

FOR RAWLINGS, A THIRD TIME IN DAY HALL

President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings III has assumed the post of interim president; he'll stay in the role until a successor to the late Elizabeth Garrett is chosen. Rawlings served as Cornell's tenth president from 1995–2003 and in an interim capacity from 2005–06, following the resignation of Jeffrey Lehman '77. "One of the nation's premier advocates for higher education, Hunter has served as the president of the Association of American Universities since 2011 and had announced his retirement from that position last year," says Board chairman Robert Harrison '76, who calls Rawlings "uniquely suited to take the helm of Cornell at this time of transition." An international search for the University's fourteenth president begins later this year; it will be led by trustee Jan Rock Zubrow '77, who headed the committee that selected Garrett.

'It's nice to have a face on the future. It's starting to feel real.'

 Fourth-year med student
Courtney Haviland, on landing a pediatrics residency at
Massachusetts General Hospital during Match Day 2016

DID YOU KNOW...



That you can watch Cornell's beloved redtailed hawks, Ezra and Big Red, raise their latest offspring? Live views of their nest are available at cams.allaboutbirds.org.



Solemn scene: Shortly after President Garrett's death, Cornellians gathered outside Willard Straight for a candlelight vigil. In accordance with her wishes, a research fund has been established in her memory. Donations to the President Elizabeth Garrett Fund for Colon Cancer Research at the Meyer Cancer Center can be sent to Weill Cornell Medicine, 1300 York Ave., Box 314, New York, NY 10065.



Commencement Weekend to Feature Kotlikoff, Franco

Provost Michael Kotlikoff, who served as acting president during Elizabeth Garrett's battle with colon cancer, will preside over the University's 148th Commencement in May and give the traditional speech in Schoellkopf Stadium. He'll stand in for interim president Hunter Rawlings, who has a long-standing previous commitment that weekend. Other highlights will include a Convocation speech by actor James Franco (above), star of such films as "127 Hours" and the cult TV favorite "Freaks and Geeks."

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

A University-based project called "Freedom on the Move" aims to compile all North American runaway slave advertisements into a collaborative database for research purposes.

Stimulants commonly prescribed for ADHD in children are associated with low bone density, finds a study at the Medical college—suggesting that such kids should be monitored to reduce their risk of developing osteoporosis later in life.

Cornell researchers may have found a "vegetarian gene." They've described a genetic variation that evolved in populations that have favored a plant-based diet over hundreds of generations, such as in India, Africa, and parts of East Asia.



CU Shifts Single Restrooms to All-Gender

The single-occupancy, genderspecific restrooms on campus will be converted to all-gender by the beginning of the fall 2016 semester, the University has announced. The move comes as

many communities and institutions are making efforts to be more inclusive and accommodating for transgender people. Cornell has also created an online map of its all-gender restrooms, with new ones being added to it as they become available.



Climbing Wall Climbs Higher

Bartels Hall's twenty-six-year-old Lindseth Climbing Wall—already the largest in North America at 160 feet long by thirty feet high—is getting an upgrade. Costing more than \$700,000, the renovation (seen above in a rendering) will expand the climbing area from 4,800 square feet to about 6,000 and increase the height to fifty feet.



Myrick Proposes Heroin Injection Site

Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 (at left above, with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo during a visit to campus) made national headlines this winter, when he announced a plan to fight the ills of heroin addiction by opening a monitored injection center in the city. Such a site—the first of its kind in the U.S.—would be aimed at preventing overdoses, blood-borne infections, and other health problems by offering clean needles and medical supervision. The plan would require legislative changes at the state and federal levels.



Med School Dean to Depart

Medical college Dean Laurie Glimcher has been tapped to lead Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Glimcher, dean since January 2012, will leave office at the end of May, but stay on as an adviser through August.

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THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

Maria Gallo '84, named the first female president of Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Juniors Shivansh Chawla, Robert Lee, Charles Wan, and Zachary Ziegler, recipients of Goldwater Scholarships, given for merit in math, science, and engineering. Cornell was the only lvy to have four winners this year.





Lewis Cantley, PhD '75, director of the Medical college's Meyer Cancer Center, winner of the \$500,000 Wolf Prize—considered the Nobel of Israel—for discovering a family of enzymes that play a key role in many cancers.