALS and Cooperative Extension are studying parasitic wasps as a weapon against a beetle (left) that has devastated lily plants across the Northeast. The wasps lay their eggs in the beetle larvae, ultimately killing them.

New Health Center Opens on Campus

East Hill's newly renovated and expanded campus health center is nearly complete. Formerly known as Gannett Health Services, the facility is now called Cornell Health. The \$55 million project more than doubled the center's usable space and gut-renovated its packed, Fifties-era building, which was built at a time when the University had 5,000 fewer students than it does today. Some work is expected to continue into October, when a formal dedication is scheduled. Cornell Health's new director of medical services is Anne Jones '04, a doctor of osteopathy who majored in neurobiology and behavior on the Hill.

'[It] embodies meaty bacon and sour cream flavors to create a robust cheddar with a lingering pineapple scent.'

> — the website of Murray's Cheese, describing its new Cavemaster Reserve Ezra, produced in CALS' Stocking Hall

CU Ends Contracts with Nike

The University has ended its licensing contract with Nike and Branded Custom Sportswear, Nike's exclusive licensee for collegiate apparel. The action came after the companies declined to sign a contract promising to follow a labor code of conduct vetted by Cornell and peer institutions, preferring to follow their own.



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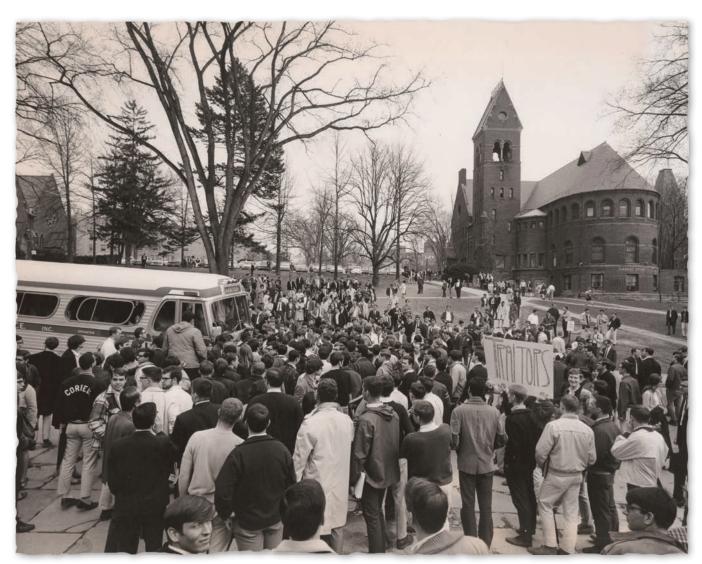


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Belgium: A Feast of Flemish Art and Culture, led by Stephanie Wiles (March)
Tucson: Springtime in the Desert, led by Cole Gilbert and Linda Rayor (April)
New York: A Spring Theater Weekend, led by Glenn Altschuler (April)
Israel and the Palestinian Territory, led by Ross Brann (May)
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FOR AND AGAINST: Students who support America's involvement in Vietnam and those who oppose the war face off on campus in 1967.

WINDS OF WAR

Alum pens a novel set during his senior spring, when the Vietnam conflict roiled campus ornell senior Rick Ledbetter is an indifferent student, a shameless womanizer, and a wannabe war hero. It's the spring of 1967, and the faraway conflict in Vietnam is increasingly dividing East Hill. Some students, like Rick, are true believers eager to battle the communist threat. Others are using every connection and pretext they can muster to avoid being drafted as graduation looms. And many, including Rick's younger brother Tommy, are passionately involved with the antiwar movement—holding protests in front of Willard Straight Hall, organizing marches off campus, and risking criminal charges by burning their draft cards. >

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Rick is the narrator and protagonist of *And the Sparrow Fell*, a new novel by former U.S. Congressman and longtime author Robert Mrazek '67. And to some extent, he's Mrazek's alter ego: Rick's experience in being disillusioned by America's involvement in Vietnam—going from gung-ho Navy enlistee to embittered antiwar protester—mirrors Mrazek's own. "I had those romantic illusions that Vietnam was worthy, and it wasn't; it was built on a lie," says Mrazek, chatting with

CAM at his home in Ithaca early in the summer. "It divided our country in ways we still haven't recovered from." He says that part of his motivation in putting it out now—a half-century after the events it covers—is that the issues it raises remain urgently relevant. "We could have another Vietnam or Iraq, in which an arrogant group of people in Washington decide that we

should invade another country where we have no conception of its culture or history," says Mrazek, whose son joined the military after 9/11 and served in Iraq. "Unlike during Vietnam, we no longer have the draft. I think young people should be aware of what can happen to them if they volunteer for an army directed

principally by men in Washington who are ready to send them to war, but most of whom never went to war themselves and have no conception of its cost."

Published this month by Cornell University Press under its Three Hills imprint, *And the Sparrow Fell* was five decades in the making: Mrazek began the first draft after being partially blinded in a freak accident in Officer Candidate School. (He describes it, with a rueful laugh, as "just about the least heroic

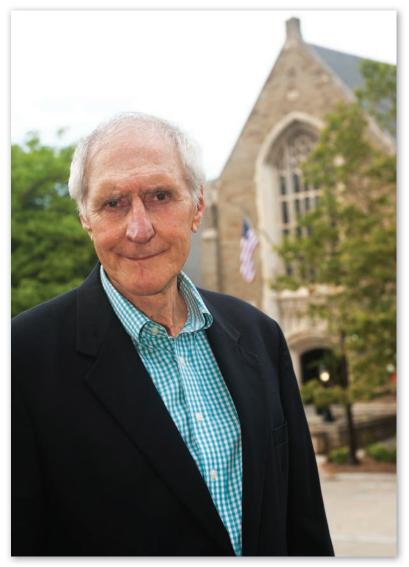
'In the hospital, I saw what the war had done to these young men-psychically, physically, the way it had corroded their spirit. It was only then that I realized the war was a horrendous mistake.'

thing you can possibly imagine": he was standing in formation when a lawnmower struck a metal sign and a flyaway shard pierced his right eye.) While recuperating in a military hospital, he met injured veterans who exposed him to the realities of the Vietnam conflict—which stood in stark contrast to his long-held

notions of honorable glory in combat like his hero, John F. Kennedy, who commanded a PT boat in World War II. "In the hospital, I saw what the war had done to these young men—psychically, physically, the way it had corroded their spirit," says Mrazek, who dedicated his book to his late first wife and to classmate Robert Porea '67, a helicopter pilot who died on a rescue mission in Vietnam. "It was only then that I realized the war was a horrendous mistake."

In the novel, though, Rick experiences the horrors of war first-hand. Serving on a swift boat in the Mekong Delta—the job for which Mrazek had been training he not only suffers a devastating injury in battle, but witnesses the horrific deaths of friends and shipmates. In the hospital, like Mrazek in real life, he comes to realize not only that the war is ill-conceived, but that the burden of fighting it falls disproportionately on the less affluent. At a pivotal moment, Rick writes a letter to his brother Tommy, admitting that he'd been right to resist the war: "I wrote to him about the boys in the dirty surgery wards-kids who had never been away from home before who found themselves sent off to a war they didn't understand and never would. Iowa farm boys and Alabama rednecks, white high school dropouts from Long Island, and South Los Angeles black kids who got high school diplomas from schools without teachers, the ones who couldn't afford a college deferment or weren't able to figure out all the clever ways to avoid the draft. All the ordinary young men who, when called to serve, did so without complaint. They lined up and went."

Like his protagonist, Mrazek grew up on Long Island and was a government major on the Hill; also like Rick, he was skilled at tennis and spent more than a few undergraduate hours at the poker table. But



Sparrow is no self-portrait. While Mrazek had what he terms a "'Leave it to Beaver' childhood," Rick's Gold Coast family is as wealthy as it is dysfunctional, torn asunder by alcoholism, adultery, and bitter arguments. And when we first meet Rick, Mrazek admits, he's a "total jerk"—an irresponsible, egocentric misogynist who shamelessly tries to steal his kindly brother's girlfriend. "My biggest fear in wanting a broad audience for the story is the fact that he is detestable in certain ways, but I came to the conclusion that I needed that character arc," he says. "He does say from the first page that he's going to tell the story the way it happened, even though it's very ugly. And I think he can be funny; I hope the originality of his voice relieves some of the dislikable aspects of his personality."

Sparrow is the first original novel ever published by Cornell University Press—and for Big Red readers, many of its pleasures will lie in its portrait of undergraduate life on East Hill in the late Sixties. Mrazek weaves in familiar locales on campus and off, from the Straight and Sage Chapel to bygone student haunts like the Chapter House, the Royal Palm Tavern, and Obie's Diner (home of the famed Bo Burger). He also includes characters from real life, including Daniel Berrigan, the Jesuit priest and renowned antiwar activist who was an assistant director at Cornell United Religious Work. Popular history professor Walter LaFeber makes an appearance (though he's renamed LaFrance); in a blurb for the book, LaFeber calls Mrazek's novel "as wonderful and accurate [an] account of Cornell in those important years as anything I know."

Mrazek's bibliography features several works of nonfiction,

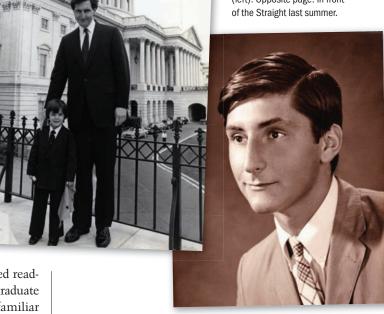
including the World War II combat histories A Dawn Like Thunder and To Kingdom Come. He has written thrillers including Valhalla and The Bone Hunters, which follow the sleuthing adventures of a female archaeologist and a retired Air Force general. His first big hit was Stonewall's Gold, a 1998 novel that won the Michael Shaara Award for Civil War Fiction and was re-released as a Reader's Digest condensed edition. Last month, the mystery

imprint Crooked Lane published Dead Man's Bridge, the first in a planned series about a disgraced former Army officer who solves crimes in an Upstate New York college town.

But before embracing the creative life, Mrazek had a prominent career in politics. A Democrat, he served five terms in the House of Representatives starting in 1983, becoming the rare freshman to sit on its Appropriations Committee. During his time in office, he sponsored several noteworthy bills including the Amerasian Homecoming Act, which allowed thousands of Vietnamese-born children fathered by American servicemen to emigrate to the U.S., and the National Film Preservation Act, whose provisions included establishing the Library of Congress's National Film Registry. (His tenure in D.C. informed The



(below) and with his son during his days in Congress (left). Opposite page: In front



Congressman, a 2016 film he wrote and co-directed that stars Treat Williams as a politician at a personal and political crossroads.) While planning a run for the Senate—Mrazek aimed to unseat Republican Alfonse D'Amato—he became embroiled in a 1992 scandal involving the House Bank: it came to light that the bank had a long-standing policy of honoring members' overdrafts, which comprised thousands of checks in a single year. Voters were outraged, and dozens of Congressmen lost their re-election bids or opted to retire; Mrazek, who'd been named on the House ethics committee's list of the main offenders, opted to bow out of the Senate race. "It hurt at the time," he says, "but there were compensations—and one of them was saving my life."

Professor Walter LaFeber calls Mrazek's novel 'as wonderful and accurate [an] account of Cornell in those important years as anything I know.'

As he explains: after leaving politics, he finally had time to undergo surgery to correct a deviated septum—and in the process, doctors discovered an egg-sized tumor at the base of his skull. Although not malignant, it was still life-threatening and had to be removed; the operation lasted twenty-one hours, and Mrazek still bears a prominent facial scar from the procedure. "Life is full of these crazy intersections," observes Mrazek, who splits his time between Ithaca and an island off the Maine coast. "And it turned out that I loved the writing life. It's diametrically opposite to the public life, when I would see hundreds of constituents in a typical weekend. Now it's just me and my laptop." ■

— Beth Saulnier

SENIOR SPRING An excerpt from Mrazek's novel



For me, the vanguard of the campus revolution arrived at Cornell on a raw morning in March 1967. At least, that was the first time I encountered it. The SDS, or Students for a Democratic Society, had probably been drafting their manifestos for months, but I hadn't

heard about it.

It was snowing again, another blast of arctic wind that filled the air with ice particles. Your typical Ithaca spring. It was around seven in the morning. In those long upstate winters it was still pitchblack then, but you could feel the place begin to come alive in the dark like a slumbering giant.

Most of the students seemed to be wired into the same natural energy source. As if in harmony, lights would begin winking on in the Baker Dorms and University Halls. In concert, an army of undergraduates would begin shambling into steaming shower rooms before putting on a double layer of winter clothing. With the first sickly rays of dawn peeking over East Hill, they began converging on the campus from every direction. Filled with determination, they fanned out to conquer their twenty-four-credit-hour course loads or to discover a new galaxy in the universe.

After almost four years, my academic career was finally coming to a close. That morning, my athletic career was ending too. I was already late for a meeting with Fred McKinlay, the coach of the varsity tennis team.

The windswept snow peppered my face like birdshot as I headed toward the suspension footbridge that crosses over one of the two-hundred-foot-deep gorges cutting through the Cornell campus. Unlike the students walking along beside me, I had just left the smoky warmth of a marathon poker game at the Seal and Serpent house. We had been playing for thirty hours and I was practically out on my feet, but eight hundred dollars richer.

Halfway across the bridge, I glanced down into the cataract of black water raging through the gorge and remembered the day when Tommy and I had almost drowned. That started me thinking about him, and whether he was still enjoying his sophomore year. Although I hadn't seen him in months, my mother wrote that he had decided to major in religious studies and was planning to attend divinity school.

Coach McKinlay was already in his office at the tennis complex when I arrived. The green-painted concrete block walls were covered with photographs of the players he had coached over his long career, mostly guys with hair the length of toothbrush bristles wearing madras sport coats and white bucks. There were also pictures of Fred competing against the best players of his era like Pancho Gonzalez and Ken Rosewall. Now he prided himself on turning out players with his own brand of hustling play.

That morning he looked like he was nursing a bad

stomachache. I interpreted it to mean he had finally decided to kick me off the team. What he didn't know was that I was looking forward to it. After playing tennis competitively since I was five years old, I had as much interest in it as I did in reading Nancy Drew.

"That's some tan for Ithaca" were his first words as I sat down in the molded plastic chair across from his desk. I had recently returned from a quick trip to Nassau but knew better than to respond.

"You think I'm a stupid jerk, don't you?" Fred demanded.

"No, Coach," I said.

"Don't patronize me," he came back. "I've known you for four years."

He ran his fingers through his thinning gray hair and gazed up at the sainted players' pictures on the wall. That seemed to give him the courage to continue.

"You're hurting the team, and I can't allow that. I've given you every chance to redeem yourself, and you've squandered them all."

"I know," I said. "I'm sorry, Coach."

Down the hallway, I could hear the team starting to hit turning to face me. on the practice courts.

"You're not a natural like Dave but you know how to win, how to compete. You could be the best player in the lvies and well beyond that if you really applied yourself."

Dave had played first singles at Cornell for three years. At one point, he was ranked as one of the twenty best college players in the country.

"I'm also fully aware of what your mother's family has done for this university-and for the tennis program," he said finally.

My mother's name was engraved over the entrance to the new university courts. That was the only reason I was still on the team.

"So," he began, and stopped again.

I started to worry he was about to give me another shot.

"I haven't had a chance to practice as much as I would have liked, Coach," I said, "I'm putting a lot of effort into my

course work right now. I need to graduate to qualify for where else," he said, sneering. Naval Officer Candidate School."

His hooded eyes got even narrower.

"What a load of crap," he said. "Like the time you came in here sophomore year to tell me you had broken your arm over Christmas vacation so you couldn't practice. You remember that? Except that one of your teammates saw a vet student over at the Veterinary School putting on your cast. As of today, you are no longer a member of this team."

I smiled to show him there were no hard feelings. "You're happy about this, aren't you?" he said.

"No, Coach," I said.

"Get the hell out of my office."

It was still snowing hard as I made my way across the Arts Quad toward Willard Straight Hall. Earlier that month I had rented one of the alumni guest rooms on the top floor to take much-needed naps after poker games. Having my monthly allotment of Grandpa Sprague's trust made things a lot easier.

"The Straight," as the Cornell student union is called, is a stone building slightly larger than Grand Central Station and built like a Crusader fortress. It holds two cafeterias, including the Ivy Room, where students gather to hang out, along with a warren of club and study rooms, innumerable fireplaces, a movie theater, gaming rooms, and the campus radio station, WVBR.

I was crossing the promenade leading to the big double entrance doors when I encountered the forward elements of the campus revolution. About a dozen people were clustered around the doors. They were all wearing red armbands. A girl in an army helmet had started to loop a long length of chain through one of the door handles. As I attempted to open the other door, a guy with shoulder-length hair and a scraggly beard stepped around me. He passed the chain through the second handle and padlocked it.

"This building was just liberated in the name of Students for a Democratic Society," he declared after

He was wearing what looked like a red granny dress trimmed at the ankles over dirty chinos and desert boots, and he reeked of body odor. Be tactful, I remember thinking. This guy's got the keys to the padlock. He can't help being a complete asshole.

Before I could tell him how much I respected his Stalinist idealism, he looked up at the small crowd behind me and announced, "Today, we are demanding that the university give all course and curriculum control to the SDS Student Coordinating Committee. Until they meet this demand, the Straight is shut down. Totally."

My reply just slipped out.

"Look, shithead, I have an important appointment with my faculty adviser in there."

"You'll have to conduct university business some-

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Two other guys dressed like him began rolling empty oil drums across the promenade toward the entrance. Behind them came two more carrying thick planks of pine lumber.

"Who phoned the Syracuse TV stations?" I heard the first one call out.

A timid-looking girl wearing combat fatigues checked a batch of notes attached to her clipboard.

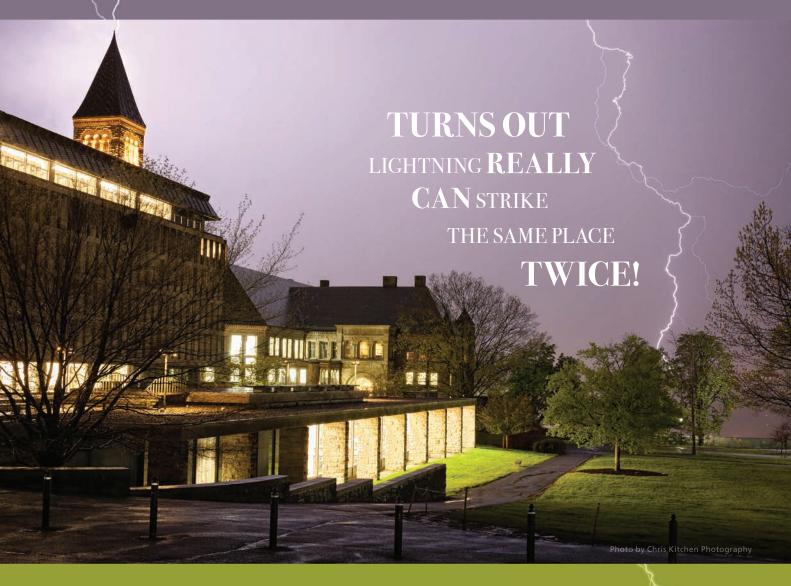
"I asked Arnie to do it, but he told me that Jody told him that the People's Action Council was in charge of all media contacts and so Jody said she would do it."

"Jody? Jody's a freak!" he shouted angrily.

That was my introduction to SDS, but I was too tired to give it further thought at the time. Walking around the building to the back entrance, I discovered that it wasn't padlocked yet. I made it up to my alumni room and sacked out for the rest of the day.

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SITE SPECIFIC

Young AAP grads are a successful design duo



rchitecture alums Katie MacDonald '13 and Kyle Schumann '13 have only been out of undergrad a few years, but their two-person design firm has already amassed an impressively eclectic portfolio. Partners both personally and professionally, MacDonald and Schumann dubbed their Princeton, New Jersey-based practice "After Architecture" in part to signal its broad scope—comprising work that spans not only that discipline but public art, interior design, and more. Though their projects have mainly been located on the East Coast, they've gone as far afield as California (with a pair of large, marine-themed sculptures on the San Diego waterfront) and

even the mountains of Slovenia, where they collaborated on an alpine shelter that was constructed in three modules and flown to the site by helicopter. "The diversity of our work comes from the fact that it's more connected via a process than an aesthetic," says MacDonald, who also holds a

master's in architecture from Harvard. "I think that comes from our training at Cornell, which is so focused on site-specificity and contextuality. So we end up with a body of work where each project looks quite different."

For Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania—a town once home to a thriving logging industry—the team designed an "outdoor classroom" consisting of boxy, sculptural wooden benches that evoke the community's history. Their winning entry for a competition to design a forestry group's cabin in New Brunswick, Canada, transformed the exterior into a strikingly geometric receptacle for firewood to fuel its stove. At the request of a doctor-in-training in Cambridge, Massachusetts, they reimagined a crowded office for medical residents—in what

used to be a patient room—as a sleek, convertible space for work, meetings, and socializing. "Being so close and working together so often, we're not afraid to be honest with each other, which is a huge part of architecture and design," says Schumann, who stayed on the Hill to teach for a year after graduation. "Being critical and constructive is really the only way to iterate and develop meaningful projects."

The two first teamed up as undergrads, winning a \$1,000 Cornell Council of the Arts grant to produce "Lightwave," an undulating bench made of colorfully painted wooden posts that's dramatically illuminated from within at night. Their

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former professor Aleksandr Mergold '00 calls MacDonald and Schumann among the architecture program's brightest stars—standouts, even as students in his first-year design studio, for their "precision and inventiveness." He also notes with a laugh that when his then-toddler daughter encountered "Lightwave"—which was on display near the Foundry before moving to its permanent home in the Cornell Botanic Gardens—she was utterly entranced. "She was really excited about climbing up and down on it," says Mergold, an assistant professor of architecture. "We couldn't leave; we were probably there for two hours. So there was definitely appreciation of Kyle and Katie's work by the younger generation."

— L. P. Drew









PROLIFIC PAIR: Designers Kyle Schumann '13 and Katie MacDonald '13 (bottom right), whose projects include (clockwise from bottom left) "Lightwave," a bench on the Cornell campus; "Tide," in San Diego; a flexible office for medical residents in Cambridge; "Logjam," an "outdoor classroom" at a Pennsylvania college; and "Kelp," also in San Diego. Opposite page: An alpine shelter in Slovenia.





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SCREEN SHOTS

Journalist Debra Birnbaum '92 is *Variety'*s TV maven



STAR TURNS: Debra Birnbaum '92 with (from top) Jennifer Lopez; Kerry Washington (during her previous gig at *TV Guide*); Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor; James Corden; and Oprah Winfrey

oward the end of the 2014 Emmy Awards ceremony, Debra Birnbaum '92 was in crisis mode. As executive editor for TV at *Variety*—the trade publication long considered the show-biz industry's bible—she's responsible for the magazine's traditional "morning after" coverage, where a winner is interviewed and photographed in the early hours after the ceremony. The problem? None of the nominees she and her team had bet on as likely winners—and arranged next-day interviews with—ended up with a trophy.

So Birnbaum came up with a last-minute solution to feature actress Allison Janney, the "West Wing" veteran who'd scored a rare double win that night for her roles on the CBS comedy "Mom" and the Showtime drama "Masters of Sex." There was just one hiccup: Birnbaum needed to find her. "So I'm running around backstage like a crazy person, holding my heels in one hand, with my phone signal going in and out and the battery dying, saying, 'Anyone seen Allison Janney? Anyone seen Allison Janney?" "In the end, she managed to track down the



PHOTOS: LOPEZ, VINCENT SANDONAL/GETTY IMAGES; WASHINGTON, REX/SHUTTERSTOCK; KIDMAN & MCGREGOR, MICHAFI RICKNERVARETY/REX/SHITTERSTOCK: ODRIEN OPRAH, CHF. SEA, I AIREN/MARIETY/REX/SHITTERSTOCK actress for an interview and photo shoot. "That's the glamorous life of a magazine editor," the former CALS communication major says with a laugh. "Basically I'm a paid professional stalker."

For Birnbaum, who oversees television coverage for *Variety's* weekly print edition and website, Emmy night is the culmination of a year's worth of reporting on everything related to the small screen. She spearheads thir-

teen special issues devoted to the awards show and hosts a weekly podcast where she interviews TV's biggest writers, producers, and stars. And in addition to editing breaking news and daily features by other staffers, she contributes stories of her own—profiling such bold-faced names as Oprah Winfrey, Nicole Kidman, "Scandal" star Kerry Washington, and latenight host James Corden. "I always say this about the stars: the ones who have been around for a long time have so much more perspective. They know how hard it's been to get to where they are," she says. "Those are the great interviews."

Birnbaum also has a particular love for highlighting showrunners—the creative forces behind programs such as "Game of Thrones," "The Crown," and "Better Call Saul." She had such a good relationship with "Mad Men" creator Matt Weiner that he invited her to be an extra on the series. (She appeared as a secretary at the Sterling Cooper ad agency—outfitted in a Sixties-era print dress, bright orange lipstick, and bouffant wig—in a two-minute scene that took four hours to shoot.) "My big moment was carrying a folder back and forth," she says. "I had a

new appreciation for what it's like on a TV set, because you do a take over and over again."

After more than twenty years covering entertainment, including seven as president

and editor-in-chief of *TV Guide*, Birnbaum is regularly asked to moderate panels for industry organizations like the Television Academy, the Screen Actors Guild, and the Paley Center for Media. In May alone, she hosted live conversations with cast members and producers of six shows including "Speechless" and "Orange Is the New Black." "That's the hardest part of my job," she says. "You have to do your homework and come prepared with lots of questions."

Birnbaum's beat has become more demanding in recent years, with the explosion of programming on a multitude of networks and streaming services. When she first started covering TV, she watched almost every episode of all prime-time shows on the air. That's now impossible, with more than 450 scripted series currently in production. So Birnbaum has colleagues stay on top of genres like sci-fi and



ON THE SET: Birnbaum sitting in "Sheldon's spot" on the "Big Bang Theory" couch (above) and clad in period costume for "Mad Men" (left)

reality TV—"not my thing"—though she'll watch the premiere of each show "just to stay conversant." But she says one major benefit of the abundance of shows is more diverse storytelling, praising current offerings like "Atlanta," "Master of None," "Black-ish," and "Insecure." "There's such a hunger for different kinds of programming and different voices," she says. "It's becoming trite to say, but television is the new independent film."

A New York native, Birnbaum got her start in journalism at the *Daily Sun*, where she snagged a regular slot writing about current events in her first year. "I don't even know how I got the column as a freshman," she recalls. "I walked in the door and sold them a bill of goods." A big break came as a junior, when

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she scored an internship at Virgin Atlantic's in-flight magazine while studying abroad in London. After graduation, she worked for *Redbook*, the *New York* Post, US Weekly, and more. By 2008 she was at the helm of TV Guide, where she conceived the popular "Fan Favorites" annual cover contest and developed the "Hot List" issue. But in 2014, with print magazines struggling, Birnbaum was let go as part of a round of layoffs, a reversal she calls "heartbreaking." But she landed at Variety two months later, moving away from her home state for the first time. "Obviously, the TV business is very much based in L.A., so I always had in the back of my mind: Would I, should I, could I ever make that move?" she says. "I miss my family and friends—but being in the belly of the industry has benefitted my career tremendously." ■

— Heather Salerno

Hidden GemsBirnbaum's picks for some top-notch TV

Among Debra Birnbaum's all-time favorites are muchlauded shows like "M*A*S*H*," "The West Wing," and "The Wire." But she also highly recommends catching up with these lesserknown series:

"Fleabag" (Amazon):
"To describe it is to give
it away, but I'll simply say
this comedy surprises
at every turn, with its
warped, witty humor."

"The Staircase" (Sundance): "Before there was 'Making a Murderer,' there was this true-crime documentary about Michael Peterson, who was suspected of killing his wife."

"The Leftovers" (HBO):
"This potent drama,
which just wrapped
its three-season run,
expands on the novel,
imagining a world
struggling to rebound
after 2 percent of the
population disappeared—
creating a powerful,
poignant statement
about life and loss."

"Rectify" (Sundance):
"A death row inmate is released on a technicality, but is he innocent? This quiet, tender exploration of the prison system and its fallout on the lives of all involved leaves a lasting impression."

"The Missing" (BBC/ Starz): "Each season of this mystery series which charts the disappearance of a child—is connected only by the detective, Julien Baptiste. But each case is compelling in its own right, with twists you'll never see coming."

CAFÉ SOCIETY

Nick Bayer '00 aims for his coffee shop chain to do well by doing good











WHAT'S BREWING: Founder Nick Beyer '00 (bottom left) wanted each Saxbys to have its own décor, to create a distinct vibe at the chain's cafés—even those in the same city, such as two on the campus of Philadelphia's Drexel University (bottom center and top right) and one near Penn (top left). Bottom right: A Saxbys barista at work.

hen you walk into the corporate headquarters of Saxbys, the Philadelphia-based chain of cafés run by Nick Bayer '00, someone will immediately jump up and offer to make you a latte, or whatever bean-based beverage strikes your fancy. A coffee bar runs the length of one wall of this open, loft-like space in the city's design district. And since it's ingrained in the company's ethos that all employees—even those who don't actually work in the stores—be trained in basic barista skills, everyone in the room short of Bayer's toddler son can pull a respectable espresso shot and transform milk into foam.

You'd think, then, that Bayer got into the café business because he was a serious coffee aficionado—but in fact, he didn't even drink the stuff much before opening his first Saxbys in Atlanta in 2005, when he was all of twenty-six. For Bayer, the draw was realizing a long-held dream to run his own business—and to work in an industry that he viewed as being all about human interaction, his forte. "I've always loved people. It's the thing I'm most passionate about—being around people and talking to them," says the former government major, the first in his family to go to college. "And as a kid who grew up on the South Side of Chicago and went to Cornell, I have friends across all spectrums of life. So if I was going to create a business, I wanted every type of friend I've ever had to feel welcome in it."

These days, Bayer's firm is no longer officially a coffee company. Last spring, it dropped the word "coffee" from its name and changed its logo from a steaming cup to a hot air balloon (though a cup still comprises its basket). The idea, Bayer says,

was to reflect the fact that traditional coffee drinks had become a minority of the business—only 13 percent of sales. "We were selling smoothies and kombucha and pressed juices and breakfast sandwiches," says Bayer, a longtime entrepreneur in residence at the Hotel school who makes regular visits to campus, logging same-day round-trips from Philly to Ithaca. "Who we had become operationally and culturally had surpassed the name 'Saxbys Coffee.' And it simplified our business too much; people could say, 'I don't drink coffee, so I don't belong there.' "

Since Bayer opened that first store more than a decade ago, right across the street from a bustling Starbucks—figuring, with youthful bravado and more than a little naiveté, that if he could make it there he could make it anywhere—Saxbys has grown into a company with 400 employees, operating twenty-seven locations in five states plus Washington, D.C.

With the aim of doing well by doing good, Bayer has sought to nurture an enlightened corporate culture, starting with a mission statement to "make life better"; the company's six core values (which include "Serve yourself by serving others" and "Live

with pride, passion, and purpose") are emblazoned on store walls. "We don't need another coffee company in this world," he says, "but we need a company that's based on humanity, that's focused on making life better for its guests, its community, and its team members."

Bayer is heavily involved in Philadelphia nonprofits, serving on the corporate council of its Children's Hospital and the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Franklin Institute, a nearly two-century-old science organization founded in honor of Ben Franklin. Working with local youth welfare groups, Saxbys has provided jobs and training for residents of the economically disadvantaged neighborhoods surrounding Philadelphia's thriving city center. "We're hiring a lot of people," says Bayer, "and we're hiring a lot of them out of the demographics that are having the hardest time getting jobs." The coffee bar in Saxbys's headquarters has long offered free beverages to everyone in its office building; in lieu of payment, customers can fill a tip jar that's donated monthly to local charities, to the tune of \$10,000 a year. "People walk in here and say, 'It looks like a tech startup'—and I take that as a compliment, because startups are known for having vibrant work spaces that are built for teamwork, communication, and camaraderie," he says. "We see ourselves as much different than a coffee company, so having a unique space was important to us."

One of Saxbys's major initiatives is its Experiential Learning Program, through which it has established cafés on college campuses including Drexel, Temple, and Millersville University. Not only do students help design the stores, they entirely staff and run them. Each site's manager—or CEO, for café executive officer—earns both a salary and full academic credit while overseeing more than thirty workers and a seven-figure profitand-loss statement. "This wasn't a business idea," says Bayer, who notes that a Cornell-based café is a future possibility. "This came out organically, based on me making a lot of mistakes—all the hard lessons I had to learn." Those missteps, he cheerfully

admits, include an ill-advised early foray into franchising, a lack of thought about where to locate the stores ("being young and dumb, I was willing to sell franchises anywhere"), and a start-up plan—or lack thereof—that relied on him cleaning out his savings and racking up \$150,000 in credit card debt. "I went all in," says Bayer, who quit an Atlanta-based consulting job to open his first Saxbys, concocting the name to connote luxury (à la Tiffany's or Saks). "My parents were flipping out and scared for me. But when you do something you love, you have a way of looking forward. And if I fell on my face, I had my Cornell degree to fall back on."

Eventually, a mentor and investor convinced Bayer that Philadelphia was an ideal base for the burgeoning Saxbys empire. The chain now has a dozen stores in the city, with several more in the D.C. area and others on or near campuses such as Georgia

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State, Lehigh University, and Haverford College. Each Saxbys is different, with the furniture and décor adapted to its location. A store near Penn, for example, has a clubby, Colonial look, with dark blue paneling and a white pressed-tin-style ceiling, while one at Drexel has a hip, urban air: the front of its sales counter is made of recycled corrugated metal painted in graffiti style by student artists, and the heavy wood tables were reclaimed from a nearby high school.

In addition to the usual coffee drinks, Saxbys sells such fare as Groothies (green smoothies in different fruit combos); cold brew iced coffee with house-made flavor syrups like chai, salted caramel, and sweet mint; and a variety of sandwiches and snacks. About 80 percent of menu items are standard across the stores; the rest tap local tastes, products, and ingredients. "One thing that has been great for Starbucks is that it's such a predictable experience, and it has monetized that quite well," Bayer observes. "For humans, predictability is comforting; there's a reason why McDonald's sells so many hamburgers. But in the coffee business, we also love uniqueness and locality; that's why independent coffee shops have been so successful. And on the product side, we're smaller and more nimble, so we can get in front of trends faster than our big competitors." As he adds with a grin: "We had cold brew two years before Starbucks." ■

— Kitty Kemp

On the Hill



PLAYED varsity baseball (pitcher and team captain)

MET his future wife, Hally Blair Bayer '02

PLEDGED Sigma Chi fraternity

WORKED numerous jobs including bouncer at the Chapter House, Blue Light escort, and intramural sports official

MAN ON A MISSION

Spurred by his son's drug-related suicide, retired hotel industry executive Gary Mendell '79 founded a nonprofit to combat addiction







WORTHY CAUSE: Mendell (kneeling at far left) at a fundraiser for Shatterproof. Top right and above: With his late son, Brian.

ary Mendell '79 has fond, vivid memories of when his first-born son, Brian, was small. He remembers playing peek-a-boo around the dining room table; he recalls taking him to a game at Yankee Stadium, where the boy crawled under a fence to give a quarter to a homeless man. Brian was a loving, generous child, Mendell says, and he had a joyful spirit.

But something went terribly wrong for Brian Mendell. After trying marijuana and alcohol at age thirteen, he moved on to

harder drugs. Despite stays in eight different treatment facilities, he struggled with relapses and depression. In October 2011, in despair after fifteen months clean, the twenty-five-year-old composed a heartwrenching suicide note, lit a candle, and

hanged himself. "I don't want to hurt anyone anymore, do anything illegal, or get high," Brian wrote. "I thought sobriety was worth a shot, hoping to get back to normal life. But it hasn't worked. I love you all more than I can write."

The anguish of losing Brian never goes away, Mendell

says—adding that guilt and shame killed his son as much as any drug. "I made it my mission to find solutions that would spare others the suffering my son and my family have experienced," he says. "We have to get beyond the stigma and the victim-blaming."

After Brian's death, Mendell retired as chief executive of the multi-billion-dollar hotel investment firm he and his brother, Stephen Mendell '82, had cofounded in 1985. He began what

Given the magnitude of the problem, Mendell says, 'almost everyone in the country knows someone—a child, parent, sibling, or friend—who is struggling with addiction.'

he calls a "a journey into darkness," studying addiction and its impact on drug users and their families and communities. He learned that addiction was killing some 375 people a day, many of them young people like his son. He also realized that the latest scientific evidence—research showing how drugs change

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the human brain and describing optimal treatment methods—was not being implemented at most American rehab facilities, which tend to offer only a strict, one-size-fits-all, abstinence program based on a twelve-step model. A more scientifically sound approach—one that included not only counseling and behavioral therapy but also medication to ease the agony of withdrawal—"might have saved my son's life," Mendell says.

In 2014, Mendell launched Shatterproof, a New York Citybased nonprofit that promotes addiction treatment guided by evidence-based science; it also aims to dispel stigma by demonstrating that addiction is a disease—not a moral failing—that often co-exists with mental health issues. Modeled after organizations like the American Cancer Society, the group "provides a place for addicts and their families to turn to for support and hope," Mendell says. Shatterproof's agenda also includes lobbying for public policy changes at the federal and state levels—such as widening the availability of Naloxone, an opioid antidote, and liberalizing Good Samaritan laws that protect people who call 911 to report an overdose—and funding research into prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. Its website offers a range of user-friendly information including videos on the science of addiction, a drug education model for public schools, and screening tests to identify vulnerable individuals.

Shatterproof's efforts have garnered coverage in national publications like *Forbes*, the *Huffington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*—the latter describing Mendell as "the new voice in the fight against addiction." It is the voice of a grieving father who knows that his heartache is shared by thousands across the country. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), an estimated 22 million Americans are addicted to substances including alcohol, cocaine, and opiates; most adult addicts started using before their eighteenth birthday, and many others began taking illicit drugs after becoming addicted to legal pain medication prescribed for an illness or injury. Today, more Americans die from drug overdoses than car wrecks, with addiction killing an estimated fifteen people per hour, according to the Centers



RAISING AWARENESS: Mendell rappelling off a building at a fundraising event, clad in a T-shirt memorializing his son

for Disease Control. In June, the *New York Times*'s datacrunching "Upshot" column reported that ODs had become the leading cause of death among Americans under fifty. Given the magnitude of the problem, Mendell says, "almost everyone in the country knows someone—a child, parent, sibling, or friend—who is struggling with addiction."

Shatterproof's advisory board boasts leading health officials and reform advocates, including the director of NIDA and former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, himself a recovering addict. The Pew Charitable Trusts is currently supporting the group's creation of a task force to review treatment approaches and draft a plan for state agencies and insurers to require that rehab programs use methods that are clinically proven to enhance recovery. Since Shatterproof started,



LEADERSHIP EFFORTS: With President Obama (top) and addressing the media with Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy (right) to mark the signing of legislation to limit opioid prescriptions

Mendell says, it has led successful legislative advocacy campaigns in fourteen states, with aims such as requiring doctors who prescribe opioids to follow CDC guidelines. Says Mendell: "We expect that these laws will save more than 1,000 lives each and every year."

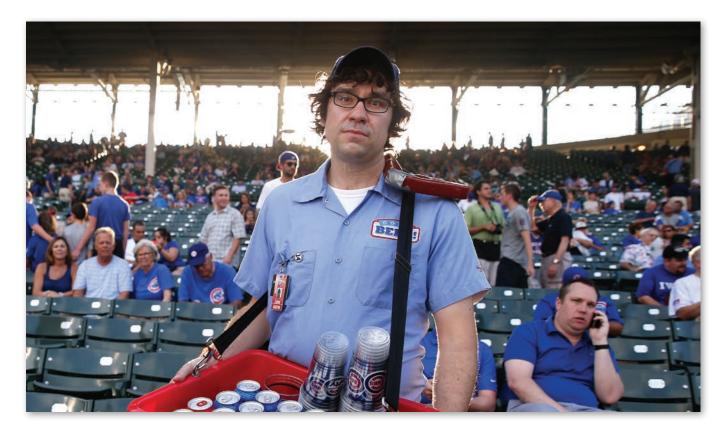
As Mendell sees it, building Shatterproof has been no different than growing a business—though he measures the nonprofit's progress not in terms of dollars but of lives saved and legislation passed. He jump-started the group with \$5 million of his own money; it has since raised about \$3 million more via grants, private donations, and fundraising events. "Most leaders in the field are superb at policy recommendations, but less skilled in implementation," says Mendell, a Hotel alum who holds an MBA from Penn's Wharton School. "What I bring is decades of experience building and running businesses."

Shatterproof employs more than a dozen people and provides online training for about 650 volunteer "ambassadors," who organize events and deliver public presentations on substance abuse disorders in their communities; it also e-mails weekly updates to a database of some 150,000 supporters. The group's first 5K fundraiser, a "Rise Up Against Addiction" run/walk held in Kansas City in June, drew more than 2,300 participants and raised upwards of \$360,000. Similar events are scheduled for Atlanta, Boston, New York City, and Washington, D.C., this fall. "This is a national crisis that demands a national commitment," Mendell says. "It's not too late to save another parent's child."

— Franklin Crawford

STRANGE BREW

Justin Peters '03 is a veteran Chicago Cubs beer slinger—and a serious journalist, an improv comic, and more



he denizens of Wrigley Field's grandstands know a few things about their regular beer vendor—that thirty-something fellow with the thick-framed glasses and the unruly mop of black hair. Like, if a game starts to drag, he'll often add a goofy voice or Italian accent to his usual, "Hey, beer man! Cold beer!" And if a customer praises his dexterity in pouring two cups simultaneously without spilling a drop, regulars can expect him to reply, "Hey—this is the major leagues!"

But few realize that this longtime Wrigley character—a familiar sight for the past eighteen seasons, peddling his product just a few steps from the iconic, ivy-draped outfield wall—has a whole other life. Or, rather, he has several of them: as a double-Ivy grad, a journalist, an improv actor, a

playwright, even a game-show contestant. "To the vast majority, I'm just the tall, weird-looking guy blocking their view," says the suds-slinger in question, Justin Peters '03. "I'm the friendly, anonymous beer vendor."

A lifelong Cubs fan from the Chicago suburb of Lake Bluff who grew up attending games with his dad, Peters has been vending since the summer after freshman year, when he realized the job would get him into Wrigley for free. "It seemed like more fun than an internship," recalls the former American history major, "and I always had better stories when I got back to school." And though he no longer lives in Chicago, he continues to work about two dozen games each summer. Outside of baseball season, Peters divides his time between New York and Washington, D.C., where his wife, Alexa Mills '03, is managing editor of the alternative weekly *City Paper*. When working

'It's reductive to think you have to do just one thing and be satisfied with it. A lot of stuff makes me excited. There's always something new. I'm never bored.'

at Wrigley, he often stays with his parents and commutes thirty miles to Chicago's North Side. "I've never wanted to give it up," says Peters, who averages 300-plus cups of brew sold on a good day. "It ties me to home, to something I've loved all my life." Peters even got to witness baseball history last November, when he peddled libations during the Cubs' first World Series appearance in seventy-one years. "It's something no one ever thought







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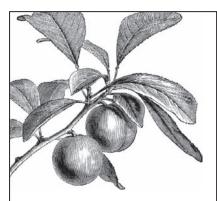
they'd see," he says. "And I got paid to be there." And to top it all off: he served one of the team's most famous superfans, comedy star Bill Murray.

But to label Peters a beer vendor is akin to shrugging off Murray as a guy who used to be on "Saturday Night Live." With a master's from Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, Peters is a longtime correspondent for Slate; his notable recent work includes an essay (headlined "Journalists Should be Terrified") about Donald Trump's attempts to demonize the mainstream press and an obituary on conservative media mogul Roger Ailes, whom he dubbed "the banished goblin king of Fox News." Peters penned the 2016 nonfiction book The Idealist: Aaron Swartz and the Rise of Free Culture on the Internet, about a computer prodigy and advocate for open information access who hanged >





MANY HATS: Peters (clockwise from opposite page) selling beer at Wrigley Field; doing tongue-in-cheek reportage at the 2016 Republican National Convention (in an accidentally misspelled T-shirt); in an illustration for his Slate essay about sporting a "man bun"; competing on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"; performing as part of an improv comedy duo; acting in a comic musical he wrote; and discussing his book The Idealist on C-Span.



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himself after being indicted for illegally downloading millions of academic articles. On the lighter side, he has written for *Slate* about everything from indoor axe-throwing playgrounds to a tongue-in-cheek attempt to live out the *New York Times*'s "Style" section's trends, like wearing his hair in a "man bun" and sprinkling his conversations with British slang. While covering the Olympics, he investigated which athletes are the best huggers and lamented that figure skaters keep performing to the theme from *Schindler's List*.

Peters also has a career as an improv comedian. With his friend Kelly Buttermore, he regularly tours as the male half of an arty act called "From Justin to Kelly"—a nod to the cringeworthy 2003 "American Idol" film of the same name—known for performing long, minimalistic sketches emphasizing silence and eye contact. The duo has performed and led workshops nationwide; co-founded the Countdown Theater, a "roaming pop-up improv collaborative"; and launched an improv festival in Tampa, Florida. Separately, Peters has written and performed shows with quirky titles like Confessions of a Condiment Hustler and Kill Yourself! with Deke Davis, which he touts as a "country-western euthanasia musical." "It's reductive to think you have to do just one thing and be satisfied with it," he says. "A lot of stuff makes me excited. There's always something new. I'm never bored."

And never boring. As a contestant three years ago on the syndicated quiz show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," Peters vowed (as he later explained in Slate) to "play until I reached damnation or glory." Indeed, instead of pocketing \$250,000, he opted to guess on a \$500,000 question about alcohol consumption in the British House of Commons. He got it wrong and dazedly walked away with one-twentieth that amount-although he was later invited for a return appearance and took home an additional \$50,000. "I had it within me to take that chance," he says of the lesson learned from his massive monetary misstep. "I'm never going to fail more visibly than I did on that show."

— Brad Herzog '90



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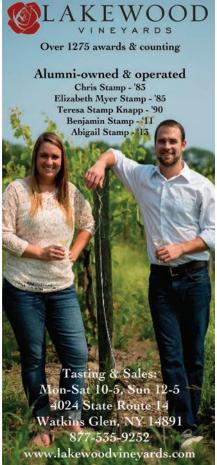
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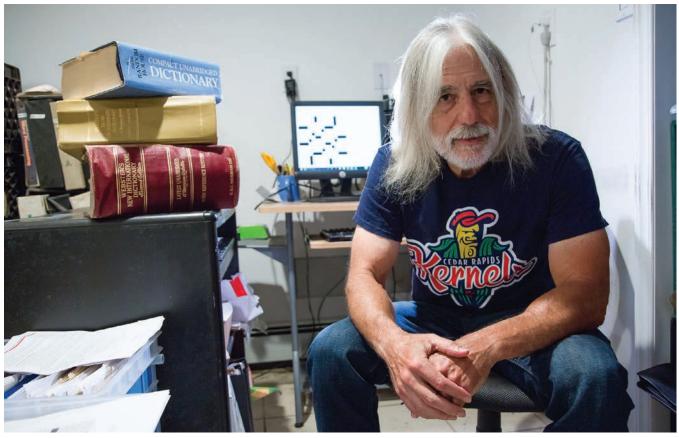
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PUZZLING IT OUT

Fred Piscop '70 is one of America's leading crossword gurus



ym rats have their morning workout; crossword maven Fred Piscop '70 has his "daily solve." Every day, the venerable cruciverbalist tackles the daunting puzzle in the *Guardian*—a notoriously tough, British-style cryptic that even he doesn't always finish. "I'm stuck on the upper left—8 down," Piscop says, proffering the mostly completed puzzle in a café on his native Long Island one afternoon last spring. The clue, nonsensical to those untutored in the genre's peculiar idiom: "Labour's beast trashed May: 'An abhorrent leader of idiots' (11,4)." "I don't know this term," says Piscop. "But I know it's an anagram of

know this term," says Piscop. "But I know it's an anagram of 'May' and 'an abhorrent' and the first letter of 'idiots.' " (The intimidatingly erudite answer: "ERYMANTHIAN BOAR.")

Yes, Piscop is an éminence grise of American cross-words—literally, given the long white hair and beard that give him the air of an aging rock star. (And indeed, he was once a professional keyboardist and still attends local jam sessions twice a week.) But as a solver, Piscop cheerfully admits, his heart belongs in the U.K. "British crosswords are more interesting and challenging," he says. "You really have to tear a clue apart to figure out what's going on. That's the fun of it for me."

An industrial engineering major on the Hill, Piscop has been a full-time crossword constructor since 1995, when he was laid off and decided he was done with corporate America. (Of his time

working in engineering, he says, "I hated every second of it.") He has published numerous crossword books as well as a guide to solving cryptics. In addition to creating custom puzzles for private clients, he has long crafted crosswords for Long Island's *Newsday*, which ran a profile of him in August 2016 to mark his 1,000th contribution; he also creates a weekly, celebrity-themed puzzle for *In Touch* magazine. Piscop is currently the crossword editor at *USA Today*; he has held similar roles at the *Washington*

Piscop favors colorful vocabulary and pop culture references, but eschews 'crosswordese'—words that appear far more often in puzzles than in real life.

Post Magazine and Universal Uclick (previously Universal Press Syndicate). He recently inked a deal to contribute puzzles to Crosswords With Friends, an app from the creators of the popular Scrabble-style game Words With Friends.

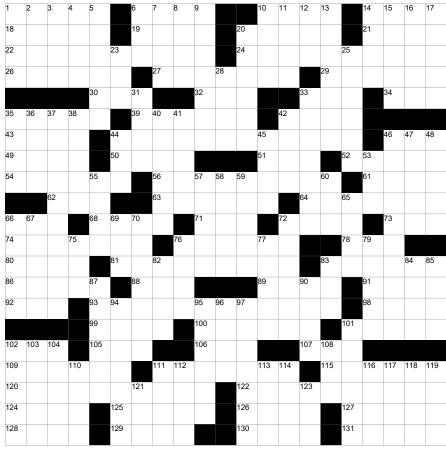
Piscop is a regular at the *New York Times*, where he pens "bonus" crosswords—relatively easy ones, pegged to a theme. His July entry, for instance, was a nod to International Tiger Day. (19 Across: "Home of baseball's Hanshin Tigers"; 32 Down: "'Put a tiger in your tank' gas brand.") Since 2013, Piscop has also made the *Times*'s Split Decisions puzzles, in which the >



answers are words that differ only in two adjacent letters (like, say, "pinball" and "pitfall"). A longtime friend of Times puzzle editor Will Shortz, Piscop appeared in Wordplay, the 2006 documentary about Shortz and crossword fandom, and helps officiate at the national tournament Shortz runs each year. Shortz also got Piscop a legendary commission: in the late Nineties, Shortz recommended him to comedian and crossword lover Jon Stewart, who aimed to propose to his girlfriend via a custom puzzle. (She solved it—and said yes.)

As both a creator and a solver, Piscop is a bit of a purist. He favors colorful vocabulary and pop culture references, but eschews "crosswordese"-words that appear far more often in puzzles than in real life. And while Piscop constructs puzzles on a computer using special software, his preferred solving format remains old school. "Always paper, always pencil," he says. "Because there's an eraser, and I make a lot of mistakes."

— L. P. Drew



CROSS PURPOSES: Piscop created this puzzle especially for CAM readers. For another Cornell-themed crossword—one Piscop made for his 45th Reunion—go to this story at cornellalumnimagazine.com.

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ACROSS

- 1 Appears ominously 6 Any of this puzzle's theme answers,
- for short 10 Lose one's coat
- 14 Boomerang-shaped
- 18 Divvy up
- 19 Hawaiian fish, on menus
- 20 Gooey campfire treat
- 21 Light bulb, in comics
- 22 First African-American
- woman in space (MD '81) 66 Ride the bench
- 24 The Good Earth novelist (MA '25)
- 26 Breed of cat or goat
- 27 More reflective
- 29 Alan of "Growing Pains"
- 30 Org. that publishes American Hunter
- 32 Fish often used in fish sticks
- 33 The bossy Stooge
- 34 Pothook shape
- 35 Victor, the "Great Dane"
- 39 ESPN hoops announcer Dick
- 42 Deli scale button
- 43 Young Frankenstein assistant

- 44 Beloved author (MA '55)
- 46 Luftwaffe foes: Abbr.
- 49 River of Dresden
- 50 Police jacket letters
- 51 Hoo-ha
- 52 Saw logs, so to speak
- 54 Competitor of Nike
- 56 U.S. Attorney General,
- 1993-2001 (BA '60)
- 61 Alternative to a cab
- hall (place to play)
- 63 Lack of social standards 106 Half a sawbuck
- 64 Hawaii triathlon
- 68 Australian island: Abbr.
- 71 Go astray 72 ___ the puck (tried to kill
- a hockey penalty, say) 73 Balaam's beast
- 74 Part of an inclusive invitation
- 76 Crude carriers
- 78 Rural stopover
- 80 Bartlett's abbr. 81 NHL Hall-of-Fame goalie
- (BA '69) 83 Cold sufferer's sounds 86 Local life forms.
- collectively
- 88 Fairness-in-hiring agcy. 89 Active Sicilian volcano

- 91 Many a lounge combo
- 93 U.S. Surgeon General,
- 98 Monopoly payment
- 100 Does a pat-down on
- 101 Is an omen of
- 105 Profs' aides

- 107 Pilot's guesstimate: Abbr. 11 Frosty covering

- 115 Like a watch with hands 120 Adios, America! author
- (BA '85) 122 Pro gridder-turned-
- "Hill Street Blues" star (BS '73)
- 124 Sorrowful sound
- 127 Valued violin, for short
- 128 Shirts with slogans 129 Fish caught in pots
- Modern (London gallery)

- 92 Mattress problem
- 1982-89 (MD '41)
- 99 Urban acceptability, slangily

- 102 Informer on the mob

- 109 Burger toppers
- 111 Strong adhesives

- 125 Do a double take, say
- 126 Turn up one's nose at
- 131 Gets better

DOWN

- 1 Nash's "one-I" priest 2 The Good Earth heroine
- 3 Cassini of fashion
- 4 Austin Powers's power 5 Tristram Shandy author
- Laurence
- 6 "__ seeing things?"
- 7 Kiltie's girl
- 8 "We're in trouble!"
- 10 Hook's henchman
- 12 Drop an easy one
- 13 Benicio of Traffic
- 14 Mr. Netanyahu, familiarly 65 Chief of the Norse
- 15 Draw out 16 Bony parts of chickens
- 17 Helps oneself to 20 Halloween critter
- 23 Scratch up
- 25 Lustrous surfaces 28 Court plea, for short
- 31 State firmly 33 Like the Knights Templar
- 35 Stand at a wake 36 Make goo-goo eyes at 37 Synthesizer pioneer
- (PhD '65) 38 Cousin of a loon 40 Needing bailing out

- 41 Atlas was one 42 It ebbs and flows
- 44 Sound of rebuke
- 45 Like 1943 copper pennies
- 46 Commissioner of
- Baseball (BS '80)
- 47 Calculus calculations
- 48 Spore-bearing plants
- 53 Cloistered woman
- 9 Video blogger's purchase 55 Prefix meaning "eight" 57 Respectful turndown
 - 58 One of the Brontës 59 Like a fork or trident
 - 60 Cinnabar, to mercury
 - 119-Down 66 Picket line crossers
 - 67 Ancient region of present-day Turkey
 - 69 Having a high pH: Abbr.
 - **70** LP protectors 72 Meets with disapproval 75 Tonsils-removing Dr.
 - 76 Fyidence of decomposition 77 Has an awful 76-Down
 - 82 Food, water, or shelter
 - 83 Easily duped sort 84 Larry who was often

- slapped by 33-Across
- 85 Sighters of pink elephants
- 87 Credit card ID
- 90 Wine taster's concern
- 94 Smudge on a crossword 95 What to get an "E" for
- 96 Cereal "for kids"
- 97 Hardest to spot 101 Send to Siberia
- 102 Insult-filled banquet 103 Sandy's owner
- 104 Hint of color 108 __ Baby (44-Across
- novel) 110 Phil who sang "Draft
- Dodger Rag" 111 List-ending abbr.
- 112 Chest muscles, for short 113 ___ Turnblad
- (Hairspray role) 114 XXX-rated material
- 116 Start the kitty 117 __ Croft: Tomb Raider 118 Like the Sabin vaccine
- 119 Valhalla residents 121 Ang who directed Hulk 79 Explosive stuff, for short 123 Another nickname for a
 - (Solution on page 77)

106-Across



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GANE FOR ANYTHING

Reggie Fils-Aimé '83 — a.k.a. 'The Regginator' — heads Nintendo America



PLAY TIME: Fils-Aimé (from top) as a cyborg in a Nintendo promotional video; as a Muppet; in an animated battle; coaching Jimmy Fallon on a new "Mario" app; and showing off the new Switch device.

'm geeking out!" Jimmy Fallon cried. "I'm geeking out right now!"

It was December 2016, and the "Tonight Show" host was getting a sneak peek at the newest Nintendo system, the Switch, months before its release—and the video game superfan went gaga over its new "Legend of Zelda." He was still breathless from having tried his hand at an iOS app version of "Super Mario": not only had he played it on national television while being coached by the president of Nintendo America, but one of the world's most beloved game designers—Shigeru Miyamoto, of "Zelda" and "Mario" fame—was scrutinizing his technique from the studio audience.

It was a gaming aficionado's fondest dream—and it had all been arranged for Fallon by Reggie Fils-Aimé '83. For the past thirteen years, Fils-Aimé has been the public face of Nintendo America, famous for his whimsical, unabashedly boosterish appearances at tech events and in the media. Dubbed "The Regginator" by fans, Fils-Aimé burst into the public eye in 2004, when he came onstage at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) and declared, "My name is

'Being part of a company that has such a passionate fan base is both exhilarating and scary, all at the same time. When we do something that our fans love, they let us know—and if they're disappointed in something, they let us know.'



Reggie. I'm about kickin' ass, I'm about takin' names, and we're about makin' games!" In another E3 appearance that flowered into an Internet meme, Fils-Aimé unveiled the Wii Balance Board by announcing, "My body . . . My body is ready!"

It's a world away from the career Fils-Aimé thought he'd have when he was studying business in CALS and assuming he'd earn an MBA and work in finance. But a job offer from Procter

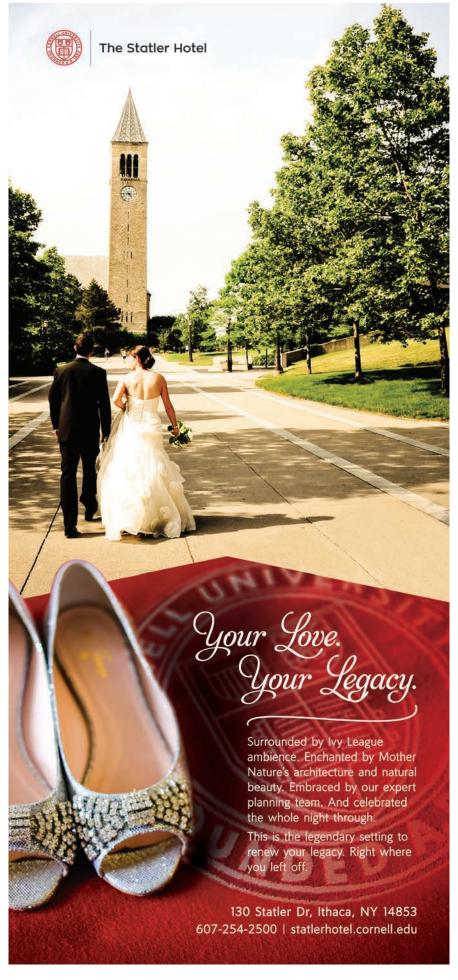
& Gamble got him into marketing and business management, and he went on to a series of executive positions in some enviably fun industries, from pizza (at Pizza Hut) to beer (Guinness) to Chinese food (the parent company of Panda Express) to TV and music (VH1), and now video games. "Whenever I go back on campus and talk with students," he notes with a smile, "I say that this is a Cornellian's best series of experiences."

His own love of gaming stretches back to high school, when he'd play on a friend's early Atari. He bought his first system—a Super Nintendo—around 1990 to play with his kids. "After my children would go to bed I'd play a 'Zelda' game until two, >









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three, four o'clock in the morning," he recalls, chatting with CAM during a visit to New York City last spring. "It was pure entertainment. If you had told me then that essentially what I was doing was preparing myself for a role that I've now enjoyed for almost fifteen years, I wouldn't have believed it. But I do think those experiences were foundational. They gave me exposure to our intellectual property and gave me credibility with our fans. If I hadn't played back then, I'm not sure I would have this job—and I know I wouldn't be nearly as good at it."

Fils-Aimé—who was born in New York City to parents who'd immigrated from Haiti, and grew up on Long Islandjoined Nintendo America in 2003 as an executive vice president in charge of sales and marketing, becoming president and COO in May 2006. Based outside Seattle, Fils-Aimé is on the road every other week or so, and travels to Nintendo's headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, four to six times a year. "Being part of a company that has such a passionate fan base is both exhilarating and scary, all at the same time," he says. "When we do something that our fans love, they let us know-and if they're disappointed in something, they let us know. As executives, it continually reminds us why we do what we do."

While Fils-Aimé confesses that he was "scared to death" of public speaking early in his career, he has come to embrace his role as a cult figure in the gaming world. He has been featured in several tongue-in-cheek promotional videos—appearing as an animated game character, as a Muppet (designed by the Jim Henson workshop), and as a cyborg dubbed "Fils-A-Mech." "It has been absolute fun, and completely unplanned," he says. "I enjoy it; how can you not? Our business is fun. Our company is fun. We're all about making people smile."

- Kitty Kemp

On the Hill



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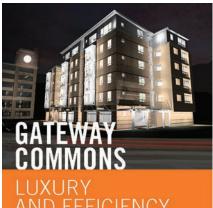


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PAW & ORDER

ASPCA forensic vet Robert Reisman, DVM '80, combats animal cruelty



RESCUE WORK: Robert Reisman, DVM '80, examines the survivor of a dogfighting ring in 2013.

ifting the puppy onto an exam table at the ASPCA's animal hospital in Manhattan in January 2015, the first thing Robert Reisman, DVM '80, noted was how much pain she was in. The young pit bull mix had been hit with a shovel and buried in snow up to her neck, and she could hardly move. Abrasions dotted her body, her left shoulder was swollen, and several teeth were broken. Reisman's first thought was that he needed to survey the injuries quickly, then send the puppy for extensive X-rays—because experience had taught him that in such cases, the damage he's seeing is often just the latest in a history of abuse.

Reisman is the supervisor of forensic sciences for the ASPCA's Anti-Cruelty Group, charged with overseeing foren-

sic evaluations in New York City's animal abuse cases. And as he suspected, his analysis of the puppy's X-rays showed that she'd been harmed over a long period. Happily, she recovered and was adopted by a loving family, though she'll always struggle with running and jumping, among other problems. And with Reisman's help, her abuser was prosecuted and sentenced to a year in jail.

A former large animal vet who switched careers after moving to New York City three decades ago, Reisman joined the ASPCA's flagship medical center in 1988 and soon took on a key role in founding its forensics department. Back then, he says, veterinarians didn't commonly think of forensics as part of their mission. "Veterinarians took care of animals," he says,

"and that was it."

Today, veterinary forensic science is an active field whose practitioners pick up where rescue organizations leave off: in the lab and the courtroom. Reisman is a founding member of the professional society devoted to the discipline (the International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association, established in 2008), and has lectured at its annual conference on such topics as blunt force trauma and identifying perpetrators. He has testified as an expert witness in more than sixty animal cruelty cases nationwide-including the first two in New York City ever to use DNA evidence and has contributed to scholarly papers including a 2016 article in the Journal of Forensic Sciences on distinguishing

accidental injuries from abuse. Last year, Reisman's work earned him outstanding service awards from the Veterinary Medical Association's city and state chapters. "His efforts throughout the years," an ASPCA official said at the time, "have given countless animal victims a voice."

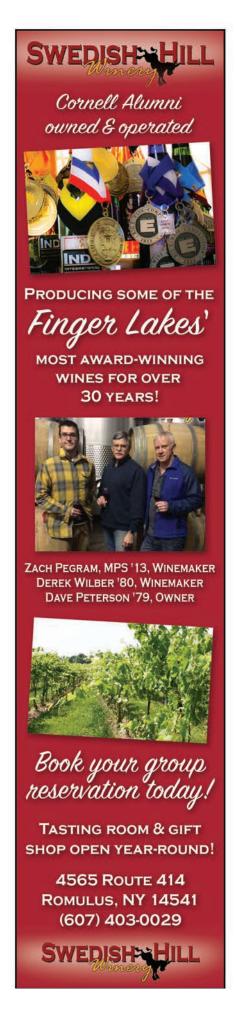
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also enabled Reisman to document abuse cases in a database, which will eventually allow him and his colleagues to mine the data for trends—broadening understanding of animal crimes as well as aiding investigators and prosecutors in new abuse cases. "No other U.S. city has a partnership this huge," says Reisman. "It's historic."

And, he notes, his work in investigating animal cruelty sometimes benefits humans as well: in domestic violence situations, abuse of pets as well as people is not uncommon. "A woman being abused may not want to bring her partner to trial," he says, "but we may be able to prosecute him for animal abuse, and free her from his hold."

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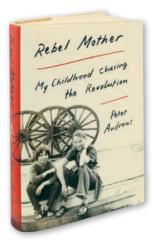
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New Releases



Rebel Mother PETER ANDREAS, PHD '99

When Andreas's parents divorced, he became the focus of a bitter custody battle. As he writes: "By the time my parents were racing to be the first to kidnap me from preschool that June day in 1969—the same day my mother left my father—their life goals were catapulting in wildly opposite directions." Although his father won in

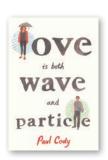
court, Andreas was mainly raised by his mother, who grew up in a Mennonite family but became a radical feminist and Marxist revolutionary. On the run, they lived in dozens of places including a collective farm in Chile and a commune in Berkeley. "Caught between parents, cultures, and ideologies, Andreas's thoroughly engrossing account of his conflicted upbringing is enriched by excerpts from his mother's diaries," said the *New York Times*, "offering glimpses into the mind of a woman so driven by a desire for social equality that her actions call into question what constitutes quality parenting."



Murphy's Ticket BRAD HERZOG '90

What caused the Chicago Cubs' 108-year World Series drought? According to lore, a curse was put on the team by Billy "Goat" Sianis, a saloon owner who was infuriated that Wrigley Field

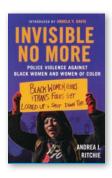
officials wouldn't let Murphy, his beloved (but odiferous) pet goat, accompany him to a championship game. Herzog tells the tale in verse: The Cubbies lost that ball game / and they dropped the next one, as well / In fact, when they lost the World Series / Billy Goat asked, Now who smells?



Love Is Both Wave and Particle

In his first novel for teens, Cody follows two seniors at an Ithaca high school for students who are talented but troubled. Embarking on a project to tell their life stories, Levon and Samantha tackle such dark topics as suicide attempts, drug use, and mental illness, coming to understand themselves and grow closer to each other. According to

Publisher's Weekly, Cody "thoughtfully conveys Sam and Levon's complex mental states, the evolution of their relationship, and their journeys of self-discovery."



Invisible No More

ANDREA RITCHIE '90

"Black women, long the backbone of efforts to resist state violence, are insisting that we will no longer only play the role of aggrieved mother, girlfriend, partner, sister, daughter, or invisible organizer," Ritchie writes, "and demanding recognition that we, too, are targets of police violence." A scholar, organizer, and attorney specializing in police misconduct

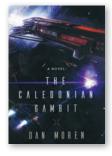
cases, Ritchie examines how women of color suffer due to racial profiling, police brutality, and other ills—discussing such infamous cases as that of Sandra Bland, who committed suicide in jail after being arrested during a traffic stop. "Ritchie's focused study and call to action is an essential work," *Booklist* said in a starred review of the book, which features an introduction by civil rights activist Angela Davis.



Sugar Detox Me SUMMER RAYNE OAKES '04

As a toddler, Oakes admits in her introduction, she was so enamored of sweets that she once wound up in the ER after eating Christmas lights she'd mistaken for candy. Now an author and model who promotes sustainability in the food and fashion industries, Oakes founded a website for people aiming to cleanse their diets of

sugar. Her cookbook offers more than a hundred recipes that, she writes, "are familiar, intuitive, easy, and non-fussy, and they contain ingredients that are affordable and readily available to most of us." Dishes include coconut pancakes; sautéed Brussels sprouts with chorizo; scrambled eggs with kale and crimini mushrooms; and coconut and lemongrass shrimp soup with crispy gingered kale. The book also includes a ten-step detox plan, a "food addiction scale" developed at Yale, and a rundown of the many names for sugar that appear on ingredient lists.

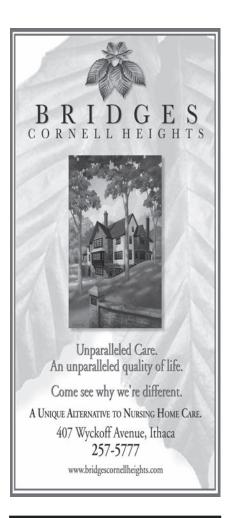


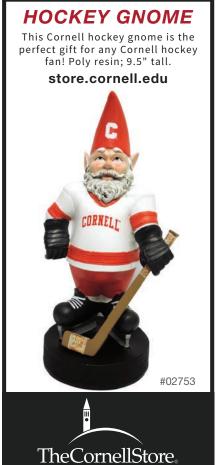
The Caledonian Gambit

Moren, a tech journalist and former editor at *Macworld*, sets his first sci-fi novel—which *Booklist* praised as "a great spy story"—during a galactic cold war between two superpowers. His heroes are an unlikely pair: a superspy and a washed-up pilot turned janitor who team up to prevent their mutual enemy

from using a top-secret mega-weapon to tip the war's balance of power. "From space, Caledonia was a subtle patchwork of different shades of brown, from the almost gray of its ore-laden mountains to the rust brown, dried blood color of its scrublands," Moren writes. "But the dark blue-green of its seas broke the monotony, lending just enough color to turn it into something more than a clod of dirt: an entire world."

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Big Red Highlights



women's Lacrosse Renee Poullott '17 (above) represented Cornell in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Association Division I Senior All-Star Game in June. She played the first half in the net, allowing just three goals and making four saves while facing 11 shots to help the North team to a 16-11 win. A month earlier, Poullott became the winningest goalie in Big Red team history by posting her 41st win in a 12-7 victory over Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA playoffs. Her season goals-against average (8.62) was seventh best in the country, and her save percentage (.506) was eighth.

BASEBALL For the first time ever, three Big Red players heard their names called in Major League Baseball's First Year Player Draft. Pitcher Paul Balestrieri '17 (below) was the first CU player selected, going to the St. Louis Cardinals in the 26th round; Peter Lannoo '17 later went to the San Francisco Giants and Justin Lewis '18 to his hometown Los Angeles Dodgers. All three inked contracts with their team's minor league affiliate, as did Cole Rutherford '17, a free agent signed by the San Diego Padres.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD Rudy Winkler '17 became the fourth Cornell track and field athlete, and the first in nine years, to garner an NCAA national title when he won the hammer throw at the 2017 Division I Championships with a distance of 243 feet, 2 inches. He finished his Cornell career with five All-American honors, three in the hammer throw and two in the weight throw.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD Taysia Radoslav

'18 (right) garnered All-American honors for a second time after earning second-team honors in the 400-meter hurdles at the NCAA Division I Championships. Her time of 58.99 was fast enough for a 15th-place finish. Shannon Hugard '18 was an honorable mention All-American after placing 23rd in the 1,500 meters during her first appearance at the national meet.

ALUMNI NEWS

HALL OF FAME Seven members of the Class of 2007—selected in their first year of eligibility—will be among the 11 new inductees to the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in November. The honorees are Mitch Belisle '07, Dave Devine '75, BS '76, and Matt McMonagle '07 (men's lacrosse); Elizabeth Bishop '07 (volleyball); Chris Field '91, MBA '95 (football); Don Greenberg '55, PhD '68 (special category); Stephen Machooka '64 and Rayon Taylor '07 (men's track and field); Mike Smit '07 (men's swimming and diving); and Morgan Uceny '07 and Sarah Wilfred '07 (women's track and field).

WOMEN'S LACROSSE Four former players participated in the Women's Lacrosse World Cup held in England in July. **Ashleigh Smith Gloster '07** played defense for the host country's team while



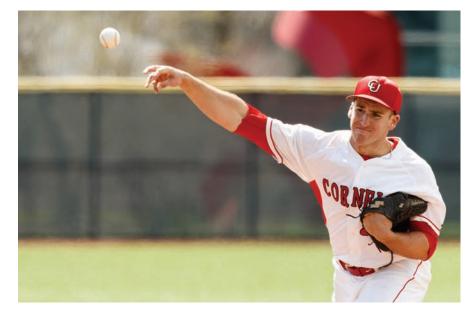
Jessi Steinberg '12 was the top scorer for Israel, which included Halsey Diakow '09 as an assistant coach. Caroline "Cacki" Helmer '12 served as an assistant coach for Ireland.

WOMEN'S ROWING Tracy Eisser '12 earned a silver medal in the women's pair at the 2017 World Rowing Cup III in Lucerne, Switzerland. Eisser and her partner lost to the world record holders from New Zealand by just under five seconds to win the only US medal at the event. They also won two national events, Spring Speed Order I and National Selection Regatta I, earlier in the season after rowing in a quadruple scull at the 2016 Olympics.

MEN'S LACROSSE Mitch Belisle '07 and Jason Noble '13 helped the Georgia Swarm to its first National Lacrosse League championship. Noble was named the NLL's Defensive Player of the Year; Belisle had two goals and one assist while winning his second league crown.

COACHING Four former athletes have returned to East Hill to become assistant coaches with their old teams. They are Connor Buczek '15, MBA '17 (men's lacrosse), Tori Christ '14 (women's soccer), Shelby Lyman '14 (women's basketball), and Chad Nice '05 (football). In addition, Ben DeLuca '98 was named head coach of men's lacrosse at the University of Delaware.

ATHLETIC AUTHORS Two Cornell sports legends have recently written books influenced by their time on East Hill. Former men's lacrosse coach Richie Moran penned the autobiography *It's Great to be Here!*, which features a forward by sports journalist Jeremy Schaap '91. Moran's 29 seasons as Big Red coach take center stage, but he also shares details of his life, including his struggles with depression. Last spring, former Athletic Director and track star Charlie Moore '51 released *Running on Purpose: Winning Olympic Gold, Advancing Corporate Leadership, and Creating Sustainable Value.* Part memoir, part business book, it includes lessons learned from his days as an athlete and business executive.



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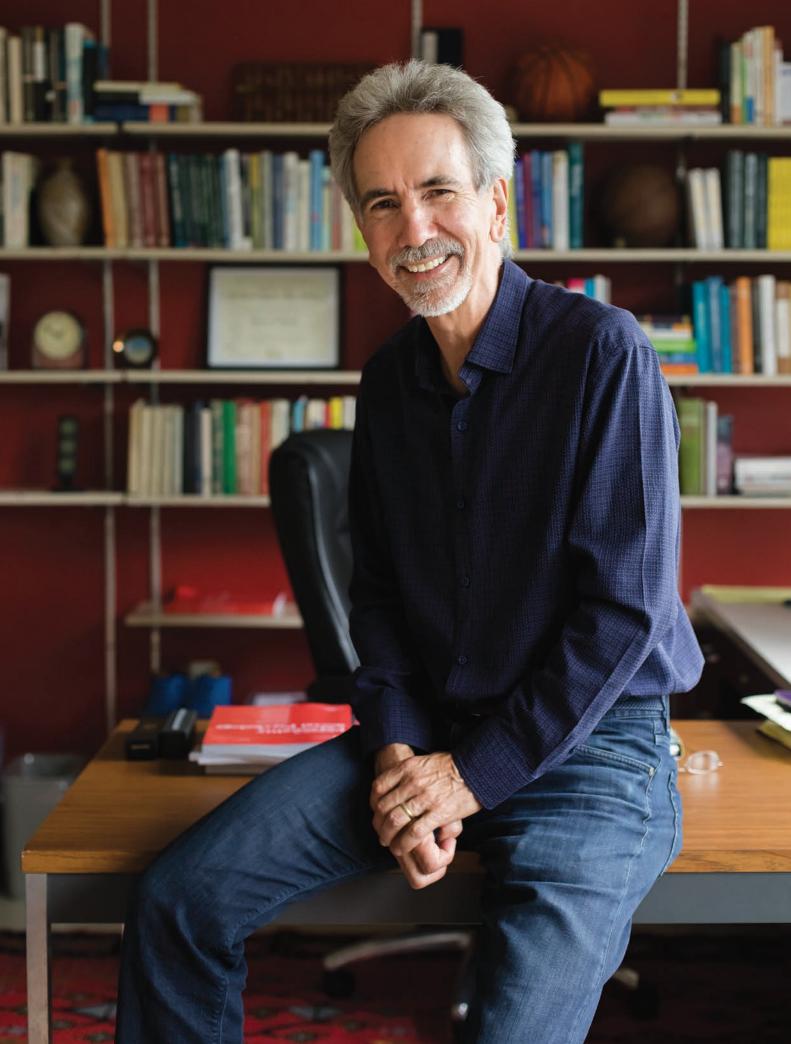
Lauded for mentoring up-and-coming social scientists, Tom Gilovich does revelatory research on the psychology of our everyday world

BY BETH SAULNIER

few years back, when current Cornell grad student Jesse Walker was trying to figure out which PhD program to attend, he visited the schools to which he'd been admitted—a process that included meeting with a prominent professor at a certain Ivy outside Boston. When the distinguished academic asked what other institutions he was considering, Walker replied that Cornell's social psychology program was high on his list. And then, Walker recalls, "He sort of sank back in his chair and said, 'There's no doubt in my mind that we've lost you.' " Walker asked him why. "He said, 'Because Tom Gilovich is the best graduate social psychology adviser in the world.' "

It would prove to be a recurring theme. "I'd go from place to place," Walker says, "and when I'd tell them I was thinking of going to Cornell, they'd say, 'Oh, well—Tom is the best. Tom is the best.' "

Amit Kumar, PhD '15, had a related experience, though it came when he was already studying under Gilovich, the Irene Blecker Rosenfeld Professor of Psychology at Cornell. Like many early career researchers, he went through a rough patch of insecurity and self-doubt. "I felt like I wasn't being creative or original enough," he explains, "like I was becoming too much like Tom instead of becoming my own person." For advice, he turned to a respected psychology professor—also, as it happens, at Harvard. >







NEXT GENERATION: Gilovich with (from left) undergrad researcher Chris Welker '18 and current grad students Carmen Sanchez and Jesse Walker

"What he told me is engrained in my mind," says Kumar, now a postdoc at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. "He said, 'A student of Pavarotti whose main complaint is that he can only sing like Pavarotti is a lucky student indeed.' " As Kumar continues: "That sums up how respected Tom is, and how all his students strive to be as much like him as possible. You often want to distinguish yourself from other people—but anybody who has had the opportunity to work with Tom hopes that one day they can come anywhere close to him."

It's heady praise—but when it comes to Gilovich, hardly rare. Asked to describe how his former adviser has influenced his

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career, Nick Epley, PhD '01, says, "That's like asking a seed to explain what it gets from the soil around it." Epley, who holds a named professorship at the Booth School, was among the Cornell alumni mentioned by name when the Society for Personality and Social Psychology gave Gilovich its 2016 award for excellence in mentoring. As the citation noted, "The list of people for whom Dr. Gilovich served as graduate adviser and mentor reads like a Who's Who of both established and up-and-coming scholars in social psychology." Says another on that list of notables, Leaf Van Boven, PhD '00, now a professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder: "Tom is one of the most deeply concerned, caring,

genuine mentors I've met." From yet another, Victoria Medvec, PhD '95, who holds a named professorship at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management: "He raises his students to be incredible researchers, but he also supports them in being effective teachers, and that's key to their success. I got early tenure after three years, and I'm 100 percent confident I would not have gotten that if I hadn't worked with Tom Gilovich."

Gilovich joined the Cornell faculty after earning his PhD from Stanford in 1981—and during his three and a half decades on the Hill, he has become known not only as a premier trainer of young social scientists, but as one of academia's most renowned research-

ers on the psychology of everyday life. As Epley puts it: "To find ideas, Tom tends to look out the window, not in a journal." Regularly cited in both scholarly papers and the popular press, Gilovich has conducted studies on a dizzying variety of topics, from sports to business to social life. "One very attractive part of this field is that all of human experience is the playground," says Gilovich, who has published general interest books on his research including *How We Know What Isn't So:*

The Fallibility of Human Reason in Everyday Life and The Wisest One in the Room: How You Can Benefit from Social Psychology's Most Powerful Insights. "To me, the fact that it's so diverse is a great thing."

But there's a common theme that runs through Gilovich's work and that of his many academic progeny: an effort to answer questions about the human psyche that are as quotidian as they are fundamental. How do we perceive the world? What makes us happy? Why do we think what we think? How do we make the right—or, too often, the wrong—choices? "What makes Tom stand out is not just that he cares about doing good

research—replicating it and having great theory behind it—but that he cares deeply about it being tied to the real world," says Shai Davidai, PhD '15, now an assistant professor at the New School for Social Research. "He'd always ask, 'Where do we see the impact of this in people's lives?' That inspires me in my own research; is this something that happens in the real world, or am I stuck in an ivory tower?"

Popular Science

As many of his former students note, Gilovich is a consummate storyteller who weaves compelling anecdotes into his papers and lectures to make the work memorable. When conceiving a

research project, he says, "I always ask, Is there some more interesting way of doing this? There's so much information out there; is there something that can make it stand out?"

And that's how a bunch of hapless Cornell students wound up wearing Barry Manilow T-shirts.

It was quintessential Gilovich: in the mid-Nineties, he and some of his grad students were studying a now-classic concept that they dubbed the "spotlight effect": the idea that individuals tend to vastly overestimate how much attention other people pay to them, for good and ill. Although we imagine that our bad hair days and spinach-flecked teeth doom us to public censure, the concept holds that others don't actually pay much notice—and the same goes for our moments of brilliance, which often go unheralded.

Casting about for something that would encapsulate the phenomenon, Gilovich and his team hit upon the idea of an experiment in which undergrad volunteers were asked to don a T-shirt bearing the likeness of the Seventies-era "Copacabana" crooner—the most cringe-worthy garment the researchers could conjure at that particular cultural moment—and then briefly interact with other students. Afterward, they asked the subjects to predict how many of the others had noticed the shirt.



TEAM GILOVICH: The professor (back row, center) with current and former grad students, celebrating his advising award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Below: In a cheeky nod to one of his more famous experiments, the shirts sported images of singer Barry Manilow.

The average answer was about half; the reality was less than a quarter. The work was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (JPSP)* in 2000, with Medvec and Kenneth Savitsky, PhD '97 (now a professor at Williams College), as coauthors. As Gilovich observes with a laugh: "That paper has five or six studies in it, and the one everybody always talks about is the Barry Manilow one."

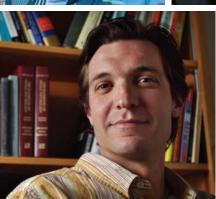
During his own grad studies, Epley followed up on that spotlight effect research, putting participants in a variety of potentially humiliating situations in front of an audience; he had them sing the "Star Spangled Banner" while chewing bubble gum, dance the bossa nova, or be introduced as an occasional bedwetter. "Those in the throes of an embarrassing moment consistently overestimated how harshly others were evaluating them," Epley writes in his book *Mindwise: Why We Misunderstand What Others Think, Believe, Feel, and Want.* "Even once the social spotlight was on them, it did not burn as hot as those in its glare expected it to . . . Others may not give us much thought, but when they do, they generally cut us more slack than we'd imagine, because they're not ruminating on our mistakes as much as we are ourselves." >





ACADEMIC OFFSPRING (clockwise from above): Shai Davidai, PhD '15; current grad student Sebastian Deri '13, MS ILR '16; Nick Epley, PhD '01; Victoria Medvec, PhD '95; Amit Kumar, PhD '15; Jane Risen, PhD '07; and Leaf Van Boven, PhD '00













Missed Opportunities

The spotlight work connects up to another topic Gilovich and his students have studied extensively: regret. A paper on the subject that he and Medvec co-authored in *Psychological Review* in 1995 has nearly 1,000 citations on Google Scholar. Their fundamental finding, based in part on dozens of telephone surveys and inperson interviews, is that people tend to regret inaction more than action—that is to say, they rue the things they didn't do more than the mistakes they actually made, especially as time passes. "A lot of those regrets seem to be failures to do things that people knew were in their self-interest but they were afraid to do," says Gilovich. "'I didn't try out for the team; I didn't ask this person out on a date; I didn't go to that school because it seemed like I couldn't measure up.' They don't do it because of a fear of failure—and in particular what it will look like to other people."

The takeaway—and as in much of Gilovich's work, there's a life lesson to be had—is that since others don't judge us nearly as harshly as we imagine, we can forestall later regret by erring in favor of action (assuming that it's not some life-derailing mistake, like robbing a bank). "When you find yourself not knowing what to do, and the thing that's preventing you is what other people are going to think about you, you really should try to get past that," Gilovich says. "It will be very much in your interest."

A cousin of regret is a concept known as "counterfactual

thinking"—essentially, the psychology of what might have been. It underpins one of Gilovich's most famous projects: a study, with Medvec and Scott Madey, PhD '93 (now a professor at Shippensburg University), of Olympic medalists that continues to fascinate and garner headlines. (As Medvec says with a laugh: "If you're deciding what to do in graduate school, try to pick something related to an event that recurs, like elections or the Olympics, because it keeps the study fresh in everyone's minds.") The project asked twenty Cornell undergrads to view NBC's footage of silver and bronze medalists at the 1992 Games in Barcelona, both immediately after their event and while on the awards stand, then rate their emotions based on their reactions and facial expressions. The result—described in a 1995 paper in IPSP entitled "When Less Is More"—was that even though the second-place finishers had performed objectively better than the third-placers, they were less happy.

Why? Because—as the researchers theorized and then backed up with interviews of athletes during the 1994 Empire State Games—both were indulging in counterfactual thinking. But while the silver medalists thought that if only they'd done a little better they would've taken home the gold, the bronze medalists were comparing themselves to the fourth-place finishers—and feeling grateful that they'd won a medal at all. That research has informed Medvec's career, both as an academic and as an expert consultant on the art of negotiation. "Under Tom, I became a

master at understanding what drove satisfaction and regret—I learned to predict what kind of dynamics would cause someone to leave satisfied or dissatisfied," she says. "What I've become known for is understanding how you approach negotiation in ways that leave the other side satisfied while you get what you want—and that is tied to what I teach, which is how to simultaneously build your relationship with the other side while maximizing your own outcome."

Gilovich's work often crosses over into the fields of hedonic studies—a.k.a. the psychology of happiness—and behavioral economics, which uses psychology to study economic decision-making. For more than a decade, he and his students have been drilling down on what seems to be an essential truth: experiences make us happier than possessions do. In 2003, he and Van Boven published an article in *JPSP* called "To Do or to Have? That Is the Question," in which they reported results of several studies on the topic and pondered the reasons for the happiness gap—which, they said, boils down to three factors. First, Van

Boven explains, "Experiences change our perception of who we are, so they define us as being a particular type of person." Second: "Experiences tend to foster social relationships, both because we have them with other people and because they make us more socially desirable." And third: "Experiences get better with time as we look back on them fondly; we remember the fun aspects of the camping trip and forget the hassles."

Material things, by contrast, don't offer that ongoing, renewable boost—even though that may seem counterintuitive. After all, a Broadway ticket and a pair of shoes may each cost about \$100, but the show is over in an evening and the footwear could last for years. "The seeming economic rationality of getting a material thing can feel very compelling," Van Boven admits. "What people don't always realize is that psychologically, they're not really holding on to the possession in the same way, it sort of disappears. These things become the background, and we don't engage or attend to them in any meaningful way. But experiences—because they exist only in our minds, in the stories we tell, and in our interactions with other people—we bring out on a less predictable basis, so they continue to live on in a way that material things don't."

Blessings & Curses

Last spring, Gilovich and Davidai appeared together on "Freak-onomics," a popular podcast that covers topics related to behavioral economics, to talk about another factor that plays an essential role in happiness: gratitude. Specifically, they addressed a concept they'd covered in a 2016 paper in *JPSP* known as the "headwinds/tailwinds asymmetry." Translation: we are much more aware of our challenges than we are of our blessings. "It's easy to be resentful and see all the headwinds you have, the barriers you have to overcome," Gilovich explains, "and to ignore all the things that are boosting you along." In one study, the researchers had sets of volunteers answer trivia questions that had widely varying levels of difficulty; afterward, they had them recall what each contestant had been asked. "Your hard categories really stand out to you,

and the other person's easy categories stand out to you," Gilovich says. "'Why did you get American baseball, whereas I got Australian rules football?' "Other studies in the same article found that both Democrats and Republicans think the electoral college system better advantages the opposing party; that football fans note the challenging games on their team's schedules more than the easier ones; and that people think their parents were harder on them than on their siblings.

The headwinds/tailwinds asymmetry plays out in myriad ways in everyday life, as negative events and outcomes stick in your mind more vividly than positive ones. "I live in New York City, and the example I like to give is that when I get to the subway station thirty seconds before the train arrives, I feel great for about two minutes and then forget about it," says Davidai. "But when I get to the train thirty seconds after it leaves and I just miss it, I feel horrible—and that horrible feeling sticks with me for more than two minutes. And if you ask me at the end of the month, 'How many times did you barely make the train and

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how many times did you barely miss it?' it feels like I missed it more than I made it."

Davidai says the research has made him aware of how such tailwinds play out in his own life, smoothing his path in everything from job interviews to TSA screenings. And indeed, many of Gilovich's students report that their work with him has informed their decision-making on such topics as how to spend their money, what jobs to take, and how to carve out work-life balance.

Epley, for instance, ultimately ditched his smartphone, motivated in part by research he did at Cornell (and published in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology in 2005 with Justin Kruger, PhD '99, now a professor at NYU's Stern School of Business) about the significant limitations that text-based communication has in faithfully conveying meaning. Undergrad psychology major Chris Welker '18, who's currently doing a senior thesis under Gilovich, cites his professor's work on regret when he forces himself to make time for an outdoor hike or some other fun activity on a weekend crammed with schoolwork. "I might think I'd regret it, because I'll be stressed afterward," he says, "but I'll probably regret it more if I don't take the opportunity." And Van Boven says that the research he did under Gilovich has often guided his career path—prompting him, for example, to turn down job opportunities that might have offered more money or prestige but would curtail the kind of life experiences that make for lasting happiness. As Davidai observes: "Every five or six years, Tom works on something new-and it changes the way a lot of the people see the world and think about their lives." >

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A sampling of research by Gilovich and his students



Husbands & Wives

It was a social scientific take on "The Newlywed Game." To study how well long-term couples actually know each other—in contrast to how well they think they do-Nick Epley, PhD '01, and colleagues conducted an experiment in which each half of a romantic pair was given a list of twenty statements, such as, "I would rather spend a quiet evening at home than go out to a party" and "Our family is too heavily in debt today." They were asked to answer on a scale from one to seven, from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree"—and also to predict how their partner would respond. The couples had been together an average of 10.3 years and 55 percent of them were married, yet they were only able to precisely predict their sweetheart's answer on an average of 4.9 of the statements—and random guessing would have yielded a 2.85. What's more, Epley says, the participants were "wildly overconfident" about how many they'd gotten right—predicting an average of 12.6. "People thought they understood their spouse quite well," says Epley, who described the experiment in his book Mindwise, "and in these cases, they were just wrong."

The 'Sudden-Death' Paradox

Among the many sports-related topics Tom Gilovich and his students have studied—which include his widely reported work debunking the concept of the basketball shooting streak known as the "hot hand"—is a concept he dubbed "sudden-death aversion." The phenomenon, which Gilovich and several others explore in a paper currently under journal review, is a disinclination by coaches and players to take actions that could lead to an instant loss—even if they have a higher likelihood of yielding an instant win. For example, if a basketball team is down by two points in a game's final moments, there's a choice. "They can go for the easier two-point shot, which [assuming they make it] will extend the game into overtime," says grad student Jesse Walker. "Or they can go for the more difficult three-point shot, which yields a greater chance of losing right away—but ultimately, we found that it has a greater chance of winning the game." And yet, he says, NBA teams avoid the three-point shot more than 75 percent of the time, meaning they are "really averse to doing what is actually optimal." Why? "The conventional wisdom is that you should take the two-point shot," Walker explains. "Coaches may be avoiding the threepoint because they're afraid of being blamed by the fans, press, and owners if they fail with it." And as the researchers note, suddendeath aversion is hardly limited to sports; there are myriad instances in which, Gilovich says, "you're so worried about taking

your lumps immediately that you try to put off the bad stuff to the distant future, and it just makes matters worse." Case in point: the Watergate scandal, a prime example of the cover-up being worse than the crime.

Don't Jinx It!

Think back to when you were waiting to hear if you got into Cornell. Your mom buys you a Big Red T-shirt. Would you put it on? Or would you fear that wearing it would amount to "tempting fate"—that it would jinx your chances? Jane Risen, PhD '07, devoted her dissertation to that sort of magical thinking—the idea that, as she puts it, "certain actions would lead to negative outcomes, even if there's no causal connection." Now a professor at the University of Chicago, Risen has worked with Gilovich on such topics, including

why people are reluctant to swap lottery tickets (for fear that the one they gave away will be more likely to win) and why mentioning a winning streak seems to herald its end. The common theme, as they described it in a 2009

paper in Advances in Consumer Research (with Justin Kruger, PhD '99, and Kenneth Savitsky, PhD '97), is "how people apply superstitious decision-making strategies in their everyday life, even while acknowledging that these strategies are not rational." Among Risen's current research topics is the psychology behind superstitious rituals for undoing bad luck, like spitting, throwing salt, or knocking on wood. "These are the things you do after you've tempted fate," she says—and, she observes, they have a common denominator of symbolically pushing the negative notion away.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

If you think that everyone else has a better social life than you do, don't fret; Sebastian Deri'13, MS ILR'16, says it's likely not so. The current Gilovich grad student focuses his research on why people have false beliefs about the everyday world. Among the topics he's been working on is the phenomenon that most people think that

others around them have more fun than they do. In one study, subjects were posed questions about who goes to more parties—themselves, or other people they know?—

while being asked to ponder their more and less outgoing friends. The takeaway, Deri says, is that when rating your own fun levels, "the person you compare yourself to is someone who is really social, so you think that everyone else is going out more." Deri's other work on social life includes a topic covered in his master's thesis: why it's more painful to get dumped by a romantic partner in favor of someone else than for no one in particular.

Psychology of Small Talk

Gilovich's current interests include the psychology of casual conversation; surprisingly, he says, that sort of cocktail party chitchat is something that many people include on their list of biggest fears (along with things

like snakes, spiders, and speaking in public). "People are more frazzled about informal conversation than they should be," Gilovich says. "They worry, Am I boring the people I'm talking to? Do they really want to be talking to me? How long do I keep going? How do I end this gracefully?" With a research team including psych major Chris Welker '18—who's doing a senior thesis on the subject—they'll be bringing people into the lab to study how feelings about making small talk change under various conditions, like whether there are other people in the room. One strategy that might make such situations less stressful, Gilovich says, is the introduction of "ice makers"—which (in contrast to "ice breakers") can bring the conversation to a natural end.

Make a Connection

Your mother told you not to talk to strangers—but ignoring her advice might make your day. "Psychologists find very reliably that our happi-

ness is driven by how connected we feel to other people," says Epley. "And yet we spend a lot of time around perfectly delightful other people, but we don't connect with them." To suss out why, he conducted a series of experiments in which Chicago commuters were instructed either to strike up conversations with strangers on public transportation, keep to themselves, or go about their normal business, then fill out surveys about their experiences. "People were happier and had a more pleasant commute when they engaged in conversation," says Epley, who published the study in the Journal of Experimental Psychology (JEP): General in 2014. "So why don't people do this?" Epley then had volunteers imagine they'd been assigned to each of the three conditions and predict how they'd feel. "What we found was that people expected to have the most pleasant experience in the solitude condition and the least in the connection condition," he says. "So their expectations were not just wrong they were precisely wrong."

The Gift of Life

Every year, thousands die on waiting lists for donated organs. But according to Shai Davidai, PhD '15, the key to increasing donation may simply lie in how the question is presented. "Presumably the main drivers should be your beliefs, religion, and so forth," says Davidai. "But what really matters is whether you're asked if you want to be a donor—an opt-in—or if you don't, an opt-out." The dichotomy is striking: a donation rate of more than 90 percent in societies where citizens opt out, compared with only around 15 percent where they opt in. In a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2012 (with Gilovich and Lee Ross, under whom Gilovich studied at Stanford), Davidai examined differences in attitudes toward donation between

countries like Germany (opt-in) and Austria (opt-out). The bottom line, he says, is that each option sends an implied—if unintended—message. "When you ask

people about opting in, they see donation as a heroic act, something an immensely benevolent person does," he says. "But when you ask them about opting out, the same action becomes more mundane—like paying your taxes, which we expect everyone to do."

Better to Give than to Receive?

As the gift-giving adage goes, it's the thought that counts; Epley says that's baloney. In experiments conducted at a Chicago science museum and published in *JEP: General* in 2012, he sought to figure out if people like presents more if they believe that more thought went into them. They asked museum visitors to describe gifts they'd given or received, including how much thought went into their selection and how much they'd been appreciated. "If I spend a lot of time finding the perfect gift, I think you're going to

appreciate me more and find the gift more meaningful than if I just bought you something randomly," Epley reports. "And that turns out to be a mistake."

What does matter? Whether

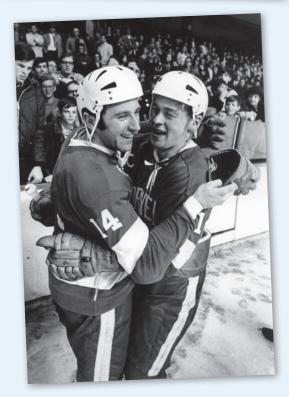
the recipient likes it. Says Epley: "We found that thoughtfulness matters only when you give a crappy gift—and then they have to think, Why did this person get me this? Oh, they were trying to do a good thing."

Ice Time New book revisits TEAM WORK: Players and coaches celebrate winning the 2010 Whitelaw Cup







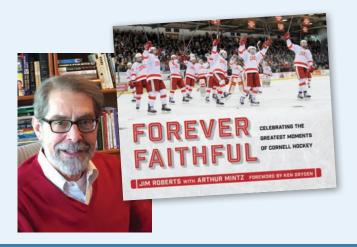


EMERGING VICTORIOUS: (From top) Laura Fortino '13 displays the 2013 ECAC championship trophy; Coach Dick Bertrand '70 and his team salute supporters at Boston Garden after winning the 1980 ECAC title; Dan Lodboa '70 (left) and John Hughes '70, MBA '71, JD '74, celebrate the end of their undefeated 1969–70 season. Right: Author Jim Roberts '71.

During the book's two-year creative process, Roberts got research assistance from another Lynah legend: Arthur Mintz '71, game announcer for the past thirty years. Mintz collected more than 300 photos and dug up reports from the *Daily Sun* and *Ithaca Journal* from the Olin Library archives; he'd scan them and send PDFs to Roberts, who's now retired and living in New Hampshire. Roberts himself conducted nearly sixty phone interviews with former players, coaches, managers, and others. "They were all, to a man and a woman, universally helpful," he says. "Some of the players had incredibly vivid memories of games from thirty or forty years ago."

While Forever Faithful mostly chronicles the thrill of victory—twenty of the games are wins—it also details the agony of defeat. Its three losses include a heart-wrenching overtime fall (1-0) to the University of Wisconsin in 2006 in which Big Red goalie David McKee '07 made fifty-nine saves. There's also one tie: the 1981 women's lvy title game that went into four overtimes before officials declared Cornell and Brown co-champions. Roberts interviewed player Margaret "Digit" Degidio Murphy '83—and reports that even decades later, she remains upset they weren't allowed to finish. "The funny thing is, she ended up becoming the head coach of Brown's women's team for twenty-two years," Roberts observes, "and she was still angry that they didn't beat Brown that day."

The book features an introduction by Dryden, the Hall of Famer who won six Stanley Cups playing for the Montréal Canadiens and went on to serve in the Canadian Parliament. In it, Dryden reflects on his time on the Hill, including his first game as a freshman, his relationships with teammates, and his wins and losses. "Maybe most of all, I remember the fans," Dryden writes. "The ones who camped out overnight in raw Ithaca weather to get their season tickets. The ones who went on the road with us, to Christmas tournaments in Boston or New York, and the two or three thousand who sounded like ten thousand at the ECACs in Boston Garden. They taught us a life lesson—always do what you do where it matters."



That Championship Season

A chapter from *Forever Faithful* recalls the genesis of the women's team—and the day it captured their sport's first-ever lvy title

BY JIM ROBERTS '71



A TEAM OF ONE'S OWN: The 1975–76 Big Red women's hockey squad. Right: Reggie Baker Robbins '75 (at left), one of the founding members of the women's team, seated next to goalie Amy Andersen-Kelsey '77.

ornell women's ice hockey began with one determined student. In 1971, freshman Regina Baker [now Robbins] '75 knew that she wanted Cornell to have a team and took action to get one started. At the time, there were few women's teams at colleges in the United States, and among the Ivy League schools only Brown had established a program. Baker wanted Cornell to have the second Ivy women's team, and she recruited one of her teachers at Lansing High School, Gail Murphy, to help her even before she arrived on campus.

Cornell's athletics administration was reluctant at first—hockey was too dangerous for women, some believed—but they eventually approved the idea. There were no resources to speak of; equipment was borrowed or adapted from what men were using, and ice time at Lynah Rink cost \$40 an hour. But Baker and Murphy stuck with it, and the Cornell club team played its first games in the 1971–72 school year. Their only intercollegiate contest was a 14-0 loss to McMaster University of Canada, but the program was moving forward.

In the next school year, the team was granted varsity status and Bill Duthie '71, MBA '73, became the head coach. Duthie had played on the undefeated 1970 men's championship team, and he brought the right combination of knowledge and patience to the program. "Reggie Baker and

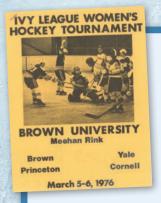
Gail Murphy had a couple of guys who helped the first year," he says. "The next year, those two guys had graduated and left. John Hughes '70,

MBA '71, JD '74 [Duthie's former teammate, then a law student], and I were down at the Fall Creek House one night, and the girls approached us about coaching them."

While some male players and coaches were skeptical about women playing the game—Ned Harkness was reportedly not in favor of it—Hughes is quick to praise the players that he coached. "Those women were pioneers," he says. "They played for all the right reasons. They dared to do something that wasn't thought of as what women normally did in those days. They were doing it because they wanted to learn new skills—and they were competitive."

Duthie's first varsity team played eight games against an assortment of U.S. and Canadian schools, winning four and losing four. They dropped two to the Brown team, which had been established in 1964, by 4-0 and 4-2 scores. The schedule expanded to ten games in 1973–74, and the Cornell women defeated Brown three times. The slate grew again the following season; the team posted a 12-2 record that included a victory over Princeton. >





WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS:

"Sunshine" Lorenz '78, BA '79, who scored all three Big Red goals in the title game (the tournament flyer is seen at left). Bottom: Close action at the Brown goal.



This was before Title IX, which gave equal status to women's athletics, and it was tough going. The players rode to their away games in vans, slept four to a room, and ate sandwiches. And some of their opponents were much more experienced. "I can remember going to a tournament with two teams from Canada," says Duthie. "Our kids weren't used to that level of hockey—and those Canadian kids knew how to intimidate you. One time Johnny Hughes was on the bench, and this one tough girl hit a kid on our team. Our kid whacked her in the back of the leg with her stick, and this other girl turned around and started chasing her. Our kid came right off the ice and hid in Johnny's coat."

The 1975–76 season was a landmark for Cornell and for women's hockey. An ever-growing number of potential opponents meant that Cornell could play a seventeen-game schedule—and for the first time there would be an Ivy League championship at stake. With the addition of a women's team at Yale, four Ivy schools were now competing. The first women's tournament was established, with Brown, Princeton, Yale, and Cornell meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, in March 1976.

There was little fanfare about the tournament, and attendance was sparse—mostly family members and friends. The *Cornell Daily Sun* had published a short preview, stating: "The icers are confident, having beaten Brown and Princeton in the regular season. However, they have never played Yale, which will probably prove to be their toughest opponent." Not exactly. In the tournament's opening game, the Big Red women demolished Yale 10–1. Star winger Cyndy Schlaepfer '78



[now Schlaepfer-Youker]—who would be inducted into the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame in 1985—scored seven goals. Her teammate Diana "Sunshine" Lorenz '78, BA '79 [now Weggler], assisted on six of those goals and tallied two of her own. Schlaepfer is modest about her goal-scoring outburst. "Part of the reason we were scoring so many goals back then, in my opinion, is that the skaters were so much further ahead of the goalies," she says. "The attitude was, 'Who wants to play goal?' By the time I graduated, that had shifted. There were some really good goalies by then."

In the championship game, Cornell faced Brown, 4-0 victors over Princeton. The Pembroke Pandas—as the Brown team was

known—scored first. The Cornell women struck back, on a goal by Lorenz with an assist by Schlaepfer. It appeared that the first period would end in a tie, but Lorenz scored again (with another assist from Schlaepfer) in the last second. Brown's coach and players argued that the period had ended before the puck crossed the line, but their protest was not upheld (and, needless to say, there was no video review in those days). "I can't say for sure," says Lorenz. "I do remember that it was very close to the buzzer. I was holding my breath—but the light went on. It counted." The Cornell women went into the locker room up 2-1.

The second period was scoreless. Cornell held its lead until the middle of the third period, when Brown forward Cathie Brady knotted the score at 2-2. Six minutes later, Lorenz struck again, off another feed from Schlaepfer. "Cyndy was great at digging the puck out of the corners," says Lorenz. "Strong—probably the strongest player on our team. She was very good at getting the puck to me in the slot."

Brown pressed the attack during the final minutes. "The Pandas went down fighting," reported the *Brown Daily Herald* the next day. "With just 20 seconds remaining to play, Rita Harder's slap shot brought the crowd to its feet as the puck knifed [through] the Cornell defense and appeared to cross the goal line, though it was officially ruled to hit the pole."

No goal. Final score 3-2. The Cornell team skated away with the first Ivy League women's ice hockey championship, having outshot Brown 37 to 17 and showing the kind of puck control that Bill Duthie had learned from Ned Harkness. "What do I remember?" says Lorenz. "When my team headed to the locker room, I stayed behind. I wanted to savor the moment. I took a couple of victory laps around the empty arena, just to let the feeling sink in." It would be the first of six consecutive Ivy League titles won by Duthie's teams, which dominated the early years of Ivy women's competition and set a standard for the Cornell teams that followed.

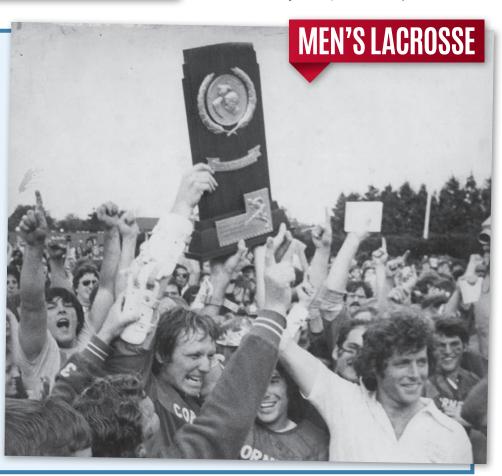
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Thrill of Victory

Inspired by Forever Faithful, CAM asked veteran sportswriter Brad Herzog '90 to compile his picks for other dramatic moments in Big Red sports history

National Championship: May 29, 1976

ABC-TV announcer Frank Gifford called it the most exciting athletic event he'd ever narrated: two undefeated teams facing off for an NCAA title. Second-ranked Cornell trailed top-ranked Maryland 7-2 at halftime. But the Big Red turned it around and was leading 12-10 with only three minutes left on the clock. Then Maryland scored—and scored again, tying the game just seconds before regulation time expired. In overtime, Cornell prevailed 16-13. All-American Eamon McEneaney '77, BS '78, described the moment as "a day of persistence and love." He also called it "The Mike French Show." French '76, MPS '78, finished the day with a record-tying seven goals and four assists.



SOFTBALL

Ivy League Championship: May 8, 2004

Ivy co-champs Cornell and Brown met in a best-of-three playoff series in Providence. Led by All-American Lauren May '05 (left)—who led the league in batting average, home runs, and RBIs—the Big Red was riding a fifteen-game winning streak. And it continued. Sarah Sterman '05, BS '04, ME '05, pitched a 2-0 shutout in the first game. A 4-2 triumph in game two sent the team to the NCAA tournament, where Cornell produced a first-round upset of eighteenth-ranked Long Beach State, the 300th victory of coach Dick Blood's career.



Ivy League Championship: November 19, 1988

It was a not-so-friendly encounter between rivals. The Big Red entered its season-ending game with just one lvy loss—but Penn was undefeated and had won six of the last seven league titles. Quarterback Aaron Sumida '89: "Their guys were grabbing us in the pile, spitting in our faces." Linebacker Len Tokish '89, BS '90 (above left, seen with Mike Texido '88): "Some of Penn's hits were cheap. They taunted us like crazy." In a game featuring nine personal fouls, Cornell scored the last sixteen points to win 19-6 and take its first league crown in seventeen years. Running back Scott Malaga '89 described it as "the Super Bowl and World Series all wrapped in one."





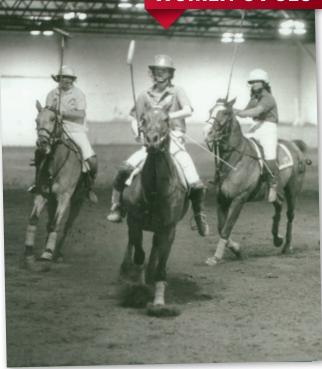
Ivy League Championship: November 10, 2012

It was a striking reversal of fortune: Cornell soccer followed a dismal season (a 1-15 record in 2011) with a magical one (15-1 in 2012). A 1-0 victory at Columbia gave the Big Red its first unshared lvy title in thirty-five years. That sole goal came after Jake Rinow '14 headed the ball into the box, and lvy Player of the Year Daniel Haber '13 kicked it in for his eighteenth score of the season. The Big Red's stifling defense limited Columbia to only two shots on goal the entire game.

National Championship: February 28, 1987

In 1987, Cornell beat UC Davis in overtime in the semi-finals and faced Virginia in the finals. The ebb and flow resembled the men's lacrosse title game of eleven years earlier. Trailing 7-3 after three periods (or "chukkers"), Cornell came back to take the lead, then allowed a game-tying goal with thirty seconds left to send it into overtime. After two scoreless overtime chukkers, All-American Caroline Hahn '87 (at center, below) scored on a penalty shot in the final minute of the third overtime period for a 10-9 victory.







Royal Henley Regatta: July 6, 1957

After winning the International Rowing Association Regatta, the Big Red crew—oarsmen Clayton Chapman '57, BME '58; Dave Davis '57, BCV '58; George Ford '57; Phil Gravink '57; Bill Schumacher '57, BCH '58; PhD '64; Todd Simpson '57, BCH '58; Bob Staley '57, BME '58; and John Van Horn '57, BEE '58; and coxswain Carl Schwarz '57, BCV '58—was invited to England's prestigious Henley Royal Regatta. (The last invitation had come in 1895.) In the opening heat of this truly international, head-to-head competition, Cornell beat the Club Krasnoe Znamia entry from Russia by rowing eight seconds faster than any crew ever had in a Grand Challenge Cup race on the Thames. In the finals, against a Yale crew featuring several Olympic gold medalists, Cornell used a final burst to win by half a length.

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EIBL Championship: March 9, 1954

A season-ending victory over Princeton would have given the Big Red the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League title. But Cornell lost, necessitating a one-game playoff the very next night at the Palestra in Philadelphia to decide who would go to the NCAA tournament. With the game tied 44-44—in an era before the advent of the shot clock—Lee Morton '54, BS '55, simply froze with the ball, holding it for two minutes before calling a timeout with fourteen seconds left. Moments later, a twenty-foot hookshot by Henry Buncom '55 fell in as the buzzer sounded.



National Championship: June 3, 1989

A Big Red victory seemed unlikely at the 1989 National Collegiate Women's Rowing Championships. After all, Cornell's crew (coached by John Dunn '73) had finished third in the Eastern Sprint Grand Finals. And their strongest foes, the University of Washington and the University of Wisconsin, had shared each of the past eight national titles. However, "in the first thirty seconds of the race, we were a boat-length ahead," Sunny Edmunds '89 later recalled. Cornell held on for what's arguably the biggest team victory in the history of Cornell women's sports.



Ivy League Championship: May 6, 2012

Just one year after losing a school-record thirty games, the Big Red set another record—by winning thirty-one. The magical season was capped by a dramatic home run by Chris Cruz '14 against Dartmouth at Hoy Field—in the bottom of the eleventh inning in the third game of a best-of-three playoff lvy championship series. Cruz's blast, his team-record twelfth of the season, gave Cornell its first ever lvy title, sending the squad to the NCAA regionals for only the second time in 143 years.

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VIJAY PENDAKUR SEEKS TO TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Vijay Pendakur became Cornell's Robert W. and Elizabeth C. Staley Dean of Students in January. He came to Cornell from California State University, Fullerton, where he served as associate vice president for the Division of Student Affairs. Pendakur is a practitioner and scholar of diversity and inclusion. The Office of the Dean of Students, a unit of Student and Campus Life, serves as an umbrella of resource centers, affinity groups and crisis management operations; its mission is to enrich student life by supporting personal, social and intellectual growth and providing students opportunities through service, teamwork, stewardship, leadership and wellness. The full conversation is available at

news.cornell.edu/PendakurQA.

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How do you define your role as Cornell's dean of students?

The dean of students, as well as the staff on my team, focuses on key issues in the student experience: safety, wellness, diversity and belonging. As the dean, I am charged with serving as one of the campus leaders on crisis management while also contributing thought leadership for the Division of Student and Campus Life in shaping the student experience for all Cornell students, allowing them to develop a genuine sense of belonging.

I work closely with the vice president for student and campus life, Ryan Lombardi, in finding more ways to create common experiences for students to be a part of.

How does belonging to a diverse community connect all Cornellians?

Fifty years ago, it was a lot easier for higher education to create what we call a sense of belonging in its student body, because the student body was significantly more homogenous. Back then, on average, if you were at an elite institution in this country, your student body was heavily male, white and socioeconomically privileged. Cornell has been somewhat exceptional in this regard, with our founding mission challenging us to strive for greater racial, gender and socio-economic diversity than many of our peers, since our earliest days.

That homogeneity is part of American higher education history; that is the history from which we emerge. But since the 1960s, there has been a huge effort to diversify the collegiate student body, and, especially in the last 15 years at the Ivies, you've seen a dramatic sea change in our compositional diversity.

These are tectonic shifts. I don't think anyone could have imagined the level of diversity we have here at Cornell now in the undergraduate student body. From international students, to domestic students of color, to first-generation college students, to women in STEM majors, to Pell-eligible students, Cornell students exem-

plify what it means to be a leading institution in a cosmopolitan society.

Once you change your "who" you have to change your "how." It's just a basic reality with education: how you construct a learning environment has to correspond with the learners and their life experiences. And we have changed our "who" – but we haven't fundamentally changed our "how."

The task ahead of us is to harness the opportunity we have with this compositional diversity. Research from the private sector shows that if you harness the diversity on a working team, in a lab, on a corporate sales team or on an innovation group in an engineering firm, you end up with a better outcome, a better work product, a better set of ideas, better R&D. It's the same thing for a college campus.

If we don't change our "how," then the value of our compositional diversity is not fully realized. If we're willing to change our "how," then that diversity can become our greatest strength.

Have you been able to serve all students, including those who do not identify as members of minority or marginalized groups?

This fall I'm going to be heavily visible and participating in a variety of activities that do not have an explicit diversity and inclusion focus. I'm trying to make this role the dean for all students by not only engaging in diversity and inclusion efforts, but also in thinking about how to be part of the broader student experience.

But it's also really important not to frame diversity and inclusion as only pertinent to those who carry marginalized identities.

The reason that you'll hear me talking about the concept of belonging a lot is because it transcends identity. It really gets down to the human experience of what can drive a vibrant, happy and, ultimately, transformative college experience.

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'When people feel like they belong in a community, all kinds of good things happen.' When people feel like they belong in a community, all kinds of good things happen. Their resilience goes up, which allows them to overcome obstacles; their ability to advocate for themselves goes up because they feel like they have a voice; their ability to take healthy risks and make new friends, and take risks across difference goes up, so they have more intergroup contact. For people to feel like they belong, however, their identities have to be respected and they have to feel safe being themselves.

When I think about creating inclusive environments, I don't only think about this from a standpoint of race or sexuality or socioeconomic class. I also think about this from a standpoint of mental and emotional health as well. It's no surprise that Cornell Minds Matter, an organization working on positive psychology, public health and creating a culture of wellness and resiliency at Cornell, is housed in the dean of students' office.

I'm also particularly proud of our Care and Crisis Management operations in the dean's office, which provide direct assistance to students who encounter a crisis during their time at Cornell. The Crisis Management program is marking its 25th anniversary this year, which is a real milestone for how we demonstrate a deep commitment to student success at this university.

In your first six months here, what have you learned about Cornell?

A lot of my time is spent with students directly. Cornell students are some of the brightest and most ambitious students I've ever had the pleasure of working with. They have enormous capacity for thinking about ideas in really complex and sophisticated ways, engaging in dialogue across difference and committing to action.

I've also learned that our faculty often choose Cornell because research is a core value here, and so is student engagement and really high-quality teaching. That's exciting because when I look at creating a transformative student experience, it can't be only inside the classroom or only outside the classroom. It has to be high quality in all the places students experience Cornell, and I feel like I have amazing faculty partners on this project.

There is a real sense of concern, in terms of the campus climate right now, among students about what's happening in our world. Cornell students are very attuned to national and global politics, and feel a strong sense of urgency around issues of civic engagement. They're not using this as four years to focus on the books and ignore the world – there's an electrifying culture of real-world engagement here.

That means our students are living in our national climate – and the national climate right now is pretty tense.

It is difficult for our young people to look around and see polarization, toxicity and a culture of public shaming, even from the top leaders of our country. ... Dialogue with civility and robust, fact-based discourse is not being modeled very effectively on the public stage right now. And the dualism of our world – where you're either right or wrong, you're either with us or against us – is very hard on emerging adults who, when confronted with those kinds of binary choices, might actually

re-create those same behaviors on our campus. In my experience working with students as they ask big questions of themselves and the world, this is a very important and challenging moment.

How can alumni, parents and friends support student life?

One of the things about Cornell that I've been really impressed with is how involved our alumni community is with our students. I've never been at a campus where the alumni are this committed. I don't mean just giving back of treasure – and our alumni are extraordinarily generous with their financial means – I also mean giving of time and talent. The number of alumni who come back to Ithaca to work with our students to give guest lectures, to do mentoring, to do career coaching is really significant and makes a massive difference in how our students are able to synthesize their theoretical knowledge into practical real-world applications. And that is probably the most potent investment they can make.



Opposite page:

Dean of Students Vijay Pendakur chats with colleagues at a 2017 "Breaking Bread" campuswide conversation about freedom of speech on campus.

Above: Pendakur congratulates Hadiyah Janique Edwards '17 at a May ceremony honoring members of the Class of 2017 who were the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree at a four-year U.S. institution.

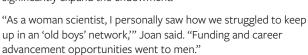
About the deanship: Cornell having transformed their lives, Robert W. '57, MBA '59, and Elizabeth C. Staley '60 wanted to make sure they invested in supporting, through infrastructure and staffing, the ability for students to lead a vibrant life outside the classroom. They named the dean of students position and the Elizabeth C. Staley Center on the second floor of Willard Straight Hall, space that students use for all different kinds of support meetings, planning and the EARS peer-to-peer counseling program.

Research grants for women - now and in the future



After meeting in an organic chemistry lab, Cornell classmates Joan Poyner Schwartz '65 and Ronald H. Schwartz '65 both worked as biomedical researchers at the National Institutes of Health for years and both have supported women in the sciences for decades. Now, the couple has created the Schwartz Research Grants for Women in the Life Sciences to provide competitive research grants to Cornell's female life scientists at the assistant and associate professor levels.

Initial grant awards have already begun – funded with a charitable remainder trust – and a future estate gift will significantly expand the endowment.



Added Ron, "I saw this happening – to my wife and to other women. We have spent the last 20 years working on supporting women in the sciences."

"We approached several institutions about the research grants, and Cornell's staff had the enthusiasm and curiosity to make our passion a reality," they said. "Cornell made us feel loved."

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Above: Ronald H. '65 and Joyce Poyner Schwartz '65 **Left:** Three faculty members each received an award of \$15,000 from the Schwartz Research Fund for Women in Life Sciences in 2017: Carolyn Sevier (top), assistant professor of molecular medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM); Olena Vatamaniuk (middle), associate professor of crop and soil sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and Margaret Bynoe (bottom), associate professor of immunology, also in CVM.

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- Ronald H. '65 and Joyce Poyner Schwartz '65



CLASSNOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

CRC The Continuous Reunion Club (CRC, est. 1906 without moi) continued its 111th annual revels in what was described as "lovely weather" immediately following days of cold Ithaca rain last June. One Ithacan submitted on the day before Reunion that he was "still cold from the previous day." Record numbers showed up to participate in the many, many events Alma Mater arranged for the weekend. Many remembered those who came before, like senior (and honorary) member baseball and football coach Ted Thoren, Hosea "Ho" Cushman Ballou 1920, and Bill Vanneman '31, who attended after age 100. Bill V. Jr. '65 was with us. Gerry Grady '53, firmly (and presumably comfortably) settled in Florida these days, wasn't.

Your correspondent doesn't know Gerry's recipe for milk punch, but in some fraternities: a quantity of milk into a big farm milk can along with leftovers from the fraternity bar at the ending Saturday night of Houseparty. Like unused rye, Scotch, gin, rum, or whatever hard likker was unconsumed. Add ice cream, nutmeg to taste, and a sock (preferably clean). This was available in the coal bin at 0600 of Houseparty Sunday.

Besides the late-night words of wisdom exchanged in the **Jerome** "Brud" **Holland '39**, MS '41, Int'l Living Center Low Rise 8 (HILC8) (CRC headquarters), CRC members could choose between hundreds of activities CU offers reuners, such as Savage Club and Glee Club shows, dueling pianos, **Bill Nye '77** the Science Guy at Bailey Hall, the Olin Lecture, Cornelliana Night, tent parties on the Arts Quad, of course, and words from President Martha Pollack. She spoke out for freedom of speech, peered into the future of her administration, and reported on a welcome she received from an Ithacan. She told them she had four cats. The reply: "Only four?"

CRC hosts a luncheon at the Statler. **Jack Brophy** '53 and his Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties (approx. triple a cappella quartet) began with songs we of the Fifties loved so well. It included an old Waiters favorite, "Good Night, Little Girl" ("I thought I could win you with all that gin in you"). Waiter **Liz Fuchs** Fillo '58 countered with "Good Night Little Boy" ("You couldn't continue with all that gin in you"). In closing the Friday luncheon, those present were assured that we're solvent.

Coaches attend the annual luncheon. This year, first-time Ivy League champion women's tennis coach Mike Stevens accepted CRC's donation. Director of Athletics Andy Noel stressed the importance of alumnal support to sports and thanked those present for previous contributions. Football coach **David Archer** '05 expressed enthusiasm and optimism for what is to come on Schoellkopf.

Casual country dining was served at the Country Club of Ithaca on Saturday. It's become a tradition that CRC members watch the running of the Belmont Stakes (third leg of racing's Triple Crown) (you probably knew that) at the Ithaca Country Club during the dinner. There was no chance of a Triple Crown this year in that neither the Kentucky Derby nor the Preakness winners were entered. Long shot winner Tapwrit paid \$12.80.

Cornelliana Night provided more entertainment, including the Waiters. CRC received warm congratulations

on its 111th anniversary and a long, rousing ovation. The appreciation is truly appreciated.

Reunion was pronounced a success again, thanks truly to those who made it possible, nay, appealing in years to come. So here's to Margaret Gallo '81, Cathy Hogan '70, BS HE '00, Lauren Coffey, and Mandy Bennison of Alumni Affairs, not to mention CRC members Connie Santagato Hosterman '57 and Dot Preisner Valachovic '71, Big Red hockey defenseman Holden Anderson '17, who scored the winning goal vs. Colgate last winter and has been signed up to play in Denmark, and clerk Kristen Fawole '17, who's aspiring to a PhD in engineering and who asked to return to CRC this year. Brilliant Jordan Fason '20 was attracted to CRC's reputation. Outstanding choices.

We're looking for more new members and hope to hear from some who'd like to join. Candidates should contact moi. Next Reunion is June 7-10, 2018. ❖ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

IN MEMORIAM: The memory of several lost in recent years was honored at the Friday luncheon. They were Inger Molmen Gilbert '49, Ernest '53, PhD '69, and Jane Little Hardy '53, S. Miller Harris '43, Katherine Krauss Lehmann '53, Anne Morrissy Merick '55, Harry Merker '51, Bill Recht '52, LLB '54, Stan Rodwin '50, Bill Sullivan '53, Edgar '51, BEE '52, and Guion Trau Taylor '53, Gustavo Vollmer '42, BCV '44, and Richard Wambach '53, BME '54.

John Matthews enjoys living on his ranch near a small town in Texas. He reports that his wife is now in a home for Alzheimer's care. "Still driving—can't complain," John writes. Please send news to: ❖ Cornell Class of 1941, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

42 Richard Shotwell, MS '54, keeps busy with reading and doctor appointments. "My family came to visit multiple times this year," he writes, "and we greatly enjoyed our time with them—especially our great-granddaughters."

Walter Burns Jr. (Needham, MA) has been reading a biography of Karl Marx by Gareth Stedman Jones. He reports that grandchild Julia was recently married and moved to Ireland. Walter adds, "1944 Separation Papers of 12th Field Artillery show weight as 142 lbs. Yesterday's weight on the scale here: 142 lbs. How 'bout that! (In between dates, I had an excess of 40 lbs.)"

We hope that Virginia Poole Bauer, Christina Steinman Foltman, Evelyn Kassman Greenspan, Robert Ullrich, and Connie Reed Wright, BS '48, had a wonderful time at their 75th Reunion! Please write to us and let us know your impressions of Reunion and what it was like to be back at Cornell. We will include your reports in a future edition of the Class Notes. Send news to: Class of 1942, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

Barbara Styles Hagan (Tucson, AZ) thanks Shig Kondo for taking over the class president job, and noted that she's planning to attend Reunion if she can find transportation from NYC to Ithaca. Jane Adams Wait (Saratoga Springs, NY) says that she's in good health and very active at 95. She keeps busy volunteering. AJ Kopczynski (Pittsford, NY) writes, "I retired in 1985 as regional director of transportation for the NYS Dept. of Transportation. I'm enjoying family and the summer home on Keuka Lake."

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"Still here!" reports the ever-concise **Seymour Spira** (Cliffside Park, NJ). **Durland Weale**, MS '53 (Addison, NY) writes, "I have three gardens to produce vegetables for the neighborhood, and flowers (dahlias, cosmos, amaryllis, gladiolus) for people about town. And there are two large lawns plus a neighbor's to keep trim. Also, there are six old Ford vehicles (one brass unit is 102 years old) to keep ready for enjoyment. Between times, I do some traveling. Son **Peter Weale '72**, MBA '76, is recently deceased. Daughter Alice Weale is still teaching."

Mary Helen Joint, MEd '49 (Savona, NY) writes, "I am 94, tied to a walker. I gave up driving this past summer. I'm happily surrounded by nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, and great-grand-nieces and nephews. They all love the farm, so I see them often." Arthur King, BA '47 (Yarmouth Port, MA) volunteered for many years as a trail naturalist at Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. He now spends time birding and reading. He adds that he lost his wife, Jo, in February "after 38 years of marriage."

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Gloria Marti (New York, NY) would like to hear from Gloria Piccione La Barbera. Sarah Reed Reidinger (Chestertown, MD) keeps busy reading, watching TV, and exercising. She has eight grandchildren, who are doing all kinds of interesting things. She wishes she could be walking without using a walker. Maralyn Winsor Fleming (Ithaca, NY) is enjoying time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Also, she loves concerts at Kendal, where she lives.

Rita Rotter (White Plains, NY) tells us the sad news that her husband, **Seymour Rotter**, a member of our class, passed away on April 22, 2016. Our sympathy to you, Rita. Our sympathy also to **Frank Swingle**, BME '44, MS '49 (Indianapolis, IN), whose wife, **Mary (Appel)** '49, recovered from injuries suffered when their cruise ship lurched, but died suddenly on September 1, 2016.

Your scribe Julie is enjoying great-grandmotherhood, but unfortunately usually by Google Hangouts. Let us hear your news. **\$ Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Grace-field Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail julie.k.snell@gmail.com.

Spring is still here while I write for the Sept/Oct issue. For this week we are having a "heat wave" in San Mateo (74-84 degrees) . . . hurrah! It doesn't often happen. This is a very temperate climate—I feel lucky when I think of the rest of the world.

I received several responses from some very loyal correspondents. It is time to begin my phone calls to check up on others. Just to see your name in the column is gratifying, yes? **Mary Jane Vandewater** D'Arrigo is "still keeping two houses and an acre of land under cultivation." She also hosts the annual family Thanksgiving feast in her Irvington, NY, home, though her husband has been gone for 14 years. There are 17 grandchildren and four greats. Mary Jane says that she is happy, busy,

updating Al's favorite song for Takylya, a lovely Stoneridge Creek (SRC) dining room server, whose name subbed nicely in the lyrics for Cecilia? My fellow SRC residents tolerated my singing, but were wowed by Takylya's accompanying dance routine. The plagiarized lyrics went:

Does your mother know you're out, Takylya?

Does she know that I'm about to steal you?

Oh my, when I look in your eyes

Something tells me

You and I should get together.

How's about a little kiss, Takylya;

Just a kiss you'll never miss, Takylya? Why must we two keep on wasting time?

Oh, Takylya, say that you'll be mine.

'Muriel Sheerr Kaplan still plays golf at PGA National.'

DOROTHY TAYLOR PREY '46

and grateful for "all our many blessings and to be living in the US." Cornell's greatest impact on her was the sheer beauty of the campus itself, plus the foresight of the Land Grant colleges since 1865.

Muriel Sheerr Kaplan continues to sculpt (which she learned in an Ag Engineering course). She lives in an upscale independent living facility, where there are lots of activities, and she takes many classes at a local college (Florida Atlantic U.). Muriel is active in the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, FL (one of the buildings has her name on it due to a donation), and she is also active in the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach. Her four children (two boys, two girls) are either lawyers, judges, or published authors. She has 13 grandchildren; one is Katie Kaplan, PhD'17, who just got her Cornell doctorate. Muriel still plays golf at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens. Charlotte Fry Poor keeps active with bridge, gardening, and water aerobics and is "happy to be able to drive and live independently at 91-plus years. I'm grateful for family and friends." Charlotte would like to hear from **Ann McGloin** Stevens and Mary Lou Rutan Snowden.

Sylvia Mayer Helbert Paul wrote that she is still recovering from a fall last October. She had a terrible concussion. Larry, her husband, and she still drove to their winter home in Central Florida, just north of Tampa, as they have for 20 years. Each year they enjoy singing in the church choirs and attending concerts of the Buffalo and Tampa symphony orchestras, plus a variety of other pleasures. **Phyllis Stapley** Tuddenham checked in and is still living in Naples, FL.

I received a "Share Your News" form from "Virginia" and am unable to decipher her news and last name. Hopefully she will send in another form! I am pleased to read that some are doing water aerobics and working in the arts. These activities are so vital for our continued good health. Keep it up and sing in the shower too! **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

Al "Poopsy" **Goldstein '45**, BCE '47, PiLam fraternity's sexy prexy (president), was infatuated with a certain Cecilia and constantly sang her praises with, "Does your mother know you're out, Cecilia?" How could I resist

At which point, Takylya would conclude her dance routine and spout out, "How's about it?", which would elicit a tremendous roar of approval from the assembled diners.

SRC is the continuing care retirement community where Lois and I are enjoying our golden years. Please let us and other classmates know what you're doing now. Send submissions to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, class of46.alumni.comell.edu.

Here is our 70th Reunion Report, from your temporary class correspondent, **Pete Schwarz**. Just three '47ers attended this past June, plus one '46er (**Lloyd Slaughter**, who matriculated with us in 1943), so I asked all who attended to add a paragraph to this report. Those who responded before the magazine's deadline appear here. This report will also appear on the class website and will include late responders. We can't add photos to the column, but we have plenty to put on the website.

Jay Milner (Drescher, PA; imilner@comcast.net) reports: "Our three reuners, Pete Schwarz, BEE '46, Nancy Caplan Roth, and myself enjoyed, as an opening event, an evening class dinner with our respective guests, together with former president Frank H.T. Rhodes and wife Rosa. On the following noon, a short trip to the Baker Hall Portico revealed new buildings en route that we'd never seen before, including ones built around Baker Hall that totally concealed our hard-to-find, but welcome, Friday lunch venue. At Reunion 70, my family happily partook in enjoyable campus activities. At one of the Quad tent parties, along with the "next generation" (my daughter, Reena, her husband, Barry, and my son, Joe '89), we shared snacks and beer to the tune of '50s-era swing music.

"On the next day, we had a complete campus bus tour, showing the great changes that took place since last Reunion. One thing that did not change was the mandatory stop for ice cream at the Dairy Bar. Also fondly remembered was Edith and my visit with Joe to Cornell's beautiful Botanic Gardens. Lastly, for the only three Class of '47 reuners, Cornelliana Night, punctuated with all the nostalgic campus songs, capped off a

fun-filled experience. Why should we not repeat the enjoyment with even more of us at Reunion 75?"

From Pete and Elaine Drobner Schwarz's daughter, Suzy Schwarz Quiles '76 (Cranbury, NJ): "Hanging out with the nonagenarians at '47s 70th was a delight! Everyone loves these young-at-heart, dedicated Cornellians and I'm proud to say my dad is one of them! Meals were like family events, since each reuner brought along one or more younger family members to share in the fun. It was a treat to meet folks Dad had known since his first days at Cornell, but I was especially impressed that this was a first-time Reunion for one classmate, Nancy Caplan Roth. She proves that one is always young enough to start attending Reunions, and she is a delightful member of the class! By the end of the weekend, we were all exchanging photos and e-mail addresses and saying, 'See you again in 2022!' Wherever we were throughout the weekend, younger alums were drawn to these classmates' 'Class of '47 Pride' and didn't hesitate to stop us to offer congratulations and good wishes for achieving this milestone. One young alum wanted to know where he could get a hat like my dad's. Truth be told, I liked that hat, too, and bought my own before the weekend was over. I'll be wearing it to my 45th Reunion in 2021—and maybe I'll have to bring my dad along to help me celebrate right!"

From Erin Kennedy, the alumni staffperson who made all this happen: "I am grateful for the Big Red warm welcome I received from the Class of 1947 at Reunion. I especially enjoyed talking with the 70th Reunion attendees during their class lunch at the Physical Sciences Building on Friday. The class officers who were present decided to take a vote to reappoint each current class officer to serve in their current role for the next five-year term. They also made plans to overhaul the class website during the months ahead. I look forward to working with the Class of 1947 and welcome you to contact me at erin.kennedy@cornell.edu or (607) 255-7085 with any questions or requests you may have as they relate to your Cornell class business. I look forward to seeing you again and meeting new faces at your 75th in 2022!"

Classmates, please visit the class website: www. cornellclass47.org. Send news! **Pete Schwarz**, 2113 Summit Circle Dr., Rochester, NY 14618; tel., (585) 244-5684; e-mail, peter-d@rochester.rr.com.

As you know, **Bob Persons** included a question about the new federal Administration in the most recent news form. The answers we received have been, as you might imagine, many and varied. They ranged from "Give the new Administration a chance" to "I've given a lot of thought to Canada." Some were very colorful, and in the interest of civility we've decided not to include this segment in the column. On to the news.

Jean Lemelman Meadow (Stony Brook, NY) writes, "I play bridge and attend concerts and activities at Stony Brook U." Jean notes that most of her professors had a great impact on her at Cornell. Barbara Cole Feiden (White Plains, NY) writes, "My husband of 67 years, Barry '49, died in October 2016. I'm considering a move to assisted or independent living." Barbara says that professors Jean Trepp McKelvey, Milton Konvitz, PhD '33, John McConnell, and Maurice Neufeld had a great impact on her at Cornell. "Inspired teachers, all of them!" She noted that her attendance at Reunion was unlikely—"but I haven't ruled it out."

Family gatherings and a woodwork shop keep **Dick Peelle** (Corning, NY) busy. He writes, "I'm currently completing a grandmother clock for daughter Linda,

which I started ten years ago." Dick celebrated his 90th birthday in April 2016, and he has bi-monthly Italian dinners at daughter Karen's home. As for community developments, Dick notes that Corning Inc. has recently expanded with many different glass-related projects, and the Corning Museum of Glass has expanded as well. He's recently read two books, Miracle at Midway and Unbroken—"a great history of Japanese code breaking, and the enormity of Japanese cruelty toward POWs." About the movie Sully, Dick says, "A good story about a truly fine action thinker!" He adds, "I'm afraid most of my friends and past roommates have died. I will respond to anyone who remembers me." Recently a great-grandfather for the fifth time, Earl Sawin (West Chester, PA) says that hospital and doctor visits keep him busy these days.

Arthur Behrer (Trent Woods, NC) reports, "Istill hope to be able to play nine holes of golf, but arthritis pain prevents golf now. I'm afraid I may fall down! I enjoy duplicate bridge." Harriet Morel Oxman (Sarasota, FL) was planning to ride a paddle-wheel vessel from Minneapolis to New Orleans along the Mississippi River, with stops at historical sites along the way. She has been exercising with Leki sticks ("like ski poles") for 45 minutes daily and lifting weights and stretching to stay healthy. She writes, "I read biographies and history books and the Wall Street Journal daily to keep the mind functioning."

Charles Hallagan (Newark, NY) writes, "In another couple of years I hope to shoot my age at golf-if I cheat enough." He now has three great-grandchildren. Joyce Van Denburgh Doty (Orlando, FL; jvdoty@aol.com) says, "I read the New York Times and watch birds and other Florida wildlife. Lately it's March baseball spring training. The Braves are a lot better this year-look out Cubs! I watch MSNBC until I can't stand politics anymore, then I put on TCM or some nature program on PBS. Bay Hill in Orlando remains a veritable Shangri La, despite the demise of Arnie Palmer, a wonderful man. I have a grand-niece who is set to graduate from Cornell this June. Elizabeth Van Denburgh '17." Joyce names Architecture professor John Hartell '24. BArch '25, as someone who had a great impact on her on the Hill. She adds. "Although I saw it on Broadway, I plan also to see The Book of Mormon with its road cast when it comes to Orlando. The only good movies are old movies, although I thought Nebraska was a perfect jewel of a movie; everything fit with it-music, casting, cinematography, editing. Should have won the Oscar. I'd like to hear from my first beau, Roland P. Allen '45. Mostly I'd just like to know that he returned safely from WWII."

Lawrence Merson (Lake Success, NY) has been singing with the Great Neck Choral Society for the past 52 years. "I've also been attending some of the great musical performances in NYC when possible. Approaching age 97, it is no longer easy. Both of my children are now living in Maine, my daughter on relatively wild land on a river." Lawrence cites the availability of books at the library, the availability of 78 RPM records at the music department, some of his Engineering courses, and his fraternity as having great impacts on him on the Hill. "Looking back now, I would say that Cornell was one of the major influences in my life, although perhaps not in the way either the Engineering college or the university intended." He notes that he will make every effort to attend Reunion. Barbara "Bookie" Bookstein Brandt (Roslyn Heights, NY) says that TV news, bridge, reading, and socializing fill her days.

Ruth Werman Weiss checks in from Rochester, NY, and notes that she spends her time reading and walking.

Charlotte Smith Moore (Peabody, MA) reports, "I'm feeling fine now. After two broken legs in 13 months, both requiring surgery, I'm now trotting around with my walker, still playing bridge, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and enjoying life in independent living here at Brooksby Village." * Class of 1948, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

49 It's hard to believe these numbers, but our great Reunion, coming up next year, is our 70th! By all means, let's start planning to attend now!

Vera Johnston Farrell (Livingston Manor, NY; farrell vera@yahoo.com) is keeping very busy with "golf in season, yoga, gardening, volunteer work, concert going (Metropolitan Opera, Bard College), summer music festivals, furniture refinishing, and keeping a large house in repair!" Vera is president of the local library board. She tells us, "Four of my five children live in California, so I spend a month or two a year visiting there." Vera has 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She would enjoy traveling, but notes that the "world political climate is not conducive." Of old Cornell friends, Vera is "in contact with those who are left-Dorothy Rasinski Gregory of California in particular, my roommate." Who had the greatest impact on you at Cornell? Vera explains, "Not a specific person-just the environment." Vera's husband, James '50, passed away January 31, 2005. He played varsity baseball and football for Cornell. Her father, Roy Johnston 1920, three sons, and four grandsons all graduated from Cornell.

Roger Thayer, ME '52 (Edgartown, NJ; rjthayer@ earthlink.net) writes, "I sing in three groups-100-member Island Community Chorus, 20-member Slavesong Singers, and 15-member Unitarian Society Martha's Vineyard Choir." The slave songs that the Slavesong Singers perform are songs that were sung by the slaves to communicate with one another while they were working, much as one might converse today while at the water cooler. Roger continues. "I took care of my wife. Jane (Hillis) '52, until she died on October 11, 2016. Contact me for a copy of Jane's memorial, March 18. 2017." When asked if there is anything else he wishes he could be doing, Roger says, "Help impeach Trump." Virginia Miller Hoadley (Lakeland, FL; HoadleyVJB@ aol.com), married to John, writes, "We have two businesses that keep me busy doing the accounting. We also keep busy at our retirement home-many activities. Our older daughter is an anesthetist. Middle child has her own business. Son works in computers." When asked who on the Hill had the greatest impact on her, Virginia responded, "All of the Home Ec department." Constance Hoffman Elsaesser (Cincinnati, OH) writes that Donald Grout in the Music department had the greatest impact on her while she was at Cornell. Her husband, Alphonse, died in 2001.

Antoinette Hallinan Ottobre (Toms River, NJ; toni 2306@comcast.net) writes, "I regret to inform you that my beloved husband, Jim, passed away on March 5, 2017. We had a long and great marriage, almost 67 years. I haven't adjusted to this yet, so no other news seems important now." Ann Seguin Hill (Kenilworth, NJ) writes, "I was saddened to hear of Jim Ottobre's death. He was a loyal Cornellian and wonderful friend. I shared Jim and Toni's romance as I was Toni's roommate. The romance culminated in their marriage at Cornell with Father Cleary officiating in June 1950. Our strong friendship continued as we lived close by in New Jersey. We attended many Cornell Reunions together.

Toni and I will carry on and are looking forward to our 70th!" Ann was married to the late Edmund Hill. Mark O'Brien, son of **John O'Brien** of Vero Beach, FL, sent this: "Sadly, my dad passed away last year at age 91. He was a veteran of both the European and Pacific theaters of operations in WWII. He was also an outspoken advocate of the GI Bill of Rights, which he felt was an enormous public good and was responsible for his having attended Cornell University. He will be greatly missed." Please continue to keep in touch, '49ers. Your classmates want to hear from each of you. **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

We, the Class of the Century, have lived in trying times and have faced challenging vicissitudes, but with persistence, courage, and good humor we have endured. It's amazing, maybe not surprising, that so many of us are still on this side of the grass and maintaining mentally and physically active lives. We survivors are lucky recipients of good genes, but that alone does not account for our age-related good fortunes. Your reports consistently indicate that you have faithfully followed simple rules for long, happy lives: regular physical exercise such as hiking, biking, golf, and tennis; wide social and community involvement; regular, varied mental exercise; and family activities with children, grandkids, and now great-grandkids.

A theme that comes through on your news reports is your significant regard for Cornell's contribution to your life's successes. You note that this is due to the high competence of your professors, which is one contribution to the high rankings Cornell receives from organizations that make quality comparisons with other US institutions of higher learning. Cornell consistently ranks in the top dozen of national doctoral-level universities. Criteria typically used include faculty compensation; faculty/student ratio; graduation rates; endowment per student; faculty publications; value of research grants; and percent of budget spent on instruction.

However, none of these criteria deal with outcomes; what is it that a university education should actually produce? Should not teaching competence be included in the criteria? It is my belief, based somewhat on my career as a university professor, that the best measure of the success of a university is the difference it makes in the lives of its students. In this regard, Cornell is an exemplary example. **Pat Carry** Stewart and I would like to receive your supporting experiences, and your classmates would love to read about them in the column.

Jean Michelini Partisch Farley (Sarasota, FL) is a role model of the value of continued activity. "It's generally believed that those of us who retire to Florida just sit in a rocking chair and wait. Wrong! I am busy with bridge, lectures, tutoring, club activities, theatre, gym, classes, and friends. You get the idea!" Over the years, she—with Pat Coolican, Carol Smith Loveland, and Betsy Alexander Weiss—has maintained a roundrobin communication. Jean names her Balch roommate, Rosemary Kohut '51, as the person who had the greatest impact on her. The influence was personal, arising from their matching personalities, drives, and interests, which contributed to a salubrious lifelong friendship.

Ellen Forbes Andrews (Greenville, SC) also confirms the premise. She keeps busy with exercise groups, especially strength and balance, plus yoga and tai chi. She reports on how fortunate she was to have lived in Risley Hall with **Beverly Collins** Adams, **Kitty Rusack** Adams, **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal Crispell, PhD '84, and **Frances**

Duncan Stowe, with whom, until recently, she has regularly met. She suggests that with a bit of tech update, their meetings might continue via Skype! Ellen made a clarification regarding the full-page advertisement on page 9 of the Jan/Feb 2017 issue. Ellen is prominently featured modeling the wedding dress she had designed for herself. **Nancy Sprott** Stone and **Olga** "Ollie" **Myslichuk** McNamara are pictured adjusting it. The caption implies that the dress was fashioned by Ollie, who was featured because she had a successful career in haute couture and had created a Cornell legacy through scholarship and other bequests to the university.

Polly Armstrong Sherk (Palm Gardens, FL) is one of a three-generation Cornell family: husband William A. Smith III '49, father Merwin Armstrong 1910, son William A. Smith IV '76, and granddaughter Catherine Scupham, MBA '11. Polly has an immediate family of five children, 11 grandchildren, and seven greatgrandchildren. She has lived at Devonshire at PGA National for 18 years and says it reminds her of living in a sorority at Cornell. Our class book, "Curfews, Chaos and Champions," has a special place on her coffee table. George and Beverley Collins Adams have moved to a retirement home. They took with them happy memories of their former five-acre home of 38 years with its open views and tennis court.

Our annual class meeting was held at the Cornell Club-New York on Friday, April 28. Present were copresidents Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt, Dick and Pat Pogue, Dave and Susan Dingle, Bob and Jane Post, Nels, MBA '51, and Nancy Schaenen, Jack Richard, MD '53, Pat Stewart, Gurnee and Marjorie **Leigh** Hart, and guest speaker Prof. Louis Hyman. Our classmates continue to be loyal and generous with nearly \$4 million contributed this year. These 150 donors are 21 Tower Club members and 23 Quadrangle Club members, translating to 44 donors of at least \$1,000 each. Our class lifetime total is just over \$142 million! Current class membership: matriculated fall '46-2,321; graduated June '50-1,870; living alumni-806; duespaying class members-243. With the lighting upgrades completed, the Willard Straight renovation our class funded is now complete. This included a contribution to the Kent Hubbell Board Room. After dinner Prof. Louis Hyman, director of the ILR school's Inst. for Workplace Studies, spoke on "The Future of Work and the Gig Economy." ❖ Paul Joslin, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; Patricia Carry Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

51 Bob Ackerly (La Mesa, CA) writes, "My son's two daughters are now college graduates, and my daughter's older daughter is deciding which college to attend in September 2017. This past summer, Marilyn and I had a great three-and-a-half-week trip to Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales), followed by Ireland and Northern Ireland. After two weeks at home we headed to Maui for our annual two-plus weeks in 'paradise.' I continue to play tennis three to four times a week, mainly doubles, but singles tournaments now and then." Fondest Cornell memory: "The Library Slope on a snowy winter's day (slip-sliding weather)."

Sonia Mogensen Adsit (Bogart, GA) and her late husband, Milton, DVM '50, have "five children, all still working. I have a small farm and a small herd of Angus, and I'm a member of a Stephen Ministry church. I keep up with Betty Goldsmith Stacey." Paul Hall Baren, BArch '51 (Cornwall Bridge, CT) writes, "I'm still here at 92; not many left. Did touch base with **Bill Kay** recently. I'm active in our local Congregational Church and Democratic politics. Living on such a beautiful campus for five years" is his fondest memory. Bill Kay writes, "I am very lucky to have 26 grandchildren. My third grandchild graduated from Cornell this year, 2017. Fondest memory: "Playing golf under George Hall and boxing under Prof. **Frederick Marcham**, **PhD '26**—two great guys. I was in the third ILR graduating class and had the privilege of having professors Maurice Neufeld and **Milton Konvitz**, **PhD '33**."

Derl, MS '58, and Charlene **Derr** (Lewisburg, PA) have been "married for 62 years. I retired in 1991 and returned to Millville, PA, after five years at Cornell, five years in the Air Force, and a 34-year professional career with trade associations—22 at American Bankers Assn. and 12 at Int'l Apple Inst. Have spent four years in the independent living retirement community RiversWood in Lewisburg." Honors: "Soccer at Cornell, selected to Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. Long-term contact with AGR frat brothers and some others." His fondest memory: "The big jump from a small, rural high school to the big Cornell campus."

Jean Gleason Esteve (Waldport, OR) writes, "I vacationed in Mexico over Christmas with kids and grand-kids. I even remembered how to catch a couple of small waves. Local gallery has accepted my recent paper-content art. More than my paintings ever achieved. Poetry chapbook *Off-Key* was a finalist for an Oregon Book Award. My best friend, **Ruth Hamilton** Fisher, died last year leaving my telephone and myself bereft." Fondest memory: "Sneaking out the sorority house basement door to listen to after-hours jazz downtown."

Charles Fischer Jr., PhD '51 (Ventner, NJ) died March 11, 2017. His son, Charles (Somers Point, NJ), writes, "He loved canoeing and hiking in the Adirondacks! He was a board member of the Seeley Conference and a regular attendee." The Seeley Conference began in memory of John Seeley, PhD '48, Horticulture professor at Cornell in 1986, and was held at Cornell through 2011 on various horticultural topics. Our classmate Charles was owner and president of Fischer Flowers in Atlantic City, NJ.

Eugene Foster (Red Wing, MN) writes, "I celebrated my 90th birthday on Sunday, March 26 and also on the actual day, March 29. I'm doing okay, especially with the help of a pacemaker and defibrillator." Eugene retired from hotel management. Lois Rasmussen Seulowitz (Sleepy Hollow, NY) is "happy and engaged in activities at Kendal in Sleepy Hollow, NY, with a grand view of the Hudson River. Have recently read a book written by classmate **Adele Mongan** Fasick." Fondest memories: "Sage Chapel Choir, Cornell Drama Club, and walking across the Quad." Ernest Sofis (Hingham, MA) "regrettably missed Reunion due to major rotator cuff surgery. Next time. Best wishes to the president and VP, Rip Haley and Chuck Mund, both friends." Sabra **Baker** Staley (Arlington, VA) offers no news: "None—at the moment!" Fondest memory: "Whoops! I can't say that again. How about flying with the Pilots' Club."

Chuck Warren, MBA '52 (Shrewsbury, MA) writes, "My wife of 65 years, Joanne, and I are enjoying retirement and the many activities of our retirement community, Southgate at Shrewsbury. Here at Southgate we stay busy with a bowling league, current events, movie committee, and men's breakfast committee, and I was president of the resident council." Fondest memory: "Being a member of the National Champion lightweight

crew of 1949 as a sophomore and thus helping to establish lightweight crew as a recognized Cornell sport." In 1950, in their new shell, they beat Columbia, Buffalo, and Penn, but came in second to Yale by one-third boat length at the Henley Regatta.

Harold Bloom (New Haven, CT) got a full-page photo in the April 18-19, 2017 Wall Street Journal in a review of his latest Shakespeare book, Falstaff. Alexandra Wolfe writes, "Falstaff is the 46th book by the eminent Yale professor, who even now is teaching two courses, one on Shakespeare and another on poetry. Over the years he has won a range of distinctions, including a Fulbright fellowship (1955), a MacArthur fellowship (1985), and a gold medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters (1999). He says that nothing could keep him from teaching, though. 'I will teach my last class until they carry me out in a body bag,' he says. 'And wherever I'm going, I'll go on teaching anyway.'" Please send your news to **Prad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Joan Boffa Gaul, your diligent and talented regular correspondent, could not attend our 65th Reunion June 8-11 because of a conflicting family commitment, and asked me—for better or worse, and I fear more the latter than the former—to report on the gathering. It was a gathering that did not disappoint:

By the shores of blue Cayuga
Near the chiming tell-time tower
Met a class of vintage ancient
Marking passed years five and sixty,
In the wigwam named for Statler
Cast aside the cane and walker
And sang they praise of Alma Mater.

Sorry . . . just an inept flight of poetic enthusiasm with apologies to H.W. Longfellow. Besides, I'm guessing Ogden Nash's copyright attorney will be all over "Statler / walker / Mater." So I shall quickly move on.

The fact is that Mother Cornell, responding to the hard work and planning of Reunion chairs **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, and **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer, did a great job for us—the 74 hardy class members (with about 40 guests) who journeyed to "Ithaca, Pride of the Finger Lakes Region" to set a new attendance record for a 65th Reunion. We also, I should note, set a third-best 65th Reunion class giving mark of \$9.2 million (bringing our total giving since graduation to \$141.5 million). Yoo-hoo, Class of '53, do we have your attention? See if you can top it!

There were many, many more Reunion presentations and activities than even the most vigorous octogenarian could handle. Incoming university president Martha Pollack visited with us twice before conversing before all Reunion classes in Bailey Hall on Saturday morning (www.cornell.edu/video/martha-pollack-reunion-2017). She noted to us that it had only been eight weeks since she had taken up her new responsibilities (she will be formally installed in August), and at this point, she was trying to reach out to all elements of the Cornell family. And reach out to us she did. There were also lectures by Bill Nye '77 "the Science Guy" (on how Cornellians will save the world) and the Olin Lecture by Steve Reich '57, presenting an anatomy of contemporary music. Reunion-wide entertainment opportunities included the always-popular Savage Club show, a concert by the Chorus and Glee Club, an hour-long Eventide concert by the chimesmasters, and of course the mandatory Cornelliana Night, at which a tear or two of remembrance is often legitimately shed.

Our class presented a forum, "Salute to Cornell Veterans," at which the 150-year history of military training at Cornell was explored. The highlight of this event was the remarks of Air Force Major General Michael Hall '68, who noted that 70 percent of our young people are not eligible for today's technology-based military service-principally due to lack of education, obesity, or criminal record-and postulated that the crisis in education is the number one threat to our national security. A second Class of '52 forum, "Postwar Cornell—How the Greatest Generation Transformed a University 1944-52," moderated by **Brad Edmondson** '81, highlighted the impact of returning WWII veterans, supported by the G.I. Bill, on both the composition and attitudes of the student body. Because we lived it, Edmondson's book on this subject (available through the Cornell Store) makes fascinating reading.

Needless to say, attending lectures and concerts represented only a part of the Reunion experience. Nostalgia (from the Greek nostos and algos—"ache to return home") abounded, and there were ample opportunities at class lunches, dinners, and late-evening "Afterglow" gatherings to renew acquaintances and relive, in word and song, the "good old days on the Hill." And of course for a class of our vintage, there was the inevitable flip-side involving remembrance of friends and colleagues who are no longer with us. In this context, we were all saddened to learn of the death of **Jack Bradt**—one of the returning veterans who brought maturity to our class way back then and was respected by all—just a month before Reunion.

As an extra added attraction, your Reunion chairs commissioned a quiz for all '52 attendees, designed to test their respective capacities to remember facts and occurrences about the university or our time at Cornell—and compete for the title of Class Memory Whiz and a tangible prize for desk, coffee table, or mantle. So, for example, they were asked to: describe the object behind Ezra on his Arts Quad statuary pedestal; identify the only comic strip that appeared in the Sun throughout our time at Cornell; name the First Lady who described HomeEc as the "most important part" of the university; identify what was bothering Miss Name Withheld in her letter to the Sun; report the extent to which **Meredith** "Flash" **Gourdine** medaled at the '52 Olympics; and so on.

I must advise that the quiz results were reportedly somewhat distressing, with only a handful of participants achieving a passing grade and the vast majority receiving a solid F. Some claim that this was due to the fiendishly tempting wrong multiple-choice answers provided for many questions. But more charitably it was probably due to the fact that the questions covered a broad substantive range of facts and events, both within and without the university. Whatever the reason, I am happy to report that the team of **Terry**, JD '56, and Dori Crozier Warren took the first-place prize, and for their reward were given an authentic, if somewhat worn, Class of '52 freshman beanie. (Your Reunion chairs have arranged for the quiz, with answers, to be reproduced on the class website, so if you have the courage to test your memory mettle, the opportunity awaits.)

And speaking of extra added attractions, note should be taken of the extensive assemblage of memorabilia lovingly put together by class historians/archivists **Bibbi Antrim** Hartshorn and **Cappy Heyl** Innes, including a folio of individual written reminiscences by classmates. Kudos should also go to Dick Dye for providing attendees with late-evening access to an excellent recent video tracing the life of Ezra Cornell. How many of you

know that for some 14 years, Ezra scraped out a meager living as a plow salesman, but became the wealthiest man in Tompkins County virtually overnight when Western Union was formed?

Saturday's lunch was in part a "business meeting," during which the nominating committee proposed, and the assembled classmates unanimously approved, officers for the coming five years: Terry and Dori Crozier Warren as co-presidents; Dick Dye and Sue Youker Schlaepfer as VPs; Dori Warren (double duty) as mem-

what I'm learning." He'd like to have "more time and energy for a big grown family plus grands and greats." His advice (requested) to Alma Mater: "Keep on teaching students HOW to think and don't fall into the trap of teaching them WHAT to think."

As of last spring, **Dave Rossin** (Sarasota, FL) was "trying to finish a book about how President Carter killed nuclear power with a one-page executive order of April 7, 1977 and what drove him to do such a . . . thing. It severely hurt the nation." He was looking forward to

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JEAN GLEASON ESTEVE '51

bership chair; **Janet Hofman** McCulloch and **Joy Rees** Hoffman as secretaries; Joan Boffa Gaul as class correspondent; Dick Dye (more double duty) as treasurer; **Tom Cashel**, LLB '56, and Cappy Heyl Innes as Reunion co-chairs; **Paul Blanchard** as website manager; Bibbi Antrim Hartshorn as class historian; and **Bob Conti**, MS '54, and **Don Follett** as immediate past presidents. Membership in the class council remained unchanged, except for the addition of Tom Cashel.

However proud we may have been to set an attendance record, we were totally blown away by the presence at the opening night "Passing it Forward" celebration of **Barbara Keeney** Mandigo '37 (yes, '37). Since we never discuss a lady's age in polite company, we'll leave that calculation to you. And one item from Joan's mailbag before I close: **Hazel Lowe** von Rosenvinge (hvont3@gmail.com), who was also an attendee at Reunion, writes that she is an active guide/docent at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA, and the Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester, MA. **Mike Scott**, ms514156@gmail.com; **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

Your correspondent committed a feat of peek and watched our big sisters' and big brothers' 65th Reunion last June. The idea was to see what we might or might not do for our 65th next June 7-10. It included class dinners at the Statler and Sapsucker Woods' Ornithology Lab. It was also a good time to remix with others of '52 and our Continuous Reunion Club (CRC, est. 1906, without me). Jack Brophy and his Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties made memorable music of our good old days on the Hill, like "Good Night, Little Girl" ("I thought I could win you with all that gin in you"). There's a "Good Night, Little Boy" too now, wrought and warbled with wit by Waiter Liz Fuchs Fillo '58. John Nixon and Al Packer joined Brophy in representing '53 in that (approx.) triple a cappella quartet. (The Waiters of the current century's troublesome situation does not apply to the Waiters of the not actually silent generation.) Your correspondent determined that '52 was having a fine time indeed and heartily recommends Cornell Reunions—particularly ours.

Waiter Packer (Granville, OH) reports that he's "surviving old age." He was visibly active at Reunion, as he says, "Finding the energy to do what I must, and want, to do." He says, "I'm winding down my third career (real estate). Still hosting international students and loving

publication and responding to critics. He was impacted, he says, by Prof. Hans Bethe and the many of Bethe's lectures he heard, and advisors Prof. Paul Hartman, PhD '38, and Prof. Trevor Cuykendall, PhD '35. Rossin recalls, "When I completed my one-hour oral exam with Prof. Sachs, my solid-state physics professor, he said, 'Vell, Mister Rossin, you have done the homework, so you vill pass the course, but this has not been a famous examination." Still, "Prof. Sachs made the contact for me, along with Prof. Cuykendall, to Prof. Manson Benedict of MIT, enabling me to attend the MIT Practice School at Oak Ridge and receive my master's degree in nuclear engineering from MIT and start my career." Rossin advises Mater: "Do not feel you have to do everything for everybody, but that you have to do everything well."

Linda Mitchell Davis (Cimarron, NM) is truly at home on the ranch, her 130,000-acre CS Ranch, where the cattle and horses keep her busy with the daily chores. It's been tough going with water hard to get after another no-snow winter in the mountains. But there's nothing she'd rather be doing. "I love the ranching business and northeastern New Mexico," she offers. "Cattle and horses are my life." She's in the Hall of Great Westerners in the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum of Oklahoma City. She's still on call full time as an emergency medical tech with the local ambulance service. She thinks her best day at Cornell was "springtime on campus with all the beautiful flowering trees and vegetation." She expects to join us for the 65th. **Ruth** "Chris" **Christoff** Landon (Roanoke, VA) is, like many, busy with book club, church, traveling, dog walking, and gardening and is still teaching a church school class of kindergartners. Asked if there's anything she'd rather be doing, she replies: "Not really. Guess I'd like to be more limber, but don't complain. No replacement parts, have all my teeth, and can walk without a cane, read with reading glasses, and no hearing aids. Lucky!" Felice "Flic" Bernstein Burns (NYC) volunteers at Mt. Sinai Hospital and Central Synagogue and does book club, bridge, theater, concerts, etc., museums, and family. Rather be doing? "Getting younger."

We inquired on a '53 news and dues form who at Cornell had the most impact on the responder. **Stu Warshauer**, MBA '54 (Naples, FL) submitted his late

wife, the former **Gladys (Carson)** '54, whom he dated for four years on the Hill. They were married 57 years and had four offspring. In May 2016 he married Sarah Mazer. They've been visiting her hometown in Bucks County, PA, and his—Cincinnati. They've enjoyed a family cruise of the western Caribbean and later cruised the Med to celebrate their first anniversary. His klezmer band—the Naples Klezmer Revival—has been appearing weekly at concerts, fairs, and celebrations. He's the fiddler and the leader. *** Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

To paraphrase Garrison Keillor, it has been a newsworthy week in Alexandria, VA, my hometown. We had a nasty occurrence with a shooter on one of our baseball fields. Hearing nothing from my family or friends re: my safety, I discovered the reports said the event happened in a suburb of Washington, DC, making no mention of the fact that it actually occurred in George Washington's hometown. Not one person even e-mailed re: the encounter. I love details, so I was surprised by the generality given the shooting of Congressman Scalise. The media can be puzzling at times, leading to the necessity for further research, which is enlightening but time consuming.

I was pondering lifelong friendships, Reunion, and the reasons many of us enjoy returning to the geography of those halcyon days of yore. What draws us back? Certainly not the weather. Some classmates have been a significant part of our lives for 65 years. Why? I looked at several sources for defining characteristics of friendship, among them being trustworthiness, honesty, dependability, and loyalty. Worth thinking about. I would add the simple idea of communication, which has been made so much easier today.

As the ideas were percolating, in came an e-mail from two long-term friends, Dave, PhD '60, and Mary Gentry Call, our Reunion chairs. Their e-mail follows: "We went to the Statler during Reunion Weekend to see the headquarters of the Class of '52. We'll be located there in two years for our 65th Reunion. We were impressed with the location, a serene setting in an otherwise boisterous campus. There was ample space, well laid out, with a separate room for historic items, scrapbooks, a piano, and a TV screen, etc. We haven't started to really plan our calendar yet, but are comfortable knowing that we will be in that setting. Think 2019!" With two short years to go, please put it on your "To Do" list as it is a busy family month full of important milestones. It's also a good time to brush up your communication skills and reach out to old friends and say howdy. If you don't know how to reach them, go to CornellConnect or e-mail me.

With many of us relocating at this time in our lives, James Buchan has not moved from his home in Yuba City, CA, where he has lived for a number of years. He stills plays tennis, but has retired from his teaching position at Yuba College. Ted Chernak, MCE '56, of Pikesville, MD, would appear to have deep roots in the Baltimore area. Ted volunteers at Beth Tfiloh Congregation, where every cycle of his life has been celebrated or acknowledged. It was there that his parents and his in-laws were also married. He is lucky to have his four offspring nearby, which enables him to spend time with them, their offspring, and his new great-granddaughter. Few of us are as lucky. Bob Hill is still skiing (but only for two hours at a time), cutting Christmas trees, delivering mulch, and walking the dog two miles every day. Not a bad regime. He and Wendy (Witherell) '55 stopped to see Herb and Betty Bool in Phoenix while

traveling in the Southwest last fall. This fall, a trip to Norway is planned, probably in search of snow. Prof. Alfred Kahn was one of his favorites, especially for his job as "regulatory czar" under President Carter.

Betty and **Frank Hummel** have moved from their dream house on lovely Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia to a townhouse nearby. Frank does not regret leaving behind the maintenance that goes hand in hand with house ownership. His extra time is given over to writing another book, playing tennis twice a week, church activities, and caring for their daughter who has serious health issues. **Charlie Schulz** has relocated to a

continuing care facility in Los Altos, CA. He says downsizing is not easy, but at times necessary. He still does volunteer work for the Palo Alto Community Fund, which he helped form 35 years ago. He prefers "to do list" instead of "bucket list."

So noted, Charlie; a change is in the works. The term was from the movie with Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman and was used as an inspiration, not one with a sense of finality.

Take care, everyone, and do touch base with longtime or missed classmates. **Jan Jakes** Kunz, **Chick Trayford**, BFA '55, MBA '60, and I will gladly help you locate them. **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

I know most of you have already learned of the death in May of Anne Morrissy Merick, described in the New York Times as "a pioneer from Yale to Vietnam." Anne was the first woman to be named sports editor of the Cornell Daily Sun and the first woman admitted (in 1954) to the press box at the Yale Bowl. The syndicated columnist Red Smith wrote in the New York Herald Tribune, "Miss Morrissy is a slick little chick whose name will probably be linked in history with those of other crusading cupcakes ... She has breached the last bastion of masculinity left standing this side of the shower room." Can you imagine writers getting away with "slick little chick" and "crusading cupcakes" today? Not likely! After graduation, Anne became sports editor of the Paris edition of the Tribune. Hired by ABC as a producer in 1961, she covered the civil rights movement, presidential primaries, and space flights, and was posted to Vietnam in the '60s, where she remained until 1973.

Edward Krawitt, MD '59, reflected on his friendship with Anne: "She was a colleague of mine (as was **Dick Schaap**) at the *Sun*. As one of the men whom she defeated for the position of sports editor, I feel that I contributed to the history/advancement of women as an unintended consequence of my failure." Ed has continued to be active in medical education of autoimmune liver diseases, both nationally and internationally, as a professor emeritus at the U. of Vermont and a clinical professor at Dartmouth.

Tara Prince Goldman commented, "My father graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania, and since Penn was our big Thanksgiving rival, I wanted to go to Cornell and show him up. Oh, what we young children will do!" She confesses that she can't remember if we won or lost the games during that time, "but I certainly loved those four years at Cornell." **Sylvia Verin** Mangalam says she chose Cornell because it was a good, big university,

offering classes in many varied schools. Those were "golden years," Sylvia adds. In terms of travel, she's going to Toronto for a niece's wedding—but other than that, "I do not want to visit the States just now. Or Pakistan." She says she gets a great deal of satisfaction when something she has worked hard at takes off. For example, food issues, environmental concerns, and viable transport. "I'm 83 and I still bike."

Like so many of us, **Rishon Stember** says his children are "way ahead" in the IT age, but even with being busy as physicians and with multiple children, "they kindly squeeze out some IT teaching." Harking back to

an earlier time, Rish recalls that in his public high school, he was told that we could apply to three schools: a safety, a level, and a reach. "I wanted to aim as high as I could go, and Cornell's Liberal Arts school fit my 'reach' goal (besides, Harvard and Yale were

SYLVIA VERIN MANGALAM '55

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then all male)." After retiring from his allergy practice, Rish found happiness in retirement for two years, but then says he got restless and started a very fulfilling half-time practice in psychiatry.

Eva Konig Ray writes, "I'm enjoying my retirement after a busy, interesting career in science—and doing what I love but never had time to do before. Among my too-many activities, I am a Democratic committee person and on the executive board of Montgomery County in Pennsylvania (elected offices). I help the elderly in our area by serving on the board of ElderNet, and I drive elderly and disabled people to appointments. I am also on the steering committee of the League of Women Voters. Traveling is my passion. Last year I was in Africa and the national parks in the Southwest. They were great trips, and I want to travel more while I can. My biggest joy is my family (four kids, spouses, and six grandchildren). In the winter I ski, and in the summer I bike. I have never enjoyed life more. Please, anyone in my area, come visit. I have plenty of room!" Roger Burggraf lives in Alaska and says he's involved in many organizations that are pro-development, such as the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. Roger finds himself "fighting bureaucrats who have no idea what they're regulating and are trying to shut down businesses that generate revenues and put people to work." He adds, "The federal government has not lived up to the promises it made to Alaska and its people at statehood."

In closing, it is my unfortunate duty to occasionally report sad news. Irving "Bin" Pettit has informed us that Jeff Rose '85, the son of Bud Rose, JD '60, and the late Lee (Aimone), has passed away. Jeff was the brother of Nancy, Jenny, Susie, Jill, and JC, and the stepson of Judy. Jeff's wife, Jeannie, and their children, Johnny and Emily, of Greenwich, CT, survive. A memorial service was held in Greenwich on April 13. Send news to: * Nancy Savage Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@ yahoo.com. Class website, http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

Stanley Komaroff, JD '58 (New York City) retired AGAIN. First, from the Proskauer Rose LLP law firm in 2003; now from Henry Schein Inc., a NASDAQ-listed firm that provides products and services to doctors, dentists, and veterinarians. Stan and his wife,

Roz, have been married for 56 years and are enjoying their wonderful life with their families who live nearby.

Betsy Parker Bartz (Newark Valley, NY) retired from the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tioga County, and is involved with her church choir and other music interests. She writes, "I have a daughter next door, four grand-children, and five great-grands. My other family is two horses, one large dog, and four volunteer cats on my farm. They all keep me busy." Betsy, we all enjoyed seeing you at Reunion. Pat Brodie (Lexington, MA) is happy that she and her partner, Ernie, moved into a retirement community. "It was a bit of a shock at first, but I've grown to love living here. How to feel pampered—let me count the ways. How to never feel isolated, enjoy making interesting and dynamic new friends, expand my universe, and gain five pounds. Yes, the dinners are great here—and I don't have to cook them!"

Mary Martin Van Buren (Atlanta, GA) repeated an old Martin family traditional reunion at Glacier National Park. "The first one was 41 years before," she writes. "We continue in fairly good health. Jim '55, MD '59, just got a new shoulder." Leo Convery (Edgartown, MA) spends the winters in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL, and volunteers with Rotary, with special efforts to help solve the various issues of dementia. A special hello to Mary "Rip" Van Winkle Hargan (Redding, CT)! She writes, "My contribution is simple, being retired from teaching in our high school and from library work here. I do volunteer work now. The news here is triplets in our family! They are Charlotte, Jack, and Henry, born to my grandson and his wife. They're in great shape-full of life and soon to celebrate their first birthday!" Alfred Devendorf (Locust Valley, NY) retired 20 years ago from the NYS Attorney General's Office. He is currently a volunteer for a pro bono health clinic for the indigent and is also a member of an anti-alcohol and drug program. Alfred plays tennis, golf, and paddle tennis, and was planning a vacation to Morocco and Scotland last April.

Lew Klotz (Ft. Lee, NJ, and Boynton Beach, FL) spends winter in Florida and summer in New Jersey and reports, "Life is good." Ellie Raphaelson Lefkowitz (Boca Raton, FL) had spent many years doing stone sculpting and is now "working just as hard at golf." She recently went on a Caribbean cruise to celebrate 60 years of marriage to Alan. Leland Mote (Big Bear Lake, CA) is retired and enjoyed a trip to the Red Wine Festival in San Francisco recently. Sandy Rodetsky Slipp (Englewood, NJ) is active with the local Democratic Municipal Committee, which is involved in state, local, and national elections.

Gideon Panter, MD '60 (Palisades, NY) is now involved with startups in the medical field after 56 years specializing in women's health. **Nancy Sonn** Cooper has been dividing her year between Utica, NY, and Santa Fe, NM, and invites any classmates traveling there in the winter to look her up. Look for classmate **Steve Alexander** playing the piano from time to time at the Rye Playland in Rye, NY. **David Hugle** (Greenbrae, CA) hosted classmate **Keith Johnson** for a wine tour in Napa/Sonoma. He's on the board of the Merola Opera Program. And lastly, while waiting for my bridge group to arrive at the Cornell Club in NYC, there was our class treasurer, **Burt Siegel**.

We are saddened to report the passing of **Peter Hearn** (Center City, PA), who died in May. Peter had been chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Assn., a partner at Pepper Hamilton, a candidate for mayor of Philadelphia in 1991, and a private attorney from 1997-2016. Send news to: **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 Our 60th Reunion tops the news of classmates—thanks to all who provided me with details, as I could not be present. I had an ironclad reason: my grandson was playin–g in the final round of the NYS high school baseball tournament. They lost in the finals.

Dori Goudsmit Albert and Paul Noble were mentioned in all of the notes as having planned and executed an exceptional weekend of fun and nostalgia. From the BBQ dinner on Thursday night to breakfast in the tent on Sunday morning, the planning showed, as all events came off well. All reported on several of the Reunion standbys, such as the Savage Club show, the Glee Club concert, President Pollack's presentation, Cornelliana Night, Bill Nye '77 (the Science Guy), Cayuga's Waiters, the Hangovers, and late parties in the Mews Hall lounge featuring **Stu MacKay** at the piano. Stu did double-duty, along with **Doug Currie**, **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, outgoing class president Phil McIndoo, and Eph McLean, showing some stylish legs in their clan kilts at the Friday night dinner. Marj Nelson Smart saved the night by featuring her Gunn sash.

Ben and Sandy Lindberg Bole ventured from Oregon, where they are still involved with experimental farming. Bob and Jo Anne Eastburn Cyprus came from Nashville, where Bob continues to farm the homestead, but reports his string of polo ponies is down to one. Dick and Martha Ballard Lacy commented on how the campus has grown. Sue Davidson Braun got a kick out of getting to know classmates who she hadn't known in our years on the Hill, and also enjoyed hearing Bill Nye and President Pollack. Ted and Pat Raab hung in until the end (not bitter) for the late-night sing-alongs.

Eph MacLean was the oldest rower to grace Cayuga, exhorting his mates to keep up with him. President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes did his spellbinding best at the Friday dinner by remembering what the world was like when we were on the Hill, citing politics, science, and cinema. **Tony** and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** hosted a delightful Delta Upsilon reunion in Watkins Glen for two days before the class Reunion. Stories abounded and the truth may have snuck into a few of them. Attending were **George Kitchie**, **David Loysen**, **Dan Barufaldi**, **Jim Drennan**, MD '61, **Bill Burke**, MBA '59, **Pete Blauvelt**, BA '59, **Rod Beckwith**, **Dom Pasquale**, your humble correspondent, and two from other classes, **Fred Harwood '59** and **John Strozier '56**.

We lost a giant when **Al Suter**, MBA '59, passed away in June. He is probably the only person to be COO of three Fortune 500 companies: Firestone, Whirlpool, and Emerson Electric (of which he was a founder with CEO **Chuck Knight**, MBA '59). He also served as worldwide chairman of Junior Achievement in addition to many other activities.

Thanks again to Paul and Dori, and to Phil for keeping us on an even keel for the past five years. Our congratulations to **Betty Starr** King, our new class president. And on a personal note—I'll be at the 65th. *** John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Nancy Hecht Weil hates being retired and keeps searching for groups where she feels she can belong. She says, "No one in Winnetka, IL, ever heard of Cornell!" All of her four grandchildren are in college and doing well. She wishes she were walking on a beach! Not quite the same, but come back to our 60th Reunion in June and walk around Beebe Lake! Nancy would love to hear from Carol Collins Matheson.

Joan Bleckwell McHugh is still working as a social worker/therapist in Kansas City. Her husband, **Mick**,

has retired from dentistry. They have three married children and four grandchildren. One daughter graduated from Cornell and married a Cornellian. Joan would love to hear from any Delta Gammas (as would I!). She feels that even though she was in the Home Ec school, **Clinton Rossiter '39** and **Milton Konvitz**, **PhD '33**, had the biggest impact on her. Two wonderful professors! **Barry Bloom** is special counsel to the Drohan Lee law firm in Manhattan, and partner in an impact investment firm to create profits, open employment, and training to previously incarcerated persons, veterans, and others facing barriers to employment. He also has a band called the Barry Bloom Dream Band. You can see it on YouTube—and, yes, he is looking for gigs!

Bob Mayer keeps busy with all sorts of activities. He is on investment committees of various charities, plays golf, gardens, travels, plays bridge, and is taking courses at Penn. He wishes he could shoot his age in golf more often and would love to see any of his fraternity brothers. Gerald Freeman, ME '66, would love to hear from Harvey Dale and keeps busy with investing, family, sculpting, biking, golf, and traveling. He hopes to go to Cuba and China soon. Almeda Church Riley is what you would call a community activist. At present she is working to pass a new city charter; fundraising for Saratoga Hospital and Planned Parenthood; secretary for her church council; and president of the Woodlawn Commons independent residents association. Sounds pretty busy, but she is still working on her golf game and she knits a lot. She would love to go on a small cruise and hear from old friend Linda Hansman Hanson.

Ellen Gussman Adelson is still working and is active on advisory boards for Arts and Sciences, the Johnson Museum, Cornell libraries, and the Lab of Ornithology. She is also still on the U. of Tulsa board of trustees. She wishes she had a little more time to travel, but manages to keep in touch with a lot of her friends. Patricia Bradfield Tillis was divorced last year, but keeps busy with tennis, violin and piano, bridge, and church. She would love to make a couple more road trips—one East, one West-and hear from Harvey Peet. Woody Bliss is enjoying retired life! He plays backgammon and duplicate bridge-he just made Life Master. He is also treasurer of two local and statewide organizations after serving eight years as first selectman (mayor) in Connecticut. For his 80th birthday he took the family (12) on an Alaskan cruise. He would love to hear from Bill Bynum, Jeremy Fitzpatrick '57, and Mike Linehan '57.

Dick Haggard, PhD '65, reports, as we go to press, that this year's Reunion was a great success, with fine weather, dining, campus activities, and the North Campus venue of Mews Hall. Dick and Connie (Case), Reunion co-chairs, along with Ray '57 and Audrey Wildner Sears, enjoyed their time with the Class of '57. They all scouted out plans and ideas for our own 60th next year at the same venue. Plan on being there; we should have a great time! Cheers! ❖ Jan Arps Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; Dick Haggard, richardhaggard 11@gmail.com.

Kudos to Ron Demer, who joins Barbara Hirsch Kaplan, Eleanor Applewhaite, Alan Rosenthal, and Ann Schmeltz Bowers as a Class of '59 recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. It's a well-deserved honor to Ron, who has long gone "the extra mile," not only for the university, but also for our class. To paraphrase another classmate, we're so lucky to have an alum like him!

U. of Nebraska viticulture professor Paul Read, MS '64, still enjoys teaching and research in support of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. He has led seven education-abroad trips to Australia, during which his students focused on Australian agriculture and natural resources. "I think I learn as much as the students do," he comments. His daughter Emma graduated last year from the U. of Nebraska's hospitality, restaurant, and tourism management program. His son Peter is studying health sciences at Drake U., where he is a defensive lineman on the Bulldog football team. "Nice to hear from Gwen Woodson Fraze on FB," writes Celinda Cass Scott—a reminder that Facebook has become a popular way for many '59ers to keep in touch. Celinda and her husband live in Indiana, PA, and have a vacation homebought by her grandparents in 1911-on Lake Erie in North East, PA. ("Come see us!") She keeps busy with church, politics, genealogy, travel, occasional subbing in the local school district, and seeing children and grandchildren. And, she writes, "I'm looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2019."

Hank Stark has produced over 160 concerts with the School of Music at Ithaca College and his Kendal at Ithaca retirement community. "It enables super-talented faculty (more than 35 have performed here) and students (more than 800 have performed here) to have performance opportunities before an intelligent and appreciative audience. And it keeps seniors off the road at night!" Hank continues to be a restaurant reviewer for the Ithaca Times and writes a food and beverage column for Connect, the WCNY public radio and TV station in Syracuse. He's also been teaching a course on wine at Lifelong, the Tompkins County senior center, for about 15 years. Bob Weinman, retired physicist and prominent supporter of performing arts organizations and cultural institutions across the country, has been elected to the board of directors for Opera Santa Barbara. His three-year term began in April. "The Opera Santa Barbara board is sure to benefit from his enthusiasm for and formidable knowledge about opera," said the board's chair. Bob also currently serves on the Santa Barbara Symphony board of directors.

Celebrating our 80th: "80 is just a number and the beginning of another decade. For me, I'm writing my next five-year plan and ten-year bucket list!" says Diane **Drake** Cleland. Diane's daughters celebrated her birthday by inviting 14 of her friends to a luncheon/bridge party complete with bridge boards, prizes for the winners, and a champagne toast. Bill and Sue Phelps Day '60, MEd '62, celebrated Bill's 80th at the Cliff House restaurant overlooking the surf in San Francisco. "It was a memorable occasion, with all three living generations of our five-generation Cornell family attending." Bill continues to keep busy as a consultant in the field of gas turbines for electric power generation. His largest project is being managing director of the Gas Turbine Assn., which represents the interests of the industry. (Reminder to all: share your celebrations with us!)

Seen around town: A weekend in NYC, with dinner at Steve and Barbara Benioff Friedman's home on Saturday and brunch the next morning at Jerry and Tammy Livingston Weintraub's home, also included Rachel Rudin Simonoff Blechman, Ellen Hotchkiss Levine, Sue Itkin Sarlin, Sue Cohen Lubick, Beth Amster Pozefsky Hess, and Jody Goldman Frommer, plus spouses and significant others. "It was a great group, and our Cornell memories are so warm! We sent a gift to the Cornell Library's Honor with Books Endowment in honor of Barbara and Steve." George and Bobbie Greiq

Schneider, David and Peggy Flynn Dunlop, MS HE '63, and Ron Demer joined Barbara Hirsch Kaplan on campus as she hosted the annual recognition dinner at the Statler for the 2017 recipients of the Kaplan Family Faculty Fellowship. Norma Perkins Thomas and her senior-year roommate (your class correspondent) met for lunch outside Minneapolis recently—their first gettogether in more than 50 years. \$\displayset Jenny Tesar\$, jet24@ cornell.edu.

Those of you in Chicago, New York City, Washington, DC, New Jersey, and Northern California may hear soon from class officers about plans for gatherings of '60ers in your area. In the meantime, feel free to contact them if you are interested. Gail Taylor Hodges wants to plan an event in the Chicago area for September or October; she can be reached at hodgesja@sbcglobal. net. Organizers in the New York City area are **Ginny Seipt** (ginnyseipt@gmail.com) and Phyllis Pugatch Schecter (phylandkeeve@yahoo.com); in New Jersey, Gale Jackson (galejackson3@optimum.net); in Washington, DC, Linda Jarshauer Johnson, MS '63 (ljj1@cornell.edu); and in Northern California, Sue Phelps Day, MEd '62 (sueday6@ comcast.net). If you don't see your region on this list and would like to help coordinate an event, contact Alan Garfinkel at elg222@aol.com.

Warm good wishes to **Janet Merkel Klemperer** on the occasion of her recent marriage. As she tells it, "I live in a retirement community, Frasier Meadows, in Boulder, CO. After I lost my husband, Wilfred '55, PhD '62, in 2014, I met and married a fellow resident, Pete Palmer, a retired geologist and paleontologist. It's a wonderful new life for us both, with time for travel and reunions with our two families. In addition to activities in Boulder (book clubs, choirs) that have been a part of my life here since 1966, I have new activities in my residential community, like music programs, writing for our monthly newsletter, and volunteer opportunities." Her only wish is for "more travel, more music!" Considering the impact of her college experience. Janet says. "The liberal arts classes that I took at Cornell have provided lifelong interest and enrichment." Another busy retired Coloradan is Elaine Gruenberg Azcarate of Lone Tree, who says her activities include "some travel, yoga, tai chi, mah-jongg, and grandchildren's activities." Fortunately, her two daughters and three grandchildren, aged 12, 8, and 6, live not far away in Denver. Because Elaine spent part of her adult life in Peru, it's not surprising that she says the person at Cornell who had the greatest impact on her was her adviser in the Spanish lit department, Dalai Brenes, PhD '57.

From Morristown, NJ, George Hays writes, "I've retired from consulting and Beverly has retired from her psychotherapy practice, but we continue to provide divorce mediation services through our home office. This provides us time to travel to places like Prague and the Galápagos and to be involved in various volunteer activities. I'm involved with the World Corrosion Organization, an NGO affiliated with the UN, and with our local Unitarian Universalist church. So far, we haven't stood still enough to have any moss growing between our toes. As long as we're vertical and see the green side of the grass, life is great." A recent retiree, Martin Schock of Bloomfield Hills, MI, left his medical practice, focused on oncology and hematology, at the beginning of 2017. "I'm now looking forward," he says, "to traveling and spending time with my children and five grandchildren. They live in California and Maryland, but Carole and I will remain in Southeastern Michigan for now."

Lois Tyler Benning reports from Clyde, NY, "This will be the sixth year that **John Sterling '59** and I have entertained Cornellians from the classes of 1956-63 who worked together in the Martha Van cafeteria or were in the campus 4H Club. We meet during July, and about 15-20 come each time for lunch and a chance to catch up with what has been happening in our lives." When not planning such mini-reunions, Lois writes a weekly column for the *Lakeshore News*. She also enjoys "quilting, bluegrass, Red Hats, family time, and senior trips."

Robert and Toby Jossem Silverman sent along the happy news that their grandson Matthew Shames will become a fourth-generation Cornellian when he joins the Class of 2021 this fall. His parents, Martin and Deborah Silverman Shames both graduated in 1989, and his great-grandfather Nathan Silverman was in the Class of '30. Bob and Toby have three other grandchildren currently in college and two others in high school. Toby says, "I am still playing tennis, knitting, spending winters in Florida, and trying to stay away from doctors. In Rochester, Bob and I enjoy spending time with the kids and grandkids, taking care of our home and yard, and doing some traveling." Ron Demer '59 kindly forwarded to me an excerpt about John Strothman from the June Harvard Business School Bulletin, which provided an update on John's consulting activities in such areas as risk mitigation methods. John and his wife, Dana, recently moved from Evanston, IL, back to Lake Forest, where they had previously lived for 35 years. They are now closer to their daughter and son and their families.

I was very saddened to hear from my senior-year roommate, **Betty Abraham Dowd**, that **James**, her husband of more than 56 years, died at their summer home on Dewey Lake in Dowagiac, MI, in late November. A memorial service was held at the end of December in St. Louis, MO. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, Jim went on to serve for more than four decades as a Presbyterian minister at churches in Illinois, Ohio, and Missouri. He is survived by three children and seven grandchildren, who, says Betty, have been a wonderful source of support in her bereavement. Send your news to: *** Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

Again, we have good news for this edition of our class column. Jay Treadwell writes, "After spending the last four months recovering from a serious and malignant operation, the pathology report says that I am clear of cancer! I am traveling to the Cornell Hotel Society EMEA conference in London, then on to Malta and Greece to visit Athens and the Greek Islands. I am partially retired from my food services consulting practice, the Optimum Group, in Washington, DC." Jay adds that Robert Beck '42, PhD '54, former dean of the Hotel school, was a valued contributor to his Cornell experience. Jay, we are pleased with your successful medical recovery and again thank you for your contribution to the Reunion committee in making our 55th a great success.

On a slightly different note, on October 1, **Jim Moore**, LLB '64, married Geri Biddle in Rochester with 16 grandchildren playing various roles in the wedding party. They spent two weeks cruising in the Greek Isles and traveling in Hungary and now live in Pittsford, NY. Geri already knows several members of the Class of '61, having attended the Savannah planning meeting and the 55th Reunion in June. Our best wishes to Geri and Jim, who has volunteered to join the Reunion committee for our 60th. The pre-Reunion meeting held in Savannah yields returns we had not expected! Also,

our co-correspondent **Sue Williams** Stevens writes that after many years in Oregon, she and her husband are making a trial retirement move to Reno. NV.

Our stack of news forms is dwindling. We thank all of you that have submitted either hard copy or online input, starting with Bob, MS '63, and Lorna Lamb Herdt '62. Bob writes, "As a member of the Standing Panel on Impact Assessment for a consortium of donors to international research, I help guide the evaluation of agricultural research in the developing world." He adds that he and Lorna are living in a retirement community near New Haven, CT. Larry Lesser reports that he and wife Susan recently went to Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, AL, to visit several civil rights sites in recognition of Michael Schwerner. Larry is still employed part time at the Dept. of State as one of the editors of human rights reports. Peter and Judy Friedman Brandeis sent the following news: "We just downsized and now live in a golf community in Scottsdale, AZ. Although neither of us plays golf it's wonderful to have a huge grass yard for which we have no responsibility." I can echo their sentiment, having an uninhibited view of the ninth fairway for 20 years. Gerrit White is still living in Mahwah, NJ, "enjoying retirement with lots of travel and time with our five grandchildren. Recent family trips included a Disney cruise and hiking several of the western national parks. We're looking forward to touring more of the French wine country this summer as well as trips to Aruba, Spain, Portugal, and London."

From Chicago we hear from Mehdy Douraghy (douraghys@yahoo.com). "I'm still engaged two to three days a week and, slowly, working to curate an exhibition of prayer rugs. Leora and I keep up with our four children and our eight grandchildren and manage a family gettogether every few years." Also, an update from James Baden, MD '65, in Hilton Head, SC, who writes, "I'm still active volunteering in a medical clinic, singing in a barbershop quartet, traveling, and staying current with my Rotary Club." Jim mentions that Hurricane Matthew caused some major problems last October, which we saw in Savannah as well. Ellen Brock Narins lives in Orchard Park, NY, and reports, "My granddaughter Madeleine Welchoff '20 is now a Cornell freshman. What memories when I visited her in Risley, my old freshman dorm!" Keeping with the theme of Cornell legacies, Judy Rensin Mandell proudly claims that all of her children (three) attended Cornell, as well as her grandson, who is currently a sophomore.

Mary Lee Ling is living in Laguna Woods, CA, enjoying exercises including Chi Kon, tai chi, aerobics, and stretching. She is involved in counseling and volunteering at her church. Recently they attended a family reunion in Carlsbad, CA, with eight grandchildren. Mary would like to hear from her friend Ruth Hsu Chen. Michael Kay (mzkay713@aol.com) sent in a new address in Atlanta, GA. Peggy Thomas (peg19@mac. com) sent her business card. She runs her own pottery shop in Ridgefield, CT, called, appropriately, the Pottery. Lastly, a last word from former class president Frank Cuzzi, MBA '64 (fcuzzi@aol.com): "No retirement; I have refired! I teach marketing and sports management at Monroe College and at Universal Sports Education. USE continues to move forward. Daughter **Alexandra** Cox-Cuzzi '06 was married in NYC and is living in Austin, TX, while daughter Ashley lives in San Francisco and continues her career at LinkedIn."

At this point, we have nearly exhausted all the material we have for the class column. Keep your notes and e-mails coming to us for future columns. � Doug Fuss,

dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 Your correspondent was unable to attend our 55th Reunion. **Mike Eisgrau** (mikepr40@gmail. com) kindly provided a recap of the outstanding weekend:

For the Class of 1962 a simple four-word theme said it all: "Still Alive at 55!" And, if you saw the dozen "kids" cutting a rug to the rock and roll tunes of the Backtalk Band Friday night at class headquarters, the Alice Cook House, there would be no doubt in your mind. 130 classmates, hubbies, wives, and significant others descended upon the Hill for a great three days—great weather, great events, and a great chance to, once again, renew those longtime ties.

growing reality. The weekend also included "Artists' Books: An Exhibition/Reception" of the Cornell Library, featuring fine printing, artists' books, and other rare editions from the Cornell collections, many of them donated to the university by **Paul '60** and **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder**.

Throughout the weekend **John Neuman** spoke with more than a dozen classmates concerned about where and how they might live in retirement. His topic—"Choosing the Best Retirement Community"—focused on two alternatives: full service organizations like Kendal at Ithaca and "aging in place"—in other words, living a comfortable life at home.

And then there was Friday night—and a wonderful dinner at Alice Cook. But there was more. At our 50th Reunion we danced the night away to the music of a

'Although neither of us plays golf it's wonderful to have a huge grass yard for which we have no responsibility.'

PETER AND JUDY FRIEDMAN BRANDEIS '61

Led by Reunion chairman **Neil Schilke**, MS '64, the planning of committee members **Frank Quirk**, MBA '64, **Nancy Williams** Clark, MEd '64, **Char Collister**, **Evelyn Eskin, Don Juran, John Lowrie**, and **Alex Vollmer**, MS '64, paid off big time. Neil set the stage: "Meeting, greeting, eating, and learning will be an active part of the Reunion." Wine and snacks were a pleasant introduction at the welcoming reception and informal dinner on Thursday evening. Newsletter editor Mike Eisgrau took the "eating" part seriously and headed straight for the pizza and salad bar. In singles and couples, the '62ers began arriving—and that started to take care of the "meeting" and "greeting." Those who arrived Thursday afternoon had a special treat: a visit from new Cornell president Martha Pollack.

The class has a Reunion tradition of presenting excellent Cornell faculty speaking about their work. That tradition continued Friday morning when our Symposium speaker was Dr. Stephanie Wiles, director of Cornell's Johnson Museum of Art. Her presentation described some of the trailblazing outreach efforts being made toward many parts of the Cornell community—from Engineering to Soil Science and more—to encourage student and faculty involvement with the museum.

Throughout the weekend, art and photography were major themes. To begin with, no less than 13 classmates exhibited their art and sculpture at the Bibliowicz Gallery in Milstein Hall. Nancy Clark did a fine job organizing the exhibit, which included her works, as well as those by **Al Leitch, Priscilla Snow** Algava, **Willa Radin** Swiller, BFA '62, **Patricia Carlin** White, MEd '63, **Margie McKee** Blanchard, MA '65, **Bonnie Graham** MacDougall, PhD '73, **Richard Alther, Kelly Gould** Behan, **Cathryn Van Buren** Bomberger, **Alice Dalton** Brown, **Aline Holstein** Lotter, and **Bill Coggshall**.

The paintings were just part of the efforts shown on the weekend. For many years, our class has benefitted the Johnson Museum by providing funds for the singular and exceptional Class of 1962 Photography Collection. These outstanding images were taken by acclaimed American photographers. Kudos to class gift committee chairperson (and class historian) **Judy Prenske** Rich for her many years of making the collection a continuing and

terrific group from Ithaca College called the Backtalk Band. They were so good that, the day after Reunion ended, we booked them for our 55th. Once again they did not disappoint—nor did our classmates. More than a dozen couples took to the dance floor like teenagers. Spotted in that crowd were Neil and Ro Schilke, Frank and Betty Quirk, **Barbara Garson** Stern, **Kent '61** and **Rita Milkman Gershengorn**, and many others, proving they were more than alive at 55.

A real Saturday highlight was the Refiring Workshop, presented by Margie and **Ken Blanchard '61**, PhD '67. Ken and Margie, who've built a fabulously successful business of motivational seminars, held a very engaged group of classmates enthralled for two hours as they described "Refiring." No, not career advancement or financial gain; rather concentrating on healthy living, warm relationships, continued learning, meaningful involvement in community, and the development of a personal sense of spirituality.

We could not end this report without mentioning a placard put up by our great outgoing class president, **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler. With pride and thanks to all who donated, Ruth announced that our 55th Reunion donations totaled \$37,145,746! WOW! And we can't forget to give a shout-out to the wonderful student clerks who manned headquarters under the direction of Frank Quirk.

One last thought came from classmate **Marty Silverman**. Over the last three Reunions our cameras have caught Marty fast asleep. He laughed at the pics, but then said, "I will not be unhappy if you take a picture of me fast asleep—at our 60th Reunion." We'd better start planning. **Mike Eisgrau**, mikepr40@gmail.com; **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

By the time you read this, our 55th Reunion will be nine months away. Mark June 7-10, 2018 on your calendars and join us. Please contact class president **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, at jstregack@aol.com with ideas for Reunion and to volunteer to help.

Alan '50 and **Linda Goldstein Towbin** were lucky enough to have a "delightful, impromptu encounter with President Martha Pollack at the Cornell Club in New York on May 10. It was like bumping into an old friend. How

fortunate Cornell is to have a president who is so warm, friendly, and down to earth." A sad piece of news came from **Marsha Wineburgh**, who wrote that **Joan Albin** died on April 21. Marsha considered Joan and **Janet Stein** Davis, who passed away last summer, her "two sisters by choice."

Dave '62 and Ginny Hoffman Morthland took a trip to California in April. "We had some great beach time in Del Mar and visited the awesome USS Midway Museum. Spent Easter with Ken '61, PhD '67, and Margie McKee Blanchard '62, MA '65, and their family. It was fun to catch up with them. We also spent a day with Karen Kraengle Evenden and Marion Travalini Rodd in Ojai. More fun catching up!" In addition, Ginny just sent this message: "It is with VERY mixed emotions that we announce the sale of our beloved boat, MV Ginny C. As you know, we have been blessed with 14 fabulous years of cruising from Olympia, WA, up the Inside Passage of British Columbia—and once, all the way to Southeast Alaska. But, 'to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven,' and we have finally come to that difficult crossroad. We don't know what lies ahead of us in the next few years, but certainly there will be some more adventures, and hopefully some will be on the water. Meanwhile, we will hold all of our boating memories close in our hearts."

Jim and Carolyn McArdle live in Cos Cob, CT. "We just had our tenth grandchild, and eight of them live in town, so we help with carpooling and babysitting." What keeps Jim busy is reading, politics, church involvement, and golf. He would like to hear from Tom Brennan. The May/June 2017 issue of Hispanic Executive featured a great article about classmate Mario Concha. (It can be found online if you search "2017 Best of the Boardroom-Hispanic Executive.") Mario divides his time between Atlanta, GA, and Vail, CO. According to the article, from December through March, Mario spends "over six hours a day as a ski instructor in Vail. He has taught private adult ski classes, mostly to Spanish speakers. His 40-plus years of managerial experience helped him transition to instructor." He also works part time as chairman of the board of Applied Minerals Inc., based in New York City. "Applied Minerals makes clay for use in petroleum cracking catalysts, in molecular sieves, and as a flame retardant in electric cables." Too complicated for the average person!

John, MBA '65, and CeCe Kennedy live in Morrisville, NC, and keep busy playing golf, traveling, and spending time on church activities and with community involvement. They spent last winter in the Bradenton/ Sarasota area. Their 21st grandchild was born last December. One of John's wishes is that he could lower his golf handicap. He says that Prof. Arthur Fiedler in the Johnson School had the greatest impact on him while at Cornell. Herb Friedman and his wife, Wendy Drexler, live in Belmont, MA. Herb wrote, "I plan to retire in June 2017 after 45 years of practicing law. Tutoring adult students in English is one creative and enjoyable activity. Wendy and I recently returned from a 35-passenger boat sojourn in the various Galápagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. It was fascinating and it gave me a chance to practice my Spanish from the days that I did graduate work in Argentina." Herb would like to hear from classmate **David Gersh**, JD '65.

Warren Icke '62 and I hosted the Cornell Club of Southern Arizona annual picnic in early May. There were Cornellians from the Class of '56 through the Class of '12—a nice mix of ages. Among those attending were classmates Neil Kochenour, MD '69, and Jim, MD

'69, and **Christine Newton Dauber**. Jim and Chris left in mid-May for their summer in Portland, OR. Neil keeps busy traveling. He lives in Academy Village in Tucson and is very involved in the development of their expanded assisted living residences. When traveling through Middletown, VA, consider a stopover at the Wayside Inn, owned and run by **George**, MBA '66, and Becky **Reeves**. Cornellians get a discount. Check out the website at: alongthewayside.com.

Harvey Rothschild is one of my best e-mail correspondents. He is involved with the First Congregational Church in Bellevue, WA. In June, "Faure's Requiem was sung by choirs from six Seattle area United Church of Christ churches representing (if everyone shows up) 131 voices. This concert capped the church's first season of the new Sanctuary Space—a place for timeless music and progressive thought." That's all for now, but please e-mail me with news. * Nancy Bierds Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

It's "Remember when . . ." time for this column. In this case, remember when, in the first term of our freshman year, a men's dorm might be filled with the lilting sounds of classmate **Harry Chapin**'s songs? A song Harry wrote in 1973 on his "Short Stories" album has now been re-released as a children's book. *Mr. Tanner*, illustrated by Bryan Langdo, tells the story of a singing bear from the Midwest who is encouraged to perform at New York's Town Hall. But his debut there incurs such disappointing results he's discouraged from ever singing again. A share of the book's proceeds will go to WhyHunger, a nonprofit charity Harry co-founded in 1975 and promoted ardently. Harry was known as "America's troubadour," a true storyteller through his songs.

Donald Franz, ME '66, appearing here for the very first time, reports he still does "some work" and consulting (in what field he doesn't say). He got married three years ago, and he and wife Kathy moved to San Antonio, TX. in May 2016. Donald travels less now, but still does two major overseas trips annually. Cynthia Wolloch Reid writes, "I am pleased to report on a lovely recent retirement event in honor of Catherine Heldt Zuckert. Catherine, the Nancy Reeves Dreux Professor of Political Science at Notre Dame, was celebrated at a conference entitled 'Ancients, Moderns, and Postmoderns,' signifying the principal areas of her research and teaching. Her colleagues from across the country and beyond and graduate students past and present gathered at Notre Dame in May to celebrate her contributions to scholarship in political philosophy through a series of panel discussions on her books: Plato's Philosophers, Machiavelli's Politics, and Postmodern Platos. Catherine's husband, Michael, who continues to teach at Notre Dame, spoke on Catherine's work in politics and literature. It was an extraordinarily edifying and moving event."

Cindy continues, calling her own news "more pedestrian." She writes, "Like other classmates, my husband, Joe, and I have become snowbirds, spending winters in Sarasota, FL, in a beautiful community of like-minded souls surrounded by a sea of not-so-like-minded souls. Still, the weather and the lush landscape are spectacular. Larry and Roberta Matthews Monat are there, and Toby Kleban Levine and husband Andy are not far away. Otherwise, we're still at home outside Washington, where I am on the board of Mosaic Theater, an exciting company dedicated to producing challenging art that celebrates Washington's diversity and tackles the big issues."

Al Jerome, who lives in Calabasas, CA, with wife Michele, writes, "I retired two years ago as president

and CEO of KCET, the public television station in Los Angeles, after 19 years. Currently, I am enrolled at Pepperdine School of Law studying dispute resolution. My goal is to become a professional mediator. It has been fun to be in classes with so many bright, young people." Al adds, "We recently sold our home of 21 years and moved into a newly constructed condo. We sold just about all of our furniture in an estate sale and started out fresh in our new place. We have really enjoyed the whole process of change. We are also expecting our third grandchild. Our son and daughter-in-law live in Portland, OR, and we'll be spending a lot of time there this summer. We are also Dodgers season ticket holders, so we watch a lot of baseball." Al says they like having more time to travel and visit with their family.

Arthur Levitan, ME '66, isn't the only classmate not letting retirement interfere with an active lifestyle. After 21 years of no news, Arthur writes, "I haven't submitted anything in what seems like forever. Here's an update/status. After stints in the defense industry and Verizon, I started a homeland security-oriented small business, which lasted about 15 years. Contracts with the Army, the Air Force, Homeland Security, DARPA, and the Dept. of Justice followed. I'm officially retired now. Judy and I have been in Wilton, CT, since the early '70s. Two boys, two grandkids. Playing a lot of golf. Recently, we turned an antique jewelry collecting hobby into a very specific book titled *Unger Brothers*, about a manufacturing silversmith from Newark, NJ, in the late 1800s/early 1900s. It's available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble."

Gary Cocks (Springfield, IL) recently spent time in California with his father, George Cocks, PhD '49, whom some of us may have had as a teacher! The elder Cocks earned his PhD at Cornell, then was a professor in Chemical Engineering for several years beginning around our graduation time. Alice Fried Baker and husband Michael '61 are busy traveling literally worldwide. Alice writes that within the last five years they've visited Europe, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Russia, plus they journey to California annually to be with their son, David '90, and his wife as well as Alice's sister Lucy Fried Koster '62. She regrets not making our 50th Reunion, but is hoping to make our 55th in June 2019. When the Bakers do manage to get home, it's to Cape Cod and Sandwich, MA.

That's it for now. Please don't forget to send your news to me by e-mail, regular mail, the News Form, or our class website (www.cornell1964.org). Plus, you can post on our class Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964. **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@ comcast.net.

Nancy Felthousen Ridenour, MAT '73 (Ithaca, NY; nancyridenourartist@gmail.com) is a happy gardener during the summer. She writes, "Gardening is central to my summer life, with many perennial gardens in my yard and a large lotus pond that holds over 500 flowering lotuses during the summer." Nancy retired from teaching biology at Ithaca High School in 2005, then took classes in photography and Photoshop and started her own business, Lotus Studios. She focuses on flowers, Florida birds, and architecture. Check out her work here: http://nancyridenourartist.zenfolio.com. Nancy also comments, "I have volunteered as a docent for the Johnson Art Museum and the Cornell Botanic Gardens, and have held leadership roles in the Ithaca Garden Club. I have traveled a lot with my partner, Sam, to Egypt, the Netherlands, Argentina, Italy, Spain, and France." Nancy's daughter, **Sheryl Ridenour '91**, lives and works in Chicago, and Nancy enjoys visiting with her.

Stuart Ross (Davis, CA) is another classmate who keeps busy gardening and seeing family. He is retired from UC Irvine and now has more time for reading, writing, and editing. **Tove Hasselriis** Abrams (West Sayville, NY; tove60@gmail.com) wishes she could be climbing mountains that have no snow or ice. However, her daily routine often includes the following: "I sing, I paint (oils), I color (crayons), I photograph (nature), I video and edit, I sleep, I drink vodka and bourbon, I travel to 'Star Trek' conventions, I rant against stupid government officials, and I rave about great art, music, and performances." Tove's professor of Entomology, Edgar Raffensperger, and her choral director, Tom Sokol, had the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

Judy Russell Davidson (Orleans, MA; judithdavidson @comcast.net) writes, "This past year I made Life Master in duplicate bridge. Classical music is still one of my favorite pursuits: I organized several recitals for professional musicians locally and play cello in a couple of amateur chamber music groups. I'm still on the board of the Cornell Club of Cape Cod and have planned some luncheons with speakers." Arizona is the new home of Henry Nave, MCE '67 (Peoria, AZ; HJNave@gmail. com). He serves as an elder in church and teaches a men's Bible study. "I continue my involvement with a possible windfarm in the mountains west of Denver." Dick Gildersleeve (dick.gildersleeve@gmail.com) and his wife, Kate, live in Stamford, CT, and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with 14 family members, including six grandchildren, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He invites everyone to stop by his restaurant, Crab Shell, off Interstate 95 at exit 7. Not yet retired, he also handles yacht brokerages.

Another classmate still working outside the home is John Gerich (Wayne, PA; johngerich@compuserve. com). Although retired as a professor of medicine, he continues to lecture, consult, and write medical articles. His particular current interest is training to be a professional fishing guide. Golfing and travel also occupy his time. "I just got back from a cruise around South America with wife Carol. We are enjoying a third grandchild born in January." Look for a new book by Michael **Schwarting**, MArch '68 (Port Jefferson, NY) called *Rome:* Urban Formation and Transformation, which presents formation as ideal and transformation as the adaptation of the ideal to real or existing conditions. This book examines the relationship of these in the creation of the city. Michael is still teaching architecture at New York Inst. of Technology in NYC and practicing at Campani and Schwarting Architects, Port Jefferson, NY.

George Arangio, MD '69 (casarangio@aol.com) sends along advice provided by his daughter-in-law, who is a practicing health coach. Her suggestions are worth considering and I share them here. **Diet**: Eat mostly vegetables and some protein with each meal (vegan is a good goal); minimize sugar (it's poison and in everything these days); don't consume liquid calories (e.g., oranges not orange juice); eliminate processed food and minimize carbohydrates. Internet: Install "Facebook News Feed Eradicator," and remove Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram from your phone; turn off notifications or uninstall all apps on your phone that cause you to waste time; set a timer for 25 minutes and work, followed by five minutes of break, and repeat until done. Possessions: Remove "stuff" from your life; if you haven't worn it in six months, or if you haven't touched it in six months, give it to the needy. **Freedom**: Choose to learn a musical instrument, learn a language, read more, paint, take a class, or exercise; choose to stop reading and watching depressing news articles and stories.

Please note that if there was no e-mail or state/city listed, it is because none came along with the news submitted. Your handwritten news forms are welcome, but submissions by e-mail are most appreciated. Often certain handwriting is a puzzle to figure out. ❖ Joan Hens Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; Steve Appell, big red1965@aol.com.

Andy Berger, PhD '71 (aberger@uw.edu) reports from Sammamish, WA, that he has finished a three-year term as a department chair and returned to being a "whining" faculty member. Teaching, research, and scholarship are still his passions, and he hopes to continue as long as possible. This academic year he will be on sabbatical at the U. of Sydney, Australia. He cites Prof. R.W. Balluffi, his PhD advisor, as the Cornellian who had the greatest impact on him.

Kenneth Abbott (abbottglobal7@gmail.com), in Tempe, AZ, continues actively researching and writing about global governance. Much of this coming year he will be at a leading social science institute in Berlin, Germany. He also recently received a Distinguished Scholar award from the Int'l Studies Assn. Ken and wife Deborah's younger daughter recently got married and received a post-doctoral fellowship in math from Berkeley. Ken would like to spend his downtime playing musical instruments, but says arthritis has interfered. Len Coburn (Lencoburn@gmail.com) spends retirement volunteering as a docent at the National Gallery of Art and Hillwood Estate, Museum, and Gardens, both in Washington, DC. He and Evelyn travel and have good times with friends. Last October they headed West to Washington and Oregon. Len visited classmate Ronni Barrett Lacroute at her WillaKenzie Estate Vineyard and had a great tour and tasted wonderful wines. This past March they visited Phoenix and Tucson, AZ.

In Sebastian, FL, Norman Mever (NM2101@vahoo, com) has reduced his ophthalmology practice to two days a week and no longer does surgery. He does civic work with the Masons, Lion's Club, and city festivals, Norman's wife, Joyce, is recovering from chemo; they hope to travel as her health improves. Norman says the Cornellian who had the most influence on him was Lloyd Dropkin, MD '70, as well as Lloyd's parents. From Sherburne, NY, William Davidson (willdale@frontier.com) reports that he retired from Frontier Communications last December, and his wife, Alette Koenig, a CNA, retired from Hamilton Community Memorial Hospital. He says they are both so busy now they don't understand how they had time to work! Recent travel included their granddaughter's high school graduation in Indiana and an upcoming October trip to Ohio for another granddaughter's wedding. He would like to hear from Conrad Cook '65, MAT '66, and Roger Cook '64, DVM '67. He states that the two professors who had the most impact on him were George W. Trimberger and J. Murray Elliot, PhD '58.

Cesar Carrero, ME '67 (mayricesar@gmail.com) is semi-retired, but still manages real estate in San Juan, PR. He and Mayri would like to work less and travel more. Cesar's stepson is a nationally known TV and radio analyst. Cesar says Prof. Erikson, Electrical Engineering, had the most influence on him. Judith Kurtz Polcer (judypolcer@gmail.com) is still singing and teaching voice and piano. She also plays some basketball at a local YMCA and is a volunteer leader at Prospect Park in Brooklyn. She says she is realizing that personal

relationships surpass all else and that reconnecting and connecting with classmates at Reunion was such a pleasure. Judy's son Sam got married in July. Son Ben is a musician in New Orleans. Her husband, Ed, works with school groups at Louis Armstrong House Museum in Queens. Most influential at Cornell was Music professor Donald Grout.

Paul Anderson (Vancouver, WA; pkanderson@yahoo. com) enjoys his part-time job as a personal trainer. He also enjoys doing landscaping for a group of neighbors. Paul credits ILR professor Bill Frank with getting him connected to his pre-retirement occupation with supermarkets. Paul wishes he had a chance to use his million frequent flyer miles. Martin Schwartz (mmschwartz 0944@concast.net) is a volunteer for SCORE—consulting, mentoring, and teaching for small business. SCORE is sponsored by the US SBA. Martin also travels and does weightlifting and physical fitness activities. He wishes he could run a mile in under four minutes. Martin and his wife of 49 years, Roberta (Bernstein) '68, have a Cornell family: Bryan '94 is an attorney and author and Kevin '97 is a project manager with the Army Corps of Engineers. Both daughters-in-law teach. Grandchildren are Camelia, 9, and Sy, 3. Martin credits Roberta with having the most influence on him at Cornell.

Donald and **Susan Rockford** Bittker traveled to Loveland, CO, in March for a **Peter Yarrow '59** concert. They were able to join the "meet and greet" group before the concert and had a chance to chat with Peter. Susan got a hug from him, as did others. Mentioning Cornell got Peter talking about campus history. The group had front-row seats. Peter was joined by his son Christopher, who walked out with his "gut bucket" (wash basin bass), an instrument Susan knew from freshman year when one of her Donlon corridor-mates brought one to school! Send news to: **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@ aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 It was clear from the start that the Class of '67's 50th Reunion was going to be different—and in a very positive way: the sun was shining and the sky was blue all the way from Wednesday, when the set-up began at Hans Bethe House on West Campus, right through the closing brunch there Sunday morning.

This has never happened before at any of our Reunions, so it was no little thing. The prevailing mood at this Reunion was enjoying the chance to re-connect with classmates and Cornell. To that end, Reunion co-chairs **Dave Darwin**, MCE '68, and **Judy Silverman** Kaufman made sure that there were always comestibles and liquid refreshment available in the lounge of Hans Bethe, and usually classmates could be spotted there conversing until the wee hours.

We were 350 strong in attendance, and that includes classmates and significant others. All found themselves running into people they hadn't seen in years, especially during the cocktail hours and dinners at Bartels Hall, yet another structure that did not exist during our years on the Hill. Crew alumni presented a new shell to men's heavyweight rowing coach **Todd Kennett '91**, and formal proceedings were kept to a minimum at the dinners, a wise decision in view of the acoustics. Class president **Margie Greenberg** Smith, with the assistance of **Dave Worrell**, managed to accomplish the required official class business there in record time.

We had several occasions to be introduced to Martha E. Pollack, Cornell's new president, at a Saturday morning session at Bailey Hall and then when she spoke briefly at our picnic in the Cornell Botanic Gardens, née Plantations (still located on Plantations Rd.). President Pollack, who also introduced herself in our 50th Reunion book, showed herself to be at home already at Cornell, and those who heard her, especially at Bailey, were pleased that she is now in charge. One stop not to be missed after the picnic was a visit to the renovated Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall, where the ice cream was fabulous, far better than I, for one, ever remembered. Some of us who find it hard to resist that particular substance also made sure to include a Purity break during our campus stay. And those who remained in the Botanic Gardens Saturday afternoon to enjoy many delightful horticultural attractions, including some rhododendrons still surprisingly in bloom, were treated to the Hangovers' Allan Treman 1921 Memorial Concert.

Other Reunion highlights included the appearance Saturday afternoon of the "Science Guy," **Bill Nye '77**, and a forum sponsored by the Class of '72 featuring the documentary *Agents of Change*, which was followed by a discussion including some participants in the '69 Straight takeover. I've long heard complaints by some that there's not enough to stimulate the mind at Reunions, but this year there were lots of academically oriented programs and forums. I even took advantage of a continuing education program at the Law School, which may raise questions about my priorities.

Two other long-standing Reunion events that seemed rejuvenated this time were the sprightly Savage Club Show on Thursday night, which included classmates Adam Perl and Mel Richards, and Cornelliana Night, which featured lots of singing, mostly by younger alumni on stage, who, to me, looked to be current undergrads. Lots of colleges, fraternities, sororities, teams, and groups of all kinds hosted receptions, and the beer tents on the Arts Quad were pounding out music of various kinds long into the night, joined by the traditional informal performance by student a cappella groups in the lobby of Goldwin Smith on Saturday night. The Sun reception may have reflected the paper's reduction in printing to three days a week this year, because you could only find a notice of the gathering in . . . right, the Sun Reunion edition.

Change remains the constant at Cornell. Noyes Lodge is now a Language Resource Center, but there is a Noyes Fitness Center right next to Hans Bethe House. With the total demolition of the U-Halls and the completion of the new houses on West Campus, only memories remain of the haunts of freshman men back in '63, such as the Murderball Ground and the Barf Bar.

Our class organized campus tours and a very popular tour of the Johnson Art Museum. I found myself on an architectural tour of the Arts Quad, where several buildings have been renovated or extended, and, in at least one instance, re-named. And I did find myself climbing Libe Slope on my way to some function; we met friends near the top, and the chance to take a breath was refreshing.

We'll resume regular class news next time, so please send me updates and your own impressions of our 50th Reunion. For obvious reasons of space, we cannot mention here everyone who made it back to campus, but hope to hear from you soon. • Richard Hoffman, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

Mike Baron's (mike@emcubeinc.com) greatest satisfaction these days comes from watching his son David play centerfield in the spring and wide

receiver in the fall for his high school teams in Arlington, VA. Mike's still hard at work as he recently became president of EMCUBE Inc., a small elite technical/engineering consulting company supporting US missile systems.

William Wise (billywisemd@hotmail.com) enjoys life in Newton, MA, playing klezmer music with his regular trio and freelancing. Of course another of Bill's great joys is teaching his four grandchildren to play checkers. Bill still prepares a variation on the tuna fish salad that he learned from fellow freshman **Chuck Hepburn**, with whom he also did some "off the wall" musical duets. He says if he had a day in Ithaca he'd play some klezmer clarinet at Cornell Hillel and then consume lox and bagels. Well, Bill, we're pretty sure you could fit that in at our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018. Steve, MBA '70, JD '71, and **Sharon Lawner Weinberg**, PhD '71 (Sharon. Weinberg@nyu.edu) live in Scarsdale, NY. Sharon is a professor of applied statistics and psychology at New York U. In 2016 she published two textbooks, Statistics Using IBM SPSS: An Integrative Approach as a third edition, and Statistics Using Stata: An Integrative Approach as a first edition. Her co-author, Sarah Knapp Abramowitz '89, was one of her former graduate students. Steve is now executive managing director at RF Binder Partners, a NYC public relations firm, having retired as a partner at the law firm Cooley LLP.

Carol Cormano Kiczek (alex@Kiczek.com) and her husband, Alex, live in Kansas City, MO, where they do extensive volunteering that includes Catholic church activities such as feeding the homeless and visiting shut-ins. Carol's also one of only two women engineers and conductors volunteering as a sightseeing driver for the North Kansas City Railroad. She continues to provide care to a disabled adult who they brought from an institution into their family 38 years ago. Carol does all this and still finds time to be with her 13 grandchildren and occasionally go fishing. Carol attributes her skills as a financial manager to the blind professor of Ag Economics.

Jay Goldstein (JayGoldsteinMD@AOL.com) and his wife, Laura, live in Newton MA, where Jay's still a working dermatologist three days a week. One evening each week, Jay feeds his passion for rock music as a drummer in a classic rock band called Brogue. Jay and Laura vacation a few months a year in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where he rocks it out as a member of the Bar Band. You might remember Jay's rock bands, the Human Element and the Rain, that he says had the greatest impact on him during his days at Cornell. He stays in close touch with Jay Waks, JD '71, and Howard Weinstein.

Charles Alexander (Alistersolutions@aol.com) and his wife of 41 years, Pamela, live in Aromas, CA. Charles's company, MacAlister Property Solutions LLC, invests in residential Lots of Record in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties and also consults on large custom homes on the Monterey Peninsula. He continues to add to his skills by pursuing a degree in energy and construction management at Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA. Charles is particularly proud of his son, Nicholas, who is an auditor for East West Bank in San Francisco, which entails travel to Hong Kong and NYC. Paul Rohan (Westport, CT) is an audit partner at a national CPA firm. Paul dined with Bob Cantor last year and corresponds with Bob Arnold.

Can you believe it? About nine months to our 50th Reunion! **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

Hope you all enjoyed the summer. Thanks for all the news! **Ted Hudson** lives in Centreville, VA. He retired from the Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior in 2009 and has been researching and

writing the Civil War novel he wanted to write as a fifth grader. "210,000 words later, I'm only halfway through the saga, which is about my great-grandfather who served in the Army of the Cumberland from 1862-64 and marched to the sea with Sherman. (I did not know about him in fifth grade.)" Daughter Miranda earned a full-tuition scholarship to Randolph College in Lynchburg, VA, where she is a junior with a major in English/creative writing and minors in Chinese and art. Son Lachlan was on the wait list for admission to Cornell's Class of 2021. Ted enjoys his writing project, family, exploring nature, and reading.

Another Virginia resident, **Lee Stone** is involved with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, "a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union, organized in 1881." He has published Independent Loudoun Virginia Rangers with www.waterfordfoundation. org. Lee earned an MA in history from U. of Essex, 2004-05. Congratulations to Richard Lysle's daughter, Lily Rae, JD '17, who earned her Law degree in May. Laurie Haynes Sieminski reports that she is still teaching patchwork quilting and designing and making quilts for many charitable causes. Husband Adam, MPA '71, resigned from his position as head of the US Energy Information Administration in January to take up a fulltime post at the Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies (www.csis.org/energy). His favorite pastime is with Friends of Peirce Mill, a volunteer-run organization that supports the last remaining water-powered flour mill in Washington, DC.

Thomas Levanduski and spouse James Reed are busy playing contract bridge in the Albany area, and they enjoy biking trips in Europe. **George Reynolds** fondly remembers his great professors and his association with WVBR—"Great people." **Gabriel Rothberg** is retired in Los Angeles, and he and his wife love spending time with his three girls and ten grandchildren. **Rick Greenberg** reports that he recently bought a beautiful painting by **Janine Wesselmann**, who has become a "world renowned artist with paintings in galleries worldwide."

George Remien and wife DeLis are busy with all three children and seven nearby grandchildren (ages 23 to 3 months) and caretaking elderly parents. "A tiny cottage on Cape Cod serves as a getaway." They travel, garden, and are into photography and feel truly blessed. However, "with all we do, we wish we could be doing it with a 37-year-old body and our 70-year-old wisdom." We hear you, George. DeLis and George married in his senior year—"She was my greatest support and it is still great coming home to her." Cathy Weisman Topal urges all pre-K to sixth grade teachers, art teachers, and grandparents to check out her new website, www. thinkingwithaline.com. She is still writing and doing professional workshops here and abroad. Cathy does lots of traveling and went on the Cornell trip to the national parks last fall. Daughter Claire Topal '01 is a principal with Red Tomato Consulting LLC, a company that provides services to nonprofits.

Les DeGroff, DVM '69, is still practicing large animal medicine in Perry, NY, and "loving it." He and wife Betsy raise sweet corn, pumpkins, and squash for their roadside stands. In the winter they spend a couple of months in Florida and California and love watching their grand-children grow. "Life is good." Kenneth LaPensee is working part time for an emerging pharmaceutical company after a 40-year career in health insurance and pharma. He would like more time to work on his Vietnam War novels, practice German, and play the viola. He

adopted a little girl from China in September 2001. He would love to hear from **Megan Cornish** and **Philip Reilly. Jan Turk Mills** reports from Fort Meyers, FL. She enjoys boating with husband **Robin**, MBA '69, and singing in a choir. They do quite a bit of traveling, especially in July and August (too hot in Florida!), to visit eight grandchildren in California and Ohio.

Doug Yoder is still deputy director of Miami-Dade Water & Sewer department, the largest utility in the southeast US, working in particular on issues of climate change and sea level rise. He recently authored a chapter of the book *The Water Problem*, published by the Brookings Inst. He and wife Margaret "are fortunate to be in good health" and do some traveling (last trip was to Antarctica). Son Todd is a federal criminal defense attorney in Miami. **Dan Taubman** has been serving as a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals for 24 years. He is actively involved in promoting access to justice in Colorado and coaches and judges "We the People," a high school competition about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In his spare time he participates in a gourmet club.

George Bubrick is retired and enjoys his son's high school career as an all-county QB. "He is one of the top high school quarterbacks in South Florida," writes George, and he hopes to attend an lvy League school. Don Verdiani, ME '71, became an EMT and is involved with the national and international Red Cross in their disaster responses. He is also still on the crew of a tall ship, the Kalmar Nyckel. Richard Roveland had "a fulfilling career as an economist in NYS government." His Economics degree from Cornell gave him sufficient credits to qualify for the NYS requirements, and he advanced from trainee to associate economist before retiring. Richard Poznysz completed his final term on the Ocean Spray board of directors after serving for 14 years, 12 as an audit committee chair. He's trying to spend as much time as possible at his second home in Woodstock. VT, to work on becoming a true "Green Mountain Boy."

Ron Frers is excited about transitioning his clinical sports massage therapy practice to BCST (biodynamic craniosacral therapy) and will be working in the areas of the autism spectrum, concussive injuries, and PTSD. Best of luck, Ron. He plans to travel more and was planning a trip to Niagara Falls and Cornell, as well as to Charlotte to spend time with his seven grandchildren. He would love to hear from Bill Bandura and Richard Erali. Steven LaRocca, BArch '70, plans on retiring next year. He's had a busy career in architecture: 12 NYC schools and Westchester County projects. Son Jason joined his firm in January, and son Jonathan '03 is an associate architect in Houston. Architecture must be in the genes! His two young grandchildren, he says, "are a joy."

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year—enjoy the colors! Please continue to send news to: **Tina** Economaki Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

As the years go by (or should I say fly by?), we receive news about the deaths of friends and classmates more and more often. Sadly, on February 14, 2017, our classmate **Julie Mather Schnuck** passed away due to a glioblastoma brain tumor. She was the wife of **Scott '72**, with whom she had three sons. In 1975, Julie and Scott moved to St. Louis when Scott joined his family's business, Schnuck Markets, where Julie was a valued partner in the floral department. Julie was active with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (her grandchildren called her "Birdie," because of her love of birds) and the Audubon Center at Riverlands in West Alton, MO. After her glioblastoma diagnosis, in the spring of 2015, Julie

boldly agreed to be Patient 1 in a personalized, revolutionary vaccine to fight such incurable brain tumors. She and Scott were instrumental in establishing the Julia M. Schnuck Personalized Immune Vaccine Trial at Washington U. All those who knew Julie, who was born in Franklinville, NY, loved her personality, especially her quick wit. Her keen business sense was much respected. For further information, find her obituaries through the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Lupton Chapel of St. Louis, MO.

Virginia Vanderslice, MS '73 (ginny@praxiscg.com), who founded Praxis Consulting Group of Philadelphia, has been honored with the ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) Assn.'s Life Service Award. It's a prestigious award for a person who has contributed greatly to ESOP, as well as to the employee ownership community. Having more than 30 years of experience working with employee-owned companies, Ginny has helped spread awareness that employee ownership is of great benefit to employees, companies, and the nation. She is on the faculty of the Center for Organizational Dynamics at the U. of Pennsylvania, where she teaches organizational change. Ginny is academic director of Leading in an Ownership Setting at Penn, which she founded as a program for top executives at employee-owned businesses. Her PhD in social psychology of groups and organizations is from SUNY Buffalo.

After 12 years in Geneva, Switzerland, Philip and Judith Segel Benedict have moved back to the United States ("for better or worse"). They are now living in Center City Philadelphia. While in Geneva, Philip was director of the Inst. of Reformation History of the U. of Geneva. Both are now retired. Suzanne Grisez Martin (SuzanneGMartin@gmail.com) continues to run her management consulting firm, although she has started cutting back to working three to four days a week. She specializes in healthcare and works with clients in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan. Late this past spring, Suzanne and her husband, David, enjoyed a Disney cruise with their daughter, Stephanie (Williams College '95), her husband, Richard (Oxford), and their two grandchildren, Maddie, 6-1/2, and Xavier, 3-1/2. She says, "The trip was as good as its reputation!" Suzanne would like to hear from Alison Kerr Durehed and Stephen Arbogast. Two of Cornell's government professors, Andrew Hacker and Ben Anderson (also her thesis advisor), had a great impact on her.

Neil Murray, who may retire soon, is still the chair

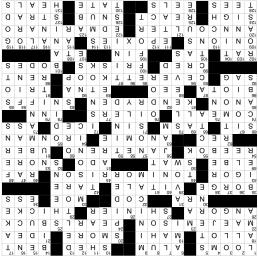
of computer science at SUNY Albany. He resides in Niskayuna, NY. He would like to hear from his friends Alex Skutt, Ricky Jay '71, and Bill Cutler, PhD '70, a mathematics PhD student who he says had a big impact on him at Cornell. Rebecca Kvam Paquette (rebecca.k.paquette@ gmail.com) continues to work for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in their psychiatry department, but she plans to retire in March 2018. Becky and her husband, Peter, live in Hanover, NH, and are enjoying grandparenthood! In 2016, they traveled to Normandy, England, and Scotland. They took a road trip through the Canadian Maritimes and Quebec in 2017. When Marie Sposito Cerino and her husband, Bill, visited Hanover, in fall 2016, they had dinner with Becky and Peter. Professor of Child Development Urie Bronfenbrenner '38 had a great impact on Becky (and on me as well!).

Sharon Sauerbrunn Doyle, MFA '72 (Newmarket, NH; sedoyle87@icloud.com) is working on a novel about Charlemagne while trying to sell a mystery. Her daughter, Fee (aka Felicity), writes for THIRSTY and son Andrew does theater in the Pacific Northwest while supervising future Cornellians Flynn 2034 and Dash 2036! Sharon and husband Bart would like to travel more. In fall 2017. they went to see the Villainy site at the end of Newfoundland, as well as Nova Scotia. Sharon is still in very close contact with "The Quad," Sally Margolick Winston (who just published a book), Phyllis Rabineau (recently retired and now on the board of an outsider art museum in Chicago), and Laura Dingle Avery (who just welcomed a sixth grandchild). The Quad lived in Clara Dickson freshman year. They were in Donlon the night that curfews were lifted for the "co-eds." In October, they will be gathering in Newmarket at Sharon's mill condo for the fall colors at their tenth gathering since 2005.

Our 50th Reunion will be June 4-7, 2020. In the meantime, check out our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Send news to: **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail. cfm7@cornell.edu.

A warm Class of '71 welcome to another Cornellian: **Richard Leland** (richardleland@me. com) reports that his grandson, **Jackson Schultz '21**, was accepted early decision to CALS and is now on campus. "If he completes his coursework in four years," notes Richard, "he will graduate shortly before our 50th Reunion."

Thomas Nally (tnally@abettercity.org) checks in from Brookline, MA, with this update: "I continue to stay busy managing studies of transportation and design issues as planning director at A Better City in Boston. No two days are alike, and no two years have been alike for my 27 years here. I wish I could retire, but that possibility is several years away-I'm still too busy trying to change the world." Also still at work in Massachusetts is Bruce Spear, PhD '74 (bruce.spear@comcast.net), who is a senior associate at Cambridge Systematics and lives in Methuen. **Stephanie Hill** (sbh5237@verizon. net) writes, "I am excited to work with my youngest son on a virtual reality startup-part three of my career!" She says she enjoys her three grandchildren, "who are techies too," and would like to be in touch with classmate Alexis Deveaux.



Answers to the crossword on page 30 by Fred Piscop '70

In Colorado, **Herrick Lidstone** (hklidstone@gmail. com) is a managing partner at Burns, Figa & Will PC and an adjunct professor at the U. of Denver's Sturm College of Law. When he's not writing about the law—he's the author of 40 published articles and three books—Herrick says he enjoys spending time with his five grandchildren, bike riding, fly-fishing, and enduring "the occasional surgery." **Howie Jacobson** (RedRock1886@gmail.com) says, "My advising practice in Rochester, NY, keeps me busy and energized. I meet with many entrepreneurs and enjoy bringing their ideas to life!" He and wife Jona have a new grandson, George.

Stella Mayhew Ardire (wcs.dancer@hotmail.com) has been working as a per-diem RN in Arizona, but says what she really likes to do these days is dance—as you can tell from her e-mail address. She looks forward to coming back to campus to take pictures, check out places to eat, and see the new Martha Van building. **Joel Cohn** (cohn71@gmail.com) is happy to be retired and splitting time between his homes in Honolulu and Boston. "Suma and I celebrated our 40th anniversary in Venice in December of last year," he says. "We knew it was going to be good—and it was!"

Nancy Seligman Goldmark (nsg52@aol.com) is another happy retiree. She and her husband, Harry, MD '73, live on a small farm in Aiken, SC, where they care for their horses and mini-donkeys. She writes, "We enjoy the weather, playing golf, and easy living. One of our sons is in White Plains, NY, and has an adorable 2-year-old son; the other lives in Miami and works as an orthopedic physician's assistant." She would love to hear from Linda Greer Spooner '72, JD '75. Hotelie John Leon Jr. (ileon47@aol.com) retired in January from his position as senior contract manager at Branch Banking and Trust Co. in North Carolina. "Prior to that, I had worked at General Dynamics and for 20 years as a supply corps officer in the US Navy," he says. "I enjoy boating on Lake James and building a large Lionel model-train layout, with four trains running at one time."

As preserve manager for Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island, NY, **Michael Scheibel** (mscheibel49@ gmail.com) remains actively involved in natural resource management. The Mashomack Preserve, located 90 miles from New York City, is described as "one of the richest habitats in the Northeast . . . with 2,039 acres of interlacing tidal creeks, mature oak woodlands, fields, and freshwater marshes." Michael enjoys birding and travel, and he has two granddaughters, Julia, 11, and Marin, 8. He'd enjoy hearing from classmate **Nicholas Mariani** and **Joseph Walker '70**.

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For many of us, a special highlight of Reunion was the town hall meeting and panel discussion held at Willard Straight Theatre about Agents of Change, a documentary film produced by Frank Dawson and Abby Ginzberg '71 concerning the 1968 studentled strike at San Francisco State and the 1969 takeover of Willard Straight Hall at Cornell. Panelists included class members Frank Dawson, Zachary Carter, Jacqueline Davis Manigaulte, and Ileana Sanchez Durand, BA '74, who were among the students occupying the Straight (and were all involved in making Agents of Change), and Jay Branegan, who wrote for the Sun at the time of the Straight takeover. The film draws a contrast between the

physical violence that occurred at San Francisco State (arguably due to rigidity on the part of Governor Reagan and President S.I. Hayakawa) and the absence of physical violence at Cornell. Ironically, the presence of guns during the Straight takeover created an indelible link between "guns on campus" and Cornell, but panel members who were inside the Straight made a point of crediting the Cornell administration (particularly President James Perkins and Provost Dale Corson) with working diligently to forestall outside police involvement and achieve resolution without physical violence.

The Class of '72 panelists (who were, of course, freshmen in April 1969) provided unique perspectives on what it was like to be inside the Straight during the takeover, and what caused guns to become part of the story. It was rumored that 350 law enforcement officers were outside the building, together with student demonstrators who were opposed to the takeover. Stating that "guns were introduced after we were in the building" and "it was not a collective decision" to bring guns into the Straight, Zach Carter noted wryly that senior black students were "early adopters of Wayne LaPierre's devotion to the Second Amendment." Frank Dawson said Ithaca was a rural and hunting community in those days and "guns were everywhere," but he advises people today: "Don't pick up arms in any kind of demonstration that you're in because the consequences will be dire."

Just prior to the Straight takeover there was a crossburning incident at Wari House (residence hall for black female students) that panelists described as a key triggering event. **Mary Anne Chalkley**, BA '71, as a member of the audience, told panelists she wanted to "apologize" for not knowing in April 1969 that the crossburning incident had occurred, because she grew up in Missouri and knew very well what a cross-burning would signify to black students. *Agents of Change* includes video clips of modern Black Lives Matter demonstrations at the end of the film, but, unfortunately, despite the name of the film, one of its primary messages was that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Another highlight of Reunion was "A Conversation with (New Cornell) President Martha E. Pollack," held in Bailey Hall. President Pollack, who was a linguistics major at Dartmouth and most recently provost and executive VP for academic affairs at the U. of Michigan, impressed the crowd of Cornell alumni by acknowledging that they knew even better than she did how great the Cornell experience is. She fielded a question from **Gary Cottrell**, MAT '75, who asked whether she agreed that MOOCs (massive open online courses) can improve the learning process for individuals. President Pollack's response: Despite the perceived advantages of MOOCs, in-person interaction between faculty and students is still highly important.

Turnout for our 45th Reunion was approximately 125 classmates, and the Class of '72 raised \$5,429,973 for Cornell this year from 537 donors. What is the goal for attendance at our 50th Reunion? Class president **Nancy Roistacher** says: "That is an interesting question. The record for 50th Reunion attendance is 390 classmates. We could have delusions of grandeur and shoot for it, but it would be great if we can get 250 to 275 classmates. We are aiming for a terrific and meaningful Reunion and if there's interest we can have a weeklong program and party."

Alex Barna, my partner as class correspondent, was unable to attend this year's Reunion. Alex told us in April: "I developed severe osteoarthritis in my right hip and can barely walk. It's the same leg where I had a total knee replacement seven years ago. I tried cortisone

shots, but they were not effective. So I'm going to have a hip replacement after I have a procedure in two weeks for vein problems in the same leg. This will be the first Reunion I've missed since 1977. If I'm lucky, the surgery and recovery will go well and I will be able to attend the 50th Reunion in 2022."

Kate Waits retired from teaching law in 2010. She told us at Reunion: "I wake up every morning with nothing to do. Then at the end of the day it's half done." John Sturc retired in November 2016 after a three-year stint as counsel for the US Treasury Dept. He is now studying history as a graduate student at the U. of Maryland, where his professor and fellow students are old enough to be his children.
Gary L. Rubin, glr34@cornell.edu; Alex Barna, alexbarna@comcast.net.

Welcome to fall (although it's late spring as I write this). I can report that the Class of '73 is maturing nicely as we retire, then reinvent ourselves, then re-retire. It's like freshman year with body aches.

Congratulations to Ellen Walser deLara, PhD '00 (ewj2@cornell.edu) on the publication of her latest book, Bullying Scars: The Impact on Adult Life and Relationships. It draws on her 35 years of experience in schools and clinics working with children and adults, and hundreds of interviews intended to document the long-term effects of bullying. She demonstrates bullying's effect on the ability to form relationships, including the surprising finding that some victims found that as adults they saw a positive impact. The research has been widely quoted, including on the "TODAY" show, "Dateline," the "Dr. Phil" show, CBC, NPR, and in the Washington Post. John Mangiameli (north.whidbey.veterinary@gmail. com) writes from Oak Harbor, WA, that he's busy with his veterinary practice, caring for pets and livestock on Whidbey Island. He's also got time for Xtreme skiing and mushroom hunting. He's heard from Theta Chi friends Fred Yosca and Don Woellner, and saw Terry Tracey, PhD '74, while having a little R&R at his Phoenix retreat. He'd like to hear from Laurie Harkness Devlin and Jack Foley '76, and remembers Leonard Feddema, PhD '59, as a big influence at Cornell.

Norm Solomon (CTNorm7@gmail.com) writes from Shelton, CT, that he is still upright (no longer a given at our age) and that his verticality persists despite having completed 21 full marathons and 30 half-marathons over the past ten years. This is what happens when you keep pressing the "walking man" icon by mistake on your navigation app. He's a professor of management (and former dean) at the Charles F. Dolan School of Business at Fairfield U. He also gets to see classmates David and Abby Joseph Cohen on occasion, and remembers Prof. **Dave Lipsky '61** as having the most impact during his Cornell years. Frank Scruggs (fscruggs@bellsouth.net) lives in Delray Beach, FL, and was re-elected by shareholders to the board of directors at Sun Trust Bank, where he's an attorney specializing in labor and employment law. In April, he joined the Cornell retirement celebration for Prof. Locksley Edmondson, and also saw Prof. Norman Uphoff, who was a major source of inspiration.

Jon Shure has moved back to New Jersey after seven years in D.C. at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. He's now senior director at Taft Communications in Lawrence, NJ. But he's also a legend as the founder (in 1997) of New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP), which honored him at a March event marking the organization's 20th anniversary. NJPP's mission is to spread economic prosperity by campaigning for fair wages, paid family leave, and earned sick time—as well

as equitable taxation. Worthy work. Condolences to **Ann Confino**, BS Nurs '73 (ajconfino@gmail.com) on the passing of her mom, who she was caring for at home. And congratulations on the birth of her first grandson, born last April in Maryland. She'd like to hear from Cornell friend **Mary Lewis**, BS Nurs '73. She remembers Dean Eleanor Lambertsen, who introduced the concept of team nursing, as being an important influence.

After retiring from state service a second time, **Carl Ferrentino**, ME '74 (ctf6@cornell.edu) is tending to his woodlot in the Adirondacks and plans to visit his children in Boston, Philadelphia, and Seattle. He wants to thank assistant professor Phil Bereano for helping him realize there was an important role for engineers in environmental law, and for nudging him into law school. But the biggest impact on his life was the posse from his fraternity, which then morphed into various group living arrangements around Ithaca. Congratulations to **Susan Murphy**, PhD '74 (shm1@cornell.edu) on her retirement. She and her group of Pi Phi's take weekly walks to rediscover the quietly spectacular parts of Ithaca that are easy to miss when preoccupied with work.

As for me—I still anchor the morning news at KIRO-FM in Seattle. One of my more unusual gigs was to deliver a keynote speech at the all-staff retreat of the Washington State Auditor's Office. I know nothing about accounting beyond the agony of pretending to understand it at tax time, but my assignment was to rally everyone's spirits after a scandal involving the previous auditor, whose creativity would have been better suited to another occupation. I tackled the challenge the only way I knew how, drawing on my gangsta rap roots and my acquaintance with Sir Mix-a-Lot to perform a rap epic that began, "We check your books and we cannot lie / It literally makes us high / To walk right in with an itty bitty grin / And see what shape they're in . . . "Edgy material, I know, but the open bar turned out to be a blessing.

My wife, **Patricia** (**Miller**) '72 reminds me that I neglected to mention her in my last column. That's because she's Class of '72, and I don't want to get into a turf battle with the upperclassmen running the 1972 column. But I can confirm that she continues to parade her retirement in full view of her career-shackled husband—volunteering at Ten Thousand Villages, raising money for Children's Hospital, overwhelming two book clubs with her PhD-level dissertations on *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, and gently hawking holy tracts at the St. James Cathedral Bookshop after Sunday Mass. There. Out of trouble. ❖ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Thanks to all our classmates who sent news. Fred Mehlman (Larchmont, NY) is currently working at Affordable Housing Asset Management and has two daughters: Sarah Mehlman Jacobson '04, who has two children, Asher and Eliza; and Julia Mehlman Breyer '07, who has a son, Hugo. When responding to the question, "What gives you the most satisfaction in life these days?" Fred wrote, "Enjoying my grandchildren!"

Art Leonard sent news of his April installation as the first Robert F. Wagner Professor of Labor and Employment at New York Law School. **Ron Pies** recently authored the novella *The Late Life Bloom of Rose Rabinowitz* (CreateSpace), "which could be called a journey of healing and redemption." It can be found on Amazon.

News of classmates who were in Kappa Psi sorority came via correspondence and the alumnae news section

of Key Words, the newsletter of the local chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. **Debbie Dodenhoff** Purcell wrote, "About a year ago, I began a book club, and much to my delight, **Teri Hewes** Tracy joined the group. Not only is she exceedingly literary, bringing great depth and breadth to the discussions, but she also faithfully drives two hours from her home in Westfield, NJ, to Westchester County to attend. It's terrific to be able to see her almost monthly. Also, my significant other, Greg Curtis, and I visited **Gretchen Dorfner** Frank at her beautiful home in Los Altos, CA, in January. Even

to Ithaca a husband and four cats. Ithaca, Pollack said, is the place where people say, 'Only four cats?'

"We were housed on the top floor of Sheldon Court, the 1902 building across from Collegetown Bagels (which catered the informal breakfasts), and had organized dinners Friday at Ruloff's, one of the few surviving Collegetown bars, and Saturday at the Statler. Those who attended Cornelliana Night saw classmate Jay Spiegel, resplendent in a winter-weight red flannel blazer, perform the first verse of the 'Alumni Song' in tribute to Esther Schiff Bondareff '37, marking her

'John Mangiameli's also got time for Xtreme skiing and mushroom hunting.'

DAVID ROSS '73

more delightfully, Gretchen's lovely daughter, **Alexandra Frank** Niederauer **'04**, joined us, along with one of her sons, William, 3, who was adorable. Then, in late March, I met up with **Mary K. Vane '73** and Teri in Philadelphia, PA, for a weekend of culture and art. Needless to say, lots of meaningful conversation ensued as well as much laughter! It was a joy for me to spend time with these three beloved friends (and Kappa roommates) in a matter of months, and it is my hope that there will be many more such happy gatherings in the future."

Linda Meyers Geyer wrote with the sad news that her husband had died suddenly in 2015, and her mom also passed away the same year. "It was a devastating blow," she said, and as an only child, with both parents gone, she decided to move from California to Austin, TX, to be close to family. She has recently moved into a new home that she had built in the Hill Country on an acre of land. Her older son has moved to Seattle, and her younger son is home with her. "We just finished our pool, which I'm sure we will need! Everyone is so friendly here and we have made friends already, so it has been a good choice for us."

Former class correspondent Bill Howard kindly sent the following report on our class 65th birthday party at Reunion this June: "The Notable Class of 1974 65th Birthday Party / 43rd Reunion was a smash success. Held on campus, this was planned as an opportunity for a couple dozen classmates to get back to Ithaca, using Reunion weekend (June 8-11) to celebrate a major birthday year, rather than stay home and figure what to do about Medicare Part B. It turned out to be bigger than expected: more than 55 classmates and spouses/ partners took part, according to birthday/Reunion chair Bob Baldini. This appears to be the first time any class mounted an organized Reunion that isn't a multiple of five or ten. 'It was an amazing turnout for a non-Reunion class,' said Bob. 'We gave classmates a basic framework-Cornell housing if desired, the option of Friday or Saturday dinners or both—with plenty of free time to explore. We hope it's something other classes consider. And it's a reminder to bring window fans if you're going to Ithaca in June.

"The Class' Reunion Lite format gave everyone lots of free time to take in lectures (**Bill Nye** '77 the Science Guy filled Bailey Hall), visit the Botanic Gardens, sail Cayuga Lake, or tour wineries. We also heard new president Martha Pollack speak at Saturday's Q&A forum. She got a round of applause after mentioning that she brought

80th Reunion and 102nd birthday (via Skype). The weather was mostly clear and warm, with no rain until after everyone departed Sunday. Now, bookmark your calendar for our 45th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. Reunion continues to grow. More than 7,000 alumni and family attended this year, and the Class of 2012 drew an amazing 888 attendees. Ah, youth." Send news to: **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

It is mid-June and I have just returned from attending my Cornell business school reunion. Ithaca was beautiful, as it usually is in June, with graduates celebrating (former VP Joe Biden spoke at convocation and is worth a hear!) and alumni celebrating Reunion. A shout out to **Laurie Musick** Wright, who came from Vermont with her husband, Greg, and went with me to hear our new president, Martha Pollack, and a B-school lecture. We have our own 45th Reunion on June 4-7, 2020, so put the weekend dates in your iPhone, Blackberry, Outlook, or paper calendar!

We love reading about classmates in this column, but we also have other ways to catch up with news (if you provide the gossip!). We have a new website that is run by our class webmaster, **Lynn Rosenbluth** Saltz (lynn.saltz@gmail.com). Access it by going to: http://classof75.alumni.cornell.edu. We also have a Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CornellClassof1975), which is updated by our head of social media, **Barb Peterson** Champion (bachampion@gmail.com). Please send Lynn and/or Barb content such as videos, old photos, or even photos from Reunions or smaller class gatherings at their e-mail addresses, and they will add it to the sites.

On to the news: **Drew Grainger** (argrainger53@ gmail.com) writes from Aiken, SC, where he retired from the US Dept. of Energy in 2015 but is now working part time for the National Nuclear Security Administration. Retirement leaves more time for birding and travel. He visited Turkey and Israel last fall and enjoys seeing his children succeed and watching his grandson grow up. Drew misses the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. **Amy Cohen** Banker (ames361@gmail.com) is in NYC, where she is an artist. She had a painting exhibition at Artifact Gallery in May of this year. **Christine McGredy** Scott (chris@sprucehollow.com) is in Sheffield, MA, where she and

her husband own and operate the Staveleigh House Bed and Breakfast in the beautiful Berkshires of Western Massachusetts (www.staveleigh.com). Christine volunteers at a local food pantry and is a consultant dietitian at a medical clinic for those without medical insurance. Her daughter will get her MAT from Brandeis U. this summer. If she had a day in Ithaca, Christine would visit the new Martha Van building on the HumEc quad, visit her sorority (TriDelta), and buy a new Cornell sweatshirt.

Last year, I attended a lecture at the Cornell Club-New York on the human mind, given by Loretta Graziano Breuning (Loretta@innermammalinstitute.org). Loretta is the founder of the Inner Mammal Inst., which helps people manage the ups and downs of their mammal brain. This year, I attended a wine tasting at the Cornell Club. The wine was provided by the Johnson Estate Winery of Westfield, NY, which has been run by Frederick Jr., MBA '77, and Jennifer Schroeder Johnson, MBA '79, since 2011. Fred's grandfather Frederick W. Johnson 1903 started the Sunnyslope Fruit Farm in 1908, and his son (and Fred's father), Frederick S. Johnson '43, turned the farm into a winery in 1961. Fred (fsj. consult@gmail.com) and Jennifer have been married 35 years and have moved 14 times. Their son was born in Australia, their daughter in Canada, and they both learned Spanish at a banana plantation school in Panama! Son Frederick Spencer Johnson III '10 is currently a Lieutenant in the USN.

I asked Fred to send me some news on his fellow freshman crewmates and he came through like a trooper! Felix Beukenkamp is a builder and property developer in Destin, FL. His business partner is Paul Tessier, BArch 76, and Felix is married to Nancy Dillon '76. Brian Campbell retired from 20 years in the Air Force, and is now a thriving psychologist in Spokane, WA. Jim Cudd is moving back to northern Idaho after a career in aviation technology. Chuck Gruye, MBA'77, is a semi-retired bond trader and splits his time between Arizona and the San Francisco area. Bob Cormier, MBA '77, retired to Pinehurst, NC, from an executive career in building business and is now almost a scratch golfer. **Peter Nixon** is COO at Fairpoint Communications in North Carolina. Don Rose recently reconnected with the group at a Cornell rowing event in NYC. He is an orthopaedic surgeon at RYC Orthopaedics in NYC. Peter Sandon lives in Vermont and works for IBM. Cliff Taubes is the William Petschek Professor of Mathematics at Harvard. Ken Jarrett is the head of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. Fred and Jennifer had dinner with him in the summer of 2015, on the occasion of Fred's daughter's graduation from graduate school there. Fred misses "the best one of us, Bill Doherty, from Mawah, NJ, who died in a vehicle accident in the late '70s." Thanks for a great summary of the team!

In February, **Andy Feigin** (andy@applefig.com) and others of the directing team of the 70th Annual Tony Awards won the Directors Guild Award. Andy was the stage manager for the Tonys and has also been stage manager for prior Tonys, as well as the Kennedy Center Honors. That's all the room for this column. Keep sending news so we can live vicariously through you! **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

We hope you'll take a moment to pick up a pen, log in to your e-mail account, or go to the link below and send us an update about your life. What gives you the most satisfaction these days? Anything new in

yourwork or home life? What was your best day at Cornell? We want to know. *** Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@ gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Reunion. What a concept. I know of no other school that has Reunion weekends like Cornell's. And they are so wonderful. I just returned from our 40th Reunion and, like all the others I've attended, it did not disappoint. For me, it started the minute we crossed into Tompkins County. Just ask my husband—I started quivering with anticipation. The skies were a bright blue and, in a truly unheard of event, the weather was perfect from Thursday through Sunday. **Jeff Earickson** was happy to get out of icy, cold Maine to warm, sunny Ithaca.

We broke several Reunion records. We had 283 classmates return, with 415 total guests, the most recorded for 40th Reunion classes; and as of this writing, we raised a class-best total of \$9.7 million from 562 classmates. People reached out to their affinity groups, bringing back many of their friends, some of whom had never been to Reunion before. For example, Chi Psi had 21 returning members, Alpha Gamma Rho had 23, Delta Phi Epsilon had nine, Tri Delta had eight, and Phi Sigma Epsilon had eight. There were ten Big Red Band members, seven from NROTC, and four Cayuga's Waiters. We had people come from all over. Maria Reves Schoen came from Texas, as did Al Philoon. A whole contingent came from California: Corky and Donna Fulkerson LaVallee, Renee Brown Holt, Bruce Norton, Chuck and Patty Stone Ortenberg '78, and Paul and Flo Braaf Raskin '79.

But affinity groups didn't matter that weekend. What's amazing about Reunion is that everyone feels a connection to everyone else. More than 70 people gave me their thoughts on Reunion, and one of the most universal observations was about the sense of family. Everyone was welcoming and happy to make new friends, while also enjoying the company of those they knew on campus. It didn't matter what school you went to or what social group you were in; we are all Cornellians.

We stayed in the William Keeton House on West Campus, which is unrecognizable without the U-Halls and which evoked lots of memories for classmates. We heard cries of "Sperry sucks!" and, from **Rafael Ovalle**, PhD '94, "Long live Shangri-La Hall" (U-Hall 2). **Kathy Jones** Brammell remembers "wall walking" in the U-Halls. **Mike Weber** got to reconnect with U-Hall 4 buddies Chuck Ortenberg, **Bruce Gitlin**, and **John Caputo**. **Vicki Rowland Guarascio** met her husband in U-Hall 5. Being on West Campus also meant we had to scale Libe Slope. As **Henry Morgenbesser** said, "Walking up Libe Slope today without a layer of ice is a breeze, even with a hip one week away from replacement."

Lots of classmates took advantage of the beauty of the area. Class president **Joe Reina** visited Ithaca Falls, Buttermilk Falls, and the Ithaca Beer Co. I started my weekend with a day-long tour of Cayuga Lake wineries and a hard cider distillery, with a stop at Taughannock Falls. I went with DPhiE sorority sisters Maria Schoen, **Cathy Marschean** Spivak, **Fran Giaccio**-Spivak, BS HE '76, BS Nurs '78, **Suzanne Tougas** Snedeker **'78**, and our husbands. Cathy and Fran met during sorority rush in 1974 and eventually married twin brothers. Sorority sisters became sisters-in-law.

Our class had a great barbeque luncheon on Beebe Beach, where I was fortunate enough to see **C. Anne Vitullo**'s pictures from her around-the-world trip with

National Geographic. They visited some amazing UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Easter Island in the South Pacific and Angkor Wat in Cambodia. Mitchell Kirsch toured Beebe Lake, and Mark Mayrsohn went canoeing there. Mark also visited Taughannock Falls and sang with the Cayuga's Waiters at our reception on the Willard Straight Terrace on Friday night. At our Saturday dinner we saw a video made by Sheryl Checkman of pictures of classmates on campus over the years. Bonnie Brief Pauska loved going up to the tents at night. So did fraternity brothers Dave Joseph, Bob Bowers, MCE '78, Mark Monroe, and Mark Mayrsohn. Pam Dorge Russell reminisced about her days rowing on campus, while Brooke Schumm actually got to row at the boathouse over the weekend. Brooke ran into Jody Goldsmith from her ROTC days and Bob Green, with whom she was a Cornell Ranger. As Mark Monroe says, "I wish I had been 61 (well, mentally at least) when I hit this campus for the first time. Four years here prepared this 'hick from the sticks' to live a rich and rewarding life. It's great to see wonderful friends who shared the journey."

Mike Nolan played squash over the weekend with Dave Dickieson and the Cornell squash coach, David Palmer. Mike wholeheartedly endorses a sentiment expressed by Bill Nye: "What an unbelievable gift it is to graduate with a Cornell degree!" Eric Ornstein found the gorges and the view from the Johnson Museum to be breathtaking. Gail Ruterman Schwartz and Sheryl Checkman took the Cascadilla Gorge tour. Sheryl, Gina Davis, BFA '77, Carol Rosenblum Levin, and Ilene Wasserman shared a suite in Keeton, making them feels like students again, but without the inconvenience of having to study. Sheryl also had drinks with Dennis Regan, the Psychology professor ("Social Influence and Attitude Change") for whom she was a TA. Peter Brav was also a TA for that class.

Debra Knapp took advantage of the various lectures given over the weekend and she also had a book signing at the Cornell Store on campus. Camille D'Annunzio-Szymczak enjoyed the lecture about the brain. Stewart and Lisa Babitz Greisman found the new Cornell president Martha Pollack to be impressive. But the most highly anticipated and largest attended lecture was the one given by our own Bill Nye. He filled Bailey Hall, where the Class of '77 had preferential seating, and Call Auditorium, where his speech was live-cast. Bill was funny and inspiring. For me, the most poignant moment was when he said, "We want people to be scientifically literate enough to evaluate evidence." It was a great weekend. ❖ Lorrie Panzer Rudin, lorrierudin@comcast.net; Howie Eisen, howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu.

A few more retirements, a couple of marriages, and some legacy Cornellians to report on this time. After 23 years in the Navy, five years teaching high school chemistry and physics, and 12 years as a systems engineer working on directed energy, space situational awareness, and space vehicle support for the Air Force, **Mike Bernard** is retiring in December. Then he can turn his full attention to his hobbies: golf and growing grass in the Albuquerque desert! Mike recalls the professor of wine tasting at Cornell as having had the greatest impact on him.

Since retiring two years ago, **Kate Schnare** Foulke has been learning about the natural history of Oregon through classes, observation, art, and travel. Her husband is having too much fun at work to retire, while her son, a junior at Cornell, is busy with "Computer Science, fraternity life, and his girlfriend!" Kate says, "I appreciate those moments when I become fully engaged so I can forget what

Sean Spicer said or didn't say." She recalls fellow transfer student **Nina Kwan** as the first person she met at Cornell, and if Kate were ever back in Ithaca, says she would try to get a look at the glass invertebrates collection.

Dale Rosenthal is retired but still consulting for Clark Construction as strategic director. She's also on the board of WGL Holdings/Washington Gas and doing lots of travel. Dale's older daughter, **Sarah '16**, is working in Tampa, using her Near Eastern Studies and Arabic, while **Abigail '18** is enjoying ILR, and son Jacob is at Dartmouth. **Nancy Widerspan** Rogers's daughter graduated from the Ag college in 2015 with a degree in Environmental Sustainability. **Victor Janas**, MS '79's older son graduated from Cornell in 2014, and another just entered the Class of 2021. He recently hit the 21-year mark at Johnson & Johnson in New Jersey. Other than family, Victor has found a passion in bike riding; he completed more than a dozen 25- to 75-mile rides for charity in 2016.

Vincent Stango is still running the staffing company he started in 1999, providing SAP consultants to Dept. of Defense contractors for the US Army project. With his children all out of college, Vincent is enjoying skiing, fishing, golfing, and living by the ocean. He would like to hear from William Plock. Gary Graziano, BArch '79, recently purchased a business and a new older home. "Both will keep us busy for many years to come," he says. Gary was also running for a seat on the local school board. Fraj Lazreg has been keeping busy managing assets, speaking to advisors, and traveling. His son was married last December. Fraj would like to hear from Nicolas Nomicos.

Rich Cavanagh, ME '79, got married on April 20 to the lovely Geri Hamel. The ceremony was on the beach in St. Pete Beach, FL. Stacey Cahn-Shapiro was there with her husband. Stacey and Rich met during the summer of '77, when they were both RAs for the high school summer session in the U-Halls on West Campus. Bryan Plude was married in June. Last year, he was ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry and installed as the pastor of the UU Fellowship in Chico, CA. Diana "Sunshine" Lorenz Weggler plans to transition into self-employment as a writer and editor in a couple of years. Diana will be traveling to China, where she plans to visit all the Chinese students and scholars she has hosted and befriended over the years. Carla Grillo is an old friend she'd like to hear from.

While there are no other Cornellians in my family, we did celebrate two graduations in May. Our daughter graduated from U. of Delaware and our son received his master's in forest science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science. He's working as executive director of the New Canaan, CT, Land Trust before heading back to school for more studies in forestry research. Any retirement plans, weddings, travel, or other adventures in your past, present, or future? Tell us about them: � Ilene Shub Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; Cindy Fuller, cindy@cindyjfuller.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

It's difficult to believe that most of us turned 60 this year (I read elsewhere that **Keith Olbermann** claims he is our youngest classmate, so he has more than a year to go) and our news is shifting toward retirement and travel. A common theme continues to be that our classmates are scattered around the globe.

Tim and **Laura Hitt McCann** wrote that Tim retired from DuPont in 2016 and has been making a couple of

wood boats. The first is a kit of a sailing dinghy called a "Mirror." The second is an 18-foot rower. Their children live in China, Hawaii, and California, while they reside in Pennsylvania. Needless to say, they travel a lot and are happy as a lark. Laura would love to hear from **Jamie Lewis** Keith. **Karen Mineo** also lives in Pennsylvania. She is consulting for nonprofits in the areas of public relations, marketing, fundraising, grant writing, and event management. Karen is currently the executive director of an organization that advocates for the homeless and those in need in Lower Bucks County. She loves the work! **Tom McKinnon** (Boulder, CO) is semi-retired. He celebrated his 60th birthday with a two-week dirtbike ride in Baja with his son. Big fun!

This year Craig Davis is the chair of the Minnesota State Bar Assn.'s section of Antitrust Law. Brian Jones, BA '78, sold his business in March 2016 and moved to Germany to help take care of his mother-in-law. He spends much time studying Japanese. **John Wilkinson** writes that his son, Max '17, graduated from Cornell this year, and his daughter Hunter joined the Class of 2021! Janet Goldin Rubin is an independent college counselor based in Short Hills, NJ. She just finished another busy college cycle. She says she needs to be objective in her job, but her soft spot is always for Cornell. Her son Dan was married in 2015, and her other son, Eric, is a lawyer in NYC. Daughter Rachel graduated from UPenn this year and is also working in NYC. No more tuition! Janet has enjoyed attending CAU with Nancy Sverdlik during many recent summers, including this year. They would love for others to join them.

Karen Randolph Davis wrote from Perry, OH, that she is taking care of her dog, her husband, Larry, and his mother, who lives with them. She wishes she could attend more Cornell activities, but family responsibilities prohibit lengthy visits. Karen visits her local senior center for activities. She wrote us in the spring and said she was looking forward to getting outside and being warm. In good weather she is camping, gardening, and going outside on long walks. Karen would love to hear from her fraternity and sorority friends who frequented the Chapter House. Karen is still battling with various autoimmune diseases and would like to contact anyone with ankylosing spondylitis, enthesitis, autoimmune thyroiditis, and other chronic inflammation issues.

Philip Raymond, MS '80 (Marlborough, MA) was selected to deliver the keynote address at the three-day 2017 Digital Currency Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa (http://vanquish.com/as1/dcs.pdf). He was hoping to see many Cornellians in the crowd. Philip recently started a new company, Cryptocurrency Standards Assn., and is the national co-chair. These days his daughter, Janet, gives him the most satisfaction in life. He says he would love to look up the few remaining professors from our era. Phil notes that **Matthew Sachs** was the first person he met at Cornell; they were freshman roommates in Sperry Hall.

Peter and Kathryn Spitzer Kim moved to their new home on the Stanford campus, where they both work. The Rev. George Schultze is also in that vicinity. The Archbishop of San Francisco appointed him as the president-rector and vice chancellor of St. Patrick's Seminary and U. in Menlo Park. Father Schultze has been at St. Patrick's since 2005, serving on the seminary faculty, holding various administrative positions, and serving as spiritual director. He has advanced degrees in business, philosophy, theology, and social ethics. Father Schultze currently sits on the board of directors of Catholic Charities of the East Bay and directs Ignatian

retreats at the Jesuit Retreat Center and at the seminary. In June, Rabbi **Michael Feinberg** received an honorary PhD from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Mazel tov! He directs an interfaith worker rights and economic justice advocacy day organization in NYC. Sadly, he lost both parents over the last year and a half. His father, **William Feinberg '49**, was a devoted Cornellian.

If you love reading about classmates and want us to know what you're up to, please keep sending your news! You can submit it to us or via the online news form. **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; or **Cynthia Ahlgren** form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Ah, September in Ithaca. The reds and golds of autumn are peeking, soon to be peaking. Orchards are bursting with seasonal splendor, and the crisp chill of evenings is a foreshadowing of a brutal, unforgiving, face-numbing winter to come. Members of the Class of 2021 stroll the Cornell campus wide-eyed . . . [lengthy sound of needle scratching record]. Class of 2021? Are you literally kidding me? But we remember the exploits of alums from the Class of 1921! In a bit of foreshadowing of my own, what a long strange trip it's been. To the news we go.

Diane Berson has been elected to the American Academy of Dermatology's board of directors and will start her four-year term in February 2018. Diane is an associate clinical professor in the Dept. of Dermatology at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York and an assistant attending dermatologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. She has previously served on multiple academy committees and has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and many magazines including Allure, InStyle, Town and Country, Health, Real Simple, Fitness, Self, Good Housekeeping, Glamour, and more. She has also been interviewed often in the media, including NBC's "TODAY" show, the CBS "Early Show," ABC "World News Tonight," CNN Headline News, MSNBC, Fox News, and local news networks. You might say that she is the face of dermatology.

Kim Mello Scudera is using her language education from Cornell and post-graduate study of Italian and Portuguese to launch a new career. She is a vocalist performing bossa nova, MPB, samba, and jazz in Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Italian. Husband **Pete** is still practicing medicine as a top gastroenterologist/heptologist in Northern Virginia. Daughter Catie graduated Carnegie Mellon in 2007 and Harvard Divinity in 2012, is married, and has a congregation just outside Boston. Much to the chagrin of her parents, Catie is a Red Sox fanatic. Son Ben graduated George Mason in the field of criminology and is pursuing a career in cybersecurity. Ben is recently engaged.

Turning to financial windfall news, **Rich**, ME '81, and **Linnea Peterson Linderman** report that their youngest son, **Randy '16**, ME '17, graduated from Cornell in May with his master's degree. This concludes 13 straight years of Cornell tuition payments for their four boys. **Craig Pearl** (Mt. Laurel, NJ) writes, "I am so proud of my son, **Jared '17**. What a tremendous legacy. Since I was out of the country for my graduation, it was extra special to be there for his. Jared is going to Northwestern U. outside of Chicago for his master's in chemical engineering."

What do the following classmates have in common: Sharon Key Beals, Diane Henke Drenkard, MS '84, Cathy Davis Miles, Mollie Pulver, Eric Meren, Evelyn Wilkens, Jeff Young, BArch '91, Scott Schwartz, Bruce Falzarano, Keith Stokes, Barbara Redder-Rhoads, Ed Hirschhorn, and Carol Johnson? Stumped? Well, each is one of 380 members of the Cornell University Class of 1980 Facebook group, and is able to access current tidbits from the Cornell world, memories of the campus during the Carter Administration, and the latest news and musings from fellow classmates. How might you join? The URL is https://www.facebook.com/ groups/Cornell1980/, but the more intuitive route is to open up The Facebook and type "Cornell University Class of 1980" into the search window. Your request for admittance to the group will be processed by classmate volunteers who have been through fraternity/sorority rush, so you know that the determination will be swift and irrevocable. Your classmates beckon from the virtual world.

As of this writing, it's all ahead full for **Larry Reichman**, JD '84's coffee-table book project. No, it's not a coffee-table book about coffee tables (how great an idea is that!), but a collection of photos of the iconic and legendary Grateful Dead concert at Barton Hall at the end of our freshman year. This is one of the special elements of our Cornell experience that ties us together, and the finished book will be a great memento, especially if you were one of the 50,000 or so claiming to have been in attendance at the concert.

Mark your calendars! In anticipation of another post-Thanksgiving hockey dustup at Madison Square Garden, **Todd Wolleman** and his volunteer crew are organizing another Class of 1980 pre-game bash at the Cornell Club in Manhattan. On the heels of last year's fantastic outing and thrashing of UNH, we anticipate another Red Hot evening of sliders and slapshots, beer and body checks, fellowship and fisticuffs. Get the latest event news from the aforementioned Facebook group, or at our class website: http://cornell1980.com. Send news to: **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Hello all! The summer has passed and it was a brutally hot one in Florida. Fortunately, my kids, Ella, 11, and Brayden, 9, got to spend most of their time at an awesome camp, 6 Points Sports Academy in Greensboro, NC, enjoying the outdoors and playing sports! We loved driving them up and hiking in the beautiful surroundings and wishing we were going to summer camp. While they were away my husband, Russ, and I did many home renovations, so that's a huge plus!

Rhonda Brauer is still happily living in Greenwich Village. She's four months into her latest career chapter as the director of corporate engagement for the pension funds in the NYC Comptroller's Office. She's loving the change to public service, and working on improving board quality and diversity at the pension funds' portfolio public companies to create long-term sustainable growth for the funds. Daughter Jillian '16 returned to the City after graduating last May to begin her television production career full time, working for a Sony television producer on scripted cable films and series. Son Justin is excited to be off to Ithaca himself, where he will begin Ithaca College's exploratory program. Rhonda was excited to continue having excuses to return to Ithaca and the Finger Lakes, starting with Justin's orientation in late June, during which she got a chance to see a show at the Hangar Theatre and take Justin on his first hike of the Watkins Glen gorge.

After 18 months at Dechert's Philadelphia headquarters, **Renee Miller**-Mizia recently relocated her office to NYC and Boston. While Renee very much enjoyed her time in the City of Brotherly Love, daughter **Alyse '09** is in NYC, husband John and son **Colin '12** are in Boston, and there really is no place like home. **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis and husband Jim are working away in Spring Lake, NJ. Son Chris (Columbia '17) is in NYC, son Charlie (Providence College '18) is home interning for the summer, and daughter Calli is getting ready to apply to colleges in the fall. Barb saw **Karen Prescott** Dalby and **Cathy Consentini** Bonczek in New York earlier this spring, and they all had coffee with **Mark Jordy**, MBA '93, at the Cornell Club.

Barbara Giuffre (barbara@igc.org) volunteers with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). She enjoys the interactions with prospective applicants to Cornell. Through this work, she has come upon the idea that mentoring between Cornell alumni and current first-generation, low-income, or underrepresented Cornellians could have powerful impacts for all concerned. Currently, Cornell supports studentto-student mentoring, but very little has been rolled out between students and alumni. She would like to see if other class members would be interested in working on this type of project with her. Mentoring holds so many advantages for the student (retention, resiliency, etc.) and produces positive upsides for the alumni mentors (giving back, keeping attuned to what's going on in contemporary Cornell). E-mail her if you're interested. Michelle Goldstein-Dresner, MD '85, works at a surgery center doing anesthesia for ophthalmology cases. She recently celebrated her 27th wedding anniversary. Michelle's son, Samuel, graduated from medical school in May, and her daughter, Rebecca, is a third-year dental student at Penn Dental School.

Jane Waldman is now running the PR desk at Executive Alliance, and her 16-year-old daughter, Elaina, has embarked on a successful modeling and acting career. Jane and her husband, Mark (a TV producer), live on Long Island. Amy Schwartz Goober lives in the Boston area and is a certified health coach for a weight loss and wellness program. She helps clients across the country reach a healthy weight and teaches them how to stay there! She has been to Atlanta, GA, Sundance, UT, Philadelphia, PA, and Dallas, TX, to give trainings at professional conferences. She has three children, ages 24 (working at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government), 21 (junior in college, majoring in accounting), and 15 (sophomore in high school), who keep her busy.

Janet Ellison Pearsall's nephew is now the fourth member of the Ellison family to attend Cornell (ILR), after Janet (HumEc), her brother, and her son, **Chris** '09 (ILR). Janet's a proud mom of a practicing attorney on Long Island. She's now retired from child welfare in New York and looks forward to seeing her Cornell alumni friends. **Jordan Strub** says life is good in Colorado Springs. He works almost full time as a software consultant to a large slot machine manufacturer, with the requisite global team members and complications of international communications (Vegas, Reno, Sydney, Delhi). It's a fun industry and keeps him busy. He spent four amazing weeks this spring touring Sicily and southern Italy—"best food and friendliest folks on the planet!" Jordan skied until the bitter end of the season (June), sometimes with Paul Leo.

Betsy Cahn Niggli moved back to Maplewood, NJ, from Seattle last October. Jack, her youngest son, just graduated from high school and is going to UMass

Amherst. They are looking forward to being empty nesters. Vicki Bunis Rosenthal bought a home in Palm Beach Gardens, where she will be spending the winters. She would be happy to meet up with other Cornellians when she gets down there in late November. Please stay in touch with us! We want to hear your news! * Betsy Silverfine bsilverfine@comcast.net; Steven Barre, scbarre@aol.com; and Tanis MacKay-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

More than 300 of our classifiates and unenfamilies celebrated another Reunion in style More than 300 of our classmates and their on the Hill last June. It's hard to believe that 35 years have passed since our graduation. Those of us who attended this year's Reunion, however, were able to see the proof in the many changes to campus and the surrounding area that have happened over the years. For example, this year our class was assigned to stay in the Townhouse Community complex on North Campus, one of the many dorms constructed after we left Cornell. Terry Kilmer Oosterom and Teri Williams Harvey once again did a fantastic job organizing our class Reunion festivities. The Ithaca weather assisted as well. It was an absolutely gorgeous weekend without any precipitation. As a result, all of the outdoor events, including the class lunch by the Johnson Art Museum and the class dinner on Tower Road, were very well attended.

On Friday and Saturday night, Cornell provided great entertainment with three bands performing under tents on the Arts Quad. Many members of our class, including my co-correspondent and fellow Lambda Chi Mark Fernau, could be seen dancing and socializing late into the evening. On Saturday night, our class hosted its own party, with a band, at the Townhouses. See our class Facebook page for candids of this bash, along with many other "photographs and memories" of our 35th Reunion. A big highlight of the weekend was a well-received visit to our Saturday class luncheon by former Cornell president Frank H. T. Rhodes and his wife. Rosa, now both over 90, that included a few well-chosen words of thanks and remembrance to our class in that unforgettable and still vibrant voice. Other notable events included a welcoming speech from new Cornell president Martha Pollack and a featured lecture by Bill Nye '77, who was celebrating his 40th Reunion.

Mark tells me that he arrived late Friday afternoon and was immediately thrilled to see that the registration area included an "Official Race Program" from the 1981 Phi Psi 500. (Remember the days when 2,000 people could engage in public consumption of alcohol for charity?) He looked up his team. "Get Rich to the Finish Line." and was reminded that it consisted of his U-Hall 5 buddies Rich Markeloff. Steve Howes, and Jim Salomon. along with Kathleen Gannon '81. This turned out to be foreshadowing, for as soon as he got to the dinner reception, he ran into Mary Kaye Messmer (who works in Poughkeepsie for the State of New York), Becky Hom, and Despina Metaxatos '84, the three of whom, he quickly learned, remain friends despite (or perhaps because of) all having dated the inimitable and aforementioned Rich Markeloff during their time at Cornell. Then, at the Saturday reception, Mark got to talk to former team- and dorm-mate Jim Salomon and his now wife, Kathy Gannon (was it the race?!), before he and his fellow Cornell Hangovers entertained us with their energetic harmonies and stirring rendition of the Alma Mater.

After getting better acquainted ten years ago at the 25th, Mark renewed friendships with former Noyes dining coworker **Anita DeFanti** Sadek-Lappen and her

husband, Woody, who reside in Millis, MA. Mark was also pleased to once again catch up with his good friend **Rosemarie Aurigemma**, who took a weekend break from being a section chief at the National Inst. of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to party with a huge group of her Alpha Phi sisters. Other folks with whom Mark chatted in the course of the weekend included **Bill Card** from Boston (who had in common with Mark an environmental consulting background), **Craig Williams**, **Julie Vargo**, **Ellen Blumstein** and husband **James Colburn**, **MS '81** (with whom Mark shared anecdotes about race horse handicapping), **Naomi Goodman** Press, **Jennifer Park**, and **Kathryn Elmer** Frohlich. Kathryn lives in Westford, MA, and is raising four boys.

I had a great time catching up with my U-Hall 1 classmates Brian Davis, Jed Aber, and Randall Marcus. Brian is now a trial court judge in Massachusetts and noted that he and his wife, Barbara (Daniels) were planning to spend a little extra time vacationing in Upstate New York after Reunion. Randy practices law in Ithaca and restores antique cars. Lesa Gelb, a judge in Pennsylvania, was also in attendance with her husband, Barry, a well-known Pennsylvania civil rights lawyer. Tom Luz was present with his wife, Caroline, and reminisced about his lightweight crew adventures and the joys of making weight before meets. Mark and I would love to report on all the rest of you who made the effort to join us on this wonderful weekend, but space constraints and our editor's deadline mean it'll have to wait for a future column. Do send us your impressions of Reunion.

On Sunday, class officers Charles Stuppard (who was accompanied at Reunion by his brother Franz Stuppard), Greg Busby, and Jennifer Gardiner Liguori reported on our class's substantial giving history to Cornell (thanks again to Cornell trustee Jonathan Poe, Bob Ramin, MBA '85, Jamie Hintlian, ME '85, MBA '86, and all the other Cornell Annual Fund leaders and volunteers) and presided over class elections at our Sunday brunch, at which several knots of classmates were observed chatting until the very end, reluctant to leave each other and the lovely place that formed us and has influenced us ever since. It was a great weekend, and before too long we will be talking about plans Mark Fernau, mef29@cornell.edu; Nina Kondo, nmk 22@cornell.edu.

Hello, Class of '83! I'm just home again after an action-packed Cornell graduation weekend, so I'm happy to have a chance to catch up with you all. Graduations and college-aged children are definitely a theme with our class these days.

We really enjoyed our double graduation and listening to Joe Biden give a great Convocation speech. It didn't rain all the time, Commencement itself was sunny and beautiful, and campus looked great. Our middle daughter, **Samantha**, **MILR '17**, received her master's from the ILR school in Human Resources and will be working for McKesson. Our youngest, **Miranda '17**, received her bachelor's from a new Engineering major, Information Science, Systems, and Technology, and will be working for Capital One. We're very proud of the 14th and 15th members of our immediate family to attend Cornell.

Miriam Garver McGiver (mmcgiver@nycap.rr.com) writes that she works "in building code development at the NYS Dept. of State, Division of Building Standards and Codes." Also, her side business, a design firm, is very busy. "My kids are done with their bachelor's, one

in grad school and one applying now." She has fun hiking, kayaking, biking, and with her family and would love to hear from **Alejandro Beltran**. **Laura Lange** Anastos (la031861@aol.com) is proud to announce that her younger son, **Mark '20**, is now an Engineering student at Cornell. "We live in Charleston, SC, and he graduated from Porter Gaud School here in May 2016."

We also heard from **Amy Sheon** (amy.sheon@yahoo. com), who is divorced and happily living in Rocky River with her daughter, who is on the college search. **Susan Relihan** Reynolds (susanmrelihan@gmail.com) writes,

dancing. Her work keeps her busy: www.muirheadfoods. com and www.cherrystreetkitchen.com.

I'm excited to announce that my first novel, *On The Homefront*, by Barb Warner Deane, was released on August 23 and is available from Amazon and the Wild Rose Press. *On The Homefront* is WWII historical women's fiction showcasing the experiences of women on the American home front during the war. It's set in the Finger Lakes Region of New York and highlights the experiences of women who joined the American Red Cross Clubmobile program.

'After 35 years with Boeing, I've finally got a job working with planes.'

MARTI REISMAN SHELDON '83

"My husband and I live in Pasadena, CA, and love being here with our family. I recently retired from the professional services world and am in the process of launching an art consulting business. Look for our website soon: sujackstudios.net." Susan lost her father in January, as well as her family link to Ithaca, after her parents had lived there for 40 years. She hopes to visit again soon.

Congratulations to many of our classmates on their accomplishments: Marti Reisman Sheldon (sheldon mr@verizon.net) reports, "After 35 years with Boeing, I've finally got a job working with planes." Julio Morejon (julio.c.morejon@gmail.com) writes, "On October 3, 2016, I was appointed an administrative law judge in the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law. In May 2016, our older daughter, Amanda, graduated from Harvard Law School, and our younger daughter, Alicia, graduated from Columbia U." Dinah Lawrence Godwin (dinahgodwin312@gmail.com) was recently promoted to assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. "My clinical social work focus is working with families of children with developmental disabilities." She and her husband, Griff, recently celebrated daughter Sarah's graduation from Temple in May and are getting ready for daughter Anna's upcoming wedding.

Matthew Jenusaitis (mjenusaitis@mac.com) has recently opened a kosher Bolivian restaurant in Las Vegas with Eric Biederman and Matthew Blust, specializing in a soy-based shellfish paella. His daughter, Jada, is an alternate on the Lithuanian field hockey team and hoping to compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Good luck, Jada! Matthew would like to hear from Jimmy Smits, MFA '82, and Susan Schnabel.

Cheryl Siegel Schneider (cherylaschneider@gmail. com) writes, "Since September, I have been the school business administrator for the Millburn Township Public Schools here in New Jersey. Prior to that I held the same position for the South Orange Maplewood School District." Her three children are excelling. "The oldest, Sam, has a master's in music education from Vanderbuilt U., was recently married, and is teaching in Monroe Township, NJ. My daughter, Stephanie, graduated from Carnegie Mellon U. with a degree in business and decision science, and my youngest, Jonathan, has a master's in civil engineering from Berkeley and stayed in San Francisco for a job in transportation engineering." Barbara Simpson Vadnais (mullberrytree@verizon.net) is still volunteering for the environment and doing a lot of

Save the date for our 35th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018! Your Reunion co-chair, **Andy Sosa**, and class president **Nancy Gilroy** kicked off Reunion planning in Ithaca in June (as attendees of the Class of '82's Reunion). Great fun was had by all—even the weather cooperated! Stay tuned for more information about our Reunion and to find out who won our class logo random drawing, for \$50 off registration fees. As of mid-June, the tie and scarf were running neck and neck (pun intended), with the cap closing in!

Even before Reunion, we'd love to receive updates on classmates and who you're hoping to see back in Ithaca. Please e-mail your news to: **& Barb Warner** Deane, barbdeane@barbdeane.com; or **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com. Online news form, http://www.alumni.comell.edu/partcipate/class-notes.cfm.

Greetings, classmates! As I sit down to write this column, I have fond memories of Reunion in Ithaca. Even in a non-Reunion year, the Class of '84 was well represented at Reunion 2017. **Janet Insardi** and I had the opportunity to attend the **Bill Nye '77** lecture about how Cornellians can have an impact on public policy regarding global warming and the future health of our planet. I encourage all to visit the university website to check it out ("Everything All at Once—How Cornellians Will Save the World.")

While in Ithaca, I also ran into Kathy Marinelli and Karen Marinelli Gomez at the Kappa Delta Century. and, although I didn't see her, there were sightings of Lindsey Liotta Forness. At Reunion, I also saw Wendy **Zeh Whiting '85**. Though I didn't get a chance to see Michael, her husband, he provided us with an update. He continues to work at Johnson & Johnson as the senior director responsible for global planning and sourcing systems. He writes, "I'm busy managing a major enterprise-wide program to install an advanced planning system." This takes him on frequent jaunts to Belgium. Additionally, both of the Whiting daughters, Amelia and Jillian, will be in Washington interning for the Dept. of Education and the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively. The Whitings' future plans include a sailboat charter in the British Virgin Islands in the coming year. Michael's shout-out is to Eric Ames, who was a fellow lightweight crew member.

Linda Singletary writes in with news of her marriage in June 2016 to Bobby Dean Brown. Congratulations!

When Linda is not working as a breast imaging radiologist at NYU Langone, she is "building a respectable collection of African American art." Perhaps the Johnson could exhibit some of her fine pieces! Linda's shout-out is to **Sondi Johnson '81**, BS '82. When asked who at Cornell had the greatest impact on her, she listed Dr. James Turner and Dr. William Cross of the Africana Center and Prof. **Ken McClane '73**, MA '74, MFA '76, of the English department.

Andrew Foster is working as an antiquarian book and manuscript dealer, "helping libraries and individuals to build unique collections of rare books and manuscripts." In his time away from the stacks, he plays squash. When asked who had the greatest impact on him during his time at Cornell, Andrew sums up the feelings of many generations of Cornellians: "Old Man Winter." Cue our collective flashbacks to snowy days on the Hill. Andrew sends a shout-out to anyone from Dickson Hall, "especially 3-6."

Candie Johnson Killackey will be moving her family and her psychotherapy practice from Bolton, MA, to Burlington, VT. Candie writes that her husband, Ed '85, "took a position with Liquid Measurement Systems, precipitating the move to Vermont." She remains busy helping to plan an upcoming family wedding. Keith Kefgen welcomed a new baby boy, Eli, last July. In addition to his new family member, Keith is also nurturing his consulting practice, Aethos Consulting Group, which has recently opened offices in L.A., Portland, and Melbourne. If that's not enough, he's also been renovating a brownstone in Brooklyn! In the future, he hopes to play more golf and travel overseas. Keith's shout-out is to Mike Cahill, and he also mentioned that Denny Ferguson '68, PhD '81, and Carl Sagan had the greatest impact on him while on the Hill.

Congratulations are in order to **Michael Higgins** and his wife, Monica! Their daughter **Becky '17** graduated from Cornell in the spring! Best of luck to Becky in her future endeavors! Also celebrating spring graduations, **Lorena Rivera Wilson** and husband **Keith '82** had two graduates this spring. Their daughter, Julie, graduated from Vanderbilt U. in May. Not to be outdone, Lorena and Keith's youngest, Mark, graduated from eighth grade this year! Perhaps carnelian and white is in his future—Big Red Class of 2025? In addition to celebrating graduations, the Wilsons celebrated Keith's 35th Reunion in June and will celebrate Lorena's Boston College Law School reunion in the fall.

Rachel Bennett stays busy as the founder and owner of the Westchester Reproductive Medicine and Infertility Treatment Center in Westchester County, NY. Rachel's son, Alex '20, is a sophomore at Cornell, and Rachel writes, "His genetics professor, Tom Fox '71, was my professor when I was at Cornell!" What a neat connection between the classes of 1984 and 2020! Rachel wrote that her friend and roommate Maureen Wilhelm O'Rourke had the greatest impact on her while in college.

Thank you to all who sent in news! Remember my ongoing threat to attempt a creative column during months of scarce news. Please, for all of our sakes, send in news. **Catherine** "Kitty" **Cantwell**, catherinej cantwell@gmail.com; **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hot mail.com. Online news form, http://alumni.comell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Summer is beginning as I write this column.

Graduations have occurred. Many of us have children that are graduating high school and college.

Congratulations to all of them!

Michael Weinstein writes from Syosset, NY, that he has published his first book, *Ten Times Chai: 180 Orthodox Synagogues in New York City.* It is a hardcover coffeetable-style photo book with 613 color photos. He has been volunteering for Holocaust survivors in New York, and is the director of investments at Oppenheimer & Co. Michael wishes he could walk the world's most beautiful college campus again, especially the gorges. **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez's son, **Jesse '17**, graduated summa cum laude from Cornell in May; Tara said graduation was awesome! Jesse heads to U. of Oregon for his MFA in poetry. **Eleanor Stevens** Dixon's son Chris graduated magna cum laude from Villanova and is heading to U. of Florida for graduate school.

Marjorie Riemer Setchko writes that she is enjoying her new job coaching lightweight women's crew at UC Berkeley and living in Alameda, CA. Her four kids are "insane and insanely awesome!" She is looking forward to camping a lot this summer and working her way back from her SECOND hip replacement. Marjorie says, "Life is beautiful and never dull." Sue Mould Engdahl writes in from Arizona. She is having fun with her store, Rocket Fizz Scottsdale, which is now in its third year of operation. David Waill and Doug Birnie were each in Arizona on business trips and paid her a visit. Lucky Sue, she said it was fabulous to catch up with each of them and "way too much fun." Two hours later she messaged me that Andrew Meltzer and his daughter came to visit too! Andrew also sent me a message that his son got married in Estes Park, CO. His son and daughter-inlaw are graduates of Texas A&M.

Tracey Nichol Austin is now "in business sales development at Incodema 3D, an additive metal manufacturing company. We partner with Cornell on cuttingedge innovations in aerospace and beyond." The abovementioned Doug Birnie and family are vacationing in Barcelona this summer. Pics on Facebook make me think they had a great time!

That's all the news I have for now. I've been dealing with the fact that my only son is now 16, has gotten his first job (for the summer), and is driving. It's a bit much to deal with, but it has to happen. Other than that, we are enjoying family that is close by and visiting those in Florida from time to time. Looking forward to seeing Leslie Nydick Roseti, Jill Beckenstein Lerner, Cindy Cowen Bowman, Debra Eisenstat DeRoche, Maryellen Fisher Magee, and Margaret Vanasse in Jupiter, FL, for another mini-reunion of U-Hall 1 women! Will be thinking of and missing Sharon Tolpin Topper, Karen Magri Dadd, Liz Mozesky Langston, and Patti Yule Nichols. Send your news to: *Joyce Zelkowitz Cornett, cornett0667@com cast.net; or Roberta Zwiebel Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com.

Thank you to our classmates who shared news and updates. After 20 years in the Boston area, **Emily Mathes** Kuvin, JD '95, now lives in Lyme, NH, where she moved for her husband Jeffrey's job at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Emily has recently had the opportunity to spend time on campus because her daughter, Sylvie '20, is at Cornell. Sylvie's close friends include Delia Rush '20, daughter of Colleen Fahey Rush; Jamie Schiff '20, daughter of Robin Abrams; and Eliza Hering '20, daughter of Lisa Gannon! Emily's son, Henry, is a sophomore at Hanover High School and will spend the summer studying Russian in Estonia on an NSLI scholarship. Emily remains in contact with Irene Koch, who is chief legal officer for Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. She tries to find time to travel and even acts in community theater.

Emily is now growing her jewelry business (www. emilykuvin.com) and is being mentored by her friend and freshman roommate, **Susan Danziger**, the founder of Ziggeo and a superstar entrepreneur. Susan recently received the 2016 New York Brava Award, where she was honored for her work as an exemplary CEO. **Leesa Storfer** writes from Wakefield, MA, that she too has launched a niche jewelry line. Furever Linked is a line of handcrafted, personalized jewelry and accessories for fashionable pet lovers. Great gifts for pet owners or for those who have lost pets and want to memorialize them. Her creations can be found online at: www.fureverlinked.com

Matthew Krane is currently enjoying his sabbatical year (2016-17), a few years after being promoted to full professor in the School of Materials Engineering at Purdue U. He and **Kathy Robinson**, his wife of 26 years, and their daughter lived in Greenwich, UK, last fall while Matthew worked at U. of Greenwich. They toured Greater London, where the highlight was introducing his daughter to Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre. Matthew and his family will spend the spring semester in Nancy, France, at the École des Mines, and the summer at the U. of Montenegro. While they enjoy Europe, their four sons are students at Purdue. Matthew and Kathy are obviously quite proud of the brood. Given a day in Ithaca, Matt would like to visit the one professor he had who is still active in MAE, Tom Avedisian.

Saskia Schutte D'Aguilar writes with exciting news that her husband, Dionisio, MBA '87, won a seat as a Member of Parliament (MP) for the Constituency of Free Town in the Bahamas with 61 percent of the vote. The Free National Movement party won 35 seats in Parliament, compared to four seats for the opposition. His goal is to put the Bahamas on track to its fabled status as "the Best Little Country on Earth." Their sons are following the family tradition, with Alexander '17 and Oliver '21 both attending Cornell.

The 70th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's historic debut with the then-Brooklyn Dodgers was commemorated with the unveiling of a nearly six-and-a-half-foottall statue of the six-time All-Star second baseman at Dodger Stadium. The statue stands in the Left Field Reserve Plaza and depicts the Hall of Famer during his 1947 rookie year sliding into home plate. The magnificent statue was created by classmate Branly Cadet. "Jackie Robinson was known for stealing home," Branly told the Los Angeles Times. "It takes courage and precise timing to steal home." The sculpture will also include three quotes from the Dodger legend, which are as poignant and relevant today as when he spoke them: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives"; "I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me. All I ask is that you respect me as a human being"; and "There's not an American in this country free until every one of us is free." Great words-and great work. Branly!

On a final and personal note, **Michael Wagner** and I had the privilege of watching our daughter, **Alexandra** '16, BS ILR '17, graduate from Cornell in May. It was a lovely, fun-filled weekend. The university was in the national spotlight with former VP Joe Biden's passionate Commencement address, and most of us had our first exposure to President Martha Pollack at the graduation ceremony the following day. A special highlight for Michael was being greeted by ILR professor Ron Ehrenberg, who was both Michael's Economics professor in 1983 and Alexandra's professor in 2017. Ron and Michael have stayed in touch since we graduated in 1986 and

have had many interactions during Michael's tenure on the ILR alumni board. I know I speak for many of our classmates who also watched their children graduate in saying congratulations and thank you to the university for hosting such a successful and meaningful event.

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Having just attended our 30th Reunion I can say without a doubt, we have the best Reunion team ever. Melissa Hodes Friedenberg, Scott Pesner, Mary Bowman, and Claudia Regen-Johnson outdid themselves. Outstanding programming and food every day of the weekend, which featured some of the nicest Ithaca weather I've experienced. From Souvlaki House Greek salad and PMPs for dinner on Thursday night to the Group Therapy and music featuring the jukebox at Dunbars played at Reunion headquarters Saturday night, there was not one minute that wasn't filled with something both fun and meaningful. The Saturday night tent parties on the Quad have been revamped, and it was nice to see the mix of people dancing together. I ran into my friend Gail Fink '85, who was hanging with "Shelly D'Encourt." Both Lisa Hollis Capone and Fran Teunis Meredith were spotted dancing with a Class of '52 fellow named Henry who had better dance moves at the age of 87 than most of us do now. Inspiring!

If you don't belong to the Facebook page "Cornell University Class of 1987" or FB group "Cornell Class of 1987," you might join just to see the large number of photos submitted by classmates of our actual Commencement day 30 years ago. While it was nice to see our classmates, it was also great to be back on campus and to have a chance to see all the new buildings, visit the Botanic Gardens, go to an open house in the Rare and Manuscript Collections in Olin Library, and see **Bill Nye '77**, who gave a fantastic talk about his career and his life at Cornell (see it here at: http://www.cornell.edu/video/bill-nye-reunion-2017). Cornell is as beautiful as ever. Beyond the fun, the Class of 1987 set records for 30th Reunion attendance (347 classmates) and largest 30th Reunion donation (over \$19 million).

In other news. Jennifer Sullivan Recker writes that she opened Stone's Throw restaurant in June 2016 with her family. Her brother-in-law is the head chef, and she and her sister manage the business. They are located in Seymour, CT, directly on the Housatonic River. They specialize in American cuisine with an emphasis on seafood and produce from local farms. Check them out at: www.stonesthrowct.com. Sharyn Ruff Aviv, BFA '87, is one very busy businesswoman. In addition to selling high-end real estate in Boca Raton, FL, she owns a consulting business and sells digital job board advertising to the business community in a variety of niche industries. Her daughter, **Danielle Aviv '16**, graduated from Cornell. Stemming from her internship in the "Cornell in Hollywood" program, she now works in television production in L.A. for several Bravo network reality shows. Sharyn's son, Ben, just finished his freshman year at George Washington U., where he is studying international relations.

Sally Henninger teaches Latin at the public high school in Harrisonburg, VA. She was an English major at Cornell and received her master's in Latin at U. of Virginia. She was excited to attend Reunion with her parents (Class of 1957) and 22 fellow Alpha Chi Omega

sisters. **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA '91, writes, "In May 2017 I was an invited speaker of the Almaty Management U. in Almaty, Kazakhstan, for their conference 'Entrepreneurial Education in Rising Societies,' where I spoke in several panels on entrepreneurship and education. I was then invited to the Islamic Countries Finance Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, where I spoke about the precursor conditions necessary to attract projects completed by Islamic finance methods."

Amy Siskind has made headlines with her "Weekly List," which she began post-election to track the authoritarian leanings of President Trump. Published through Facebook, Twitter, and Medium, Amy publishes a weekly list of the changes she sees in the actions of the government showing its evolution away from historical norms. Started as a whim, Amy's list has gone viral, with followers now in the six figures. Each post begins with: "Experts in authoritarianism advise to keep a list of things subtly changing around you, so you'll remember." See what Amy has to say at: https://medium.com/@Amy_Siskind.

I've enjoyed the privilege of being your class correspondent over the past ten years, allowing me the opportunity to meet so many classmates who I didn't know as an undergraduate. Lots of new friends. We are a great class! My tenure as correspondent coincided with a turbulent ten years in my personal life, encompassing two moves for my hubby's job, job changes for both of us, two of my kids leaving the nest, and balancing life in a two-career household, all while finding myself unexpectedly a member of the sandwich generation. Cornell has always been a constant in my life and I was glad for the stability it provided to me during this time.

I'll end my last column voicing my biggest regret as correspondent: never getting to meet **Gabe Boyar**'s six beautiful children. Maybe he will bring them to the 35th? Welcome to **Lisa Burns** Griffin, who will be taking my place alongside Liz and Whitney. **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu.

We have a lot of news to share this month as we start the countdown to our 30th Reunion. But first, a warm congratulations to **Linda Gadsby** on becoming an alumni-elected trustee! We also congratulate **Robyn Tice** of Belmont, MA, on her marriage to **Artie Boland '90** in Boston last September. Their guests included 25 Cornellians spanning the classes of 1956 through the 1990s. Pi Phis and Phi Psis were well represented!

Victor Seidel is pleased to share that he was recently promoted to associate professor with tenure at Babson College, the business school in Wellesley, MA. He also serves as a fellow of the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and on a recent afternoon at Harvard he ran into Irwin Shapiro '50, the Timken U. Professor of Astronomy at Harvard. He noticed Prof. Shapiro from his Brooklyn Tech baseball cap, rightly guessing that he was a high school contemporary of his father, **Paul Seidel '53**. Victor enjoyed exchanging stories of Brooklyn and Cornell with Prof. Shapiro. **Daniel Cavicchi** was appointed associate provost of Research Global Practice at Rhode Island School of Design, after serving four and a half years as dean of liberal arts. In his new role, as of July 1, 2017, he will oversee faculty and student research, partnered projects and executive education, global programs, and continuing education and careers.

Ethan Goldrich reports that he is deputy chief of mission for the US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, UAE. His

daughters just finished their freshman year at Cornell, Clara '20 in ILR and Agnes '20 in CALS. Way to carry on the Big Red tradition! Sandy Young Klindt, DVM '93, works as a veterinarian for the Army at Fort Drum (as a civilian) and provides veterinary care and spay/neuter surgery to animals at the Jefferson County, NY, SPCA. She keeps busy serving on two school boards and as treasurer for her sons' Boy Scout troop, of which her husband, Rodger, is assistant scoutmaster.

Hon. **Ramon Reyes Jr.** sits as a judge in Brooklyn, NY, where he handles more than 400 civil cases—"Yikes!" he writes. Son Ramon III will be entering CALS in the Class of 2021. Ramon would love to hear from **Gregory Thomson '86**. Also in the legal community, **Molly Meegan** is associate general counsel (pro bono) to the Human Rights Campaign of Washington, an organization working for LGBTQ equal rights.

Looking for a change of pace, **Stephanie Siegel**-Mock moved from NYC to a Christmas tree farm in Lebanon, PA. "I worked as an attorney in NYC, and now advocate on behalf of early childhood care and education for the Pennsylvania Assn. for the Education of Young Children." **Amy Rosenstein** is co-founder of TeachSDGs.org, working in conjunction with the U.N. to spread the word about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She utilizes Skype in the classroom to communicate with teachers and students worldwide, and finds her work incredibly rewarding and positive. If she had a day in Ithaca, Amy says, "I'd tour the stunning campus without the pressure of all the work we used to have! Gorges, hills, buildings, and the clock tower; so much I miss and would love to see again."

Lisa Widmier sold her investment banking/investment properties brokerage company back to CBRE, as she had formerly been part of CBRE before starting her own company. "I now lead the national investment banking and capital markets/investment properties brokerage for senior housing for CBRE. We are hiring! In 2016 we transacted more than \$3.5 billion, making us the top advisor in the senior housing industry," she writes from La Jolla, CA. Pam Darer Anderson shares, "For my 50th birthday last spring, my family surprised me and we all went to Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas—a great surprise and birthday celebration!" Pam would like to see more Cornell friends each year, including Dave Sharp and former roommates Nancy Beck, Cathy Bendor, and Crissy Russo.

Please keep the news coming and remember to visit our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/)! Send news to your class correspondents: **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; or **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Eighteen years ago this June, my husband and I unfolded our maps, planned our route with pen and paper, crammed our Honda Accord with a Pack 'n Play, a diaper bag, a carriage, a baby seat, and a baby, and headed to Ithaca for the 10th Reunion of the Class of '89. The ten-hour car ride was interrupted by hourly stops and lots of crying (shrill, ear-piercing crying... Colic, thy name is Torture...), but we survived the journey. This summer, we have pulled up Google maps and are trying to figure out how we are going to manage to cram our Honda Odyssey with books, posters, sets of sheets and towels, suitcases of clothes, coats, sneakers, and one college-bound teenage boy headed to Washington, DC, for the start of his freshman year at American U. While it's only

a six-hour journey this time and we are hopeful for fewer stops, we are, nonetheless, expecting the same amount of crying. But I've promised myself to keep it to a quiet sob.

Turns out, I'm not the only one sending an elder spawn to college this year. **Blaine Riggle** writes that his oldest son is off to higher academia as well, heading to Trinity College. Blaine also mentions recently taking a position as in-house counsel at Synchrony Financial in Stamford, CT. Congrats, Blaine! And word has also arrived from **David Rosenberg**, MD '93, and his wife, **Jessica Lattman '90**, that their daughter Alex has been

the open field and breeding programs globally for Syngenta in South Korea, Thailand, China, India, Mexico, and the US to develop varieties with bacterial leaf spot resistance. Kevin credits the late professor emeritus **Henry Munger '36**, PhD '41, in helping him decide between industry and academia for his career path. Prof. Munger's career was quite interesting, by the way—worth looking it up in the *Cornell Chronicle* online. Kevin and wife **Lisa (Piccinino) '82** are based in Naples, FL, but spend June to October in Maine for a truly bucolic summer of vegetable gardening, flower gardening, and

'Tom Bruechert helps ensure the environment is protected as roads are built and improved.'

KRIS BOROVICKA GERIG '89

accepted into the CALS Class of 2021—and thus departs another college caravan!

Sherry Peck Kirsche has all the stages covered as her flock fledges (nod to Cornell Ornithology). Oldest son Michael will begin his PhD at Johns Hopkins U. in August, while son Zach has graduated from the U. of Chicago and daughter Erin heads to the U. of Florida as a freshman soon. Sherry, retired from the Navy, keeps busy with Boy Scout activities with youngest son Patrick (who still resides in the nest), teaching piano lessons, and participating in the leadership team at the family's church. Sherry and husband Steve live in Florida, by the way, so no need for them to fly south for the winter. (I'm as puffed as a partridge [probably Shirley, but maybe Laurie] that I was able to carry that avian analogy through the entire paragraph.)

Some of us, it turns out, still have a few chicks at home. (Ok, I'm done. No more birds.) **Ted Shafer** is spending much of his time driving 12-year-old triplets Katherine, Zander, and Zachary around La Jolla, CA, where he and wife Rita live. Oh, Ted, I can only imagine what it will be like simultaneously teaching three teenagers to drive themselves in a few years. I, myself, am in my second round of white-knuckle road rafting (a.k.a. learner's permit driving), this time with my 16-year-old son, and my nerves are often frayed at the end of the day. Best of luck!

Lisa Spellman Porter still has her two kids at home and is also pretty busy as a professor in the Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering at Carnegie Mellon. Lisa is currently serving as president-elect of the American Vacuum Society, an international research group "pertaining to the science and technology of materials, interfaces, and processing." (Side note: I've always been intimidated by Lisa's career, so when I first read her note quickly and saw "vacuum," I thought, "Hey! I GET THAT! That I understand! I own—and sometimes even use—a Dyson! Finally, something we can discuss." Upon more careful review, though, I realize I will have to go back to my tried and true method of cocking my head to the side, nodding slowly, and squinting while Lisa tries—again—to explain to me what she does for a living.)

Now, this I understand (sort of; in my own way): **Kevin Cook** writes of his career in pepper breeding! (I understand the "pepper" part and the "breeding" part, as per my two aforementioned offspring.) He manages

bird watching. Maine in summer and Florida in winter, however, leaves Kevin without the opportunity to ski, which is a bummer considering a childhood on the slopes, along with all of his Cornell Ski Club days. And, **Craig Gabriel**, if you're reading this, Kevin would love to hear from you!

Tom Bruechert and Lori Duke (who've been married 25 years!) have already sent their daughter off to college (Rhodes), but still have two boys in high school. Tom is the environmental team leader at the Federal Highway Administration in Austin, TX. He oversees the state's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act for a \$6 billion transportation program and helps ensure the environment is protected as roads are built and improved. Tom credits Marv Adelman and the faculty of Landscape Architecture during his time at Cornell for sharing their passion for the program with him and the other students. Robert Rumsey, Chris Nolan, Misty March, Larry Steele, Pam Chan Singer, and Brian Klump—Tom wants to get in touch!

In addition to being a local radio personality, **Susan Bloom** is a freelance writer and regular contributor to numerous newspapers and magazines in New Jersey, as well as national publications including *USA Today* and the *New York Daily News*. In her spare time, she enjoys ballet, swimming, and yoga. **Jonathan David** is a partner at a major patent law firm in New Jersey and can be found on the golf course or tennis court when not working. Both of them love heading back to Cornell for reunions to celebrate the Big Red!

Lastly, we heard from **Jeffrey Spector**, who is living in Bethesda, MD. Last year he celebrated his ten-year anniversary with Sodexo, a food service and facilities management company, where he is an employment lawyer. Jeffrey sends the sad news that his mother passed away on March 8, Int'l Women's Day, but that his niece gave birth to her first daughter the same day. And, thus, the generations continue on. Send news to: **Trick Trick** Kris Borovicka Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; Lauren Kidder McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail. com; Anne Czaplinski Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; Stephanie Bloom Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

Solution to a few classmate updates, this column brings general news from campus and happenings overseas.

To borrow from the proverb "All roads lead to Rome," these days Cornell connections seem to be leading to Japan. It was about five years ago that I learned that **Masaki Takai**, MCE '92, my Saturday morning Chem 207 labmate, had a cousin in Kobe working for Eli Lilly Japan, with whom I had planned Women in Business events for the American Chamber of Commerce Japan. More recently, I learned that **Andrew Alpart**, a fellow Scholarly Living Unit survivor from U-Hall 4 days, has a cousin-in-law who teaches at an international school in Kobe. I discovered both Cornellian family ties through Facebook. It has been a while since I last saw Andy, who is living in his hometown of Albany, NY, but Masaki and his family kindly hosted me when I was in Honolulu for the marathon last December.

Fellow Angeleno **Ray Murakami** contacted me in March to say that a former work colleague from AT&T would be staying at the hotel where I work during a conference. I was able to take Ray's friend to a tea ceremony at Suma Temple as part of my activities as a Kobe PR ambassador. It was fun to explain Japanese culture and to experience Kobe through a fresh perspective. Ray is keeping busy in the Bay Area as a CAAAN chair, personally speaking to applicants, mentoring, and even sending care packages to students he successfully sent to Cornell. Ray is also active in the ILR alumni association.

Ken Okaya, whom I have not seen since we said goodbye on Schoellkopf Field on graduation day, has roots in Kobe. In April, Ken and his family visited his cousins on his father's side of the family. As much as I wanted to treat them to a slice of cake in one of Kobe's fancy cafes, it wasn't meant to be during this trip. Lots of Cornell faculty are visiting Japan these days, too. When I was working at a dinner party for medical innovation in February, one of the guests of honor was Dr. Jeffrey Milsom of Weill Cornell. Attending the party with him was Dr. Sam Sharma.

Also in February, **Rohit Verma**, dean of external affairs for the School of Hotel Administration at the SC Johnson College of Business, was the guest of honor at a Cornell Hotel Society gathering in Kyoto. The Hotel school is getting ready to start a collaboration with Kyoto U. for an MBA program focused on tourism. I met Prof. **Tad Hara**, **PhD '04**, of the U. of Central Florida when he was in Osaka to give a presentation about data he and one of his UCF students collected from overseas visitors at Kansai Int'l Airport.

The Cornell Club of Japan recently had a leadership change and is now led by the CEO of Kewpie Mayonnaise, **Amane Nakashima**, **MBA '89**, who invited me to become a club officer and CAAAN liaison. I participate in club event planning and hosting, and helped introduce Kobe native **Marie Fukuura '08** to the club. Marie works for InBev and arranged for a donation of American craft beers for an All-lvy mixer in Tokyo. Plans are in the works for a Slope Day in Japan next spring. We are really excited about the idea, although it will probably be more of a family picnic in the park than the all-out party we remember from undergrad days.

Omedeto gozaimasu (congratulations) to **Colleen O'Neal**, assistant professor in school psychology at U.
of Maryland, College Park, who received the Excellence
in Graduate Mentoring Award from the UMD College of
Education in May. She also led a team providing training
and support to teachers serving refugee children in
Malaysia. The trip was supported by a Fulbright Alumni
Grant. The project used a train-the-trainer model with
the hope that the 124 participating teachers will train
peers in their local schools. And best wishes to the 14th

Cornell president, Martha Pollack, a computer science expert who was officially inaugurated on August 25. She welcomed former US vice president Joe Biden to campus for Convocation in May. Knowing Uncle Joe's love of ice cream, Cornell Dairy celebrated by creating a new flavor, Big Red, White & Biden, based on his favorite flavor, old-fashioned chocolate chip.

In closing, **Matt Rubins** joined the board of directors of the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation in April. "I am honored to continue my service to Zeta Beta Tau by joining the board of directors. I recently served as Zeta Beta Tau fraternity's international president and saw firsthand the positive impact that brotherhood can have in transforming lives, giving leadership opportunities, and developing life skills in our undergraduate brothers through programs such as Safe Smart Dating and Combating Campus Hate. I'm excited to help the foundation raise the critical resources to expand programs such as these." Well done, Matt! As always, we welcome your news and look forward to hearing from you. * Rose Tanasugarn, nt28@cornell.edu; Allan Rousselle, agr2@cornell. edu. Online news form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/ participate/class-notes.cfm.

lt's that time of year again when enthusiastic freshmen are about to embark on their wonderful journey through Cornell, an experience that will forever change their lives. It dawned on me that exactly 30 years ago, at this time, we were those freshmen! It's incredible to think that so many of my lifelong friendships were developed in that very first year.

Just this past March, I met up with 11 of my Big Red buddies for a girls' getaway in Napa Valley. Anna Doyno Tague (Orinda, CA) and Katherine Miller Eskovitz (Santa Monica, LA) were already on the West Coast. Jana Pompadur Kierstead and Kerry Nelson came from the Boston area. Alexandra Floyd Bray joined us from Baltimore. And from the tri-state area were Lauren Gallagher Heil (Centerport, NY), Kimberly Seibert Sleeman (Short Hills, NJ), Debra Epstein Fried (Chappagua, NY), Kirsten Blau Krohn (Scarsdale, NY), Jodi Rogoff Gonzalez (Westport, CT), Meagan Heaney Wise (New Canaan, CT), and myself, Lori Attanasio Woodring (Old Greenwich, CT). We missed seeing Maria Del Mar Ortiz Fournier (better known as "Chacha"). Maria recently received her master's in counseling psychology and is now a licensed psychologist in Puerto Rico, where she has been living since she graduated. Previously, Maria practiced personal injury law for 14 years. For six years, she worked with her father, **Jorge Ortiz Brunet '62**, at his law firm. She then took over the firm and ran it for eight years. Maria has now moved on to her second career, helping people in a different way.

Jim Posner (JimPosner@TheMindfulAdvantage.com) also had a change in careers. He recently left Wall Street and is now a personal and corporate meditation instructor. While going through a challenging period years ago, he learned mindfulness meditation. "I now teach forward-thinking people and companies how to harness the power of mindfulness to lower stress, improve focus, enhance interpersonal communication, regulate emotional responsiveness, and even increase creativity." He has worked with Fortune 500 companies, hedge funds, C-suite executives, athletes, and schools, and he even guided a meditation session on Capitol Hill. Jim lives in Manhattan with his wife and two kids. Please feel free to reach out to him.

Alarik Myrin (Duchesne, UT) has been "building soil and plant diversity with adaptive grazing and selling

grass-fed beef (cmrbeef.com)." His twin daughters, 15, are also helping out on the ranch and starting to think about college. He would love to hear from Steve Hall and find out if he is still hunting white-tails in the Adirondacks. Alarik also wants to thank Prof. Wayne Knoblauch for thoughtful advising on classes, Prof. Deborah Streeter for balancing detail with the big picture, and all of his other professors for their original work. Jeff Lamontagne was recently named executive director at Dinosaur Ridge, the nation's top dinosaur tracksite in Morrison, CO. Jeff shared that his daughter, Sylvie, 13, finished fourth in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and first in the Global Champions Challenge in Beijing, China. He would love to hear from Paul Brunk. Laura Fricke Main is living in Newtown, CT, and is the founding director of academics/ principal at a new charter school in New Haven, CT, that opened in September 2014.

Traci Kissel Helton has been busy atwork. She is the owner/operator of Midtown Veterinary Services and Hospital in Winchester, TN. Traci writes, "Work is busy. I've taken up running and have finished two half-marathons so far." **David Rickerby** wrote in from Cambridge, MA: "I started my own law firm specializing in technology transactions and licensing." **Johnny Tseng** checked in from Hong Kong. **Robert Leven** (Atlanta, GA), a former Hotelie, is currently the chief investment officer for Procaccianti Companies, the seventh largest owner and operator of hotel properties across the country. Rob is married with two children, Jeremy, 15, and Sari, 18, who will be attending Tulane U.

The Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has cited **Michael Carroll** as the recipient of its Government Service Award for 2017. For the past year, Michael has been an assistant managing director for the City of Philadelphia and directs the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems. Previously he was deputy commissioner for transportation and acting commissioner. After Cornell, he received his master's degrees in civil engineering and city and regional planning from UC Berkeley. He and his family live in the West Mount Airy section of Philadelphia.

And lastly, be on the lookout for **Jon Gordon '93** and **Lauren Gallagher**'s new book, *The Hard Hat for Kids*, which is based on Jon Gordon's adult book, *The Hard Hat*, about the culture of Cornell lacrosse and a player named **George Boiardi '04**. The book's powerful theme about how to be a good teammate has now been adapted for kids and will be released in time for the holidays.

We love hearing from you. Please send news to: ❖ Lori Attanasio Woodring, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; Joe Marraccino, joemarraccino@msn.com; J. Tim Vanini, lavanooche@icloud.com; or Wendy Milks Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

92 Our 25th Reunion took place June 8-11. The Class of '92 had 446 classmates attend; 594 adults overall, with 176 children, made for a total of 770 people. We also raised \$6,803,386 from 685 classmates through Reunion giving to the Annual Fund. Reunion 2017 overall welcomed 7,255 people, 5,213 of whom were alumni, and three alumni over the age of 100 were in attendance! Alumni returned to Ithaca from 16 countries outside of the US, 48 states, and Puerto Rico. The only states not represented were North and South Dakota.

We had amazingly beautiful weather and a weekend full of class activities, athletics, lectures, tours, and many other university events. Personally, I went: to a wedding dress exhibit in the College of Human Ecology; zip-lining

with my daughter and my husband, Reunion co-chair **Todd Kantorczyk**; to an interview with our new president, Martha Pollack; on a visit to the Fuertes Observatory; and to **Bill Nye '77'**s presentation. There were Greek life events, college and major receptions, wine tastings, the Dueling Pianos, Fun in the Sun for kids, Cornelliana Night, a Reunion 5K, the tent parties, and much, much more.

We had a fantastic crew of Reunion clerks—undergraduate students who worked our registration, staffed headquarters, supervised event set up, implementation, and clean up, and generally provided smiling faces and helping hands for the whole weekend. The souvenirs this year were "Hipster Ezra" tote bags. There were six choices—Ezra plays guitar, Ezra motorcycle, Ezra needs coffee, Ezra does a kickflip, Ezra surfs up on a motorcycle, and Ezra big air skateboard.

On Thursday night, we welcomed classmates with a casual reception/dinner at our headquarters at Court-Kay-Bauer on North Campus. After Friday morning's breakfast, we hosted a lecture and reception to honor our classmate Stephen Mong, ME '93, MBA '02, the seed donor for the new Cornell Neurotech program. The lecture was a big success, filling both levels of Statler Hall's auditorium. Our Friday night event was a Big Red tailgate-themed BBQ at Beebe Beach. After a reception at our headquarters tent and a brief presentation about our fundraising success, the Big Red Band arrived to play a few songs and march us down to dinner at Beebe Beach. Dinosaur BBO catered the event that featured Ithaca Beer and a football-themed bar. After dinner, we had an ice cream social back at headquarters featuring yummy flavors from the Cornell Dairy Bar.

On Saturday night, buses took us to a 25th Celebration with reception near the Houston Pond. After our class picture, we had dinner across the street in Newman Arboretum in the Botanic Gardens (formerly Cornell Plantations). Serendipity Catering poured a signature cocktail named "Garden Party." After dinner, we had a family-friendly dance party in the Arboretum's Sculpture Garden with NYC/Hamptons DJ Lady Bunny. The sculptures were lit different colors and it was a great night! On Sunday, Catering by Ithaca Bakery served our last breakfast—a hearty send-off for classmates with full, happy bellies.

On behalf of my Reunion co-chairs Todd and lan Kutner, thank you to all our classmates who made the effort to attend Reunion. And on behalf of our classmates, thank you both for chairing with me. Many thanks to those classmates who added special touches to our time back on the Hill. Terry Horner, PhD '98, put together a slide show that was shown continuously at headquarters. Thank you to all the classmates who submitted photos for inclusion. Those late-'80s/early-'90s hairstyles and fashions were something else! Lisa Everts allowed us to store leftover items from our 20th Reunion, ship items directly to her house in Ithaca, and then store leftover items from our 25th Reunion as well. Maureen Coughlin Torelli was a fabulous registration chair again, keeping us organized and well cared for. Maureen, along with past class president Karen McCalley, escorted former Cornell president Frank H.T. Rhodes at our Saturday night reception. And outgoing class president Allison Bergstrom introduced Stephen Mong at the Neurotech lecture.

Our new slate of officers was announced at Reunion and they are ready to serve: president **Jonathan Simon**; VP Terry Horner; membership chair Lisa Everts; secretary **Jean Kintisch**; class correspondents **Lois Duffy** Castellano and Jean Kintisch; treasurer **Sharon Kowar** de Waard; Reunion chairs **Michelle Struble** Bouton, Todd

Kantorczyk, and Ian Kutner; registration chair Maureen Torelli; website community manager **Betty Eng**; immediate past president Allison Bergstrom.

While class and university events were terrific, the most important part of Reunion is spending time with old friends, sharing our alma mater with our families, and reconnecting with campus. Please don't be a stranger–keep in touch with your class and Cornell. Share your news! Feel free to e-mail us or use the online form at: http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes. cfm. * Jean Kintisch, jmk226@cornell.edu; Lois Duffy Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

Happy summer, everyone! We're excited to hear from a number of you, and thanks for taking the time to reach out. We've got it all this column: marriage, birth announcements, and the launch of a political campaign! Check out what your classmates are up to.

Michael Palese is the chairman of the Dept. of Urology at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital in New York City, and is a professor at its Icahn School of Medicine. He specializes in robotic and laparoscopic surgery. Michael and his family are pleased to announce the November 2016 birth of their second daughter, Gabrielle Elizabeth, who joins her 11-year-old big sister, Sierra Olivia. Mazel tov! Speaking of a new generation of future Cornellians, congratulations are also due to Dana Nigro and her husband, Carlos, who welcomed son Gabriel in March 2017. J. Holt McGee is splitting his time between Pikeville, KY, and Franklin, TN, with his new wife, Candice. Holt would love to hear from classmate Cooper Schraudenbach and John Wilde '92.

Another of our classmates is launching his own political campaign: **Michael Dougherty** is running for Attorney General of Colorado. Michael is currently deputy district attorney with the First Judicial District (Jefferson and Gilpin counties). Learn more about his campaign platform at: http://www.michaelforag.com. Good luck, Michael! **Diana Savinon** Ortiz and her husband, Alfredo, check in to say that they're doing well and living in Roswell. GA.

Can you believe that a year from now we'll be celebrating our 25th Reunion? What are you most looking forward to doing when you come back to Ithaca, and who do you most want to see while you're in town? We can't guarantee the weather, but we can guarantee a great time! Keep the news coming: � Mia Blackler, miablackler@yahoo.com; Melissa Moss, melimoss@ yahoo.com; Theresa Flores, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Sam Shaber has been a touring indie musician for more than 20 years, with 11 albums out. She writes, "I recently got into performance storytelling, and now I've been invited to perform a one-woman show of stories and music at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe, presented by the Gilded Balloon. The show is called 'Life, Death & Duran Duran.'" For more info, go to: www.samshaber.com.

Mark Bartholomew (bartholo@buffalo.edu) has a new book out, Adcreep: The Case Against Modern Marketing. In it, Mark describes the world of modern advertising including how it works, the social threats it poses, and the impotence of the current legal regime. Arielle Hecht Schiffman (arielle.schiffman@gmail.com) writes, "We celebrated the bat mitzvah of our daughter, Samara, on April 1. Cornellians in attendance included grandparents Barry '65 and Bradlea Dorn Hecht '67, uncle and aunt

Kyle, MBA '00, and Danielle Hecht Oetker '96, DVM '01, as well as Ian Wright, Donal Luna, Gregg Paradise '93, and Michael '92 and Roz Nelson-Black '93."

Andrew Yarmus writes, "I've recently enjoyed several get-togethers with great friends from my time at Cornell. Most special among them was my daughter's bat mitzvah in September in NYC. Joining the Yarmuses for the celebration were **Robyn Goldenberg** and Em Kuker, Scott '93 and Jackie Finkel Kauff '93, and Amy and Robert Puchalski '93, along with the four Puchalski children. At the end of January, the Kauffs, Puchalskis, and Yarmuses enjoyed a trip back to Ithaca and campus, during which we enjoyed two hockey games at Lynah Rink (despite the losses), lunch at the Nines and Collegetown Bagels, and seeing what has changed and what remains the same on campus and around town." Send news to: ❖ Dineen Pashoukos Wasylik, dmp5@cornell. edu; Dika Lam, dikaweb@yahoo.com; Jennifer Rabin Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

When September rolled around and classes were about to start, many of us Cornellians were already looking for some ways to blow off steam. Having been a student athlete all through high school, I was thankful for the many intramural sports offerings at Cornell as a much-needed distraction from intense academics. In the first two fall semesters, I played on a team made up of all the walk-ons that tried out for the varsity soccer team our freshman year but didn't make it. Dubbed the Walk-Ons, we were captained by **Josh Greenberg**, who is now a financial advisor living in the New York City area.

I was at a party the fall of 1991 when Mith Niles approached me, sized up my 6' 3" frame, and asked if I played basketball. (I felt like I was being recruited!) Soon, I joined his basketball team, the Lankans (Mith's family heritage traces back to Sri Lanka, hence the name), and I think we all played together with only limited lineup changes for at least three years. Also on that team were Robert Smith, Mike Krochmal, Doug Duval '96, Dave Sherman, and Aaron Berryman. Berryman, an ILR major and a standout wide receiver on the football team, now owns a real estate investment company in Marina del Rey, CA, which serves as a brokerage and acquisition firm for its investor clients. Sherman went on to get his PhD in psychology from Stanford U. and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in health psychology at UCLA. Since 2005, he has been a faculty member in the Dept. of Psychological & Brain Sciences at UCSB, according to the UCSB website. Reading his bio, it's obvious that his psychological research focuses around phenomena that he experienced as a member of the Lankans.

Niles lives in the San Jose area now. Strangely enough, his smiling face made it into US Magazine recently, as he officiated friend and former Bachelorette Ali Fedotowsky's nuptials to Kevin Manno. He's been promising me an update on what he does as his day job for a while now. Would love as well to hear from Smith, Duval, Krochmal, or anyone else from that team. Also on our basketball team was Rami Badawy, with whom (I just recently learned through Facebook) I share a birthday. After graduating from law school, he became an assistant district attorney in Upstate New York and then an assistant state's attorney in Baltimore. In 2012 he went across the ocean to be assistant US attorney in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands and then took on a similar role in the US Virgin Islands. He returned to Washington, DC, in March 2016 to work with

USDOJ's criminal division as a prosecutor in the human rights and special prosecution section.

In other legal news, Jason Wejnert became a principal at the Chicago-based law firm Much Shelist. As a former engineer for several technology companies (including Intel, Motorola, and Medtronic), Jason works with clients to facilitate innovation and protect ideas, including registration, licensing, and enforcement of patents and trademarks. He also serves as a legal advocate at Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Naperville, IL, where he provides legal advice and counseling on family law issues. In addition, he volunteers with the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, representing tenants in eviction and rent-dispute actions. Jason earned two master's degrees in science and business administration from Columbia U. and Arizona State U., respectively, and a JD from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State U. Let us know what is hotmail.com; **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com. Class website, http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu. Online news form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/ class-notes.cfm.

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97 It's hard to believe we just celebrated 20 years away from the Hill! Erica and I were thrilled to see so many familiar faces at Reunion this year. Whether you made the trip solo, with a significant other, or with the whole family, our Reunion chairs made sure the weekend was a great time for all. For those of you who couldn't join us this time (and those who could!), make sure to mark your calendars for June 2022—our 25th Reunion!

Some highlights of the weekend included getting a chance to stop at the renovated Dairy Bar for some Big Red. White & Biden ice cream, enjoying great meals with classmates at the Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly the Plantations), having a well-run class headquarters at Mary Donlon (unlimited drinks and snacks all weekend-plus my kids were psyched to discover the building looks like a giant fidget spinner), and enjoying the Hot Truck on the Arts Quad during the tent parties. Even though most of our old hangouts in Collegetown are gone, classmates managed to enjoy themselves on the Arts Quad each night, listening to a variety of music and reconnecting with friends. It still amazes me how you can be 20-plus years removed from your freshman dorm (Sperry rocked!) and still fall back into the same banter with your floormates. It was great to run into my fourth-floor Sperry neighbors Adam Hocherman, MBA '06, Vasantha Badari Kostojohn, Brian Myerholtz, Lindsay Barton Barrett, Alex LePage, and even my freshman roommate, **Lisa Schwartz**! I know there were other fourth-floor Sperry-ites that I didn't see who were also there enjoying the weekend.

Classmates came from near and far. **Yomarie Socarras** made the trip from Australia with her husband, Dave Hart, while I'm sure there are a few classmates who just traveled down the road. Much is new and improved—including many buildings, the Temple of Zeus, and the Campus Store layout—but happily much remains the same, like the ring of the clocktower chimes, tour guides leading groups by Day Hall, and the steep climb up Libe Slope.

I am sure many of you enjoyed activity-specific gettogethers, whether it was a reception at your fraternity or sorority, a gathering of a musical club, or a sportsteam reception (congrats to **Dave Cole** for representing the Class of 1997 in the semi-annual Reunion swim meet). It's a great way to keep connected with Cornell and remember some of the great times you had during school. Thetas from our class gathered at 519 Stewart Ave. on Saturday to remember **Sara Kelley** Lacopo, who passed away this past spring after a long battle with cancer. This hilarious sister was also a member of the Whistling Shrimp, so if you ever attended one of their shows, I'm sure she left you in stitches. We will miss you, Sara, and we remember other classmates who are no longer with us.

As always, the Class of '97 is a leader in fundraising and participation; led by giving chair **Megan Clark** Eisenberg, our class gift this year set a new mark for a 20th Reunion. We raised \$4,341,433.03, with 594 class donors contributing, 49 of whom are Tower Club members. A special thanks to our Reunion chairs, **Joshua Steiner**, MS ORIE '98, and **Eva Chiamulera**, MA '00, as well as our registration coordinator, **Richard Yuen**, MHA '99, for making everything run smoothly all weekend. Send news to: **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@ cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/ class-notes.cfm.

Social media has been more of a blessing than a curse to me because it has allowed me to connect and reconnect with friends and colleagues. I stay in touch with the pulse of the Cornell campus through posts from all the Cornell social media accounts and online organization links. I admit the images and the stories inspire me (blessing), but they also make me feel homesick (curse). Luckily, our Reunion is around the corner (blessing), but that means we have entered a new decade, agewise. One thing that remains true no matter the decade, no matter our age: #onceaCornellianalwaysaCornellian.

Here are the blessings you've shared with us. **Jun Wu** writes to us from Hawaii: "Forties is the new 30s! Having a new baby at 42 is so rewarding—and tiring!" In addition to parenting, he is trying to "change the paradigm of tutoring" with personalized help and support in mathematics. Check out www.ivyleagueteachers.com for more information. Jun adds that he misses the intellectual vibe of the Cornell student body. **Anuwat Jongpairat** works for the Bank of Thailand, but he was recently on a three-month secondment at the Reserve Bank of Australia. He shares, "I've been exploring Sydney a bit—bushwalking in the Blue Mountains and coastal walking from Bondi Beach to Coogee Beach" in addition to Watsons Bay and Manly Beach.

Jen Woodard Reynolds and husband James are celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary in September, and her stepdaughter is getting married in December 2017. Jen and James are proprietors of the dog boarding business Waggin' Tails K9 Adventure Ranch in California. Welcome to the Cornell family, baby Mia Rose Afflitto! LauryAnn Incorvaia Hinz-Afflitto and husband Christopher celebrated their new addition with their son, Joseph. LauryAnn is a buyer at Party City. She is also the PTA president at her son's NYC public school, where she recently chaired a 400-person fundraiser.

Ken Ho graduated with honors from the U. of Maryland School of Medicine and completed his MPH at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In addition to being an infectious disease specialist, Dr.

Ken is an assistant professor at the U. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the medical director of Project Silk. His work and research focus is primarily on HIV prevention and education.

Way to go, #Classof1998, changing the world and making it better! We would like to hear from you! You can access the online news form at: http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm. Or you can e-mail either of us: **\diftarrow** Uthica Jinvit Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; Toni Stabile Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu.

After returning to the US, Stephanie started working in the office of global health of USAID and married Shawn. They now live in Philomont, VA, and have two children, Madison, 11, and Ethan, 8. Madison hopes to attend Cornell like her mom and loves horseback riding. Ethan is active in Boy Scouts and Tai Kwon Do and loves cats, despite not owning any.

Stephanie left the world of international health and development and is currently the president of Business System Solutions, an IT company owned by her and her

'Jun Wu is trying to "change the paradigm of math tutoring."'

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Sometimes the snail mail brings forth a little gift. Such was the case a few weeks ago when I received a news notice from **Joshua Spitalnik** in Port Washington, NY. Josh was my husband's little brother from their days together at Lambda Chi Alpha. I have known Josh tangentially since (gasp!) 1997.

Josh recently opened up his own boutique firm focusing on construction and commercial law in the Greater New York City area. Unlike other attorneys who handle construction as a subset of a larger commercial practice, Josh has decided to focus on construction only: contracts, payment disputes, violations, you name it. He lives on Long Island with his wife, Heather, and his "two rowdy boys," Ethan and Mason. "I look forward to when they are freshmen at Cornell," writes Josh.

Ted Powenski (Glen Mills, PA) writes in with word of his family. He and his wife, **Sarah** (**Gish**) '**00**, have two girls, ages 8 and 6, and a boy, age 2. The family spends quite a bit of time at their beach places during the summer. By day, Ted is an account executive with a genetics and diagnostics company.

As always, we welcome tips and gossip sent via e-mail and snail mail. Please send your news to me, Melanie, or my partner in crime, Heather. **Melanie West**, melaniegraycewest@gmail.com; **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com.

Have you ever seen the pieces that used to run on one of the morning news shows called "Everybody Has a Story"? I love the idea that everyone's life is interesting, and I believe that we all have a story to tell. I thought I would try extending this idea to this column, and share longer narratives about our classmates and what their stories have been in their years since graduation. This month, I share the stories of two awesome women, both of whom served as Peace Corps volunteers and have gone on to balance impressive careers with family life

After graduating from CALS, **Stephanie Seifried** Burget went on to the U. of Maryland to pursue her master's in public health. While studying and teaching at UMD, she decided to become a volunteer EMT and firefighter. It was through this job that she met her future husband, Shawn. After obtaining her MPH, Stephanie left for Togo in West Africa to become a health volunteer, and Shawn flew to Africa and proposed. Stephanie lived in the Kara region of Togo and became fluent in French.

husband. She is also the entertainment director for Lovettsville Oktoberfest and the rear commodore for the Prince William Yacht Club. The family took their boat to Florida for the winter, spending Christmas in the Keys and spring break in the Bahamas. She says, "Life is a daring adventure!"

Originally hailing from Miami, FL, **Katherine Shepherd** Bender found a home at Cornell at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. After graduation, Katherine wanted to see the world, so she decided to join the Peace Corps. 9/11 made the process more cumbersome, so in the meantime she took the LSAT and went to work in a law firm while waiting for an assignment. The Peace Corps finally assigned her to Paraguay, where Katherine worked with small businesses in rural communities. While there, she fell into the role of standing up for a local woman in a domestic violence hearing. This empowering experience and her previous work in a law firm cemented her decision to pursue a degree in law after returning from the Peace Corps.

In fall 2005, two weeks before Hurricane Katrina, Katherine began studying at Loyola U.'s law school in New Orleans. After the storm, life quickly became chaotic as the city was left devastated. Determined to help the city rebuild, Katherine stayed in New Orleans after graduation, initially working for the New Orleans City Council and inevitably working with legal services for many years. The focus of Katherine's public interest work centered around helping domestic violence victims and children in the foster care system.

After 12 years of living and working in New Orleans, Katherine decided it was time to return to Miami. She said, "New Orleans was an amazing experience-it will always be the place where I met my husband and where my daughter was born-but I wanted to be home. When I got back from Paraguay, I was still searching for adventure, but New Orleans taught me that I was from somewhere and that I wanted to go back to living in my culture and where I was from." Katherine moved back to Miami in May 2017 with her husband, Ryan, and their daughter, Alessandra, 3. She took a position in private practice with a boutique law firm, Korin Law PA, handling first party property claims. Katherine says she couldn't be happier and that she looks forward to continuing her public interest work through several pro bono opportunities. What is your story? Please share it with me! � Christine Jensen Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

Hope everyone had a great summer and feels fully refreshed and ready to tackle back-to-school season! Not just for the frazzled parents among us! Classmates returning to the halls of knowledge for themselves include **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk, whose family has traded in their flip-flops for snow boots, relocating from L.A. for her PhD studies at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. At this Cornell of the Midwest (the similarities are striking—just ask **Elizabeth Herman**!), Maureen will be researching communication media and cultural studies, "particularly how women are using social media for social change and the state of children's television content V-chip ratings," she explains. Always a pleasure to see a Communication major hard at work!

aftermarket business. (I can vouch that this involves lots of shuttling between Seattle, Long Beach, Phoenix, Philly, and random international destinations.) "If you need a spare part for your 737, 777, 747, or 787, or an F-18 or F-15, I'm your guy," he adds. After carefully considering whether to relocate to Southern California, we decided to remain in Seattle for the time being. (Especially after learning of Maureen's plans to leave SoCal!)

Staying in Seattle also means we get to spend more time with **Erin Colling** Cleofe, who's added a third boy to her family since we saw her at our 15th Reunion. Baby Kai came a month early, while dad Floyd was overseas on a Boeing business trip! (You're forgiven, Salil.) For-

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Also putting his college major and cold-weather tolerance to great use, just a couple of Great Lakes east of Maureen's lab, Andrew Cushing, MS'01, checks in from Toronto, where he's working for Arup Canada as a senior geotechnical and tunneling engineer, performing design and site management on large public transit and municipal infrastructure projects. He and his wife, Carol, had a wonderful time honeymooning in the Philippines and Thailand in January, meeting up with Andrew's former CEE classmate and roommate Attasit "Oum" Sawatparnich, PhD '03, for five days in Bangkok. Andrew thinks fondly of Engineering professor emeritus Fred H. Kulhawy, the first person he met at Cornell, who passed away in 2015. He adds, "It would have been nice to have been there for the recent chimes concert celebrating the 40-year anniversary of the Grateful Dead's classic 1977 concert at Barton Hall."

Larry Chirch recently channeled his inner Clark Griswold and traveled to Paris with his wife, Susan, and their 6-year-old son, Zachary. They got to see many of the most famous sites, including Notre Dame, Montmartre, the Sacre Coeur, the Gardens of Versailles, and the Champs-Elysées. "Zachary was fascinated and collected coins from every place they visited," Larry writes. "He even lost a tooth in the Eiffel Tower (and received a visit from the French tooth fairy that night, of course)." While Mom was stuck at work meetings, Larry and Zachary also took a quick trip to London on the Eurostar train and paid a visit to Big Ben, the Tower of London, and St. Paul's. The family capped off the unforgettable trip with a visit to Disneyland Paris before returning home to New Jersey, where Larry is a partner at Sandelands Eyet LLP.

Our friend **Nathan Connell** was recently promoted to assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. "I'm a hematologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where I care for patients with clotting and bleeding disorders," he explains. "My research looks at the cost-effectiveness of various treatments in the management of non-malignant blood disorders." In other exciting career news in need of layman's terms translation, my husband, **Salil Gupte**, has a new role at Boeing: leading supply chain execution for the company's entire

tunately, Erin's father, **Ken Colling '67**, MBA '69, and other family members were on hand to help—and to hold up the phone screen for Daddy. Kai joins big brothers Mateo and Jason, who had a great time blowing bubbles on the Arts Quad at Reunion last year. We're already starting to plan our 20th Reunion and can't wait to show the kids our old rooms in Donlon Hall.

Our classmates are amazing, but I do feel a bit wistful that we don't get to reunite in more of a generational cluster format, so that we could also catch up with our Cornell friends from adjacent years. Second-gen Cornell friends like Erin and Melissa Hantman Pheterson assure me that once we reach a certain age and/or our kids end up going to Cornell during different Reunion cycles-no pressure, R.J. and Katia!-it's quite natural to attend Cornell Reunion on "off years" too. Has anyone from our class participated in the Continuous Reunion Club yet? Or perhaps Homecoming is a more common occasion for reuniting with friends from specific activities. For now, I keep an eye on the Class Notes columns for '98, '99, '00, '02, and '03-and smile when I see a familiar name in bold print. I bet I'm not the only one! Please continue sending in your updates to make sure we keep those smiles coming.

Interested in pitching in on alumni outreach, event programming, fundraising, publicity, and social media for our class? Take a look at our website (http://class of01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page (www. facebook.com/Cornell2001), and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). And if you'd like to join me as a class correspondent or share some news, just find me online or e-mail me at: Nicole Neroulias Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

O2 Fifteen years, people! Of course we hit the Roscoe Diner on our way up, where we each thoroughly enjoyed our oversized meals. Driving through Whitney Point, my heart started to beat faster and I felt those butterflies. It is pretty incredible how they still come back, just like they first did in that 1998 August.

139 of us came up for our 15th Reunion. This year also brought a higher number of spouses and 53 children. Our Reunion chairs did a fabulous job keeping things

interesting and accommodating for the kiddie crowd—it almost (but not quite) made me feel a little guilty for not bringing my own. We were stationed at the new JAM, which was on West Campus when we were students, but is now Low Rise 9 on North—how'd they do that?!

This was the first Reunion where I legitimately felt like a proper (older) alumna. I met a few student volunteers who are set to graduate in the year 2020, meaning they were born when we started as freshmen (that hurt). I said and heard my fair share of "When we were here . . . followed by a "When did Starbuck's take over Collegetown?" and the occasional "Did this hill always make me wheeze?" For those of you who have not been in a while, certainly you would have noticed the absence of several key landmarks: the Palms has been demolished and is soon to become new luxury apartments, Dino's remains boarded up in a TBD status, Bear Lodge is MIA, and even Stella's did not escape the turnover. Only Ruloff's and the Nines still stand with their familiar monikers, with the former being acquired by fellow alums after learning of its impending shutdown. I promise I did not only notice the bar scene changes . . . Mama T's is also no more, along with the Pita Pit (some of us had an obsession senior year) and Jasmine's. Still kicking: Aladdin's, Subway, Jason's, and (thank the good lord) CTB. The Commons has been completely re-done with some new shops and restaurants popping up.

The tents did not disappoint, complete with distinct musical styles appealing to the varying ages of our fellow alumni. Friday night the first tent had a 12-piece sit-down band that included an accordion, while the third tent included a cover band from the Class of '87. For everyone's evening entertainment, the entire Arts Quad was encased in a massive chain link fence, with entrances manned by several bouncer types, each checking for our big Reunion buttons on lanyards around our necks. Admittedly, it was easier to get into Clubhouse at age 19 than it was to get into those tents without that button. Then again, pretty sure any one of us could have gotten into Clubhouse (or "Bar" as it was temporarily called) with a library card from third grade, so maybe not the best comparison.

The packed agenda offered loads of options with how to spend your Saturday: rock climbing, nature walking, boating, wine tasting, attending various club/sports/ Greek-life-affiliated events. My crew and I decided it was time to go to a lecture (or: a class that you don't have homework for afterwards). We narrowed it down to **Bill Nye '77** the Science Guy, which of course turned out to be everyone else's same great idea. And remember all those offensively freezing days in Ithaca? Well, apparently Ithaca was always just saving all the heat and blistering sun for Reunion weekend to make us all forget about how wickedly cold it tended to be when we lived there. We arrived at Bailey Hall 30 minutes prior to lecture kickoff only to see a line wrapped around on itself so many times I had to remind myself it was a science nerd in there spewing about very unsexy topics like global warming and not the Guns N' Roses reunion tour. Needless to say, we did not make the Bailey Hall cut, but did make it into the annexed live-streamed Call Auditorium in Kennedy Hall. That lecture ended up to be a highlight of the weekend, for myself and the 2,500plus of us who attended. If interested, it is available online and you can still partake at: http://www.cornell. edu/video/bill-nye-reunion-2017.

Our class dinner was held Saturday night on the top floor of the Johnson Museum, where the class photo was also taken. After the tents that night we were greeted back at our dorm by a massive order from the Hot Truck. Nothing fills you up like warm cheese, so of course it was delicious, whatever it was. Sunday morning breakfast was a slow and lazy experience, the kind many of us had during our time there, only this one ended before noon.

For those of you who were too far away, too busy, or just plain not interested in Reunion to date, I hope you'll consider coming back for our 20th. Our home base in 2022 will be Mary Donlon Hall, where many of us lived freshman year. I plan to call shotty on room 609. Happy anniversary, everyone! For more on Reunion, check out our column in the next issue. **& Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Jacob Kirsch has left the corporate world and opened a seasonal raw bar restaurant in Ogunquit, ME, called Brix + Brine. He writes, "It's been a great excuse for old friends like **Matt Feinberg** and family to visit." Congratulations, Jacob, and if any classmates stop by, please let us know!

In other career news, **Jennifer Kaido** Floyd has a new job as a claims customer care associate with Liberty Mutual Insurance. **Lauren Bleich** is a physician with Middlesex Gastroenterology, in the Middlesex Digestive Health & Endoscopy Center in Acton, MA. She writes, "I'm staying busy working and raising our two girls, Ellie Rose and Samantha Brooke." **PiperTitus** Kline followed up to tell us that Page Trucking just broke \$100 million annual revenue with new acquisition in Kentucky and started hauling molten metal in New York for the first time in company history. She added that **James Maas**, **PhD '66**, had the greatest impact on her at Cornell, saying, "His sleep study changed how I thought about approaching research."

Chris and Jamie Sarasohn Joseph reported, "We have two sons, 4-year-old Jack and 1-year-old Chase. Jamie sells residential real estate at Brown Harris Stevens, and Chris works in oil and gas at Goldman Sachs. We recently were in Palm Springs with Brian West and his wife, Dora." They see classmates Nicole Ware Slavitt, Susie Snyder, and Julie Feldman Richter regularly, and Tom '02 and Marlie Packard Meringer are neighbors. That sounds like good preparation for Reunion next year!

I look forward to hearing about the things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. *** Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell. edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/ participate/class-notes.cfm.

Hello, classmates! We love reading recent developments in your lives. Please continue to share your news with the class. You may send news via e-mail to: **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Hello, Class of 2005! We truly hope you have all enjoyed a beautiful and eventful summer season! Did you attend a wedding of a classmate? Perhaps you welcomed a new child. Traveled somewhere spectacular? About to start a new job? We want to hear all about it! Get in touch with us by e-mail or via our class's Facebook page and we'll share your news!

Jonathan Auerbach had lots to share with us. He is currently a senior associate at Radulescu LLP, a patent

litigation boutique based in New York that was founded by **David Radulescu**, **PhD '88**. He and his wife, Danielle, welcomed their third child, Claire Ellie, in April. She joins big brother Robby and big sister Allison. Proud Cornellian family members include grandmother **Sandi Belsky** Auerbach '75 and aunt **Alissa Auerbach '09**. Congratulations, Jonathan, and thank you for sharing! Send news to: *** Hilary Johnson**-King, haj4@cornell. edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

As summer winds down, our minds often return to the first days we spent at Cornell. Orientation week and the first days of class formed our early opinions about our classmates and our school. I remember my first day at Cornell 15 years ago. Wandering through the corridors at Clara Dickson Hall for the first time, I could not have known that behind those dorm room doors I would find friends and colleagues who would stay with me through adulthood. My freshman dorm floor (Dickson 3-5) has so far resulted in at least three marriages, two adorable children, and more friendships than I can count.

Recently I spent Memorial Day Weekend in the Poconos with **Deseanae** "Desi" **Bluiett**, one such friend from 3-5. Desi works in decision analytics at EXL in NYC and loves to travel, recently visiting Iceland and Ecuador. Two other friends, **Brian Walker** and **Jennifer Harrison**, DVM '10, also of 3-5, recently bought a beautiful home in Fall Church, VA. We are excited to welcome them as full-time residents of the Washington, DC, area. Brian works at the Dept. of Energy, and Jenny recently completed her veterinary residency in Philadelphia and is joining a veterinary practice in Northern Virginia. It is amazing how time flies, isn't it? I can't believe we all met 15 years ago, but I love finding out what my classmates are up to.

Whalen, work as a team as co-artistic directors of three musical concert series at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. They recently arrived in the Philadelphia area after years abroad and in Chicago and Minneapolis, and make frequent trips to NYC. For a recent article about Katherine and Robert, go to: http://www.philly.com/philly/columnists/david_patrick_stearns/410420865. html. They love to share their music with fellow Cornellians. Look them up if you are in Philly or New York!

Stephanie Whitehouse recently returned to her hometown of Skaneateles, NY, to serve as the retail manager of Dickman Farms, a garden center in Auburn, NY. She is also the GenNext committee director for AmericanHort, the horticulture industry's largest trade association, and serves on the GROW Summit, an industry think tank group. She is enjoying rediscovering the Finger Lakes Region (including the Cornell Botanic Gardens) with her 2-year-old daughter, Kelsey, and her nearby family. She would love to hear from other residence hall advisors (RAs) from Low Rises 6 and 7 and Collegetown. Stephanie is grateful to have studied with Dr. William Miller, who helped set her career path by encouraging her to participate in horticulture associations, conferences, and think tank groups like the Seeley Conference.

Talya Arbisser lives in Houston, TX, with her husband, Joel. She recently debuted a photography exhibition entitled "Don't Give Me the Eye," in collaboration with another artist. The exhibition included Talya's project, "Dybbuks Exposed," which works to destigmatize talking about mental health issues. She also teaches at a local high school for the performing and visual arts and is working on a documentary project about her grandparents.

David Harrison, BCE '09, works for an architecture firm in NYC, where he designs, inspects, and repairs tall buildings. His says that his favorite part of his job is that he gets to ride a scaffold up tall buildings. Faye Barthold Morrone and husband Mike '04 married in 2015. Cornellians in attendance included fellow Atmospheric Sciences majors Kim Cuozzo, Gretchen Goldman, Tom DiLiberto, Emily Cabral, Chris Legro, and Nick Chmura, as well as Mike's sister, Jeannine Morrone-Strupinsky '95, PhD '01, and her husband, Scott Strupinsky '94, MEE '95. Faye and Mike currently live in Westbury, NY. Send us your news. We love to hear from you! * Tory Lauterbach, VML8@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornel.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Hello, Class of 2007! We recently had our 10th Reunion, and it was great seeing so many of you back on the Hill! It was brought to my attention that we have been fortunate enough to go all the way back to our teenage days together as a class! Can you imagine being 18 again and moving into North Campus?

Reunion was, for better or for worse, nothing like that! Yes, we had the opportunity to sleep and shower in Risley and Balch, survive through the night without air conditioning, and even enjoy seeing new construction around campus. But what seemed the most amazing was the fact that it felt very natural to be at Cornell. Even though many of us brought family who we didn't know back in college—or who weren't born yet!—it was still comforting, even normal, to walk around campus and Collegetown, running into old classmates.

Do you remember a time when Ithaca was so hot? It certainly was GORGES, and it was lovely to witness the gardens on campus being so colorful and in bloom! I had a chance to cool down at the re-vamped Dairy Bar and test out the newest addition to the flavor line-up: Big Red, White & Biden, which honored the 2017 Convocation speaker.

The Class of 2007 had about 525 attendees, plus 180 guests! This was definitely a great showing for our 10th Reunion. We enjoyed dinners catered by Taste of Thai on Friday and Dinosaur BBQ on Saturday. Beebe Lake provided a perfect backdrop to our class photo and a scenic dinner. Then, of course, the tents were a great way to see all of our fellow alums in one large grown up Slope Day!

A big THANK YOU again to all of our class council volunteers, especially the Reunion chairs. So much planning goes into this event, and we are thankful for all of your efforts! Hope to see everyone again in 2022!

Looking forward to sharing more of your stories with classmates. Have an update to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online. **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Chris Gleason, BS '07 (chrisrgleason@gmail. com) and his fiancé, Jason Bosko (Duke '08), enjoy their dog, Luna, a Lagotto Romagnolo, who turned 1 last spring. "I'm looking forward to our 10th Reunion next year," Chris writes.

Alex Kahan writes, "Last July, I left the Obama Administration after serving nearly eight years at the White House and the Dept. of State, focusing on national security issues across a broad portfolio. I'm now back in school for an executive policy program at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, where I'm pursuing my MPP. I graduate in June and will see where things take meperhaps westward to my home state, California!"

Barbara Conolly, MPS '10, sent this: "Recently, I was recognized for a volunteer project that I am working on through COGdesign, a nonprofit organization that connects landscape designers with community projects, among other things. The project I'm working on, along with my co-designer, is a park in New Bedford, MA, to honor its rich history of interracial cooperation in the fight to end slavery; the site lies across the street from the Nathan and Polly Johnson House, where Frederick Douglass lived when he first escaped slavery. It turned out that the COGdesign board member representative for this project, Jean Hinkelman Krasnow '68, MAT Beale, erb26@cornell.edu; Libby Boymel, lkb24@ cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell. edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Hello, friends. Our recent notes have highlighted classmates' professional and life transitions, and this issue is no different. I heard from Noreen Rizvi, who, after completing her PhD in chemical engineering in 2015, joined Merck Research Laboratories as a post-doctoral researcher. In addition, Zachary Strasser received triple reds (that is, two more Cornell degrees) last year in finishing his MD/MBA from Weill Cornell Medicine and the Johnson School. He is currently in residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Zach and Noreen were married last year. The couple met as teaching assistants at the Weill Cornell Medical College in Doha, Qatar, in the year after graduation.

I also have news from **Matthew Cantor**, who has created Koneksa Health, a company that supports pharmaceutical- and biotech-sponsored clinical studies that incorporate remote biometric and mobile-reported data collected and analyzed through their software program. They have received funding from the Merck Global Health Innovation Fund and Waterline Ventures. You can read more at: koneksahealth.com.

As always, please write. I would love to share your news! All the best, and until soon. **Rebecca Robbins**, robbins.reb@gmail.com.

Greetings, Class of 2010! We have a relatively short column this month, but fear not because our class continues to live in rarified air!

We'll kick things off with a shout-out to **Cassady Fendlay**, who served as a Women's March organizer and spokeswoman earlier this year. The Washington, DC, event had an estimated 470,000 participants and Cassady was name-checked in the *New York Times* for her key role. Media maven **Meredith Bennett-Smith** continues to advance in the realm of news and media. In late June, she took over the reins on a new Opinions section for NBC News, which will consist of contributions from both internal and external writers.

Another media-oriented classmate, **Daniel O'Connor**, has been working as part of the Albany Charter School Network in Albany, NY. His public affairs role there has allowed him to provide his expertise in marketing, outreach, advocacy, and other roles as a communications consultant for several of the member schools. In the performing arts, **Danielle Kirshenblat** recently accepted a position as a producer at Fly on the Wall Productions (www.flywall.com), which is an award-winning film and media production company. Their films and other media projects typically focus on science, health, and higher education. Danielle's responsibilities will include producing, scriptwriting, and interviewing on

shoots, in addition to working as an account manager and working directly with clients.

Medicine and health is another running theme among our classmates. Several are in the process of specializing in careers as physicians, nurse practitioners, and dietitians. All-star resident **Sarah Koblick** matched into a pediatrics, hematology, and oncology fellowship at the U. of Michigan. She'll be heading there in July 2018 for the three-year program. **Ordessia Charran** matched into an adult subspecialty in pulmonary and critical care medicine. She graduated from her internal medicine residency at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC, and started her fellowship at Mount Sinai in NYC in July!

Jeff Chen graduated with an MD/MBA from UCLA in June and decided to forgo residency to pursue a career in research and advocacy. Currently, he leads the new Cannabis Research Initiative. The group operates as part of the UCLA Brain Research Inst. with lofty goals of research in medical and palliative uses of cannabinoids and education of health professionals. Natalie Masís successfully completed her PhD thesis defense in nutritional sciences and graduated from the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in August. Up next for her is more training to become a registered dietitian, which is the last step in her path to becoming a PhD-RD in nutrition. Rebekah Falcone has taken up the mantle of service and humanitarian work with Samaritan's Purse Int'l Disaster Relief, a non-denominational service organization devoted to providing aid to victims of natural disasters and war.

While we've only passed our seventh year since graduation, many of our classmates are also sharing news of marriage and children. **Nigel** and **Kate Orloski Watt** are celebrating the birth of twin girls Mae and Clelia, who are named after two Cornellians, **Mae Jemison**, MD '81, and Clelia Mosher! The twins join their oldest child, Ezri, who turned 3 this year. **Jeff Eng** lives in NYC with his fiancée, **Janelle Teng '11**. Jeff works for a marketing startup and also volunteers on the board of NYC Cornellians.

Many of our classmates have shared marriages, children, graduations, and career milestones, and I hope this encourages more to share! If you have news, we would love to hear from you: **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; and **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

Hi, Class of 2011! I hope you all had a good summer. Some of you may still be coming down from the highs of graduation and an off-year reunion!

Mario Rivera started working at UBS after a Cornell Days opportunity led to an internship and eventually a full-time job after college. He and his fiancée met at that job in California and have now relocated to the UBS office in Boston! He writes, "I derive a lot of satisfaction from participating in and driving diversity initiatives at my company. Through my fraternity and a national Latino business organization, both of which I joined while at Cornell, I have a wide network of fellow Latinos with whom I can share opportunities. Many times I am connecting with fraternity brothers that are students at other universities across the country." He adds, "If I had a day in Ithaca, I would definitely be spending it with my younger sister. She is an AEM major and currently enjoying her final semester before graduation."

Carolyn Sedgwick started a new job over the summer! After focusing on land conservation in the US for several years, she will be doing international land

conservation work. Carolyn is helping establish protected areas in Latin America for endangered species with a Virginia-based nonprofit. If you are working on or involved in land preservation work, Carolyn would love to hear from you and brainstorm new ideas!

Brian Forster, PhD '11, also had good news. He is one of five senior authors for a recently released textbook, *OpenStax's Microbiology*, written for nursing and allied health students. **Dara Perl**, dmp229 @cornell.edu; **Siva lyer**, si74@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

12 This past June, our class welcomed back classmates, friends, and family for our 5th Reunion. Who can believe five years have already passed since our graduation? Ithaca has had some major changes in the past five years (RIP Stella's and Dunbar's), but what hasn't changed is the energy and fun brought by the Class of 2012.

Our 5th Reunion was a resounding success, in no small part due to the hard work and dedication of Reunion chairs **Cindy Marinaro** and **Andrew Martinez**. Andrew's birthday fell over Reunion weekend, and he assured me that the success of Reunion was the best birthday present he could have asked for. This extraordinary duo planned an amazing weekend—our Reunion was so amazing that we broke all prior Reunion records, with over 900 attendees and almost 100 additional friends and family!

Our class participated in the university-wide activities and also had our own celebrations. We started the weekend with a Cornell Dairy ice cream social on Thursday night at Clara Dickson Hall (the Class of 2012 headquarters). The '12 wine tour was so popular that we required four different buses (and a few unofficial wine tours) to meet the demand. Our class-wide meals included some of our Ithaca favorites like Taste of Thai, Shortstop Deli, Dinosaur BBQ, Wings over Ithaca, and Ithaca Bakery.

One of the highlights of the weekend was our class meeting with Cornell's new president, Martha Pollack. President Pollack had some kind words for our class about our record-breaking attendance and class giving participation. Though we did not spend our years on the Hill with President Pollack, we know she will be a fantastic leader for Cornell.

This weekend also marked the end of the first term for the Class of 2012 class council. During the class meeting, our own **Olivia Moore** was re-elected as class president, and, though her co-president **John Rhee** stepped down due to the rigors of medical school, we are grateful to both for their leadership over the years. Thank you, Olivia and John!

Sadly, this will be my last column as class correspondent. It was a true pleasure connecting with so many of our classmates and learning about your lives after our time on the Hill. I look forward to seeing you all at our 10th Reunion in 2022! Please keep sending your post-Cornell news or life updates to **Peggy Ramin. Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, http://cornell.alumni.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.

We have a lot of exciting news and updates for you this month! For this column, I am going to take the news in reverse chronological order starting with our Reunion, which hasn't even happened yet! Well, it is officially our 5th (seriously, that was not a typo) Reunion year. Reunion will be June 7-10, 2018, and your Class of

2013 officers have kicked into full gear to make it the best Reunion ever! Many of you may have participated in a Reunion survey some months ago, and we learned more about what types of events you're all interested in seeing, which of course include a wine tour and musical entertainment. Our Reunion co-chairs **Juan Carlos Toledo**, **James Feld**, and **Ankur Bajaj** went up to Ithaca last June for this year's Reunion to ensure that the Class of 2013 had eyes and ears on the ground so that we are up to speed on the dos and don'ts of a successful Reunion. Also in attendance was **Ken Babcock**, who proposed to his now fiancée! Congratulations, Ken!

Just before Reunion this year was, of course, Cornell's Class of 2017 graduation, and many of our classmates were in attendance, witnessing a new generation of sibling graduates. Some of them include myself, **Emily Hauser**, **Allison McQueeny**, **Miriam Wachs**, MHA '14, **Whitney Holman**, and **Sam Dix**. Congratulations to the Class of 2017! **Ali Goldberg** was also at graduation, and **Rob Edell '12** proposed to her at Taughannock Falls. Congratulations to the Big Red couple!

A couple of weeks before graduation, the Class of 2013 held happy hours across the US, celebrating our very own satellite Slope Days. We had a great turnout in New York, D.C., and Chicago. A big thank you and shout out to officers Fiona Ismail, James Feld, Ankur Bajaj, and **Dan Kuhr** for organizing each event. D.C. turned out the biggest crowd with the most '13ers. Some of the attendees included: **Andrew Zukosky**, who is an associate at Optimity Advisors, an advising firm that focuses on strategy, operations, and information technology; **Richard Kang**, a senior consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton; Gerrit Wissink, a business development associate at Management Systems Int'I; and Kevin Yen, who was recently promoted to assistant VP at Bentall Kennedy, a commercial real estate advising company. In attendance at the Chicago event was Matthew Sloan, who just finished his first year as an associate lawyer at Quarles & Brady.

Karim Abouelnaga, whom we haven't heard from in a few years, has been named a TED fellow. Karim is the founder and CEO of Practice Makes Perfect, which operates in summer schools to match elementary and middle school students with peer mentors in their communities. To date, the program has served over 2,000 students. Watch Karim's TED talk here: https://www.ted. com/talks/karim_abouelnaga_a_summer_school_ kids_actually_want_to_attend. **Brianna Cameron** was just hired by the Good Food Inst. (GFI) as a foodtech business analyst. GFI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes plant-based (think meatless hamburgers) and "clean" meat, which are both types of products that many are calling "the future of food." Brianna is focused on launching companies and startups that sell these types of products. She will work with a team of 14 fulltime staff. Good luck, Brianna!

As always, we want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that you can be featured in our columns! E-mail us with news. **Achael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com; and **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu.

Hello, Class of 2014! We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer. **Meghan Wing** lives in Hoboken, NJ, and is currently manager of business operations at Livelntent, an e-mail display-focused adtech company based in Tribeca. Meghan also recently completed her 200-hour vinyasa yoga teacher training certification at Yoga Vida in NoHo, Manhattan.

Cornell 2014 has quite a group building in Washington, DC! Alec Sherman worked as an asset management analyst at Hersha Hospitality Trust in Philadelphia following graduation. A year later, he was recruited by the hotel division for the Bernstein Companies (TBC) and moved to Washington, DC, where he has been for almost two years. Alec is now the asset manager of the hotel division and also focuses on Mid-Atlantic hotel acquisitions and developments. He was happy to have another Hotelie join the company when TBC welcomed Noelle McHugh '17, BS '16, as the hotel division analyst. When Alec isn't working, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with fellow Cornellians, especially his Chi Psi brothers. He recently went to Las Vegas with David Duber, Eric Jordan, Steve DiDominica, and Justin Manaster, and he looks forward to returning to campus with his sister, Katie Sherman '16, to visit their brother, Tyler Sherman '20. Keep sending us your news! ❖ Samantha Lapehn, SRL76@cornell.edu; Tejal Thakkar, tdt 42@cornell.edu.

Happy fall, Class of 2015! Hope that your summers were filled with fun, relaxation, and some sun! As we head into another season, we are excited to see what our classmates from the Hill have been up to since graduation.

Rachel Price has taken her ILR degree to NYC as an analyst at JPMorgan. Recently, she attended Birthright and got to explore Israel. Jordan Goldstein has been studying at a Yeshiva and headed to Hawaii's Big Island as a traveling rabbi for the summer. Conna Walsh took her Model UN background to Boston to work at a Model UN startup, Best Delegate. Daniel Lewis headed to Arlington, VA, to work as a research analyst at Gartner, a technology and research firm. Caroline Flax has taken her AAP expertise and headed to the Meridian Group in Chevy Chase, MD, to work as a senior analyst. Katie Morin headed back down to Orlando, FL, following her first year of law school at Roger Williams U., to intern at Disney for the summer.

After working at Yelp for one and half years after graduation, **Rachel Minton** joined the NBC Page Program, where she has gotten the chance to work on shows such as "Late Night with Seth Meyers." Here's an update to **Atticus DeProspo**'s news in the last issue: Atticus finished up his year as a Schwarzman Scholar in Beijing, China, and will head to the U. of Cambridge, thanks to the Bill Gates-Cambridge Scholarship, where he will read for an MPhil in Criminology.

Benjamin Liu was working in pharmaceutical consulting, but will be attending medical school this fall. Michelle Feldman was recently accepted to, and will be attending, the U. of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine as part of the Class of 2021. She has been working at Weill Cornell doing research in the Dept. of Pharmacology. Masrai Williams has been working as a clinical data coordinator at Weill, while also volunteering at their Sleep Center as a research assistant. He will begin medical school at Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai. Sara Katz went backpacking on her own through Europe for two months, where she hiked in Switzerland, explored art in Italy, and much more. Then she headed into her first year of dental school at Stony Brook U.

Have some big news? Did you start a new job? Get a promotion? Go on a great vacation? Have other things to tell us? Share it all with the Class of 2015. Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column! **\diftarrow** Haley Velasco, hav9@cornell. edu; Ariel Cooper, alc258@cornell.edu.

As students begin to head back to campus this fall, it's hard to believe that it has been two years since we began our senior year! In the time since we've graduated, our classmates have been off on great adventures, starting exciting professional lives, and doing incredible service. In this edition of the class column, we hear from five of our talented classmates, four of whom represent the interests of the class on our class council!

Co-president Justine Brennan writes from Manhattan with news of life as a junior trader for Barclays Capital. In addition to her hard work on Wall Street, Justine writes, "I've become fairly involved in the tennis community here, playing for two teams and being a frequent visitor to the Central Park tennis courts. If anyone needs a hitting partner let me know!" When she is not working or playing tennis, our president has been enjoying the unique connections formed among Cornell alumni in NYC. "The time has definitely flown by, but having the Cornell community in New York City has made the transition from college to real life much easier! I'm an active attendee of the awesome Young Alumni events the Cornell team puts on in New York. It's great to see how many people from our class are in the area and the pride we all still share for our alma mater." Justine looks forward to meeting up with more members of the class at some of our class-specific events planned for the next year.

In Boston, **Kate McCormick** has spent the last year at Brigham and Women's Hospital doing clinical research. Kate works in the Women's Hormones and Aging Research Program, putting her Human Development major to good use. Outside of work, Kate has joined Battle Road Track Club, a competitive running group. She also stays connected to Cornell by attending the lvy League Championships (the Heps) for cross-country and track to cheer on our Big Red teams!

Representing our class in the Capitol, co-president **Millie Kastenbaum** wrote about her work on the other Hill. Millie is working as a press assistant in the office of New York Senator Chuck Schumer. She wrote about her work and life in D.C.: "I have the morning shift, so I wake up super early, but it's an amazing experience and I'm so excited! I'm enjoying my first summer in D.C. and finally feel settled in after moving here in November."

Dan Hanggi, our extraordinary VP, also wrote in with news from NYC. Dan is working on the Google Sheets team as a software engineer. He stays active in our class council and tells us that he makes his way back to Ithaca every two to three months. "In my free time, I've been enjoying running with New York Road Runners (NYRR) and taking classes at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre."

Back in Ithaca, **Maggi Szpak** is doing good work for the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. Maggi's primary role is as an educator, "delivering garden-based nutrition education to youth in schools, after-school programs, and summer camps." Additionally, Maggi is putting her Human Development studies to work by helping alleviate food inequality among families in Ithaca. She focuses on encouraging families to "purchase nutritious foods with a limited income and SNAP/WIC benefits." During her free time, Maggi is active in the Finger Lakes running community and continues to speed through Ithaca on her daily runs.

As our time away from Ithaca grows longer, we encourage you to send in your latest news. We would love to hear from our classmates around the country and abroad! **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell. edu. Online news form, http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm.



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1930s

'34 MS-Howard C. Lindemann, Hackettstown, NJ, November 12, 2016 '37-Virginia Swander Mason,

Providence Point, PA, March 25, 2017

1940s

'40 BCE-William E. Fisher Jr.. Pebble Beach, CA, March 4, 2017

'41 BA-Betty Dicker Kaplan,

Chicago, IL, March 17, 2017

'42 BS HE-Virginia Allen Adams, Watertown, NY, March 28, 2017

'42 MD-Albert M. Patten,

Golden, CO, February 1, 2017

'42 BME-Lynn D. Timmerman, Boynton Beach, FL, March 17, 2017

'43 BA-Barbara Wahl Kaufman Cate,

Maplewood, NJ, February 4, 2017

'43-Barbara Adams Coats. Horseheads, NY, April 19, 2017

'44 BME—Paul Alamar.

Scranton, PA, February 2, 2017

'44 BA, JD '49-Charles A. De Bare,

New York City, March 28, 2017

'44 BS HE-Doris Holmes Jenkins, Catskill, NY, April 9, 2017

'44 BS Nurs-Minnie Faulds Showers,

Massillon, OH, February 10, 2017

'44 BS HE, MS '48-Barbara Palmer Stewart,

Bath, NY, September 18, 2016

'45, BS HE '47-Eleanor Harvey Bradley, Mount Airy, MD, April 15, 2017

'45-Julia Duddleston Comin,

Madison, IN, April 5, 2017

'45 BEE-Jerrier A. Haddad,

Briarcliff Manor, NY, March 31, 2017

'45 BEE, MEE '49-Walter M. Keenan Jr.,

Seattle, WA, April 5, 2017

'46 BCE-J. Randall Gritzan,

Englewood, NJ, April 8, 2017

'46-0. Charles Koenig,

Oneonta, NY, March 20, 2017

'46-Joseph A. McConnell,

Yardley, PA, September 17, 2016

'46, BS ORIE '48-Donald C. Van Pelt,

Plymouth, MI, March 24, 2017

'47 BS Ag-Harold C. Crittenden,

Wheaton, IL, October 23, 2016

'47 BA-Helen Gilt Ehrlich,

Lincoln, MA, March 3, 2017

'47-Wilma Lauterbach Johnson,

Bridgeport, NE, March 26, 2017

'48 BS ORIE-William C. Arthur,

Peterborough, NH, February 25, 2017

'48 BA-Caryl Hubbard Collier,

Hanover, NH, October 27, 2016

'48 BS Ag-Barbara Clines Hart,

Oak Ridge, TN, November 27, 2016

'48, BME '52-Richard C. Jackson, Harbor Springs, MI, November 1, 2016

'48 JD-Frederick B. Lacey,

Bonita Springs, FL, April 1, 2017

'48 BA, MD '52-Ralph B. Moore Jr., Wilmington, NC, November 23, 2016

'48 BEE-Richard D. Saur,

Setauket, NY, April 20, 2017

'48 BS HE-Elizabeth Alden Talpey,

Washington, NH, January 22, 2017

'49-Carl J. Schwarzer,

Fayetteville, NY, March 26, 2017

'49-Douglas H. Smith,

Manchester, CT, March 28, 2017

1950s

'50 BS HE-Joan Delaney Arcand,

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, December 1, 2016

'50-51 GR-Arthur J. Banks,

Lexington, SC, March 10, 2017

'50 BS HE-Arlene Lebeau Branch,

Saranac Lake, NY, March 15, 2017

'50-Charles C. Pace Jr.,

Manchester, NH, February 9, 2012

'50 BEE-Raymond L. Rissler,

Louisville, KY, March 26, 2017

'50 BME-Frank E. Wright,

The Woodlands, TX, July 27, 2016

'51 BS ILR-Speros D. Thomaidis,

Dumfries, VA, January 27, 2017

'51, BEE '53-Robert F. Zeller, Asbury Park, NJ, July 6, 2016

'52, BEE '53, MEE '54-Thomas O. Duff, Mesa, AZ, February 13, 2017

'52 PhD-Alfred W. Eipper,

Easthampton, MA, April 17, 2017

'52 BA-Elizabeth Waltz Grimm,

Bridgewater, NJ, April 8, 2017

'52 BS Ag, MEd '59-J. Douglas Hart, Carrboro, NC, March 20, 2017

'52 BA-James M. MacKellar,

Newport Center, VT, March 24, 2017

'52 MS HE-Mary-Jean Lynn Mollard,

Regina, SK, March 4, 2017

'52 BS ILR-Karl I. Salzberg,

Beloit, WI, February 15, 2017

'53-Richard P. Peters,

Oswego, NY, April 7, 2017

'53 BA-Diane Danziger Singleton, Westfield, NJ, April 1, 2017

'53 BS HE-Joan Kanel Slomanson,

New York City, October 29, 2016

'53-Sheldon A. Sorokoff,

Hingham, MA, January 30, 2017

'54 BA-Eleanor Reed Brauner,

Beaverton, OR, April 12, 2017 '54-Douglas A. Fuchs,

Portola Valley, CA, February 1, 2017

'54 JD-William M. Gallow,

Van Etten, NY, April 20, 2017

'54 BS HE-Elinor Schroeder Price Hueston.

St. Charles, IL, February 28, 2016

'54 PhD-Henry A. Landsberger,

Chapel Hill, NC, February 1, 2017

'54 BS Hotel-Francis J. Ouinn.

Saratoga Springs, NY, April 4, 2017

'54, BS ILR '55-William G. Tull Jr.,

Bethesda, MD, January 26, 2017 '55, B Chem E '56-Erwine T. Buckenmaier Jr.,

Westport, CT, March 24, 2017

'55 DVM-Richard J. Delgado.

Orchard Park, NY, February 4, 2017

'55 GR-Edward L. Goldin, Newburgh, NY, March 17, 2017

'55-D. Roger Grigson,

Downingtown, PA, March 23, 2017

'55-Helen Kahn Kass. Brookline, MA, June 20, 2016

'55 BA-Joan Senecoff Kramer, Hartsdale, NY, March 27, 2017

'55 BS Ag-Hans P. F. L'Orange Jr., Kamuela, Hl. March 17, 2017

'55 BA-Robert L. Malatesta, Bethlehem, PA, February 5, 2017

'55-Milton C. Parsons, Union, ME, February 18, 2017

'55-William S. Scott III, Venice, FL, April 1, 2017

'55, BS Nurs '63-Doris Kopp Stickle, St. Charles, IL, February 18, 2017

'56-Peter B. Hallock, St. Petersburg, FL, February 4, 2017

'56 BS HE-Jane Pettem Howard, Arlington, VA, February 2, 2017

'56 BA-Eli R. Shuter, St. Louis, MO, April 6, 2017

'57 BS Ag-Robert H. Baum, Cedar Park, TX, September 17, 2015

'57 DVM-Henry F. Doerge Jr., Middleburgh, NY, March 26, 2017

'57 MS-Robert J. Minteer, Medford, NJ, March 7, 2017

'57, BS Hotel '58-Allan H. Sanford, Tucson, AZ, March 13, 2017

'57 BS Ag-Joseph I. Weinschenk, New Castle, PA, March 19, 2017

'58 BS Ag-Nancy Bennett Bernard, East Lansing, MI, March 18, 2017

'58 MBA-Arthur D. James, Chicago, IL, March 20, 2017

'58, BArch '59-Charles W. Quinlan, San Luis Obispo, CA, April 5, 2017

'59 PhD-Michael F. Bruno. Menlo Park, CA, March 31, 2017

'59 BS Ag-Dale F. Burrell, Holley, NY, May 22, 2016

'59 BA-Barry F. Corn, Ridgefield, CT, March 28, 2017

'59, BME '60-Theodore N. Goddard, Richmond, VA, July 22, 2016

'59 BA-Frederick C. Haab, Villanova, PA, April 2, 2017

'59-Richard A. Hunt, Estero, FL, March 13, 2017

'59 BA, MD '63-Alfred N. Krauss, New York City, May 30, 2016

'59 DVM-Carl D. Nelson,

Laconia, NH, March 15, 2017 '59 BA-Dick J. Schloss,

Bar Harbor, ME, February 26, 2017

'59 BS Hotel-Edward M. Taylin. Delray Beach, FL, February 13, 2017

'59 BS Hotel-Dardenne L. Tiffany, Henderson, NV, March 16, 2017

'59-Carole Freeman Gliedman Weinberg.

New York City, March 24, 2017

1960s

'60-62 SP Ag-Charles W. Finley, Lake Placid, NY, March 25, 2017

'60-George J. Roff, Jupiter, FL, October 26, 2016

'61 DVM-Richard R. Lawton. Mililani, HI, December 27, 2016

'62 MS-Robert V. Peringer,

Kalamazoo, Ml. March 26, 2014

'62-63 GR-Shirish K. Shah. Orlando, FL, March 26, 2017

'62 DVM, MS Ag '64-Frederick B. Tierney, Chittenango, NY, April 4, 2017

'63 BS HE-Janet Stein Davis,

Westport, CT, August 19, 2016

'63 BS Hotel-Ezekiel Hacohen, Kfar-Saba, Israel, January 28, 2017

'63 MS-William N. Reusswig, Delmar, NY, March 8, 2017

'64 BS HE-DeVeau Hurley Bissell, Newfane, NY, April 12, 2016

'64, BA '65-Kevan M. Green, Lockport, NY, July 12, 2016

'64 BA-Linda Bauer Keefe, Berkeley, CA, September 6, 2016

'64 BS ILR-Robert J. Woodhouse, Miami Beach, FL, April 7, 2017

'65 MST-lames A. Hall. Asheville, NC, March 26, 2017

'65 JD-James G. Simms. New York City, March 16, 2017

'67 BA-J. Bruce Ferguson, Chatham, NJ, March 14, 2017

'67, BArch '70-Jan Fougner, Oakland, CA, March 22, 2017

'67 BS Ag, MS Ag '69-Laurence R. King, Sidney, NY, January 25, 2012

'67 MRP-Stephen E. Kocsis, Jacksonville, FL, January 8, 2017

'67-Dale E. Lashnits, Aurora, CO, March 11, 2017

'67 PhD-John E. Lloyd, Laramie, WY, March 25, 2017

'67 MS, PhD '71-G. Wayne Sovocool, Henderson, NV, March 20, 2017

'68 MBA, PhD '79-Jerome Abarbanel, Newton, MA, April 20, 2015

'68 BS Ag-David B. Filkins. Burnt Hills, NY, March 30, 2017

'69 BS Chem E-Richard L. McQueen, Oklahoma City, OK, March 25, 2017

1970s

'70-Edward J. Wirzulis, New Hyde Park, NY, March 20, 2017

'71 DVM-Jeanne Wright George. Davis, CA, April 3, 2017

'72 BS Ag-Fredi Kronenberg, New York City, April 20, 2017

'72-David B. Ward, Madison, NJ, March 25, 2017

'73 BS HE-Karen McChesney Smith, Moorestown, NJ, April 18, 2017

'74 MD-William V. Rees, Salt Lake City, UT, April 4, 2017

'77 MS Ag-Richard W. Scully, Lyons, CO, February 5, 2017

'78-David R. Swank, Ithaca, NY, March 14, 2015

'79 BS Ag-Elizabeth Pfeifer, Tully, NY, July 28, 2016

1980s

'81-William R. Nast. Gloversville, NY, March 16, 2017 '81 PhD-Raquel Weyse Thomison, Avon, CT, April 5, 2017

2010

'12 MBA-Jerome P. Rizzo, Lansing, NY, April 11, 2017

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HAPPY HOURS

On Zinck's Night, raise a glass to the barkeep who inspired it

hen Big Red alumni hear the first few notes of "Give My Regards to Davy," most can sing along with perfect recall—even if they're a little fuzzy about the meaning of the lyrics' last line: "We'll all have drinks at Theodore Zinck's when I get back next fall!"

As a Cornellian phenomenon, Zinck's traces its roots to the proprietor of a downtown Ithaca hotel bar in the late 1800s. In those days—before Collegetown offered closer alternatives for imbibing—students would gather there after class for conviviality and five-cent beers served by the notable barkeep, a German immigrant named Theodore Zinck. "He was a character. He had a thick accent and was legendary for his memory of customers," says

Cornell history expert Corey Earle '07. "Alumni would come back to visit years later and he would call them by name and say, 'Hey, you still owe me a buck fifty!' "

Though that bar closed in the early 1900s, a handful of establishments around Ithaca bore the Zinck's name over the following decades, until the last closed in 1967. But its memory lived on, and eventually spawned a new Cornell tradition. In fall 1973, members of the senior class created a social club called the Spirit of Zinck's. Thirsty seniors could consult the *Daily Sun* for the location of that week's meeting, usually a farflung taproom like the Dryden Hotel or the Rongovian Embassy in Trumansburg. Every Thursday evening, after attendance had been duly noted on a cocktail napkin, the revelers would get

down to business—namely, selecting the location of the following week's festivities. "We wanted to bring seniors together in a casual setting," says John Foote '74, the society's co-founder. "We appreciated that we only had a little bit of time left on the Hill and we wanted to get to know our classmates better."

Over the past few decades, that tradition has morphed into a much larger annual celebration: International Spirit of Zinck's Night. On the third Thursday in October—this year, it's the 19th—some 4,000 alumni gather in roughly 100 bars, restaurants, and pubs for a Big Red happy hour. The events are concentrated mainly in dozens of cities in the U.S., but also take place worldwide. From Australia to Ireland, Japan to Djibouti,

On the third Thursday in October-this year, it's the 19th-some 4,000 alumni gather in roughly 100 bars, restaurants, and pubs.

Hong Kong to Ithaca, Cornellians meet for a night of trivia, door prizes, singing Big Red songs, and celebrating East Hill memories with fellow grads. "It connects alumni across the years," says Foote. "It's a wonderful way to meet and chat with Cornellians of every description."

— Alexandra Bond '12

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