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The Power and Promise of Life Sciences

Cornell President Hunter R. Rawlings III will host four exciting half-day forums on the New Life Sciences this spring, in each of four major cities with high concentrations of Big Red alumni. Please join us to hear Cornell faculty, alumni, and industry leaders speak about one of the most powerful scientific movements in history and Cornell's global leadership in life sciences research, discovery, and education.

The programs will showcase front-line research and recent breakthroughs in the life sciences as well as the economic opportunities that are changing the face of business and industry. These presentations, along with those of our prominent keynote speakers—all internationally-renowned experts charting the future of the life sciences—are sure to be informative and stimulating.

The DC New Life Sciences Forum is as follows:

April 12 - Washington, D.C., National Institutes of Health (tentative location)
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Claire M. Fraser

Dr. Claire M. Fraser is president and director of The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) in Rockville, Maryland, which has been at the forefront of the genomics revolution since it was founded in 1992. She is also a professor of pharmacology and professor of microbiology and tropical medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine. For details or to register visit <http://www.lifesciences.cornell.edu/forums>

The Art & Etiquette of Sushi: An Evening at Murasaki

Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 7:00 PM – SOLD OUT!
Thursday, April 3, 2002 at 7:00 PM

Join us for one of two private CCW evenings of sushi tasting and lore at DC's highly acclaimed Murasaki restaurant. Our expert sushi chef will describe the various varieties of sushi, discuss proper sushi etiquette, demonstrate the art of sushi-making, and answer any questions you might have. Each participant will be served a special multi-course dinner including a variety of sushi, plus appetizers, miso soup, salad, tempura, and dessert. Whether you're a sushi novice or a sushi snob, or perhaps somewhere in between, you are sure to enjoy these exclusive evenings for the CCW at one of DC's best sushi bars. Cost: \$35 per person for CCW members and their guests; \$38 per person for non-members. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Jonathan Simon at jds35@cornell.edu or 202-363-3027 (e-mail preferred).

Murasaki is located a few short blocks from the Tenleytown Metro, at 4620 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, A SECOND DATE HAS BEEN ADDED. THE MARCH 13 DINNER IS SOLD OUT. SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE APRIL 3 DINNER.

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Letter from the President...

March 2003

Dear Club Members,

The Spring is already busy, with more than 15 events in the next two months! Thanks to a fantastic Programming Committee, CCW has brought a diversity of events appealing to every alumni class.

Some special events to note:

- The Cornell Entrepreneur Network will host an event with Knight Kiplinger on March 27
- Hunter R. Rawlings III will be in town on April 12 at the National Institutes of Health
- There is a Pre-Reunion event on April 3rd for all the '3 and '8 classes

There is still an opportunity to get involved with next year's planning! The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to help select next year's officers and board members. Service on the CCW Board is a great way to meet new people, and have fun working with a diverse group.

Chuck Schilke, JD '88
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March 2003...

March

- 1 1-3 PM, Community Service at Martha's Table
7 PM, Cornell vs. Yale Hockey telecast @ Crystal City Sports Bar
- 3 6:30 PM, MDDG discusses *Elizabeth the Queen*
- 11 6:30 PM, CCW Programming Meeting @ Cornell Center 2148 O Street
7:15 PM, *Pizza served - All welcome*
7:30 PM, CCW Board Meeting @ Cornell Center
- 13 7 PM, Evening of Sushi at Murasaki
- 15 ECAC Hockey Tournament
- 16 MDDG attends *Intimate Apparel* @ Center Stage in Baltimore
6-8:30 PM, Ivy Singles 50+ reception at Westin Embassy Row Hotel
- 16-18 International Student Visit
- 21 8 PM, Philosophical Society of Washington discussion
- 27 6-9 PM, DC CEN event at Capitol Hilton

April

- 3 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Pre-Reunion Event at DACOR-Bacon House
7 PM, Evening of Sushi at Murasaki
- 3-5 Cornell Engineering Conference in Ithaca
- 5 Old Rag XXXV with Bob McKinless
- 8 6:30 PM, CCW Programming Meeting @ Cornell Center 2148 O Street
7:15 PM, *Pizza served - All welcome*
7:30 PM, CCW Board Meeting @ Cornell Center
6:30 PM, MDDG discusses *Boy Gets Girl*
- 12 "Power and Promise of Life Sciences" with Hunter Rawlings
- 13 MDDG attends *Elizabeth the Queen*
- 23 12 PM, Luncheon at DACOR-Bacon House
- 24 7 PM, Class of '99 Wine and Cheese Reception
- 25 Ivy Singles Social Event

Quick Club Announcements...

Ivy League Fifty + Singles

● **CCW JobBank:**

CCW brings together Cornell alumni and other professionals to establish a regional JobBank in the D.C. area. Employment areas include management consulting, high technology companies, Federal Government, non-profit, public relations firms, and Capitol Hill opportunities.

CCW JobBank is a clearinghouse for job leads, and the information base is a companion service to membership with the Cornell Club. The JobBank is a referral service to match a candidate's qualifications with openings posted by regional alumni. The listing is a localized pool that is distinct from what Career Services in Ithaca offers.

Your help is especially needed for alumni who desire work in the non-technical fields. (We have a shortage of these opportunities). Contact H. Shimbo at hks2@cornell.edu for JobBank assistance.

● **Nominations Committee Update:**

The CCW Nominations Committee is in the process of selecting officers and board members for the 2003-04 club year. Board membership is a great way to become active and organize activities for CCW. You get to have fun, work with a great group of people and benefit Cornell, all at the same time. If you would like to find out about the opportunities or volunteer for a position, please contact CCW Nominations Committee Chair Eliot Greenwald at ejg14@cornell.edu or call him at his office at 202-424-7809 or at his home at 301-320-5750 or CCW President Chuck Schilke at cns7@cornell.edu or call him at his office at 202-639-3279.

Annual Picnic Chair - CCW is looking for a volunteer to chair the annual Fathers' Day Picnic on June 15. The picnic is always a great event.

Database Chair - Eli Savada will be completing his term as CCW Database Chair this coming June. We are looking for a volunteer to learn the job and serve as Database Chair starting in July of 2003. This position is an opportunity to get more involved with CCW and work closely with the officers and board of directors.

● **Celebrate the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with CAAA**

Save the Date! Cornell Asian Alumni Association is planning a program and a reception at the Embassy of Indonesia on the evening of Thursday May 8th. More details will be forthcoming in April's newsletter.

● **An Evening with Brian Earle on May 29th**

Save the date for May 29th! ALS Alumni Association invites all Cornellians to a presentation and a reception with Brian Earle, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Communication on Thursday May 29th. Registration information will be in April's newsletter.

● **Class of '99 Wine & Cheese:**

In our continued effort to ramp-up enthusiasm for our 5th Year Reunion (just over a year away), please join us for our second kick-off event. Mark your calendars on **Thursday, April 24th, 7 PM** for a Red 'n White Wine and Cheese Reception. For more details please contact your Reunion Chair, Sheyna Horowitz at sqh2@cornell.edu/202-777-5797.

● **Save the date - Ivy Singles Social Club for April!**

Mark your calendars for the Ivy Singles Social Club Cornell event April 25, at the Kiplinger's Editor's Building 1729 H St., NW.

The Ivy League Fifty Plus Singles, established by the Yale Club of Washington, DC, will hold its next cocktail reception on **Sunday, March 16, 2003 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM**, at the historic Fairfax Hotel (recently renamed the Westin Embassy Row Hotel), 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, near the Dupont Circle Metro stop.

Valet parking is available.

The reception includes an elegant selection of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Please note that credit cards will not be accepted at the cash bar.

Admission is \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door. Due to space limitations, telephone reservations are required and advance payment by mail is suggested.

Telephone RSVPs by Wednesday, March 12, to Betsy Hendrix, at home, 703-356-6678.

Checks, payable to The Yale Club of Washington, DC, should be mailed to Marshall Deutsch at 19518 Taverney Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 1472, and received no later than Friday, March 7.

To check out our future receptions and other events, visit us on our website www.washingtondcyaleclub.org and click on "Over 50's Singles."

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CARD

PLAYERS: If you are interested in playing PARTY BRIDGE with the Ivy League Over 50's Singles Group, please contact David Huff, at telephone 703-461-7157.

CCW Alumni Listserv:

Announce your events, ask questions, find apartments and share job listings! 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 Amanda Stevenson '99 at amanda_stevenson@yahoo.com.

March 1, 2003 - Cornell vs. Yale Hockey Game

Mark your calendars for **March 1st 7 PM, at the Crystal City Sports Bar** (523 South 23rd Street, Arlington - METRO Crystal City) for the Cornell-Yale Hockey game.

CCW has been working to provide members with more opportunities to watch Cornell sports events, but the work has been difficult. Board Member Les Glick has been working with the Athletic Department in Ithaca on this. He reports that the Cornell athletic staff are trying to get more events televised, but often they and the ECAC have to pay the local cable channels for coverage and even then, it is often only the last minute that we receive notice that the game is going to be on the air.

The March 1st game appears to be firm and it will be shown on the New England Sports Network and "Yes" channel (Yankee Entertainment and Sports) both of which are available to Direct TV subscribers who have the "sports package." The YES network is also carrying some Cornell Basketball.

The Crystal City Sports Bar has agreed to give us a minimum of one or two TV's dedicated to the game. Depending on the number of attendees, we will have an area set aside for us, or a private floor. If we have our own room or floor we will be able to have sound on the TV's as well. In either case, you will know where to find the Cornellians (and maybe Yalies if they have the courage to attend), by looking for a sign when you enter that will direct you to our group. This event is free.

Please send an email to Les at trevy2@aol.com if you will attend so he can give the bar a head count and they can decide how many TV's, and space we need.

More good news -- the ECAC Hockey tournament will be televised on the same networks. The Cornell Athletic Department predicted that we will get a "bye" for the first round, but that the Cornell team should appear in the round that will be on TV March 15th. If the March 1st event is a success, we will probably go back to Crystal City Sports for the March 15th ECAC tournament. Check your email for more details.

Sieve, Sieve, Sieve - Cornell Takes Down Harvard in Boston

by *Melanie Acostavalle '99*

You know it is going to be a good game when Cornell blasts a puck past the Harvard goal only :31 seconds into the first period. The action did not stop - and the crowd was intense. If you have never been to the "away" game in Cambridge, I strongly recommend that you make the trip once. Part mini-reunion, part Lynah, the rink is swarming with Cornellians, as the sea of Big Red fans chant the players to victory.

Making your way to Cambridge for the Valentine's Day holiday and the "game" is a great way to show you care. Somewhere in my Cornell education, I specifically remember being told that sporting events make for great dates. The excitement of the games puts a "sparkle" in the eye - simulating the "love" look and feeling. So check the game schedule, and start making plans!

Three things to know before you go:

1. Buy your tickets! Begin calling the Harvard ticket office at the beginning of the school year. I've been told in the past to call after Labor Day and as late as Halloween. The 1-800 number makes it easy to call as many times as you want, and I recommend calling early and calling frequently. The number is 1-800-GO-HARVARD. Tickets are inexpensive at \$12 a seat.

2. Where do I sit? Generally, Cornell fans dominate sections 14-19. The Band sits in section 15 creating the "heart" of the fan section that spreads through sections 14 and 16. I've had tickets before in section 15 and the seats are great - but the Band is very loud, so think twice before sitting in that area.

For quieter seating, consider sections 17-19. Still solidly Cornell, these sections are generally populated with alumni. Within sections 20-22 it is a mixed bag of Cornell and Harvard, although I would say that 55% of the fans in those areas are Cornellians. This year, I had tickets behind the Harvard goalie in Section 22 - an excellent vantage point, but I did have to take some ribbing by one "not so friendly" Harvard fan. By the way, the weak little Harvard fan area is section 11.

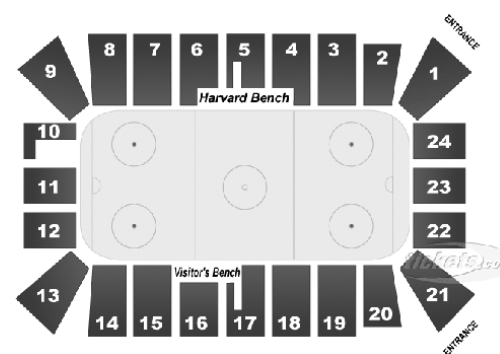
If you are unable to acquire tickets through the Harvard ticket office, you might try on-line at www.elynah.com. This fan managed site is an insider's guide to Cornell hockey, and they have a ticket exchange between individual people. (Buyer beware - this is no eBay.) If you happen to have extra tickets, it is pretty easy to sell them outside the arena.

3. Where do I go? John Harvard's in Cambridge is the un-official meeting point for Cornell fans. Prior to the game, the restaurant is packed with red jerseys and loud with Cornell pre-game chants. If you plan to eat there before the game, you may want to reserve a table in advance. John Harvard's is also the meeting point for post-game bragging. John Harvard's is tame prior to the game, but rowdy afterwards. Fans who enjoy a quiet post-game ritual, might prefer another location.

Travel to Boston in February is relatively inexpensive, and hotels are easy to come by. Seeing the Big red play in Cambridge is a fan's delight! It's a great opportunity to see the team, see old friends, and recall some of those old cheers.



The scoreboard says it all...



Harvard Hockey Rink Layout

CCW's Entry in Washington's Dragon Boat Festival Now Forming; Racing on May 24-25

Welcome the end of Winter by signing up NOW to join the excitement and participate in Washington's second annual Chinese Dragon Boat Festival on **Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25**, as a member of the Big Red Dragons. This jovial and festive event will be held on the Potomac along the Georgetown waterfront, with the finish line at Washington Harbor.

There isn't much time--your Cornell Club has to compete with numerous schools, law firms, and many other organizations for suitable and coveted dates for coaching lessons and training times in March, April and early May.

A Dragon Boat Team consists of 20 paddlers--no previous experience necessary--plus a drummer and a helmsman. Eight gorgeous new and colorful boats, with traditional dragon heads and tails and full sets of drums and the special short paddles, now call Washington "home", thanks to the generosity of various Taiwanese businesses and cultural associations.

The dragon boats used in Washington's Festival are in the Taiwanese style and were designed and constructed by Taiwanese dragon boat specialists. Scores of teams have already been formed around the Greater Washington area, and are still being formed, to "power" these boats over the 500-meter course.

Conditions of Participation

To be a "Big Red Dragon" you must be available for three one-hour training sessions in April and May--yet to be scheduled in consultation with the coaching staff--and you should be prepared to participate fully in the racing program itself on both Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and May 25th.

At this writing each participant should plan on a fee per person not to exceed \$45 per person. This fee will cover use of the equipment, three one-hour lessons (coaching), two days of racing and camaraderie and a modest contribution to the Cornell Club's Scholarship Fund.

We are also exploring a few possibilities for enlisting the help of donors with strong Cornell ties and an interest in Chinese culture to help defray the cost of the \$800 festival entry fee for each boatload of racers and, at the same time, to support the Cornell Club's Scholarship Fund.

For further information and to sign up, contact Cornellians Patti Jette '96 of the DC Dragons by e-mail (p_jette@hotmail.com) or Bob Day '56 by e-mail or phone (dayhaven@starpower.net or 301-438-7755).

Cornellians familiar with their university's strong traditions in Asian Studies and the historically high enrollment of Chinese and Chinese-Americans in all of Cornell's degree-granting programs will welcome this unique opportunity to share in a cultural and sporting event with a 2,200 year history.

The ancient sport of dragon boat racing commemorates the life and death of Chu Yuan (circa 340-278 BC) a popular political leader of the State of Chu and, as China's first known poet, a towering genius in the history of Chinese literature. When he witnessed his home State of Chu falling into the hands of inept officials and weakened to the point of inviting invasion by a powerful neighbor, he committed suicide in despair by drowning himself in the Mi-Lo River.

The people of Chu, according to the tradition, raced out in their fishing boats to try and rescue him, but in vain. They were, according to both the legend and the current practices at the Festival, beating drums and gongs to scare away the evil spirits and throwing dumplings into the river to keep the fish and dragons in that aquatic realm from eating the body of their beloved poet.

Batter Up! CCW Softball Looking for New Talent

Spring is quickly approaching and the Big Red Alumni Team is preparing to reclaim top seeding in the Capital Alumni Network Softball League. Scouts are specifically searching for Cornellians who can pitch or play shortstop, however, we invite you to join us even if your best move is typically at the sports bar after the game! The first season's practice has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 29th**, with a second tentatively set for April 5th.

Email the Coaching Staff at CAN_Cornell@yahoo.com for more information. Check out the CAN Website at <http://www.dcalum.org> for game schedules and the all important social competitions to be announced!

Community Service

Join fellow Cornellians and friends on Saturday, **March 1st from 1-3 PM** at Martha's Table at 2114 14 Street NW. Martha's Table (www.marthastable.org) is a non-profit organization that provides meals for many of the area's soup kitchens and homeless shelters. We will make sandwiches, soup, bag lunches, etc. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, bring a hat and wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. Contact Suzanne Proctor at Sproctor@cdc.gov, if you would like to participate.

Cornell-on-the-Anacostia & National Learn to Row Day

Cornell Club members, their families and friends are invited to enjoy fresh strawberries and cream and outdoor fun at CCW's Cornell-on-the-Anacostia on **Sunday afternoon, June 1**. Mark your calendars now; a nominal contribution (yet to be determined) will be asked to cover the strawberries and other costs of the event. This is an ideal intergenerational event!

Try out paddling in a Chinese Dragon Boat, or row for old time's sake in Eights. Visit the newly opened Anacostia Community Boathouse. Displays will feature plans for Cornell's new Boathouse, 15 years of community rowing on the Anacostia River and of Capital Rowing Club (CRC), and the cleanup of the Anacostia.

Cornellians and their friends of all ages are also invited to join folks from the neighborhoods at CRC's FREE introduction to rowing on **National Learn to Row Day, Saturday, May 31**, when Capital Rowing Club joins over 100 clubs throughout the United States to give people a taste of rowing on the water and on the ergometer.

Activities both days will take place 1:00-3:30 PM at the Anacostia Community Rowing Center, 1115 "O" Street, SE, in Washington, DC. For more about Cornell-on-the-Anacostia and sign-ups contact Alyssa Reiner '94 (Alyssa_Reiner@hotmail.com) and Mary Bowman '87 (mcb47@cornell.edu). To participate in National Learn to Row Day contact CRC's Jim Connolly (jim@anacostiaws.org), or for more on both events those preferring to use the telephone may call Bob Day '56 (301-438-7755).

Philosophical Society of Washington

Please join Tom Mueller '64 and the Philosophical Society of Washington on **Friday, March 21st, at 8 PM** for a lecture entitled "Neutrinos and Their Role in Astrophysics." The Philosophical Society has sponsored talks to the scientific community for over 125 years. Open to all interested parties, the lectures span a variety of thought provoking and intellectual topics.

Location: John Wesley Powell Auditorium of the Cosmos Club. The Powell Entrance is at 2170 Florida Ave NW (Dupont Metro) For more information please contact Tom Mueller at tam26@cornell.edu or 703-758-0314.

Mount Vernon Wine Tasting Festival

Do you miss wine tasting along the Cayuga Wine Trail? Come join the CCW on **Saturday May 17th from 6-9 PM** for the next best thing! Sample some of Virginia's best while overlooking the Potomac at the beautiful and historic Mount Vernon Estate. Bring a picnic blanket and sip wine under the stars while listening to live jazz, and enjoy tours of the rarely opened cellar vaults where George Washington stored his wine.

The cost is approximately \$30 per person (price still tentative at time of printing). If interested, please contact Christie Kaefer '96 for further information at 703-820-2387 or ckaefer@hotmail.com. Since this event sells out quickly, all money needs to be received by March 31st!

April 23rd Luncheon will Feature DC's "City Museum"

A luncheon featuring Barbara Franco, President and CEO of the Historical Society of Washington, as our guest speaker will be held at the prestigious DACOR-Bacon House (18th & F Streets, NW) on **Wednesday, April 23rd, at 12:00 noon**. She will be providing us with a timely "Preview of Washington's new CITY MUSEUM," which is now readying its new home and its opening exhibits for the grand opening on May 15.

To make reservations for this special event, being organized by CCW's Urbanauts and open to all CCW members, contact Bob Day '56 by e-mail (dayhaven@starpower.net) or by phone (301-438-7755). Cost of the luncheon, including gratuities will be \$20 per person.

Pre-Reunion Event in Washington, DC

Meet and mingle with fellow classmates from all the '3 and '8 reunion classes and learn what's planned for Reunion Week-end. Light food and beverages will be served at this delightful historic house. Brush up on your memories and know there will be Cornell songs to sing at this reception event co-sponsored by CCW and the Reunion Classes.

Where: DACOR-Bacon House, 1801 F Street, NW, Metro stop Farragut North or on street parking after 6:30 PM

When: Thursday, April 3rd, 2003 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Price: \$10 per person for classes of the 90ies, \$15 per person for all other classes

Invitations will be mailed to all Greater Washington area reunion classes

RSVP by MARCH 30 to:

Mary Bowman, 2907 Summerfield Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042, or Gladys L. Stifel, 9636 Old Spring Rd., Kensington, MD 20895

For more information, email Mary at mcb47@cornell.edu or Gladys at gls23@cornell.edu

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"What's Ahead for the U.S. Economy: Global Tension, Economic Stimulus and Cut-Throat Competition"

Knight Kiplinger '69 is one of America's most respected economic journalists and business forecasters. In his writing, speeches and appearances on major TV and radio networks, he cuts through the complexity of financial subjects with clarity and foresight. He is editor in chief of The Kiplinger Letter, Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine and KiplingerForecasts.com. Mr. Kiplinger is a frequent guest on CNN, Fox and CNBC, and he has appeared on "Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser," "The Today Show," "CBS This Morning" and "The Larry King Show." He is a regular commentator on "Marketplace," the daily business report heard on public radio stations nationwide.

Thursday, March 27, 2003, 6 pm - 9 PM, Capital Hilton. Cost \$35
(Networking buffet/Presentation/Q&A/Open Mike/Dessert/Coffee/Networking)

Register now on-line at: <http://www.cen.cornell.edu> (Cancellations must be made 48-hours prior to the event)

Join fellow Cornellians for an evening of business networking, insights and a celebration of our Cornell ties!

More Information About Knight Kiplinger '69: <http://cen.cornell.edu/article.php?sid=116>

To have your contact data available to other Cornellians (password protected) through CEN you must sign up for CEN Membership at:
http://cen.cornell.edu/user.php?op=new_user

MDDG Discusses the *Elizabeth the Queen* and *Boy Gets Girl*

On **Monday, March 3**, the MDDG will discuss a "magnificent" drama (*New York Times*): *Elizabeth the Queen* (1930), by Maxwell Anderson. In *Elizabeth the Queen*, an aging monarch must reconcile her royal responsibilities with her passion for a handsome & ambitious young nobleman.

On **Tuesday, April 8**, the MDDG will discuss "one of the finest, most disturbing American plays in years" (*Time Magazine*): *Boy Gets Girl* (2000), by Rebecca Gilman. In *Boy Gets Girl*, a sophisticated New Yorker accepts a blind date, only to find herself stalked by a man whose persistent unwanted attention escalates into violence.

Both these discussions start with an inexpensive dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by the discussion (with a guest speaker) 7:30-9:30, all at Luna Books, 1633 P St., NW, 3 blocks east of Dupont Circle. Reservations are required; call 202-898-4825 or e-mail gruenberg@footlightsdc.org. Copies are available at Backstage Books, Olsson's Books & Records, & Politics & Prose. Participation (except dinner) is free (contributions encouraged; dinner optional).

On **Sunday, April 13, 2 PM**, the MDDG will attend a performance of *Elizabeth the Queen*, starring Michael Learned (The Waltons), at Folger Library's Elizabethan Theatre, 201 East Capitol St., SE. Tickets are \$32, which includes a post-show discussion. Dinner will follow at a nearby restaurant. Mail your check, payable to "Footlights," to Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct., Rockville, MD 20852 (301-897-9314 & rlarkin@footlightsdc.org).

The Modern Drama Discussion Group is a joint project of the Cornell, Chicago, Harvard, and Stanford alumni clubs. For regular updates e-mail join@footlightsdc.org; for general information go to www.footlightsdc.org or call 202-898-4825.

Over \$20,000 Raised at the CAAA New Year Dinner

by Tomoko Morinaga '89

The 11th annual Cornell Asian Alumni Association ("CAAA") Pan-Asian Banquet was held on Saturday, January 25, 2003, in New York City. Over 200 people attended which included leaders from other Cornell alumni associations, trustees, senior administration staff as well as CAAA members and their guests.

The guest of honor, Her Excellency Chan Heng Chee '67, Ambassador of Singapore to the United States spoke at the dinner. President Emeritus, Frank Rhodes, also made several remarks. We are very pleased to announce that over \$20,000 was raised, which will be used to continue to fund the CAAA Tradition Fellowship to benefit Asians and Asian-Americans attending Cornell.

Junior/Senior Alumnae Lunch a Success!

by Lois Berkowitz '59

Cornell women, past and present, are a hardy bunch. In spite of a 3-4 inch snowfall (practically a blizzard in Washington!) and epidemic winter flu, 19 women attended the Junior/Senior/Alumnae lunch hosted by Lois Berkowitz '59, on Sunday, January 5. This is an annual all-women's event that gives undergraduates a chance to meet and talk with Cornell alums about topics such as job possibilities in Washington, the glass ceiling, balancing career and family, finding a mentor and more. It is always enjoyed by both the students and the alumnae. Lois was ably assisted in the planning process by Tomoko Morinaga '89.

Alumnae involved this year were: Jyoti Bammi '98, Leona Chan '98, Angela Clark '88, Kristi Covert '94, Jenifer DeLong '97, Nicole Del Toro '91, Jill Fields '88, Lynn Dicker '96, Liz Hill '00, Leslie Kowalski '88, Mitzi Lucas '77, Natacha Simpkins '99, Anastasia Williams '91 and Lisa Williams '85.

State Department Tours Hit by Code Orange; Those Already Signed Up Will Have Choices

Unfortunately all CCW tours of the State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms scheduled for February and March have been cancelled due to Code Orange. In the case of our February 10th tour, this happened on very short notice, and we were able to notify promptly all 22 Cornellians who had been scheduled to participate.

Our contact in the State Department's tour office called again on February 20th, this time to remind us that Code Orange is still in effect and to notify us that the decision had been made to "postpone indefinitely," i.e., cancel, all tours of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms scheduled for the month of March 2003, in addition to those previously cancelled for February. This latest move affects both CCW's March 12th tour with luncheon and a "Make-up Date" which we had tentatively scheduled for March 21st, in hopes of rescheduling a tour for the benefit of those disappointed by the February cancellation.

Checks made out to CCW by those slated to take the tour on February 10th were not deposited due to the sudden turn of events and the Club's Treasurer, Melani Schultz has returned them to the event coordinator, Bob Day '56. He is likewise holding all checks made out to CCW by those slated to take the March 12th tour.

CCW members who have already paid for these now-cancelled State Department tours, now have essentially three choices, in each case requiring a decision on which way the check in Bob's hands should be handled. All three of these options are equally important to the club and the checks will not be deposited until we here from you:

1. Club holds the check and applies it to cover the member's participation in some other CCW function (e.g., a newly scheduled April 23rd luncheon at the DACOR-Bacon House, announced elsewhere in this edition of the CCW News);
2. Members can ask that their checks be designated as deposits in CCW's Scholarship Fund and deposited in the Club's bank account; or
3. Members can ask that their checks be voided and returned to them uncashed.

CCW will make every effort to reschedule one or more tours of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms in the U.S. Department of State in order to honor the great interest CCW members have shown in this particular club activity. Given the numerous club and university activities in the Spring, it does not appear that any rescheduling will be possible until Summer at the earliest.

The coordinator for all cancelled tours and for the newly announced luncheon on April 23rd, Bob Day '56, will stay in close touch with all CCW members affected by these new developments. He can be reached by phone at 301-438-7755 and by e-mail at dayhaven@starpower.net. Please stay tuned.

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