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BET's Sheila Johnson to Speak at CEN-CBAA Networking Event

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Wednesday, January 14, 2004
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street NW
Washington, DC

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Join the Cornell Entrepreneurship Network (CEN) and the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) for an evening of business networking and a presentation by Sheila C. Johnson, co-founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), introduced by Cornell President Jeffrey Lehman '77.

In 1980, Sheila Johnson co-founded Black Entertainment Television (BET), the first cable television network aimed at African-American viewers. Serving as executive vice president of corporate affairs, Ms. Johnson was primarily responsible for investigating various community and philanthropic activities and helped build the highly rated cable network into a media powerhouse, which Viacom acquired in 1997 for \$3 billion. An accomplished violinist, Johnson has a diverse background that includes 19 years as a music educator in the Washington, D.C. area. During that time, she founded Young Strings in Action for children, in 1975.

The CEN-CBAA event starts at 6:00 p.m. with a Networking Buffet Reception and Cash Bar, with Ms. Johnson's presentation starting at 7:00 p.m. Dessert and coffee at 8:00 p.m. provides further opportunities for networking. Tickets for all the evening's events cost \$30. Seating is limited and no tickets will be sold at the door, so participants must register in advance at <http://www.cen.cornell.edu>, or by calling 607/255-1576. Cancellations must be made 48-hours prior to the event by calling 607/255-1576 or emailing epe-cen@cornell.edu.

The Capital Hilton is on the corner of 16th St. and K St., two blocks north of the White House. Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$26. The hotel is Metro accessible on three lines. On the Red line's Farragut North stop, exit at K St. and walk two blocks to the left. Taking the Blue and Orange Lines' McPherson Square stop, exit at Vermont Ave. exit and turn around and walk up one street and make a left on K St.

**Date Change
for Big Red Dragons
to May 15-16, 2004!**

Details on p. 5.

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President's New Year Letter

Dear CCW Friends,

Warm greetings to you and your family! My prayers go out to all of you for a happy, healthy, and successful new year. I am honored to serve as the Club's President because my service is one small way to express the gratitude I have for the quality of education I received at Cornell University.

In the 19th century, Cornell was established as the model for a new kind of university. In the 21st century, Cornell will continue renewing that model while nurturing a transnational perspective on humanity. For years Cornell has made the news with cutting edge discoveries—in space and on Mars, from plant pathology to poetry. We are leaders, each and every one of us, in our individual fields of expertise. I am delighted to be among the rising stars of tomorrow. I am proud to be affiliated with a group of people so gifted with creative intelligence.

The Cornell Club of Washington is the largest volunteer-run Cornell Club in the country with nearly 1,000 members and yet we have not lost the human touch. I'll never forget one year I had been in a car accident and was bedridden. One of the board members whom I didn't even know very well brought groceries and cooked me dinner. I will always remember her kindness and to this day I use that example of how we should never be too busy to reach out and help one another—strangers and family alike.

An extraordinary board of directors works diligently with me to elevate and enhance CCW. We have many exciting events lined up for 2004! Please save the date for our annual picnic on June 20 with Jeffrey Lehman as the guest of honor. As Cornell celebrates a new beginning with the inauguration of President Lehman may each of you celebrate your own new beginning...with passion and courage to break through self-imposed limitations and achieve your mission in life no matter what it may be.

Sincerely,

Danielle Alsop '92

Coming Events...

January

- Sat., Jan. 3- Cornell Cares, Capital Area Foodbank, 1-4:00 p.m., 645 Taylor St. NE. Contact: Michelle Johnson at mjohnsondc@yahoo.com
- Fri., Jan. 9- Cornell-Harvard Hockey telecast, 8 p.m. For location, see <http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu>
- Sun., Jan. 11- MDDG, *Jumpers*, 2:00 p.m., Washington Shakespeare Company, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington VA. Contact: Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org
- Wed., Jan. 14- Sheila Johnson CEN-CBAA event, 6-9 p.m., Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW. Contact: 607/255-1576.
- Thurs., Jan. 15- ISSC, Cosmos Club, 6:30-10:00 p.m., 2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW. Contact: Charma Lynn at Abfall4u2@aol.com
- Wed., Jan. 21- Group Therapy, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Check the website at <http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu>
- Thurs., Jan. 22- MDDG, "Playwriting: The Process," 6:30 p.m., Casa Fiesta, 4910 Wisconsin Ave. NW. Contact: Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org
- Saturday, Jan. 24- Cornell Asian Alumni Assn, Lunar New Year Banquet, 6-10 p.m., New York City. Contact: Metro NY Regional Office 212/986-7202
- Friday, Jan. 30- ISSC, The Washington Club, 15 Dupont Circle NW, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Contact: Debby Prigal at dprigal@aol.com or 202/265-3145.

February

- Thurs., Feb. 5- Tour, State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, 23rd St. entrance, 10:00 am. Pre-registered participants only. Contact: Bob Day 301/438-7755 or dayhaven@starpower.net.

Quick Club Announcements...

Hosts Needed for Cornell International Student Visits:

The annual trip of Cornell International Students visiting Washington D.C. this Spring is fast approaching. The dates of the 2004 trip are Sunday, March 21 through Wednesday, March 24. During the day students are out enjoying sightseeing and all that Washington has to offer. We have had great experiences in the past with alumni hosting students, couples, and families and will be continuing the tradition this year. If you would like to participate in hosting, please contact Jon Felder '00 at 202/302-7222 or felder8@yahoo.com

Young Alumni Mentoring Program:

Are you fresh out of school? Want someone to advise you about what direction to take? How to get there?

Or are you established and like what you do? Want to help others get to where they want to get in their career?

The Cornell Club of Washington Young Alumni (CWA YA) Committee is looking for mentors and mentees for the CWA YA Mentoring Program. The kick-off event will be in April. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lauren Hall at Laurenhall123@aol.com

Community Service:

Volunteers: Tutoring at Jefferson Junior High, Washington, D.C.

Join in the Saturday Academy tutoring program with the 7th, 8th, and 9th graders at Jefferson. Tutors are needed in all subjects, from Algebra and Reading to Spanish and Physics. Typical activities include helping students with homework assignments, test preparation or research.

Tutoring is held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No need to commit to every weekend. Jefferson is located at 801 7th Street, SW in D.C. at the intersection of 7th Street SW and Maine Avenue. There is plenty of free parking, and the school is four blocks south of the L'Enfant Plaza Metro. For more information, contact Dan Lavanga '89 at dlavanga@hotmail.com or 703/548-8349.

"Group Therapy" Wednesday, January 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Take time off to relax, and have a drink or two with old friends, and make new ones. Drink specials available. Group Therapy Happy Hour is 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month. For the location of January's Group Therapy, check the website at <http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu> or contact Lauren Hall at 202/246-4724 or LM32@cornell.edu for additional information.

CCW Alumni Listserv:

CCW members are staying connected through a new listserv.

To sign up, send an e-mail to:

listproc@cornell.edu

and in the body of the message include

subscribe CU-ALUMS-DC-L <your name>

Questions? Contact Listserv manager Kim Jones, MBA '02

Kim.Jones@touchstone.com

New Job Bank Procedures

Some new policies and procedures are in place for Cornell's Job Bank, under our new coordinator Steven Oppenheimer. The new procedures are being tested on a trial basis for the first six months of 2004, and the cooperation of both applicants and those offering jobs is needed to make it work. The details of the procedures are posted on the CCW Web site, at

<http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu/career/career.html>

The basic idea is this: All CCW members with jobs to offer will send a job description to our new Job Bank coordinator. All job listings - WITHOUT contact information included - will go out to all CCW job seekers. Job seekers will send their resumes and cover letters via e-mail to the Job Bank coordinator, who will route them back to the job offerers.

APPLICANTS SHOULD ONLY APPLY TO JOBS WHEN THEIR BACKGROUND IS APPROPRIATE. The coordinator will not be screening resumes, so this system REQUIRES responsible behavior on the part of job seekers. The goal is to advance the opportunities for reasonable networking among CCW members who have jobs, and CCW members with valuable skills to offer. That includes skills that may be related to the job at hand or may very possibly be needed in the foreseeable future, even if they don't meet the exact, immediately stated requirements. At the same time, CCW members who are offering jobs do not want to be deluged with inappropriate resumes. In order to make this procedure work, CCW job seekers must use this service responsibly. Further, more specific guidelines are listed on the Cornell website.

Our New Life Members!

#219 - Bruce Wilkins '52

#220 - Sandra Wilkins GD '89

Look for the lifetime member option on the form available at

<http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu/membership/membership.html>

Cornell Cares -- Volunteers Needed for Day of Service

Saturday, January 3, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cornell Cares is a nationwide event in which alumni and students home for winter break come together for a day of service and networking. This year Cornellians will once again be volunteering at the Capital Area Foodbank at 645 Taylor St. in Northeast Washington. Directions to the Foodbank are available at <http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/site/PageServer>.

Volunteers will work from 1:00-4:00 p.m. To volunteer, please email Michelle Johnson at mjohnsondc@yahoo.com. We are limited to twenty volunteers, so be sure to sign up early.

Webcasts of Cornell Men's Hockey!

With nearly every home game on the Cornell University men's ice hockey schedule already sold out, the department of athletics is offering fans an alternative way to catch the action even if they can't be at Lynah Rink. The Big Red will offer webcasts of all home games through i2sports.com. A subscription fee of \$5 per game or \$60 for all 16 regular-season games is required. More information is available at: <http://www.i2sports.com>.



Lunar Year of the Monkey Banquet in New York City!

Saturday, January 24, 2004

Grand Harmony

98 Mott Street, New York City

The Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) announces a Pan-Asian New Year Dinner in New York City to celebrate the Lunar New Year 4702 and to honor Cornell trustee Sheryl Wu Dunn '81 AB. The traditional 10-course Chinese banquet and entertainment starts with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. CAAA welcomes President Jeffrey Lehman to the festive occasion. Proceeds benefit the newly created CAAA Acquisition Endowment for the Cornell University Library.

Ticket prices vary: from Benefactor \$1000 (4 tickets) to Patron \$500 (2 tickets), Supporter \$150 (1 ticket) and CAAA members and friends \$85 (1 ticket). Reservations deadline: January 9, 2004. Tickets are not available at the door. Checks should be made payable to Cornell University and mailed to CAAA, Cornell Metro NY Regional Office, 708 Third Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Please contact the Metro NY Regional Office at 212/986-7202 with any questions.

Ivy Singles Social Events for January

The Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) is offering two events in January. Contact the event sponsor about a specific event. Visit the web site at www.ivysinglesdc.com or contact Steve Piekarec '74, spiekare@compuserve.com or 703/281-4311 for general questions.

The Cosmos Club

2121 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.

Thursday, January 15, 6:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

One of Washington's most elite clubs, The Cosmos Club, boasts 27 Nobel Prize winners, 56 Pulitzer prize winners, several former U.S. presidents, vice presidents, and Supreme court justices among its members.

After a reception in one of the club's sumptuously decorated lounges, a three-course dinner will follow in the Gold Room. A half bottle of wine per person is included. After dinner, Charna Lynn, the Penn representative and evening's hostess and a Club member since 1992, will give an insider's view, including anecdotes about the Club. The evening concludes with a tour of the facility. Each attendee will be given a color brochure of the Club as a souvenir of the evening. The price is all-inclusive.

Only advanced pre-paid reservations will be accepted: \$85 by check payable to "The DC University of Pennsylvania Club" to Charna Lynn, P.O.B. 40103, Palisades Station, Washington, DC 20016, by Friday, January 2, 2004. Space is limited to the first 30 paid reservations. All sales are final and will be confirmed. Include telephone, e-mail address, and school affiliation (that is, Cornell). If you have any questions, contact Charna Lynn at Abfall4u2@aol.com.

Directions: The Cosmos Club is located on Massachusetts Avenue NW between 20th and 21st Streets, two blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro. Free valet parking is included in the price. Valet parking entrance is on 21st Street NW.

The Washington Club

15 Dupont Circle, NW

Friday, January 30, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Light Hors d'oeuvres and a Cash Bar

The University of Chicago Alumni Club of Washington D.C. is sponsoring the Fifth Anniversary Ivy Singles Social Club Kickoff in the Grand Ballroom of the Washington Club. This marvelous mansion, complete with high ceilings, winding staircases and large windows, was used by Calvin Coolidge as a temporary White House. The Club is handicapped accessible. Business, business casual or cocktail attire is suggested.

Send \$25 check, payable to "The University of Chicago Club of Washington, DC" to Debby Prigal, 1625 Q St. NW #207, Washington, DC 20009, by Monday January 26th, 2004. Note your school (Cornell) on the check. \$30 for ALL email (dprigal@aol.com) or phone reservations (202/265-3145) and for walk-ins. Pre-register and avoid the lines at check-in.

Directions: Dupont Circle metro, either exit, and look for the white marble building between New Hampshire and P on the northeast part of the circle. Metro is recommended. Street parking is difficult; paid parking is available next door on the side of Super Crown.

The Ivy League Social Club is a coalition of Ivy League, Seven Sister and other prestigious schools' regional alumni associations that sponsors social activities. Our events are open to all single alumni of member schools.

Hockey Hostilities: Cornell vs. Hahvahd

On January 9, 2004 at 8 p.m., Cornell will face off against Hahvahd in Cambridge. This game is no love story. Cornell shut out Hahvahd 1-0 on December 6th, and the January 9th game will surely be a tough battle.

The annual "Lynah East" game brings hundreds of Cornellians to Cambridge to cheer on the Big Red. But you won't have to travel to Boston to catch the game. The Cornell Club of Washington is organizing a satellite feed at a local restaurant so that you can cheer on the Big Red.

As you may know, Hahvahd has not always been reliable with its satellite feed information. So, please check the Cornell Club of Washington website (ccw.alumni.cornell.edu) for event updates and location.

DRAGON ALERT!

DATES FOR FESTIVAL CHANGED TO MAY 15-16

Our "Big Red Dragons"—a team jointly organized by the Cornell Club of Washington and the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA)—will again be entering Washington's exciting Dragon Boat Festival. New dates, recently set by the organizers, will be Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, NOT the Memorial Day Weekend as previously announced. Plan now to participate; details will be in next month's *CCW News*.

Save the Date! President Lehman to Attend June Picnic

Be among the first DC area alumni to meet and welcome President Jeffrey Lehman '77 when he attends the Annual Father's Day Picnic on **Sunday, June 20, 2004** at the Kiplinger Farm in Poolesville, MD. In addition to the usual festivities, club members and guests will have an opportunity to hear first hand about the President's plans and initiatives for the University.

We expect a turnout of several hundred people. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters and will be posted on the CCW website. Be sure to RSVP early! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Nicole DelToro '91 at ndeltoro@andrewscole.com (preferred) or 703/883-2005 x104.

Spring Series on the Middle East

The Cornell Club of Washington is proud to announce a series of three events exploring issues in the Middle East this spring: two embassy visits and the Cornell Faculty Speaker, Professor Ross Brann, speaking on "Religion, Politics and Peace in the Middle East."

Israeli Embassy, March 22: The Cornell Club of Washington will visit the Embassy of Israel featuring a briefing on current issues by Embassy staff and a reception.

Cornell Faculty Speaker, April 22nd: Professor Ross Brann, the M. R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies and Chair of Cornell's Near Eastern Studies Department, will speak about the US and Iraq and the current state of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Qatar Embassy: Watch in the *CCW Newsletter* for details about time and place.

Roving Reporter Quiz: December 11 Corcoran Evening

A highlight of CCW's recent evening at the Corcoran Gallery of Art was a walk into the world of Impressionist art in "Beyond the Frame: The French Impressionist Sculptures of J. Seward Johnson, Jr." Thanks to Marge Loory for arranging the dinner and tours.



The picture shows Cornell alums inhabiting a famous bedroom. Whose bedroom is it?

- a. Renoir
- b. Monet
- c. Manet's Olympia
- d. Van Gogh

See page bottom for answer.

Modern Drama Discussion Group

CCW co-sponsors the Modern Drama Discussion Group known as "Footlights," along with the University of Chicago Club and other alumni groups. Each month, 35-50 Footlights members meet over dinner with playwrights, directors, and scholars to discuss modern drama. Participants read the plays on their own, meet at inexpensive restaurants near Washington-area Metro stations, and eventually attend performances of most of the plays discussed. You can attend dinner-discussions, join the theater trips, or both. Membership is free, although a \$5 donation is requested.

Performance of Tom Stoppard's *Jumpers*: Sun., Jan. 11, 2 p.m., Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington, VA. The deadline for buying tickets with the group was in December. Please purchase tickets by calling 703/418-4808. For directions, see <http://www.washingtonshakespeare.org>. A discussion will follow the performance. An optional dinner is usual after the Modern Drama Discussion Group attends performances. For more information, call Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org.

Dinner-discussion meeting: Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. Playwright Debbie Minter Jackson will lead a panel discussion on "Playwriting: the Process." She and the panel will explore the actual creative process of writing plays--character development, creating scenes, tensions, pacing, and the intricacies of getting it down and done. The group will meet at Casa Fiesta Restaurant, 4910 Wisconsin Ave NW, just south of Fessenden and three blocks south of the Jenifer Street exit from the Red Line's Friendship Heights station.

Quiz answer: d, Van Gogh

In Memoriam:

Barber Conable '43, LAW '48



Barber Conable ARTS '43, LAW '48 died on November 30 at the age of 81. Mr. Conable served in Congress for 10 terms, from 1965 through 1985, and was the ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee at the time of his retirement. During his tenure in Congress he worked on many tax reforms, including reducing foreign trade tariffs, shoring up Social Security and increasing depreciation allowances for businesses. He was instrumental in the Congressional implementation of President Reagan's tax policies.

After Mr. Conable retired from Congress, President Reagan appointed him president of the World Bank, where he served from 1986-1991. During his tenure at the World Bank, Mr. Conable moved the Bank back towards its original purpose of having lending programs oriented at poverty reduction. He paid closer attention than some of his predecessors to the demands of environmentalists, birth control advocates and defenders of women's rights.

Mr. Conable was a life member and active participant in the Cornell Club of Washington. After his retirement from Congress, CCW voted to name the semi-annual scholarship provided by CCW to a student in the Cornell-in-Washington public policy program after Mr. Conable.

Mr. Conable is survived by his wife Charlotte HUEC '51, who is a former member of Cornell's Board of Trustees and the author of *Women at Cornell* (published by the Cornell University Press in 1977), four children, a brother and 11 grandchildren.

CCW suggests that those who want to honor the memory of Barber Conable may make gifts to the CCW Scholarship Fund in his memory. Your gifts help fund all CCW scholarships, including the Barber Conable Memorial Scholarship for Public Policy. Checks can be made out to the Cornell Club of Washington and mailed to the CCW office at 2148 O Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037. CCW is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your scholarship donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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