



TRADITIONS FELLOW - JACKIE LEWIS

Dear Class of 1964,

First I would like to thank you for your generous donations that funded this scholarship. Without the scholarships that I received to come here my family would not have been able to afford the excellent education that I have received thus far. Growing up in Northern Connecticut, I have adjusted well to the weather and walking that encompass going to school in Ithaca. I grew up on a small farm right on the Massachusetts border with my two younger brothers, my mom Ann and my dad Steve. We began a flock of sheep when I was seven years old, quite the project since both

of my parents grew up in Philadelphia and had never had more than dogs or cats.

This life on the farm spawned my interest in Cornell. I visited with a friend when I was nine and came home insisting that I was going to go to college here. While this fact has never wavered, it took me a few years to realize that Cornell was more than just a pretty college; it was a perfect fit as well. The animal science department here is tops in the nation, and the college maintains the small school atmosphere within a relatively large campus. As an animal science major, my experience has been amazing in my first year. The professors are tops in the nation, especially Prof. Moss in Psych 101, what an amazing class! Since the beginning of the academic year my focus has shifted away from pre-vet into the pre-med field. I hope that this interest will turn into a career in some field of medicine, perhaps surgery or research. I am trying to keep my options open in this regard; I have a few more years to pinpoint exactly what I want to do. This

past semester I was on the Dean's list for my gpa, which is a huge honor, and one not likely to be repeated this semester, I didn't know that chemistry could be such a tough course, but it has turned out to be a real bear this semester.

Outside of school I am involved in several activities. I joined the sailing team in September on a whim; I had sailed competitively when I was younger, but had not done any significant sailing in years. This decision is probably the best one that I have made while at school. My fall consisted of classes and practice during the week with regattas nearly every weekend. Most people never get to sail, but I got to get off campus everyday and spend three hours on Cayuga Lake, it was an amazing experience that I hope to continue for the next three years. During the off-season in sailing we put together a sailing team ice hockey team for bonding purposes. Having never played hockey, I refused to be the worst person on the team and used my winter break to learn

how to skate, and then took up hockey as my gym class this past semester. Needless to say I improved. I was invited to play with the women's Ithaca team the Furies this fall which should be an amazing experience. Hopefully by my senior year I will be good enough to move into the intermediate gym class with the boys who played varsity in high school and surprise them (I am just over 5 foot, not the most imposing hockey players). When not playing sports and studying, I work in the 4-H department at the Tompkins County Extension Office in downtown Ithaca where I am in charge of several of the activities going on at the youth fair this summer.

Again, thank you for your generous contributions. I can not express my thanks enough. I assure you your donations are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jackie Lewis



It has a certain undeniable ring, the Class of 64 turns 64. And that means it's party time! We've planned a get-together for everyone who would like to make the trek to Ithaca to take place Reunion Weekend in June '06. This will be nothing like our "real" reunion, though. That involves more than a year of planning, many mailings, and nearly three days full of events. 64/64 is going to be a simple affair; mailings will consist of only a few emails to those who attended the past two reunions. If you were not an attendee but would like to be on the list, email Bruce Wagner at bdw5@cornell.edu with that information. We will be asking you to let us know via a return email if you can definitely make it to the birthday party, if you hope to, or if you will be celebrating on your own.

Now for the details. 64/64 will take place on June 9 and 10, 2006. Our joint birthday party will be that Saturday evening at the new lakeside home of past class president and current University Trustee Carolyn Chauncey Neuman and her husband John '63. We are all invited for a Saturday evening barbecue where we'll blow out the candles together. Other than that, classmates will meet informally to take advantage of the many campus reunion activities or enjoy excursions in the area such as to a nearby winery. For on-campus accommodations, the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) is a merry bunch of alums of all ages who come back to reunion weekends every year and stay on North Campus at the Holland International Living Center, Low Rise 8. Its package includes a light informal breakfast, as well as late-afternoon refreshments. CRC housing costs about \$40 per night per person, with a \$50 registration fee that includes the button that will get you into all University events and the tent parties. CRC also charges a one-time \$25 initiation fee for those who are new and \$25 yearly dues. For more information on CRC or to sign up, contact Jim Hanchett, Class of '53, at Hanchett@rcn.com. The University also makes dorm housing available at Lyons Hall on West Campus at West and University avenues (limited parking) for \$44 per night per person. Registration is on-site and the reunion button is an additional \$30.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY LINDA COHEN MELTZER

It sure is hard to think of some new variation for this report, so forgive me if it sounds like the same old same old.

As I write this, Thanksgiving is fast approaching, as is our coveted 500 duespayers mark. I am confident that we will again achieve that level of duespayer participation.

This year we have added 18 never-paid-before classmates. Once again we are to be congratulated. Thanks to all of you who have so faithfully supported the class both in past years and in this one.

Paying class dues of \$40 will entitle you to receive a year's subscription to the award-winning *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. You can count on it to be chock full of fascinating and informative articles about the University and the worldwide Cornell community. You'll be able keep up on the activities and whereabouts of classmates and old friends by reading the Class Notes section. But whether you opt to receive the magazine or not, we, your class officers, appreciate you support enormously.

Your dues enable us to continue to help fund special class projects and activities such as reunion. **SO! ASAP!** Send in your news and dues. And don't forget to let us know your email address if you have one. Gathering email addresses and keeping them up to date is a major class priority.

BEST OF ALL, make life simple-check the automatic renewal box. Then all you'll ever have to do is provide us with NEWS!

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At press conference, Skorton speaks of 'emotional homecoming'

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By Franklin Crawford, Cornell News Service

"I'm so proud and very, very humbled to have the chance to be a part of the leadership of this great jewel of international higher education," said David J. Skorton, Cornell University's newly named 12th president, in opening remarks at a press conference today, Jan. 21, in the Beck Center at Cornell. "American higher education is a close-knit community of people all doing the same thing: education and discovery. We here at Cornell do more of it and do it better than almost anyplace else."

Earlier in the day, the Cornell Board of Trustees had voted unanimously to appoint Skorton as the university's president. Skorton, president of the University of Iowa, will take up Cornell's highest office July 1.

Skorton, 56, and his wife, Robin Davisson, who sat in the audience, were introduced by board chairman Peter C. Meinig. Davisson is an associate professor of anatomy and cell biology at the University of Iowa.

"This is an emotional homecoming for us and an intellectual homecoming for us," said Skorton. "Robin and I have colleagues on the Ithaca and the New York City campuses ... and Hunter Rawlings is the man who gave me my start in university administration and showed me many of the signposts along the way. So it is a homecoming in that way, as well."

Rawlings has known Skorton since his own days as president of the University of Iowa, where he appointed Skorton vice president for research in 1992.

The new president deftly fielded questions that ranged from why he and Davisson chose Cornell, to health insurance disputes and political matters back in Iowa, to town-gown and international relations, diversity and fund raising. When asked if the sudden departure of Lehman gave him pause in considering the job, Skorton said, "I had no reservations whatsoever." Of the circumstances surrounding Lehman's resignation, Skorton said, "I have great respect for Jeff Lehman ... [but] it is not my business and I will not make it my business. I think everyone should feel good about the future of Cornell."

At the press conference he also emphasized Cornell's role in the larger community in Ithaca, New York City, the nation and abroad. "Our interaction with the community is a key part of my responsibility and stewardship of the university," he said. "We must always look outward. So you will see me and Robin continue [to play] very active roles" in community relations.

Skorton said he chose Cornell because of its distinguished reputation and its "robust balance of disciplines" in the sciences, technology, arts, humanities and social sciences.

He said he also was attracted to Cornell because of the university's land-grant mission and its commitment to "public service and outreach, economic development and technology transfer."

Skorton spent 26 years at Iowa; his wife, 22 years. Parting from his community will be difficult, he said.

"It was a very hard decision. Our hearts will always be partly in Iowa. It's the place that gave us our beginning. And yet this was an opportunity that was extremely attractive." **For the complete story visit:** <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Jan06/press.conf.fac.html>

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OUR 2005 JFK AWARD WINNER WORKS FOR UNIVERSITY LITERACY

Emily Adelman, winner of this year's John F. Kennedy Award, has been working in Washington, DC, for a not-for-profit organization dedicated to teaching Latino residents how to start their own businesses. Emily has thus begun her dream career of combining her interest in adult education and literacy with a focus on inclusion and community development.

Emily's most outstanding personal characteristics are her warmth and gentle enthusiasm. Her eyes light up when she describes her chosen work, "the intersection of community-based organizations, government, businesses, and families as they work together to promote literacy." Her great delight in and love of helping people first manifested itself at Cornell, where she was involved in numerous extracurricular activities.

A founding member of Cornell's Sustainable Enterprise Association, which provides education, resources, and practical opportunities to undergraduates interested in the practice of sustainable enterprise, Emily created the organization's website (www.rso.cornell.edu/sea-cornell) and oversaw the development of its infrastructure, providing contacts with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. She worked with the Community Learning and Service Partnership at Cornell, tutoring an adult service worker in GED test preparation, and was a Translator Interpreter in the TIP Program for community and government agencies in Tompkins County.

Emily's interest in literacy in Latin America led her to become an active member of CUSLAR, the Committee on U.S.-Latin American Relations, where she performed a variety of tasks: editing the newsletter, publicizing events, arranging donations of food, and coordinating relationships with other groups, such as the project to collect shoes for villages in Ecuador through Cornell's "Dump and Run" Program.

Another of Emily's commitments at Cornell was her work-study position at the New York Campus Compact as the publications and communications associate, where she compiled and designed the annual reports. Through this organization, Cornell and its peer institutions have maintained statewide leadership in supporting and increasing student involvement in academic and co-curricular public service and democratic participation.

A creative soul at heart, Emily found time to be an active member of the Spanish Theatre Workshop at Cornell. She served at different points in time as the Teatrotaller treasurer, publicist, and set designer, and appeared as a character in the troupe's performances for students and the Ithaca community. She was also part of the first board of the CUTonight Commission, which provided funding for late-night cultural and social events for Cornell students on campus. She was then elected as the second Chair of CUTonight, working closely with the Student Activities Office and a wide range of student organizations.

Her studies did not suffer from her strong involvement in extracurricular activities: during her four years at Cornell, Emily maintained a 4.06 cumulative grade point average.

However, the most deeply life-changing moments of her four years at Cornell occurred off campus. Emily describes the months that she spent in Spain and Argentina as the most influential experiences of her college career. Sponsored

by a grant from the Dean's Scholars' Program to study adult literacy, Emily traveled to Buenos Aires to research and write her honors thesis about a piquetero social movement, Barrios de Pie, in Argentina. Observing the unemployed worker movement in South America taught Emily the "power of the media, the importance of leadership," and how "subtle, socialized fear of poor neighborhoods and outspoken political organizations can be dispelled by talking to people individually." She arrived in Spain for a semester abroad a few weeks before the "11-M" bombings in Madrid. Both Spain and Argentina were sites of political unrest during her visits there. The experiences she had in Salamanca and Buenos Aires, which she describes as

involving "great emotional risks," helped Emily develop what she calls her "unruly sense of idealism." During this time she realized that "if one simply takes the step to make that phone call or to write that email, one can start a process of change," organizing "a point of convergence of a thousand good wills, visions for the future, and hands working together." Emily left Cornell for study abroad as a curious youngster and returned to the university "a politically-engaged citizen with a public consciousness."

Emily Adelman is truly an extraordinary young woman, who, as her faculty adviser observes, "is without a doubt the most intelligent, articulate, sensitive, and compassionate individual I have met in any position at Cornell." She has already "represented Cornell with both honor and dignity" and no doubt will continue to do so on into the future as she realizes her career goals and her great potential.

Dear Members of the Class of 1964,

As I walked to the bus stop the other day, in the first real snow of the winter here in the nation's capital, the cold air infallibly brought my thoughts to Ithaca and just how much of my life has changed since my last winter spent at Cornell.

Exactly two weeks after I graduated in May, I began work at the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), a nonprofit community development agency located in Washington, DC. My work there is focused on the local community, which is an interesting place to be focused on in a city where the center of the universe for most recent graduates and DC transplants is "The Hill". In a nutshell, what I do is work with programs designed to expand and strengthen the small business community in DC, especially Latino-owned businesses. This provides me with many opportunities to meet local government officials, forge partnerships with other community agencies, work closely with extremely dynamic individuals and entrepreneurs, and try lots of Salvadorian and other Latin American restaurants!

Making these connections at work, relying solely on public transportation, and patronizing neighborhood businesses have made me feel like a true citizen of the District of Columbia, despite only having lived here a few months. In November I had the opportunity to participate in Mayor Anthony Williams' version of a town hall meeting for the 21st century, for a "town" of almost 600,000 residents. At the "Citizen Summit IV", I served as a volunteer bilingual facilitator for a table of Spanish-speaking senior citizens.

Participating in the Citizen Summit certainly made me feel proud, first as an engaged citizen and second as a JFK Memorial Award recipient. I told the Class of 1964 that adult and family literacy among the Spanish-speaking community was an issue about which I was passionate; if I learned anything at the Citizen Summit, I witnessed that low levels of functional literacy are a problem in many communities that hinders their participation in decisions that affect their lives and represents a barrier to their access to progress.

When I left Cornell I felt a double obligation to promote literacy since I received the honor of the JFK Memorial Award based on my commitment to doing something about it. I could have never imagined the incredible opportunity that has come my way to become involved. Through my job at LEDC I met a man named Mario Gamboa who is originally from Peru and has a small house painting and lawn maintenance business. Mario had two assistants working with him in 2003, and when he realized they couldn't run simple errands like picking up a can of white paint because they didn't know how to read or write, he took it upon himself to teach them. The number of students continued to grow and one year after the first classes took place in a basement, 32 students completed the program. All of them are adults who came to this country from El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and other Latin American countries. Today the classes continue to fill three classrooms in the church on Sundays and Saturdays at a local charter school, with Mario still at the chalkboard but now with help from other volunteer literacy tutors. Every Saturday for two hours I help these adults learn to read and write in Spanish. The literacy program is truly flourishing and has so much room to improve, so many new horizons to explore.

I am thankful for the JFK Memorial Award not simply because it helped get me on my feet here in DC but because it has given me an extra little push knowing that I have supporters behind me in these exciting projects. It is the season of thanksgiving so I must say, many times, profusely, enthusiastically, THANK YOU! I cannot repay what this award has meant for me, but I can aspire to live up to the challenge it presents to be a public servant in all senses of the term.

I hope that this winter message finds you all well, and I wish you happy and healthy holidays!

Warm regards,
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Newsletter Class of '64

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Dear Classmate,

As I write this the temperature outside my window in New York City hovers somewhere under 20 degrees and a sunny summer day in Ithaca seems far away. In fact, it really is not because, as we all have learned, time does indeed fly. While our official reunion may not be until 2009, the Class Council members have come up with a mini-celebration for the Class of '64 turning 64. I suspect that some of you would not use the word celebratory to describe your feelings about turning the grand age of 64 (can it be?), but it should make us all feel so much better if we share the, well, let's say the fun. Because fun it will be when we are together. Never mind if you're not among those actually born in 1942, we're close enough that 64 at 64 has special meaning for us all. (For details on 64/64, see the adjacent story on page 3.)

We have also been busy on the Web front. Thanks to Bruce Wagner and Webmaster Bob Friedenson, the Class of '64 Site (<http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu/>) has an exciting new look and new format and is chock full of interesting and helpful information. You'll find there that we've provided you with general class news, classmate email addresses, and a handy way to pay dues and donate online. A visit to the class site is also a great way to stay up to date with University happenings through the links it gives you to the Cornell Daily Sun, *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (including the Class Notes), and many others. It lists just about every interesting related Site you can imagine. For instance, I just found out that in Ithaca right now the temperature is even lower than here in the city and that snow is on the way. Why am I not surprised?

Enjoy your winter, wherever you are! And if you have news you want to share, questions about the class, or comments, email me at jsk57@cornell.edu.

Janet Spencer King
President, Class of '64

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June 30, 2006

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