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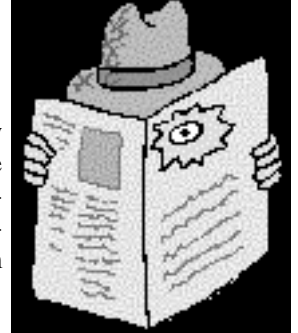
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Last Call for Espionage and Intrigue! International Spy Museum

March 9, 10:00 a.m.

Join our Cornell Club tour and lunch at the popular International Spy Museum on Tuesday, March 9th, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. The Museum's exhibits explore the craft, practice, history and role of international espionage, past and present. Learn about the world of intelligence, including counterintelligence, covert action, counterterrorism and the new technologies even James Bond never heard of!



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The Museum's Executive Director, E. Peter Earnest, whose career of service with the CIA spanned 36 years, including over 20 years in CIA's Clandestine Service, will welcome our group with a few remarks.

We will then visit the Museum's highly regarded exhibits and be joined during our lunch break in the Spy City Cafe by another veteran of the CIA who is prepared to answer questions about her career and her current volunteer work at the Museum.

Since the exhibits are extensive and the spy shop fascinating, plan to stay on after the lunch break if you can. Cost for admission and lunch is \$20 for Young Alumni members (Classes of 1993-2003), \$23 for regular CCW members, and \$25 for non-member guests.

Make your reservations as soon as possible with Bob Day by phone at 301/438-7755 or by e-mail: dayhaven@starpower.net. Make your checks payable to the Cornell Club of Washington and send them to Bob Day at 1717 Marymont Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906-1240. If you have questions, call Bob.

The International Spy Museum, 800 F Street NW, is conveniently located close to the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro Station, served by the Red, Yellow and Green lines.

New Book Club on African-American Authors

Saturday, March 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and CCW will kick off a new book club! Lots of food, drink and conversation. Each month the group will select a new book by an African-American author. Our first book is by a Cornellian: *The Ecstatic*, a novel by Victor D. LaValle. The first meeting will be at the home of Lauren Myers '97, 7911 Coriander Drive, Unit 103 in Gaithersburg, MD. RSVP at <http://www.acteva.com/go/ccw> Contact Lauren Myers at LM32@cornell.edu or 301/717-4383 if you have any questions.

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Israeli Embassy Visit: March 22

As part of this spring's series of events focusing on the Middle East, the Club will visit the Embassy of Israel at 8 p.m. on Monday evening, March 22 for a briefing by a senior official of the Embassy staff about current conditions in Israel and the region. The briefing, which will be held in the beautiful Jerusalem Hall, will include a question and answer session with Embassy staff followed by a dessert and coffee reception.

The cost will be \$20 for young alumni members (Classes of 1999-2003), \$25 for all other members, and \$30 for non-members; net proceeds donated to the Club's Scholarship Fund.

Location: 3514 International Drive, NW, near the intersection of Van Ness St. and Reno Road or about 1 block west of the Intelsat Building located at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness. Metro access: Red Line-Van Ness/UDC. Parking is available on Van Ness St. or in the neighborhood.

Because of security requirements, we MUST provide the Embassy with the names of all attendees by March 15, together with date and place of birth. In addition, all guests should bring a photo ID. To allow for security at the entrance, everyone is advised to arrive around 7:30 p.m.

To attend, fill out the coupon below and send it with your check in time for Mar. 15 delivery. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Ed Berkowitz at 202/363-5534.

Embassy Visit Information

Please reserve _____ spaces for me and my guest(s) at the lecture to be held at the Embassy of Israel on March 22, 2004.

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Contacts: Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-mail _____

I am enclosing my check for \$ _____ payable to the Cornell Club of Washington Young alumni (Classes 1999 - 2003)—\$20 each; Club Members —\$25 each, Non member Guests —\$30 each

The following information is required for security purposes and must be provided for EACH person wishing to attend this event:

Name: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mail information and check so that it is received by March 15, 2004, to Ed Berkowitz, 3339 Legation St., NW, Washington, DC 20015

Coming Events...

Sun., Feb. 29- *Crowns* lecture, Anacostia Museum, 2-5 p.m. Contact: AMRSVP@si.edu.

Mon., Mar. 1- MDDG *Crucible* Discussion, Cafe Fiesta, 4910 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 6:30p.m.

Contact Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org to reserve.

Tues., Mar. 9- International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW, 10 a.m. Contact Bob Day at dayhaven@starpower.net or 301/438-7755.

Tues., Mar. 9- CCW Programming (6:30 p.m.) and Board (7:30 p.m.) meetings, Washington Cornell Club, 2148 O St. NW. Contact: Danielle Alsop at dalsop@verizon.net.

Sun., Mar. 14- MDDG, Miller's *The Crucible*, Clark St. Playhouse, Arlington, VA, 2:00 p.m. Contact Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org for tickets.

Tues., Mar. 16- MDDG, *Fences* Discussion, Cafe Fiesta, Sat., 4910 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 6:30p.m. Reserve with Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org.

Mar. 20- Food and Friends, 58 L St. SE, 9a.m.-noon. Contact Michelle Johnson Coon at mjohndc@yahoo.com.

Mon., Mar. 22- Israeli Embassy, 3514 International Drive NW, 8 p.m. Contact Ed Berkowitz at 202/363-5534.

Thurs., Mar. 25- CAAA (Liu) discussion, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact: Tomoko Morinaga at 301/907-0806.

Fri., Mar. 26- ISSC, Tony and Joe's, 3000 K St NW, Georgetown's Washington Harbor, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@cs.com or 202/637-5234.

Sat., Mar. 27- Book Club, 2-4 p.m. Contact Lauren Myers, LM32@cornell.edu, 301/717-4383.

Quick Club Announcements...

● **Community Service: Food and Friends**
Saturday March 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Join fellow alumni to help out in the food pantry at Food and Friends (<http://www.foodandfriends.org>), an organization that prepares and delivers meals to people with AIDS. We will be helping them in their food pantry with sorting food. Located at 58 L Street, SE Washington, DC 20003, Food and Friends is accessible by car and by Metro on the Green Line at the Navy Yard Stop. We need 8 volunteers. Please email Michelle Johnson Coon at mjohnsondc@yahoo.com with questions or to volunteer.

● **Hosts Needed for International Student Visits, 3/21-24**

International students visiting Washington during Cornell's Spring Break need home hospitality. Hosts pick up their guests on Sunday afternoon, March 21, and return them to catch their bus back to Ithaca on Wednesday, March 24. During the day students are out enjoying sightseeing and all that Washington has to offer. If you would like to participate in hosting students, couples and families, contact Jon Felder '00 at 202/302-7222 or felder8@yahoo.com

● **Community Service: Tutoring at Jefferson Junior High**

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.

● **Cornell Job Bank**

Those with jobs to post and those wishing to apply should contact the new coordinator Steven Oppenheimer using procedures listed at

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

All job listings - WITHOUT contact information included - will go out to all CCW job seekers. Job seekers will send their resumes and cover letters when their qualifications are appropriate for a job to the new coordinator, Steve Oppenheimer, and he will route them back to the job offerors.

CAAA Raises Library Funds with New Year Gala

On January 24th, Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) held another successful Pan Asian New Year banquet at Grant Harmony in Chinatown in New York City, raising over \$40,000 to benefit the newly created CAAA Acquisitions Endowment for the Cornell University Library

The CAAA honored Sheryl WuDunn, a Cornell University Trustee who is currently the anchor for Page One, a nightly news program on the Discovery Times Channel. In 1990, Ms. WuDunn and her husband, Nicholas Kristof, a New York *Times* columnist, were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement. The first Asian-American woman to win the prize, Ms. WuDunn graduated from Cornell with an AB in History, an MBA from Harvard, and an MPA from Princeton University.

The 340 guests, including President Jeffrey S. Lehman, enjoyed the festive 10-course dinner and traditional lion dance.

CCW Spring Faculty Speaker on the Middle East

Thursday, April 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Plan now to attend the Spring Faculty Event--"Road Map to Middle East Conflict and Peace: A Historical Perspective" (location TBD)--presented by Professor Ross Brann, the M. R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies and Chair of the Near Eastern Studies Department at Cornell.

Dr. Brann will discuss the significance and unanticipated consequences of the events of 1967 and how they dominate the current state of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. He will talk about recent and current efforts at peacemaking, including the American role, as well as how these issues have been addressed on the Cornell campus. Suggested reading for this event: David Shipler's "Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land." Watch for the location of the event, to be announced in the April CCW *Newsletter*.

Dates to Save

Sun., May 16, 6-8:30 p.m.: Ivy League 50+ Singles, cocktail reception and cash bar at the historic Fairfax Hotel (recently renamed the Westin Embassy Row Hotel), 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., near the Dupont Circle Metro stop.

Admission is \$25.00 in advance. Telephone RSVPs by Wednesday, May 7th, to Betsy Hendrix, at home, 703/356-6678 (indicating Cornell affiliation). Mail checks, payable to The Yale Club of Washington, DC, to Ms. Terry Watson, c/o The Yale Club of Washington, DC, at 4323 Cathedral Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Friday, May 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Ivy Singles Social Club May Event: Italian Cultural Institute, 2025 M St. NW, Ste. 610. Italian food and cash bar of Italian wines and champagnes. Advance reservations: \$25 by check (note Cornell affiliation), payable to "DC Penn Alumni Club" and mail to Charna Lynn, P.O.B. 40103, Palisades Station, Washington, DC Questions: contact Charna Lynn at: rifiuti4u@aol.com.

May 22-23: Dragon Boat Festival. Signup for CCW's two boats. Return paddlers and complete novices are welcome! Contact your Co-Captains of the Big Red Dragons--Jack Chiu '99 (JChiu@arionsys.com) and Bob Day '56 (dayhaven@starpower.net 301/438-7755) soon to indicate your interest, however tentative.

CCW Alumni Listservs

1) CU-Alums-DC-L@cornell.edu – A general e-mail list for Cornell Alumni in the Washington DC area. Join to find out about upcoming Cornell events, to share information about yourself that you think would be beneficial to this community, to ask for advice from fellow Cornellians. To sign up, send an e-mail to: listproc@cornell.edu, leave the Subject line blank and in the body of the message put: subscribe CU-ALUMS-DC-L <your name>. Contact: Kim Jones at knj2@cornell.edu.

2) DCYOUNGALUMNI-L@cornell.edu – An e-mail list specifically meant to connect recent (up to 10 years out of undergraduate school) Cornell alumni in the DC area. Join to find out about area events specifically targeted toward recent grads, to share info about yourself that you think would be beneficial to this community, to ask for advice from fellow Cornellians, or to solicit support for your newest endeavors. Replies to this unmoderated list are set to go only to the sender. To sign up, send an e-mail to listproc@cornell.edu, leave the Subject line blank, and in the body of the message put: subscribe DCYOUNGALUMNI-L <your name>. Contact: LaurenHall123@aol.com.

3) CCW-Board-L@cornell.edu – A members-only e-mail list specifically meant for communications among Cornell Club of Washington (CCW) Board members and other “activists” who attend the monthly Board meetings, or for interested members. Contact: Kim Jones at knj2@cornell.edu.

Listserv Do's and Don'ts

The three e-mail listservs described in the lefthand box allow you to communicate with fellow Cornell Alumni in the Washington DC area, but we've all seen instances of misuse. Please review the purpose of each list and abide by the restrictions reviewed below.

Guidelines for Appropriate Use of DC Cornell Alumni Listservs:

- * Begin each subject line with “CCW:” followed by a clear title.
- * Be considerate of what you say to this large audience. Take one-on-one discussions “off-line” – do not send these to the entire list.
- * Don't use html formatting. Cornell.edu listservs will only distribute messages in plain text format. Distribute any graphics via an attachment.
- * Don't send large files or files with attachments—these can clog inboxes.
- * Sign your messages with your name and e-mail address for easy replying.

Prohibited Uses of DC Cornell Alumni Listservs:


- Advertising and solicitations for commercial services
- Cold-calling or mass-mailings (aka “spamming”)
- Activities that are illegal or fraudulent
- Uses that inaccurately imply endorsement, approval, or sponsorship by Cornell University, its Office of Alumni Affairs or their officers
- Uses that can be confused with official communications of Cornell University, its Office of Alumni Affairs or their officers
- Messages of any kind using a false identification
- Posting of obscene materials or use of obscene or vulgar language, hate speech or harassment, or use of abusive or threatening language of any kind

We expect listserv members to exhibit the same level of respect for others in this forum as in any other Cornell-related venue. Alumni users should report any abuses or misuse of the listservs to the CCW President, Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net. List owners reserve the right to expel a user and to deny a user further access to the listservs if they violate these policies or any applicable laws or regulations. The CCW reserves the right to deny access to any individual at any time.

NOTE: All @cornell.edu listservs are protected for your benefit against the following potential abuses: · Spamming – Only list members are able to post to the list. · Retrieving Recipient Addresses – These lists are protected so that no one can collect the recipient e-mail addresses for the purpose of building address lists for bulk mailing of unsolicited advertisements.

A Note from President Danielle Alsop:

A special thanks goes to Mr. Gary Pokrant and Mr. Ramiro Lindado of Reznick Fedder & Silverman (RFS) for providing excellent accounting and tax services to the Cornell Club of Washington for the past two years. As the Club expanded, so did the complexity of its finance, making it an insurmountable task for the Treasurer to complete the tax returns accurately. However, with the pro-bono assistance of RFS our problems have been solved! Thanks again to Mr. Pokrant and Mr. Lindado for their time and assistance. As a token of our appreciation we are printing an advertisement 4 describing their services.



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Conable Scholarship Recipient Named

Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington awards a stipend of \$500 to a member of the Cornell-in-Washington Program in honor, and now in memory, of Barber B. Conable. Students with need who participate in the program are separated from work-study opportunities yet are living for a semester in an expensive city with many wonderful things to do.

The Club awarded this semester's stipend to Shawnakim Blake Lowey-Ball, a Junior in Arts & Sciences, a College Scholar and Government major, who will soon declare a second major in History. She is interested in agrarian history with a focus on Indonesian studies. Her father's background is Indonesian, and with her Indonesian language skills, she hopes eventually to join the Foreign Service. At Cornell, Shawnakim lives at Telluride House and chairs the special events committee of the Cornell Political Coalition, for which she has brought in some very interesting speakers and debaters.

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee members Dale Lazar, Carol Epstein and Chuck Schilke for making the difficult choice from among 11 applicants.

Modern Drama Discussion Group: *The Crucible* and *Fences*

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 (available at Backstage Books, Politics and Prose and Olsson's), meet at inexpensive restaurants near Washington-area Metro stations, and usually attend performances. Membership is free, although a \$5 donation is requested.

Discussion of *The Crucible*: Monday, March 1

Discussion of *Fences*: Tuesday, March 16

Both discussions take place at **Cafe Fiesta**, 4910 Wisconsin Ave NW, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and discussion starting at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers for *The Crucible* are the director of the Keegan Theatre production, Susan Marie Rhea, Helen Hayes nominee, and Keegan Theatre Artistic Director, Mark Rhea (who plays John Proctor).

Dr. Sandra G. Shannon, Professor of Drama at Howard University, will lead the discussion of *Fences*. For a reservation, contact Mark Gruenberg (after Mar. 1) at 202/898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org. If you have a reservation and find you cannot come, please contact Mark to cancel, so someone else can attend.

Location: one block south of Fessenden St. on Wisconsin Ave. and two and a half blocks south of the Jennifer St. exit (elevators only) from the Friendship Heights Metro stop (Red Line).

***Crucible* Performance: Sunday, March 14, 2:00 p.m., Clark St. Playhouse**, with post-show discussion included, for \$13 per person. Directions by Metro and car are available at <http://www.keegantheatre.com/>. Note: Mapquest directions are not reliable.

***Fences* Performance: Sunday, April 18, 3:00 p.m., Roundhouse Theatre**, East-West Highway, one block east of Wisconsin. Metro Red Line: Bethesda. Tickets are \$31.

To order theater tickets, contact Robin Larkin at 301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org. Send your check payable to Footlights, to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct., Rockville, MD 20852. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Tickets are distributed by Robin at the theater just before the performance. Note the number of tickets and the play(s) on your check.

Ivy Singles Social Club March Event

Friday, March 26

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tony and Joe's Seafood Place
Georgetown Washington Harbor

Romantically situated on the banks of the Potomac River with a great view of the Kennedy Center, the Key Bridge and beautiful Roosevelt Island, Tony and Joe's Seafood Place at Georgetown's Washington Harbor (3000 K St. NW) is the perfect place to end the week and meet other Ivy-educated singles.

Please join us in the Crab Room of this family-run restaurant for light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Business, business casual or marina attire. The restaurant is handicapped- and river-accessible.

Prepaid Reservations: Send \$25 check payable to "The Yale Club of Washington, DC" to Robert Cole, 3003 Van Ness St NW #W814, Washington, DC 20008, by Monday March 22. Note Cornell affiliation on the check.

E-mail Reservations and Walk-ins: \$30 for ALL email (yale@ivysinglesdc.com) or phone reservations (202/244-4546), and walk-ins. Pre-register and avoid the lines at check-in.

Directions and Parking: DRIVING:--Go west on K Street from downtown Washington. At 29th Street, stay on K Street and go under the overpass (Whitehurst Freeway) to Georgetown Washington Harbor and walk inside to Tony and Joe's. Parking: Colonial Parking at 3000 K Street, NW (in the building), Colonial Parking at 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, and 3217 K Street, NW (uncovered lot).

METRO: Take Blue/Orange line to Foggy Bottom and walk .6 mile west to Georgetown Washington Harbor and inside to Tony and Joe's. Or Take Red line to Farragut North. Then from K Street and 17th Street take the D5 Sangamore Road Bus to M St and 30th St and walk south .2 mile.

Bridge with the Ivy League 50+ Singles

If you are interested in playing party bridge with the Ivy League Over 50 Singles Group, please contact David Huff at 202/363-1289. 5

Hats On to Black History Month!

CBAA Sponsors *Crowns* Talk

Sunday, Feb. 29, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Anacostia Museum, 1901 Fort Place SE

The Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) invites CCW members and their guests to a talk with Michael Cunningham, photographer and author of *Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats*, in conjunction with the exhibit of his photographs at the Anacostia Museum and Center for African-American History and Culture, on Sunday, February 29, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Admission is free with a reservation. Please contact the Washington Metro Area representative of CBAA, Lauren Davidson, as soon as possible to be placed on the group guest list (at catdoc99@hotmail.com), or RSVP to AMRSVP@si.edu.

The Anacostia Museum is accessible by car and Metro/bus, with detailed instructions and map available at <http://anacostia.si.edu/information.htm> and information at the museum at 202/287-3306.

Novelist Aimee Liu: CAAA Discussion

Thursday, March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) and the Yale Club of Washington D.C. are co-sponsoring a book discussion and reception, featuring the Asian American author, Aimee Liu ('75 Yale) on March 25th, 2004.

Author of the novels *Flash House* (2003), *Cloud Mountain* (1997), and *Face* (1994), Liu presents East-West relations in the first half of the 20th century through the lens of Chinese-American intermarriage. Her books are based to varying degrees on her own family's experiences and are set in China, India, and the US. She will be speaking about the political and personal history that informs her fiction, from the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty in China in 1911 to the earliest involvement of the CIA in Central Asia at the start of the Cold War.

Registration and tickets are \$17 per person. Please register for this event on-line at www.washingtondcyaleclub.org. If you are unable to register on-line, please contact Terry Watson (Yale Club) at 202/244-7119. The RSVP date is March 23rd. For general information, please contact Tomoko Morinaga at 301/907-0806.

Location: Baker & Hostetler, 1050 Conn. Avenue (Farragut North, Farragut West) 6:30 pm – 7:00 p.m. Meet & Greet; 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Talk, Q&A; 8 – 8:30 p.m. Book signing and networking. Olsson's bookstore will be on site selling *Flash House* and *Cloud Mountain*.

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