Provost stresses finding hope in the small things, as well as the large

NANCY DOOLITTLE

Provost Kent Fuchs says there are two kinds of hope: hope in the present in the “small things,” and hope beyond challenges and difficulties, in knowing “we are doing something that will endure.”

Speaking to about 120 people at the March 1 Soup and Hope talk in Sage Chapel, Fuchs gave examples of both. Fuchs, an evangelical Christian who earned a master’s degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, also has a bachelor’s degree in engineering from Duke and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois.

Fuchs’ first example related to his car, the first he had ever purchased new. When it reached more than 100,000 miles, it began needing repairs. It cost $2,000 to replace the car’s rusted-in spare tire, and then the car stopped running. To fix it would take an additional $5,000, yet the car was worth only $4,500.

But then Fuchs found a local mechanic with whom he developed a personal relationship who said he could get the car running for $3,700. “I now have a new friend,” Fuchs said.

Fuchs had been discouraged because he had put so much money into the car, but then became encouraged because of the mechanic’s “perspective about the car, about me and about working with me.”

Another example stemmed from his recent monthly meeting with three outgoing Cornell Daily Sun editors when Fuchs realized that this was their last time together. Although he would miss his relationship with them, he was encouraged by their work and sincerity and how they served not just the Sun but the Cornell community.

We can also provide hope to others when they are challenged, Fuchs said. When a discouraged department chair recently told Fuchs that he felt like resigning, Fuchs encouraged him to wait until the summer before making the decision. Fuchs later sent the chair a short email just to express his support.

These elements of caring, compassion and personal engagement add up: “Pay attention to those small gestures,” Fuchs said.

To find hope in the challenges at Cornell, Fuchs said that “many generations before us … have faced the same short-term and long-term challenges that we have as individuals and even as a university,” adding, “I draw encouragement and hope in the midst of small and big challenges, because we are doing something that will endure – it’s not just for us individually … but it’s for the community, the university and the students.”

Fuchs read from Isaiah 40 to conclude his thoughts on how he reminds himself of his connection to something larger than the current challenges: “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,/ they will soar with wings like eagles,/ they will run and not be weary,/ they will walk and not faint.”
Cornell’s Steele shares his vision
Ted Dodds became Cornell’s new chief information officer and vice president for information technology in January 2011. Previously, he was the University of British Columbia’s chief information officer (1997-2009) and its vice provost. After his first year on the job we sat down with him to talk about information technology at Cornell.

What made you decide to come to Cornell?
I perceived in Cornell a high alignment with vision and values that are important to me. I felt very confident that this would make the inevitable problems and frustrations that any job has worthwhile.

What were your first impressions of Cornell IT?
On a lighthearted note, I received more paper correspondence in my first two weeks here than in the last 10 years. Who sends memos any more? I put out the word and that stopped.

More seriously, I saw a ton of opportunities. Cornell has thought through the role it wants for IT more than most other institutions, and that meant there was an opportunity to make positive changes. I continue to see good will from the academic and administrative sides that we want these things to happen.

So what did you first set out to do?
To make CIT a trusted and effective partner to the campus community, and thereby to enable IT service groups [the IT managers in colleges and departments] to focus on the specialized needs of the people in their units. By providing commonly required services we free up the local units to provide specialized services to their community.

One of your first tasks was to cut $15 million from the IT budget. How’s that going?
We’ve cut $8 million across all units in the last couple of years. A further $3 million will be cut this year. We have three initiatives that are addressing the need for IT infrastructure and services to be more efficient, delivered differently or discontinued entirely.

Those include infrastructure virtualization - consolidating physical servers, storage and some of the related management software in the data center rather than everyone continuing to buy and maintain their own machines; streamlining IT service management - desktop support, HelpDesk, etc. - through industry-standard tools; and reducing the amount of duplication in software applications. Increasingly, we are turning to cloud-based solutions in each of these areas.

Last year you brought in IT directors from other universities to conduct a review of Cornell IT. What was the result?
Their report contained seven thoughtful recommendations that were largely in line with the path of change we are on, but which also suggested some shifting of priorities. It was good advice and I’ve followed it. The report is posted on the IT website and is an important input to the IT strategic planning process that is underway now.

With what we are calling “IT@Cornell” we are trying to make it so that CIT is not the center vs. everything else. There are some 750 IT workers across the campus, a large and happily diverse enterprise.

So, what comes next?
Developing an IT strategic plan to see what kind of IT environment we want in 2015. My vision is to see IT@Cornell focus more attention, contribute more resources and collaborate more energetically on improvements that really make a difference to our core academic functions as expressed in the student experience, student learning outcomes and scholarship, with a broader emphasis on academic technology, to more directly support the academic enterprise.

Interested in serving as a trustee or Employee Assembly member?
NANCY DOOLITTLE
Staff members interested in running for a four-year term as employee-elected trustee or for one of seven two-year open seats on the Employee Assembly (EA) can now fill out a candidacy statement online.

The EA consists of 16 members who are involved in the governance of the affairs and life of the university. Working closely with members of the administration, the EA encourages visibility for employees as community members, more equal participation with faculty and students in the policy-making process and an increased sense of community at the university.

Interested candidates should turn their materials in and register online by April 2; voting begins April 16.

Encouraging EA participation
Curtis Ferguson, associate director for undergraduate hotel admissions and Employee Assembly member, has served on the EA for two years and plans to run for one of the open seats for another term. He says that he has found his EA experience interesting and fulfilling. “I enjoy serving on the EA because I am able to meet different employees on the Cornell campus,” he says. “In addition, I have great satisfaction knowing that I am making a difference in the Cornell community.”

Curtis decided to run for the EA when the university was going through its reimagining process because, “I wanted to ensure that staff members had a voice. I think people should get involved in the EA if they do not feel that they have a voice or that their voice is not being heard.” He adds that it is easy to become involved in the EA and takes a minimal amount of time each month.

If you are interested in running for the EA, fill out a candidacy statement on the Assemblies website at http://assembly.cornell.edu/Elections/2012SpringEA.

Assemblies updates: The Cornell Chronicle now includes brief reports from the Student Assembly (SA), Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GUPS), Employee Assembly (EA) and University Assembly (UA). For the latest report, go to News from the Assemblies, at http://www.news.cornell.edu/
Local cardiologist speaks to facilities staff about heart attacks

Is it a heart attack, or just the chili? On Feb. 28, Paul Stefek, M.D., a cardiologist from Cayuga Medical Center’s Cayuga Heart Institute, addressed more than 450 staff from the Building Care custodial group, the grounds department and the trades shops about the warning signs and symptoms of a heart attack, using videos to illustrate what a heart attack feels like and explain the balloon procedure used to open up a blockage. Members of the packed audience in Statler Auditorium also learned about typical characteristics of heart attack candidates and the importance of promptly getting medical attention if a heart attack should occur.

Also present were members of Stefek’s cardiology team and staff from the Cornell Wellness Program, who performed blood pressure checks and handed out information packets on heart health.

Director of Building Care Rob Osborn had worked with the Wellness Program to offer this presentation – and to give the entire Building Care staff release time to attend – after having heard Stefek address the Facilities Services Diversity and Inclusion Council, Nov. 1, 2011. Osborn said he received much positive feedback on the presentation from those who attended, with “many words of gratitude” for making this program available.

Stefek’s presentation, including the video, is available for viewing at http://wellness.cornell.edu/Webinars.php.

New York Maple weekend, March 17-18

Statewide, “New York Maple Weekend” will be celebrated March 17-18. In celebration of this weekend, the modern maple syrup-making operation at Cornell University’s Arnot Forest in Van Etten, New York, will host a pancake breakfast, public tours, syrup tasting, and displays and demonstrations explaining new and old maple-syruping technology. The huge evaporator will be running at full-tilt, with sap running from thousands of sugar maple trees directly to the sugarhouse.

The day will include mostly outdoor activities, so participants must dress accordingly. Pancake breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, $6 per person five years and older, includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and beverages; demonstrations and displays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; hamburgers and hot dogs, starting at noon each day. Information can be found at www.mapleweekend.com or at 607-589-6076.

The Arnot Forest is on Jackson Hollow Rd. (Schuyler CR 13), one mile north of NY Route 224 between Cayuta and Van Etten, NY.

Nominations sought for outstanding senior award

Have you worked or served with an outstanding Cornell Tradition fellow? Consider nominating deserving Cornell Tradition seniors for The Cornell Tradition Senior Recognition Award. This award is given annually to up to nine Cornell Tradition Fellows in recognition of their outstanding service and leadership through work and volunteer activities.

Each recipient of The Cornell Tradition Senior Recognition Award will receive a one-year $4,000 Tradition Fellowship. In addition, a $500 contribution will be made to the non-profit agency of their choice. Past recipients have included such non-profits as the Ithaca Youth Bureau, Women for Women International and the Humane Society.

See http://commitment.cornell.edu/tradition/default.php for a list of eligible Cornell Tradition Fellows and the nomination form. Send nomination(s) by March 28.

More than 730 sign up to lose weight

Approximately 300 people came to the pre-contest meeting for NO EXCUSES, the first weight-loss contest to be held by the Cornell Wellness Program.

More than 730 members of the Cornell community, comprising 57 teams of 10-15 people each and including President David Skorton and Professor Robin Davisson, have signed up for the eight-week weight-loss contest. Teams include such names as the Fatty Acids, from Dining Services; Keep the Faith, Lose the Gut, from Cornell United Religious Work; the sliMBAs (who are MBA students); Funds of Steel, from Finance Services; Fire and Rice (from Rice Hall); and the Early Birds, from Building Care. The contest runs from March 5-April 30.

Participants take their own weights each Monday, and report them to their team captain. Percentages of weight lost per team will be posted on the Wellness website each week (individual weights are kept confidential). Visa gift cards worth $50 will be awarded to each participant from the team that loses the highest percentage of collective weight over the course of the contest dates.
Gasoline prices are increasing yet again. Last year, in response to rising gas prices, Provost Kent Fuchs and Vice President for Human Resources and Safety Services Mary Opperman issued a memo to Cornell’s deans, directors and department heads, encouraging them to support Cornell’s faculty and staff – partnering with their local college/business HR officers – to explore flexible work options and Cornell’s commuter alternatives to help employees to reduce the cost of commuting, wherever possible. That memo is just as relevant today, and is reprinted here, abridged for publication purposes.

In recent months, gas prices have spiked, causing many staff on our campus to incur additional travel expenses. In some cases, priority work can be effectively accomplished in flexible ways that could alleviate some of these costs, while improving services to our students, faculty, families, alumni and guests. We hope you will give serious consideration to such options as the following:

Alternative work schedules
Cornell has had a flexible work arrangement policy in effect for 14 years. This policy provides staff employees with the opportunity to explore options such as alternative work hours, remote work sites (either from home or from a location other than the worksite) for one or more days a week, or compressed work weeks. Although not all employees have roles suitable for a flexible work arrangement, many work situations can benefit from alternative scheduling. Employees who are able to take advantage of some flexibility in scheduling report they are able to avoid peak travel periods, reduce travel time and fuel usage, and take advantage of other time- and cost-saving measures, such as transit, carpools, vanpools and rideshares.

Commuter alternatives
Cornell offers a number of transportation options for employees that can assist with reducing transportation-related costs.

TCAT bus privileges
Cornell employees can use their CU photo ID card at the fare box, Mon.-Fri., to ride TCAT buses on the Cornell campus and in the City of Ithaca – including downtown, the hospital and the airport – and pay no fare (normally $1.50).

Carpooling
Employees can share a permit among listed vehicles, and split the commuting and permit costs on their own terms.

OmniRide
For those days when riding together isn’t an option, OmniRiders use their CU photo ID card on TCAT buses to access unlimited-use transit privileges. Out-of-county transit riders pay a discounted fee via payroll deduction for their transit passes.

RideShare
Share the ride with one or more eligible coworkers, split the discounted fee for a parking permit, and receive books of one-day permits for those days when riding together isn’t an option.

ZimRide
Use Zimride, a ride-matching program, to find RideShare, VanPool and carpool partners.

VanPool
Administered through TCAT, VanPool is a commuter program available to anyone who commutes to or from Tompkins County. Cornell provides a broad range of incentives and discounts to employee participants.

Ithaca CarShare
Ithaca Carshare members to use a car to run errands, attend meetings, or get to an appointment. Cornell community members receive discounted memberships.

Occasional Parker
For employees who normally get dropped off, walk, or bike to work, this commuter program offers books of one-day permits to allow parking on days the alternatives just don’t work.

Other Transit Services
Employees can also take advantage of transit services from surrounding counties.

Supervisors are encouraged be flexible to allow employees to take advantage of these transportation alternatives and have the discretion to arrange work schedules to accommodate transit access and other factors related to sharing the ride to work with a group of people.

Creative scheduling not only helps employees ease real financial burdens, but it can also work to increase hours of operation and provide a climate of respect and commitment to one another.

If you have any questions or comments on flexible work hours, contact your local HR representative or Cornell’s Career Life Initiatives Consultant Michelle Artibee, at 255-5298. For information on transportation options, call (607) 255-PARK or see the following websites:

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Sign up now for the annual Spring Field Ornithology course

The deadline for enrolling in this year's Spring Field Ornithology course is March 28. The course, a mix of lectures and local and overnight field trips, runs from March 21- May 13.

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

Wednesday evening lectures cover bird songs, nestling, 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, N.J. to experience peak spring migration.

Course instructor Steve Kress is vice president for Bird Conservation for Audubon and has taught the Spring Field Ornithology course for 35 years.

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. Cornell Lab of Ornithology members receive discounts.

For more information: www.birds.cornell.edu or call 800-843-2473, toll-free.

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Gabriel Tornusciolo

New head of Faculty and Staff Assistance Program supports whole health approach

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Gabriel Tornusciolo has been hired to provide new leadership for Cornell’s Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP).

As FSAP assistant director, Tornusciolo is serving as a liaison with university departments and community agencies; providing administrative guidance, consultation and direction regarding FSAP functions; and offering direct counseling services to Cornell faculty and staff. To ensure seamless delivery of supportive resources, personal counseling and referral, and crisis management services, he works closely with Gannett Health Services, reporting to Gregory Eells, director of Counseling and Psychological Services.

Since 1997, Tornusciolo has served as the director of special services at the William George Agency for Children’s Services in Freeville, N.Y. A licensed psychologist, he holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University and a Psy.D. in clinical psychology from Indiana State University.

Tornusciolo says that his first goal at Cornell is to understand more fully the specific needs of faculty, staff and retirees that can be addressed by the FSAP.

“We want to provide services and programs that are based on known needs of the Cornell community,” he says, “I’m busy visiting a wide variety of departments to talk with their leaders, re-introducing the program, finding out how people learn about the FSAP, and exploring how the FSAP can best meet their needs.”

He has reviewed results from both the Employee Survey and the Wellness and Wellbeing Questionnaire, which indicate that changes in mental acuity as people age and dealing with anxiety are two frequently noted concerns. To manage both, Tornusciolo recommends a “whole health approach, balancing all aspects of your life.”

Not many workplaces can match Cornell’s resources to help meet such a variety of intellectual, social, cultural and physical needs in one setting, he says, “whether through the many dimensions of the Cornell Wellness Program and Career Life support programs, the spiritual support programs of Cornell United Religious Work, even the culinary variety of Cornell Dining. At FSAP, we’re proud to be among those resources.”

The FSAP’s Collegetown offices are “convenient, private, quiet, and easy to access,” Tornusciolo says. The FSAP offers phone services 24/7 as well as in-person and on-phone consultation and counseling during workday hours at 607-255-2673 (5-COPE).

The counselors in FSAP are licensed, experienced professionals who are “sincerely devoted to serving Cornell’s faculty and staff in a confidential and effective manner,” he says. They have a long history of working in the community and know how to help employees connect with supportive resources for financial or legal assistance, child or family services, support and recovery groups, ongoing counseling, and a wide variety of other needs, he says.

Tornusciolo wants employees to know “how uncomplicated it is to access FSAP services. A simple call to the office results in a prompt appointment and a completely confidential conversation, at no charge. FSAP’s employee-focused, professional, and easily accessible service is a great university benefit that we hope faculty, staff and retirees will feel comfortable and confident using for their personal wellbeing.”

— Gabriel Tornusciolo, FSAP assistant director
Where’s the ink?
Beginning March 12, Cornell community members can refill their inkjet cartridges on the upper level of The Cornell Store at the Inkjet Refill Station. The station is compatible with most inkjet cartridges for HP, Canon, Lexmark and Dell printers, eco-friendly and quality-guaranteed, and provides up to 60 percent in savings when compared to buying new cartridges.

*Note: the inkjet cartridge refill service is not sponsored by HP, Canon, Dell or Lexmark.

Meet the Author Series

Saving Wright
Jeff Chusid, associate professor in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, will discuss the preservation of the Freeman House, a building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the Hollywood Hills, as he chronicles it in his book “Saving Wright,” March 12 at 4 p.m., the Cornell Store.

Japan-Africa relations
Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo, visiting scholar in the Department of City and Regional Planning, will explore the dynamics of power relations between Japan and Africa since the Bandung Conference in 1955, with an emphasis on the 1970s up to the present, March 14 at 4 p.m., the Cornell Store.

The iPad, iPod, iPhone and Apple iOS
As many faculty members, staff and students are now using or considering ways to leverage iPad, iPhone and iPod touch devices in their classrooms, information technology professionals need to update their knowledge on the Apple iOS — the world’s most advanced mobile operating system. A seminar doing just that will be held at two times March 15 at The Cornell Store: 11 a.m.-noon and 2-3 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

With its easy-to-use interface, amazing features and rock-solid stability, iOS is the foundation of Apple’s mobile ecosystem. While many schools have been integrating these devices for quite some time, the emergence of iPad 2 and some of the more advanced iOS enterprise capabilities make a refresher course on features and benefits a must. This presentation by Rick Bettencourt, Apple senior systems engineer, will concentrate on the recent developments of these iOS devices.

Register for one of the two sessions at http://store.cornell.edu/t-news.aspx.

Cornell Store, closed for inventory
The Cornell Store will be closed on Wednesday, March 21, for inventory and will reopen at 8 a.m. on March 22.

Wellbeing Programs @ Cornell

Faculty forum on parenting
Are you thinking of and/or are about to become a parent? Join the Faculty Forum, March 14, 8:30-10 a.m., 121 Weill Hall, with subject matter experts to discuss a variety of topics, and receive forms, contact information and tools to becoming a parent. To register: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEROX3B3NTBRUmcteVJPSzinSk0ycmc6MQ or call 255-2350.

Hospice 101
Pauline Cameron, from Hospicare of Ithaca, will discuss common hospice concerns, March 15, noon-1 p.m., in 254 Duffield Hall, covering the help available, should you or someone you love become seriously ill; introducing hospice to someone who may benefit from its support; how to begin a conversation about hospice; and how the hospice interdisciplinary team provides medical expertise, emotional, spiritual and practical support. RSVP: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGtONzVSatk5dnZzVTNpOW2zalxkzNGc6MQ or call 255-1917.

In-home care
Teresa Nix, CSA and president, NIX JT Corporation, dba Comfort Keepers, will discuss where to start when you or a loved one needs care at home or health care advocacy, March 21, noon-1 p.m., 221 Weill Hall. What are the differences between licensed and certified agencies, companion and home health aide services, private hires and agency employees? How can you manage care from a distance? RSVP: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEziY0hBN3dhan46MQ or call 255-1917.

Staff forum on parenting
Are you thinking of and/or are about to become a parent? Join the Staff Forum, March 28, 8:30-10 a.m., 410 Physical Sciences Building, for a discussion with subject matter experts regarding a variety of topics to provide forms, contact information, and tools to becoming a parent. To register: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEZiY0hBN3dhaU9wVF3dWlUx0h0eEE6MQ or call 255-2350.

Adoption Workshop
How do you foster positive cultural and ethnic identity in children adopted transracially and transculturally? Find out at a workshop that will explore four major factors that influence a child’s development of a healthy, positive, and integrated racial and cultural identity, March 29, noon-1 p.m., at 321 Weill Hall. To register: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dExfOUlNQWFCU0JQbUM3LT1SdkgJGSHc6MQ or call 255-1917.

Interested in an IRA?
An IRA workshop will be held March 21, noon-1 p.m., G10 Biotechnology Building. No registration is needed for this free workshop by TIAA-CREF. The seminar is geared towards anyone eligible for an IRA and will help the audience understand what an IRA is and the advantages of owning one. During the workshop, we will discuss the different types of IRA’s, help individuals choose an IRA that is right for them and address the different IRA investment options.
Committee seeks input on proposed academic calendar

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A
n ad hoc committee commissioned by the dean of the university faculty is seeking feedback from the Cornell community on its proposed changes to the academic calendar. The committee hopes to submit its recommendations to the Faculty Senate for a possible vote by the end of this semester.

“We’re very open to suggestions. We want this process to be — as it has been all along — very transparent,” said Jeff Doyle, professor of plant biology, who chairs and leads the Academic Calendar Committee along with vice-chair Kate Walsh, the Fred G. Peelen Professor of Global Hospitality Strategy.

The committee has disseminated the proposal to the campus assemblies and deans; senior staff has seen the calendar and expressed its approval. The proposed calendar is available at http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/calendarcommittee/calendar_main.html. To submit input, email committee members via the website.

The committee’s goals for the new calendar are to provide optimal educational opportunities and “address concerns about student stress and mental health related to prolonged periods of instruction without multiday breaks,” Doyle said.

The proposed calendar would:

• balance the days of instruction between the fall (to 68, from 67.5) and spring (to 69, from 70) semesters;
• make the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving a full day off instead of its current half day of instruction;
• break up the long periods of instruction during the spring semester by inserting a two-day break at President’s Day and by centering spring break between it and the end of classes;
• lengthen spring break by two days;
• condense study and exam periods, holding two exam periods over the weekend and inserting a study day in the middle of the exam period; and
• compress Senior Week into three Senior Days. However, Registrar Cassie Dembosky said it is possible to create a final exam schedule that will minimize the number of seniors who have exams during the last two days of the exam period — in effect preserving the traditional week off.

Student Assembly President Natalie Raps ’12, a committee member, said she is happy with the proposed calendar, especially keeping the senior week tradition alive. And the proposed calendar provides “more opportunities for students to take a ‘mental health’ break and take some time off from the rigors of our academic life,” she said.

Modifying the academic calendar is easier said than done, said Doyle. “Everything has to hinge on everything else. You pull on one thing and everything moves,” he said. However, Thanksgiving and Labor Day are fixed points in the fall calendar. In the spring, the date of Commencement shapes the calendar, and much of the first year of deliberations involved exploring calendars in which Commencement was held before Memorial Day weekend. Ultimately, it became clear that the traditional Commencement date should be retained due to logistics and weather; this allowed the committee to construct the remainder of the spring calendar. “Without that, we were careening all over the place,” Doyle said.

The committee was formed in fall 2010 by Dean of the University Faculty William Fry, as part of the university’s response to a cluster of six student suicides that took place during the 2009-10 academic year. The 12-person committee includes representatives from the senior administration, faculty, students and staff. Fry asked them to evaluate the current calendar to consider whether changes to the calendar could help alleviate student stress, and to recommend changes, were any warranted.

After reviewing any forthcoming feedback on the proposed calendar, and assuming there are no major complaints, the committee will ask the Faculty Senate to vote on the proposed calendar. If the senate approves the calendar, Provost Kent Fuchs and President David Skorton would decide whether to accept it. The implementation schedule is not yet determined.

Plantations prospects

Ithacan artist

An exhibition of paintings by Ithaca artist Nari Mistry, “Landscape Paintings: Scenes of Ithaca in Bold Colors,” will be on display at the Nevin Welcome Center, March 2-April 28. Landscapes in watercolors and acrylics in a continuing series depict scenes around the Ithaca area and local waterfalls. Mistry retired in 2003 after 39 years as a physicist at Cornell, to catch up on painting and music missed in those busy years. His work can be seen at http://www.ArtbyNari.com.

Destructive hemlock infestations

A workshop to train volunteers to identify and report new hemlock woolly adelgid (Adelges tsugae) infestations will be held March 10, 9-11 a.m. at the Cornell Plantations’ Lewis Education Building in the Botanical Garden by Mark Whitmore. Participants will also visit Beebe Lake to observe hemlock woolly adelgids first-hand.

Hemlock woolly adelgids were first reported in the central Finger Lakes region in mid-2008, but now inhabit at least 30 local sites and threaten eastern hemlock trees and the biodiversity they support.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information on hemlock woolly adelgid or to report new occurrences, visit www.cornellplantations.org/hwa.

For more information, call 607-255-2400, visit cornellplantations.org, or go to facebook.com/cornellplantations.

Dinosaur Train for kids

WSKG and the Cornell Plantations sponsor an afternoon of free hands-on activities, including screenings of four new episodes of PBS Kids’ “Dinosaur Train,” crafts and nature walks, March 10, 1-4 p.m., at the Nevin Welcome Center. Children can make their own animal tracking books, bird nest balls, bird nest walks (1:30 and 3 p.m.), animal track scavenger hunts (1:15, 2:15 and 3:15 p.m.) of animal life. Light refreshments will be available for sale in the gift shop. For more information, call 607-255-2400.
FOR RENT
Three Bedroom Duplex near East Hill, $1180/mo. Located in Eastern Heights, large yard, close to CU, bus, includes heat and hot water, free laundry inside. 255-1636 or md41@cornell.edu.

Five bedrooms for rent in lower College town, $560/room. 207-209 Stewart Ave. Spacious, fully furnished, five bedroom apartment located in lower Collegetown. Call James R. Orcutt 592-7694 or zs12@cornell.edu.

House share/Room rental $500/mo. In Groton, $500 includes utilities, washer & dryer, dishwasher, TV, phone. Furnished if desired, call 898-9050 or jcs93@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE
Moving Sale: Household, gardening, some furniture, small tables, decorative home interior shelves and misc. clothes, lamps, still sorting. 591-3518 or rjf2@cornell.edu.

Bowflex Motivator with Lat Tower $150. Very Good Condition. You pick up, Cortland. 255-8059 or mab2@cornell.edu.

Folding Elliptical, $800. Vision Fitness like new. Quiet, 16 program levels, two handlebar positions, heart rate +, 79" folds to 42", transport wheels, 277-0719 or cu10@cornell.edu.

Hutch in very good condition, $200. 74-1/2" high, 50" wide, 16" deep. Glass shelves and doors on top, wooden shelf and doors below. Lighted. 255-8059 or mab2@cornell.edu.

12-drawer platform storage bed for sale, $475. Queen/full storage bed, bought last fall. Smooth opening drawers. Lovely cherry wood color. Tons of storage! 279-7800 or cab18@cornell.edu.

2003 BMW, $11,200. AWD auto 325xi w/93k miles. Tan leather. Recent maint: new battery, starter, rotors, brakes, oil change. Excellent condition. Have pic. 255-0898 or sjc38@cornell.edu.

A 4 General Altimax Arctic Snow Tires $200, Size: P195/60R15. Ideal for a Honda Civic or similarly sized car. Only used in the winter, in Ithaca. Lots of tread left! smw274.

2009 Subaru Forester $16,500. Automatic transmission(w/sportshift), air conditioning, CD player, cruise control, power windows, all wheel drive, 43,000 miles. 216-5218 or CAL2@cornell.edu.


WANTED
House/Pet sitting, price negotiable. Wanted: A situation in or near Ithaca. References available. I am a Cornell employee and responsible homeowner. 857-2692 or sp18@cornell.edu.

SAN FRANCISCO roommate(s) wanted, price is flexible. I am moving to San Francisco after graduation and am looking for 1 or 2 people to share an apartment. Prefer June or July move in. cef64@cornell.edu.

Recyclemania mascot contest thru Mar. 16.

The Compete2reduce Effort is calling for ideas to encourage more Cornellians to reduce their waste. Suggestions can include mascot names, sketches of proposed mascot, themes, etc.

Submissions will be accepted through March 16. The best mascot idea will win a Campus Store $20 gift certificate.

Send your proposal via twitter to @cornellre-cycles or by mail to recycle@cornell.edu by March 16.

Games, prizes and events through March 31.

Recyclemania is a competition between hundreds of colleges to be the best at recycling, composting, and waste reduction. Campus Conservation nationals is an energy and water reduction competition. More information: http://compete2reduce.cornell.edu.

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Photo Show in Mann Library
From March 9-30, an exhibit of photographs of birds and nature by students, alumni, and members of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology will be in the Mann Library Gallery. The exhibit offers photographs for sale to support a trip to the lowlands of Borneo by members of the student organization Cornell Expeditions in Field Ornithology. Photo preview: http://mannotlib.cornell.edu/news/slideshows/beauty-understanding-support-cornell-expeditions-field-ornithology.

Shadow Puppet Drama
Purbo Asmoro, dhalang (shadow puppetmaster), presents Arjuna’s “Profound Meditation: An Evening of Javanese Shadow Drama and Gamelan,” March 14, 8-10 p.m., at Bailey Hall. The shadow puppet visual effects, to the sounds of a full gamelan ensemble, is directed by Wakidi Dwijomartono and will be accompanied by supertitle English translations of the narrative. Sponsored by the Cornell Concert Series.

Tickets: Assigned seating; adults $25/32/35; students $17 (a Cornell discount rate is available on-line only with valid netID). On-line: www.cornellconcertseries.com or www.baileytickets.com; in-person: Ticket Center Ithaca, 171 The Commons - Center Ithaca; by phone: 607-273-4497 or 800-284-8422.

Greenhouse Open House
CALS greenhouses will be open, March 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kenneth Post Greenhouses, Tower Rd. Tours, demos and presentations: pests and diseases; potting mixes; energy-efficient growth chambers; the plant collection of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Conservatory; the new greenhouse; many spring flowers. A presentation by Extension Associate Melissa Brechner on how plants respond to light, how to select the most suitable light source for plant growth and how to test measure and report lighting conditions will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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