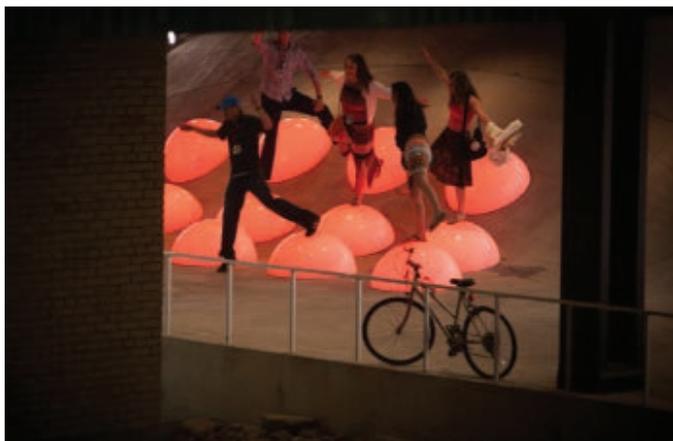




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# What a Weekend



Smiles and sunny  
skies greet  
Reunion 2014

Reunion 2014 broke the record for alumni attendance set five years ago, with some 4,800 grads returning to campus. The event drew visitors from forty-seven states as well as Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. (North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming: we've got our eye on you.) Honors for the Cornellian who traveled the farthest went to Andrew McRobert, LLM '09, who journeyed from Melbourne, Australia.

The oldest Reunion group, the Class of 1939, boasted five attendees for its 75th: Austin Kiplinger, Dorothy Sennett, Dawn Rochow-Balden Seymour, James White, PhD '44, and Alexander Yaxis. (Additionally, classmate Ruth Gold Goodman, MA '41, joined via Google Chat for a "virtual reunion" from her home in New Jersey.) The Class of 1974 broke the 40th Reunion record—held for more than two decades by the Class of '52—with 272 classmates attending. Counting friends and family, some 6,600 people flocked to the Hill for the weekend, which was blessed with mostly sunny skies and balmy temperatures. Alumni Affairs and Development reports that this year's Reunion campaigns garnered more than \$115 million.

The weekend's highlights included the first-ever reunion of CUGALA, the University's LGBT



Good times: Reunion activities included (clockwise from left) an impromptu dance in Milstein Hall, rappelling across the gorge, croquet on the Anabel Taylor lawn, and a campus tour for the Class of 2035.

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Trooping the colors: A proud grad shows his stripes (below) and the crowd sways to the Alma Mater on Cornelliana Night (right). Center: A festive scene on the shore of Beebe Lake.



Speaking up: Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 introduces President Skorton (far right). Right: Olin lecturer Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, greets a fan.





Rain or shine: The weekend featured the first-ever CUGALA reunion (above), whose attendees included Scott Pesner '87 (left) and Erica Kagan '05. Top: Dancing the night away in the tents.

alumni association, which drew more than 100 people. Professors Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, and Isaac Kramnick gave the annual Olin Lecture, offering a talk entitled “The Way We Were—and Are: Reflections on Students and Faculty at Cornell.” The speech was a sneak preview of their forthcoming book, *Cornell: A History, 1940–2015*.

In his second-to-last Reunion appearance as president, David Skorton gave a State of the University Address that included a promise to keep in touch after he departs to lead the Smithsonian Institution following the University’s 150th birthday celebrations in 2014–15. “In the sesquicentennial year, it is worth remembering that for a 150 years, Cornell and Cornellians have mobilized to tackle seemingly intractable real-world problems,” Skorton told the audience in Bailey Hall. “And the commitment of Cornellians to contribute productively toward solutions remains as strong—indeed, stronger than ever.”