

This is Cornell

Cornell may be likened to a genetically engineered, multicolored chimeric animal, produced by combining the genes of at least a half dozen parents; all of whom are convinced that they contributed the dominant genes.

From where I sit in the tower at the east end of the campus, the chimera has a distinctly greenish hue, reflecting the emphasis on technological advances in biology, the plant and animal sciences, and veterinary medicine that have made us world leaders in improving food production and maintaining environmental quality.

But the chimera's coat has many different colors, and those that predominate depend on the angle of viewing.

In a larger sense, *Cornell* is more than a complex mosaic of disciplines and schools. It is a place of great creativity, nurtured by remarkable individual freedom. It is an institution where excellence and hard work are expected . . . indeed these are the norm.

It is an international community, and those of us who travel abroad are constantly reminded of the respect we command throughout the world simply because we are from *Cornell*.