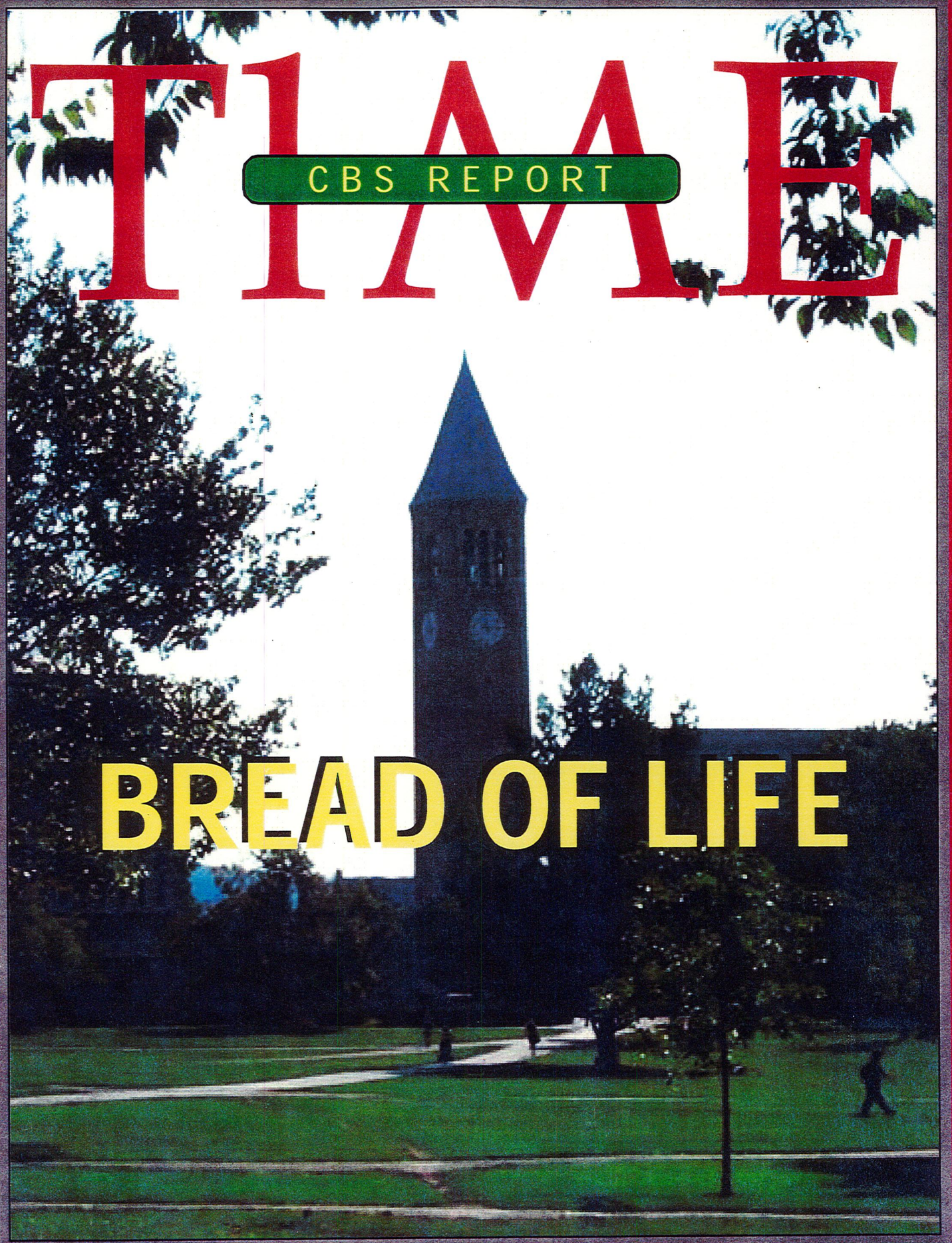


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CBS REPORT

BREAD OF LIFE



Dear Reader,

“I feel demented.”

“I need a back massage.”

“Someone wake me up in 2 hours.”

“Ow I am so sore.”

Ah...putting together Bread of Life every year is a rather interesting process. The staff gets a lot of time (and I mean a LOT of time) to bond together over type alignment, font faces, margins, and disruptive computers.

This year was no different. We would like to thank CBS for giving us this opportunity to serve you. Next year, let's start earlier.

Thank you to the staff, who gave up sleep and suffered burnt computer screens to put this all together.

Thank you to all the contributors for helping us write the articles. Without your writing, we would not have Bread of Life.

Welcome to the Fall 2002 issue of Bread of Life! After many loving hours in front of the computer, we present to you...your fellowship.

Bread of Life is CBS. This is you: your newcomers, your coordinators, your Servant Team, your articles, your Bible studies, and your milestones. Enjoy it.

In Him,
the BoL people

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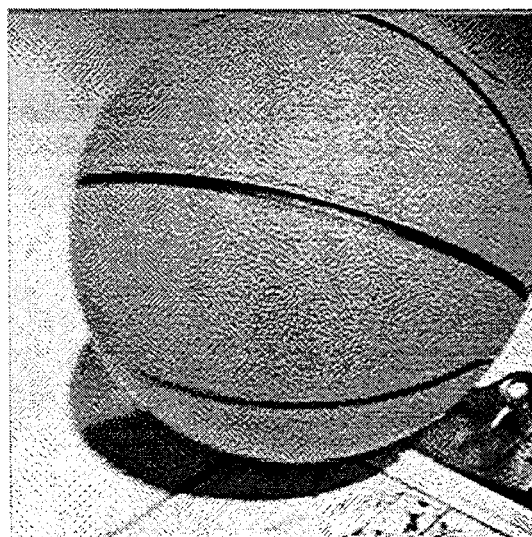
Me, God, and Basketball...

...though not always in that order. My entire Cornell career has been about ordering these 2 priorities in my life. What I want to do, and what God wants me to do. And more often than not, I let "basketball" get between me and God, be it schoolwork, relationships, or various worries and concerns. But God has always taught me to just to let go, to put Him first in my life and watch everything else fall into place. This semester especially, He taught me not only to put Him first, but to let Him do the work.

I did two things this past summer. I worried about CBS, and I played "streetball" in the inner-city playgrounds of Shelton, Connecticut. Basketball was my release. Drained from a long workday consisting of sitting in front of a computer surfing the net, I longed for the clock to tick 5 so I could get on the courts. It was fun, running 5s when there were lots of ppl, playing 21 if there weren't. But far more precious still were the times when the courts were completely empty, and it was just me and God, one on one, mano a mano. As I fired shot after shot, I fired question after question to God. Am I gonna get overloaded with work this year? Clang. What's CBS gonna be like this year? Ooh, off the glass...ugly. Am I going to be able to find a job? Shoot...didn't even touch rim that time. So many

uncertainties, so many obstacles, so many impossibilities.

I flip through my prayer journal now, to see what was worrying me then, what kind of shots I was firing up at God. Back then, it seemed like I was putting up, well, prayers...even homing devices weren't gonna help those shots find the rim. The future looked bleak and uncertain. But



even then, God started to fill me with His peace, His peace that surpasses all understanding. However, it was like Peter when he was walking on water: the instant I took my eyes off God and saw the wind and waves again, down I went. Of course, all of those worries, those concerns - they were all valid. From a human perspective, things looked to be pretty rocky. But when I truly gave everything over to God, truly just humbled myself, realized how weak and unprepared I was....that was when God stepped in.

He took all those awful shot-attempts and turned them into the sweetest alley-oops* you've ever seen. I'm not talking about my wannabe dunks** on Dan's little Nerf hoop. No, no. I'm talking about a Vince Carter hey-I-just-jumped-over-a-7-footer monster jam. I'm talking about the senior class stepping up and filling the void in leadership left by all the seniors and grads. I'm talking about an exciting and vibrant freshman class, eager to seek after and serve Him.

I'm talking about the verse in my quiet times that just happened to answer a tough question someone asked me. I'm talking about surviving another Romans Bible study, where it was truly God teaching and not me. Caught high off the rim, 180-degree double pump reverse. I realized that God just doesn't answer prayer. He ANSWERS prayer. He goes far beyond anything I'd ever hoped for: frosh care packages for seniors; somehow giving me enough time to study for all my prelims; a praise set that fits

in exactly with what I'm learning from God; rich sharing times, where ppl are honest and vulnerable about what God has taught them; the list goes on and on.

So what was the common theme in all of these praises formerly known as requests? First, God needed to be first priority in my life...my time, my energy, my heart, all for Him. Secondly, I needed to realize that I couldn't do anything on my own strength, and let God work. When I was unwilling to sacrifice time for God, when I made Him 3rd, 4th, 5th priority, I began to struggle, I lost God's peace, I couldn't see all the great things He was doing. If God's on the bench, you're gonna lose the game. You gotta have Him on the court, and you can't be a ballhog. Sure, you can hit some shots on your own. You'll get the grades, you'll land the interviews, you'll ace your MCATS. But what happens when life tightens up the defense? When you go up for the shot and get taken down with a hard foul? When you fail a key prelim or completely blow a med school interview? When God is number 1, you have the assurance that whatever happens will work out according to His master plan. So even when life seems to be falling apart, just trust God. He's got something great in store for all of us...all these hardships and difficulties are just forming us into better vessels to serve Him. (The spiral...go Romans!)*

So I've been really encouraged by how God has been working in and through CBS this year. All those worries and qualms I had at the beginning of the

year...God caused things to work out in ways I couldn't have imagined. He has even been giving me peace about my future...uncertain as it seems. But let's not be content. God can and wants to do so much more. We just have to be willing to let Him work through us. So take a moment to go before Him and ask Him how He can work through you next semester...in the fellowship, in your dorm, in local church life. God is looking for people to throw up some alley-oops for Him, people to serve Him in the youth ministry at church, to spend time with a non-Christian in your life, to support and encourage somebody in the felly who is suffering. You may be surprised to see what God wants you to do.

I, for one, can't wait to see what monster jams God has in store for us.

"For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."
(Philippians 2:13)

*For those who don't know, an alley-oop is where one player throws the ball in the air to another player, who catches the ball in mid-air and puts the ball into the basket, usually in dramatic fashion. Oftentimes, one player tries to take a shot but misses badly. If the other player is really good, he can catch the miss in mid-air and still dunk the ball. Cool, huh?

**I will also be referring to dunks as jams...don't be confused. They are the same thing.

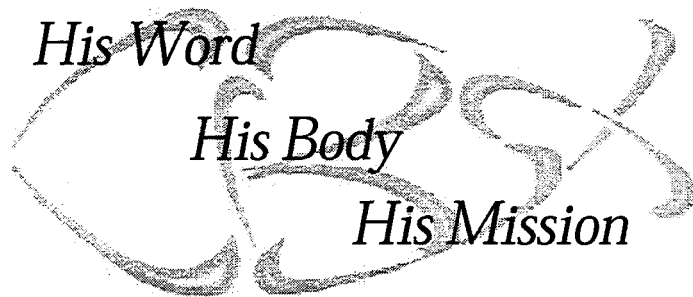
***Ask someone from the Romans study what the spiral is. They better know the answer! Hint...Romans 5...

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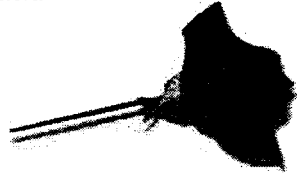
MILESTONES

GROWING. DARRICK CHYU, 3 months, sophomore Chemical Engineer; accepted Christ first few days into the semester; currently in Ask About Bible study, learning to walk the straight and narrow.

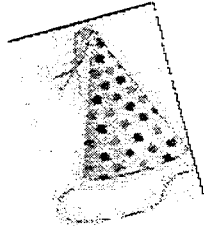
GROWING. TIFFANY PAN, 2.5 months, freshman hockey superstar; came to know Christ mid-way through the first month of school aided by HotchiNk over the phone.

GROWING. LULU CHEN, 1 day, Junior hotelier; accepted Christ YESTERDAY. After a long journey from freshman year struggling with her doubts about Christianity, she has come to know Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at last. Praise God!!!! Welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

ENGAGED. JENNIFER YEH AND JEREMY HO, current CBS member and CBS alum. Proposal involved playing and singing Billy Joel's "Just the Way You Are," almost getting down on one knee, and Sage Chapel. We pray that God will use you together in His sovereign plan.

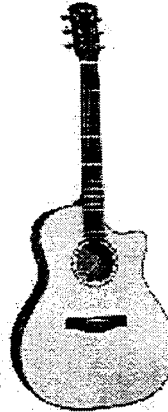


ENGAGED. JANET CHIANG AND TOM LIAO, current CBS member and CBS alum. Roses and candles; summer wedding. May God give you joy, and may you continue to grow in Him.

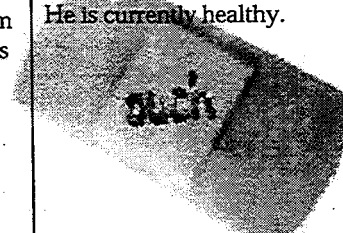


MASSACRED. JON NG, 20, our favorite Canadian CBS announcer man; was massacred on his birthday. After a typical CBS meeting, Jon innocently carried on his duties of moving praise team equipment as a platoon of CBSers and friends plotted to execute Operation Jon Ng Massacre with shaving cream and water balloons. There is currently a shortage of shaving cream.

GRADUATED. JASON CHUR, 22, guitar player extraordinaire is finally saying his good-byes. After a grueling 9 semesters (and some more) at Cornell, this computer science major is graduating at the end of this semester. Jason's Cornell experience is highlighted by his wall of encouragement, his service to CBS on the worship team, and the multitudes of scars from "little accidents." (Hey, at least you'll always remember those fun times.) Jason, you survived. We'll miss you!



INJURED. WILL HSU, 19, sophomore; suffered minor cuts on the side of his forehead. His injury came about after a long match of the finger game with a fierce opponent (whose name will not be revealed at the present time) who stabbed Will in the forehead with a most deadly weapon - his finger. Damages were not severe. He is currently healthy.



NUMBERS

15 Average number of bubble teas that CBSers drink per week.

65% Percentage of bubbles per drink actually consumed.

22.5 Hours a typical CBSer spends online per day.

1.5 Hours actually spent in class per day. (Overestimation)

5 Number of guitar lessons offered on CBS service marketplace.

\$1 Cost of boosting your self-esteem, offered on CBS service marketplace.

200 Days of snow per year.

0 Snow days at Cornell.

168:125 ratio of average upperclassmen weight to underclassmen weight (guys)

35-7 Football score of upperclassmen v. underclassmen, in underclassmen's favor

Q: What do coal miners make?

By DAVE CHIU and ERIC SHEN

hehe, this is real IM!

chiuster803: hey eric
 eric likes eatin: whatsup dave?
 chiuster803: nothing much dude...
 chiuster803: how bout you?
 eric likes eatin: just realizing how cool our bible study was man
 chiuster803: mos def... candace and liana... to the max man... to the max!!!!
 chiuster803: =P
 eric likes eatin: to the mmaaaxx!
 chiuster803: so you know what i thought was REALLY cool
 eric likes eatin: nope, what?
 chiuster803: Jonah had a seaweed turban wrapped around his head in Chapter 2 verse 5
 eric likes eatin: haha
 eric likes eatin: haha, u know what i thought was cool?
 chiuster803: watsup?
 eric likes eatin: well, first off it was cool to read books in the bible that ppl dont normally go in depth
 eric likes eatin: but i felt that i could really relate to jonah cuz so many times God calls us to do something, like him being called to go to Ninevah, but we turn around and run away
 chiuster803: that is really cool... but i thought this one part in Malachi was like so much cooler
 chiuster803: like how in chapter 1 we shouldn't bring blemished sacrifices to God
 chiuster803: i mean God sacrificed His son so that He could let us into heaven, when we sin against Him

A: Minor Prophets

chiuster803: the least we could do is give Him the equivalent of some presentable goats and cows...
 eric likes eatin: true true, good pt.
 chiuster803: but it's like so often... we can't give up the most precious things in our life to Him
 eric likes eatin: yeah, i really learned a lot about offering
 chiuster803: like what?
 eric likes eatin: i remember candace making a reference to david, when david was about to build an altar to God, Araunah offers david the land and wood for the altar
 eric likes eatin: and david replies "I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."
 eric likes eatin: i learned that our offering has to be costly in order to be accepted by God
 chiuster803: and you know wats really cool?
 chiuster803: it was about how
 chiuster803: if we brought everything to God, everything that we had
 chiuster803: He would in turn bless us so much that we couldn't even handle it
 chiuster803: verse 10 chapter 3 says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

"it was cool to read books in the bible that ppl dont normally go in depth"

chiuster803: that's like totally encouraging
 eric likes eatin: yeah man, it totally is
 eric likes eatin: im glad we joined this bible study
 eric likes eatin: it was really encouraging and i learned a whole lot...like wow
 chiuster803: yo candace makes the best almond gelatin fruit snacks...
 eric likes eatin: and a wicked spinach dip
 chiuster803: oh totally...
 chiuster803: and at least we didn't make candace feel too bad about that corny joke she made
 eric likes eatin: so many ..which one?
 chiuster803: you know... wat do miners make?
 eric likes eatin: oh hahahahaha
 eric likes eatin: miner prophets
 chiuster803: miner profits = minor prophets

"if we brought everything to God, everything that we had, He would in turn bless us so much that we couldn't even handle it"

Smallness and Smallville

Dave and Dan, Huang and Tsui (respectively), on Dave and Dan's, Zai and Lam (respectively), Bible Study

By DAVE HUANG and DAN TSUI

DESPITE THE SHREWDLY chosen name, this Bible study group had very little to do with the hit WB series *Smallville*. Ignorant of what fate would befall them, throngs of young Cornelian males flocked to this Bible study eager for some quality discussion about their favorite Tuesday night girl, Lana

Lang. Instead the group engaged in some serious and profound discussion about Paul's epistle to the Philippians. The group, which consisted of a lot of guys and their favorite Wednesday night girl, Fruling, talked about various topics including sharing of the gospel in all circumstances, imitating the humility of Christ, and praying without anxiety. Another major topic of discussion was learning to depend on God's strength and abilities rather than place confidence in the flesh. Paul tells the Philippians, "I can do everything though him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Now what exactly does Philippians have to do with *Smallville*? That is still a great mystery as Dave and Dan never got around to covering that. It is still unclear how a letter written by the apostle Paul, while he was in prison, to his favorite church has anything to do with the adolescence of an extraterrestrial superhuman destined to save the comic book world. However, the group did learn how to be more like the man who saved the world for real, by living everyday following Christ's example and imitating his humility.

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Ask About?

By ALICE HSU

IF I HAD TO IDENTIFY THE various factors that brought about my attendance to *Ask About?*, I guess I would start with the following reason: a few good friends. I actually didn't plan on making the whole Bible study thing a part of my schedule until I realized that I needed it. Life at Cornell was full of distractions and I couldn't see past them. In my mind, I reasoned with myself that I didn't have time to go to a Bible study. I expected that after the first semester, I'd have a better handle on college and time management wouldn't be a problem. Bible study would have

to wait until next semester. The candid words of my friends from back home brought me to my senses. Rather than sympathize with me, they told me repeatedly, "If it matters to you, then you will make time." I realized that God was using my friends to tell me something: I needed to make Him a priority.

Soon after, I made the decision to attend the Bible study that a persistent friend had encouraged me to visit. I have yet to regret the decision. *Ask About?* challenged me to delve deeply into my faith for reasons for believing in Christ more than I had been challenged in high school. Each Thursday, Debbie and Joanna, and Chiuy, our unofficial Bible study leader, focused on several aspects of Christianity that Christians and non-Christians alike have trouble coping with. We would throw out

our thoughts and questions, and as a group we attempted to make sense of the seeming paradoxes. The probability of frustration, confusion, and ceaseless tangential debates was always one-hundred percent. There would be nights where we left discouraged and without definite answers, but that was all right. Increasingly, we realized that our faith didn't depend on the small issues, like whether or not people who lived in the jungle on some remote island off the coast of Equatorial Guinea and had not heard the gospel, were going to Heaven. Although we didn't know the exact way God would handle such a situation, we could trust that God would handle each situation with love, mercy, and justice because we trusted in the nature of God's heart.

The ABCs of Romans

By EVELYN NGEOW and PATTY YU

Alive in Christ **A**
 Blessings for the uncircumcised
 and circumcised
 Christ's propitiation
 Dead to sin
 Eternal life gained
 Freedom from slavery to sin
 Grace of God **J**
 Holy Spirit filling us
 Illustration from marriage
 Justified by faith **P**
 Koinonia
 Life led by the Spirit
 More than conquerors

No one is righteous, not even one
 Open to all who believe **S**
 Peace made with God through
 Christ
 Questions about predestination
 Redemption
 Slaves to righteousness **S**
 Transformation through
 sanctification
 Unbeliever's death
 Verity and truth
 Wrath of God **X**
 Xtraordinary bible study leader
 Jon de Wang
 Y we stop sinning
 Z end **Z**

After God's Own Heart

By WILL LIN

KING DAVID OF THE Old Testament: who was he? How did he become king? How did God train him? This study of David explored these and more questions throughout this semester. Meeting at 407 Eddy #6 on Tuesday nights, many of us would just have come from a prelim and wanted nothing more than to sit down and learn about David from God's Word.

Beginning in I Samuel Chapter 13 with Saul's life, we explored how Saul disobeyed the Lord and the Lord's prophet Samuel. Following that, we dove into the qualities of David and contrasted them to those of Saul - David's dedication, training,

confidence, humility, and patience. We found the true qualities of a friend in Saul's son Jonathan and saw David fall from commander of Saul's army to a criminal hiding in caves (I Samuel 18-22). God stripped David of everything in order to train him. God taught us through David how He can truly work in lives in unexpected ways and that we are never too far from Him to turn back. We also learned through David the continuing cycle of faith leading to a response from God, leading to integrity and more faith. And in the end, God's perfect Plan is always carried out - Saul's death opens the door for David to become king and usher in the Golden Age of Israel.

The Foot Washers of CBS

Sure, they look good making announcements at the front of the room. But the Servant Team is here to wash your feet

Evangelism Team By CLEMENT CHOW

So, what sounds more fun than eating Oreos, whole bags of Sour Skittles (which if you ask me, are nasty), pizza and talking about God? Nothing. That's right, nothing is more fun and exciting than Evangelism Team meetings!! Led by Emily Cheng (kufanfan), we found ourselves discussing how we could integrate the EV vision into our everyday lives. Let's digress for a second and review what the vision is: Delivering God's truth. Demonstrating God's love. Declaring God's power. Because evangelism involves taking people seriously, caring about their concerns and needs, and then sharing Christ as Lord in the context of our natural living situations, it is increasingly important to reach out to your non-Christian friends, to focus on those closest to you. Be friends with them and let them see God's love through your life. Sometimes, actions are stronger than any thing you say. Remember the saying: "I couldn't hear what you were saying because your actions were speaking so loud." So, evangelism is key, and the key to evangelism is to first trust that God will work and then live a life worthy of God.

Evangelism entails many facets of our lives. As a team, we strive to help CBS get more involved with the campus and community. This way, we can build real friendships and they can see our genuine desire to be their friends. To this end, CBS and

CSA combined efforts to build an amphitheater for the Alternative Community School. As the Thanksgiving season rolled around, we realized that CBS doesn't really focus much on the community around us. The Ithaca community needs God as much as Cornell, and to show our love, we decided to do a canned food drive, which, with God's grace, was a huge success. We collected over 40 cans and over \$115, which we used to buy more

Discipleship

By JOSEPH CHIU and HEATHER WANG

When you think of a vital part of the body, what part do you think of? The heart? The brain? Well, a surprisingly important part of the body is the toe - especially the pinky toe. Just as an injured pinky toe causes the entire body to suffer, sometimes our attitudes among our

imitate Jesus Christ in ALL things. Therefore, just as Christ so willingly served others, we too must be willing to do the same. Not just when it's convenient for us, but especially when it means going out of our way to serve others. Christ's ultimate sacrifice as "light of the world who stepped down into darkness" to show each one of you how much He loves you, is the kind of sacrifice that we are commanded to mirror. We should ask ourselves, "Are we willing to act out our faith with deeds?" (James 2:14-17) Both of us, being seniors, have occasionally found ourselves more wrapped up in our own lives and in the uncertainties of our futures; we neglect to think about God's desire for us to serve our brothers and sisters. Essentially, we have become the injured toe.

However, because of God's amazing grace, all of us are constantly reminded of Christ's life on this earth and His humble heart which placed the needs of others before His own. To continue with the song, "Humbly you [Jesus] came to the earth You created / All for love's sake became poor." Christ humbled himself in front of us and loved us, thereby drawing us into His amazing love. This precious love molds our attitudes and the thoughts we have to be like His. When we feel this *agape* love, we seek to honor our Lord in every aspect of our lives, becoming willing and humble to serve others through our imitation of our Savior. Herein lies the bulk of the discipleship ministry's vision.

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brothers and sisters within CBS can be that of an injured toe. Too often, we are unwilling to sacrifice our own needs to serve others, thereby hurting the entire fellowship. We need to remember our purpose isn't rooted in the things of this world, but in heavenly things - to glorify God by living a life worthy of the calling that we have received (Eph 4:1). That means putting God's desires for us above our own desires. He desires for us to

We encourage each and every one of you to truly fall in love with the Lord. Only through experiencing this unconditional love that comes only from Christ, can we mimic that same love, extending it to each other. Keep praying with each other in your handpicked relationships, and surrender to God everything in your lives. Observe the abundant miracles that will come about.

A huge blessing that both of us saw this semester is the love that blossomed within CBS among all the brothers and sisters (and we don't mean engagements!). On several occasions, we noticed brothers and sisters willing to sacrifice time to listen to and to pray with fellow brothers and sisters in need. The bonds that formed through prayer, love, and sincerity between people who didn't even know each other that well were especially awesome to witness. Way to get out of your comfort zone and allow God into your life and saturate your very actions! We see God healing all the "toes" in CBS with His love, and enabling the body to function better. Praise God for each healed toe and for every mended heart. May all of you continue to keep the fire in your hearts sparked for the Lord and let the flames run wild! Love each other passionately. Serve each other whole-heartedly. Imitate Christ willingly. Humble yourself before the Lord and also your brotherhood of believers. SHIP it people! SHIP it!

Prayer

By DAN LAM and TIM MILLER

True or False:

- ☞ We are to pray with faith.
- ☞ We are to pray with thanksgiving, lifting up all kinds of praises and requests.
- ☞ Continued real prayer feeds are spiritual lives.
- ☞ Daily prayer cleanses our thought lives and guards our hearts.
- ☞ We are called to pray individually as well as a body of Christians.

Ok...so maybe by now you've figured out that the answers to all those questions are all the same—T-R-U-E. Yeah, so that was the corny segue to the prayer ministry vision for this year: trusting God, being real before Him, understanding and knowing Him, and exalting Him in our prayers. God already knows our shortcomings and our strengths, our sins and our triumphs, our desires, and our needs. Yet he wants us to express ourselves to Him in prayer—it's a means of not only communicating with God but also worshipping Him. Prayer is essential to acknowledgement of God's sovereignty in our lives—it's an

act that says, "God, I can't do it alone, and I need you." And true prayer is rewarding: Philippians 4:8 states that we have the "peace of God [which] transcends all understanding." This probably isn't new to many of you, but talking about prayer is totally different than actually experiencing it. Words can't do it justice; I can say that it's "cool" or "beautiful" or whatever, but you've got to experience it for yourself. It reminds me of NCPM one day when someone said to the effect, "You can't miss prayer meeting because it's so important." It made me realize I should never trivialize this privilege that was made available to us by our reconciliation with God through Christ's resurrection. Think back to how God has answered your prayers, whether it be about your family, friends, future, grades, a tough situation, a death—God doesn't merely listen to our prayers, he responds to us, often in unexpected ways but always in our best interests (caveat: we must not let sin get in the way). The misconceptions about prayer are that it must be flowery and rhetorically elegant or impressive to other listeners, to name a few. But this is what prayer is: it's truer than a 4.0 college GPA, truer than that job offer or school acceptance, truer than Yao Ming's game, truer than your mom's cooking—and why? Because they're going to a God that loved us so much that he sacrificed his one and only son. What else would he withhold from us?

Hint: it starts with "n" and ends with "othing"*

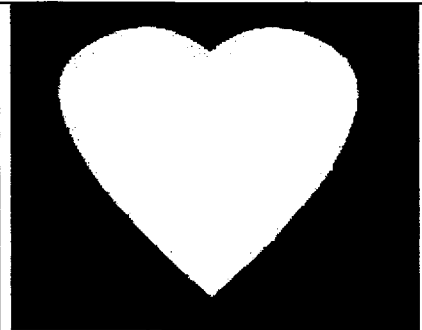
* as long as it's in God's will

InReach

By BEN WEI

Have you ever wondered if Paul used to say "Barney" instead of Barnabas? Even if he didn't, Barnabas still means "son of encouragement," and I think encouragement has been a pivotal theme for me this past semester with Inreach.

To begin with, I've had the privilege to be in a position to see how great the Inreach team is. It's been exciting to see the hearts of humility and service in the team's members, and I've really enjoyed the team's dynamics. It's



a blessing to serve alongside like-minded brothers and sisters.

Most of us realized that from Day One, we have been blessed by a vibrant freshman class. It's been encouraging to see them each week, but it was also encouraging to see each class reach out to them at the beginning of the semester. Indeed, it seemed like CBSers were really jiving with the notion that Inreach is everyone's responsibility.

Seeing the underclassmen reach back with care packages encouraged us all too. By mid-semester, CBS really felt like a family, and I saw fellowship everywhere I looked. Vulnerability and intimacy at sharing, thriving prayer partnerships, CBSers serving together in the community and in the fellowship, and as this semester comes to a close, more and more vibrant prayer meetings. I'm not sure if anyone figured out that "Christian Bonding" was just a code phrase for "Fellowship", but it certainly has been awesome to see so much of it—especially the amount that happens without Inreach doing anything! After all, CBS is a fellowship; I guess we hope that the members of it will seek to fellowship.

Praise

By CHRISTINA LING

To lose heart is lose everything. Without heart, all the worship and sacrifice we could give to God is empty.

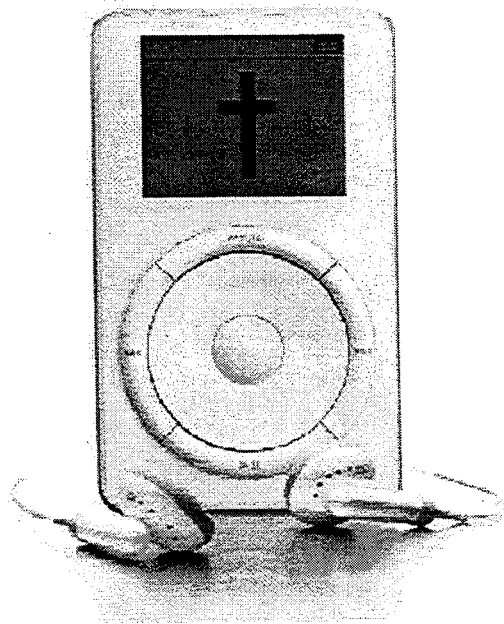
It is God's love that keeps us here; it is God's love that gives us hope in the eternal; it is God's love and atoning sacrifice that saves us from the pits of hell. Does that kind of love drive us like crazed lovers willing to do anything our Lord wills? Does that love cause our hearts to burn with a desire to worship and praise our Father in heaven?

This semester the praise team vision has examined the vision of H-EAR-T: Humility, Ear, and Truth. Humility means humbling ourselves before worship, acknowledging God, remembering that he is Lord over all and does not NEED our praise or worship, but instead that we need him. It is what he has done that demands our praise and not anything from us. Ear means quieting our hearts so that we are not just singing praise songs but actually listening

to what God is saying to us, for He reveals Himself in many ways, and it could be during praise and worship! Truth means that we study His Word diligently and actively, so that we remain scripturally grounded in all that we do and learn more about who exactly this God is that we worship. These are three important aspects to reflect upon and a way examine yourself and the way you worship, not only on Friday nights, but every single day. Ultimately though, as

praise team has learned this semester, worship is not a vision, it's not a checklist of to-dos. It's not about the music, it's not about the songs, it's not about the people. Praising and worshiping is between you and God; it's about where your HEART is, glorifying Him for all that He is, all that He's done and yet to do. So we challenge you to search your heart and be able to truly worship God without abandon every moment of your life.

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HOLIDAY MOVIE PREVIEW



Looking for ways to procrastinate during finals and Christmas season? Look no further...CBS has several surprise hits in store for you

Dumb and Dumber: Eric Shen

Leaving the big city for the tiny town of Ithaca, Eric Shen is in pursuit of a biology degree. No, he's not following some girl half way across the state of New York (or maybe he is...haha) to return a suitcase full of money...he'd rather have gone to Harvard. No, this dum dum (his nickname from home) wants to open his own worm shop store...ok maybe not, but he wants to at least get into med school after his four year stint here.

Coming to CBS because it was a place to grow and learn and serve God, he liked the people he met, such as that crazy coordinator Jon Wang, along with Ray Hsu, who initiated this young Jedi into the art of the finger game. Surprised by the frigid cold Ithaca weather, which greatly surprised me because he's from the east coast (take it for the team), Eric would rather stay in the laundry room in Donlon. Lulled by the quiet humming of the machines, the clean smell of fresh clothes from the dryer, the sound of quarters entering the machine and the water gushing onto dirty clothes, he can actually study there and maybe even *gasp* do his laundry there.

Most importantly though, he has learned to rely on God for everything. So this Jonah who is concerned with stuff he can't control has no weird aspects about him at all. Riiight. Even though he has gotten fatter and sleep deprived, Eric will hopefully find his Lauren Holly and will quickly and painlessly propose to her (just like every girl wants their

proposal). Just make sure you don't go selling your dead bird to a blind kid for the ring.

~by Monica Pangilinan

Fight Club: (Dave) Luo

When you first meet Dave Luo, he will tell you to scratch the Dave and just call him Luo. "Too many Daves here," he explains. "It gets confusing."

He comes here from New York City, yet another Stuyvesant graduate out to make a name for himself at this school. Luo is modest about his high school yet proud of his hometown. "New York City is so much better than Toronto!"

He also is proud of his heritage, having just returned from the INS office in NYC. They won't deport him this time, which is a definite plus. Luo, naturally being more Chinese than I, also was involved in dragonboat racing during hs. (Dragonboat is apparently just like crew Chinese-style with drums and paddles.)

Cornell was one of his top choices, and he is happy with his decision. It's been easier for him to adjust to Ithaca than his urban counterparts, and he hopes his friends will start liking it here soon, too. The school grows on you after some time, and it also helps not to have too many expectations—you avoid disappointment that way.

Luo is exploring the pre-med route, and I wish him the best of luck with that. It's definitely fun if you know what you

want to do. And although he is currently in the Arts school, he *might* transfer to HumEc. That way, he'd get to save money on tuition and have more flexibility in his courses...and the girl/guy ratio is an extra bonus.

Fight Club, one of Luo's favorite movies, isn't only about violence. Luo may have lots of testosterone, but it's not the blood and bruises he's focused on. He enjoys the movie because it covers a variety of themes and makes a statement about commercialism and the brainwashing of the masses. One can't just blindly accept things—critical examination es muy importante. In fact, Luo's been coming to CBS so he can learn more about Christianity and see what Christians are like.

So meet up with Dave Luo and you will find that you'll only scratch the surface in an hour's time. And when you meet up, make sure you're punctual, unlike certain individuals...you'll find yourself engaged in some good conversation, and you'll be challenged to think more deeply, too.

~by Debbie Weng

Gravity: Dave Huang

"Gravity is pulling me, but heaven is calling me." The words from this chorus are well-suited as the soundtrack of the film; they accurately embody the life of this corny but svelte freshman. Although he aspired to find himself at Princeton to stay close to his hometown, East Brunswick, a clever plot twist has given the protagonist refuge in his favorite place on campus - Helen Newman. No, it's not because Brunswick makes bowling balls. It's because he works out, plays ping-pong, and swing dances there! This renaissance man has learned much from prelim life: humility, responsibility, and rare but exceptional joy...can the audience expect anything less from an ECE major?

The religious life portrayed in the work is clear and prominent. Dave comes to CBS looking forward to sharing time and quality praise sets. Throughout the first scenes of the film, we become aware of his growing cognizance of the non-Christian population around him.

At the same time, he is attracted to the company of other Yellowon-s at CBS. After thoughtful reflection at a decisive dinner date in RPU, he comes to the conclusion that he identifies most with the qualities of the biblical character, David, and once again the director deftly weaves in undertones from the musical score.

We later find that Dave is surprised that he doesn't gain weight amidst the culinary delights of Cornell, but he does lose hair, presumably because it was simply cramping his ping-pong style. Keep your eyes posted for the sequel: leaked rumors suggest that his future proposal will be a stunning surprise and catch everyone off guard.

~by Ben Wei

Lilo and Stitch: Christina Sun Ohana – “No one is forgotten, no one is left behind.”

Lilo and Stitch lived on an island where they became family in the most unlikely circumstances. Similarly, Christina (also known as Pucca, Christina, C-tina) found herself in an unlikely family at Cornell in CBS. All her life (OK, maybe not all) she had wanted to join a fellowship and what better fellowship than one she had heard about, and even once visited!?! As this girl from sunny Irvine, California found herself amidst the strange “aliens” in CBS she caught herself admiring the beauty of the world around her as well as these “aliens” that became her family. The layers of snow as they fall on the trees, the way that icicles form underneath waterfalls, and the way that snow covers the frozen lake keep her in awe.

As the plot develops we see how Christina learns to make big decisions on her own. She also learns the value of time-management and to take care of herself in terms of eating and sleeping habits. Also, the speakers at CBS encourage her greatly as she continues to explore the island around her.

The overall theme of this movie is captured in a single word: “Ohana,” which means that “no one is forgotten, no one is left behind.” No one. Not even Stitch, a crazy, talking, dog-like alien.

Not even someone like Christina who talks to herself and has big big earlobes.

Additional highlights:

- Christina was also featured in CSA's Say What Karaoke where she performed a cute number =D

- For those interested: propose to her on the beach after a candlelit dinner. (Must get down on one knee too!!)

~by Joanna Chu

The Matrix: Terry Mark

Terry, a new Cornell student from Pequannock, NJ wanders through campus. The weather, yesterday sunny and hot, had quickly changed to cloudy and cold. With a bubble tea in hand, he was now heading down to Collegetown for some quality dining with the plethora of choices. Walking along the path, he notices a chalking, a CBS chalking. For some strange reason he is compelled to go to this CBS in search for something more, something more filling in his life. He had always worked hard in high school and achieved success, but that was always with his own strength and the success achieved was for the goal of getting into college.

Now that he is here, he wonders: what is the meaning behind all this? He knew deep within his heart the answers to his questions, but he also knew this strange marking on the ground of a fish would help him find a way. Terry visited CBS and met some cool people. As he spent more time at CBS, he enjoyed not only fun events such as ice time, but also learned from his Bible study. He learned of how he could depend on God for strength instead of rely upon his own abilities to achieve his goals.

He was faced with a decision, to depend or to be independent, old ways or new ways. But like Paul, who turned away from his old life and stood strong in his new faith, Terry has began to learn to trust in the Lord, and realizes that it is only in his strength that he can overcome his obstacles. As he faces greater challenges in making important decisions about his academic pursuits as an engineer, he is comforted by the strong guiding hand of God who will lead him through all trials.

~by Joseph Chiu

My Sassy Girl: Starring Yuet Ping Tai

More commonly known as simply “Ping,” this sassy girl hails from Worcester, Massachusetts. Not quite satisfied with her care-free high school life, she left home in order to attend Cornell University. Upon arriving in Ithaca, she was shocked by the sheer number of hours students spent at the library, allegedly studying. Luckily for her, she enjoys using highlighters and Post-It notes, two things that come in very handy while spending endless hours in the Uris stacks. This ChemE major may work hard, but be assured, she makes allowances in her busy schedule to eat. She's been sighted enjoying the gourmet dining at Appel Commons and making gingerbread houses. In addition, sources say that she keeps company with members of Chinese Bible Study, with whom she spends her Friday nights.

When asked about a significant other, this girl admitted that although she does not intend to get married any time soon, she would like to be proposed to in Chinese. “Something simple and spontaneous would be best,” she said. In addition, it's been rumored that she would rather have toilet paper than a TV or a CD player if she was stranded on a desert island. Julia Stiles and Kirsten Dunst, move over, it's time to make way for this toilet paper-toting, gingerbread-eating, sassy chick.

~by Candace Lee

The Perfect (Snow) Storm: Yiling Li

Although this may not be her favorite movie, it describes her thoughts as she gazes out the window of her enormous room in Balch. Snow, snow, and more snow! She should be used to this weather though, coming from Bradford, Massachusetts. In fact, she would have had it much worse if she had gone to the university of her dreams—Dartmouth College!

All of you may be wondering the same question at his point...why would anyone in their right mind want to go to Dartmouth over Cornell?! Believe it or not,

there's even *less* in the surrounding city of Hanover than our Ithaca!! Hold up, hold up...let's hear her out. It's closer to home, she loves the buildings there, and it has a small school community. Survey says...? Looks like Cornell only fulfills ONE of those preferences—nice buildings. Perhaps going to a smaller school would have prevented the little mishaps of getting lost when she first got here. The sheer size of the Cornell campus shocked her, but two good things can come from going to such a big university: huge campus = huge dorm room!! This is her favorite place on campus, which is understandable considering what an awesome dorm Balch is =)

Since coming here, Yiling Li has had too many great moments to choose from and could not narrow it down to one single "best moment". Part of her making her college experience fun so far has been coming to CBS. She chose to come not only for the nice people (yay!!), but also because she shares the same belief as others in the group. What she looks forward to the most when she comes to CBS? ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING!! (always a good thing for a coordinator to hear =P)

Because she hasn't gone through the whole Bible yet, she took a raincheck on the question of which Bible character she would be—ask her again in two years! In the past three months, she has become more independent, more self-reliant, and more self-confident. No beating around the bush for this young lady! When asked how she would like to be engaged, she answered, "Depends on the situation. I would propose if that's what I have to do...I am a pretty straightforward person." Look out fellas, she's a woman on a mission! Last words from this smiley EE freshman: "Be amused, it makes life much more interesting."

~by Esther Yue

Pretty Woman: Kelly Chen

Also known on the street as Kelloggs, she left behind her old lifestyle in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and had a complete makeover as she began a new life here at Cornell. Kelly assumes the role of an

Economic, History, and International Relations major. Kelly's transformation began as some Eyaznchik spotted her one day on the street and sent dimpy after her. The two conspirators eventually cornered Kelly into what they call a Chinese Bible Study, popularly known as just CBS.

In her life before Cornell, Kelly always gave God excuses from praying, reading the Bible, and sharing the gospel with her friends. However, at CBS, she has been inspired by fellow Christians

Some EYAzncnik spotted her one day on the street and sent dimpy after her.

(especially her prayer partner), prayer meetings, and sage times to pray more, read the Bible more, and take the first few steps to sharing her faith. Kelly especially enjoys the praise and sharing time because she likes singing in the dark and she learns a lot from the experiences of others and sometimes they're even similar to hers!

If you ask Kelly, she'd say she's transformed from a nerdy girl, always focused on school work, to a nerdy girl focused on the more "nice things in life..." Personally, I think she never really was a nerdy girl, rather a wild girl who never does her laundry, actually, 1.5 times since she's been at Cornell to be exact.

Bottom line: pretty woman becomes beautiful woman (in Christ)

Other interesting facts:
Greatest shock coming to Cornell:
Too many Asians

Fave spot: Her room. It's comfy and she likes her arrangement
Character in the Bible: Eve, cause she got to live in Eden

If stranded on desert island she'd bring: toilet paper

~by Liana Wong

The Man Without a Voice

BoL Exclusive: Who knew it was a possible to get so many words out of this man. BoL correspondent Jon Ng tracked down Jeffrey Peng, a freshman computer science major from Boston MA, for a not-so-quick interview.

BoL: So Jeffrey, how's college treating you so far? Happy up here above the Cayuga?

JP: Yes, it's not so bad. Actually, I had wanted to go to MIT - it's MIT - and someplace close to home, but Cornell's been ok. I'm quite surprised at how easy it is so far. I thought I'd actually have to work and study for my 16 credits.

BoL: Easy eh? Yeah, I think Cornell's easy too, but my GPA doesn't know that. I'd guess you have a lot of free time to do fun stuff, especially with CBSers. Anything especially memorable, like a best moment of college so far?

JP: I suppose. I'd have to say carepackage making. What started as a gesture towards the seniors became a night of freshman bonding. We were making stress balls, and let's just say that through the numerous amusing trials in that process we came to be closer. It was hard to design those cute images on the stress balls but fun, and I'd call it a truly heart-warming experience for all of us.

BoL: sounds like you've been sucked into CBS to me. Why did you ever come to CBS anyway?

JP: hmmm... maybe Chiuy, or the Chiuster. Or just everything. I've never really been with such a large group of Chinese Christians and I feel there's a strange connectedness. I should say, earlier I'd went to Other Christian Fellowship's ice cream social but they kinda scared me away.

BoL: haha... I know all about that OCF. Scares me too. Is there anything you look forward to in particular on Friday night large group meetings?

JP: It's the fact that these people are connected to one another through, not just classes and interests, but all the way down to their faith. I'd say that Phillips 101 is my favourite place on campus too.

I like those rare times of quietness when we're all in that room, besides, the stuff I get there is of lasting value. Oh, and I look forward to the Worship praise sets too.

BoL: don't we all... Are you learning those things of eternal value though? What's something that God has shown you this semester?

JP: ...in high school, I used to obsessively worry about things. Not just school work but all sorts of things in life. At some point - last year I think - I realized that not a single one of those worries had actually happened. I've found that this year, I've finally been able to place all of my worries in God's hands with full faith that He will guide me through everything that I face.

BoL: that's deep dude. You're able to keep it up?

JP: I think I've pretty much settled into that, except now I'm kind of worried that this, coupled with the easy workload, is making me complacent in some manner. That's partly why I'm hoping that I'll be able to actively do more in all of those fellowship activities that I attend.

BoL: I definitely encourage it. Don't overload yourself though. CBS can quickly take up more time than those 16 credits of yours.

JP: Well I'd have to push myself quite a bit. I'd say I'm like Benjamin in the Bible. Not really able to stop his brother from being sold off, but when Joseph met him again he was still given special attention. Right now I'd say I'm extremely passive - seen but not heard.

BoL: I suppose that fits. You know though, that if you want to be heard, just speak up.

JP: Well, I talk to myself. I know it's weird, but I hold meaningful conversations with myself.

BoL: Like?

JP: I don't record them.

BoL: Of course not. Ok well since we're headed that way, let me ask some of the odder questions. How do you want to be engaged?

JP: N/A.

BoL: N/A? You're not kidding?

JP: Not at all.

BoL: Interesting. And one more question, if you were stranded on a desert island, would you rather bring toilet paper, a Playstation 2 system, or a CD player?

JP: Toilet paper... 'tis a vital necessity

BoL: Yes, I think that's what I'd take too. Doesn't need electricity either. (Who came up with these questions?)

~by Jon Ng

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory: Alex Shih

Alex Shih, the main feature of this awesome film, is no ordinary "piece of chocolate." Hailing from Columbia, Missouri, Alex—or "Xander," as some friends call him—is a sophomore mechanical engineering major who works hard but also enjoys spending time outside of the books. One of the new activities he enjoys this semester is CBS, Cornell University's Chinese Bible Study. CBS is a great release from studying, and it helps him maintain his sanity in the midst of prelims and projects. The praise and sharing are great, he says, especially

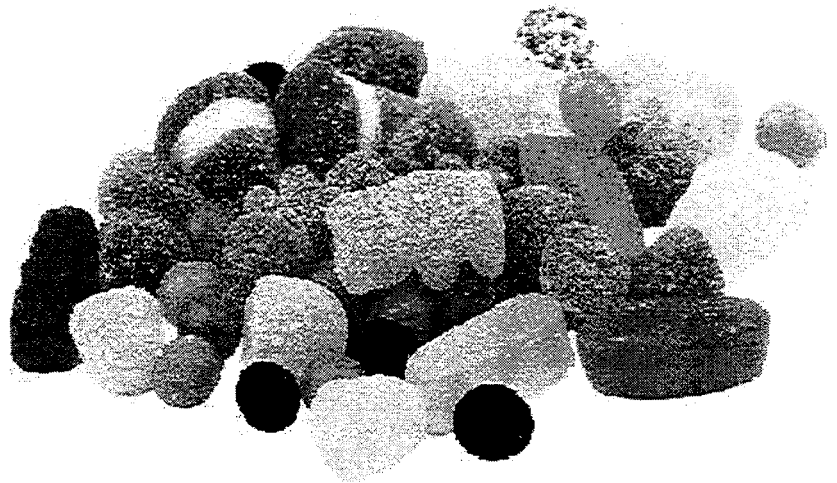
when he can relate to the person who's sharing.

Outside of CBS, he seems to enjoy getting in touch with nature. The activity he enjoys most at Cornell is swimming in the gorges on a sunny day. In addition, his best (and craziest) moment so far in college was during freshman year, when the once-in-a-lifetime meteor shower graced the skies of Ithaca. Xander and a few other friends decided to stay up all night, until about 5 AM, which was the peak of the meteor shower, and they went out to the Arts quad and lay on the pavement watching the meteor shower, in the middle of the freezing cold, until sunrise. His last words as I interviewed him—"I like snow." Perhaps that explains it.

Xander is a big fan of music. In fact, he enjoys listening to it so much that if he were stranded on a desert island, he would bring his CD player with him simply because music is so powerful. Not only does he listen to music, but he also dances to it—he is a member of BASE productions, a hip-hop dance group at Cornell.

Xander would like to leave you with the following line, one of his favorite lines from the movie itself: "We are the dreamers of dreams, we are the music makers."

~by Jeremy Chow



Fireplace Friends

Tired of reading your orgo textbook? Make some hot cocoa over the fire and get to know a new book!

The Phantom Tollbooth: Michelle Kang

Michello received an unusual package one day: an acceptance letter to Cornell University. When she opened the letter and enrolled in the school, she found herself being transported from her hometown of Staten Island, New York to the lands beyond, a fantastic world of the College of Arts and Sciences. As a New Yorker, the greatest shock when coming to Cornell for her was how isolated Ithaca is! Although she admitted she loves the white snow that covers the land of this little town in upstate New York.

As she continued her journey on Cornell, she visited CBS one day and never left. She found praise time to be the part of CBS she looks forward to the most. In light of all the engagements surrounding CBS-ers, what is her say on the subject? She can go either way, she said, married or single. But when proposed, she said she prefers a surprising and spontaneous action.

Her favorite pastime place on campus has got to be the Green Dragon Café. There is something about the artsy atmosphere that intrigues her. But if you are not the artsy kind, at least stay for the muffins!

And what would this New Yorker bring if stranded on a desert island? She decided a pen and paper so she can write.

Ever since her first leather-covered diary her parents gave her at age six, she has been writing in a diary ever since.

Finally, even though her journey in Cornell has only just begun, what has she learned so far? Not everything comes easy, she says. This semester especially, God is teaching her the ups and downs in her Christian life. She is learning to trust God as she goes through these ups and downs. It is then best to end with this: Adventures and a sea of knowledge can be found everywhere in the valley of life, whether it be the easy breezy top part of the hill, or the difficult struggles down the slope.

Anne of Green Gables: Jennifer Lie

[Jennifer of Townhouse A2: this freshman ChemE from Brooklyn actually wanted to be in *Pride and Prejudice*, but for variation's sake, we had to choose another book. Such is the sacrifice required of BoL staff members.]

She wanted to go to college, "a good one" but no one institution in particular. She knew it would be hard, but still she looked forward with excitement to arriving at Cornell. Upon arriving in Ithaca, she was struck by the "refreshing" beauty of the campus: the hills of rolling emerald, trees of scarlet,

gold, and salmon, all made her appreciate God's creation.

Once she had settled in, Jennifer eventually found herself in the midst of Christian friends, "bosom friends," as Anne herself might say. These were friends who she could trust because they had a common bond of God. She felt a warm reception at Chinese Bible Study, and came prepared to serve God on campus. She looked forward every week to the time when she could go to Phillips 101 to learn and relax at the same time.

However, she could not relax when it came to swimming. Swimming was one of her trials, and she had to trust God a lot to help her through her swim classes. However, she was full of jubilation when she passed her swim test one day during class! Such trials only made her stronger, and she continued to trust and tried to surrender her worries to God.

Though she did not mind any of her nicknames from home, such as "Jelly," she learned that "Jennifer" came from "Guinevere," and insisted that her friends call her by the queenly name. She also liked to think of Queen Esther as a Biblical example of a strong woman, one who used her gifts for good and had a strong faith. These queens probably would have shared Jennifer's admiration for the unspoken grandeur of the A.D. White Library in Uris Library, and the comfortable ambiance of the Cocktail Lounge [note to freshmen: that place in Uris with the cushy chairs and couches is NOT the Fishbowl!].

During her time thus far at Cornell, Jennifer has enjoyed talking and just chilling with friends. She wants to go to a Cornell hockey game before she graduated, but is content for now to just spend time with people. When she finally will get the chance to go to a big sports game, she does not want to be proposed to in such a public arena. 10-foot high letters on a scoreboard asking "Will you marry me?" might surprise her, but would upset her more than woo her.

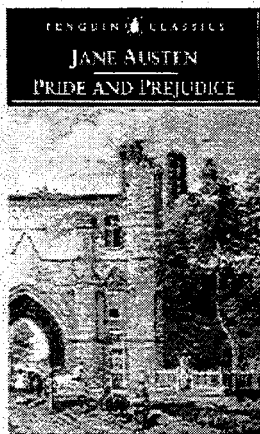
In closing, it is interesting that Jennifer can move her ears. She would like to tell all her wonderful readers out there, "Smile!! God's always in control!"

~by Janina Wong

Pride and Prejudice:
Lisa Chin

As he watched her petite figure skip across the snowy Arts quad, with a smile radiating with joy, and steps that quickened his heartbeat, he realized that this was not just any ordinary CBS girl, but Tingting; Lis; Asil, his beloved. Having just met her a few weeks ago at CBS, he had not taken particular notice of her, and had even thought her to be a little odd, not at all the kind of girl he'd be interested in (I mean, snow tickles her and makes her laugh when she's walking in it!). But as he realized that this Human Development major from Manhasset Hills, New Hyde Park, Long Island had her heart set after serving God, he began to admire the things that God was doing in her life, and those things made her increasingly attractive to him.

It wasn't a difficult decision for her to come to Cornell, since she really didn't want to go anywhere else. Picking a fellowship, however, was a less simple. She had contemplated both CCC and CBS, and really liked the evangelistic mission of CCC, but eventually realized that Wednesday nights were too hectic for fellowship. As she decided to stay in CBS, she realized that she really enjoyed being able to just get away from everything, to find refuge even if it were just for a while on Friday nights. She realized that she had made the right choice to stay in CBS (and for this, he was secretly glad). Although she knew that she would grow in whichever fellowship she joined, she found that the freshman class in CBS were people she enjoyed sharing with and that she could really be spiritually encouraged through these people. And of course, it helped that all the OCM girls went to CBS as well...and he wondered, what is it about those OCM girls? They're all so attractive and have hearts that are constantly seeking after God...but still, Lisa was most favorable in his eyes...

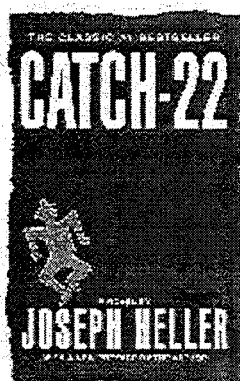


He had remembered that Lisa had seemed really tired about a week before Thanksgiving break, but didn't really get to talk much about it because she had to go study for her prelim (oh how it ached him not being able to help her feel better) but little did he know that that night she realized how good it felt to let all the stress out, and how much God had taught her this semester to totally depend on Him. If anything, God's changed her to be a more independent woman, but more dependent on Him. She would even like to step into King David's shoes someday, just to be able to go through all the things we went through. She's also learned to live with two roommates, and to bear the cold weather at Cornell. What shocked her the most when she came to Cornell was having to walk so much to get anywhere (and as soon as he found this out he made a firm resolution to walk her to class so that the journeys to class would seem shorter and more pleasant).

What the pursuer in this book has yet to find out is that Lisa's favorite place on campus is the 4th floor of the Johnson Museum, and she plays intramural bowling. And that she doesn't really have an idea of how she wants to be proposed to, but she firmly believes that the right man will know exactly what to do. And that if she were stranded on a desert island, she'd want...a Bible.

With a promising characters and a convincing storyline, this book is a must-read! ☺

~by Christina Ling



Catch-22: Jerry Chang

Jerry has taken a long journey to get to CBS. Jerry comes from the small city of Cleveland, Ohio. It was there, after getting rejected from all the good schools he wanted, that Jerry decided to go to Cornell. For the first year of college Jerry went to various fellowships. And after a year he finally decided to settle here at CBS. The clincher: "I knew when exactly it was meeting, the other groups I went to just met whenever."

All in all, everything turned out well for Jerry in the end. Jerry is one of the many prestigious ECE engineers here at CBS. He enjoys Cornell, despite the coldness (he likes all the snow), the prelims and the problem sets. He finds satisfaction in his lab work and he really likes playing basketball here - something he apparently didn't do much of in Cleveland. He's very multitalented. When he has some non-basketball free time, he does various interesting things - chess, playing piano at Lincoln, composing music, making movies...and he's stopped playing video games.

He finds CBS very pleasant and worthwhile. God has been showing him a lot of things, answering a lot of his questions and making him manage his time better and become more responsible (which in my personal opinion is scary considering he's like already five times more responsible than I am). He likes his Bible study (Ask About?) because it's got "genuine spirit of trying to better understand God... striving to find the truth" and has provided answers to various questions he has had.

So yeah in conclusion, I'm glad Jerry has decided to stay here at CBS... I hope he continues to grow and have fun.

Additional random info:
Has a younger sister who's a senior in high school
Know the powers of 2 up to 30
Writes various notes to himself
Most interesting CBSer: Joe Chiu

~by Will Hsu

They Say the Neon Lights are Bright...

...On Broadway! An oldie and a newbie...both great ways to spend your holiday

Les Miserables: Katherine Lee

The Broadway show *Les Miserables* has come to Ithaca – newer, but just as classic as it has always been! You don't want to miss any of the innovations in visual and ambiance effects. The creative director of this new production of *Les Mis* is Ms. Katherine Lee, a Biological and Environmental Engineering sophomore from San Marino, California. After reading and enjoying Victor Hugo's incredibly long novel, she came up with some ways to revamp the classic show. How, you ask?

Since she has been at Cornell University for 3 semesters now, her creative direction has been influenced by this time spent among other Cornellians and members of Chinese Bible Study. She enjoys fellowshiping with all the people in CBS, just spending time with them and interacting with Christians to know them better. Also, Kat counts her lunchtimes spent with other people among her best moments in college. This people-positive attitude can be seen in the many crowd scenes in the show: the numbers "Do You Hear the People Sing?" and "Drink With Me" are especially memorable. We see how the characters can turn to each other for morale and encouragement.

Speaking of encouragement, Kat enjoys the speaker and sharing time during CBS. These provide "perspective" for her. The speaker helps her to broaden her outlook, and sharing

time shows her that other people have the same experiences and views. She tried to bring this concept into the relationship between Cosette and Eponine. These girls, traditionally seen as rivals, are now portrayed more as characters who are both universal and similar. The audience should not side with one or the other; the actresses both draw the audience into their own situations and create empathy within us for them.

In terms of more visually stunning effects, *Les Mis* has a great bridge-over-water scene during a character's monologue. You will notice that the water has a snow-like sparkle to it; this is of course a reflection of Cornell's lovely snow every winter. Kat was most shocked by the crazy weather, especially the snow, when she came to Cornell, and remembered it so vividly that now we too can experience the Ithaca flakes. There is also some scenery inspired by the walkway from the Cornell Engineering quad to Ho Plaza. Katherine loves the way the plaza walk looks, especially at night when the lamps are lit up.

One can imagine how different this production might have been had Kat decided to go to that Massachusetts Institute of Technology place instead of Cornell. However, we can rest assured that Kat has infused her production of *Les Mis* with her lesson learned at Cornell about "the bigger picture" in life.

~by Janina Wong

Les Mis in Ithaca!

Urinetown: Dave Chiu

Major: Pre-med biology
College: Arts and Sciences
Hometown: Needham, MA

As you can see, this guy is very popular because he chose *Urinetown* as his favorite theater production and it is a title that best describes him. No seriously, he LOVES the show. He giggles when he thinks of it.

Yes, this is Dave Chiu, the guy whose top choices for college were Cornell and Columbia because they both had "pretty" campuses. "Pretty," you say? Yes, he does. Cornell was lucky enough to get this young man because Columbia rejected him. Among the many reasons he came here was because he heard of the legend of Allen Hou and had to see what the hype was all about. He was certainly not disappointed. For that reason, and that reason alone, he started coming to CBS. Just kidding. He also thinks that the seniors are all grounded in Christ, agrees with the fundamentals of the fellowship, and really adores Esther's oatmeal raisin cookies. Besides learning that the legend of Allen Hou is true, God has been showing Nibble that he needs to put God first in everything. In his own words – "no fun, just work and God stuff". Wise words indeed. He has also become more passionate about God over the past three months.

The Chiuster came to Cornell not expecting to be shocked since this place was old for him because his big brother was here already. But little did he know that the legend of Bio 101 would exceed his expectations!! This class caused him to learn the things God taught him. But though this was bad for him, he was glad to have Cross Country dining with steak, and prayer walking, not to mention the legendary Allen Hou to share it with. After giggling, he chirped that his favorite Bible character was David because he's after God's heart. He also mentioned that his Goliath was Allen. Don't ask.

On Friday nights, he loves the sharing time at CBS, especially when his

brother shared about the Shiseido Facial Cleanser. Little Chiuy applauded his big brother while smiling brightly that night. Another highlight of his short Cornell career was being painted as the PINK POWER RANGER!!! He smiled with glee at the thought. I shake my head at you, David Chiu. I'm still shaking. Yup, here come the tears. Alright, I'm better now.

Another weird thing about Nibble, besides his aversion to being painted as a woman, is his love for his plants instead of his own body. Rather than poison the plants with lead-filled tap water, he feeds them bottled water from the Swiss Alps while he fills his own body with lead-filled tap water. I salute you. Also, he has seen his brother in a Speedo and it didn't bother him. Underclassmen, this is the guy you will be spending the next 4 years of your life with.

~by Allen Hou

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URINETOWN
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The Hottest New Games of the Season

Bored out of your mind during study break? Then try these thumb-mashing, eye-rotting games this winter

007 Goldeneye: Will Lee

007 Goldeneye (the game, not the movie): The hottest, (somewhat) newest game available *exclusively* at Cornell Chinese Bible Study, although it did consider Yale. Release date was August 29, 2002. Sources say that the game is only available at CBS because it is a Chinese wannabe and it looks forward to everything that CBS has to offer when it meets.

007 Goldeneye is in its 18th version and it is always continuously getting better. However, the new release actually has not changed all that much over the previous one, which was out about three months ago. There's absolutely nothing weird about it, although critics have said otherwise =P. But there are a lot of fun and exciting moments and elements in it: so many, in fact, that it's hard to choose which the best is. The biggest, most shocking thing to this release is that the bubble tea shop takes Big Red Bucks! 007 have learned from Philippians 3:13, 14: "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." As with other new releases at Cornell, there are academic struggles. But he's learned to let go of the past, his grades, and keep looking forward and trust that God will take care of him.

The game's favorite spot on the shelf is the great old McGraw clock tower. Of course, *Goldeneye* is among the top picks of new and available games. If he could be another game

(character) in the Bible, 007 would want to be Solomon because he was a wise man. If the game were to propose to another game, well, that'd be a secret. If the current version should happen to find itself stranded on a desert island, it would want to be a book because it could always use the pages in the book for toilet paper if absolutely necessary. I encourage all of you to check this new game out. I'm sure you can borrow it for free if you just IM him, er mebbe you need to call him since he's AIM fasting.

CBS Release Date: August 29, 2002 (the first day of school)

Origination: Springfield, MA

Major/College: Economics/Arts & Sciences, but applying for transfer into the Hotel School =P and interviewing on Monday, December 9.

Also sold under the names: willemail4, Willie Lee (hey, his whole name can be someone else's first name, but I'm sure he's heard that one a lot)

System Reqs: mint chocolate chip ice cream, bubble tea, 8-9 hours of sleep plus three alarm clocks

~by Janet Chiang

Tekken: Darrick Chyu

I never would have guessed that amongst Darrick's hobbies are sewing and cooking, along with fighting, playing videogames and watching pro-wrestling moves. Well-built from working out at the gym and fighting in the Fight Club that has started on West (don't worry, it's not dangerous), he definitely has the fighter look down, not Martha Stewart.

Even as a kid, his friends at home affectionately nicknamed him Mumbles-the-Ninja, and if you asked him which video game character he would be, he would tell you Kazuya from Tekken. Don't let all that fool you though! At heart he's an easy going guy who will tell you that his best experience at Cornell has not been fighting, but accepting Christ as his savior. Darrick's become more temperate through the past three months and God has blessed him this semester through the people in his life and the peace He has given him.

Currently, he is majoring in chemical engineering, but not for long! He will soon be transferring into Arts & Sciences, from Engineering, to major in biology. Ironically, Cornell's College of Engineering was his first choice university. The Clock Tower at night (it has to be at night) is his favorite place on campus, and needless to say, the Asian-occasion at Cornell was a shocker coming from Pittsburgh, PA. He enjoys coming to CBS to listen to the speakers, and for the relaxed yet thought provoking Bible studies. Overall, Darrick's easy-going and fun to chill with, and if you're interested in fighting, he's your man to talk to.

~by Christine Lam

Chrono Cross: Dave Lin

Apparently, CBS this semester has had the privilege of the company of a time traveler. His commonly known handle is dspark11, or David Lin. Visiting us from a far away galaxy, from a tiny planet known as New Jersey, in some area called Montville, he has adopted as his local profession Computer Science, joining the vast number of fellow engineers in the fine College of Engineering. As far as his perception of the esteemed body of Christians known as Chinese Bible Study goes, he really enjoys his times there learning more about the Christian faith and developing a sense of our beliefs and our values.

Although he was initially presented with a variety of locations to go to, he ended up deciding on Cornell due to its proximity to home and its geeky

atmosphere. Although he had listed one other location as his preferred place of residency for the next four years, some place called MIT, he was told to come to Cornell University for his education. Upon his entrance to Cornell this time traveler was quickly assimilated into the Chinese Bible Study population at the insistence of fellow newcomers Dave Chiu and Wesley. David Lin's assimilation into our enclave has proved to be one of the best things about Cornell.

Although he has yet to encounter the Cornell Weather Machine, he constantly looks forward to the warmer days that this legendary machine is said to bring about. Due to the lack of action on the part of the Weather Machine, dspark has limited his movements mainly to his room, in which also resides his main means of communication with his home time and planet: his computer. Dspark seems to enjoy his time at Cornell, making vast uses of his time-traveling prowess to enjoy the laid-back atmosphere that his chosen profession has provided for him.

In addition to all the excitement and rest that Cornell seems to be able to provide, dspark continues to look forward to his time with CBS, valuing the warmth and the company of fellow assimilates. In addition, David looks forward to the excitement and free time that the first weeks of the new semester will be able to provide for him.

As far as the future holds for this time traveler on the rise, he looks forward to many more fun times and another semester of action and excitement. In looking forward to the distant future, David was rather closed about various up-and-coming events in our lives and his in order to preserve the space-time continuum. His closing comments were "Love and Peace..."

~by Daniel Mak

Final Fantasy VII: Bobby Liaw

Otherwise known as Bobbert, Bobalob, or Bubby, this sophomore was born in Taiwan, but is reppin' the East Side all the way from beautiful NYC. This busy kid is pursuing a Bio, premed major in the Ag school here at Cornell

even though his first choice University was MIT, which he describes as "so cool: 'Where do you go? I go to MIT.'" Although God has shown him during this sophomore slump semester that life is hard, and snow is pretty but brutal, he has also been awestruck by how bright the stars are outside and how much space exists in the total absence of the city. He also is able to reminisce on good times at Cornell (not MIT) - performing in the CTAS yo-yo show, chilling with his Sperry friends, and learning kendo. This mellow dude has also been changed by Cornell in the past 3 months in that he stopped combing his hair! "There's no point. I just wear a hat now."

Other strange Bobalicious traits are that he chews on things, likes to stick pens and pencils in his hat, and is colorblind. Bobby also has a talent for answering random questions, such as "How do you want to be engaged?" His answer: "It will be at Central Park on a hill without trees. There has to be at least 2-3 inches of snow on the ground...night time under a lamp post." Not only is he romantic, Bobby is resourceful as well, as he would rather bring a book if he were stranded on a desert island since "when I'm done with the book, it can double as toilet paper." He likes singing praises, declares that "God Rocks" and landed at CBS sometime last year when Will Hsu dragged him to large group which he liked, so he stayed...and we're glad he did.

~by Darleen Chien

Final Fantasy X: Jonathan Go

Jonathan, also known as Jon, hails from the great town of Montville, New Jersey. He's currently a freshman, but his college status belies his age: he's going on seventeen. Yes, that's right, people, Jon was way too smart for kindergarten. His teacher saw him reading one day and decided he'd be too bored in kindergarten with all the regular kids. He hasn't skipped any grades since then, but he did get into his first choice college—Cornell University's College of Engineering, where he is undecided on his major.

When he first came here, he was surprised to find out that he had three

other roommates even though he was supposedly assigned to a double. The initial shock has faded, though, and he really enjoys hanging out with them. If you can't find him in his room, you might be able to find him in his favorite place on campus—Terry's room, which conveniently boasts luxurious amenities such as a PS2. Incidentally, Jon knew Terry before coming to Cornell through his youth group from back home. Coming here, he wanted to find a good Chinese Christian fellowship, and he found it in CBS. And he gives a shout-out to the praise team because it's his favorite part of CBS large group.

Being away from home has also taught him to value the relationships with his friends and family at home more because he doesn't have the opportunity to see them as often. His parents have also been very supportive of him, and he's also been able to talk to them more. On a more random note, if he were to be a character in the Bible, he would be (obviously) Jonathan, because he's a loyal friend. If he were stranded on a desert island, he deduced that he wouldn't need toilet paper because there is water all around the island, so instead he'd take a tv/PS2 in hopes that he could find an electrical outlet and amuse himself. If you haven't met him yet, you're missing out, especially on his duck imitation.

~by Dan Lam

Real Time Strategy: Charles Yeh

When newcomers come to Chinese Bible Study in the beginning of the year, it is normally the freshmen who are catered to. Upperclassmen make special accommodations for the freshmen but hardly make the same case for anyone else. Their integration with the fellowship is put under a spotlight while those of other classes unintentionally fall off the radar. In the case of Charles Yeh, he's about to take the world by storm.

Straight out of Tulsa Oklahoma, he returns to Cornell for his sophomore campaign in the ECE department of the College of Engineering. Originally recruited by Darleen Chien, he is slowly finding his

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year of experience has brought him new acquaintances, classes and projects, but most importantly, it has made him a happier person. "When I first came, it was all about getting work done", he says. "Work never really ends though. You can't really be happy about it. God will take care of things."

Aside from academics, Charles loves basketball. Not only playing the game, but every aspect of it. He loves the game so much that his favorite location on campus is Bartels and most of his favorite times are Cornell are associated with the basketball court. Someone who loves the game this much must be incredible at it. In time, we will soon find out.

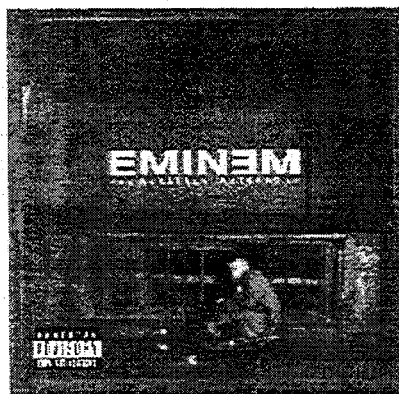
Closing thoughts: Avid Ping Pong player, had aspirations of attending MIT/Caltech/Stanford but fell short. Enjoys praise sets the most during CBS. Sees Jeremiah (obedience and loyalty) and Job (perseverance) as role models from the Bible.

-by Eric Tai



New Tunes for the New Year

Tired of the same old songs in your CD player? Start the new year with our editor's picks



Eminem - The Real Slimshady: Jacob Chang

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE...

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Jacob Chang!! Yes ladies, this jigga is single and available! If you don't know the 411 on this guy, you better get with the program. for all you avid fans out there....this'll just be a rundown of what you already know...

Born on February 4th, 1984 (please note on your calendars) in San Jose, California. Jacob currently lives in Los Altos, which is right next to Palo Alto for you non-Californians.

Like all true West Coasters...Jacob plays sports. You might be saying, "Most guys play sports...what's the big deal?" The big deal is that Jacob played football throughout high school. Yes, a Chinese guy playing football. What's more, he played every position and pretty much never left the field during games. You know what that means!....endurance, baby!

Jacob gets along with nearly everyone. Unlike most people, Jacob was interracial in high school. He hung out

with every type of person, boy/girl, jock/nerd, yellow/brown/white. He's the type of guy who can get along with anybody and everybody. Hang out with him for a few minutes and you'll realize he's down with everyone.

So why grace Cornell with his presence? Engineering. Enough said. Jacob felt that Cornell offered him more opportunities, CO-OP and such, than any other school. He knew this place was going to challenge him but also prepare him for the real world. From the get-go, Cornell was training him already...he had to carry all his luggage up 5 flights of stairs because the elevator was broken (great Cornell facilities).

Ladies...this is opportunity at its best. You got the friendliest jock who knows when to get his smart on.

Applications can be sent to jcc76@cornell.edu or handed directly to #524 Donlon. Please note...you will be better off checking out Jameson first since that's where he is most of the time. Superficial people need not apply....Jacob likes genuine/sincere people... 'cause that's the way he is himself.

~Chris Lim

Our Lady Peace - Clumsy: Oliver Shu-Kai Chow

BoL reporter Kuan Leu had the chance to sit down during some downtime with Our Lady Peace publicist Oliver "Oli/Olie/Tofu/Dulfoo" Chow, a freshman biology major from Toronto. Oliver is currently on the road promoting the album Clumsy for the band.



KL: Where was the first place you guys played on this tour?

OC: We were in New Jersey at the site of my first choice school. Princeton, actually - 'cause the name sounds cool.

KL: Princeton. Nice place, but not as nice as Cornell. While on the road, what is something that God has shown you this semester?

OC: The thing that God has most clearly impressed upon my heart this semester is how poorly I judge the readiness of my friends to hearing the Gospel of Christ. Throughout high school, whenever I conversed with my non-Christian friends, I would withhold certain parts of my faith that I thought they were unready to hear: things that were too controversial or unnatural to someone unacquainted with the life of Christ. It is only through my experiences this past semester that I have realized how much I was underestimating God's power and grace by restraining myself in this way. Because of the events of this semester, I have finally begun to trust God to work in the hearts of my friends, apart from anything I do, and to leave myself open to His Purposes recognizing that He has already paved the way in their hearts and that it is only through *Hismercy*, that they will learn to trust believe in Him.

KL: That's a lot of stuff to learn. So now you guys are playing at Cornell tonight. What was the greatest shock when you first arrived?

OC: Agh! I'm older than Jeremy! Just kidding, bro.

KL: How do you like the campus so far? Any highlights?

OC: I just spent time walking around the waterfalls with a good high school friend talking about our spiritual journey. I've also been able to experience the delights of the General Tso/honey soy mixture and the pressed apple panini (with extra apricot mustard and apples!).

KL: What is your favorite place on campus?

OC: The Arts Quad at night.

KL: This is kinda random, but if you were a character in the Bible who would it be?

OC: Martha, because I think I clean and organize things when I'm too stressed and I am easily frustrated with slackers who get all the credit/praise/grades!

KL: You've made an appearance at CBS before. What do you look forward to the most when you come to CBS?

OC: Worshipping through praise and listening to the testimonies of fellow brothers/sisters.

KL: Since you've been away from home and on the road for 3 months now, how have you changed?

OC: I say 'dude' a lot more and I no longer refer to my high school years as grades nine through thirteen. But honestly, why do you guys call them 'juniors'?

KL: "Junior" is a perfectly appropriate word. How about you, Canadian? Anything weird about yourself?

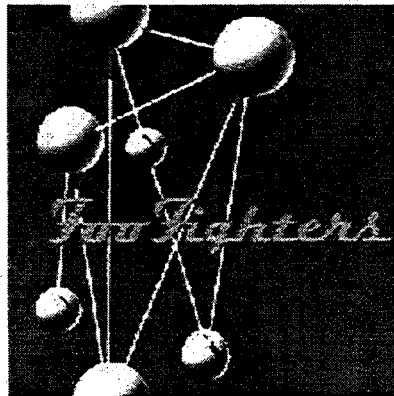
OC: My ears are pointy and I need to tip my glasses.

KL: Yeah, you're weird. So how does a weird guy like you want to be engaged? By that, I mean how do you want to propose or be proposed to?

OC: Ooh! Do you mean the girl is going to propose to me? Sweet! Will she buy the ring too? Err...guess it'd hafta depend on what the girl is like and what she likes.

KL: Thanks for taking time to talk to BoL, Oliver. Any last words?

OC: All eyes on the J-Frosh now (j/k)



Everlong - Foo Fighters: Will Lin

"If everything could ever feel this real forever, if anything could ever be this good again." - Everlong by the Foo Fighters

Are things going to be THIS good again? Only God knows, but I know things are looking pretty incredible right now after meeting with Will Lin. He exploded on the Christian scene his senior year in high school in Williamsburg, Virginia. After time, he knew it was time to move on to bigger and better things. It was a "feeling" that brought him here to Cornell to see what the future held for him as an EE major and as a Christian.

But Cornell alone was not enough for Will as he realized he needed a fellowship to find what he needed... other Christians. The drummer, now front man, needs a band right? So then, what brought him to CBS? The cool website? Chalkings? Cool Asian kids? Actually all of the above, courtesy of God of course. Once in CBS, God proved faithful once again teaching him a lot through Bible study, North Campus prayer meeting, and his prayer partner. He taught Will that even when we stumble, fall, sin, we need to get back up and return to Him.

The new location has been an adjustment for him, but has also brought out maturation and discipline in his lifestyle. With a new awareness of God around him, it's going to be an exciting three and a half years. Not only has God blessed him with his skills as a drummer, but he also plays the dirigidoo, the guitar

(ask him to play "Everlong"), and has a passion for singing during praise. If you ask me, Will Lin has arrived, bringing with him God's presence. I'm warning you now Cornell, be on the look out.

On his mp3 player: Caedmon's Call, Avalon, Third Day, mix of contemporary Christian and praise.

Hot or Cold? Cold - no bugs
What would he bring to a desert island?
A bed like "the girly beds with the stuff on top." (ummm... I think he means a canopy drape)

Last words: "I will never go back to Teagle on Fridays!"

~by Tim Miller



Collective Soul - Collective Soul: Jeff Lin

Hailing from the artistically fecund [sub]urban underground of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the Collective Soul of Jeff Jin, Jeff Jin, Jeff Jin, and Jeff Jin—or just Jeff Jin—comes packaged in a mild-mannered, polite exterior that often obscures the deeply introspective individual within. Always looking for a way to get in touch with his inner being, Jeff finds sanctuary in his single, soaking in the perfect ambiance for kicking back, relaxing, and pondering the subject of the day. Although primarily occupied with Computer Science, possibly his future major, Jeff finds time to get some blood flowing with an invigorating game of tennis, a pleasant appointment with the pool table, or a very engaging and meaningful conversation with a friend (one of several "best moments" thus far in his college career). These friends, of course, are mostly new ones, made after

he began his time at Cornell University only a few moons ago.

He almost didn't come to Cornell; he almost missed the opportunities to play on Big Red tennis courts and pool tables, and hobnob with wonderful Big Red friends. The MI of T, also boasting a renowned CS Department, was this gentleman-scholar's first choice of post-secondary educational institution. Fortunately, for a number of reasons, including his fear of getting too much work/stress (hal) at the MI of T, we, the Big Red student population, have the pleasure of numbering him as one of our own.

Contrary to the beliefs of certain Chinese-Canadians from Toronto, life at Cornell is not all fun and games, a truth to which our perceptive Mr. Jin will readily attest. In fact, a recent poll of at least three Big and Red students confirms, with very high statistical significance, that Cornell is, indeed, "not all fun and games." Jeff was greatly shocked—or perhaps, most greatly

shocked—by the degree of challenge on the exams. This led him to get used to not meeting all of his high academic expectations, and to a new awareness of his own limitations. Not all of the effects of this great shock are negative, however, as he has now learned to remind himself (and you, gentle reader) not to push himself too far and not to become overly disappointed when results are not as good as he had wished. Through it all, he knows that it is important to stay connected with God and find his hope in Him, because He truly cares about Jeff (and you, sir or madam) and only wants him (and you) to do his best and no more

Jeff Jin is still seeking God, and has found a spiritual community in which to continue his seeking in CBS (or in six syllables, Chinese Bible Study). He was attracted to CBS because of the feeling of togetherness that he finds there, and the fact that its members share a common love for God and enjoy expressing it. That is perhaps why he

likes sharing time the most, since he truly wants to see what God has been showing people during the course of the week.

For all his creative genius, Collective Soul a.k.a. Jeff Jin has no nicknames or idiosyncrasies "worth mentioning." A traditionalist, he prefers to propose in a quiet section of a restaurant, surrounded by candles and "I suppose flowers, too," and—oh yeah—on his knees. If stranded on a deserted desert island, he would prefer a TV, on the conditions that it has fully charged batteries and decent reception. He does not understand why anyone in that situation would want a PS2 with the TV, as there are no electrical outlets on at least 93% of the world's deserted desert islands.

Get to know the one and only original Collective Soul—catch him at CBS on Friday nights or around our splendid Big Red campus.

~by Chih-Chen Luke Luan

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SHOWS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR

Here are some new shows for the spring season of TV. Instead of sitting around watching the same old shows, check out these new ones and they just might captivate you

Alias: a CBS Special - Crystal Yu

Jennifer Garner will have to kick her booty somewhere else this season. The executives at CBS have found a fresh face from Chicago, with even more girl power than Garner (if that were possible), *without* all the disguise and mystery.

Make room everyone. Crystal Yu has just made her CBS debut. And the ratings have hit the roof.

Not surprisingly, Crystal has already shown great promise, especially in physical strength and academic rigor. Her daily training includes walking the hills of Cornell, studying Economics (a prospective major), and more walking! This season, Crystal not only takes on Cornell, but experiences new friendships, a new fellowship, personal growth, and honest introspection. Who needs Yale when you have Cornell?

When she's not busy training or filming on the set, she loves to stop and watch the view from the bridge en route to her cozy dorm up North. She also spends time hanging out with her friends and showing off her "weird" persona...something about a witchy voice. OK, so there *is* some mystery about her. Nevertheless, Crystal has valued much about life in the past three months. True to her tiny 5'1" frame, it's the little things in life that make her happy.

As for her relationship with CBS, she has found spiritual refreshment:

"The people I've met at CBS have been the nicest that I've met on campus. I feel blessed to have met everyone. I only pray that I will be brought closer to Him and truly understand the gospel." We're there praying with you girl. Keep on seeking =)

So what does the future hold for Crystal after she's done finishing off the bad guys? No matter what happens, she's up for any surprises along the way. Even if she happens to be stranded on a desert island, she fears nothing as long as she has her TV with her. And you can bet she'll be watching Alias.

Alias airs every Friday, 7pm, on CBS.

~by Karen Hou

Alias: Monica Tung

Like the title claims, this PAM major from San Jose is more than meets the eye—she has a deeper side that most people need to dig to see. She was originally aiming for Stanford, but instead has been ripped from her comfort zone and is at Cornell learning that she can't rely on herself (but on God) but that she CAN be independent—like Queen Esther, knowing that she can do it all with God standing behind her.

Despite the fact that Cornell has one of the largest Asian populations of any university, she is still amazed by its size because her high school was an amazing 70% Asian! The east coast is also a definite change, and she's learned

to walk a lot faster to keep up with the pace. However, she's still retained the innate ability to be sunny and hyper despite the gloomy weather and only four hours of sleep.

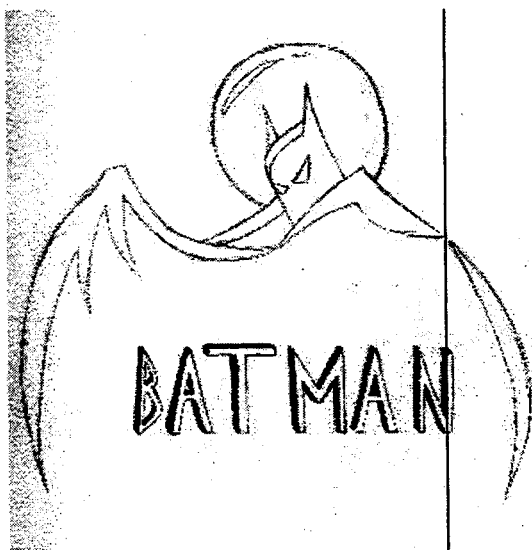
On campus, she'll probably be found in Olin library's café, which is noisy enough for her to study in and has good strawberry smoothies. Her favorite moments so far have been CBS ice time, the Incubus concert and the day before Halloween, when she experienced her first snowfall with friends. The reason she chose CBS was because of how accepting and friendly the people were. Yay! And this happy girl would love to watch Alias while on a deserted island, as long as there was reception and tree leaves for toilet paper.

~by Patty Yu

Batman: Wounded Wielder of the Bat - Dan Tsui

As the scene opens, we see our hero, limping back to his dorm from the Engineering Quad. In the blizzard, our wounded hero, alone, treks the seemingly impossible long path back to his dorm in North Campus. Suddenly we flash back to his high school in peaceful Potomac, Maryland, where he lived a dual life as the wielder of the bat attacking evil doers, and a cover as a harmless student. We see him pondering his future after the door to MIT was closed. But it was no accident that fate brought our hero here to Cornell, for there was much that this young bat wielder had to learn in his walk with God.

Upon arrival, while taking in the all of the beauty of this picturesque campus, there were strange markings on the ground. They seemed like a mark of a fish. This intrigued our hero to attend CBS, the fellowship which made these chalkings. This is indeed where our hero felt at home. As this fellowship sang songs to their Savior, he was reminded of his fellowship back home and was strengthened by the unity in the spirit of so many voices lifted in worship.



We fade back to the blizzard; our hero remembers his destination, his cozy room, where he rests from his hard work as the bat wielder. One of his more enjoyable tasks was attacking Jon Ng with shaving cream, but alas there are far greater perils at hand. Indeed the pressures of Cornell life have attacked the discipline of our hero, rendering him helpless before his greatest enemy, laziness. Yet Batman remembers his Biblical counter part, Daniel, a man of uncompromising faith, who stood up for his faith in spite of his powerful enemies. How ironic that he has learned so much from this limp. In one of his moments of fatigue, he dropped a dumbbell on his toe! But from this, our hero has learned of the importance of such an insignificant part of the body. Indeed just as the injured toe has rendered him useless, the fellowship of God requires even to the toe to function.

As our hero arrives at his cozy dorm, he is reminded of the great gift of fellowship from God: fellowship in song, fellowship in prayer, and fellowship in the study of God's Word.

Would bring TV/PS2
Propose by composing a song
Last Words: I love Dave Chiu

~by Joseph Chiu

Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Linda Chen

Believing that her name is too common, Linda enjoys being called "Lindy" and "Lindia." This Computer Science major applied early to Cornell and has fallen in love with this place (yes, even with the long walks to the engineering quad and the freezing temperatures that leave her legs numb). She finds the location of Cornell to

be perfect with respect to her hometown, Livingston, New Jersey (Woohool Jersey!)—not too far, not too close.

Spending the summer before her freshman year here, Lindy met God. After attending SCF and receiving a flyer for CBS, Lindia decided to give CBS a try. Who knew she'd find a home here and loving every moment of it?! (God did!) Specifically, Lindy is amazed at how close she feels to the Lord every time she sings praise songs and how encouraged she is when her brothers and sisters share about God working in their lives. Lindia sees how powerful and loving God is through the people He's blessed her with and His faithful support in carrying her through this rigorous semester. Although college life calls for becoming more responsible, she has learned to let God take care of everything.

A connoisseur of great food and great fun, Lindy's favorite place on campus is North Star, though you might find her spending more time at Lynah Rink next semester. Also a hard-core basketball and Buffy fan, at heart Lindia is obsessed over cute, fuzzy animals. If Lindy could be anyone in the Bible, she "would definitely be Mary because although it would be stressful to give birth while still being a virgin, who wouldn't want to be the mother of such a special baby?" When asked what she'd

want with her if stranded on a desert island, she answered, "Are you kidding me? Totally TV/PS2. I'm on an island. What are the leaves for anyway?!" Finally, Lindia would only marry someone who would "do something dramatic, like having an airplane writing out my name in the sky or get up on a stage, grab the mike, and sing a love song" when proposing. Get to know this Vampire Slayer! She's crazy, unique, and oh-so fun! By the way, she also said, "CBS rocks!" Amen.

~by Heather Wang

CbSI: Janice Yuen

CbSI: Ithaca

Chinese Bible Study Investigation

CbSI Code: 2002FA FROSH

CbSI Personnel: Janice Yuen (a.k.a. Janice, Jani-Wani, Ling-Ling, Jolly Janice)

Crime Scene: Cornell U - School of Hotel Administration

Investigation:

Janice Yuen, CbSI's newest wide-eyed crime scene investigator, takes the stage in the newest edition to the popular CBS TV Show, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Armed with a captivating smile and a dauntless spirit, Janice brings youthful enthusiasm and unceasing optimism to the silver screen. Hailing from Irvine, CA, Janice's transition to the big time has been seamless, and she credits much of her ease to friends and her older sister, Jacqueline. It's clear that Cornell has been everything she could have hoped for, and from what she's shown so far, Cornell is definitely where she belongs.

Most of Janice's best times here have been spent getting to know others, especially those of differing cultures and backgrounds. Her favorite memories of Cornell, however, are of the intimate time she has spent with Jacqueline. Like all stars, however, Janice does need an

occasional peaceful getaway, which she finds by exploring and surveying the beautiful scenery of Cornell campus.

Janice's road to stardom has not been without bumps, however, and she cites Chinese Bible Study as a major source of encouragement in these past few months. She appreciates the way CBSers have pushed her in her spiritual growth and she hopes that in her time at Cornell, God will continue to show her how to live her faith loudly. Recently, she has been convicted of the importance of evangelism and its specific role in the lives of college students. Furthermore, when Janice feels down, she simply looks to Joseph, son of Jacob, as a Biblical example of faith in all circumstances.

And what does the future hold for Janice? Well, only God knows for sure, but I can say that she hopes to get married (GUYS take note: her ideal proposal involves the beach, stars, candles and flowers) and also hopes to move back to Hong Kong after college. Until then, take note Ithaca, Janice Yuen has arrived!

~by Wen Lin

ER: Wesley Wu

We meet Wesley, only known as Wesley, with dreams of going to Princeton. You have to wonder what he was thinking. What advantages does Princeton have over Cornell? In fact, why would he also want to go to MIT or Harvard? We later find that Princeton is close to his hometown of Bridgewater, New Jersey. And MIT and Harvard...well, he has come to his senses and is now a Chemistry-loving freshman at Cornell.

Wesley's choice proved to be the correct one, evidenced in the summer before Cornell started, where he was reunited with his two long lost nephews. One of his nephews was responsible for his introduction to CBS, where he has had some of his best Cornell experiences. Three things were mentioned as the best part of CBS: the singing, the ice-skating, and of course, the Senior/Freshmen Bonding. Wesley's

other favorite moment came, not from his favorite place on campus, Lincoln Hall, but in the Chem lab. In Chem lab, we find students blowing up pipettes and breaking flasks and tubes to remove items stuck inside.

Wesley's life in Cornell has transformed him into the typical college student. Wesley has realized that class is not important, he does not need to go, and that procrastination is the norm. Wesley, as an Arts student undecided in his major, still has time to become more than just the typical college student. Watch Wesley bring order to this ER we call Cornell.

~by Ray Hsu

Friends: Billie Xia

A Brooklynite, Stuyvesant graduate and newbie to CBS, Billie is a pre-med Human Biology, Health, and Society major sophomore in the Human Ecology school. Through a random encounter with Darling and knowing a friend of a friend of a friend of another friend who happened to be Rookah, Billiegot started attending CBS regularly this semester. She loves singing praise songs Friday evenings because the words strike that special chord in her heart.

Trusting in God to work things out according to His will is something that this SilliBillie has learned during the course of this semester. Her perspective about school has shifted from initially placing work #1 on her list to realizing that although the course load is overwhelmingly shocking, there are more important things, like laughing incessantly with friends at the Collegetown bubble tea shop and ice skating backwards at Lynah Rink. These are the moments that Billiegot will always remember.

What we will always remember is SilliBillie's obsessive-compulsive-disorder-wannabe-ness. She is the queen of neat-freaks. Every morning, her bed has to be made in a special way: the comforter nicely folded and perfectly

placed on her pillow. The typical throw-comforter-over-the-bed-to-cover-up-the-real-mess-technique that we're so fond of is unheard of. Even her books are alphabetically lined up by height order and her clothes sorted by color! OK, OK, I just made that up, but the bed-making part is true! ☺

If stranded on a desert island, Billiegot would definitely bring a TV so she could keep up with "Friends" and know what's going on in the world. Finally, this interview-shy-gal would like to be asked "the question" in a creative way (like in the movies), but not in a public place because that would be too embarrassing. Get to know this hip, OCD New Yorker with a unique name! She is tons of fun to chat with. Talk to her and you'll see what I mean.

~by Heather Wang

Friends: A New Season! - Irene Lai

Ignore all the rumors you've heard. *Friends* IS coming back for yet another season...and with some new and improved changes: they are introducing a new character named Irene Lai. She will be introduced as a new addition to the six already established characters. Sources say that she will be the new center of attention. In fact, they will like her so much that all six will move to Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. This is a seemingly drastic change that the creators thought would bring new life to the sitcom.

Irene will be an interesting character that will shape each new episode. Some of the rumored changes are as follows:

- * The new hang out that will replace "The Central Perk" will be Libe Slope, Irene's favorite place on campus. It is rumored that they will gather there every night to watch the sunset and drink coffee, of course.

- * Following Irene's footsteps, all the characters will enroll as Bio majors in

the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

* They will all join CBS because Irene tells them that the praise time is awesome and the people are some of the friendliest.

* Some of the central jokes will focus on what Irene finds as the great shock at Cornell: the weather and the workload.

* In a surprise episode, they will be stranded on a desert island with only a CD Player because that was Irene's favorite item. That should be exciting.

* Apparently, Irene's most defining idiosyncrasy will be her need to talk to herself, out loud, when she studies.

* All the characters will be found partying a lot and meeting many new people because that's what Irene enjoys most.

* The big season finale will be Irene's dream engagement. It will involve a puppy, a ring, a bright moon, dressy clothes, and a shimmering body of water.

* An insider says that the purpose of this new season is to make people see things differently and open their eyes to the world, just like Irene will experience at Cornell.

Stay tuned. It seems that there is a lot in store for this new, unexpected season of Friends. Truly "MUST SEE TV"!!

~by Clement Chow

Strawberry Shortcake: Lulu Chen

Better known as LittlePeaches Shortcake, this Taipei, Taiwan native is a junior in the Hotel School. Excited about her arrival to Ithaca, NY, Lulu was utterly shocked at the one-terminal-no-control-tower Ithaca airport and what Ithacans call a mall. Note that when Lulu was a freshman, Borders, Target, Best Buy, Dick's, and AC Moore were non-existent!!! Drawn to CBS by an oh-so-studly chinkee and a fellow hotelie, LittlePeaches has enjoyed announcements time every Friday evening. With a smile on her face, she vividly recalls... the mic has been passed down from Sugarland Jon to Kufanfan and now to Canadian Jon.

Reflecting on just this semester, LilPeaches has seen God working in her life as her patience towards people has grown unfathomably. When she's not hard at work in the Hotel School, you can find Lulu enjoying the view of Cornell's campus on the top floor of the Art Museum or the banister area behind the Clock Tower. She can even spot Wegmans from there! This special place is where Lulu enjoys spending endless hours of fun shopping! Currently, she is still trying to locate Greek Peak from that spot since that's where she had the time of her life snowboarding with her dear chinkee.

This creative gal certainly impressed me with her myriad of thoughts on the uses of ordinary toilet paper:

- (i) to wipe you-know-where
- (ii) to dry
- (iii) to draw on
- (iv) to make origami animals
- (v) to give as a housewarming present
- (vi) to learn about geometric shapes (ie square, triangle)

Needless to say, she would bring toilet paper onto a desert island with her

Do not be deceived by the normal way LittlePeaches looks and the normal way she acts because this anti-steak-eating (*gasp!*), compulsive hair-drying addict will ALWAYS be found on your right side! When you walk with her, when you take a picture with her, when you whatever with her, she WILL BE on your right side! She doesn't know why, she just knows that it happens. "Must be some unconscious thing!" she claims. Get to know this ultra-silly and funky girl. Make sure you turn your head to the right because she'll be right there



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For the Fine Arts Lover in You

If you want to be more cultured, check out some painting and ballet!

Reading in the Red Room: Linda To

"This painting *is* me," declared Linda. And indeed it is; someone saw the painting and thought it was a photo of Linda herself! The actual art work was painted by Delia Brown in 2002.



but has been since co-opted by Linda for her own enjoyment, especially since she likes the color red and feels like the girl in the portrait describes her well.

Also known as Lindy and Linders, Linda To is not your typical freshman ChemE. Sure, she's from Bayside, Queens, and wanted to go to MIT because it was just a cool-sounding idea, but that's about where the typicalities stop. I mean, she chose a painting for this article! She likes art and reading while she eats, just like the girl in the picture. Though she is an engineer, her favorite places are anywhere but in the classroom – outside in the Plantations, in the gorges, up North around by the Greek houses. Even when she was at home in Queens, she liked to be outside, and ran cross-country in high school.

This semester, God has been testing Linda's obedience to Him. "It's like, will I do things His way or my way?" Though it has been hard, she's still trying to listen and learn. College has also not met all her expectations: it's been hard to balance the different parts

of her life, from academics to friends to God. However, she has been able to feel comfortable in CBS, and thinks that CBS people have been "really great," especially the freshmen who are easy to get along with.

If you ever want to know the time, you could probably get a pretty accurate answer from Linda – and she doesn't

even wear a watch! She knows her schedule and habits so well that she can tell time to within 10 minutes simply by the sun or thinking about what she has done so far in the day. This girl also wants her guy to propose to her in a "quick and painless" way.

Anything else? Oh yeah. "I'm like a guy – I have a one-track mind."

What she means is that she always concentrates on one thing at a time; multi-tasking is hard, especially when she has to concentrate on schoolwork. Oh well... she can always escape by exploring the gorges right after it snows, like the time she skipped math section to walk down Cascadilla Gorge from behind Rhodes Hall to Collegetown. The snow and icicles, being outside in nature; that's where we can see Linda outside of her red reading room.

~by Janina Wong

Coppelia: Susan Chen

Man...I don't think I am the "Kuest" fob in CBS anymore. Freshman Susan took all my coolness away. She was born in Taiwan but studied in Penang, Malaysia. AND she is living in the Ecology House and studying Science of Earth Systems. How cool is that? I am just like most of the fobs majoring in engineering. Darn it!

Cornell was Susan's first choice when she applied to colleges. She came

here during the summer between her junior and senior year in high school and she enjoyed Ithaca a lot. In that summer, she went to SCF and met many CBSers there. That's why she decided to come to CBS in the beginning of the semester. She looks forward to the praise time and meeting all the brothers and sisters when she comes to the fellowship. This semester, God has been showing Susan that she needs to trust in Him, even in the smallest thing. Being her prayer partner, I have seen God working in her life.

In the past three months, Susan has met many cool Taiwanese girls (heehee...I think I am one of them). They baked a cake and took her out for dinner on her birthday, which was the best moment ever so far in college for her. Besides hanging out with her girls, she also likes to dance. She is taking modern dancing for PE. The most fun activity she has participated in since she has been here is ballroom dancing in Helen Newman during orientation week. Her favorite ballet is Coppelia.

Hmmmm, what else? Oh yeah...this girl is SO WEIRD!! When I asked her if there is anything weird about herself, she said "I think I am pretty NORMAL." hahaha...that's weird, right? And, she said her favorite place on campus is Olin Library because it's a nice place to study in the morning. AND, if she were stranded on a desert island, she would rather bring a book with her so she could READ!! AHAHAHA...that's weird. I would bring a book too but I would use it for burning, wiping some body parts, and reading (maybe =D).

Ok, guys!! Pay attention to what I am about to say. Susan would want to be proposed to out in a field, away from the city and riding on a horse with "The One." Remember, she is the nature girl. =D

~by Emily Cheng

Naked.

Why we need to risk everything before God

By KAREN HOU

It's hard enough becoming a Christian. But it's even harder to live a Christian life.

College alone, academia aside, presents itself with a myriad of personal and social temptations and scenarios. In every situation, one makes a choice to either pursue or walk away. To put it more extremely, do we go all the way or do we give up?

Now view this from a Christian perspective and extend it to the issue of evangelism. How far do we go to let others know that we're Christian? Do our closest non-Christian friends even know of our faith? Can they tell by our actions, our words, our love? Through my conversations with non-Christian friends (new and old), the issue of religion has definitely come up more than once. And I've told them of my love for God, along with my testimony. Of course at times I was uncomfortable, unsure of my persuasiveness, and insecure about my choice of words. But whatever the outcome of those conversations, I've been learning that it's better to risk everything than to lose nothing. Because it's better that they've heard something about Him than nothing at all.

And you'll be surprised with what people *already* think about God. Yet these ideas are exactly what we need to understand to more effectively share the next time around. We have to see it from their side, but we don't have to live it. We have to truly understand and appreciate the "other" side without compromising our Christian lives.

Then again, we have to have close non-Christian friends to begin with, which is easier said than done. That's part of stepping outside our safety box and wanting to know people on a personal basis, whether they are Christian or not. Furthermore, we are encouraged to see our friends as mission fields, but

perhaps we shouldn't be thinking that way. As soon as we do, our friends merely become targets instead of actual people. We try so hard to accomplish our "missionary" goal that we forget about the basis of the friendship...the fact that we clicked upon meeting each other for the first time.

We need to go beyond our social and spiritual comfort levels because that is the only way we can reach out to those who don't know God. We're so blessed to have a fellowship that backs us up in times of temptation or holds us accountable in times of passiveness. Our spiritual family is there to guide us, pray for us, encourage us, and redirect us to God. Yet just as we can't live with our parents forever, we also can't rely on our fellowship forever. At some point we have to be ready and

prepared to step outside our cozy spiritual family and reach out to our friends who don't live in our spiritual luxury.

In essence, we should strive to be transparent and spiritually vulnerable to the secular world. Christian jargon aside, we need to learn how to risk our comfort for the sake of our friends. We need to be open and accepting to our friends regardless of their faith (or lack thereof). In sharing with them, we are risking our reputation *and* our friendship

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for the love of God. Everything that means anything to us in our friendships is being risked when God enters the picture. But it's worth it, isn't it? Because as much as we love our friends and the people around us, we need to love God more because He loves us back unconditionally. People come and go, but God stays forever. He's in our faces, *i r r e p l a c e a b l e*, *i m m o v a b l e*...just...THERE. He is in control of every action and every word we speak. Therefore, whether we're even scared of what will happen after we share with our friends doesn't matter. What matters is that we let go of *our* pride and *our* fears to let God intercede for us. The rest will come as the Spirit leads.

So let go. Risk it. Lose everything. And be naked for God.

An Interview With God

And did you know that you're eavesdropping?

[My sister sent me this through email. To me, this piece of work is very inspirational. It helped me realize many things about life that I have been putting very little emphasis on and how humans go in circles when they focus on achieving for worldly pleasures and successes.]

INTERVIEW WITH GOD

I dreamed I had an interview with God. "So you would like to interview me?" God asked. "If You have the time" I said. God smiled. "My time is eternity."

"What questions do you have in mind for me?"

"What surprises You most about humankind?..."

God answered...

"That they get bored with childhood. They rush to grow up and then... long to be children again; that they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health; that by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future;

that they live as if they will never die, and die as if they had never lived.”

God’s hand took mine and we were silent for a while

And then I asked...

“As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons You want your children to learn?”

God replied with a smile, “To learn they cannot make anyone love them. What

they can do is let themselves be loved, to learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others, to learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least, to learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and it takes many years to heal them.”
 “To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness, to learn that there are

persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings, to learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently, to learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they must forgive themselves, and to learn that I am here...always.” check this on flash, visit <http://www.reata.org/flash.html>.

Prudent Patience

Or, If You Prefer, Perfect Patience

By DAVID ZAI

I’ve been trying to exhibit internal (and external) patience for quite a while now. Patience never came naturally to me, especially coming from an engineering/technical background, where speed was of the essence and efficiency greatly valued over inefficiency. Especially in a modern day era of faster computers, instant messaging, and multi-tasking, along with heavier workloads and increased responsibilities, I could never understand WHY people would sit back and wait patiently when they could just as easily seize a prime opportunity and accomplish almost the exact same thing now.

But I wanted to share some thoughts I learned this semester about patience, though I still struggle with it here and there. 1 Timothy 1:16 (NASB) says: “*Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.*” Notice the phrase “His PERFECT patience”, indicating a patience that does not come from ourselves, but comes only from God. I hope this shows why patience should be important to all of us, and is something I hope I can continue to strive for each day.

So what are ways we can exhibit this perfect patience in our own

lives? I decided to look at patience from two different angles: long-term patience and daily (or short-term) patience. I believe we need both if we want to be solid examples among our Christian

Perfect patience does not come from ourselves, but comes only from God.

community (or “those who would believe in Him for eternal life”, from the above verse), and also as examples to non-Christians also to some extent, particularly from a witnessing perspective.

Let’s look at long-term patience first, since this as I see it is more or less focused on what we might have in store for us in the future. Hebrews 6:11-12 (NASB) says “*And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*”

But how long will it be until we inherit these promises? 2 Peter 3:9

(NASB) also says “*But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you.*” Galatians 6:9 (NASB) also reminds us that we should always persevere: “*Let us not lose hope in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*”

I brought up these verses because I figure these verses have a lot to say for those of us who worry about the future or don’t like where we are now. We can save ourselves lots of anxiety if we have FAITH that God will follow through with His promises for every single one of us. In other words, we don’t need to worry about issues like our future, whether we get into med school or find a job, if we will ever find a significant other, whether our family/friends will ever become Christian, and other relatively worthless issues not worth dwelling on.

This does sound redundant (and we’ve probably heard similar things over and over again), but something we need to practice if we want to live according to God’s calling, as Paul suggests in Ephesians 4:1-2 (NASB): “*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love.*”

Which transitions into my thoughts about daily short-term patience, or the way I see it, having patience on a discrete basis. The tail end of Ephesians 4:2 says that we should “show tolerance for one another in love.” This kind of patience requires

that we accept and respect everyone for their opinions and who they are, even if they disagree with me, ignore me, or think I'm boring to engage in a conversation with. This is something I really struggle with a lot, especially around people who I consider gullible or lack common sense.

But I want to suggest that though we may have our personality differences, we can continue to tolerate and accept one another if we focus on "*being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,*" (Ephesians 4:3, NASB). This can spawn an entire discussion about in-reach or fellowship, and is something I really don't want to get into right now. I just want to say that we can make great amends toward fellowship unity if we emphasize the bonds we have together in Christ, and patiently accept one another as brothers and sisters in Christ regardless of any differences or issues arising from the past.

Finally, I want to suggest a more traditional practice of solitude. As John Ortberg puts it in his book The Life You've Always Wanted: "*Solitude is the one place where we can gain freedom from the forces of society that will otherwise relentlessly mold us*" Jesus engaged in solitude quite a bit himself, in the beginning of his ministry when he entered the wilderness for an extended period of fasting and prayer, in the garden of Gethsemane during the final days of his life to pray, among many other instances. "Just as fasting means to refrain from eating, so solitude means to refrain from society," Ortberg writes.

But withdrawing from society may seem like an inefficient use of time, particularly when exams, projects, interviews, parties, and fellowship events bombard our schedules. I want to suggest that this semester, I've felt like I've had a much better spiritual walk

than I've had ever since my senior year of high school, and I feel that a large part of that stems from having a disciplined, consistent time to myself, reflecting and meditating on God's Word and presenting prayer requests without distractions overwhelming my mind. This was something I didn't have much of during my previous semesters when my focus was on schoolwork and my times with God felt like filling up a spiritual "quota".

So solitude may seem like the equivalent of a devotional, prayer, or quiet time. And I think solitude is a nice combination of the three. "When we go into solitude, we withdraw from conversation, from the presence of others, from noise, from the constant barrage of stimulation." Ortberg writes. And just like patience, I feel like there are two different kinds of solitude: brief solitude and extended solitude. Brief solitude as I mentioned above is like a daily devotional, prayer, or quiet time. Extended solitude stretches for longer periods of time, like half a day, one day, or perhaps a weekend. Retreats arise nicely to the occasion, although any place where you can be undisturbed suffices.

Let me restate 1 Timothy 1:16 (NASB) again before I conclude: "*Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.*" Especially in me as the foremost, I want to demonstrate God's perfect patience with the things I learned from my time alone with God, undisturbed by distractions coming from the world or my own mind, fully focused on God's Word, in constant communion through prayer, and well-prepared and patient enough to carry out God's calling for my life.



Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. -1 Timothy 1:16

From One CBSer to Another

Shout Outs!

allen: thanx for supporting my growth...u've made my senior year that much better =)
...karen

Thanks for a great bible study guys =)
-Faith and Response

Allen,
What can I say? You're like a brother to me...and more...
-Jason

Where mah Brooklyn girls at?

thanks jojo for co-leading w/ me. i learned so much. thank you God!

montnj23: hi pp!! it's been a blessing prayin' with u...more olin coffeefreaks, sage times, and shopping sprees ahead! keep on growing =) ..karen

lynda! thanks for being there to encourage & pray for me :)
-your baby

in a feminine voice: "and my bow!"
in a masculine voice: "AND MY AXE!"

Toisan is awesome!

To Debbie and Joanna
Thanks for putting up w/ me. You guys did a wonderful job. It's awesome to see God's seeds being sown and just how much effort you put into researching each study. You've made a big impact on many hearts! -the scary one

Wen...Thanks for always being there... ~ivana

Fruling,
Wow...what an adventure! It's been awesome...with praise team and everything...I wouldn't have traded it for the world. Finish your second semester strong, k? Keep ya head up!
-Jason

MaMa J - Cornell won't be the same w/out you. You better come back EVERY weekend. We'll miss you lots! Until our next trip to Rochester... - Prelim and Cuando

monieeca: late nites = fun times. aaaaand yes. more blessings of friendship and kahraziness to come!! can we say drama?!

Philippians 4:3...*mwah*

Love you Jason. Won't get to see you before I come back to school. Come visit us. -Alan

Thanks to Crystal and Jacob for making a visiting friend feel welcome.

I want to give a shout out to my really cool prayer partner, Patty! Thanks so much for encouraging me this semester, especially when things got tough...and for all the fun times too (I have a new love of Target)! You're the best! =)
<3 kat

To Janina and Jen, the brains

behind BoL, thanks for all the delicious drama you can sandwich between two sheets of paper!

Heather -
It's been awesome serving with you, you've been a great ear to listen and an understanding friend to vent to. I'm looking forward to next semester!!
-your APE!

lynda-- monday lunches are the best! :)

OPERATION: ToisanMui

mei: needless to say, u are a true blessing in my life. it's been a tough road but we will survive together!! tears, laughter, and lessons...and foursixteen!!! haha...WO AI NI!! tzieh

legolas-
its been cool chillin with you these past 3 years.
yeah JayChur!
-gimli

hey oats-- don't stress! i still love you!! Col. 3:23

407 #6,
Thanks for letting me use your apt.!!! =D
-Jason

darleen~ we need to chill more! hehehe...you're an awesome sister, thanks for listening to me ramble this semester...love ya,
christine

Debs, 3.5 years and I love you

more each one. Let's keep it going!
-pats

Te-Wei

Watching you growth this semester has been an encouragement, a blessing and an answer to prayer. I hope you continue to learn and grow as dwell deeper into God's Word. I'm thankful for your brutal honesty and how you question what I do and what I say, and even though I don't always acknowledge it when you are right, I take what you say to heart. Thanks for listening and helping and being there and for your wise counsel. I know that you can become the man I already see in you, a man who has a heart after God's own. God's blessed you with a lot, I hope you know that. Know that I'm in prayer for you always and that you invaluable to me as a brother, a friend, a confidant, and my logic.
-Te-Zhou

Jason...Congratulations~~!!!
I wish you the best of luck!!
God Bless. ~Ivana

To the wiser men and women of Proverbs bible study, you have all taught me more than you know. Just memorize more! "Commit to

the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed"
~ Proverbs 16:3. I couldn't resist.

9999 - glad to hear ur feelin like urself around me again, and thanks for listenin this semester... looking forward to dinner

at the Heights =P
- sportsfan

Jon Wang: only one semester

PEOPLE

left to find "THE" girl!!!
We had some really good laughs and good times together. I'm really gonna miss you man.
-Jason

Yay for wonderful coordinators who work so hard and yet get so little recognition. You guys are invaluable and thank you for being there for all of us.

Props To TJM: It's ALWAYS Millertime! - Eric

Chris...I do think you're white...

Albert,
It's been fun...sigh...I'll miss you buddy.
-Jason

Kat--you're the cutest prayer partner ever. keep searching, you'll find it. => -pats

Hey Mon, when are we going to throw fondue party part 2?

to my two engaged roommates: wow, it's been 3 years! May God bless your futures with happiness and love. When are we doing dinner?!!!! ur kahrazy roomie

Lynda: p-k-p-k-p-k all the way. Next thing to learn: ktog. Let me know when your ready to tackle the HAT.

Darleen, Katherine, Anita...GIRLFRIENDS FOREVER~~!!! ^_^

Yay NCPM! I love you freshmen! =>

liana: ur an awesome listener...i'm touched by your sincerity and openness. be strong in His love...that's all you need! => ...karen

Thanks to the Senior Class for not retaliating on us yet. -3H

To MousiFlesh
You don't know how much you've encouraged me this semester, watching you grow and how you've challenged me to grow and change. I pray you search out God's calling for you here and serve whole heartedly in your capacity. He's blessed you with so much talent and insight, and a heart that seeks to serve this fellowship. Your faithfulness is not only an example for all to follow, but a testimony to your character. I'm looking forward to next semester. Back straight!!

Pei-Ah - it's been a good semester bro. thanks for all the late nite talks. keep pressin towards God, i kno He has great plans for u.
- ur pimpin roommate

AND YOU HAVE MY BOW!!!!
And my axe, boo hoo, not the beard!

Thanks Fruling and all the musicians for great praise times.

Chiuster: Does your brodda regret making us prayer partners yet, EH? - Jon

Eric Shen, our prayer partnership has been great. It has been a blessing to see god work in your life. I look forward to praying with you next semester.
-Clement Chow

joanna: take care of that head => it's been a blast hangin' this semester...God bless!
-karen

Hello Alice
-hotchink

Jacqueline...I will miss you!!!
Have fun, be good, and take care...
~Ivana

To 6B: *wave* - 3H

ToWill
Basketball, Lunches, Guitar sessions, last night chats. It's been fun getting to know you and it's my privilege to be your prayer partner. It's awesome to see your heart for this fellowship. Thanks for being so trustworthy and being someone I can confide in. Don't be too sad!!!! We're not leaving yet!!!! -Ivana Chang
You are very talented. =>
-Jason

romans - thanks for a great bible study! come back for romans II and more fun times!

patty: its been super great getting to know you, thanks for all of your encouragement!
-eric s.

ur brooklyn gurl rai here!

go praise team!

janice, christina, wen, and jacob-- PP doubledate was fun! let's do it again next semester.

Jon--did you send one? if not, feel the guilt! don't forget Romans part Deux! -pats

Props to Jon Wang. Thanks for taking our own personal Where's Waldo. And unlike those Frustrating Waldo Books, We Find ya.
Every Time. - 3H

ivana~ let's bum, play darts, bum, play pool and bum somemore! haha...thanks for encouraging me in wanting to seek after Him

Jacob - Sup man. Thanks for an awesome semester. I know that God has wonderful things in store for you at Cornell, and I hope we can push each other to do greater things for Him.
- Your PP =>

To my 6B ladies: Thanks for being great housemates. It's been a fun semester...we need more random late-night talks!
~your messy housemate

Candace,
Tottenville High School, born at NYU hospital, teacher during the summer of '02, AND you did urban semester last semester.

HA!!! Looks like we know who the winner is. Take a seat!!! =P
-Jason

To all the ppl who were suppose to workout with me this semester MWF 9 (you know who you are), no excuses next semester!!!

To Hebbert and PhooeyPie and Lindurz and TingTing,
I love you!

Sweet Surrender

What do people mean when they “surrender it to God”? This is a lesson I’ve been faced with every year that I’ve been at Cornell—different situations, same lesson. To me, it means stop trying to have complete control over a situation and to trust that God will handle it. It means coming before Him and recognizing that I can’t do it on my own...not because I’m weak, but because I’m human! I went to a conference a few years ago, and the speaker used an illustration you may be familiar with. He said that surrendering things to God is supposed to be done with an open palm facing up. If we hold onto them too tightly, there’s no room for God to work in our lives.

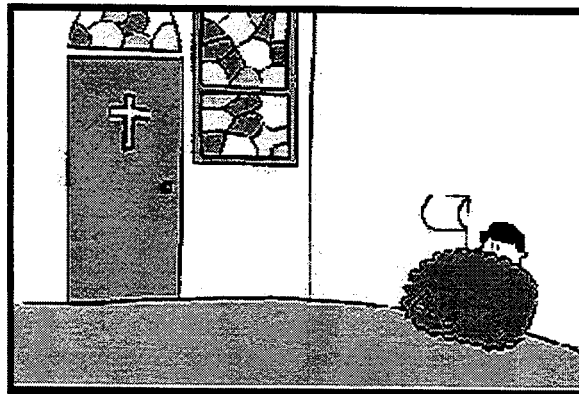
For those of you who don’t know me that well, I’m a bit of a control freak...I like to plan things down to the second...everything needs to be a certain way...a bit of a perfectionist, if you will =P I realized very quickly that being in a relationship with Jesus Christ and acting obsessive-compulsive all the time were not a good combination. Too often I would put school work above studying God’s word because I had to have academics under control. Time with my boyfriend on the phone or online took precedence over time with God. Working out at the gym every day was in my schedule, but wrestling in prayer for my fellow brothers and sisters was not. I preferred doing work while eating rather than meeting up with other people because it was a better use of my time.

I’m not saying that academics, relationships, fitness, and solitude are bad things. God definitely blesses us in these areas but only after we give them over to Him with open palms facing up. Probably the most frequent times we lose perspective and hold onto things in our lives are in times of change. Whether it is adjusting to college life as a freshman or seeking out the next stage in life as a senior, we as people don’t deal well with change. It scares us because our regular lifestyle has been disrupted, or soon will be.

But as Christians, why should we let anxiety consume us? Jesus Christ is our Rock—He never changes even when our lives seem to be in a whirlwind around us. With our stability grounded in Him, and with our priorities placing Him at the top of our list, we are promised with a peace that transcends all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Ok, that sounds great, but how does that apply practically in our lives? The more we come before God in prayer and spend time studying His Word, the more we will be like-minded with Him. In situations that used to cause us panic or stress, they will not escalate to that point because you will have the peace in your heart that God is in control. Paul tells the church in Philippi the importance of knowing Christ Jesus the Lord. As we know and understand Jesus, the easier it will be to surrender things to His control. Starting with the small things like studying for a final exam, we are able to surrender progressively bigger things like finding a job after graduation.

One passage that has helped me to maintain perspective through thick and thin is Philippians 4:8-9 (I love this book, can you tell?). “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things...and the God of peace will be with you.” These verses remind me where my mind should be at all times—not focused on things of this world that can get us down, but on anything pure and lovely. If our minds are filled with such thoughts, there is no room for the desire to control things in our lives. This is an ongoing lesson so don’t think be discouraged when it seems like we are relearning the same thing at different stages in life. God will shape us and mold us as long as we keep surrendering things to Him. Let’s encourage each other to hold our lives out to God with open palms facing up. =)



Joe finally decided to surrender his heart to God.

