

TRUSTEES APPROVE BUSINESS COLLEGE MOVE SPARKS CONCERN—ESPECIALLY AMONG HOTELIES

The decision to create a new college that unites the University's business-oriented schools has sparked controversy on campus and beyond. Trustees approved the Cornell College of Business—which will bring together the Johnson School, the School of Hotel Administration, and CALS' Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management—in late January, following Provost Michael Kotlikoff's announcement of the plan in mid-December. "A unified College of Business will allow Cornell to achieve the full potential of its excellent and varied business programs by integrating business faculty and students at all levels and coordinating programmatic collaborations that span our campuses," President Elizabeth Garrett said after the vote. Soumitra Dutta, currently dean of the Johnson School, will serve as the college's inaugural dean.

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The trustees' unanimous decision came despite some marked displeasure about the plan, including a student march to Day Hall and the passage of measures in the Faculty Senate, University Assembly, and Student Assembly requesting that they delay action until March. Hotelies, whose school has long had a unified identity and strong alumni network, have voiced particularly strenuous objections; as of mid-February, a Facebook group called "Keep Cornell Hotel School Independent" had more than 1,400 members. The controversy has drawn coverage in the mainstream media, including an extensive piece in the *New York Times* that ran under the headline, "Cornell's Plan to Merge Hotel School Gets an Icy Reception."

The University has worked to allay concerns by noting that each school will maintain its unique identity and mission—and have its own dean—and that the process to develop the college's particulars will be open and inclusive, with input from alumni, students, faculty, and staff. The new college, University leaders say, will constitute one of the most comprehensive business schools in the nation, with 145 research faculty and nearly 2,900 students. "The College of Business will bring together the excellence and breadth of Cornell's leading undergraduate, graduate, and specialized professional programs to address society's most pressing issues," Kotlikoff said, adding that the merger will combine "unique strengths in three of the world's largest industries: food, hospitality, and technology."

Chem E Alum Donates \$50 Million

The School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering will be renamed in recognition of a \$50 million gift from Robert Smith '85, the Texas-based founder, chairman, and CEO of Vista Equity Partners. The endowment will support the school, create a fellowship program in collaboration with Cornell Tech, and provide scholarships to students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the STEM fields, particularly African Americans and women.



CREEPY CRAWLIES

Researchers at the Medical College recently helped sequence the genome of which loathsome pest?



- A) Bedbug
- B) Cockroach
- C) Blackfly
- D) Malarial mosquito



ANSWER: A

Grad Housing Complex to be Redeveloped

Maplewood Park, a grad student housing complex built in 1989, will be demolished at the end of the academic year. A planned \$80 million housing and retail facility is set to open on the site in time for fall semester 2018. In January, the Board of Trustees approved a deal with a private developer of educational housing to construct the new complex; the University will retain ownership of the land. According to a proposal submitted to the Ithaca Town Board, the facility would house more than 850 people in 500 to 600 units.



Hot topic: The new Liberty Hyde Bailey Conservatory Greenhouse has opened, six years after the original—an eight-decade-old wooden structure—was demolished. The 4,000-square-foot facility, located on Tower Road, houses more than 500 tropical, subtropical, and other plant species.

PHOTOS: GREENHOUSE: LINDSAY FRANCE/UP; ALARMAN, ROBERT BARNEY/UP; ALL OTHERS PROVIDED



Klarman Opens on Arts Quad

Klarman Hall, the first new humanities building built on central campus since 1905, opened in January after two and a half years of construction. The \$61 million facility, attached to the east side of Goldwin Smith, features a 7,700-square-foot glass atrium as well as offices, classrooms, a 350-seat auditorium, and the newly relocated Temple of Zeus café. Klarman’s academic tenants include the departments of Romance studies and comparative literature. It will also be home to numerous classical statues from Cornell’s former Museum of Casts, including the *Flying Nike* (left).

GIVE MY REGARDS TO... THESE CORNELLIANs IN THE NEWS



Tsai Ing-wen, LLM '80 (left), elected the first female president of Taiwan.
Lee Teng-hui, PhD '68, served in the post from 1988 to 2000.

Andrea Berloff '95, nominated for an Oscar for best original screenplay for *Straight Outta Compton*.

Natural resources professor **Marianne Krasny '74**, elected a foreign fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.

Hotelie **Leland Pillsbury '69**, founder and chairman of Thayer Lodging Group, named Cornell’s 2016 Entrepreneur of the Year.

Garrett Reveals Cancer Diagnosis

In February President Elizabeth Garrett announced that she has been diagnosed with colon cancer. “I am receiving the best possible care from a team of doctors at Weill Cornell Medicine and am beginning an aggressive treatment program,” Garrett said in an e-mail to the University community. She noted that she will be reducing her travel schedule and lightening her commitments over the next months, and that some of her duties will be taken over by senior leadership in the interim.

Tuition Rises 3.75 Percent

Undergraduate tuition will increase 3.75 percent for 2016–17, the University has announced. Students in the endowed colleges, as well as out-of-staters in the statutory schools, will pay \$50,712; New York State residents in the contract colleges will pay \$33,968.

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More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu

Exploring ways for policymakers to combat underage use of e-cigarettes, a health economist at the Medical College found that limiting flavor variety makes “vaping” less appealing to teens.

In the journal *Nature*, investigators at the Vet college report that they’ve completed the largest genetic study of dogs to date, comprising analysis of more than 180,000 markers from 4,200 animals.

Researchers at the Hotel school find that moderate minimum wage hikes don’t hurt a restaurant’s bottom line—and that they can have benefits, like increasing employee satisfaction and lowering turnover.

With a \$2 million state grant, the University will establish the Institute for Food Safety at Cornell, dedicated to research and training for New York growers and producers.



Chapter House Design Approved

Plans are moving ahead to rebuild Stewart Avenue’s beloved Chapter House pub, which was destroyed in a fire in April 2015. The new building’s design, which closely echoes the original structure, was approved by the city’s Landmarks Preservation Commission in January; the Chappie is aimed to reopen later this year.

Campus Mourns Two Emeritus Professors

The University has lost two professors emeriti who made significant contributions to artistic life on campus and beyond. In December, sculptor Jack Squier, MFA '52 (right), passed away at the age of eighty-eight. Squier’s lasting influence on his alma mater included guiding students in creating the large, abstract pieces that comprise the sculpture garden in Newman Arboretum.



And in February, composer Steven Stucky, MFA '73, DMA '78 (left), died of brain cancer at age sixty-six. Stucky won the Pulitzer Prize in 2005 for his *Second Concerto for Orchestra*.



Fantastic fibers: A commissioned work by architecture professor Jenny Sabin is currently on display at the Smithsonian’s Cooper Hewitt museum in New York City. The piece, made of photo-luminescent and solar-active threads, will be shown through mid-August as part of “Beauty,” the museum’s triennial design show.

DID YOU KNOW...

That a list of the world’s fifteen most amazing waterfalls compiled by the travel website Thrillist included Tompkins County’s own Taughannock Falls?



Goodbye to Another C-Town Bar

Dunbar’s, a popular dive bar on Eddy Street, has shut down after thirty-six years in business. It joins a cadre of Collegetown watering holes that have recently gone the way of Johnny’s Big Red Grill—a list of lamented establishments that includes the Palms, Pixel, and Stella’s.

‘Where else do you find horses and cows, orchards, and engineering and math and chemistry—the whole nine yards—in one institution?’

— Ruth Anderson Singer '78, during Cornell Day at the New York State capital

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