

# From the Hill



**QUICK SILVER:** A shiny metallic beast invaded East Hill for the traditional Dragon Day festivities.

## R + D

**According to the Lab of Ornithology**, some 600 million migrating birds die in building collisions in the U.S. each year—and the most dangerous cities are Chicago, Houston, and Dallas.

**In mouse studies**, researchers at the Medical College have found that high fructose corn syrup can fuel the growth of colon tumors.



**A \$68.9 million** federal grape genetics research lab, funded by the USDA, will be built on CALS' Geneva campus, now known as Cornell AgriTech.

**Engineers have created** a radio frequency identification system so precise it can take measurements smaller than the width of a human hair—opening up a host of potential applications, including monitoring the structural integrity of buildings.

**‘This really is an issue that affects all of society.’**

— Government professor **Peter Enns**, whose research found that nearly half of Americans have a close relative who has been incarcerated

## Huttenlocher to Depart Cornell Tech



Dan Huttenlocher (left), the founding dean of Cornell Tech, will step down August 1 to become the inaugural dean of MIT's Schwarzman College of Computing. A doctoral alumnus of MIT, Huttenlocher has led Tech since 2012, overseeing its move from temporary quarters in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood to its permanent home on Roosevelt Island in 2017. A search committee has been formed to find his successor.

## New Center Supports Social Sciences

The University has announced the establishment of the Cornell Center for Social Sciences—the main initiative to come out of several faculty reports on how to enhance Cornell's excellence in the field. "Our goal," says Emmanuel Giannelis, vice provost for research, who will oversee the center, "is to facilitate increased collaborations across the disciplines and colleges, provide enhanced research infrastructure, and support future opportunities for research and growth." Provost Michael Kotlikoff also announced the formation of a faculty committee to develop recommendations for an organizational structure that will integrate academic areas in public policy, as well as for the creation of "superdepartments" akin to the existing Department of Economics.

PHOTOS: DRAGON DAY, JASON KOSKI (UREL); GRAPES, SHUTTERSTOCK; HUTTENLOCHER, LINDSAY FRANCE (UREL)



**IN STYLE:** The work of more than two dozen student designers was on display at the Cornell Fashion Collective's thirty-fifth annual Runway Show, held in Barton Hall in March.

## Center for Immunology Founded



Faculty from multiple colleges will collaborate on research through the new Cornell Center for Immunology. The virtual center—to comprise researchers from Veterinary Medicine, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, Human Ecology, and CALS—will be directed by Gary Koretzky '78 (left), a rheumatologist and immunologist who

holds appointments in the medical and veterinary colleges. "Our goal is to develop a center that complements the work conducted by our colleagues at Weill Cornell Medicine," says Koretzky, also vice provost for academic integration. "This makes it synergistic—and even though this is the cliché of 'the sum being greater than the individual parts,' it's really true. We have people who are tackling things from all different perspectives and directions, and they can provide insights to each other that are really useful."

## Did You Know...



That a Cornell law professor recently argued a death penalty case before the Supreme Court? Sheri Lynn Johnson (left) represented a black man from Mississippi—convicted of a quadruple homicide he denies committing—who claims racial bias in jury selection.

## Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news

**Weill Cornell Medical College**, which jumped twelve spots in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of the best med schools for research, landing at ninth place in a three-way tie with NYU and the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.

The **Cornell Speech and Debate Society**, which for the first time made it to the grand final of the World Universities' Debating Championships.

**Ithaca**, named the thirty-ninth best place to live in the U.S. by *livability.com*.

## Ex-Student Sentenced in Arms Case

A former undergrad who was arrested in March 2018 following the discovery of an arms cache in his Collegetown apartment has pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges and been sentenced to two years in prison. Maximilien Reynolds '19—a CALS student who was on leave from the University but still living nearby—was found with an AR-15 rifle, a homemade silencer, bomb-making materials, a bulletproof vest, and other items. He pleaded guilty to charges relating to the straw purchase of a rifle and having unregistered firearms. Reynolds's attorney, Raymond Schlather, JD '76, has said that his client has a history of mental illness and that paranoia may have driven him to stockpile weapons to defend himself against a perceived threat.