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## Terri Natoli wins Cornell's highest award for dedicated service

BY NANCY DOOLITTLE



Mary George Opperman (left) congratulates Terri Natoli on receiving the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service.

**T**erri Natoli, as 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," "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 from Don Hartill.

Adler also recognized Pamela Stacey Coil, department administrator and Natoli's colleague, who nominated her for the award. Natoli closed the event by extending her thanks to Adler and Bertha Peterson, now retired but who hired Natoli in 1978, "for taking a chance on me, and to all of you for making me a part of the NBB family... you have been amazing." 🐾



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

BY SUSAN KELLEY

**W**hen 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. 🐾



Brad Wheeler of Indiana University speaks about the benefits and history of the Kuali Financial System Jan. 13 in Bailey Hall.

## Tickets on sale now for Employee Celebration Feb. 12



### Tickets for the winter Employee Celebration, Feb. 12, are on sale until Feb. 4.

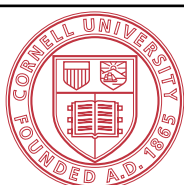
Games will include wrestling vs. Princeton University, 1 p.m.; gymnastics vs. Ithaca College, 1 p.m.; women's ice hockey vs. Yale University, 4 p.m.; men's basketball vs. Princeton University, 7 p.m.

A Cornell community dinner will be held in the Ramin Room, Bartels Hall, 4:30-7 p.m. and will feature chicken parmesan, baked ziti with Italian cheeses, and children's activities. Free parking at Hoy Garage and Crescent Lot.

Tickets are \$5 and include the dinner and admission for the athletic events. For either the dinner or the athletic events, tickets are \$3. For tickets, visit the Athletics Department Ticket Office, Bartels Hall (M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., bring your CU ID), or call 607.255.4247. Information: [www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/employee\\_celebration.html](http://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/employee_celebration.html). 🐾

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# Tech Talk

Shaley DeGiorgio

## Firesheep: A fox in sheep's clothing

A new Firefox plugin, Firesheep, allows anyone to easily capture and use their login information for social and e-commerce sites. "There is nothing new or particularly clever about this attack method - what's different is that Firesheep can easily be downloaded and installed by anyone," says Wyman Miles, of Cornell IT Security.

Many websites save cookies in your browser to authenticate you after you initially supply a username and password to log in. When you use unsecure Wi-Fi to connect to the Internet, Firesheep allows a third party to intercept and use your cookies to impersonate you at one of these websites.

Firesheep is sneaky. It's difficult to tell when someone is using it on the network. It doesn't affect your computer and it doesn't require any action from you. It does not make your computer vulnerable to harm: it is a vulnerability you are exposed to when you use unsecure Wi-Fi networks and non-secure access (HTTPS or SSL) to websites.

Amy Gahrn, of CNN Tech, puts it into perspective: "Once I installed Firesheep, I was able to open a sidebar in Firefox and tell it to 'start capturing' data. Slowly, the sidebar starts to fill with icons, usernames, and service names (Google, Facebook, Yahoo, etc.) from other current users on my Wi-Fi network."

If you install Firesheep and click on one of these users, Firesheep automatically logs you into that account as that user. So far as Facebook, etc., is concerned, you have become that other user—and can do anything they can do with their account.

Protect your online accounts, privacy, and identity. As a general defense against Firesheep (and many other session-stealing) attacks:

- Use secure Wi-Fi. At Cornell, use RedRover Secure to encrypt your Wi-Fi traffic and guard against nearby eavesdroppers ([www.cit.cornell.edu/services/redrover/howto/rrsecure/index.cfm](http://www.cit.cornell.edu/services/redrover/howto/rrsecure/index.cfm)).
- Secure your home wireless network, if you haven't already. Check your user manual for directions.
- Use secure access to websites (HTTPS or SSL) when available.
- Watch for signs that your social networking and other accounts have been used. Change your password (using a secure network) if you suspect it has been compromised.
- Make a habit of logging out of accounts when you are done using them, so you aren't automatically logged in if you launch your browser on a non-secure Wi-Fi network.

### Tech Training Spotlight:

Register now for upcoming Office 2010 Productivity courses: half-day classes in Access 2010 Basic or Excel 2010 Basic, Feb. 24; or the 2-hour no-fee 2010 New Features workshops in Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook or Word.

For a complete listing of technical training resources, see [www.cit.cornell.edu/training](http://www.cit.cornell.edu/training). For questions, contact [workshop-info@cornell.edu](mailto:workshop-info@cornell.edu).

## Six receive Bartels Award for Custodial Service Excellence

BY DONNA GOSS

Nearly 400 staff members of the Building Care and Campus Life Housekeeping departments met to recognize six housekeeping and custodial staff members at the fourth annual Bartels Award for Custodial Service Excellence, Dec. 7 in Bartels Hall.

The award winners—Eileen Evans, Tom Orzel, Vy Merritt, Don Sutfin, Cheryl Cummings and Yaroslav Sikora—each received a \$500 award and a certificate of recognition. They were congratulated by the Bartels family—Phil, Susan, Katie and Christopher—who had established the award in 2006 and endowed it in 2009.

Four additional staff members—Joyce Ward, Scotti Slocum, Rob Longo and Laurie Bradshaw—received the scholarship award that the Bartels family established and endowed last year, as did four parents and their children: Catherine Cardinal and her father, Steve; Nicole Dyer and her father, Bill; Russell Hostrander and his mother, Michele; and Katilyn McCall and her father, Gary.

Phil Bartels '71, a member of the Cornell University Council, and his wife, Susan, had established the Bartels award in 2006 after Craig Beaver, a custodian working in Duffield Hall, had shared a plate of cookies with their daughter, Katie Bartels '06, a senior studying for her final exams with her classmates.

"You are a backbone department of this university," Phil Bartels told the custodial staff. "Without you, this university would not be functioning every day to support the students who are working toward completing their education."

Last year, the Building Care academic custodial staff were combined with the Campus Life residential housekeeping group under the leadership of director Rob Osborn; accordingly, this year the Bartels family increased their endowment to annually recognize six rather than five awardees for custodial service excellence.

Vice President for Facilities Kyu-Jung Whang thanked the Bartels family for their generosity. "The thing that's so special about this event," said Whang, "is hearing the stories of each of the recipients. ... Thank you all for touching the lives of others and sharing your stories with us."

Previous award winners were also recognized at the event. Osborn concluded the program by giving each member of the Bartels family a Cornell Campus Life jacket.



Rob Osborn welcomes Phil Bartels to the stage.



Front row, from left, Cheryl Cummings, Don Sutfin, Eileen Evans, Vy Merritt, Tom Orzel and Yaroslav Sikora. Back row from left, Julie Parsons, Rob Osborn, Phil Bartels, Steve Keating, Kyu Whang and Bill Davis.



Susan, Katie and Christopher Bartels receive red jackets in appreciation for all they have done on behalf of custodial and housekeeping staff.

Details about the recipients of the Bartels Award for Service Excellence include:

- Evans, who works in the ILR Conference Center, was recognized for her "positive attitude and genuine concern" for the conference center's maintenance.
- Orzel, who works in Hollister Hall and the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, was highly regarded by Professor Emeritus Howard C. Aderhold when Orzel worked in Ward Lab.
- Merritt, a housekeeper at the Cornell Child Care Center, is known for balancing multiple routines and has been awarded for excellent attendance 12 times.
- Sutfin, head custodian of the Duffield Hall custodial complex, was recognized for helping to prepare Duffield Hall for a visit by Bill Gates.
- Cummings, who began her 31-year career in Campus Life as a housekeeper and has spent the last 20 years as a lead custodian, was acknowledged as someone who cares about her staff.
- Sikora was a member of the team that readied the new Physical Sciences Building for occupancy this past fall.



Craig Beaver, inaugural Bartels Award winner, talks with Susan Bartels (left) and Lisken Cordes, Alumni Affairs and Development.

## First Vanpool launched in Tompkins County region

BY PATTY POIST

When Cornell University employee Wendy Treat of Burdett learned that Schuyler County cut funding for TCAT bus service to her area, she was worried about finding an affordable way to work.

Fortunately, there was an immediate solution.

In 2009, TCAT, with the help of Cornell's transportation department, had signed a contract with VPSI Inc, the nation's leading vanpool provider, to provide alternative transportation when fixed bus route service is unavailable.

So Treat and eight other Schuyler County commuters investigated the option, liked what they learned and formed the region's very first vanpool, which they started Jan. 3.

"I do hope that more people will realize that this is a safe, reliable and efficient way to get back and forth to work," said Treat, who was among 40 people who attended the vanpool kickoff celebration and news conference at Cornell's Biotechnology Building Jan. 14.

VPSI provides the van, along with insurance, maintenance and repairs. Members of the vanpool share the cost of the service. But - especially when employers subsidize it for them



Kim Scott, left, and Wendy Treat are part of the Schuyler County vanpool.

as does Cornell - the savings compared to using individual vehicles are substantial. The cost varies based on number of vanpoolers, but the Cornell riders in Treat's van pay only \$50 a month, plus gas.

Treat's fellow vanpooler Kim Scott, who also works at Cornell, said vanpooling enables her to arrive to work early, "which means I am not as rushed." And, better yet, she said: "I get home at least 45 minutes earlier than I used to."

Indeed, TCAT, VPSI, Ithaca Carshare and Cornell officials hope to get more vans on the road. TCAT and VPSI also praised Cornell for subsidizing the cost for university employees and said they hope other employers will follow suit. To be sure, said Jesse Kafka, VPSI's business development executive, it is a fairly inexpensive perk to offer employees compared to other benefits.

Though it took some time to form the first vanpool, TCAT General Manager Joe Turcotte said he expects to see more VPSI vans on the road as gas prices continue to increase.

In addition, Ithaca Carshare is providing vanpoolers with free memberships in Carshare, should they need a car during the day to run errands or to attend appointments. For emergencies, such as the need to tend to a sick child, Cornell offers emergency rides home during the workday.

Information: <http://www.vanride.com> or call 1800VANRIDE.

Patty Poist is communications and marketing manager, TCAT

## Gain control over your finances

BY NANCY DOOLITTLE

Want to get your financial house in order? Assess whether you should make adjustments in your retirement investments? Not quite sure how to handle the debt racked up over the holidays? Looking to change the beneficiaries on your retirement accounts or life insurance plan? Want to see how other Cornellians are saving money and finding great deals?

Answers to all these questions can be found on the personal financial education web pages through the Division of Human Resources at [http://hr.cornell.edu/benefits/financial\\_planning](http://hr.cornell.edu/benefits/financial_planning).

"These pages offer links to all of the Cornell retirement plans vendors' pages that we've always offered, as well as links to information on estate planning, life insurance and personal money matters," said Mary Zielinski, associate director, Benefit Services. "We also list webinars and webcasts, both the sessions to the general public that the vendors offer as well as the sessions recorded specifically for Cornell staff, faculty and retirees."

You can also:

- Check your credit ratings;
- Add the investment vendors' applications to your iPhone, Droid or other PDA for quick access;
- Use tools and calculators to aid in your financial decisions;
- Join a personal savings solutions blog to share ideas and opportunities for saving money with other Cornell employees;
- Make an appointment to speak with representatives from TIAA-CREF, Fidelity, ING, MetLife and Valic, either in 130 Day Hall or at East Hill Plaza; and
- Register for a Skillsoft class to increase your financial education: [www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/online\\_courses.html](http://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/online_courses.html).

"We created this site to help you take control over your financial situation now and in the future," Zielinski said. "Whether you wish to use the resources on the web to educate yourself, crunch the numbers, develop your own personal financial strategy or make an appointment with a vendor representative, this site can help you assess your financial standing and take action to improve it."

Zielinski said that those who do not have computer access or would just like a little more direction can always call the Benefits Resource Center at 607.255.3936. "The Benefits Resource Center can put you in touch with the resources and representatives who can help you on your way," she said.



Mary Zielinski

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### PAWPRINT PICKS

**"UNDER THE SNOW"**  
 The Laboratory of Ornithology is holding a book reading for children in grades K-5, Jan. 20, 3:30-5 p.m., at the Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity. Free and open to the public, the reading will be from Melissa Stewart's "Under the Snow," a story about how animals survive the snow and ice of winter in fields, ponds, forests, and wetlands.

**FREE ACTIVITIES AT YMCA OPEN HOUSE**  
 The Ithaca YMCA will hold a free Y Dodge Ball Tournament, Jan. 23, 2-4 p.m., capping its 2011 Annual Open House, Jan. 22-23. During regular business hours the Y will have free admission for use of the facility, tours, group fitness classes, demonstrations, Zumba dance and toning, and family and lap swimming. Learn about the benefits of YMCA membership for all ages and families. Food and refreshments will be served Jan. 22, noon-4 p.m. The \$30 joining fee will be waived for those joining during the open house.

**FAMILY THEATRE DAY**  
 The Hangar Theatre, in partnership with the Ithaca City School District, will host a Family Theatre Day, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Kulp Auditorium. Participants will enjoy games and exercises that will teach fun and creative theatre and storytelling skills. Free for all families; no experience needed. Space is limited; reservations are required: email Jesse Bush, [jesse@hangartheatre.org](mailto:jesse@hangartheatre.org) or call 607.273.8588.

**LITERARY LUNCHEON**  
 Fiction writer Stewart O'Nan will be the featured author at the next Literary Luncheon, Feb. 4 at the Cayuga Heights residence of Robin Davison and President David Skorton. O'Nan's fiction includes "A Prayer for the Dying," "Snow Angels" and "Last Night at the Lobster." He graduated from Cornell's MFA creative writing program in 1992 and worked as a structural engineer before deciding to pursue a writing career. His new novel, "Emily, Alone," will be published March 17 by Viking. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with O'Nan's presentation at noon. The event is free and open to the first 25 people who respond by Jan. 28 to [special-events@cornell.edu](mailto:special-events@cornell.edu).

## From the desk of... Vice President Kyu-Jung Whang



In response to the Reimagining Cornell planning effort, the Administrative Streamlining Program (ASP) was initiated under the direction of Vice President for Planning and Budget Elmira Mangum. Each division has been charged to develop and implement cost-savings strategies. Within the facilities function, we have founded these cost-saving initiatives on the key principle of enhancing the partnership between central services and the units. Our cost-saving strategies are focused in redefining operations in seven key areas to reflect the partnership principle, streamline operational processes, improve services and realize cost-savings. Many of these strategies will impact the daily work practice and operations of members of the facilities division, as well as those in academic and other units across the campus.

I will be using this column to provide you with updates on these initiatives and to respond to questions and concerns about how these impact your daily work and interaction with the facilities function. The Cornell Chronicle will continue to publish related articles to keep you informed with detailed information as programs are affected across campus. I encourage you to contact me at [kw253@cornell.edu](mailto:kw253@cornell.edu) or the project manager Kristie Mahoney at [km285@cornell.edu](mailto:km285@cornell.edu) with any questions or concerns that you may have as we deploy these strategies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our organization.

The seven initiative teams are:

- **Accountability and Governance** - Led by David Howe and Todd Pfeiffer, the purpose of this initiative is to establish clearly defined decision roles. With alignment through partnerships and accountability, units and Facilities Services will determine their needs and priorities, and work will be executed by Facilities Services using agreed-upon service level standards to ensure consistency.
- **Zone Management** - Led by John Kiefer, Lori Barry and Karen Muckstadt is a system that aligns staff with specific buildings in order to develop expertise within that area of campus while also maintaining consistency in standards for the entire campus.
- **Energy Efficiency** - Led by Bert Bland, this initiative has been established to develop and execute energy conservation projects after thorough analysis of estimated cost savings and projected return on investment.
- **Job Order Contracting (JOC)** - Led by David Howe, the development and application of this methodology will enable a substantial number of individual projects to be accomplished with a single, competitively bid contract.
- **Project Management** - The charge for this team, led by Gilbert Delgado, is to establish four project management centers that are integrated with the zone management concept. Additionally, a certification program for project managers will be designed and implemented.
- **Building Care** - This initiative, led by John Kiefer, has already been implemented to a large degree. A new staffing model was put in place that combines the Facilities Services Building Care and Campus Life Housekeeping departments into one unit.
- **Mail/Fleet/Warehousing Operations** - Led by Joe Lalley, the main objective of this initiative is to achieve savings through consolidation. Mail Services will centralize mail metering across campus; Fleet Services will consolidate operations; and the inventory function at the Warehouse has been discontinued.

More information about the Facilities ASP can be found through the following resources:

- On the ASP website at: <http://asp.dpb.cornell.edu/initiatives/facilities/>
- At Chronicle Online: "Facilities streamlining should save up to \$16 million a year" [www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Nov10/ASPFacilities.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Nov10/ASPFacilities.html)
- "Campus managers to partner with units, colleges" [www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Jan11/CampusManagers.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Jan11/CampusManagers.html)
- CornellCast program titled, "ASO Forum: Facilities Initiative" at: [www.cornell.edu/video/](http://www.cornell.edu/video/)

## WWW <Websites Worth Watching> [www.hr.cornell.edu/benefits/financial\\_planning/](http://www.hr.cornell.edu/benefits/financial_planning/)

The screenshot shows the Cornell University Division of Human Resources website. The main navigation bar includes Home, Jobs at Cornell, Benefits, Policies, Your Life at Cornell, and Diversity & Inclusion. The 'Benefits' section is highlighted. The page content includes a sidebar with 'Overview', 'Health Plans', 'Medical Leaves Benefits', 'Life and Insurance Programs', 'Retirement', 'Financial Education and Planning', 'Educational Benefits', 'Select Benefits', and 'Perks'. The main content area is titled 'Financial Education and Planning' and provides information about the site's purpose, planning tools, and calculators. A 'Contact Benefit Services' box is also visible on the right side of the page.

## A NEW way to keep informed



Check out and join the new Pawprint Facebook page for up-to-date information, events, photos, and more. You can keep up on the events that occur between editions simply by clicking the LIKE button and becoming a fan. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), and do a search for Pawprint Staff Paper; it's as easy as that. A Facebook account is required.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

Computer desk \$50, maple finish, can send pictures. Will deliver. EFB13 or 255.4521.

Beautiful one-of-a-kind items crafted from silk & wool. [dunhamtanya@yahoo.com](mailto:dunhamtanya@yahoo.com) or Tanya 315.497.3225.

X-C skis (four pair, 120-140 cm) and boots (Alpina 34, 35, & 36) for kids. Excellent condition. RWH2.

Jewelry case, very large, suitable for hanging, antique walnut finish, photo collage cover, never used. \$50. JR67.

5 component stereo system, lots of extras. Photos & description by email \$200. JMB7 or 5.9440, or 257.0205.

Jeep Liberty rubber floor mats. Good condition. \$20. NPH4.

5-gal. glass carboys for winemaking. 20 Available. Buy them all for \$17 each or as singles for \$20 each. WFT4.

'03 Monte Carlo SS. Inspected, 93K, V6. 3.8 ltr. silver, new tires, battery, brakes and rotors. Asking \$5200. JDB26 or Jim at 4.8080.

### FREE

Martha Stewart Living back issues, 1993-2008. ARC3.

### WANTED

Your "used" amaryllis bulbs after they have finished blooming. KMP6.

### LOST

Sometime around Thanksgiving, a set of keys on a Life is Good keychain. SA63 if you find them.

### FOR RENT

HHI Condo in the prestigious Sea Pines Plantation. Full amenities, can easily sleep 6 people. Avail 2/25 -3/4. NSN4.

### Guidelines for Classified Ads

Free to members of the Cornell community, ads are printed as space permits. Remember to:

- Include name, campus phone, and category.
- Limit ad to 20 words or less.
- Submit only one ad/person.
- Ads selling goods or commercial services on an ongoing basis or promoting employment outside Cornell cannot be accepted.
- To run your ad more than once, you must re-submit it.
- Pawprint is not responsible for errors or unprinted ads, and retains the right to edit or reject any submission.

Submit classified ads via:  
email: [ppclassified@cornell.edu](mailto:ppclassified@cornell.edu).

### Classified Deadlines:

- January 28 for the February 3 issue

## Reminder:

Travel between the East Hill complex and campus is now provided by TCAT Route 82. The East Hill Shuttle has ceased to run.

TCAT Route 82 stops at the front side of East Hill Plaza, the East Hill Office Building circle drive, CISER, and central campus every 15 minutes, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Travel time between the East Hill Office Building and Uris Hall is 12 minutes. Faculty and staff members can use their Cornell ID card at the fare box to ride all TCAT buses on the Cornell campus and within the City of Ithaca.

Information: [www.transportation.cornell.edu/tms/cms/parking](http://www.transportation.cornell.edu/tms/cms/parking) and [www.tcatbus.com](http://www.tcatbus.com).

The Dec. 10 Chronicle article can be viewed at [www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Dec10/ShuttleTCAT.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Dec10/ShuttleTCAT.html). 🐾



## Pet food and supply drive

The Transportation and Mail Services Footprints Team thanks everyone who contributed to make this year's annual TMS Pet Food and Supply Drive the largest yet. Donation boxes were set up at Day Hall, Humphrey's Service Building, Transportation Services at 116 Maple Ave., Mail Services at 311 E. Palm Rd., and at off-campus locations in Ithaca, Dryden, Trumansburg, and Spencer. On Dec. 22, all collected items were sorted for distribution to the Tompkins County SPCA, Cortland County SPCA and Stray Haven Humane Society in Tioga County. The Footprints Team delivered a vehicle full of food and supplies to each organization just before the holidays 🐾



From left to right: Rose Marribitt, Kathy Baylor, Tammy Lopez, Melinda Matthews and Holly Bernhardt, Transportation and Mail Services.

## Great season for the Elves!

BY BILL ALBERTA

Thanks to the good work and generosity of hundreds of "elves" all across the Cornell campus and beyond who shopped, donated money, delivered gifts, organized fundraisers, promoted the program to others or helped in additional ways. The program far surpassed last year's record of sponsoring 656 children by sponsoring 826 children. Each child received \$100-125 worth of new clothing and toys. 🐾



## Athletics adopted 17 families

Each year during the holiday season, members of the Department of Athletics and Physical Education team up to participate in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program, which assists needy families in Tompkins County. This year, under the direction of Andrea Dutcher, MILR '87, associate director of athletics, and Student Athletic Advisory Committee co-presidents Erin Keene and Irene Leung, the department adopted 17 families, nearly double the number as in years past. Volunteer sponsors of needy families purchased gifts for the children and three days worth of food for the family, including food for a holiday meal. In addition to the Adopt-A-Family program, nearly 600 food items were collected and \$600 donated to the Kitchen Cupboard. 🐾

## 'Light in Winter' Jan. 20-23

The eighth annual festival begins 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 comedian Tim Lee, 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 Wonders, Jan. 23, noon-4 p.m. at the Statler Atrium, 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 30th anniversary of "Cosmos," the television series created by and starring Ithaca'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, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Statler Auditorium. Tickets: \$10.

For tickets and full listings: [www.lightinwinter.com](http://www.lightinwinter.com). 🐾

## 'Soup and Hope' begins today

"Soup and Hope" begins its fourth year today, Jan. 20, noon-1 p.m., Sage Chapel, featuring Renee Alexander '74, director of Minority Alumni Programs. Alexander is a student-minded educator, counselor, advisor and mentor whose doctoral research and current interests focus on eliminating racial disparities in educational outcomes. Her talk will focus on the roles of hope and faith in surviving the inevitable storms and valleys of life.

On Feb. 3, the featured speaker will be Marcia Eames-Sheavly, senior extension associate, garden-based learning educator in the Department of Horticulture, and collaboration and partnerships specialist with NYS 4-H Youth Development. She is inspired by her family, friends, colleagues and students. An enthusiast of great cooking and gardens, her story is a love letter to the ordinary: finding hope in the midst of our busy lives, in the normal day.

Soup and Hope is held every other Thursday through the end of March, featuring members of the Ithaca community working for social change, who will relate stories of hope. For each session, members of the Cornell community are invited to bring a bowl, enjoy steaming soup with hearty bread—and find nourishment for mind, body and spirit. 🐾

## New eatery in physical sciences

Conveniently located in the lobby of the new Physical Sciences Building, Goldie's is the newest of Cornell Dining's 20 cash/restaurant locations. It serves FreshTake Grab-n-Go, Starbucks coffee, Pepsi beverages and specialty sandwiches. Hours of operation are Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-5 p.m., effective Jan. 24 - May 6, 2011. Big Red Bucks, MealChoice, CornellCard, cash, and major credit cards are accepted. Information: [www.campuslife.cornell.edu/campuslife/dining/goldies.cfm](http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/campuslife/dining/goldies.cfm). 🐾

## 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 first lesson. Just bring a guitar. Two classes are offered: Beginners, at 7 p.m., for those who have never played at all, or who have played just 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 repetitious 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. Information: call Phil Shapiro at 844.4535, or email at [pds10@cornell.edu](mailto:pds10@cornell.edu).

### Yoga

An 8-week series of free Kundalini Yoga\* sessions begins Jan. 27, 5:15-6:30 p.m., Wendy Purcell Lounge at the Robert Purcell Community Center and will be held subsequent Thursdays. Offered to students, faculty and staff by the Community Center Programs, Cornell Minds Matter, and Gannett Health Services. Physical flexibility is not required for success in this class; neither is previous yoga experience. Information: [www.gannett.cornell.edu/cms/pdf/upload/Kundalini-yoga.pdf](http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/cms/pdf/upload/Kundalini-yoga.pdf).

### 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 glazes. Your pieces will be bisqued and glaze-fired. For a few dollars more, you can take classes: \$135 for non-students and \$115 for students. Classes start Feb. 2 and run for 6 weeks. Register for memberships and classes at the WSH Information Desk or see: [www.activities.cornell.edu/ceramics](http://www.activities.cornell.edu/ceramics).

### Learn to Climb

Interested in learning to climb? Cornell Outdoor Education can provide you with the basic techniques to successfully and safely climb the Lindseth Climbing Wall. Sessions are every Thursday, 7-9 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$25; includes two hours of climbing instruction, all equipment, and two day-passes for more climbing. Information: [www.coe.cornell.edu/goto.jsp?page=learn.climb](http://www.coe.cornell.edu/goto.jsp?page=learn.climb). 🐾