Terri Natoli wins Cornell's highest award for dedicated service

BY NANCY Doolittle

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Terri Natoli, administrative assistant to Kraig Adler, the chair of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, was not surprised when the department came together Jan. 12 in Mudd Hall to recognize the success of a professor’s new book. The surprise came mid-way through Adler’s opening remarks, when the tribute turned to her.

“You have won Cornell’s highest service award,” Adler announced, “the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service.”

Saying that “this afternoon we are going to make a huge, huge fuss,” Adler called Natoli forward to join him, and then surprised her again as he invited Natoli’s family to enter the room, and introduced her husband, son, daughter and brother to the many faculty, staff, and graduate students in attendance.

Adler said that in Natoli’s first week on the job, she was asked to fill in temporarily as department secretary; he heard one of the professors walking down the hall and could tell by the footsteps and tone that the professor was not in a good mood. But the professor spoke for a few minutes to Natoli, and by the time he entered Adler’s office, was totally calm.

“To this day, I have no idea what you said,” Adler said, adding that Natoli’s ability to deal with people at all levels of the organization, her common sense and her professionalism have made her “a fabulous ambassador for Cornell.” Natoli is known as the “go-to” person in the department, he said.

Others paying tribute to Natoli echoed Adler’s remarks. Vice President for Human Resources Mary George Opperman said that those who nominated Natoli for the award called her a “mentor,” a “troubleshooter” and a “problem-solver who will take on the responsibility of any challenge and follow through until it is resolved.”

“You embody what it means to have a positive attitude,” she said, presenting Natoli with an autographed copy of Carol Kammen’s “Glorious to View,” on behalf of Cornell’s human resources community.

Tanya Grove, chair of the Employee Assembly, said that the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service is given to Cornell staff members who “consistently demonstrate a high degree of excellence in the performance of their duties and who prove their willingness to extend themselves to help others and go above and beyond the normal expectations of their job responsibilities.”

Named in honor of the late George Peter – Cornell’s “tireless staff advocate and first employee-elected trustee” – this award is the longest running and most prestigious university-wide peer-nominated award,” Grove said, noting that Natoli is its 174th recipient. Grove presented Natoli with gift certificates for Banfi’s Restaurant, the Cornell Store, the Cornell Recreation Connection, Photography by Marian Hartill and a cruise on Cayuga Lake.

New financial system will do more, cost less, say keynote speakers

BY SUSAN Kelley

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When Cornell launches the Kuali Financial System (KFS) July 1, it can expect a system precisely tailored to fit a research university’s needs for accounting and reporting, with a small price tag and few glitches. That was the main message from two keynote speakers at Kuali Day@Cornell. The daylong introduction to KFS and two other Kuali systems took place Jan. 13 on various locations on campus.

KFS will provide a good bang for the buck because it was developed by the Kuali Foundation, a consortium of colleges and universities that includes Cornell, said Brad Wheeler, chairman of the Kuali Foundation’s board of directors and Indiana University’s (IU) vice president of information technologies and chief information officer. Although IU pitched in $3 million to develop KFS, more than any other consortium member, it was a fraction of the $23 million to $28 million it would have cost to buy an off-the-shelf system that “we would have had to stand on its head and turn sideways to hopefully fit,” he said.

That also goes for two other Kuali Foundation systems Cornell is implementing, he said: Kuali Coeus, which will help with research-related administration, and Rice, a middleware on which the Kuali applications run and that provides workflow capabilities that tie all the systems together for users.

Getting KFS up and running won’t be easy, said Troy Fluharty, university controller and director of business and financial services for Colorado State University (CSU). But if CSU’s experience is any guide, help from the consortium should ease the transition. CSU implemented KFS in 2009 on budget and on time, thanks to colleagues at other universities who quickly provided multiple fixes when problems came up. “If we sent out an e-mail at 5 o’clock at night … by the time we came in the next morning, usually we had either a total solution or good idea on the direction to go to solve our problems,” Fluharty said.

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Tech Talk
Shaley DeGiorgio

FireSheep: A Fox in sheep’s clothing

A new Firefox plugin, FireSheep, allows other current users on the network to impersonate you at one of these websites. “There is nothing new or particularly clever about this attack method—what’s different is that it can easily be disseminated and installed by anyone,” says Ryan Milner, a senior network security engineer at Cornell University.

Many websites save cookies in your browser to authenticate you. When you use unsecured Wi-Fi to connect to the network, FireSheep allows a third party to access these cookies and impersonate you on one of these websites. The attack requires no action from you. It does not affect your computer and it doesn’t change your login. When you use unsecured Wi-Fi to connect to the network, FireSheep can access your cookies and impersonate you at one of these websites.

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Reminder:

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plex and campus is now possible by

TCA Y Route 82. The East Hill Shuttles has ceased to run.

TCA Y Route 82 stops at the
front of East
Hill Plaza, the<br>East Hill Office Building,
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Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Museum of the Earth with a local wine and cheese tasting reception from 6.30-7.30 p.m. ($20), and “Off the Charts,” with former biologist and comic Tim Leme, 8 p.m. ($15).

Founded by artistic director Barbara Mink, a senior lecturer in the Johnson School, the festival is a celebration of science and the arts, bringing collaborative programs and performances to Cornell and the Ithaca community.

There are more than 20 events on campus and off, many of them free, some requiring tickets. Some highlights include:

• Laughing at the Speed of Light, a lecture and demonstration, Jan. 22, 1-2 p.m. at the Statler Auditorium, by photographer and cartoonist Flash Rosenberg, who uses hundreds of original projected images to capture offbeat ways of picturing our constantly changing world. $10 tickets.
• Free family events at the Cayuga Nature Center, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-noon.
• The Hall of Women, Jan. 23, new at the Statler Arms, a free science and museum fair, featuring math and computer puzzles, the fractal construction of quilting, artwork, animals and more. Suitable for children.
• A celebration of the 50th anniversary of “Cosmos,” the television series created by and starring starr’s late Carl Sagan that influenced millions to become passionate about science and galactic exploration. Lecture by son Nick Sagan and videos by John Boswell, Jan. 23, 10.30-11.30 a.m., Statler Auditorium. Tickets: $10.

For tickets and full listings: www.lightswinter.com.

Soup and Hope begins today

Soup and Hope* begins its fourth year today, Jan. 20, noon-1 p.m., Sage Chapel, fea-
turing Renee Alexander ’74, director of Minority Alumni Programs. Alexander is a student-

New eatery in physical sciences

Conveniently located in the lobby of the new Physical Sciences Building, Goldies is the newest of Cornell Dinn-

Learn something new!

By NANCY DOOLITTLE

Guitar

Phil Shapiro’s group folk guitar lessons start Jan. 31, in the International Lounge of Willard Straight Hall. Eight one-hour lessons, Monday evenings. Registration at the Student Activities Center. Two classes are offered: Beginners, at 7 p.m., for those who have never played at all, or who have just dabbled in a little; Intermediates, at 8 p.m., for players with some experience and knowledge of basic chords who want to learn finger-picking or break out of repeti-
tious patterns. Those who are unsure which class is for them should come to both. The entire course costs $60, payable at the first lesson, open to the general public. Informa-
tion: Phil Shapiro at 844-4353, or email at psd10@cornell.edu.

Yoga

An 8-week series of free Kundalini Yoga* sessions begins Jan. 27, 5:10-6:30 p.m. at Goldie’s in the Student Recreation Center. Instructors are from the Ithaca Yoga school and offer new classes every week, including classes for children. Please bring your own yoga mat and wear loose fitting clothes. Information: 607.274.4711.

Pottery

Have you resolved this year to make more stuff with your hands, have cabin fever or just want to try something new? A semester pass to the Ceramic Studio, Willard Straight Hall, may be just what you need. Located two flights down the south stairwell, the Ceramic Studio is open to members 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m., seven days a week until May 5, starting Jan. 24. A membership fee of $120 for non-students and $100 for students allows you access to potters’ wheels, tools and clay. Your pieces will be bisqued and glazed-fired. For a few dollars more, you can take classes: $135 for non-students and $120 for students. Classes start Feb. 2 and run for 6 weeks. Register for memberships and classes at the WSH Information Desk or www.coe.cornell.edu/陶瓷/ceramics.html.

Learn to Climb

Interested in learning to climb? Cornell Outdoor Education can provide you with the basic techniques to safely and

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