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CCW Awards 2004-05 Epstein Scholarship

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The Epstein Memorial Scholarship is given annually to two local area students in honor of the late Howard Epstein '58, Law '61, who served with great distinction as President of both the Cornell Club of Washington and the Cornell Federation.

This year, the CCW Scholarship Committee was proud to award the scholarship to Juliana Gerrick and Christine Tran, both Class of 2007.

Awarded the John S. Knight Institute Gertrude Spencer Prize for writing, Juliana majors in Classics and is pursuing a concentration in International Relations in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Juliana truly represents the Cornell tradition. As she wrote in her application essay, Cornell represents "the mentality that absolutely anything is possible... There seems to be no limitation to the area you study, the people you meet, the things you experience."

Some of the many and diverse experiences Juliana has had include: learning Greek and Latin while at the same time taking courses in contemporary international politics. She's also a die-hard member of Cornell's Women's Rugby team.

Christine Tran is majoring in Chemical Engineering with a concentration in Biomedical Engineering. And while we could list Christine's many accomplishments, the various languages she speaks fluently, and honor her command of and passion for engineering, what most impressed the Scholarship Committee was her desire to use those qualities to advance the lives of others.

While volunteering as activities coordinator last summer in the "Gains in the Education of Science and Mathematics Program" in Silver Spring, MD, Christine developed ten original, undergraduate-level laboratory investigations to engage high school students from disadvantaged communities in real-world scientific studies. Over a nine-week long session, Christine taught more than 250 students.

In her application essay, Christine wrote, "What I have enjoyed most about Cornell...[is] intricately linked with those I've met, [representing a] diversity of culture, mentality and belief. I have found my bearings in friends and mentors." Remarkably, Christine has captured what she loves most about Cornell--friendship and mentorship--and has given it to those who need it most.

After reading these stories, please consider making a donation so CCW can continue supporting outstanding Cornellians. To donate, please contact Drew Warshaw, Vice President of Scholarship at drew.warshaw@gmail.com or 917/359-4171 or simply write a check to: Cornell Club of Washington (write "scholarship" in the memo line) and send it to: Cornell Club of Washington; 2148 O Street, NW; Washington, DC 20037.



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Ivy Singles Social Club

Cornell Hosts April Event at Kiplinger Gallery

Editors Building

1729 H Street NW

Friday, April 1, 2005, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar

No fooling, our first event of the Spring is on April 1st. Come join us for some light conversation and serious company at the longest running venue of all our events.

The Kiplinger Gallery includes selections from the Kiplinger collection shown in changing exhibitions. This collection comprises over 5,000 items, including prints, paintings, and photographs, most of which feature Washington architecture. You will also find maps and period, political portraits. The "Vanishing Washington" collection includes watercolors and photographs. This expansive collection originated in the 1920s when W. M. Kiplinger, a young reporter new to Washington, bought a single old Washington print for his small office. As the success of Kiplinger's newsletter grew, so did his collection of Washingtoniana.

Reservations: \$25 by check to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, VA 22181, by Monday, March 28. Make checks payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington" and note your Cornell affiliation on the check. \$30 for email sent to spiekare@cs.com or phone reservations to 703/281-4311 by March 28th and walk-ins. Please RSVP if possible at <http://www.evite.com/spiekare@cs.com/kiplinger>

Directions: There are two Metro Stations within three blocks, Farragut North (Red Line) and Farragut West (Orange/Blue). For those driving, parking is available on the street after 6:30 and at nearby parking garages (check on closing times). For more information please see our website at <http://www.ivysinglesdc.com>

Coming Events...

March

Mar. 4-5- Cornell Wrestling at US Naval Academy Alumni Hall, Annapolis, MD. Contact www.navysports.com/sports/wrestling for directions.

Tues., Mar. 8- CCW Board Meeting, 2148 O St., 7:30 p.m.; Programming Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net

Sat., Mar. 12- NCAA March Madness, Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA, noon-10 p.m. Contact Amy Billings at amycbilling@gmail.com.

Mar. 20-23- Hosts needed for International Cornell Student Visits. Contact: Dan Spear at dspear25@yahoo.com

Wed., Mar. 30- MDDG, Discussion of Albee's *Who is Sylvia*, Alfio's, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase MD, 6:30 p.m. Contact Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org.

April

Friday, Apr. 1- ISSC, Kiplinger Gallery, 1729 H St. NW, 6:30-9 p.m. Contact: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Sat., Apr. 2- Capitol Area Food Bank, , 9am-noon. Contact Joyce Nicholas at JNCHLS202@aol.com

Sat., Apr. 16- Old Rag XXXIX hike, 2148 O St. NW, 8a.m. Contact Bob McKinless at 703/256-5451 or rjm10@cornell.edu or Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

Sat., April 21- CALS Centennial, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Mass. Ave. NW, 6:30 p.m. Contact June Losurdo at 607/255-7771 or JML235@cornell.edu

Quick Club Announcements...

● CCW Meetings

Tuesday, March 8th: Members are invited to attend the monthly Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., preceded by the Programming Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Club headquarters, 2148 O St. NW, Washington, D.C. Pizza for all attending. For questions contact Danielle Alsop at dalsop@verizon.net. Metro: Dupont Circle, Red Line.

● Community Service: Tutoring at Jefferson Junior High

Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:30 a.m., 801 7th St. SW

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. Volunteers need not commit to every weekend.

Jefferson is located at the intersection of 7th Street SW and Maine Avenue. There's 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 703/548-8349 or dlavanga@hotmail.com.

● 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>

Job Offerers: Replies can either be sent directly to you, if you wish your contact information to be public (for CCW job seekers only, of course); or your reply information can be anonymous, and replies can be routed through the coordinator Steve Oppenheimer, as you prefer.

Big Red Wrestlers at U.S.Naval Academy, March 4th and 5th

Cornell's nationally ranked wrestling team, Ivy League Champions in both 2003 and 2004, will be competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships in Annapolis on Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th. This tournament, in USNA's Alumni Hall, will help decide which wrestlers qualify for the 2005 National Championships in St. Louis.



Due to security restrictions, only specifically authorized and properly stickered vehicles are allowed on the Naval Academy's grounds. So plan to park downtown and walk onto The Yard, entering by foot with photo I.D. through Gate No. 1. Or park at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and ride the free shuttle bus. A photo I.D. issued by a State or Federal Government agency will be required for everyone age 16 or older boarding the shuttle bus.

To obtain tournament schedules and team details, check the USNA website: www.navysports.com/sports/wrestling. Or to contact the Cornell team, phone Cornell's coach Rob Koll at 607/255-7307.

Support the Capitol Area Food Bank

Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.-noon
645 Taylor Street, NE

Many low-income individuals rely on the Capitol Area Food Bank to meet their basic dietary needs.

CCW has helped this organization many times through the years and we are looking for volunteers to continue this tradition on April 2nd when CCW is scheduled to stock CAFB's food pantry from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Joyce Nicholas, CCW Community Service Chair, JNCHLS202@aol.com. See you in April!!!

Roving Reporter:

2005 Cornell Cares Day A Success!!!

On January 17th, Cornell alumni and students collaborated with Food and Friends, a D.C. non-profit which offers meals to individuals with terminal illnesses.

Seventeen Cornellians delivered meals to the homes of 40 individuals on a cold Monday morning in Washington, D.C. Despite the chilly weather, everyone agreed that braving the elements was worth it and found the event to be rewarding.

CCW thanks everyone who joined us and we hope to see you at our future community service events!!! -Joyce Nicholas, CCW Community Service Chair

NCAA March Madness

Cheer on Cornell as NCAA men's basketball teams battle for conference titles. Join the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) at the Crystal City Sports Pub on **Saturday, March 12 from noon to 10 p.m.** A \$5 donation will entitle you to food and drink specials all day. Proceeds from the day will be donated to the alumni chapter of your choice or to a favorite local charity Hoop Dreams. Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA. Metro: Crystal City, Blue Line. For questions, contact Amy Billings at amycbilling@gmail.com.

Centennial Celebration for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
1779 Massachusetts Avenue NW



**Susan A. Henry, The
Ronald P. Lynch Dean of
Agriculture and Life
Sciences**

Help celebrate 100 years of achievement for Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) on Thursday, April 21, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Learn about new strategic directions for CALs from Dean Susan A. Henry, and three faculty: Bill Lesser, Chairperson, Department of Applied Economics and Management; Susan McCouch, Associate Professor, Departments of Plant Breeding and Plant Biology; and Larry Walker, Professor, Biological and Environmental Engineering.

Agriculture has been an integral part of Cornell University

since its founding in 1865. Even though the College of Agriculture was formed in 1888, it was only in 1904 that the New York State College of Agriculture was officially established under the leadership of Liberty Hyde Bailey.

Directions: The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is at 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, near the Dupont Circle (Red Line) Metro Station.

For more information or to RSVP, visit www.cals.cornell.edu/centennial.cfm, or contact June Losurdo at 607/255-7771 or JML235@cornell.edu



**Liberty Hyde
Bailey**

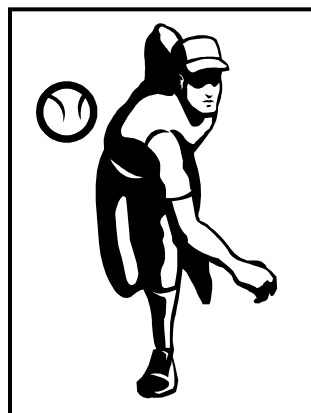
Cornell and Michigan Volleyballing

This year, Cornellians are participating for the first time in the Capital Alumni Network's Recreational Volleyball league! Since this year's game sites are not metro accessible, Cornell alums have teamed up with the University of Michigan "BLUE" team to ensure a strong team presence. Fortunately, next year's games will be within the District, so more Cornellians will be able to play in the competitive and recreational leagues.

Games this year are scheduled for 7:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday nights through April. Check out this link for schedule and location:

www.dcalum.org/sports/vbmain.cfm.

Big Red Softball Among the Best



Cornell had another successful softball season in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) league, finishing the regular season at 13-1 and entered the tournament as the number 4 seed in the 48-team field. During the regular season, the Cornell offense ranked near the top of CAN, allowing the Big Red to come from behind on 7 different occasions, winning twice in the final at bat, including the opening victory over nemesis (and tournament runner-up) Colgate.

The offense was led by Dave Sotos, Julie Staub, Scott Ford, Ted Gumer, Rob Cozzie, Sarah Mann, and many more as nearly a dozen players hit over .500.

Unfortunately, the big offensive bats fell silent during the tournament as Cornell fell to upset king Texas A&M (who defeated three higher seeds), then to #1 Michigan, by a run each time. (Michigan also gave Cornell its only regular season loss.) This followed a 2003 year with a 14-1 regular season and a 3-2 tournament record, reaching the final 8.

Game by Game Results

The season starts in April and finishes with the all team (48 last year, more this year) tournament in mid-August.

Games are usually on the Monument, Ellipse or Mall, but we also do weekend doubleheaders on real field (and barbeque too). It's often serious, but partying is encouraged.

Players needed:
Practices start in

late March. Many veteran players (young and not so young) will be returning, but we need more skilled players, who can help us go beyond the successes of the past seasons in the very competitive CAN league. Players need to become CCW members to help meet the league's alumni requirements. The coaching staff does much of the organizational work, but everyone needs to help and the team funds itself. Contact Steve Piekarec at spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Cornell 20 - Colgate 19
Cornell 25 - Ohio 12
Cornell 31 - Tennessee 8
Cornell 20 - Purdue 8
Cornell 19 - Buffalo 2
Cornell 19 - Massachusetts 5
Cornell 18 - Texas A&M 14
Cornell 10 - Pittsburgh 8
Cornell 12 - Michigan State 7
Cornell 22 - Northwestern 10
Michigan 7 - Cornell 3
Cornell 11 - South Carolina 4
Cornell 40 - Florida 13
Cornell 28 - Georgia 4

End of Season Tournament
Cornell 10 - Clemson 0
Texas A&M 6 - Cornell 5
Michigan 4 - Cornell 3

It Is Time For Old Rag XXXIX

On Saturday, April 16 alumni and Cornell-in-Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain near Sperryville, VA. This is one of the Washington Area's most popular excursions, and we expect a large turnout (25-40) each time we go.



The first two-thirds of the strenuous, nine-mile hike is on a trail through the trees, while the upper part is open and rocky. Bring lunch and water in a day-pack, and wear a hat and sturdy shoes. The total time needed for climbing, enjoying the view, eating and descending is about six hours. The Park Service has a \$5 fee per person and allows no more hikers after the parking lot is full. Therefore, a prompt 8:00 a.m. start from the Cornell Center is needed for this full-day event.

Let Bob McKinless '48 or Clint Brass '90 know if you are planning to go (or if you have questions). Contact Bob at 703/256-5451 or rfm10@cornell.edu; Clint Brass at 703/516-0142 or ctb14@cornell.edu.

Please contact them by April 13 so they can arrange transportation for the students and carpools among the alumni. Give your name, home phone number or email address and how many passengers you could carry comfortably - or if you NEED a ride.

Club's Dragon Boat Team Seeks More Paddlers



Big Red Dragons Race 2004

The Cornell Club of Washington will be entering Washington's annual Dragon Boat Festival in May--the third year of racing for the club's "Big Red Dragons." This exciting event will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 28th and 29th, on the Potomac along the Georgetown Waterfront. The launching site is at Thompson Boat Center and the finish line at Washington Harbor.

Join the team and enjoy the fun! Team Captain Jack Chiu '90 is already busy recruiting. We need more paddlers to enter two boats of twenty. Festival organizers are also adding new 12-person boats to this year's program, and this, too, is an option for us. Family members and close friends are eligible--no experience necessary.

In this third year of racing, our stroke pair from the silver-medal winning 2003 team, Brandy Jones '00 and Jamie Wilger '00, are planning to return this year, as are several other "veterans."

There will be only two or three training sessions in late April and early May--yet to be scheduled--and then we race on BOTH days. If you've ever paddled a canoe, you sort of know the drill. To sign up or for further information, contact Jack Chiu '90 by e-mail at jackwc56@hotmail.com (with info copy to dayhaven@starpower.com) or phone Bob Day at 301/438-7755. GO, BIG RED!

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A Note for CCW President Danielle Alsop

A special thanks goes to Mr. Gary Pokrant and Mr. Ramiro Lindado of the Reznick Group 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 the Reznick Group, 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 describing their services. 5

Hosts Needed for International Student Visits March 20-23

The annual trip of Cornell International Students visiting Washington D.C. this Spring is fast approaching.

Hosts will pick up their guests on Sunday afternoon, March 20, and return them to catch their bus back to Ithaca on Wednesday, March 23. During the day students are out enjoying sight-seeing and all that Washington has to offer.

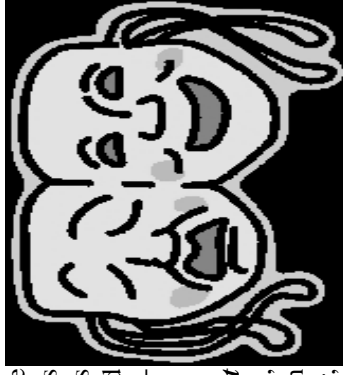
If you would like to participate in hosting students, couples and families, contact Dan Spear at dspear25@yahoo.com

Modern Drama Discussion Group

Albee Play for Discussion in March

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.

Performance: Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m. *Saint Joan* at Olney Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD--A Footlights group will be attending. To join them, purchase your ticket from the Olney Theater, 301/924.3400



Discussion: Wednesday, March 30, Alfio's, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, 6:30 p.m. : *The Goat or Who is Sylvia?* by Edward Albee In this Tony award-winning play, a successful architect named Martin faces a mid-life change of direction with a devoted wife, Stevie, and a gay teenage son. Upon turning 50, and just after he has landed a prestigious assignment, Martin begins an affair with a goat whom he names Sylvia. The guest speaker will be Wendy Goldberg Reserve with Mark Gruenberg at 202/898-4825 (anytime) or gruenberg@footlightsdc.org.

Performance: Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m., Tchaikovsky's *Maid of Orleans* at the Washington National Opera. To see this performance, starring the legendary Mirella Freni, inquire whether tickets at \$68 are still available, by contacting Betty Byrne, at 202/483-4048 or bettybyrne@standfordalumni.org.

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