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THE NEW EDGEMOOR

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- Over 150 alumni visit Edgemoor

COVER STORY: EDGEMOOR'S GRAND OPENING

By Sandy Gilbert '62

For the over 150 alumni from classes from 1948 to the 2000s who came to Edgemoor's Grand Opening Weekend on September 19 and 20, it was truly an historic occasion. The renovated Chapter House, designed by Omicron's architect, Phil Prigmore '69, now has nearly 50% more square footage with updated electrical, plumbing and heating infrastructure making it a safer, more functional home for our undergraduate brothers.



Sandy Gilbert

The visual effect of the new Electronic Learning Center over the old dining room and the spectacular two-story Ashley Reading Room that links the new first floor to the renovated Wilhelm Chapter Room is absolutely stunning. Ambient lighting and views of the gorge have been expanded via the use of our tall traditional leaded windows and a new balcony off the Reading

Room has become a popular gathering spot.

The new Dining Room has been updated with a more traditional look with durable wood style flooring and Warren Lem '69 has brought his years of restaurant experience to the redesigned and efficiently equipped Omans' Kitchen that not only is easily handling the meals of the sixty to seventy dining Omicron brothers, but for the first time ever enabled us to provide in-house food service for the over 200 weekend diners on Saturday evening.

The living quarters on the second and third floors have also been expanded to allow fourteen more brothers to live in and the house now has its own new full-size Exercise Center on the third floor.

Thanks to the great generosity of landscaper, Jim Sollecito '76, and some help with stock from Wayne Mezitt '64, the house has been attractively landscaped featuring a new patio and stairs to the Summer House that

has become the focal point for the brothers' socializing.

Edgemoor has also been graced with some beautiful new plaques and signage courtesy of Paul Williamson '66 who provided a new sign for the front lawn, an attractive Lambda Chi Coat of Arms for the Hollengreen Room, three new commemorative rooms signs, a colorful Cross and Crescent for the Reading Room and a specially designed plaque featuring the Lambda Chi Core Values.

And finally, The Oracle wants to thank all our contributing alumni and their wives and families who made this remarkable renovation a reality. To learn more about what was done during the renovation, how much it cost and how it has been funded, to see the Renovation Presentation, go to www.iswza.org/phase2. Please also note that the renovation is not completed and your help is needed to finish this historic project. For more information contact the Campaign Committee: Sandy Gilbert '62 at sandem133@aol.com, Doug Levens '92 at levens@cox.net, Ralph Wilhelm '67 at ralphwilhelm1@gmail.com or our financial consultant, Greg McElroy, at mcelroy174@aol.com.

For a first-hand look at the renovation and some of the alumni who attended the Grand Opening Weekend, we hope you enjoy the following pictures from the Grand Opening provided by photographer Richard Rygiel.

Views of the new Edgemoor:



Edgemoor's new landscaping, sign and front lawn

EDGEMOOR'S GRAND OPENING



Alumni touring the new two-story Ashley Reading Room



Alumni socializing on new rear balcony

EDGEMOOR'S GRAND OPENING



Edgemoor at twilight



The new third floor fitness center

EDGEMOOR'S GRAND OPENING



The undergrad brothers welcome visiting alumni



Jim Sollecito '76 showing plans for new rear patio and stairs down to the Summerhouse to Jack Kempster '62 and Wayne and Beth Mezitt '64

Architect, Phil Prigmore '69, talks with Ken and Matilda Kanagaki '66 on rear deck



Socializing at the post-game wine and cheese reception

EDGEMOOR'S GRAND OPENING



'50-'60s era alumni gather at Taughannock Farms Inn for Friday dinner



National General Counsel, Lynn Chipperfield, congratulates Omicron on the renovation over dinner in our updated dining room



Alumni listening to the Renovation Presentation.



Sandy Gilbert '62, publisher, and Brett Ainsworth '92, editor, with the 2015 National Alumni Magazine Award for their work on the Omicron Oracle



Doug Levens '92, center, being congratulated by Jason Cho '98 and Alex Aidun '08 for receiving the 2015 Bob McKinless Distinctive Service Award

CORNELL TODAY: CELEBRATIONS!

By Stephen Ashley '62

Brothers –

I write this to you immediately following a spectacular few days in Ithaca celebrating the renovation and rehabilitation of 125 Edgemoor Lane -- now, simply referred to as Edgemoor -- and the Inauguration of Cornell's 13th President, Elizabeth Garrett. Both events were exciting, energizing and forward looking. Let me now take a few minutes of your time to share impressions of Beth Garrett and her priorities for Cornell's future.



Stephen Ashley

Inauguration took place on the Arts Quad and included the usual pageantry and fanfare associated with such events. This ceremony was striking in its simplicity and with the power of President Garrett's address. Her remarks were forceful and direct. She referred to Cornell as "a state-of-mind, both a beginning and destination for a journey characterized by a 'rare excitement' that stirs the spirit, body and intellect". She posed the question of how we as Cornelians remain true to the state-of-mind, the journey and the destination as the University moves into its next 150 years. The President links faculty who define a university's spirit with a sharing of the journey of discovery by "talented and ambitious students" with the need to spread the results of the learning and scholarship around the globe.

Thus, we hear the President's three priorities for her administration --

First, strengthening, increasing, and supporting a faculty of excellence.

Second, a commitment to making Cornell "available to students from every walk of life, every

background, every state and country – if they are equipped and eager to benefit from it." But going further, the President spoke of increasing the value of the time spent at Cornell by both undergraduate and graduate students. This goal will embody practical approaches of support to both undergraduate and graduate students. Further, the President speaks emphatically about the value of a core liberal arts curriculum that equips Cornelians to "think critically, read closely, act ethically, react empathetically, and celebrate beauty."

Third, a strong endorsement for Cornell's reach around the globe and urged faculty and students to engage through all units and colleges in endeavors to find solutions to humankind challenges. She spoke especially about the role for Cornell New York Tech in enlarging not only the vision of Cornell, but its very presence in New York City and beyond. President Emeritus, Frank H.T. Rhoades, defined Cornell as "the Land Grant University to the world."

Linking the President's three priorities – faculty, students and global engagement -- together will necessitate change, in some cases uncomfortable, strong leadership from the President, Provost and Deans, and increased support be it from public or private sources. The words that you hear most frequently describing President Garret are excitement, energy and brilliance. She has hit the ground running following a six-plus month sabbatical she used to immerse herself in Cornell. Higher education in general is challenged by public criticism and a need for change. Cornell could not have found a better person to lead and position Cornell to achieve its greater potential. It's a great time to be a Cornelian, but I add to that – buckle your seatbelts!

I want to close this column by bringing us back to Edgemoor. The results of the Capital Campaign and the renovation and modernization work at the house is inspiring. Indeed, I see it very much as being supportive of President Garrett's objectives, adding value and strengthening the undergraduate experience – in this case -- the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. It was gratifying to see so many returning alums and the enduring friendships rekindled. ❖

GREEK LIFE: NEW LEADERSHIP ON CAMPUS

By **Ralph Wilhelm '67**

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his fall on campus, along with our new Cornell President, Elizabeth Garrett, Cornell now has a new VP for Student & Campus Life, Ryan Lombardi. Susan Murphy has retired from her VP position in Student Affairs and has moved to a one-year appointment with Alumni Affairs as a VP Emeritus, working on special projects.



Ralph Wilhelm

Dr. Lombardi comes to Cornell from Ohio University where he worked since 2008, most recently as OU's VP for Student Affairs. His academic experience includes positions at Duke and Colorado College. Ryan and his wife Kara moved to Ithaca this summer with their two young girls, taking a brief amount of time to accli-

mate before "drinking from the fire hose" as he stepped into this new position on August 1st. While Ryan and I have only communicated a few times by email, by the time you read this I will have been able to spend a good deal of time with him over Homecoming Weekend. This will allow us some face-to-face discussions to learn more about his priorities and the best way to work together.

The Greek world at Cornell is calm, but not quiet. You all wouldn't expect that anyway! We still have our challenges, but the "rule" and the rate of change has slowed down so the level of expectations for the undergraduates is more known. There is still a high bar of expectations for acceptable & positive behavior but to a large degree, the students are well aware of that standard. In most cases, the Greek world does its best to accommodate and meet the level and intent of these expectations.

This year's Tri-Council (IFC, Panhellenic, and MGLC) Greek Executive Boards are exceptional to work with. They are terrific in many ways and the fact that all three Greek Council Presidents are ILR students in the same class is a significant help. Connor, Kendall, and Andrea were friends before they were elected...a great base to

build on, and it shows in many of their interactions.

The Fraternity Sorority Advisory Council (FSAC) continues to do its work debating and passing on advice to University senior Student administrators, now headed by Ryan Lombardi. However, with less chaos and fewer changes in rules and procedures, we are able to discuss more challenging topics with in-depth dialog. Topics that are on the table now include:

- Live-in advisors for each Chapter with a physical House (note that a dozen IFC chapters have elected to have a live-in advisor and the feedback is quite positive)
- Theft and vandalism between Houses
- Review of the current judicial procedures
- New generation of the Greek Leadership Academy program
- Diversity and Inclusion: status & improvement

The FSAC members look forward to interacting with Dr. Lombardi this fall over Homecoming to learn more about his priorities and initiatives. Fortunately, we are not facing a crisis in the Greek Community at Cornell currently, so a thoughtful and positive exchange regarding priorities and a way forward is possible and highly likely.

One last topic may be of interest to you all. We were very fortunate to be selected by Susan Murphy to join a Student & Campus Life Advisory Council in April of this year. The ten of us had our first and only meeting in NYC in May prior to Susan retiring and began to understand expectations and ways we could support this new Advisory Council. Susan chose to create this group to specifically advise Ryan Lombardi as he began his tenure at Cornell and thus when she offered these positions to us, she required us to commit to standing firm on this commitment until December 2016. At that point, Ryan can then decide if and how he wants the new Advisory Council to behave and what membership and advice he is looking for. It should be an exciting time, particularly to watch and learn from Ryan as he grows, learns, and contributes in this new demanding and complex position. We will most likely have our first meeting with Ryan this month; we'll keep you updated on the progress we make!

Thank you for reading this section, most appreciated. As always, fire back with questions; always willing and interested to answer questions and concerns. You can reach me at (317) 508-6866 or rvw5@cornell.edu. ❖



PRESIDENT'S REPORT: OUR NEW HOME

By Bryan Harriot '17

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brothers are delighted with the renovated Edgemoor, our impressive new home. The entire first floor is barely recognizable with new hardwood flooring

all around and the addition of traditional decorative trim covering up all the sprinkler piping. The new Electronic Learning Center beautifully complements the décor of the Wilhelm Chapter Room and the new Ashley Reading Room adds an impressive grand open space that has become the focal point of the first floor commons areas. The Dining Room presents a whole new look with a raised ceiling, the addition of wooden trim, a durable vinyl floor that looks just like hardwood and



Bryan Harriot

not a brick in sight. The new Exercise Center on the third floor continues the attractive traditional wood trim theme despite its utilitarian use giving Omicron its own Ivy League Gym. The brothers are also very pleased with the more functional, larger living areas and the new rear deck and patio have already become a favorite gathering space for us to socialize.

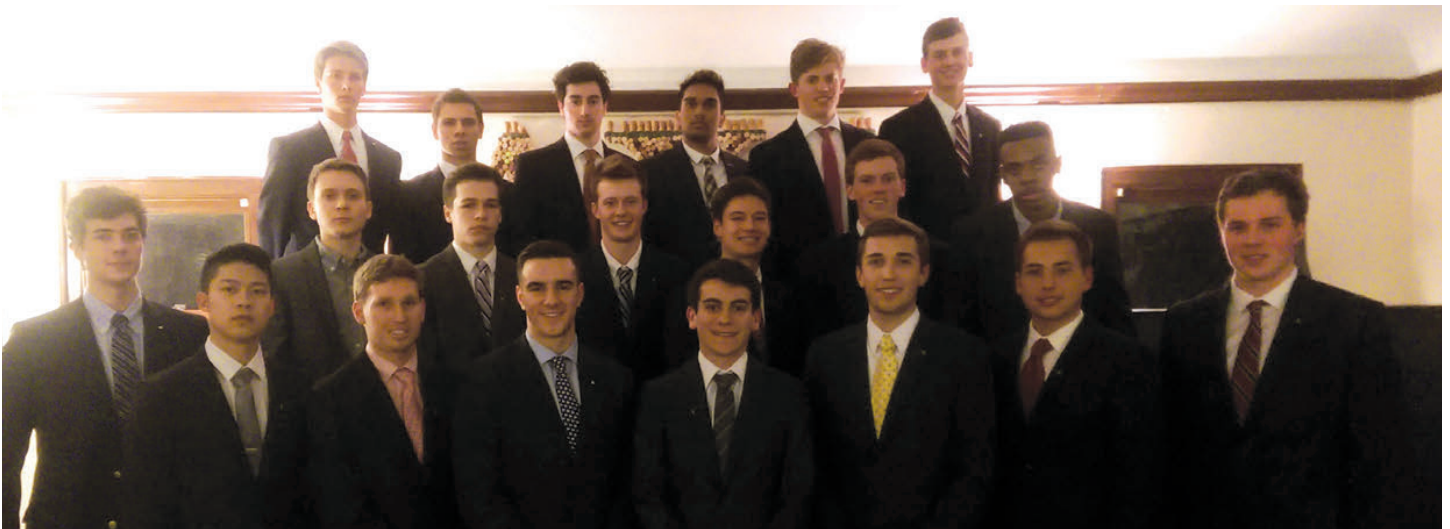
Views from the second and third floor living areas across the Cascadilla Gorge toward College Town and to downtown Ithaca on the west are some of the best on The Hill.

OMICRON FACT BOX: FALL 2015

High Alpha	Bryan Harriott '17
High Beta	David Glazer '17
High Theta	Timothy Krausz '17
High Gama	Chase Johnson '17
High Epsilon	Clayton Michael '17
High Epsilon	Andrew Mathews '18
High Kappa	Richard Ibsen '16
High Kappa	Reece Anderson '16
High Tau	Jason Weinberg '17
High Rho	Nikita Dubnov '17
High Delta	Max Murray '17
High Phi	Patrick Russell '16
High Iota	Andrea Biondi '17
High Sigma	Matthew Kim '17
High Mu	Patrick Spoth '17
Steward	Sam Marchildon '18
Jock	Joshua Calka '18
Standards	Alexander Fernandez '17

And when Edgemoor is viewed at night from down on Stewart Avenue or from across the gorge, many of us can't believe we live in such a magnificent home. Our thanks go out to all the alumni who generously donated to this historic Capital Campaign and who worked so closely with us in planning and refining all the details that made the renovation such an unqualified success.

I am especially pleased to report that Omicron dramatically improved its academic ranking on campus in the past spring semester with a 3.39 GPA that moved us up eight places to thirteenth or in the top third of all forty one Cornell fraternities.



In last spring's edition of *The Oracle*, our Associate Members were featured in a picture, above, but not identified by name. As initiated and active brothers, they are:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>School/Major</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Charles Anyamene	'17	Arts & Sciences	South Plainfield, NJ
Doug Barnard	'18	Hotel Administration	Simsbury, CT
Calvin Beckwith	'18	Arts & Sciences	Saratoga Springs, NY
Joshua Calka	'17	Chemical Engineering	Hopkinton, MA
Karan Desai	'18	CALS	Scarsdale, NY
Nikata Dubnov	'17	Engineering	Brooklyn, NY
Ian Fried	'17	Engineering	Ashland, KY
Max Ginsberg	'18	Human Ecology	Wynnewood, PA
Michael Graboyes	'18	Arts & Sciences	Watchung, NJ
David Janeczek	'17	Architecture	Ludlow, MA
Eric King	'17	Biology & Sociology	Binghamton, NY
Archie Kong	'18	CALS	Manhasset, NY
Sam Marchildon	'18	Arts & Sciences	Denver, CO
Andrew Mathews	'18	Engineering	Portola Valley, CA
Clayton Michael	'17	CALS	Poughkeepsie, NY
Matthew Miller	'17	CALS	Lexington Park, MD
Nick Polosky	'17	CALS	Manlius, NY
Thomas Suesser	'18	Engineering	Portola Valley, CA
Zack Zweig	'17	Engineering	Chapel Hill, NC

With the impressive impact of the renovated Edgemoor, we are looking forward to the pending fall Rush where we hope to expand our ranks with some new Associate Members by the time you read this report. As we have done in recent years, the house will be active this fall with our community service program, social exchanges with leading Cornell sororities and maintaining the success of our various intramural sports teams.

The current officers working with me to keep the house at the forefront on campus are listed in the Fact Box on the preceding page.

Again, I want to thank the many alumni who generously donated to the Capital Campaign that made Edgemoor one of the top fraternal facilities at Cornell and extend a welcome to you all to stop by anytime you are in the area to see our wonderful new home. ❖

HORT SENSE: YOUR GARDEN'S WATER NEEDS

By R. Wayne Mezitt '64

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Wayne Mezitt

Water is unquestionably the lifeblood of every tree, shrub and plant on earth, the indispensable element that enables plants to survive and grow. All plant tissues are comprised primarily of water, and experts tell us that plants disperse into the air through transpiration 90% of the water they take-up. Consequently, to maintain healthy plants in your garden, an adequate supply of water must be continuous available to meet their needs. Weather in the Northeast is always unpredictable, and we often experience significant periods without rainfall. Here are some tips to help assure your plants will get sufficient water to thrive.

New plantings. Ensuring the roots of recently planted trees and shrubs effectively contact their new surrounding soil is imperative to enable them to start taking-up water--a thorough puddle-in soil-soak at planting is desirable, as it also reduces trapped air that impairs soil-root contact. Some horticulturists recommend flooding the freshly-dug planting hole with water after adding amendments and prior to setting the roots; others soak the area once the root-ball is in place; either method is effective. Always follow recommended planting guidelines (available at your local garden center) for balled-and-burlapped or container-grown plants. And importantly, be sure to build a water-retaining saucer or berm around the base of each plant to corral water, assuring it will penetrate effectively into the root area. Check newly-planted ones for adequate moisture 2-3 times a week for the first year.

The first year. A regular weekly watering, always applying at least an inch, helps enable your new plantings' root systems to become established. Some types of plants may need more frequent wa-

tering, particularly during the first several weeks following installation and when no rainfall occurs. Clayey soils tend to require less frequent watering than sandy soils, but never allow the soil in the root zone to become dry: dig down 3-4 inches in the root area to feel the moisture in the soil with your hands, and add water if the soil is overly dry and crumbly. Also, be sure not to over-water and drown the roots.

Here's how much water to use on your newly planted trees and shrubs at each application:

- Small shrubs up to about 3 ft. high and wide: 4-5 gallons
- Large shrubs over 3 ft.: 7-10 gallons
- Small trees less than 2" stem diameter (caliper): 7-10 gallons
- Larger trees more than 2" caliper: 10-20 gallons

Landscape plants are not particular about water quality. As an alternative to using expensive potable water, try using recycled captured runoff from your roof, washing machine, bathtub or car-washing.

Drought. Extended dry spells, even a few weeks in the growing season without rain, can create serious survival risks, both for those recently-planted, and also for more established plantings. Adding organics like compost at planting time always helps to retain moisture, and applying a 3" to 4" deep layer of mulch aids in reducing soil evaporation. Drooping foliage/shoots, curled-up leaves and grey-toned or discolored foliage are all symptoms of inadequate moisture and indicate that a dose of water must be provided immediately. Some soils can become dusty-dry in extreme droughts, at their worst feeling and acting like sifted flour or talcum powder. When soils become excessively dry they can't readily absorb water; they need a slower application that soaks-in gradually and doesn't simply run off; this is where the water-retention saucer/berm around the base of the plant shows its true worth.

Continuing maintenance. Even with optimum supplementary watering, no irrigation regimen can compare with the value of natural rainfall which affects the entire soil environment, not just the lim-

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THE RECIPE BOX: Aunt Jane's "Power" Lasagne



By Sandy Gilbert '62

This is a popular dish in our family around the holidays because it's easy to serve larger gatherings, it reheats easily and holds up well to freezing and re-serving at a later date.

We call it Aunt Jane's "Power" lasagne because of the generous amount of sausage in the filling, but it's actually a recipe from an old issue of *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine*. Add a tossed salad, some crusty Italian bread and a nice Chianti Classico like Tenuta di Renieri and you will have a lot of happy campers. ❖

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ited zone around the individual plant's roots. And it's easy to be deceived by automatic irrigation systems: plants require periodic deep water penetration that reaches their roots, not the mindless, recurrent, often daily (!) shallow sprinkling that most of these systems provide (and homeowners unfortunately believe are adequate). Ensuring an inch of water once a week is a reasonable general guideline.

Lawns and shallow-rooted plants including herbaceous perennials and "color" annuals generally need more frequent irrigation. Pay particular attention to these in periods of sparse natural rainfall: they dry-out rapidly and require more diligent care than most trees and shrubs.

Going into winter. As they enter dormancy in late autumn, plants must have sufficient moisture to assure they can endure the upcoming winter weather stresses until the next spring's growing season returns. Just because the weather feels cooler is not an excuse to forget the water needs of your plants. Diligently monitoring and adjusting the adequacy of soil moisture around your plants until the ground actually freezes in December significantly enhances your likelihood of having a healthy, vibrant garden next spring. ❖

INGREDIENTS (SERVES EIGHT PEOPLE)

- 1½ pounds of Italian sausage
- 2 garlic gloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon of chopped fresh basil
- 1½ teaspoons of salt
- 1 35 oz. can Italian tomatoes
- 2 6 oz. cans of tomato paste
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- 1 box (10 oz.) lasagne noodles
- 1 pound shaved Mozzarella cheese
- 3 cups Ricotta cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons parsley flakes
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2 tablespoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

PREPARATION

Break open the sausage links and brown meat slowly: spoon off excess fat.

Add the next five ingredients (garlic, basil, salt, tomatoes and tomato paste). Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Cook lasagne in a large amount of boiling salted water per directions on the box or until tender; drain and rinse.

Combine remaining ingredients except Mozzarella cheese.

Line bottom of a 13" x 9" x 2" baking dish with lasagne; spread with half of the Ricotta cheese filling, half of the Mozzarella cheese and half of the meat sauce. Repeat layers.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting into squares. The filling will settle slightly. If made earlier and refrigerated, allow an additional 15 minutes or so in the oven over the prescribed 30 minutes to heat through. Enjoy.

TRAVEL NUGGETS: ROLLING DOWN THE RIVER

By Alan Fridkin '65



Huck Finn couldn't imagine these modern river boats. For the first time in nearly 50 years of avid independent traveling, we were dragged into a European River Cruise in May, 2015 by some close Navy friends. Our 400+ foot long AMA Sonata was brand new and ideally suited to handle the rivers, locks and inland sea of the Netherlands and Belgium. This is the fast growing segment of the cruise market, with over a dozen new vessels added yearly.



Alan Fridkin

At this stage in life, I am comfortable with my prejudices. One is against organized tours trundling wide or bleary eyed tourists past sites they haven't bothered to read about on their own.



AMA Sonata

There are positives and negatives in this style of traveling. If you choose a premium line, as we did, there is a high level of pampering in food, drink and accommodations. Staterooms on the newest (shown above) compare to 4 if not 5 star ocean liners; the crew is first rate; the boats

often dock within walking distance of what you want to see; there are more port calls than on a seagoing vessel and with a maximum of 70-240 passengers (Sonata had 150), you don't feel like you have moved to a new city.



Ship Stateroom

But river cruise packages tend to be quite expensive compared to exploring on your own, often running \$1,000/day or more for a couple. You will still be in a group of 30 or so following someone with a lollipop sign in the air at a preset pace on tours; and your routine is dictated by the ship's schedule.

The river cruise lines rightly state you only have to unpack once. Your floating hotel takes you to interesting places. The rivers selected for cruising are scenic and pass plenty of breathtaking scenery at a leisurely pace. But on the Netherlands/Belgium cruise, much of the transits were done at night.

Besides the well-established European market (there are over a dozen cruise lines plying 10 or more rivers there) new routes have opened in Asia, Africa and South America with smaller boats designed for these exotic and logistically challenging venues.

Tours are calibrated from moderately strenuous, e.g. bicycling and some hill climbing, to "gentle" walks, even catering to the handful of wheelchair and walker clients. At the steep prices, you are likely to find mostly well-heeled senior citizens on these boats. Expect only a modest amount of entertainment and diversions on board due to the ship's size.

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MILESTONES: PHIL PRIGMORE, EDGEMOOR'S ARCHITECT

By Phil Prigmore '69

Phil

Prigmore was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and grew up playing in and around several buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, who lived part of the year at his home, Taliesin East, in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Recognizing Phil's interest in Wright's work, his parents took him to see other Wright buildings in Milwaukee and Chicago. When he was only seven, his father took him to Taliesin East, knocked on the door and told Frank Lloyd Wright that Phil enjoyed seeing his buildings and wanted to learn more about his work. Wright promptly responded with a personal tour of his home and studio explaining his ideas on the flow of space and the impact of light on how we see and experience architecture. Phil later moved to Nashville and then on to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he lived for several years in one of Wright's Usonian houses built of cypress while his father taught at LSU.

Attending junior high and high school in Louisiana meant living in a culture that emphasized athletics with much less interest in academics. After tenth grade, the family moved to Scarsdale, New York where Phil faced extreme culture shock with the prevailing intense pressure to excel academically. Phil spent his time studying in the lovely old buildings around his home and in nearby New York City with his favorite being the New York Public Library.

Like many of us, Phil ended up at Cornell somewhat by chance when he just happened to stop by the campus on a trip primarily set up to see RPI over in Troy, New York. He loved the campus and knew it was where he wanted to be when he visited the large, open upper class drafting room. The students were hard at work with many of them obviously having been there for days and nights. One student was gently swaying by a rope over his drafting board which really upset Phil's mother. Upon further inspection, it was apparent that he was not hanging himself, but merely taking a "stretching break" from his many hours of intense study. Phil loved the "feel" of the school and decided on the spot that it was where he wanted to study. Not surprisingly, Phil says "getting into Cornell architecture was difficult, staying in was even harder." His career path concentrating on



Phil Prigmore

restoring historic buildings began at Cornell while studying under Professor Christian Otto who taught a series of courses on the History of Architecture.

Phil joined Lambda Chi because he immediately felt comfortable with the brothers and other associate members and their approach to life on campus. He has remained an active alumnus since graduation. Over the years, Phil and his Cornell classmate and partner, Bert Fortner, have completed nearly 300 other historic projects including the Hornell Public Library, a Carnegie Library built in 1911, the restoration of the Alfred Village Hall, built in 1890, the Hornell Facades Program, involving the restoration of 108 city building fronts and the restoration of Octagon, his home in Alfred, built in 1850. Bert was also a major contributor on the Edgemoor renovation project.

Phil has received widespread recognition in the industry for his architectural work including the John F. Pile Case Study #3 for Alumni Hall, the Henry N. Abrams Award for Interior Design and three differ-

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MILESTONES: PHIL PRIGMORE, EDGEMOOR'S ARCHITECT

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ent commendations by the National Park Service.

Even with his extensive experience in restoring historic structures and his in-depth knowledge of our Chapter House, restoring Edgemoor was a major challenge because of the very tight footprint of the building and the relative lack of space for expansion. However, the good basic design of the original building was a major plus that Phil felt could be used as the foundation for a successful renovation. His basic approach to the project was to preserve the architectural integrity of the original building while modernizing it to be a safer, more functional home for the undergraduates. When asked what do you like best about the new Edgemoor, Phil replied, "the sense of continuity between the original building and the new addition". For those of us who have visited Edgemoor, we enthusiastically agree with his assessment.

In addition to his role as architect in the renovation, Phil also served in the critical function of on-site project manager working with Welliver, the build-

ing contractor, to keep the project on schedule and on budget.

Phil lives in nearby Alfred, New York with his wife Carol, who is the lead teacher in the local Montessori School. They have two children, Charles, a Requirements Engineer for AT&T in Atlanta, and Marilyn, a high school senior who hopes to pursue a degree in bioscience. When not redesigning historic structures, Phil enjoys serving with Carol as coaches for an Odyssey of the Mind team that has achieved national success winning the coveted Renta Fusca Award for exceptional creativity in long-term problem solutions over a ten year period. Phil is also the first Chair of the Alfred Historic Preservation Commission which works with the town Planning Board to approve projects for both federal and New York State preservation tax credits.

Looking to the future, Phil will continue his busy restoration schedule as his design for a lighting project in a local church has led to his being asked to re-lamp and light nearly 2,000 church buildings, schools and hospitals in the Buffalo area. ❖

TRAVEL NUGGETS

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For those short on time or unwilling to plan your own trip, river cruises offer a condensed and generally high quality experience. Cornell Alumni, Tauck, and other specialized tours involve smaller groups and often an even higher priced tariff.

Tauck, Scenic, AMA, and Uniworld appear to have the best ship reputations with Avalon and Viking in close pursuit.

A fine website on the subject is: www.riverboatratings.com. www.CruiseCritic.com is now a subsidiary of TripAdvisor and takes advertising money from the cruise lines while publishing the rants and raves of ordinary passengers. Besides the websites of the various cruise lines, there are those of the travel agencies that specialize in this sector, such as Vacations To Go (and their division: RiverCruise.com) which we used.

While I have not become an advocate for this type of travel, I have some new respect for what it offers. ❖



THE WINE RACK: California Zinfandels



By Sandy Gilbert '62

In the June 2015 issue of Wine Spectator magazine, Tim Fish wrote about some outstanding 2012 and 2013 California Zinfandels based on a test of more than 380 different wines. His selection of some of the best Zinfandels

priced at \$20.00 or less includes the following:

Dry Creek: Zinfandel Sonoma County Heritage Vines 2013
Rating: 90
\$20.00

This wine is described as “Zesty and loaded with lively fruit with floral raspberry and pepper aromas.”

Easton: Zinfandel Amador County 2013

Rating: 90
\$18.00

Described as “Focused and sleek,” the wine is “balanced with acidity and ripe tannins.”

Marietta: Old Vine Red Lot Number 62 California NV 2012

Rating: 90
\$14.00

Tim calls this wine “A zesty red, with personality to spare, offering notes of licorice, blackberry and smoky pepper.”

Monte Volpe: Primo Rosso Mendocino County 2012

Rating: 90
\$11.00

The wine is described as “Recalls a hearty, jammy field blend. Aromas of wild berry and smoky herb lead to zesty flavors of black cherry, licorice and cinnamon spice.”

Navarro: Zinfandel Mendocino 2012

Rating: 90
\$20.00

The description for this wine is “Effortlessly focused and balanced, offering bright cherry and white pepper aromas and lovely flavors of plum, smoky anise and mineral.”

Try some of these recommended wines and let me know how you liked them at sandem133@aol.com. ♦

OBITUARIES

The Omicron Oracle notes with sadness the passing of the following brothers:

Richard E. Turner '46 Henry P. Nielsen '49
December 19, 2014 April 15, 2015

Christopher T. Greene '67 Roger W. Gormel '62
February 20, 2015 July 2015



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► 1947

Charles "Bob" Cox writes to say that his wife, Nancy, Tri Delt '48, passed away five years ago and he now lives alone in Vero Beach, Florida. He stays active playing golf and participating in various "do good organizations". He previously lived in Pittsburgh for many years where there was a very active Cornell Club. He regrets that there is no Cornell activity in Vero Beach at all. Bob says that three of his four children graduated from Cornell plus the potential graduation of two grandchildren making them the eighth legacy from his family. You'll find Bob at grambocox@aol.com.

Ralph Kelley tells us that he has nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was a junior or RCK II. There now are RCK III, IV and V. Ralph has been a widower since 2007. However, he has met a lady and they have taken seven cruises together. One of the cruises from San Diego and another from Miami were for marriages of my grandsons. Ralph has visited with Phineus Kuhl '46 and corresponded with Louis "Chess" Getsinger '48 who once capsized with him in a small boat on Lake Cayuga in 39 degree water and they almost drowned. Ralph lives at rckelley@centurytel.net.

► 1948

Bob McKinless, who has now biked in all New York Counties, reports that he had a violent bike crash this past summer and he is still doing some physical training as part of the recovery process. He is deciding about having an MRI and possible surgery which comes with a six to twelve month recovery period. Bob says that he may decide to just live with the aches and pains.

Bob continues his singing activities as his Camerata has started up again. They have been asked to add some male voices to another group's concert version of Rienzi in October which he thinks will be a lot of fun. Bob plans to attend the Grand Opening Weekend with his grandson who is an ER doctor so he'll be in good hands for the festivities. You can track Bob down at bikerbob8@mac.com.

► 1954

Thomas Bechert, a former professor at the Naval Academy, still lives in Annapolis and updated his contact information. You can reach him at mtbechert@comcast.net.

► 1955

Craig Atwater reports that he is still playing piano for the choral group in his adult community in New Jersey. He is also in a big band with fourteen other senior musicians and is the organist for his church.

Like many others, Craig was very sorry to hear about the fire that burned down the Chapter House (Known as Jim's in his days on The Hill). He still remembers the 15 cent draft beers. Craig can be found at edgemoor125@gmail.com.

► 1956

Jim Quest writes to say that he and Leslie have co-founded an exciting new charitable non-profit called Love Living at Home –Ithaca. The organization is volunteer-supported and dedicated to helping senior residents live healthier and more independent lives while staying in their own homes. This is achieved by assisting seniors through the often baffling maze of rules and procedures necessary to qualify for already available community social services. Jim says that they essentially act as a "concierge-system" to find the right support system for each senior's particular needs. In fact, there are 150 aging-in-place "virtual villages" all around the country, a part of a loose confederation called the Village-to-Village Network. This group is available to give guidance and support to help establish and manage the individual villages as they start up. Anyone interested in the concept can check out the Village-to-Village Network on the internet. Jim lives at jhquest56@gmail.com.

► 1961

Worrall "Nick" Carter continues his impressive environmental work and tells us that he did a few grade school ecology show-and-tells this spring and summer. He put a couple of leashes on horse-sized snapping turtles and let the kids walk them around. "We didn't lose any toes, but the kids learned how strong they are." Nick managed to get bitten by a couple members of his snake display while showing the kids how harmless they are, but it wasn't really a problem as they were pretty small snakes. He says it's much worse when they exercise their other defense mechanism, defecating on you. That's really stinky.

Nick and his wife, Margaret, are going to sign up to scout evasive plants for a program at Maryland's DNR and their poet daughter, Catherine, and Nick will be doing an ecology and poetry gig for an environmental science/philosophy class at Salisbury University in October.

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They are still sitting on the Maryland State Critical Areas Commission overseeing land close to rivers, bays or tidal wetlands. In anticipation of his eventual demise, he is cleaning out some of his sheds and donating a bunch of scientific literature to their local RiverKeeper outfit. They are still interested in finding someone who will buy their place and allow it to continue to progress towards a condition of old forest growth. It was a cornfield when they bought it back in 1966, but it is now a young (49 years old) forest. Some of the older pines are now 50 feet tall. There is virtually no runoff from it, so it protects a little portion of the Choptank River. Nick can be reached at nmcarter1@verizon.net.

Bob Pezzulich writes to say that his late wife, Helen '62, passed away two years ago. On February 28, he remarried Alice Goodman who is now Alice Pezzulich. Alice is a Nurse Practitioner and two of her sons are physicians. The oldest is a thoracic surgeon at the University Clinic. Bob says it's great that they speak the same professional and personal languages. You will find him at pezz371@icloud.com.

► 1962



Lee Manning, shown above with his wife, Leslie, tells us that they just spent an enjoyable two weeks re-connecting with the Canadian Rockies, which they had last visited back in 1976. They happily report that the scenery and wildlife are still great after thirty nine years. Lee lives at lee.manning@cox.net.

Chris Napjus says he is still enjoying retirement after eighteen months. He and his wife, Barb '63, really enjoyed their 50th Anniversary Party in April with a full complement of children and grandchildren in attendance. Chris says he is looking forward to the Grand Opening Weekend and seeing some of his good friends from the '60s era. Chris answers at cnn3@cornell.edu.

► 1963

Lee Leonard recounts his interesting work as a coauthor of the book *James A. Rhodes, Ohio Colossus*. Lee writes: "It's the first impartial biography of the late four-term Governor of Ohio. He at one time held the longevity record for all American Governors since colonial times. The book was ten years in preparation by two other veteran reporters of the Ohio political wars. I got involved at the end to chronicle Rhodes' last 20 years when he was out of office.

The book was published by the Kent State *University Press* in late 2014 which ironically was at the site of his most controversial misstep when he sent the Ohio National Guard onto the campus during the 1970 campus protests. Four individuals were killed and nine injured by gunfire. *The University Press* did not interfere with the author's evenhanded (some said they were too easy on Rhodes) treatment of the event. In fact, *Press* director, Will Underwood, came to the first book signing event at the Ohio Statehouse and praised Rhodes for his contributions to higher education. The governor established a Governing Board of Regents in the 1960s and laid the foundation for Ohio's community college system.

Rhodes, a Republican who governed the Buckeye State from 1963 to 1971 and again from 1975 to 1983, maddened his own party leaders with his disdain of ideology. He had the national reputation of a buffoon, chiefly because of his lack of verbal skills and his views, shaped by a single working mother in southern Ohio during 19s and 20s.

But Rhodes was an avid reader and got ideas about the business world from daily perusing the *Wall Street Journal*. He was far ahead of his time proposing in the 1970s the extraction of natural gas from shale deposits (fracking) and bankrolling experimental work on what would become the electric car. In his retirement, he had a patent on a 99% germ-free air conditioning system which he installed in his own home. He wanted to create an "Environmental City" an expanded version of domed stadia, but was rejected by marketers including Donald Trump. Rhodes was one of

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five men on the final list for Richard Nixon's running mate in 1968, but Spiro Agnew was chosen to be the Vice President.

The book is full of humor and contains a whole chapter on anecdotes on this legionary deal-making politician. The book has won the Ohioana Library Association's Book of The Year Award for 2015 in the about Ohio category" Lee resides at rleonard@mycidco.com.

► 1963



John and Tracy Lutz shown above recently traveled to Spain to drive and walk the renowned 120 kilometer, 10-day Pilgrimage Tour to Santiago. They enjoyed the camaraderie of the group and some very good meals and lodging in country inns. You can reach John at jrl-corp@verizon.net.

► 1964

Jack Hastings reports that he has been staying pretty close to his home base in Venice, Florida while Cathy is dealing with some disc and hip issues. You can reach Jack at allbirdies@comcast.net.

► 1965



John Dewitt, shown with his wife, Pat, at the Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau, says they had a great trip to the wilds of Alaska. They flew to Vancouver and then took the Star Princess for a cruise up the Alaskan coast to Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Glacier Bay. They boarded a train in Anchorage headed for Talkeetna, the base camp for climbers at Denali. Talkeetna has the unique distinction that the Mayor is a cat. John says it was the trip of a lifetime with great scenery, wilderness and wildlife. John can be found at john dewitt64@gmail.com.

► 1966



Ed Lortz says "Despite all that we have put into our great vintage home shown above, I have finally decided that San Francisco is definitely worth leaving and that I am not in fact a slightly demented, cranky old guy. Dealing with congestion, chaos and everything else in the city just isn't fun anymore. It makes us ready for a change. Spent a month in the Philippines and had a great time exploring and meeting people. We spent

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our time between Negros Island and the Sierra foothills which looks like a viable future home. It's already on some "Places to Retire" lists. Ed can still be found at eddieksf@gmail.com.

Dave Landrey tells us that he and Joan drove from Sarasota, Florida to Portland, Oregon last summer where they spent 12 days in Oregon and California and then turned around and drove back to Florida. Dave regrets missing the Grand Opening, but he wants to go back to The Hill for his 50th Reunion this coming June. He plans to stop by Edgemoor to see the renovation then. He hopes a number of other Omicrons in the Class of '66 will also return for Reunion. Dave lives at drlandrey@aol.com.

Rick "Swede" Walsh and his wife, Ellen, enjoy their new home in Oneonta after their move in 2013 from the Savannah area. They had a great visit with their son, Kevin, and his new bride of 15 months who live in California. On the visit they proudly announced that they were expecting a baby boy around Christmas. That will be the fourth grandchild for them. Rick's contact point is ellenmacwalsh@stny.rr.com.

► 1969



Dave Shannon, shown at left, in his costume for a bit part as a tarred and feathered lawyer in a local movie about the history of New Zealand, is enjoying his brief stint in cinema. His character appears in a section on the first European settlement that was commonly called "The hellhole of the Pacific" because it was populated by whalers, slavers, outlaws, desert-

ers and various other undesirables from the oceans. In a scene from the early 1800s, his character appears when the town passes one of its first laws to "outlaw" all lawyers. Dave extends his best to all and the new Edgemoor from down under. You'll find Dave at dave-shan@extra.co.nz.

Warren Lem reports that he has been very busy not only with his ongoing work with the U.S. Professional Tennis Association, but as a working consultant on the Omicron renovation project. With his extensive experience in the restaurant business, he was at the House in July to help lay out the new kitchen equipment and to help order the new furniture for the House common areas and sleeping quarters. Warren and Lee look forward to seeing everyone again at the Grand Opening. You can reach him at warrenlem@aol.com.

► 1971

Richard Yates reports new contact information in New London, New Hampshire at ryates55@aol.com.

► 1972

Gary Hedge says he is continuing to enjoy his 35 years of awesome weather in sunny Southern California. His first grandson, Logan, is now 15 months old. Gary continues to mentor High School students in an international robotics competition called "FIRST". They have won their divisional championship twice in the last three years. Gary lives at garyH@crystal-view.com.

► 1974



Jim Sollecito shared this great story with us: "I always wondered why people with kids of their own did things for other kids. Now I know why. I love to introduce people to fly fishing and bring people into the realm who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Usually, it's someone in a wheelchair. Back in July, I took out thirteen year old Kiersten

King shown with me above who is blind and has never caught a fish before.

After a few casts, she landed the first of 15 largemouth Bass on a 7 weight fly rod with a parachute fly. I am not sure who enjoyed the outing more, but I believe the smiles weigh as much as the pictured released fish. It was truly a great feeling to offer Kiersten such a great experience. You'll catch Jim at jim@sollecito.com.

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► 1978

Bob Shaw tells us that his son, Bobby, produced their first grandchild on June 1st named Mary after Michelle's mother. Bobby is leaving Miami as an Assistant States' Attorney and will enter the UVA business school. His younger sister, Taylor, is in her second year at the University. Bob is serving as a board level advisor to several clients that he has known for twenty five years. This unfortunately creates some travel and causes him to spend too much time in Detroit and Memphis. Bob invites Omicrons visiting D.C. to stop by for a visit. Bob lives at shaww@gmail.com.

We learned from the facebook section on the ISWZA website that John Sovocool has now run a marathon in all 50 states. John has managed to run an impressive total of 92 marathons. You'll find John at fieldstone@oecblue.com.

► 1983

Bennett "Bent" Egeth tells us that he is living in Tribeca with his ten year old daughter and two seven year old boys. He is working at Broadridge Financial Services selling software to investment management companies. You can reach him at begeth@gmail.com.

► 1991



It's been quite a year for Fox 25 Boston's 20-year veteran chief meteorologist Kevin Lemanowicz, who broke a leg skiing New Year's Eve. Unsurprisingly, doing the weather report in front of a green wall was a challenge, especially during the epic snow of February, which required that he practically live at the station. Kevin's oldest son, Conor, chose Boston

College and has started classes. Younger son Jacob, a new sophomore, was captain of the freshman

baseball team and was just tapped to play varsity football. Being 6'1", 220 lbs. at 15 will do that for you. Kevin lives at klemanowicz15@comcast.net.

Kristen Billiar was just named Department Head for Biomedical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. [Kristen is at kbilliar@wpi.edu](mailto:kbilliar@wpi.edu).

Steve DelRosso is about halfway through a five-year commitment in Munich, leading the GORE-TEX products business for the military, police and industrial markets in Europe for W.L. Gore & Associates. So far, brothers Ernie Joynt '91, Stan Leong '90, Alex Flueck '91, Jed Donahue '91 and Josh Faust '95 have visited. Sons Dom and AJ are now back in the US for college – Dom in his second year at West Point and AJ starting his freshman year at Bowling Green State. With two girls in high school – Stef in 11th and Rachel in 9th, and wife Missy (of 22 years!), Steve is heavily out-numbered. Being in Munich has given Steve the opportunity to brush up on his German – after solo weekend bike rides to the Biergartens, he knows just enough to order beer and food and translate "Im Schwarzen Wallfisch Zu Ascalon!" Feel free to get in touch for a visit or to meet up anywhere in Europe between now and June 2017. [You'll find me at sdelrosso@gmail.com](mailto:sdelrosso@gmail.com).

Ernie Joynt is still in Denver and working for NOAA up in Boulder. Mostly he's enjoying the Colorado beer scene, and sees brothers Larry Goldman, Alan Warner, and Tom Carey. [Ernie is at ehj4@cornell.edu](mailto:ehj4@cornell.edu).

► 1992

Faizal Enu is currently managing an IT Help Desk in Tampa, FL, where he's lived for the last thirteen years. He married wonderful wife Jennifer Kramer (FSU '97), in March of 2013. In attendance were Stuart "Tripp" Miniman '95 and Frank Goppel '95. Frank even bought him a Black Russian at his rehearsal dinner. Faizal apologizes to his ZAX brothers – "The ones from the Northeast must feel like I abandoned them." But, he adds that with some of our generation having kids, he gets to see them when they go to Disney (they live an hour away). He adds, "If you are in town, let us know, and we will be glad to meet up." [Faizel lives at fazienu@yahoo.com](mailto:fazienu@yahoo.com).

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Doug Levens, shown above with his team, started the Nutmeg Youth Triathlon team three years ago out of his passion for the sport and a desire to see kids grow up being fit and active. They now have forty kids from ages seven to fifteen on the team training and racing up to ten months of the year. His team is now only one of thirty teams in the nation designated by USA Triathlon as a High Performance Team (HPT). The main purpose of the HPT is to help the US Olympic Committee find and develop future Olympians. The team had a very successful year swimming, biking and running which culminated with the Youth and Junior National Championships in early August. Doug had seven athletes travel from Connecticut to Ohio for the event where they came away with one National Champion and three others who were top finishers from the New England Region in their respective races. You can catch Doug at levens@cox.net.

► 1995

Josh Faust has been living in Northern Westchester for the past eleven years with wife Jessica, two kids (ages eleven and nine), and one dog. He raises chickens (poorly) from time to time, but did get to hang out with Steve DelRosso '91 in Munich this past spring, where they took in a Bayern game. Josh also gets to bike with Sambhav Sankar '91 a few times in the spring and fall. Josh took over the family business a few years back, now one of the largest piano dealerships in the county. (Ed. Note: I still remember Josh invoking the concept of sunk cost at a chapter meeting while offering an impassioned defense of splurging on the piano.) Josh notes that this makes him a big fish in a small pond ... "sort of

like [Jed] Donahue ['91] being mayor of Rocky Hill, NJ." Josh has also been coaching flag football for the past five years or so – "one of the most gratifying experiences of my life (well, that and losing to Perko in chess)." Josh plays at josh@faustharrisonpianos.com.

John Barney is traveling quite a bit today as head of channel sales for Ericsson in the US and Canada. He made it up to Cornell for reunion this year for the first time, making it the only time that his three daughters (Taylor, 9, Brenna, 5, and Camryn, 5) saw the campus. They all loved it, including staying in Mary Donlon. John passes the time playing ice hockey, and is currently organizing a team that will play in an upcoming tournament in Las Vegas. The Barneys are still located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but recently moved. Their new place is at 415 Hunt, Lucas, TX 75002, and visitors are welcome. [Contact him at jcb2@cornell.edu](mailto:jcb2@cornell.edu).

Brian "Gilligan/Gil" Machinist, family in tow, trekked from the Boston suburbs to Ithaca for the 20th reunion. In attendance were fellow '95ers Frank Goppel, John Barney, Mike "Trout" Filiatrault, Stuart "Tripp" Miniman, and Trevor Connor. He writes: "The weekend can be best described as a cinematic blend of Old School and spaghetti western: 'The good' (no children due in February deserving a name in recognition of Mary Donlon), 'the bad' (surprising popularity of Genny Cream Ale), and 'the ugly' (permanent retinal damage resulting from Trout's attempts at sexting)." [Brian answers at bdm3@cornell.edu](mailto:brian@bdm3@cornell.edu).

Matt Totino is still living in Harrisburg, PA, with wife Michaela and their two daughters (Bailey, 9, and Ella, 5). He writes, "As you can imagine, there's a lot of pink in my house." Matt has been in Harrisburg since 1998, when he moved out here to take his first job after graduating from law school. What he thought was a short-term move is now 17 years and counting. After working many years for a law firm doing telecommunications and energy law, he is back working for the state, which has resulted in a great quality of life. "Overall," he concludes, "life is good!" [Matt can be found at mtotino210@comcast.net](mailto:mtotino210@comcast.net).

► 1996

Eric Helmy and beautiful wife Heather are living in Bend, OR with their two sons. Trevor, 14, is going into 10th grade at Bend High. Gavyn, 12, is thriving at Cascades Academy, a wonderful private school. Eric writes, "Bend is a kick-ass town - it's full of relentlessly kind people, and is a true paradise for outdoor recreation, and we've probably never been happier." Sadly, the Helmys'

beloved German shepherd Canuck passed on two years ago at 13 1/2, but they now have two adorable puppies –Ginny, 2, and Pippin, 1 – that Eric describes as “living teddy bears.” Pippin, while adorable, is also a bit of a pain – running away every chance he gets and destroying many things. Eric has been blessed with good health, and is happily retired from Ironman racing (having done two of his three with dear Big Brother Adam Borah '94). In its place, he's taken up crossfit (to which he's become properly addicted), and delights in trail running or mountain biking nearly every day. Heather is keeping fit, too (mostly with Pilates), and the two enjoy SUP-ing and kayaking together on a regular basis. Trevor is running cross-country, and Gavyn's cardiac health (repaired CHD, 2003) continues to be excellent. “Not everyone is so lucky in their health,” Eric notes, “and we're very grateful for our good fortune.” [Eric lives at ehelmy@mac.com](mailto:ehelmy@mac.com).

Work is going well for Eric, with his business litigation practice thriving in Oregon and Washington. He's also found his footing in environmental conservation, and has been volunteering as counsel for Cascadia Wildlands to protect wolves. In the coming months, he'll be working to stop unlawful federal logging of national forests and the slaughter of black bears. In addition, starting this fall, he'll be expanding his practice to concentrate on catastrophic neurological injury work, as well as doing advocacy work for a clean-energy company whose efforts - they hope - will make a major difference on climate change.

Eric is missing all of his brothers and his time at LXA and on the Hill, “which is now receding into history nearly as quickly as my hairline.” He had the great privilege of being part of Trevor Connor '95's wedding party last year (with Scott Alessandro '96), with many other brothers in attendance, and found himself wishing we had more days like that all together. He concludes, “Wishing you all many blessings, great peace, and much love.”

► 1998

Josh Spitalnik is celebrating his tenth wedding anniversary to wife Heather this September. His oldest son, Mason, recently turned 5, and is starting kindergarten this September. Youngest son Ethan just turned 2 in September and will be starting nursery school. Josh also became a partner at his law firm about a year and a half ago, practicing construction and commercial law. [Josh's handle is spitty1999@yahoo.com](mailto:spitty1999@yahoo.com).



Jason Cho sends along his best from the Washington D.C. area omicron alumni pictured above. They met back in January in the latest of an ongoing series of gatherings organized by Jason. Jason gave an update on the renovation project at Edgemoor and the current activities of the alumni association. Newly elected chapter president, Bryan Harriott '17, who just graduated from the inaugural High Alpha Summit, updated the group on the chapter and provided a current view on campus life on The Hill. Jason lives at jjcseven@gmail.com.

► 2004

Ron Peck and his wife, Corrine, happily report that they are expecting their first child in October. Otherwise he says things are fairly normal living the classic suburban lifestyle outside Boston. You can reach Ron at rep117@gmail.com.

► 2008

Alex “Baba” Aidun tells us that he has been very involved with the renovation of Edgemoor in his role as the Chairman of the House Furnishing Committee. This has involved working for months with the undergrads and alumni in deciding how best to use and furnish the House's new common spaces and living quarters. In addition to choosing and ordering all the necessary furnishings and equipment, his responsibilities ultimately grew to take the lead in the process of efficiently moving out of Omicron's temporary quarters at ZBT's Edgecliff and moving into the renovated Chapter House.

“Baba” says he really appreciates all the help and hard work he experienced from the alumni and especially the undergrads who shouldered the bulk of the physical activity involved in the move-out and move-in process. He has really enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many dedicated brothers from several generations and have a chance to give back to the organization that has meant so much to him over the years. You can reach Baba at bobuel@gmail.com.

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