Sabir describes her personal journey using poetic snapshots in Soup and Hope talk

NANCY DOOLITTLE

Using poetic vignettes to capture defining moments of her childhood and her personal transformations across time, Myra Sabir, an assistant dean of admissions and advising, launched the 2012 Soup and Hope series Jan. 19 in Sage Chapel.

Sabir was one of 11 children struggling to connect with her parents.

“To get a sense of my mother,/visualize a woman/softly chatting to herself….My dad was tall,/slender … he owned the space around him,” she began, speaking to more than 150 audience members. Sabir, finding director of The Life Writing Project at the Center for Transformative Action, an affiliate of Cornell, said that these vignettes were excerpts from her work-in-progress, “The Silent Story.”

In the subsequent 15 minutes, Sabir alluded to her mother’s descent into a mental illness that put her out of her children’s reach, her father’s committed but often unpredictable relationship with his children, and the contrasting sense of place – “a certain kind of transparency” – she felt in their own backyard.

“I went there often,/hoping to connect to it,/to in some way/dialogue with it./As an undergraduate,/I studied philosophy/to test the mind’s capacity/to reach for it,” she said. While pursuing her master’s degree at Emory University, Sabir developed a 14-week series of workshops for urban African-American adults with childhood experiences similar to her own. She continued to conduct these workshops in one form or another while pursuing a doctorate in human development at Cornell, while working as assistant director of Cornell’s Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center, and as assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sabir more fully understood her transformation, she said, when she read about the shift people experience from feeling personally deficient to feeling connected and loved in Abraham Maslow’s “Motivation and Personality.” That shift led to her choice of profession: “Way back when,” one of her cousins had asked Sabir if she was going to be a psychologist; that word “echoed something… it fit,” Sabir said. “So,/a psychologist is what I am./And life writing/Is what I do.”

Sabir’s talk was framed by vocal selections from Dwight Carroll on guitar; and remarks by Leslie Meyerhoff, associate director of the Office of Academic Initiatives, Cornell United Religious Work (CURW); Juliette Corazon, assistant dean of admissions and advising in Arts and Sciences; and Kenneth Clarke, director of CURW. Staff members from University Communications served attendees soup provided by Trillium Dining.

Now in its fifth year and sponsored by a number of Cornell organizations, the Soup and Hope series was inspired by civil rights leader Vincent Harding and his wife, Rosemarie Feeley Harding, who visited Cornell in 2008. The series builds a sense of community through the life stories of people who have found pathways to hope.

The next Soup and Hope talk at Sage Chapel is Feb. 2 at noon, featuring Parvine Toorawa, a member of the Faculty Family in Residence and known to students in Mews Hall and North Campus as “Mrs. T.”
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Currently, Transportation Services issues more than 250 accessible parking permits each year. Permit holders can park in any space, including accessible spaces, on campus at no charge.

"Under our current program, the only way to keep up with increasing demand is to designate additional spaces as accessible," said David Lieb, associate director for Transportation Services. "However, in many areas, we are not able to create additional (or any) accessible parking spaces, due to terrain and other limitations." The new policy will help campus officials better manage "this important and limited parking resource, to provide the best service we can for people with disabilities," he added.

The new program, effective Feb. 1, was developed by an ad hoc Accessibility Committee composed of human resource, facilities, and transportation staff members, and other internal and external experts. Committee members consulted with the United Auto Workers Diversity Committee, the Human Resource Council, the Executive Disability Steering Committee, and the University Assembly and its Campus Infrastructure Committee.

The process for issuing short-term disability parking permits for up to two months will not change; Transportation Services will issue these permits at no charge for general accessible parking spaces across campus. However, faculty and staff members needing longer term accessible parking will need to obtain municipal handicap placards from the town/municipal clerk of their places of residence or accessibility license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles. With such identification, drivers can opt for either: a PO Cornell hangtag, available at no charge, which will allow parking in accessible as well as permit-restricted spaces in perimeter and outer areas only (A, CF, E, EH, ME, R, O, W, T and WE); or an AP Cornell hangtag, which currently costs $347 a year (equivalent to the perimeter parking rate), and will allow parking in any accessible parking space as well as permit-restricted parking spaces anywhere on campus.

The PO and AP permits do not allow parking in reserved spaces or in metered spaces without paying the meters. Both the accessible municipal placard or license plate and the Cornell hang tag must be displayed together at all times, even when the vehicle is not parked in a marked accessibility spot. As with all faculty and staff, PO and AP permit holders will be able use their Cornell IDs to ride TCAT buses around campus, Mondays-Fridays. All TCAT buses are accessible.

"In many cases, parking in the perimeter and using transit to approach the central campus can provide the most direct access," Lieb said.

"Departments will work with employees with disabilities whose daily work takes them to several central-area buildings to find reasonable accommodations to permit them to fulfill their work responsibilities, including remote video conferencing, accessible parking permits and other means," said Patti Bennett Riddle, associate director of benefits. "Cornell’s Medical Leaves Administration is available to review requests for disability accommodations in such cases."

In addition, "a review committee has been formed to assess cases of financial hardship and [has been] empowered to defray the cost of an AP permit," said Lynette Chappell-Williams, associate vice president for inclusion and workforce diversity and a member of the university’s Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator Team. This committee will also assist with decisions regarding specially designated, individual reserved spaces.

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Public Forum: CornellNYC Tech

Friday, February 3, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., Biotech Building, Room G10

Presenters from Cornell University:

Kent Fuchs, provost
Lance Collins, J. Silbert Dean of Engineering, College of Engineering
Dan Huttenlocher, dean, Faculty of Computing and Information Sciences
Cathy Dove, associate dean of administration, College of Engineering

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session and will be videotaped.

For more information: http://www.cornell.edu/nyc/
Exploring credit and debt issues

A workshop on credit and debt management issues will be held Jan. 26, noon-1 p.m., 226 Weill Hall. The workshop will cover ways to establish good credit, strategies for prioritizing debt, understanding your credit report and common pitfalls to avoid. All participants receive a free assortment of money management tools.

Advance registration required, at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGuIZUtZtdXVFVTFVTSG02tTI5dIE6MQ or call 255-2350.

Breastfeeding series

A two-part series about breastfeeding will be offered by Jeanette McCulloch, a board-certified lactation consultant in private practice in Ithaca and La Leche League leader, as well as a co-founder of the Ithaca Free Breastfeeding Clinic.

The first part, “Getting Breastfeeding Right at Home,” will be held Feb. 9, 8:30-10 a.m., 321 Weill Hall, covering the breastfeeding basics before a mom returns to work. Register at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGU4bGxVMnNuVE16bmZVbWlyNzpMT1E6MQ or call 255-2350.

The second part, “The Working Mama,” will be held Feb. 16, 8:30-10 a.m., 321 Weill Hall, and will cover best practices used by working moms to breastfeed their child.

Register at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dG5mV0dNbTFJLeYpPOGo1UEpzUIZaOWE6MQ or call 255-2350.

Advance Care Planning

Marilyn Kinner will present “Sharing Your Wishes,” Feb. 22, noon-1 p.m., 221 Weill Hall, a talk on planning ahead for future health care decisions, whether one’s own or those of a loved one. The presentation covers: making plans and assisting loved ones to make theirs; highlighting ways to approach decision making; the importance of sharing wishes with one’s own or those of a loved one. The presentation will be held Feb. 22, noon-1 p.m., 221 Weill Hall, a talk on planning ahead for future health care decisions, whether one’s own or those of a loved one. The presentation covers: making plans and assisting loved ones to make theirs; highlighting ways to approach decision making; the importance of sharing wishes with one’s own or those of a loved one.

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Cornell University encourages veterans to join its workforce

BY NANCY DOOLITTLE

The end of the Iraq war gives higher education institutions an opportunity to attract “the best and the brightest” to their workforces, says Captain Daniel Weed, professor of naval science and commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at Cornell.

But most hiring managers are unaware of the leadership capabilities, strong work ethic and finely honed skills that veterans can bring to civilian positions, he says.

Along with Diversity Recruitment Consultant Davine Bey and other staff members in Cornell’s Recruitment and Employment Center (REC), Weed is working to bridge that awareness gap.

While those retiring from the military have leadership skills that make them excellent candidates for executive positions, Weed says, those separating from the military are often much younger and highly trained in such areas as operations, logistics, business, supply chain infrastructure, food service, medical services and hospitality — all areas relevant to the needs of a large organization such as Cornell.

Weed estimates that 30-40 percent of veterans also hold advanced degrees, making them a largely untapped pool of exceptional talent.

Weed, himself, is a prime example of that talent. With 30 years of military service, he was U.S. Navy commander of fleet activities in Yokosuka, Japan, in charge of the largest U.S. naval base outside of the United States. He joined Cornell’s Department of Naval Sciences a year and a half ago to teach and provide ROTC leadership.

Weed also helps vets connect with each other and identify their transferable skills to further their Cornell careers via Cornell’s Veterans Colleague Networking Group, a group of self-identified vets from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. “Our returning vets offer skills in project management, leadership, technical areas, information technologies, engineering, administration, facilities and law enforcement,” says Bey, who works with human resource professionals across campus to attract the best candidates from the highly skilled pool of veteran applicants. “You can’t teach the leadership they bring.”
Community dinner, athletic events draw 2,400 people to Employee Celebration on Jan. 14

Professor Robin Davisson and President David Skorton serve chicken parmesan and pasta.
Reese Mount gets ready to scale the Lindseth Climbing Wall.
From left to right: Paciﬁco Savella (Transportation Services) and Florio Arguillas (CISER), after dinner.

Crossroad Clown entertains with balloon animals.
Cornell’s Drew Ferry ’12 in Newman Arena against Penn Quakers.
More than 2,400 tickets were sold for Employee Celebration.
The 2012 Winter Employee Celebration drew a record 2,400 to the community dinner and athletic events at Bartels Hall Jan. 14.

President David Skorton, Professor Robin Davison, administrators and Cornell student and staff volunteers helped serve the chicken parmesan and pasta dinner to faculty, staff, retirees and their families in the Ramin Room. Nearly 1,300 saw Big Red women’s hockey beat Princeton 1-0 at Lynah Rink; hockey was followed by men’s basketball in Newman Arena, where the Penn Quakers topped Cornell 64-52.

Children’s activities included remote-controlled model cars and craft projects and — for the first time — the opportunity for children accompanied by an adult to scale the Lindseth Climbing Wall. Also featured at the dinner were McGruff the Crime Dog and Crossroad Clown and displays and activities sponsored by Environmental Health and Safety, Cornell Police and Benefit Services in the Division of Human Resources and Safety Services and the United Way.

"I am thrilled that participation in this event continues to grow," said Cheryl McGraw, manager for employee outreach and connections and coordinator of the event.

"I’d especially like to thank Cornell Catering, Athletics and Building Care for preparing for this large number of people, as well as for the Cornell Outdoor Education department members who helped provide interested young people with safe and challenging climbing experiences," she said.

McGraw also thanked the planning team and the more than 100 Cornell staff, faculty, retirees and students who volunteered for the dinner and Ramin Room activities.

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Johnny Sanford (in orange shirt, center) and Alex Sanford (right), gear up for scaling the Lindseth Climbing Wall.

Big Red women’s hockey beat Princeton 1-0 at Lynah Rink.

Johnny Sanford scales the wall.

Mary Opperman serves up salad.

Colton Keating thinks about the task ahead.
Tech Talk
Glen Silver

Cornell launches Video on Demand

Cornell faculty and staff now have a free, university-provided way to get videos related to Cornell’s mission onto the web. With the new Video on Demand service, it takes just a few quick steps.

“The Video on Demand Service provides a solution for faculty or staff to embed video in their blog, wiki, web page, or other web presence,” said Andrew Page, video collaboration services manager.

The service maintains the infrastructure for video streaming and handles the technical details of formatting and compression. Individuals can have a small number of videos (20 videos or 4 hours maximum) posted for up to a year.

For those whose needs for media management and delivery exceed the capacity of the Video on Demand service, Cornell is rolling out another, more comprehensive service, called the Video Platform Service, which is a fee-based, large-scale digital media asset management system.

“The Video Platform Service provides a campus architecture on which colleges and units can build complex or high-capacity video applications,” said Page.

Initial partners in the Video Platform Service launch are University Communications, Cornell University Library, Academic Technologies, the Lab of Ornithology, and Cornell Information Technologies. Starting in April, the service will be available to other interested departments and units.

Both the Video on Demand service and the Video Platform Service are built on the Kaltura open-source video content management system managed by Kaltura, co-founded by Shay David, Ph.D. ’08.

For more information on Video on Demand, please see www.it.cornell.edu/services/vod/. For details on the Video Platform Service, see www.it.cornell.edu/services/vcs/.

Tech Training Spotlight

Want to learn how to create and format multi-page publications such as newspapers, books, newsletters and brochures? Would you like to be able to correct photos or create photographic special effects? Register now for an Adobe InDesign or Photoshop class scheduled for January or February.

For a complete listing of technical training resources, see www.cit.cornell.edu/training. Email questions to workshop-info@cornell.edu.

Spartan soldiers appreciated Adopt-A-Platoon holiday packages

BY SHARON HARRILCHAK

During November and December 2011, the Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group collected holiday care package contributions from the campus community for Adopt-A-Platoon soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion – Spartans, deployed from Fort Drum to Afghanistan. Contributions included holiday hats, Cornell pins, books, dvd’s, magazines, coffee, snacks, personal care items and postage for mailing the packages. Hand-written thank-you notes and holiday greetings were also sent from Cornell staff and students.

Second Lieutenant Matthew Morneault, who is the main contact for the 3rd Brigade Headquarters Special Troops, has written his thanks to the Cornell community on behalf of the soldiers for the care package items, cards and letters of encouragement. These items helped brighten their holiday season in Afghanistan, he said. Through Morneault, the soldiers extended their wishes to the Cornell community for a Happy New Year.

Sharon Harrilchak is a Cornell human resources service center associate, Veteran’s Colleague Networking Group member and Adopt-A-Platoon sponsor.

When the diagnosis is cancer

Bob Riter, executive director of the Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, will discuss “The Elephant in the Room: Practical Advice When the Diagnosis is Cancer,” at a book-signing Feb. 3, noon-1 p.m., The Cornell Store, addressing such concerns as what to say or not say to a friend or loved one who has been diagnosed with cancer, or, if you have cancer, if it’s OK to ask your physician the questions you most want to ask.

Riter wrote “The Elephant in the Room,” to help people have conversations about cancer. He also writes regular column about living with cancer for the Ithaca Journal.

The Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes provides support, information and community to people affected by cancer in the Ithaca area.

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New policy gives registered disaster volunteers paid leave for up to five days

Cornell faculty and staff who are certified by the American Red Cross or similar organizations as disaster volunteers or emergency disaster responders can now take paid leave for up to five days per calendar year.

“For the first time, Cornell has enacted an ongoing leave policy that permits those who are qualified to serve others in disaster emergencies,” says Lauran Jacoby, senior consultant, Workforce Policy and Labor Relations.

A new provision, contained in the section “Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technician and Emergency Responder Leave” (University Policy 6.9, Time Away From Work), provides the paid leave for regular employees who are trained and registered as emergency responders and whose services are needed in disaster relief efforts, sometimes far from Ithaca.

The provision also applies to academic employees and is cross-referenced in University Policy 6.2.1, Leaves for Professors and Academic Staff. Jacoby notes, “In the past, Cornell had approved this type of leave on a temporary basis in response to such major disasters as Hurricane Katrina. The new paid leave provision, however, will be ongoing.”

For more information, nonacademic staff can go to <http://www.dfa.cornell.edu/treasurer/policyoffice/policies/volumes/humanresources/timeaway.cfm>; academic staff can refer to <http://www.dfa.cornell.edu/treasurer/policyoffice/policies/volumes/humanresources/leaves.cfm>. Questions can be directed to college or unit human resource representatives or to Workforce Policy and Labor Relations at 255-4652, 255-6894 or 255-6866. 🐶

Laboratory of Ornithology

Banish winter blues with spring birds

The annual Spring Field Ornithology course will be March 21 – May 13.

“It’s a great way to soak in the beauty of the Finger Lakes region and welcome back migrating songbirds,” says course instructor Steve Kress. “Participants learn to identify birds by sight and song and visit the best birding spots in the Cayuga Lake Basin.” Kress is vice president for Bird Conservation for Audubon and has taught the Spring Field Ornithology course for 35 years.

Two sections are offered, with students grouped with others of the same skill level on field trips.

Wednesday evening lectures cover bird songs, nesting, courtship, migration, and habitat. Also included: two trips to the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates and a night owl-watch. Lectures are timed to match the spring migration and focus on species students will see during guided Saturday or Sunday field trips to regional birding hotspots. Participants may sign up for lectures only, field trips only, or both sections. There are also two optional overnight trips – one to Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and the other to Cape May, NJ, to experience peak spring migration.

Cost of the course: $160 for lectures, $195 for the weekend field trips, or $340 for both. Additional fees apply for the optional overnight trips. Registrations for the weekly field trips received by Feb. 1 will receive a $10 discount. Cornell Lab of Ornithology members receive additional discounts.

The course is offered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, with support from Wild Birds Unlimited and The Plantsmen Nursery.

Find out more about the course schedule, watch a video about the course, and sign up at www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo, or contact Erica Marx, 607-254-2466 or email sfoclass@cornell.edu or call 800-843-2473, toll-free. 🐥

Seat belt saves student life

Sergeant Anthony Tostanoski, traffic safety coordinator for the Cornell University Police, presented the university’s first “Saved by the Belt Award” to Mason C. Jager, Dec. 24, to recognize that he had been wearing his seatbelt while involved in a car crash, Dec. 17, on Pine Tree Road. Jager is a student in the Vet School; his vehicle was significantly damaged from the accident and subsequently was towed from the scene.

To receive this award, the person recognized must not have been the person “at fault” in causing the accident and must have been wearing a seatbelt at the time. 🐾

Cornell Lacrosse

Dream Factory blood drive

The Cornell men’s lacrosse team, the Dream Factory of Central New York and the American Red Cross will co-sponsor their seventh annual blood drive Feb. 2, in G10 Biotechnology, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Double Red Cell (DRC) donation is an option at this drive (O-, O+, A-, B-).

The event kicks off the lacrosse team’s 2012 Save the Day campaign benefitting the Dream Factory, which grants the wishes of critically and chronically ill children.

Walk-ins welcome; appointments preferred. Homemade cookies from Groton Girl Scouts will be served.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Suzanne Wapner at 255-1269, or email centralnewyork@dreamfactoryinc.org. 🐾
FOR RENT
2/3 BR Apt. 2 story Townhouse (Ithaca/Lansing), $1180. Bright, clean, modern; upstairs-2 bedrooms, bathroom, basement-2 rooms; middle-kitchen, living, dining, bathroom; hot water heating; buses to CU; park-2 mi. Available 2-11-12. L.Z67@cornell.edu.

HII Timeshare Sea Pines Resort $800. Condo located on oldest plantation near famous lighthouse for rent. Golf, hike, kayak, beaches. Very historical area with much to do. NSN4@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE
2003 Chevy Cavalier $2500. 110K miles, automatic, newer windows/locks, XM ready. Call 227-9727 or nl6g@cornell.edu.

LG Energy star stacking, front loading washer/dryer combo $350. Excellent condition, extremely energy efficient, quiet. 3.5 cu ft washer, 7 cu ft dryer. BUYER PICKS UP. Price negotiable. Call 255-6897 or NSB42@cornell.edu.

Grand Piano $3000 or best offer. 5’10” 1920’s Steinert. Well-worn dark brown exterior, sweet touch and tone. Call 592-9883 or jm9@cornell.edu.

Telescope $50. Meade Refracting Telescope. Software included, used twice. Call 255-9440 or jm76@cornell.edu.

Stereo Equipment $150. Set contains radio and amp, CD player w/disc cartridge, cassette dubber, cassette player, turntable, speakers. Call 255-9440 or jm76@cornell.edu.

3 Bedroom Home in Brooktondale $137,500. Many recent updates. Available immediately. Please call 229-2865 or email rentalhunter@frontier.com.

GPS Pocket Navigator $85. Celestron reTrace Deluxe GPS Personal Pocket Navigator Brand New - still in original packaging (carabiner clip/storage pouch). Call 254-4204 or bjc42@cornell.edu.

Brand New 30” Kenmore Microhood $190. Comes with warranty from Sears. kjn23@cornell.edu.

Dreaming of Timbuctoo
The traveling exhibition, “Dreaming of Timbuctoo,” which delves into a voting rights saga in pre-Civil War New York, will be on display at the History Center, Feb. 4-21, with an opening night Feb. 3, 5-8 p.m. and panel discussion featuring Cornell Professor Margaret Washington Feb. 4, 2-4 p.m.

For more information, contact Catherine Duffy, 607-273-8284 x 0 or go to www.TheHistoryCenter.net.

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On the economies of early child care and education
The first talk of the spring semester’s Cornell Faculty Career and Life Speaker Series will be given by Maria Fitzpatrick, assistant professor of the Department of Policy and Management, on the “Economics of Early Child Care and Education,” Feb. 2, 12:15-1 p.m., 102 Mann Library. Also an affiliate in the CESifo Research Network, Fitzpatrick’s research focuses on early childhood education policies and teacher labor markets. To register, call 255-2350.

The Cornell Faculty Career and Life Speaker Series is sponsored by the Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity.

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New at the Plantations
An exhibit of photographs by Ithaca artist Chris Kitchen will be on display until Feb. 28 at the Brian C. Nevin Welcome Center, 1 Plantations Rd., Tues - Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (in Feb., also on Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.). The photographs were taken on and around the botanical gardens, arboretum and natural areas of Cornell Plantations. The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public.

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RED DRESS TEA
Cruise Your Way to Good Heart Health, Feb. 2, 4-6 p.m. at the Cayuga Medical Center, just inside the front entrance located on the second floor at 101 Dates Drive.

To register, call 255.3541, njd3@cornell.edu. The event will raise funds for the American Heart Association.

EXHIBIT ON WHALES
The Museum of the Earth features the National Geographic exhibit, "Whales: From the Depths," Jan. 26-June 4, highlighting sea mammal photography from National Geographic's extensive archives, paired with specimens from the Paleontological Research Institution's (PRI) collection, content from its scientists, and ocean sound recordings from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Bioacoustic Research Program. Special events include: Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Catch the Wave Family Day. Activities for children of all ages are included with the price of admission.

Feb. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m., A Whale of a Happy Hour. The sounds of the ocean will combine with those of the group Salty Pink, a duo comprised of Amelia Sauter and Leah Houghtaling (both of Black Eyed Susies and Mary Lorson and the Soubrettes), for the debut of their song “Right Whale.” Light refreshments will be served. Suggested donation: $10.

For more information, call 255.3260 or www.ilr.cornell.edu/events.

FILM FESTIVAL
The Banff Mountain Film Festival will be held Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., Call Auditorium, Kennedy Hall. Features fast-action, big-screen adventures, exotic locations, wild waters and high peaks. For ticket information and films preview: www.coe.cornell.edu/