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COVER STORY: UNDER REVIEW

By Sandy Gilbert '62

It

is disappointing to report that the Omicron Chapter is currently under suspension by the University for alleged hazing violations during spring Rush. The current Alpha, Max Wulff '19, has been fully cooperating with both the University's OSFL staff and the IFC, but it appears it will be sometime before the situation is resolved. Alumni president, Rick Meigs '80, will inform our alumni of the outcome of the review process as soon as a decision is reached.



Sandy Gilbert

On a much brighter note, a lot has happened at Edgemoor since the Grand Opening back in September of 2015. The ongoing renovation has seen the staining of the rear decking to match the traditional siding on the building and the second and third floor bathrooms have been refurbished and retrofitted with a more efficient venting system. Thanks to the leadership of Beth Mezitt '64 and the generosity of some '60's era wives, the renovation of the first floor Ladies Room is nearly completed.

The Omicron Capital Campaign to continue the renovation of the Chapter House has now passed \$2.9 million including alumni pledges, The Brother Bonds Program and the undergraduates' contribution making it the largest fraternity funding effort in recent Cornell history. The rate of compliance on alumni pledges is also a landmark accomplishment as over 95% of all pledges have been paid to date.

As requested by many of our contributing alumni, the Edgemoor Ten Year Plan that has been in development since the Grand Opening will soon be available on the House website. In the meantime, here are some highlights from the plan:

The former ISWZA Alumni Association has been reorganized into two separate Boards, ISWZA, Inc. and the

Omicron Alumni Association. The restructuring was suggested by the National Lambda Chi Headquarters as a means to insulate and protect the Edgemoor property in the event of any litigation that might arise from activities at the House. It was felt this move was especially important for Omicron given the major investment we have made to upgrade the facility.

The creation of ISWZA, Inc effectively makes this Board the landlord for the Chapter House. Other advantages of the reorganization include allowing Board members to better focus on the repair and ongoing maintenance of the building and grounds and making it easier to recruit new alumni Board members with a less inclusive, more precise job description.

The ISWZA, Inc. Board includes the following alumni:

Doug Levens '92 President
Phil Prigmore '69 Vice President
Chris Turner '95 Secretary/Treasurer

In their attempt to continue to upgrade Edgemoor, ISWZA, Inc. has signed a one year agreement with the Telluride Association to rent the House during the summer for their student education program that will net \$15,000 to \$20,000 in income. If the relationship works well for both parties, the contract will be extended for other summers to build up funding that will be used to open the new bathrooms on the second and third floors. Obviously, this was not an easy decision to make with the many Omicrons who have enjoyed staying in the House over the summer. However, with the prospect of expediting the improvement of the House, even the undergraduates supported the concept and acknowledged that it is a prudent move.

The new Omicron Alumni Association will assume the remaining duties and services not performed by landlord ISWZA, Inc. This includes:

- Promoting fellowship and social interaction among our alumni
- Handling alumni communication like *The Oracle*, *President's Letters* and event announcements for Homecoming and Reunion
- Managing Homecoming and Reunion events

- Overseeing the annual dues process and raising any other necessary funding
- Maintaining periodic contact between alumni Board members and our interns (undergraduate officers)

The Board for the Omicron Alumni Association currently consists of the following alumni:

Rick Meigs '80
President

Mark Fernau '82
Treasurer/Secretary

Alex Aidun '06
Event Manager

Jason Cho '98
Communications Director

Joe Willis '72
Property Manager

The primary funding for the Omicron Alumni Association will come from alumni dues and services performed for ISWZA, Inc. like snow plowing and needed repairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All alumni should note the following important 2017 events at Edgemoor:

Reunion: June 8-11

Homecoming: October 21-22 (The Brown Game)

More details about House activities for Reunion and Homecoming will be announced shortly and we hope many of you will plan to return to campus for at least one of these popular events.



Edgemoor at Twilight

MENTORING OPPORTUNITY:

The undergraduates are very interested in learning about career opportunities from our alumni. To facilitate this process, the High Rho, Sam Marchildon '18, is putting together a database on alumni work experiences so undergrads know who to contact about advice on potential jobs and career choices.

If you would like to participate, either as a career contact or just as an advisor with a set written statement about how to enter your industry, please register for the database at the following link:
<https://airtable.com/shrwrF5epD39Mlvz2>. ❖

CORNELL TODAY: A NEW PRESIDENT AND OTHER CAMPUS JOTTINGS

By Stephen Ashley '62

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artha Pollack, currently Provost at the University of Michigan, was elected by the Cornell Board of Trustees in November 2016 to be Cornell's 14th



Stephen Ashley

President. She will assume office on campus in mid-April 2017. Her scholarly work has been in computing science and information, and she is described by Hunter Rawlings as "an absolutely top-flight administrator". We often think of Cornell as being large, complex and at times, unwieldy. Those adjectives could be applied to the University of Michigan, only more so. More on Martha at a later point.

Hunter Rawlings III, has once again given Cornell and its various constituencies exemplary service and leadership. He has led during this interim period with strength, vision and humor. A recent example of his leadership is his message to the Cornell community following the President of the United States' Executive Order on immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States from seven predominantly Muslim nations. Given Cornell's global diversity – more than a fifth of Cornell's students come from countries from outside the U.S. and students and faculty are involved in programs throughout the world – Hunter's statement acknowledges "assistance and unwavering support" and further states that Cornell will "not compromise its admissions or hiring standards of excellence and will continue to solicit, accept and process applications from international students from around the world including from the impacted countries." The recent Trustee Meeting highlighted some of the issues of our students and visiting faculty who are impacted by the Executive Order and the campus climate in which this is playing. At this meeting, the Trustees were introduced to Ahmed Ahmed, a Cornell senior who was recently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. Ahmed will study chemistry for



two years at Oxford. He was born in Somalia to a single mother and has expressed his love for Cornell and the great opportunities it has provided for him. He also stands as testimony to Hunter Rawling's policy.

The foregoing is a logical segue to the announcement of Vijay Pendakur as the new Staley Dean of Students. Vijay took office January 1, 2017 following a long tenure by Kent Hubbell, who is well known to the Brothers of Lambda Chi over the past 15 years. The search for Vijay was competitive and open, which means that the candidates were made known to the campus community and were given the opportunity to present themselves to various constituencies. Vijay has had student affairs positions at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, DePaul University and California State University – Fullerton. He has indicated three major goals to work on in his tenure at Cornell:

- Enhance Cornell's commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Be an advocate for students within the administration.
- Create a cohesive, healthy and safe student experience at Cornell.

He undertakes his responsibilities at a time when students are engaged with questions of dignity, inclusion, free speech and educational opportunity.

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GREEK LIFE: MORE STAFF SUPPORT

By Ralph Wilhelm '67

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ever-changing landscape of Greek Life at Cornell can be dizzying to follow even from “inside the tent”. Our intent with this column is to clarify that understanding as best we can.



Ralph Wilhelm

As many of you know, Travis Apgar, Cornell's Senior Associate Director of Campus & Community Engagement for Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living, gave notice to the University near the end of December that he would be taking a job at RPI as the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Life. He began this new role in mid-January. Travis had a significant and positive impact on Greek Life at Cornell and we'll all miss him greatly. But as he moves onto a new and challeng-

ing RPI position, we must also.

Kara Miller in the OFSIL office has taken over the lead as the Interim Director of Sorority and Fraternity Life. Kara has been at Cornell for approximately ten years, so the office is clearly in very capable hands. A search committee will kick off shortly in a matter of a few weeks with the intent of looking nationally for a new permanent leader to step into the position. Expectations are for interviews to take place this spring and a decision to be made in time for the new person to take the position for the fall 2017 semester. (Note, job description can be found here: https://cornell.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/CornellCareerPage/job/Ithaca-Main-Campus/Director-of-Sorority-and-Fraternity-Life_WDR-00010038)

As some of you might also know, the OFSIL office and Travis were in the midst of leading a “Pursuit of Excellence,” aka ‘Greek Review,’ of the Cornell Greek system and more specifically its processes, procedures, and pro-

grams. The intent was to focus on the things we did well & improve them, along with the items that we struggled with and thus find ways to make them work better and more effectively. Much of the work has been on going through a variety of sub-committees. As a result of Travis leaving, this effort will be put on hold at the end of February. The intent is to have the new Director of Sorority & Fraternity Life decide on how to restart this effort after he or she gets on campus in the fall.

Concurrent to this Pursuit of Excellence review, the University under the direction of Dr. Joe Burke's office (Executive Director, Campus and Community Engagement, and Kara Miller's direct supervisor), has initiated a review of the Judicial process on campus. This has started and will be wrapped up with a series of recommendations made to Dr. Ryan Lombardi by the end of March/first part of April. The scope of this effort covers the span of all individual students and groups on campus, not just Greek Life. The objective is to enable a more efficient, consistent, and transparent judicial system on campus.

Our new Dean of Students, Dr. Vijay Pendakur, started on January 3, 2017. He is a peer to Joe Burke and also reports to Ryan Lombardi. I have not had the pleasure yet of meeting him, but his credentials (Cal State Fullerton as Assoc. VP; DePaul, Wisconsin-Madison) fit very well for the position at Cornell.

The ties between the Student and Campus Life Division (Lombardi, Burke, Pendakur, Kara Miller) continues to strengthen with the Alumni Affairs and Development arm of the University (Fred Van Sickle, VP Alumni Affairs & Development; Jim Mazza (Sr. VP), Ben Renberg (Sr. Assoc. VP). This alignment has given support for a number of new initiatives:

CUVolunteer: (<https://givegab-cornell-alumni.herokuapp.com>) An excellent on-line site where Cornell grads can input skills, abilities, and interests and can see over a thousand Cornell volunteer activities that exist, Greek and otherwise.

CALC or Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference: (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/calc/>) Held every February on the East Coast to allow alums to network, learn, volunteer, and interact with staff, students, and alumni. Held most recently in Baltimore with approx. 750 in



attendance and scheduled for Feb 2-3, 2018 in Philadelphia.

Note that CALC at the beginning of Feb 2017 supported a first annual Greek Alumni reception that attracted over 90 alums and students. Highly recommended to enable Greek alums to gather with staff and students to become more aware of progress and issues on campus.

Leadership Summit: A new initiative where a small group of university-wide leaders meet three times per year to discuss best practices and benchmarking in leadership across all organizations. This initiative will result in various pilots and educational endeavors to teach basics and best practices of volunteer leadership.

Andrew Dickson White Annual Summit for Greeks: (http://events.cornell.edu/event/greek_andrew_dickson_white_annual_summit_for_greeks) Our fifth annual Greek Summit will take place at the Statler Sept 15-17, 2017. A great way to network and learn about Greek issues on campus from alums, staff, and undergraduates.

Also for transparency, it is probably best for me to indicate that I continue to serve on the Fraternity Sorority Advisory Council and also the Student and Campus Life Advisory Council, both of which work with Ryan Lombardi. While not the only organizations that I am involved with on campus, these two Councils provide me the fortunate advantage of getting more information directly from the senior leaders on campus, a real help to listen, learn, and occasionally comment.

I was on campus on February 28 to March 2 to meet with undergraduates, staff, faculty and alums. The primary reason for this mid-week trip is to meet with undergraduate Greek leaders and also other student leaders and due to the mid-week timing, be able to attend their Executive Board meetings of the Tri-Council. Our subsequent trip was March 17-18 for the spring Omicron Board meetings and the focus was primarily be on Omicron undergraduates and alumni.

As always, I'd be pleased to answer your comments and questions. My "door" is always open and you can reach me at RalphWilhelm1@gmail.com or (317) 508-6866. ❖



PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CHALLENGING TIMES

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the current High Alpha at Omicron I must unfortunately report that the Chapter has been suspended by the University for an alleged hazing violation during spring Rush. As of this writing, we are unaware of the

exact nature of the alleged infraction, but are working with both the University's OFSL staff and the IFC to resolve the situation. We will relay the outcome as soon as a decision is reached.



Max Wulff '19

Being new in this position, let me tell you a little about my background. I grew up in central New York State in the lake town of Skaneateles near Syracuse and graduated from Skaneateles High School. I have been around Cornell all my life

while growing up as both my parents are alumni. Add my interest in a technical education in engineering and the ability to take a wide range of classes outside my major and Cornell was the clear choice for me. My major in the Engineering School is Operations Research and Information Engineering.

I joined Lambda Chi because I connected very well with the brothers I met and was impressed with their on-campus activity and the amount of philanthropy that Lambda Chi undertakes. I feel like I have found a

OMICRON FACT BOX: Spring 2017

High Alpha	Max Wulff '19
High Beta.....	Aaron Goldberg '18
High Theta	Karan Desai '18
High Gamma	Conrad Perez '19
High Epsilons	Eric Chen '19
.....	Jack Pertschuk '19
High Kappas.....	Jason Weinberg '17
.....	Matt Kim '17
High Tau.....	Jonny Augarten '19
High Rho.....	Sam Marchildon '18
High Delta.....	Leo Andriuk '19
High Phi	Ege Mihmanli '17
High Iotas	Adam Macioszeck '19
.....	Noah Goodman '19
High Sigma.....	Sam Tellier '19
High Mu	Cole Thienes '19
Steward	Jake Friedenberf '19
Jock	Josh Calka '18
Standards	Drew Mathews '18
Representatives.....	Jarrett Goodness '17
.....	Jeremy Harper '19
.....	Jason Weinberg '17

home here at Edgemoor.

I have always enjoyed the outdoors and am an active skier, wake boarder and sailor. I also enjoy traveling to see new places around the world. At the House, I played goalie on both our intramural soccer teams this past fall.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The other members of our current officer team are shown in the Fact Box: This fall the House performed 580 hours of community service, collected 280 pounds of food to donate to Feeding America and collected \$500 to donate to various brother supported charities.

This spring we hope to be able to host our second annual Dogs for Dogs hot dog eating contest to help support the local SPCA.

On the social front, we hosted a number of events during the fall semester including some sorority mixers and our now famous foam party.

Although we did not win any championships this fall, we did field teams in flag football, men's soccer, co-ed soccer, co-ed water polo and basketball. Our flag football and co-ed soccer teams made good runs into the playoffs.

As part of the Edgemoor Leadership Foundation, we recently held Alumni Day where a number of recent graduates hosted a workshop to help our undergrads with resumes and tips for finding jobs. A highlight of the session was Alex Aidun's '08 talk on "The First Five Years After College". This is part of Alex's ongoing work on behalf of the Matthew Patrick Omans' Memorial Committee providing information about mental health. His work has now been recognized by the university and he recently addressed over 800 undergraduate students at Bailey Hall as the Keynote speaker in Cornell's Delta Series for new members of both the Panel and the Inter-Fraternity Councils.

Along with the other Omicron officers, I am pleased to announce that we enjoyed a successful spring Rush with the addition of the nineteen new Associate Members shown above. The House owes a great deal to Rush Chairs Leo Andriuk '19 and Nikita Dubnov '17 who spearheaded this important effort.



Listed alphabetically our new Associate members are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>COLLEGE/Major</u>
Judah Bertolotti '20	Fort Myers, FL	Human Ecology
Mark Brenner '19	Clifton Park, NJ	ILR
Jonny Corollo '20	Marblehead, MA	CALS
Anirudh Chitale '20	Bloomfield, MI	Arts
Angie Cudeck '20	Buffalo, NY	CALS
Philip Garbarini '20	Pleasantville, NY	CALS
Nicky Kacena '20	Glencoe, IL	AEM
Max Kester '20	Bronxville, NY	Engineering
Joo Hyung Lee '19	Bayside, NY	CALS
William Lithen '20	Lynbrook, NY	CALS
Michael May '20	Auburn, NY	CALS
Trevor Mills '20	Melbourne, FL	CALS
James Motyl '19	Skaneateles, NY	ILR
Josh Nathanson '20	Needham, MA	Arts
Philip Nicklin '19	Mahopac, NY	CALS
John Rutkauskas '20	Hinsdale, IL	CALS
Matthew Spoth '20	Clarence, NY	CALS
William Tower '19	Redding, CT	Arts
Clark Uhl '19	Marblehead, MA	Engineering

I am also very pleased to announce that our House GPA is currently 3.40, up from 3.33 in the last Oracle President's Report.

On behalf of the undergraduate brothers, I want to thank the many alumni who continue to donate to the ongoing upgrade of Edgemoor and extend an invitation to you all to stop by and see us on your next visit to campus or the Ithaca area. ❖

TRAVEL NUGGETS: MORE THAN HOLLAND

By Alan Fridkin '65

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hy visit the Netherlands? With a land area about 10% bigger than Maryland, there is plenty to see and do in this small kingdom. Of its 12 provinces only two share the name Holland

(North and South). My first experience with the country was thanks to the U.S. Navy. I am glad I am no longer war gaming World War III in a room with covered windows. Most of the Dutch I met back then had a great sense of humor and were pleasant companions. Thirty years later, it is still an enjoyable destination. There are more than a dozen reasons to visit:

Almost everyone speaks English. They tend to prefer Americans to Brits. Dutch, by the way, is a very

difficult language. But learn a few words and earn some respect.

Public transportation is amazingly efficient. You can easily go anywhere in the country by train, bus or bike and there are excellent connections to neighboring countries (Belgium, Germany and France.) It is a great place to start or end a River Cruise. See my prior article.

Dutch food is wholesome and a bit dull. But this nation of traders relishes variety. Count on wonderful Indonesian restaurants and everything from Argentine Steakhouses to Spanish Tapa Bars, Egyptian, Ethiopian, Greek, Thai and Indian restaurants in the larger and college cities. While Dutch beer is excellent, unforgettable Belgian Monastic Ales are also on offer.

Amsterdam is a world class city and worthy of an extend-

ed visit for its museums, architecture, music, night life, shopping and history.

There are dozens of small and medium sized towns and cities worth your attention. My favorites include Delft, Haarlem, Leiden and Utrecht.



Keukenhof Gardens

Flowers are a major industry in the Netherlands. If you can be here during the short season when Keukenhof Gardens are open, you will never forget the acres and acres of tulips in every color that can be imagined. The daily wholesale flower auction in Aalsmeer, near Schiphol Airport is the largest in the world-and open to the public.

The dikes, polders and windmills, ancient and modern, are an engineering marvel. Much of the country is below or barely at sea level. The Dutch have kept the sea at bay and are experts in technology we will need as the oceans rise. Interesting tours are readily available.

Belgium was once part of the Netherlands. The beautiful Flemish cities of Bruges, Ghent and Antwerp are easy to visit as nearby overnight attractions.

Schipol Airport/Amsterdam is a very agreeable hub with a train station right in the airport.

There are excellent accommodations at every price point. Tourist information bureaus in every town and city offer excellent maps, local guides and advice on how to enjoy their corner of the world.

Since it is a small country, it can be ideal for a relatively short vacation. The country is a monarchy with a very popular royal family. There are three royal palaces in the country. Our favorite, and worthy of an overnight excursion, is Het Loo in Apeldoorn. Let me know if I can help you further with your trip! ❖



Alan Fridkin



Delft

HORT SENSE: THE REDBUDS WELCOME SPRING!

By R. Wayne Mezitt '64

Look anywhere in early spring through the Eastern USA and you'll see them everywhere: the redbuds! *Cercis canadensis*, the eastern redbud, is a most prolific understory tree, native from Connecticut into Florida and west to Oklahoma, and winter hardy



Wayne Mezitt

into central New England. Few woody trees put on such a spectacular display every year just as spring is getting underway. For us New Englanders redbuds are less commonly seen, except in planted gardens/landscapes, and that's a shame.

Maturing in the Northeast to reach about 25 ft. high, redbuds are low- and wide-branching with attractive grey trunks/stems and angular twigs, thriving in full sun or part shade. Profuse clusters of small pea-like

flowers emerge all along the branches before the foliage appears, lasting a week or more and imparting a uniquely-stunning floral effect. Distinctive seedpods follow the flowers in mid-summer, turning brown as they mature and often persisting all winter, set in motion by the wind.

In addition to the common native tree, look for named cultivars with lavender, white, pink or near-red flowers; most are sufficiently winter-hardy to perform well in our Zone 6 gardens. Rounded, heart-shaped leaves are clean and typically turn yellow in autumn before dropping. Green leaves are standard for the species, but a range of more colorful and often spectacular red, yellow/multicolored and variegated cultivars are now becoming more widely available.

The last several years have witnessed a dazzling array of new redbud cultivars coming on the market. 'Forest Pansy' became commonly available only about twenty years ago to impress us with its dark flowers and unique purple-red spring foliage. Soon thereafter the weeping cultivar 'Covey' (also known as 'Lavender Twist') was discovered, patented and introduced by Ohio nurseryman Tim Brotzman; this has characteristic green leaves and purple flowers, but its distinctly pendulous branching was unique among the hardy redbuds.



Cercis 'Appalachian Red'

More recently, intensive breeding and selection has produced some very exciting newer cultivars, most of which are now available or will be appearing over the next few years at local garden centers:

- **'Alba'**: this is the white-flowering form of the species, green foliage;
- **'Appalachian Red'**: intense fuchsia-pink flowers, as near-red as any cultivar; green foliage;
- **'Black Pearl'**: semi-dwarf growing with extremely dark purple foliage all summer;
- **'Burgundy Hearts'**: rosy-purple flowers, red-purple new leaves turn wine-red burgundy during summer through fall;
- **'Hearts of Gold'**: neon-yellow foliage all summer, best color in full sun;
- **'Little Woody'**: compact and slow growing, about a foot a year to less than 12 ft. at maturity;
- **'Royal White'**: abundant pure white flowers, a bit more compact than the species;
- **'Ruby Falls'**: weeping with purple foliage; compact and slow growing, undulating along the ground, or stake to form a small weeping tree;
- **'The Rising Sun'**: perhaps the most spectacular foliage of all: a continuing combo of pumpkin-orange-red new foliage that turns lime-green in summer and bright yellow-orange in fall;
- **'Whitewater'**: a new weeping form with green-white-splashed variegated foliage;
- chinensis **'Don Ego'**: the most profuse-flowering cultivar available: every stem is covered with clusters of lavender-pink flowers!

Redbuds belong in every landscape. They are prized not only for their early, "harbinger-of-spring" flowers, but also their significant summer and autumn appeal. And with so many enticing new colors and forms now becoming available, they are a worthy choice to add to the enjoyment of your yard. ❖

THE WINE RACK: Best Affordable Wines of 2016

By Sandy Gilbert '62

In the December-January issue of *Wine Spectator Magazine* the editors named their choices of the top 100 wines of 2016 based on a review of over 18,000 wines released during the year. As you can imagine, many of the wines on the list cost \$100.00 or more a bottle at retail.

However, looking through the list, I did find some very interesting wines that carry impressive ratings at affordable prices. As always, I define an affordable price as \$20.00 or less. It should also be noted that I only selected wines that were produced at a quantity of at least 10,000 or more cases so you would have a reasonable chance of finding them at your local wine merchant.

The following wines are well worth trying:

REDS:

VINA MONTES Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valley Classic Series 2014

This wine is a robust everyday drinking wine that is a Cabernet/Merlot blend from one of Chile's leading wineries. It carries a 90 rating and only costs \$13.00.

ST. - COSME Cotes du Rhone 2015

Made from 100% Syrah grapes, this tasty French red comes from a fourteenth generation wine maker. It carries a 91 rating and is priced at \$16.00

CHARLES SMITH Riesling Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley Kung Fu Girl Evergreen 2015

Inspired by a scene from the film 'Kill Bill,' this lively, fruit-centered wine is aged on its lees for two months in stainless steel barrels. It retails at \$13.00 and carries a 90 rating.

M. CHAPOUTIER Cotes du Roussillon-Villages Les Vignes de Bila-Haut 2014

This wine is a blend of biodynamically farmed Syrah, Grenache and Carignan hand harvested, destemmed grapes. It is given a 90 rating and is priced at \$15.00.

BODEGA NORTON Malbec Mendoza Reserva 2014

This rich and intense red is from one of Argentina's leading wineries known for both quality and value. It is aged for 12 months in French oak barrels and is rated



at 90 points and priced at \$19.00.

WHITES:

KONO Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2015

This wine is a benchmark of the successful and distinctive New Zealand style Sauvignon Blanc. It is described as having "juicy, aromatic and smooth passion fruit, mango and green apple flavors." Priced at \$12.00, it has a 90 rating.

ROBERTO ANSEMI Veneto White San Vincenzo 2015

This Veneto white is a blending of the local Garganega grape with equal parts Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. It is described as being creamy and fresh. It is priced at \$18.00 with a 90 point rating.

KORBEL Brut California Organic Grapes NV

Korbel created this bottling to showcase its organic growing program. Made mostly from a blend of 2014 French Colombard, Sangiovese and Chardonnay grapes, the reviewers report that it is hard to argue with the quality or value of this sparkling white. The wine carries a 90 rating and retails for \$14.00.

JEAN PERRIER & FILS Savoie Apremont Cuvee Gastronomie 2015

This cuvee, bottled by the Perrier family, is made from the Savoie variety Jacquere which makes a herbaceous, high acid white wine. Priced at \$16.00, it is given a 90 rating.

D. KOURTAKIS Assyrtiko Santorini Greek Wine Cellars 2014

Created by the Kourtakis family one of the largest wine producers in Greece, this white wine is noted for its versatility, with citrus and mineral flavors. The wine costs \$20.00 and is given a 90 rating.

OBITUARIES

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

Charles R. Brooks '57

May 21, 2015

John F. Spencer '54

April 20, 2016

Walter J. Dockerill Jr. '51

June 12, 2016

Nikos D. Thomaidis '54

November 1, 2016

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A major topic of discussion and planning at Trustee Meetings has been student housing. Cornell has maintained a commitment to house all freshmen students on North Campus. Funds were raised for the construction of new dormitories and together with – Balch, Clara Dickson and Mary Donlon – this was accomplished. At the same time, the former University halls were demolished and the new West Campus houses were created. The current situation is that less than half of Cornell students are able to be housed in University-owned housing (including University-owned Greek houses). There is growing frustration on the part of students and parents for the lack of adequate and safe housing (for those of us who lived in college town for part of our careers – you know whereof I speak), and this leads to a scramble at the beginning of the academic year for housing for the following academic year. Additionally, the student enrollment is increasing, and there is every likelihood that the next five years will see further increases as we are currently turning away many very worthy students.

The administration, led by Ryan Lombardi, Vice President for Student Services, is orchestrating the planning group addressing these issues. This group includes the Executive Vice President for Finance and Budget, the Provost and obviously leadership from University Facilities. Undoubtedly, there will be several options.....

presented to Trustees, but one theme that seems to thread through the discussions is a proposal to house sophomores.

These discussions will have significant importance to the Greek community as student interests and preferences are evaluated as well as cost. I would expect that over the course of the next year, the planning will be accelerated. Stay tuned.

A last item of breaking news, Cornell’s College of Business received a \$150 million donation from Fisk Johnson and the S.C. Johnson Company. This gift includes a \$50 million one-for-three match, thus the potential for a \$300 million endowment to be used to support the activities of the Johnson Graduate School, the Dyson School and the Hotel School. The Johnson family has been remarkable in its support of Cornell over multiple generations. As I write this, I am told that the applications to the undergraduate components of the College of Business are “exceeding all expectations”. The Dyson School will probably have an admit rate of less than 4%.

The coming months promise to be very energizing for Cornell – the installation of Martha Pollack as President and the opening of the Cornell Tech Campus on Roosevelt Island in New York City. I look forward to bringing you more on both topics. ❖



THE RECIPE BOX: Salsa Cheese Dip

By Sandy Gilbert '62

This is a very easy dish to make that is guaranteed to please your guests. Whenever we serve it, three things happen:

everyone likes it, the dish is quickly emptied and people ask for the recipe. Now it is yours to enjoy.

DIRECTIONS:

Press the cream cheese into the bottom of a 9 inch pie plate and spread to cover the surface

Cover the cream cheese with the salsa

Sprinkle the four cheese mix to cover the salsa

Microwave the salsa dip for five minutes until the top

INGREDIENTS (SERVES FOUR PEOPLE)

8 oz bar of Philadelphia Cream Cheese

15.5 oz jar Tostitos Mild Chunky Salsa

8 oz bag Kraft Shredded Mexican Four Cheese mix

bag of Tostitos scoops (chips)

layer of cheese has melted

Serve with the Tostitos scoops for dipping.

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by Jason Cho '98

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hen “Doc” first came to Cornell 65 years ago, he was full of energy, intellect, and passion for the fraternity, serving in the role nowadays known as the “Educational Leadership Consultant.” The excitement level was palpably asymmetrical, as the minutes of October 14, 1952 show: *Brother Haibt introduced Brother George Dirghalli, Travelling Secretary for the National Fraternity, to the House. He then gave the Treasurer’s report in the absence of Brother Ready.* But Doc remembered those visits fondly.



“Doc” Dirghalli

Later he would recall the generosity and hospitality of the brothers, and the “real warmth” he felt for Omicron.

He was not yet “The Reverend S. George ‘Doc’ Dirghalli,” giant of Lambda Chi Alpha, named in the same breath as Ernst Fischer and Jack Mason. He was Epsilon-Mu 270, newly graduated of the University of Florida. After serving in the Navy in the South Pacific during the war, he had intended on a medical career; he had become president of one pre-med honor society and founder of another, and earned degrees in biology and psychology. But he had also become the chapter’s social chairman, secretary, and vice president, committeeman on pledge training and scholarship programs and rush planning, and distinguished leader of the ritual team. In the end, it made more sense to become a full-time Lambda Chi. So he did. Plus they let him keep the nickname.

He excelled in that role, and others— scholar of the ritual, missionary, chaplain— not merely because he could recite rubrics and policies with vehemence. He had a gift for connecting with people, not instructing them, but enlightening them; not inspiring goodness, but godliness. If he could get college boys to think seri-

ously about the right path, perhaps other souls could benefit as well, and thus lay the path to seminary. When he renewed his warm associations with Omicron, it was as the Episcopal chaplain at Cortland, after his ordination in 1964.

He would say, in later years, that there is no such thing as coincidence, and indeed, the timing was providential. In addition to the usual discussions about house maintenance and pledge discipline, talks with the High Pi were leading to discussions about the Vietnam War, the civil rights movement, and the future of fraternities amidst campus turmoil and changing social mores. As a patient mentor, Doc would steer our chapter, and later, all of Lambda Chi Alpha by reminding us of our values, embodied in our ritual and emblems. He never minced words— a few years ago he once told a prominent Omicron “your meetings would run a lot better if you used [the F-word] less.” But any rebuke always came from an honest friendship, and he shared them not just with officers and notable alumni, but to anyone in the chapter.

Of course, we helped him with a thing or two as well. After seminary, he had thought himself a confirmed bachelor. While working at Cortland, however, he had become enraptured by a young woman he had met. And sometimes his conversations with Randy Parker '68, the steward, would stray from budgets and officer reviews to matters of love and relationships. Early in the spring of 1967, Randy became High Alpha, and later that spring, Doc would marry Kira Siewert, the love of his life. Later still, he would officiate at the wedding of Randy and his wife, Jennifer. A generation later, he would officiate at the wedding of their daughter, the culmination of a lifelong friendship.

Omicron Zeta nominated Doc for the Grand High Zeta in 1968, where he would serve 14 years, including a term as international president. Throughout these years and his retirement, he maintained his close ties to Omicrons. He was back to dedicate the recognition plaque for Ernst J.C. Fischer '10— Grandpa Fischer to his children, Elisabeth and Stefan— and always in touch with visits, letters, and a warm handshake at Conclave or General Assembly— or our chapter Initiation. He returned at last for the chapter’s Centennial, delivering a moving invocation where he declared that our brotherhood was worthy, that the serendipitous

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first Mug and Jug had been, in fact, ordained by God. It was no idle platitude. At least, he had always treated us, individually and collectively, as part of a divine plan.

Doc Dirghalli passed away on October 29, 2016, 64 years to the month from his first, forgotten, encounter with Omicron Zeta, and 3 years from his last, which we shall never forget.

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CREEN TEST: (Excerpted from Beth Saulnier's Currents article in the November/December 2016 *Cornell Alumni Magazine*)



Jonathan Turell '81

Jonathan Turell, a former history major and High Alpha in his days at Edgemoor, grew up in the film distribution business as the son of an owner of Janus, the venerable distributor that brought international classics like "The Seventh Seal," "La Strada" and "Yojimbo" to American audiences.

After graduation, he went to work for his dad at Janus in the early eighties during the dawn of both home video and national cable TV channels, some of which focused on classic films. It was Jonathan's job to travel around the country buying back the rights to films they'd sold in individual TV syndication markets so they could be resold to national channels. This gave him a crash course in a niche of movie distribution.

One day a colleague showed him "Citizen Kane" on laserdisc, the twelve inch, optically read platters that were then state-of-the-art in home video quality and pointed out something remarkable in the opening sequence of the film. As the camera travels throughout the Kane estate and into the bedroom of the dying magnate, the light never changes. The way Orson Wells shot it, the light always seems to come from the same place. Jonathan thought this was really cool and says he was fasci-

nated by how laserdisc technology allowed the viewer to have a more intimate relationship with the film through freeze frame, slow motion and the addition of supplemental materials like scripts and story boards.

Since the mid-eighties, Jonathan has been a partner and CEO of Criterion, the creator of extensively curated editions of what he calls "exemplary" movies that are outstanding examples of their genres. Not surprising, "Citizen Kane" went on to become Criterion's first release in 1984. The company's repertoire runs the gamut from highbrow classics to "Repro Man", "The Fisher King" and "Eraserhead". They released the original "Ghostbusters" on laserdisc and did a DVD of the beloved mockumentary, "This is Spinal Tap", with commentary from director Rob Reiner and three of the actors in the film. Criterion's current offerings include the 1964 sci-fi flick "Robinson Crusoe on Mars", in part because it was one of Jonathan's dad's favorites.

Jonathan says "Our mission is to present movies as filmmakers want them to be seen." Criterion's packages include the best possible print of a film in terms of visual quality, but they also include a variety of other features that appeal to film audiences. For example, their Blu-Ray version of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 thriller, "The 39 Steps", carries not only a high definition restoration of the film, but added audio commentary by a Hitchcock scholar, a documentary on the director's pre-war career, a 1966 TV interview with Hitchcock, the broadcast of a radio adaptation and original production design drawings. "In many ways," Jonathan reflects, "I like the details of filmmaking as much as the films themselves."

Over the years as laserdisc gave way to DVD, Blu-Ray and online video demand, Criterion entered the growing streaming market as an add-on to Hulu Plus subscriptions. As of this fall, it is migrating to Film Struck, Turner Classic Movies' new streaming channel. Members will have access in any given month to more than 300 Criterion movies and a premium subscription to Film Struck's Criterion Channel will offer the company's entire streaming catalogue with prominent directors serving as guest curators. Jonathan says, "We are media agnostic and all about content and the best way to present it."

The Omicron Oracle congratulates Jonathan on his exciting film career at Criterion. You can reach him at turrell@critterion.com. ❖

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► 1960

Curt Curtice tells us that there is a rumor that Bruce Veghte '60 has hired at minimum wage, John Comstock '60 to supervise renovations to Bruce's Adirondack estate which he has reportedly gotten the local taxpayers to fund under the guise of improving historic properties. Since New Yorkers are used to paying taxes for things they don't understand, he'll probably get away with it. Another plus is that John will finally be able to use his extensive engineering skills once again.

Curt also reports that life in Georgia is good. Although the weather has been alternating between hot and frigid, he hasn't had to shovel anything yet. His golf game has suffered, but not as much as his wine cellar which has nearly been emptied due to the inclement weather. Curt says he has been kept very busy as Vice President of his Homeowners Association watching over 736 homes and 17 miles of roads. He has learned a great deal about things like dredging retention ponds, repairing sewer lines and sink holes-not the usual fare for a Cornell Arts student.

He has enjoyed being in touch with several of his Omicron classmates at a summer gathering in the Adirondacks who are still of relatively sound mind and body including Bruce Veghte and John Comstock mentioned above and Carl Igelbrink '59, Pete Saderholm '60, Bill Fuller '60, John Schneider '58, Wayne Mezitt '64, Steve Ashley '62, Lee Leonard '63 and Tom Shineman '65. It is amazing how much hair still remains among the group although it is of a different shade than it was back in the day at Edgemoor. The conversation was about evenly divided between the coming election and our common medications. You'll find Curt at wtcurtice@aol.com.

► 1962



Lee Manning reports that he and Leslie took advantage of a meeting in the Boston area to begin an overdue trip to the Maine coast and Acadia National Park. The fall colors were spectacular and they enjoyed several nights in a comfortable B and B in Bar

Harbor interspersed with a visit to a cousin he hasn't seen in years. They had a chance to do a bit of real "lobstering" followed by the traditional Maine "Lobstah" and beer dinner shown below. You'll catch Lee at lee.manning@cox.net.

Bob Miller writes to say that he, Katarina and son Tor spent Christmas week in Stockholm visiting family. Tor with his band was traveling through the UK and was then headed to Canada and the Pacific Northwest. Bob says check out Tor's new album "American English" on iTunes or Amazon. It has been very well received on his tour.

Bob continues his interesting work supporting the world movement for democracy and his legal activity at Davidson Dawson in New York. Bob answers at rcmiller@davidsondawson.com.

Chris and Barb '62 Napjus tell us that they did a lot of traveling in 2016 with cruises to Tahiti and Bora Bora and across the Atlantic from Malaga, Spain to Bridgetown, Barbados. Chris says it was a relaxing thirteen-day cruise with only one Port of Call in Funchel, Madiera. Other than that, they saw no cars or planes the entire way-only whales and dolphins. They also had a chance to get back to Europe to visit their new granddaughter in Munich, Germany. Chris lives at cnapjus@verizon.net.

► 1963



Tom Miller sends greetings from Reston, Virginia where he and Dorie enjoy their quiet life and feel they are very lucky to have both their children and grandkids living nearby. After doing their last retirement living analysis, they have decided their home is too centrally located to move and they will retire in place. Along with eight or nine other neighbors who have

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made the same decision, they will have the interior of their house repaired and updated. Before the saw dust flies, they are enjoying making decisions about tile, cabinets, flooring etc.

Tom says he spent a fair amount of time during their 50th reunion talking about model railroading with classmate John Lutz. John is very active running trains on other people's layouts and is very accomplished in operating sessions that simulate running an actual railroad. The conversation with John inspired Tom to get back into the hobby again and he is in the process of building the modest layout in his basement shown on page 15. He thinks he may have convinced Dorie that he is really doing it for the grandkids. He has the basic track work done and is now started on adding structures. He has been able to convert his son's old cars to the new coupler style. The real big difference is that the train engines now have computers installed. This means the old transformers must be replaced with units that talk with the engines. This technology allows multiple engines to be connected together and/or run on the same track with multiple controllers. Old dogs learn new tricks, just not as fast. One grandson likes to throw the switches while another runs the trains. You can signal Tom at tdurhammiller@yahoo.com.

► 1962



Wayne Mezitt as shown above with wife Beth '64 and Janice and Steve Ashley '62, had a great visit to Cuba back in January. They enjoyed the sights, meeting

some interesting locals and seeing all the colorful old American cars on the roads. Wayne lives at waynem@westonnurseries.com.

Jack Hastings reports from Venice, Florida that he and Cathy recently traveled to their daughters and families in Maine, Ohio and California. They were able to attend their granddaughters High School graduations in Cincinnati, Ohio and Bowdoinham, Maine. Granddaughter Melanie attends Notre Dame and Granddaughter Marcey attends Bard College. They also visited his daughter and sister in Carlsbad, California and drove up the coast to celebrate their Anniversary in Monterey. You can reach Jack at allbirdies@comcast.net.

► 1965



John DeWitt tells us that he and Pat drove from Florida to Long Island where they picked up their son John and their two grandsons, Connor and Ryan shown above for a trip through New York State. They spent a few days on both the American and Canadian sides of Niagara Falls and had a chance to experience the Maid of the Mist boat ride. During the trip they also visited the Rochester area and got down to Ithaca and stopped by Edgemoor for a tour. John says that after living in Florida for a few years, he was glad to have a chance to get back to his old stomping grounds in New York though he wouldn't want to be there in the winter. John resides at johndewitt64@gmail.com.

Pat Huston reports that Portland has been virtually immobilized by a foot of snow over eight days which is now turning to slush from steady rain at above freezing temperatures. His wife, Sigrid, has cleverly avoided the situation by heading to Palm Springs for an extended trip. Pat says he will be joining her shortly.

Pat continues his interesting NoseWork with Honor,

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his English Setter, shown above in one of their three successful level 3 elite title attempts. He explains that NoseWork is a sport based on detection dog training (e.g. drug or bomb detection), but the dogs are trained to locate sources of flowering birch, anise, and clove. At the elite NW3 level, each dog must successfully complete searches involving an exterior area, three interior areas or rooms, a variable number of containers and three to five vehicles. A dog and handler team is generally given two to three minutes to find 1 to 3 sources per search, though it is possible that one of the interior rooms may contain none of the odors. The handler doesn't know how many sources, if any, each area contains and must be able to decide when the dog has completely covered the area.

The human half of the team must be able to read the difference in his/her dog's behavior between finding the target odors and other interesting scents like another dog, food or vermin. The container search may involve distracters purposely placed to test the dogs. Some examples of variables that can cause the scent pattern to vary from area to area and team to team are air currents, temperature, length of time since the source was placed, the number of search teams that have been through the test area and the distance between the target sources. You'll find Pat at Huston.p@gmail.com.

Tom Shineman is pleased to report that he and Jan left the New England winter weather for a working vacation in Arizona during February and March. They had

a chance to play plenty of golf, take in some spring training baseball games, attend the Phoenix NASCAR Race and do some sightseeing in the western National Parks. Tom answers at esfusion@sellmoretraining.com.

► 1966

Rich Fleming tells us that last September he and Linda moved from New Jersey after 35 years to the "Deep South" in Richmond, Virginia. He explains that for most "Northerners" anywhere south of the Mason-Dixon Line is the "Deep South." They are enjoying the change both in the weather and the taxes.

Travel has now become a major part of their activities which began with a trip down the Danube last May along with attending the Indianapolis 500 Race. Their son, Seth, is a race engineer for the Ganassi Race Team. They also visited their three children and their families in Wheaton, IL, Indianapolis and Millsboro, DE. Rich can be found at richardlylefleming@gmail.com.

Rick Walsh weighs in from Oneonta to say that he and Ellen had a visit from their son, Kevin, and his family with their grandson, Andrew, who turned one in December. They came in from Redding, California. Rick and Ellen also had a chance to visit their son, Rick and his family in Sunrise, Florida. Things are going well at the Walsh homestead and they both are actively involved in the nearby Community Gospel Church. Rick can be reached at ellenmacwalsh@stny.rr.com.

Paul Williamson reports that he is still busy running Art Sign Works, Inc at www.artsignworks.com, his high-end dimensional sign and plaque manufacturing business. You all will remember that Paul generously donated the front lawn sign and the wall plaques in the first floor common areas of the renovated Edgemoor. He says business is very good for this time of year and he is very excited that they just won three contracts to build park-wide signs for the National Park Service at the Fire Island National Seashore, the New River Gorge National River and the Cabrillo National Monument. He is also working on some really large carved 3-D wall plaques (12 to 16 feet wide) for the U.S. military. Art Sign Works is now the preferred supplier of carved wood signs and plaques for three of the largest commercial sign shop chains, Sign-A-Rama, FastSigns and SignWorld, that total over 1,500 outlets. Paul is most proud, however, of the carved wall plaques that he has made for the White House, the U.S. Congress and over 30 Federal and State courthouses. And the next time you watch "House of Cards" or "The People vs O.J. Simpson" on TV look for some of Paul's 3-D

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wall plaques.

He says he wishes he could retire (for the third time), but he has a tiger by the tail and can't figure how to let go without it eating him. He and Cheryl are looking forward to some vacation time in Tahiti and Bora Bora where he can fine-tune his sailing skills on a cruise on a 60 foot catamaran. You can catch Paul at paul@artsign-works.com.

Thanks to the initiative of Tom Willis, the second gathering of D.C. area Omicrons convened on January 7th at Maggiano's Little Italy in the Tyson's Corner area of the Northern Virginia suburbs. Attending were thirteen Omicrons spanning seven decades of Brotherhood. Once again, Bob McKinless '48 was the Senior brother in residence. Tom and Steve Newpol '68 had a "Haven't seen you since the '60's" encounter and discovered that they both ended up in the D.C. Metro area initially in the same consulting services business. Steve served in the US Army, got an MBA from Cornell, started his career with Anderson Consulting, migrated to telecom and is now happily retired. You'll catch Steve at 5newpol@aol.com. Thanks to Facebook, three walk-ins appeared including Bob Schramm '76 (bob.schramm@me.com), Bo Codella '84 (tomcodella@gmail.com) and Jason Smith '98 (jrs2020@gmail.com). You'll catch Tom at willis431@verizon.net.

► 1969

Warren Lem had a surprise birthday party for his lovely



wife, Lee, pictured third from left, at the Cornell Club in New York. The party was held at the beginning of the Christmas season and the Club made a gingerbread cake in the shape of the Clock Tower at the Uris Library. He said the Club did a great job with

the event and recommends it for special occasions. Warren continues to serve as President of the U.S. Professional Tennis Association Foundation, Inc. where he and Lee volunteer all day at the U.S. Open on Arthur Ashe Kids' Day introducing kids from underprivileged backgrounds to tennis. Warren lives at warrenlem@aol.com.

Alan Shineman, shown above with his wife Genny, on



a recent bike ride, writes to say that all is well in their world. He is traveling to New York City on Fridays to babysit for their first grandson born in October to their daughter Diana '02 who continues her work as a senior scientific director for the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation. He also reports that multiple family members are planning a trip to Europe in August to celebrate their son-in-laws' 40th birthday and other family birthdays and anniversaries. Alan can be found at alan.shineman@gmail.com.

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► 1976



Jim Sollecito tells us that he bicycles in the winter down in The Keys by a group of homeless people in Marathon and they are always friendly. He has waved at them, but not much else over the years. One morning he brought them some goodies from Dunkin Donuts and they were really grateful. Boston Billy, the man pictured with Jim, made the sign of the cross, hugged him and said his

life was not the same since his 28-year-old daughter died many years ago. Jim, who lost his daughter, Hannah '11, back in April of 2016, was very moved by the encounter and says it initiated the first group hug that he ever did with a group of Homeless people. He says that will not be his last visit with them.

Jim headed to Cuba in February to bring some seeds to local organic farmers and to slip in some fly fishing. On last year's trip, he was the first American to legally fly fish in the Bay of Pigs. He didn't stay in the expensive \$350.00 a night hotels, but elected to mingle with the locals and stayed at Casa Particulars for \$35.00 a night in neighborhoods where people actually live. You'll catch Jim in the wintertime at sollsouth@comcast.net.

► 1978

Andre Martecchini tells us that he is still working away at Kleinfelder in Cambridge, Massachusetts doing lots of climate change resiliency work to flood-proof important infrastructure like airports, tunnels and subways. He says it will be interesting to see how federal spending goes in this arena under the new administration. He also took a great sailing trip with a bunch of friends and some family in Croatia sailing 44 foot catamarans down the Dalmatian coast ending up in Dubrovnik where his family has a beautiful historic home on the main square. Andre's sailing adventures will continue this June when he will be racing a sailboat to Bermuda from Marion, Massachusetts. He'll get there just in time to see the America's Cup. He has been in touch with Bob Bocchino '77 who is living in Pittsburgh and working for Oracle. Andre is docked at Amartecchini@kleinfelder.com.

► 1982



Mark Fernau reports that he recently completed the 2017 version of his popular Cornell-Harvard hockey get-togethers with his '80's era Omicron alumni. There was some added drama this year as Mark cleverly avoided being kicked out of the arena after nudging a rinkside cameraman in his sightline by appealing to the cameraman's boss who ordered the cameraman to sit down and stop blocking the Cornell group's view. Score: Cornell alumni 1, Harvard alumni 0. Unfortunately, in the actual game among the undergraduates, Cornell did not fare as well. However, Mark says they saw some good hockey and a good time was had by all. After the game, the group assembled in Harvard Square for appropriate libations. As shown above, those attending were from left to right Bill Stasiuk '80, Mike Lennon '81, Steve Keegan '80, Joe Kane '79, Brian Rooney '80, "MEF" himself, Cliff Manko '80 and Scott Brown '81. The group was also joined by assorted brave spouses. Mark also ran into Scott Weaver '85 whom the group had not seen in years. He was introducing his kids to the Cornell hockey experience. Mark lives at mfernau@ametsoc.org.

► 1995

Mike Filiatrault tells us that he is still at Merck, now working with the Oncology Division. His three boys keep them busy with after school activities including robotics, drums, karate and sports. Mike says that he finally pulled the trigger on an older model Miata and drives it as much as he can. He continues to volunteer for CAAAN and likes to catch up with the Cornell ice hockey team whenever they are playing nearby. Mike resides at trault@gmail.com.



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