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Letter from the Editor

If Bread of Life staff were animals on Noah's Ark, they'd be the fastest, the kindest, and the most fun. As for myself, I'll settle with being the resident bird that preens and screeches every few seconds, "Get it in! Deadline! Squuuuawk! Editeditedit!"

But seriously: this Fall 2007 edition of BoL is the good, steady work of many talented and diligent brothers and sisters who know what it means to be *of God*. They know that God's given us the greatest gift through His Son's life, death, and resurrection. They know that Jesus' blood is so full of power and grace that it renews, restores, and revives—giving us all a chance at rebirth. Most importantly, this knowledge is in their *hearts*—and their hearts are with God.

As disciples of Jesus, we have embarked on a path of transformation that is beset with hardships and struggles, but also with victory and purification. It is in following God wholeheartedly when we can truly know what it means to be unworthy servants, wretched in our sinfulness, but clothed in robes of atonement. Even as the emphasis is placed on our unworthiness, there is just as much if not more import inherent in our *servitude to the Master*. To be God's servants is not only to obey His commands, but also to run with hope in the path set out before us.

And what is this hope? The hope that God is all we need, the Holy One, who is faithful in His promises. And the path? The new life built on the Rock: steadfast in living out and remaining in all that God *is*. "Those who obey His commands live in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: we know it by the Spirit He gave us." [1 John 3:24]

Whatever trials, whatever sufferings—we endure it; because of who we are in God's eyes, because of our servitude to God, so that:

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God.
If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things
God may be praised through Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

Amen.

[1 Peter 4:11]

Much love and peace:
Always and only
In Christ,
Sandy Zhao
Editor-in-Chief

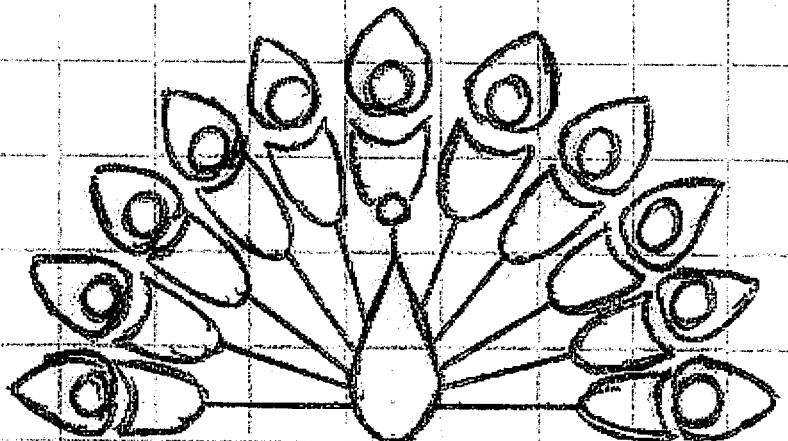
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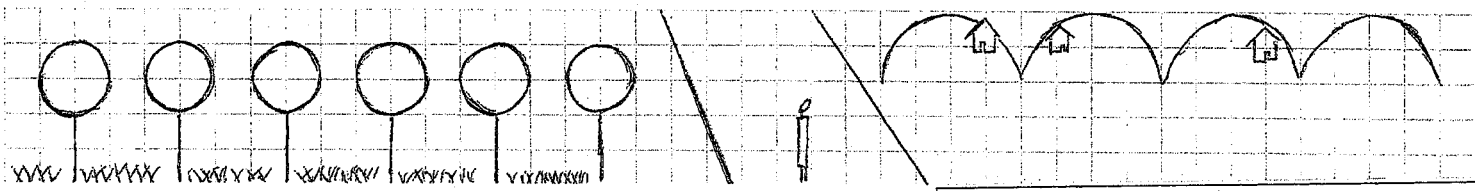


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Coordinator Letter 1

Dear Fam,

As I sit here in the line at Port Authority, waiting for the bus back to Ithaca after Thanksgiving break, I can finally reflect and ruminate on another long Cornell semester. Many different things pop into my mind: making a new CBS banner for orientation, creating a human printer, moving into 407 and moving things out of 407, wings, jam sessions. Scary to think that all these experiences and much, much more, still a bit too fresh to call memories, all happened in the same three months. Of course, along with all that, I remember the sleepless nights, the struggles, the failures, the tears, the prayers.

So what's my conclusion after sitting on my suitcase for about ten minutes? Nothing most of us have not heard of before. Our God is a faithful God (2 Tim 2:13). It is quite a phenomenal characteristic. And it is not just for the fall semester of 2007. It is throughout my entire life. I am convicted that God is working in all of our lives in the same sovereign way, whether it be through circumstances, relationships, or times of hardship and trials. Chinese Bible Study is where we can share those experiences, share how He has been speaking tenderly to us (Hosea 2:14). I encourage you to ask, share, sit down over a meal, talk over wings or bubble tea, and talk about how the God of the universe has been drawing us closer to Him. I remember being deeply encouraged by a brother's sharing about fighting for more time to read the Bible during small group prayer time in NCPM, or listening to a brother's personal life-changing testimony. God ministers to me through you guys. I think this is what makes us a family at CBS, what sets us apart from other organizations, that we are able to build each other up, to spur each other towards desiring and knowing God more intimately.

And all this possible only through this Jesus Christ guy: the greatest example of God's faithfulness and sovereignty. Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd who laid His life down for His sheep (us). He has the authority to do so, because this is the command that He received from the Father (John 10:14-18). We are able to call each other brothers and sisters of God's family because Jesus has redeemed us, restored us back to heirs. So let us strive

together to know Him more, whether we have accepted Jesus into our lives years ago, or are just beginning to find out who this Jesus is. He promises that if we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Let us not think that we have arrived or are set. I don't want to think that I am fine if I am spiritually blind (John 9:40-41). My prayer is for each individual in CBS to find out what it truly means to "see" God (Matthew 5:8, Isaiah 42:18-19).

I believe transformation starts there, continues from there, and does not end until the day we meet God. He will complete the good work that He started in us (Philippians 1:6). Let's keep that at the core of our fellowship, to reflect God's glory to each other, to be the body of Jesus Christ as He called us to be, and to amplify that light to the campus, to reach out as Jesus's hands and feet.

Throughout the semester, I kept asking myself the question, "Are we growing?" I think it was not until much later in the semester that the answer became a little clearer. And the answer is yes. I have to remember that the process is not overnight. "You never see a tree by watching it, but come back after ten years and you'll be surprised." Or something I learned during a STeam dinner. "A watched pot never boils (or something like that)." So let us not get discouraged but continue to be faithful in following God's will, to be joyful always, to pray continually, to give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). He has great things in store for each one of us, for this upcoming semester, and for the rest of our lives. Please keep each other in your prayers, keep STeam in your prayers, and keep Chinese Bible Study in your prayers. I remember a quote that goes like this. "The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knee and the ground." God is one who listens and answers.

All right, I hope I did not go over the bounds given to me by BoL, and as I finish this letter, I've actually been back to Ithaca for two days. Let's keep striving towards the goal, running together as a fellowship with one heart and one soul =).

Peace IN. Yun-ting Eric Yeh



Coordinator Letter 2

Dear CBS,

God has been slowly teaching me many things this semester and I can't decide on one thing to say. So, I hope to share a few that I felt have kept me going deeper with God and those around me. It is my prayer that this may be encouraging and challenging, and that God may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Him better. =)

*Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshippers meeting together, **each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other** than they could possibly be were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship. – A.W. Tozer's Pursuit of God*

God desires to start with me. This semester I was reminded of the importance of my own walk: what is going on with God and me? 1 Timothy 1:14-16 says, "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom *I am the worst.*" So unless God awakens me to that, I won't see the glory of God unveiled in Christ. Unless I personally understand the weight of the Gospel, my life will not be transformed. I cannot love like Christ loved, I cannot pour out grace, I cannot live by faith, because I won't have any of it. I won't have any of it unless I believe that "the grace of our Lord was *poured out on me abundantly*, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." We will learn to love more deeply; we will experience true fellowship when we are each walking in the light (1 John 1:7).

God desires that I wait on His timing. As we talk about all this transformation stuff, I often found myself getting caught up in the results and forgetting that God has a purpose for the fellowship we are in and the people He placed around us. It's a life-long process. Remember when we went over the crippled beggar in Acts 3? When the beggar was healed, he didn't say "see ya" and run off with his newfound faith in Jesus Christ. The beggar didn't know to look to Christ. Instead, he *held on* (verse 11) to Peter and John. I easily forget that it is natural for us to cling onto the vehicles

through which God brings healing and faith – and there is a time for that. But in God's time, we will (and should) learn to let go and fix our gaze on the glory of God in the face of Christ.

I must fight and rejoice. I like to be comfortable/safe. But when we talked about the armor of God, it reminded me that, as Christians, we *are* amidst spiritual forces of evil and must fight every day. We must be active in our faith. And our weapons are not of this world (2 Corin. 10:4). Over the summer, I met a sister in Christ at my internship. After we shared our struggles in living out our faith in the workplace and feeling like it's so hard, we prayed together and God reminded me that we really aren't alone and there is no greater privilege than to be called into a war in which Christ is the victor. God didn't say that it would be easy nor that it would be effortless, but that we would suffer in order to be refined, in order that our *faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed* (1 Peter 1:7). Jesus suffered (to the point of death!) for the sake of the gospel, and he was raised to reign. *So, if we endure, we will also reign with him* (2 Tim. 2:12). We read in Acts 5 that even after the apostles were persecuted, they left *rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name* (Acts 5:41).

God desires real change. What I often signify as change can be the result of progressive self-deception. Just because I've heard another profound sermon, or read another spiritually-rich book, or been moved by another spiritual truth, doesn't mean I have changed. God used a sister to show me that God doesn't want me to just *feel* bad or guilty, but wants me to experience true surrender and freedom. James warns in 1:22 (ESV), "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, *deceiving yourselves.*" I've realized there's a difference between absorbing truth and practicing/applying truth, in the sense that all the knowledge I acquire can really amount to no actual growth in godliness. Don't look at how much you know as the primary measure of transformation – God looks in our hearts because out of the overflow of the heart we act and speak. We should examine our hearts.

God wants me to ask. If there is one thing I've learned this semester, it is that God desires His children to ask. By asking, I am engaging in His kingdom work. We can't change ourselves. God wants us to want His glory. God wants us to grow. God wants us to know Him. And part of growing in knowledge of the Father is to know His will.

As we become more aligned with the Spirit and certain of His will, I've found it a little more natural to pray boldly and specifically.

I think I'm just going to conclude with these lyrics from Starfield's *Cry in My Heart*.

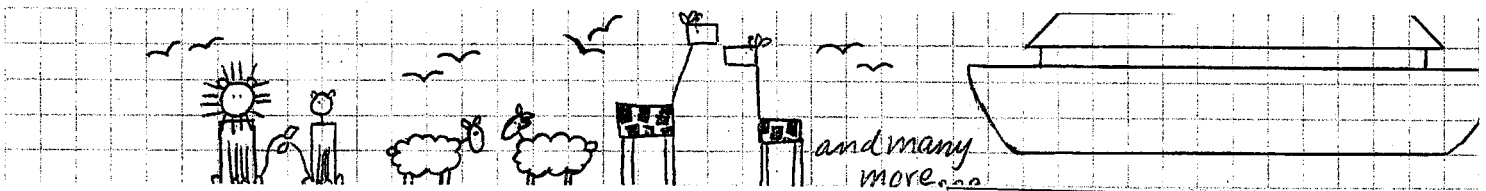
*There's a cry in my heart
For Your glory to fall
For Your presence to fill up my senses
There's a yearning again
A thirst for discipline
A hunger for things that are deeper*

*Could You take me beyond?
Could You carry me through?
If I open my heart?
Could I go there with You?
(For I've been here before
But I know **there's still more**
Oh, Lord, I need to know You)*

*For what do I have
If I don't have You, Jesus?
What in this life
Could mean any more?
You are my Rock
You are my Glory
You are the lifter
Of my head*

So, we don't have anything...nothing to offer to God or others, nothing to satisfy ourselves, nothing of everlasting worth...we don't even have fellowship, if we don't each have a *personal* relationship with Jesus and an understanding of the riches of his glory (the Gospel) dwelling in our lives *daily*. If we are *working out* our faith, be assured that we don't need to have it all together because it is God who works in us to will and to act according to His good purpose (Phil. 2). If we are in His presence, we are compelled by the Spirit to live a life that is divinely different. If we build our hope and foundation on Christ, rather than our own conceptions of what is good or the circumstances we are in, we will stand firm. Brothers and sisters, I encourage us to press on because we're not there yet! The work is not finished in us, but the hope is that if we each choose to look to Jesus, to open our hearts and go beyond our comfort (even if we've felt like we've been there and tried it all before), God is faithful and will fill our hunger for things that are deeper, God will carry us through because *not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass* (Joshua 21:45).

Love to all of you in Christ Jesus,
Calinda



Ministry Updates

Prayer Ministry

“Ask and you will receive, and your joy will become complete.”
— John 16:24

We started this semester by purposing to find joy in prayer. As I reflect on this past semester in my own prayer life, I realize a truth that is very sobering: I have not found overflowing, superfluous, abundant joy in prayer. Instead, I find myself having barely touched the waters of this knowingly vast fountain.

And as I wonder why this is so – as I plead to God to show me why this is – another sobering truth is shown to me: a Christian’s prayer life has to be guarded, through the *grace of God* and by the *power of the Holy Spirit*. He has shown me that nothing is more easily disturbed and distracted than a Christian’s intention to spend time in prayer.

Priorities are warped. Worries crowd out the truth. Sin festers when it is not confessed. Bitterness hardens the heart when it is harbored. And one’s prayer life dwindles.

But He gives us more grace. (James 4:6) This has been a precious lesson.

One of the ways in which He has shown His grace to me is through the prayers of my brothers and sisters. Many times, when I was too weak to continue with my own strength, either I would humbly ask a sister to pray for me or He would send a sister to pray for me, and we would experience the truth of the verse that says, “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed.”

Another venue of His grace has been through prayer meetings. Jesus was not kidding when he said, “For where

two of three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Through coming together with other believers, my own faith’s fire is re-kindled, and their sincere and faith-filled prayers spur me on to pray as I should.

Out of all this, God has been reminding me once again the need and importance and power of Spirit-filled prayer. In John 15:5, 7, Jesus says: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” It is a humbling thing to recognize we cannot go on any day without an intentional effort to remain dependent on Him. He later further explains, “If you remain in me and *my words* remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” He shows us that one way to remain in Him is by storing His Word in our hearts so that His Word, rather than our foolish notions, may transform our prayers and make them fruitful.

With all this graciously revealed by our Lord, let us keep striving to seek a more intimate relationship with Him and to pray to Him, whether in secret, with a sister or brother, with a group of believers, in the quietness of one’s home, in the midst of chaos, in tears, in settings of praise. It is a privilege to pray, and it is a command. It is the guard for our hearts against relying on ourselves. It is the fuel for cultivating fervent joy in the Lord. Therefore, it is something to place at the top of our priorities—it needs to be intentional, it needs to be consistent, and it needs our whole-hearted devotion. We pray that our hearts would be devoted to it.

Lord, would You give us the heart to pray. And help us to guard it through Your grace and by the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

— Cheryl Hou

Praise Ministry

"You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness, that my soul may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever."

— Psalm 30:11-12 (NASB)

I have this vision. People singing praise as they walk down the street. People singing praise as their faces freeze in the middle of winter. People singing praise as they wait for their friends at the corner. People singing praise as they greet one another. People singing praise as they read their e-mail. People singing praise as they do their problem sets and write their papers.

People singing praise because their mourning has been turned into dancing, and because they will not be silent.

The exhortation to praise is found throughout the Bible, and nowhere does it restrict praise to large group on Friday night. In Ephesians 5:19-20, Paul tells us to sing praise and "always [give] thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Always. For all things.

Why then do we restrict our praise to Friday nights and Sunday mornings? Why do we think that praise is something that we can only do together in a group? Why do we think that praise consists of songs written by other people? Why are we so afraid of what our voices sound like when we sing? Why are we so busy that we have to schedule time to praise and give thanks?

Why does a song of praise not overflow from our hearts at all times?

— Anna Liu

Inreach Ministry

Amidst the fun activities of carepackaging, ACEs, and meeting up with people, our inReach vision for this year still forms the backbone in how we, as a fellowship, are to go about serving in a manner that God calls us to. Instead of caring for our brothers and sisters when convenient, we are to seek how to be each other's keeper (Genesis 4:9).

It's hard to assess what exactly we, as individuals, as a team, or as a fellowship, are learning about inReach so far. As a team and individuals, we are trying to care for others genuinely, but have seen the inadequacies of our imperfect love while doing so. Whether we can accomplish these things with the right hearts, we ultimately know that we must pray as a fellowship to *ask God to step in and help us* support one another, because we cannot do this alone or with the right heart. Whether done corporately or alone, we are learning that **prayer** remains essential in building up and caring for one another. Through this, He will transform us into a family of brothers and sisters by giving us the strength to carry each other's burdens.

So we encourage each of you in CBS to lead by example in doing what God is revealing to you individually, and we pray that the love in our fellowship may abound more and more each day through our knowledge of God and the indescribable *blessing* of fellowship, which is given to us by Him (Philippians 1:9-11).

Only through His grace,
Brian and Tiffany

Evangelism Ministry

All of us have voids, and all of us have gone down a similar path in attempt to fill our voids. We've tried to score one standard deviation above the mean. We've searched for the best internship opportunities. We've tried to build meaningful relationships. However, to our dismay even when we have attained what we desire, we discover that such pleasures are fleeting, and we are once again left in a state of emptiness. Such occurrences serve as a good reminder that sometimes, perhaps a lot of the time, we desire the wrong things, things of the world, which are temporal and unfulfilling. So how then do we reach the point of satisfaction? This semester whenever we strayed onto the path mentioned above, God always drew our hearts back to Him and the death of His son Jesus Christ on the cross.

God's love for us is unconditional. This is demonstrated by the fact that even while we were still sinners, He sent his one and only son to bear His entire wrath which we deserved so that we may be forgiven (Romans 5:8). Through this, we can be restored to God and develop an intimate relationship with Him that is eternal. Our God is committed to giving us an all-surpassing pleasure that will never depreciate in value, and all you have to do is accept it. Whether we've been Christians for many years or for a few months, God is still continually transforming us into His likeness. As we individually and corporately seek His face, we've tasted and seen over and over again that He is good (Psalm 34:8). As a result of encountering God, our natural response should be to proclaim His goodness. Instead of trying to hold onto the fleeting treasures of this world, we should instead look to Jesus, for He is the giver of everlasting hope.

— *Cathy Lii and Ronny Huang*

Discipleship Ministry

Praise God! He's provided so much for us this semester. When we had a need for mature Christian women to disciple our sisters, God brought Megan and Mrs. Parks as spiritual guides. As God blessed us with new family, He worked in the hearts of the older brothers and sisters to reach out to the younger ones in prayer partnership.

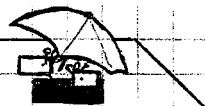
We've seen prayer partnerships growing as brothers and sisters learn how to care for one another and carry one another's burdens. Keep praying for one another and keep each other's spiritual walks in mind. As God tells us in Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Those who have been walking with a discipler this semester have been learning how to turn to God's Word for nourishment as well as how to love those around us. If you're interested in beginning a discipleship relationship next semester, or if you have questions about discipleship, please let us know!

In the coming semester, we challenge you to be available for Him to work in and through you. At some point, most of us have probably experienced such extreme busyness that we were unable to bring ourselves before Christ and care for our family (and perhaps even care for ourselves). As you take on commitments at the beginning of the semester, think of a pan of cookies. You may be able to fit many balls of dough on the sheet at first, but as they bake throughout the semester, they will crowd each other out and become one giant cookie (except less yummy). Don't just leave a little space here and there for God—give Him the best of what is His to begin with!

God has encouraged us this semester through your growth and your enthusiasm for seeking Him. 加油!

With love in Christ,
Mandy and Hanson
Discipleship Ministry



Freshman Interviews

ANN YANG

By Yvette Wong

Ann is a really fun pre-med freshman from NYC and is also super cool because she lives in the best hallway in Balch. She actually first visited CBS LAST SEMESTER when she visited Cornell (talk about being excited to come to fellowship!), although Judy and Kathleen don't seem to remember. So here are her thoughts about Cornell so far...

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

"Hills, and having to walk so much."

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

"People are really nice, but then you realize they're actually crazy in reality!"

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

"I can't even imagine it! Probably moping around at home and getting lectures every day from my mom."

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

"Relax?! Well, when the weather was nice, we used to sit outside the astronomy building observatory."

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years?

"Be sure of what I want to do...where life takes me."

Word Association:

pumpkin: bread

eggs: chicken

printer: jam (personal issue)

map: world

syringe: needle

biscotti: brown

rouge: knees ("from Moulin

Rouge")

Canada: "What??"

Get to know Ann better, and you'll understand the joys of Intro Chem. And while you're at it, try convincing her to buy the spinner at Ivy Room (tell her it really is better than the chicken quesadilla)! †

BAOQING ZHOU

By Cynthia Kwong

After a scrumptious meal at Trillium and a nice long chat at Mann library, one can't help but be astonished by the presence of this girl. Doubling in Chemistry and Economics, she's traveling on the practical road towards her future endeavors. But saying that doesn't come close to encompassing the passionate girl I met who wants to travel the world and dive into literature (except maybe American writers...some of them just aren't her style)

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

She's surprised that everyone is so friendly at Cornell—it came out as an exclamation during our interview. She expected her fellow students to be mean and perhaps snotty, but she discovered that Cornell has nice, laid-back students. However, she does entertain the thought that it may just be the people we choose to associate with (i.e. CBSers, hallmates) rather than the students at large.

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

Everybody's really friendly! She was pleased to find that CBSers are open and enthusiastic.

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

Baoqing's first response: probably not traveling; working or studying on my own. And when I told her to forget about those pesky little financial issues that we're oh so familiar with: Europe! And New Zealand! [Interviewer's note: kudos to how Lord of the Rings boosted—and continues to boost—New Zealand's tourist industry]

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

She starts off with studying in her dorm. Next is Olin. As for Uris, she goes there when she has reading to do and is about to fall asleep, but she loves the Fishbowl—especially its spaciousness and quietness. When the weather is nice, she likes to sit out on the lawn. But the place she basically lives in: Duffield. Having an 8am section there (never again) brings her to the Engineering Quad at the wee hours in the morning, or so I believe. After her section, she gets her morning started with

coffee and breakfast, followed by a quick morning nap. She considered transferring to the Engineering School at one point because she was at Duffield so much. But as a fellow A&S, I must say we're happy to keep her =).

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years?
She is looking forward to graduating in four years, first of all. Within those four years, she hopes to conduct research, study abroad (Paris is on top of that list), and most importantly—grow closer to God.

Word Association

Pumpkin – Orange (the color, not the fruit)

Eggs – Blank!

Printer – Plastic

Map – China

Syringe – Needle...ughhh! I hate them!

Biscotti – Wine

Rouge – Moulin Rouge

As I desperately try to find the right voice in this interview (and fail), I hope I've provided a glimpse into this incredible girl who wants to take advantage of what Cornell has to offer her. She'll do great things with her analytical skills, which she currently uses in all her walks of life, whether it be for Chemistry and Math in class or for reading novels and short stories in her spare time. So with that, I wish her luck as she goes out to experience the world in all its glory. †

DAVID LIN

By Henry Wen

It's a Tuesday Morning past the deadline for this interview and I'm sitting down to have lunch with David Lin at Okenshield's. We were supposed to have breakfast but we'd both overslept. I guess it's easy to do so when you live in Mews, which, according to David, is the best dorm in the whole world.

I start by asking David to give me a short synopsis of who he is. He was quick to say that he was NOT Dave Lin, referring to a CBSer from the class of 2006 (who in fact was my old prayer partner). David is from the City and went to Brooklyn Tech. He is planning to major in BEE, though he admits he's undecided right now. He's had a pretty loaded schedule this semester with 21 credits, but he says, "people think I'm taking like 12 credits cuz I'm always hanging out. And not studying."

Q. What has been most unexpected about Cornell for you?

David: Definitely Christianity, and being part of a large group.

Me: You weren't actually looking for a Christian fellowship to join were you?

David: Yeah, no I wasn't.

Me: You just randomly met Brian Yung somewhere?

David: Yeah.

Me: We'll I'm glad you're here. What else has been surprising?

David: Classes are kinda hard, thought they were just gonna be normal. And, I'm getting along with everyone, that's surprising cuz I'm usually a "by myself" kinda person.

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

David: A very amiable group, very large. Yup. It's got two of my favorite hobbies: Praising and sharing, well...not so much praising, but I do like the sharing time.

Q. If you were not in College right now, what would you be doing?

David: (emphatically) Playing Wii 24/7, well...22/7 so I can sleep. Maybe a job at McDonalds so I can buy more Wii games.

Q. What are your favorite places to relax on campus?

David: The ping pong lounge, cuz I want to beat people—it helps me calm down even though I play rough.

Q. What are so of your goals for this next year?

David: To finish the Book of John, that's been interesting. After that Harry Potter #7.

Me: You still haven't read it? What about for the next four years?

David: Well...no more Harry Potter left. I want to know about everyone at Cornell. Oh and study abroad? Where? Asia (Korea or Singapore) or Europe.

Pumpkins: Halloween

Eggs: Yolk

Printer: Ink

Map-NY

Syringe-Poison

Biscotti- a friend named Scottie

Rouge-Travel †

ELBERT CHANG

By Andrew Wang

As we sat down to have lunch, I noticed him standing at six feet and myself at 5 feet. I was stuffing myself with a sandwich, chips, and a pickle as he ate just a cup of macaroni and cheese. Is eating mac and cheese the key to being tall and healthy? Elbert Chang, an avid viola player and member of the Chamber Orchestra is enjoying his first year at Cornell. Elbert's hometown is Rochester, NY, which is not too far. He is one of the rare but enthusiastic breeds of students that had Cornell as his top choice school and he is now studying Chemical Engineering. Luckily, he has yet to feel the wrath of Olin Hall. During our time together I had the chance to ask him a few questions about life at Cornell and about CBS.

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

A. Several things were a little surprising: first was CoursEnroll. Not only did he have to get up before 6:30 AM, but the system was also tedious. Fortunately, he was not here when students had to run around department to department to add and drop courses. Another was the variety and number of choices he had in everything ranging from food to classes, and even to the large number of Christian fellowships. Although he already had prior university experience because his mom works at a college in the Rochester region, this atmosphere was different. He is also amazed at the numerous a capella groups at Cornell.

Q. What were your first impressions of Chinese Bible Study?

A. It was welcoming! He felt that everyone was very nice. CBS reminded him of his home fellowship. He also thinks we are a crazy group (I think he means crazy for God and not the mentally unstable and troubled state).

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

A. Nothing! He would most likely be at home.

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

A. His room. However, at first he was unsure and felt that there was no place to relax at Cornell!

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years?

A. With a burst of excitement, he realized that he really wants to get a CO-OP in Rochester and work for Xerox.

Word Association

Pumpkin: Round

Eggs: Delicious

Printer: Never works

Map: Destination

Syringe: Needle

Biscotti: No idea

Rouge: Squadron

It has been a blessing to have Elbert be a part of this family at Cornell. He is really cool and very cheerful. Get to know him; although he is busy, he will try his best to fit in some time to share a meal! Pray for him as he continues his walk with God and for his next few years at Cornell. †

ESTHER KWAN

By Jovita Kwan

Once upon a time, in the far far away land of Vancouver, Canada, the oldest child of the Kwan royal family sat in her throne while playing with her three pet chinchillas. Chow-Chow, Shiloh and Bobby ran in circles around the princess as she sat and ate yogurt and contemplated how she was going to conquer the world. Being princess of the province was not enough for this spunky, motivated girl—she wanted the whole world. She thought she would begin by taking over the United States of America by posing as an innocent freshman international student...

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

Cornell won its first battle by luring poor Esther with its famous non-FDA approved ice cream (She is powerless when faced with the deadly combination of waffles and mint chocolate chip ice cream). Not all of Cornell's dairy products had this effect on her; she won the battle over their yogurt (she despises the strange taste). When asked about this she replied, "Maybe Canadian cows are different than American cows? Even the skim milk here tastes different." This dairy connoisseur knows her milk and yogurt!

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

She reenergizes and relaxes best when sitting with her friends in dining halls. She also enjoys the time she spends playing and practicing with the Big Red Marching Band and likes learning about their secret traditions... (Ask her about the masking tape!) She may seem innocent but her unnatural obsession with fuzzy things has made her contemplate capturing the numerous squirrels on the Cornell campus. She says since they are so fat they remind her of her pets at home!

Q. What was your first impression of CBS?

She was immediately attracted to the friendly members of CBS when she met them at the Inter-fellowship Picnic.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next few years?

She hopes over the next few years she will have the opportunity to talk to more people about Christianity and affect them in a way that would take away their negative stereotypes about Christians. She doesn't just mean on the Cornell campus either, she hopes to one day be a U.N. diplomat as an ambassador for Canada where she can make a difference.

If you have yet to meet the princess of Vancouver, you're in for a treat; she'll blow you away with her addicting laugh and smile! Just be careful if she invites you over for dinner, her past baking and cooking experiences haven't been great, she almost set Risley on fire making cookies!

Word association!

Pumpkin- "pumpkin ice cream"

Eggs- "I haven't had them in a long time"

Printer- "My printer stinks! It uses so much ink!"

Map- "Oh... map..." (Ask her about her embarrassing story about French class)

Syringe- *holds arm* "I hate needles!"

Biscotti- "What's that?"

Rouge- "Moulin Rouge" †

JESSICA LO

By Kathleen Chang

With Olin library on one side and Uris library on the other, Jessica and I take a break from procrastination on a brisk, sunny, idyllic, autumn afternoon to ponder upon the question every Cornellian should before he or she graduates: what is the meaning behind the sculpture, "Song of the Vowels?" Jessica, though a mere freshman, enlightened me with her words of wisdom.

Ok, so we didn't actually talk about the sculpture in front of Uris, but in retrospect, I should have asked this freshman from New Jersey in her bright green flip flops her interpretation of this strange mass of rock. Oh, and since I'm an inexperienced interviewer, Jessica's answers were not recorded with an electronic device and have thus been subjected to a Kathleen bias. Sorry, Jessica.

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

jl: The course load. Classes are a lot harder than I expected. High school was really easy. Plus, I procrastinate and get distracted. I should go to the library more.

[Interviewer's note: And yes, Facebook was named a distraction]

Q. What was your first impression of CBS?

jl: Everyone is so nice!

<Kathleen says something> [Editor's note: HAHA what?? Aw, Kathleen!]

jl: Okay, everyone seems nice. My first CBS was when all the different ministries shared their visions for the year. So it was kind of weird at first. I remember thinking, "Is this what they do every Friday night?"

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

jl: ... I guess life would be boring but relaxing.

kc: No desire to travel?

jl: Well, my mom and I joke about going to China to teach English. But my Chinese is really bad.

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

Jl: My room. It's just so convenient. Especially now, since it's getting colder, I don't want to go outside. And I think I get the same amount of work done in my room when I work somewhere else.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year?

jl: Figure out if engineering is something I want to do since I just dropped out of my ChemE class. Maybe OR [Interviewer's note: she ignores my persuasions to be a chemistry major]

jl: I want to explore Cornell more, too. And I want to go up the clock tower. Maybe I'll do that during finals.

WORD ASSOCIATION

Pumpkins: orange (arrrrr-ange)

Eggs: sunny side up

Printer: paper

Map: globe

Syringe: needle

Biscotti: French

Rouge: I don't know

Rouge (after I repeated it multiple times): rude

This concludes a brief and Kathleen filtered short conversation with Jessica Lo. Please, don't take my words as truth. Walk up this freshman and say the word "rouge" over and over again and see if she calls you rude! †

JOANNE CHOU

By Calinda Yew

Joanne is warm and fun-loving as she blesses us with much sunshine from her hometown of San Marino, California. In addition to leaving behind the sun, coming to Cornell for school meant that Joanne had to leave behind a valuable collection of stuffed animal dogs as well as the safety zone she felt she had in California.

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

A. She expected it to be relatively easy, which is odd because so did I!

She definitely did not expect the amount of work and stress that has come into her life since she started classes. The difficulty of adjusting to college life is natural and so is the feeling that "I am failing out of my classes and think I'm going to get kicked out". Along with that sentiment, Joanne also misses having people (like parents) to take care of her. Thank God that Joanne found family here at Cornell!

Q. What were your first impressions of Chinese Bible Study?

A. "Everyone is really nice and I really like the older people." She visited other fellowships like Crusade and CCF. But, the first time she visited CBS, she said she knew this was the right fellowship for her.

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

A. She would be at home being a couch potato and watching her usual shows. She would do stuff she normally does in life. First, she doesn't study much. She watches TV. Oh, and she does stuff OUTSIDE. All she does now is sit in a room at Cornell.

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

A. Joanne has been, unfortunately, unable to find a favorite place yet to relax on campus. Sometimes she relaxes in her room, sometimes in Collegetown – pretty much anywhere can be relaxing as long as she is not doing work.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years?

A. Joanne hopes to better walk in the teachings of God. She wants to grow into a better person and be constantly grateful, especially since it is easy to lose control when stress arises.

Word Association

pumpkin → feast

eggs → yolk

printer → life ["I've been using the printer that much"]

map → quest

syringe → blood

biscotti → dessert

rouge → Moulin Rouge

Joanne has much in store for her here at Cornell. Hopefully, she will find time to relax and rest amidst the stressful demands surrounding her. Let's help her do that! †

KEVIN YANG

By Henry Wen

Kevin is from Duluth, Minnesota or as they say in the Great Lakes region: Mee-nah-soh-tah. Kevin is a quiet guy and he admits, a little clumsy. But I hear he's an avid skier. We both stayed at school for Thanksgiving break so we got together Wednesday to chit and chill. Turned out RPCC was closed Wednesday and Thursday so Kevin came down with me to Collegetown, where we got a chance to talk.

Q. What has been unexpected for you at Cornell?

Kevin: I expected people to be super studious. Some are, but not as much as I thought. And I thought it would be colder.

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

Kevin: People are really nice.

Q. If you weren't at College right now what would you be doing?

Kevin: Well, my parents would not be pleased...

Me: Don't mind your parents for now.

Kevin: Well...working as a librarian.

Me: I worked as a librarian one summer, TK5000 for ECE books! Anyway.

Q. Where is your favorite place on campus to relax?

Kevin: My dorm, and RPCC.

Q. What are some of your goals for the next year?

Kevin: Learn more about God

Me: Within the next 4 years?

Kevin: Same I guess...God. Academically: better study habits, discipline, less procrastination.

Pumpkin-Pie

Eggs-Cake

Printer-Homework

Map-Geography

Syringe-Shots

Biscotti-Coffee

Rouge-Squadron †

LEILA ZHENG

By Tiffany Yu

Leila is a special girl who has the same birthday as baby Jesus! She grew up in Toronto, Canada and was the VP for her high school's robotics team! Some of Leila's favorite things: Color: Green, Dining Hall: RPC, Food: sushi, Fruit: watermelon, Bubble tea flavor: honey dew, lychee, taro (*but not all three together*), Hobby: wandering around aimlessly, Book: Harry Potter, Movie: A Walk to Remember, Song: Alive by Melissa O'Neal, Quote: Shared joy is double joy. Shared sorrow is half sorrow.

What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

The weather is crazy! It's randomly cold and randomly hot again. Cornell does constructions randomly, so she has to walk around these constructions and take weird paths to school. Leila didn't expect Cornell to be this big.

What was your first impression of CBS?

CBS is a group of really tight people that's like a family.. CBS is a fun group of people who are really friendly as well. Leila has never been to a fellowship before and her CBS experience was very interesting. She was really confused her first time at CBS because she walked in during sharing and everyone was just sitting in his/her seats not doing anything.

What would you be doing if you weren't in college now?

Volunteering in some far away country. She is interested in one of those year-long programs that you can go and help an undeveloped country or she'd be going to Beijing for the 2008 Olympics and help out there or she'd learn how to cook.

What is your favorite place to relax on campus?

Either on her balcony or the place behind the engineering quad where you can go to the gorge.

What do you hope to accomplish here?

In general, rock climbing, sky diving, water skiing, wild water kayaking. At Cornell: to know what she wants to do for a living because she has no idea. She also wants to pass her math class!

Word Association

Pumpkin: carving

Eggs: ham

Printer: paper

Map: root

Syringe:needle

Biscotti: what is that?

Rouge: red in French

Leila likes the most about Cornell are the hills; she likes the least about Cornell is "how quickly she ran out of BRBs." Leila has gorge jumped; she thought "it was soo much fun" and encouraged everyone to do it!! Leila really looks forward to traying down libe slope once it starts snowing. †

RACHEL PANG

By Janice Cheong

Rachel is awesome. She's part jokester and part toughster, especially on that basketball court. Before moving to Bensonhurst, Brooklyn from Hong Kong, Rachel used to play b-ball with the guys. Nowadays, you might find her at Duffield, doing work and listening to good Asian music.

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

I didn't expect to feel like a minority within a minority in some of my classes. In my Writing Workshop class, I don't know what the students are talking about sometimes. They are mostly Korean in that class, so they just speak in Korean to each other.

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

It's not Chinese. And random people come up to talk to you, which I'm saying is a good thing. I remember Calinda just came up to me:

Calinda: What year are you?

Rachel: Senior

Calinda: What.....?????

Cynthia: Rachel!

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

Selling batteries and bootleg DVDs in the subway. "Five dollars!"

No, I'd apply for a job at Trillium or at Statler and go to CBS.

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

Nowhere. I don't relax.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years?

I'm thinking about transferring to the Hotel School, but I'm not sure. In the next few years, I want to go up the Clock Tower, go on a road trip across the United States and also go back to Hong Kong.

Word Association:

Pumpkin – Halloween

Eggs – Protein

Printer – Canon

Map – Hiking

Syringe – Shots

Biscotti – Marks & Spencer

Rouge – Make-up

Of course there's much more to Rachel than what's been presented in this interview—she's taking judo, for example, and likes eating mandarin oranges. It'll be a blessing to get to know her. †

RICHARD WANG

By Brian Yung

Another Wang has decided to join the CBS family, and I have had the pleasure of speaking with him before his intense ping-pong tournament one day. This is a man of talents and a jack of trades, pulling late nights as a freshman and bringing us a whole new world with his Aladdin voice. However, like any star, everyone wants to learn more about the real "Richard Wang," and so here I will share a bit of what I have learned during a meal with him:

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected to you?

Richard: When you first come to Cornell, you feel that you're on your own. No one is there to wake you up in the morning or make you food. But it has been good to see that there are people who are around to help you along. The people in CBS have been really nice to me too.

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

Richard: It felt very welcoming and everyone seemed to know each other really well. Sometimes fellowships will be really close but have trouble welcoming new people. CBS seems to welcome people well and integrates newcomers into the family easily.

Q. Do you have a favorite place to relax on campus?

Richard: My favorite place is the area of couches in Duffield above Mattin's Café. Duffield is quiet and serene. It's a really relaxing place when you need to study.

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

Richard: You know, I would actually like to be an actor on one of those Nickelodeon shows about teenagers and their lives. Kind of like "Drake and Josh." I think it would be cool.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years here?

Richard: Haha, well I hope to get my Bachelor's degree before I leave. But in terms of other things, I want to learn what God's will is for me and to grow spiritually. I'm hoping to see a purpose or direction that God's leading me to.

Well, quite an interesting fellow and already he's been insightful of the things here at Cornell. Even more so, I had the chance to ask him (without permission from the BoL editor, Sandy) what superpower he would have if he was a character on the TV show, Heroes, and he picked out the ability to read minds so he can know what other people think about him. So instead of having him read your minds, spend some time to chat with this jolly lad so he can get to know you! I have surely enjoyed doing so myself!

[Editor's note: Very funny, Brian. "Permission" granted; nice work!]

Word Association

Pumpkin :: Halloween

Eggs :: Fried

Printer :: Computer

Map :: Data Structure

Syringe :: Doctor

Biscotti :: Ice Cream

Rouge :: Red †

THOMAS TRAN

By Xi Guo

We were eating food at Trillium, (his first time, my second) and once again, this is reconstructed from my crappy writing. Tom, I apologize for making things up and putting words in your mouth.

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

Tom: "The weather. It has been very erratic here. It went from decent, to humid, to raining, back to warm. It got really cold couple of days ago, that I had to wear 3 layers of clothes, but today I am wearing shorts." [Editor's note: this was about at least a month ago]

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

Tom: "It was really weird. I have never been to a fellowship where people shared, and I remember the awkward silence in the beginning. The people are very open. At first, Van Kim and I were visiting fellowships and thought 'we are not Chinese, we don't know anyone' and we were shy so we didn't go to all the events. We were like 'uhh, yeah we'll come back in a week', but we ended up keep coming and eventually staying. I remember seeing Eric Yau at the fellowship picnic on North, he did something weird in my face and I thought it was funny but 'what the crap is wrong with that kid'. [Interviewer's note: *now you realize we are actually all very normal*]

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

Tom: "If I was rejected from all my colleges, I would be so sad, and probably still be working at Target. Eventually I will go to a community college and be an entrepreneur and do things. If I was only rejected by Cornell I would be either at UT Austin studying business administration or University of North Carolina studying biomedical engineering."

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?

Tom: "I don't have time to relax through the day, otherwise I hangout mostly in college town, usually in Eddygate with the sophomores and Edgar. On campus? If anything I go to the basement of Olin Library to sleep on the couches."

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/ next few years?

Tom: "Don't know. But hopefully I can get in the hotel school, and get a hotel internship in Austin for the summer for hotel operation or consulting/HR. Here in Cornell, I am also aiming to be the president of APO (Service Fraternity).

Eventually I want to run my own hospital. I would make it like a hotel: instead of white walls, they would be colorful; instead of hospital food, I would hire a culinary chef to cook gourmet food. In general, the hospital would be comfortable."

Word Association

Pumpkin: "Orange"

Eggs: "Easter"

Printer: "Dell"

Map: "Scavenger hunt"

Syringe: "Hospital"

Biscotti: "Starbucks"

Rouge: "What is that? Is it like rogue? Well, if they meant rogue, then I would associate with X-Men." [Editor's note: rouge means "red" in French, and is also known as "blush", which is a type of makeup.]

Tom says: "I am really happy that I found CBS. It gave me the support, almost family-like: It helped me cope with being twenty-six hours away from home. It also provided accountability and allowed me to get involved: prayer meetings, Bible study, choir, and prayer-partner."

Now we know the freshmen better, I think it is appropriate to relay a message from Justin's other prayer partner: "Cornell has a lot more than the academics, don't get too caught up." †

VAN-KIM BUI

By Judy Liang

Van-Kim Bui is a freshman of 18 years. She was born on June 26, 1989 in Dallas, Texas, but she wishes she was born on June 33, 2989. Apparent in her looks, she is Vietnamese-American, but no worries, she still qualifies in the "Chinese" part of Chinese Bible Study. Surprisingly, she's 1/8 Chinese. Now that's a conversation starter.

Q. What aspects of Cornell have been unexpected?

I think, everything. I thought that I wasn't going to really find any Christians on campus, and I thought that I was going to be in a sorority and do the whole party thing. I'm not doing anything that I expected, which is surprising to me. I didn't expect people in CBS to be so nice, and I also didn't know they could turn off all the water in the whole dorm.

Q. What were your first impressions of CBS?

Oh my gosh, you people are so nice! You guys are very welcoming. I didn't expect to be remembered after the first time. I was going to go get my Jesus fix and go home and be done with it. But I wanted to cry when I got my first care package, because it's SO nice! Yeah...I really didn't expect to meet people so nice.

Q. If you weren't in college right now, what would you be doing?

...Opening an ice cream store in Sugarland, of course! I would have my own chain with creative names for the flavors. The flavors would be doctor recommended like "Dr. Brown recommends this ice cream", since ice cream isn't healthy. All the colors would be bright, and the store would have a fun atmosphere

Q. Where's your favorite place to relax on campus?
Collegetown, duh.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish within the next year/next few years?

I want to get to know everyone better and really know people on a deeper level, get better study habits, get into PAM 210 during add/drop, learn how to say "ferry" correctly, be able to be a better Christian or what a Christian should be to non-Christian friends, make an impact on someone's life, learn to be patient, eat healthier, get closer with my class, maintain friendships with people at home, maintain my bubblyness to torture CBS forever, and open an ice cream store at Cornell.

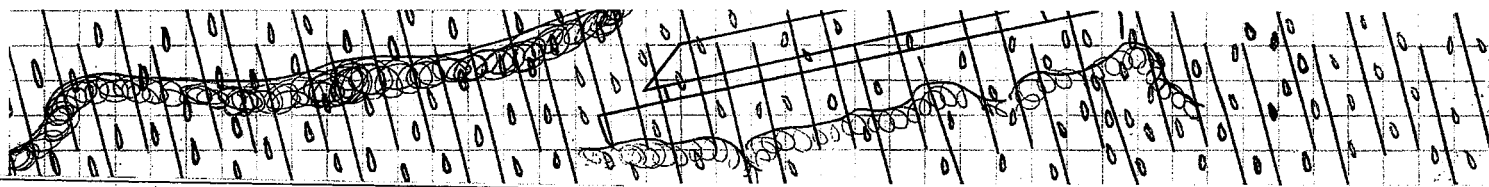
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Association

pie
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Dad
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doctor
Italian
Moulin or Khmer

As the interview finished up, Van-Kim stared at the leftovers of her Dijon burger and announced that she could not finish it. She felt that she had reached a point where her meal was unbalanced, because she already finished her drink and had none left to wash down the rest of the burger. Despite the unbalanced areas of her life, Van-Kim will always be Van-Kim. †



Bible Study Blurbs

Galatians Bible Study: Back on Track

By Van-Kim Bui

Think the Galatians: Back on Track Bible Study is all about doing each other's nails? Talking about boys? Flipping through fashion and gossip magazines? Think again! We may sit on comfy couches, munch on scrumptious baked goods made by the talented Jovita, and sip on hot chocolate in Eeyore mugs, but there's more to the "Girls' Bible Study" than that.

Calinda, Christa, and Jovita have done an amazing job leading our study so that we all may grow closer with each other and with Christ. We memorized verses printed on colorful cards and attached them to our own personal key ring. We decorated journals for each other so we could write notes in them about our lessons. We had one-on-one prayer sessions to allow others to carry any burdens we were having throughout the week. We also planned food meet-ups with people in our study to fellowship with one another. We even played with Legos!

Other than all that fun stuff, we learned valuable lessons that we could apply to our lives now. The book of Galatians is a letter written by Paul to the churches in Galatia who were falling from Christ as they tried to follow laws not set by God. Throughout the whole book, the most important lesson can be summed up by Chapter 3, verse 11: "Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, 'The righteous will live by faith.'" We learned that as long as we have faith in God, we are no longer slaves to worldly laws; God has set us free. Especially today, it becomes easier to live by things of the world, but we are reminded each Thursday that only faith can save us.

So a few girly moments may slip in here and there, but can you blame us? Above all, we learned a great deal about our faith this semester and how to overcome struggles. I am so thankful that my first Bible study experience in college has been a blessed one. †

Isaiah Bible Study

By Mandy Zhao

"to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of the spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor."

— Isaiah 61:2-4

God's Word could not have painted a clearer or more powerful picture of rising out of the ashes, transformed and cleansed anew by the blood of His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. Whatever unnatural state we were in before, be it mourning, despair, grieving, and most of all—full of sin, we can trust in God's sovereignty both to punish and to save, through His awesome mercy and love. The most important and beautiful thing to realize is God's faithfulness in all of His promises, that He will surely destroy and knock down the walls we've built for ourselves, and that He has given us the most amazing gift of grace so that we can rise like trees, glorifying Him with all we have. †

Sin vs. Righteousness

By Joanne Chou and Elbert Chang

The purpose of this message is to inform CBSers what Bible study is. Specifically, we would like to give you a brief overview of the CBS Romans Bible study: "Sins vs. Righteousness." We have learned about the following points:

- Why we can't judge others
- God's law to help us distinguish between right and wrong
- Spiritual Gifts

We learn not to judge

We learn about how we can't judge others because God is the only holy one who can judge. We can't be critical when we consider how people are naturally different from others. For example, in Romans 14:3, the Bible iterates this point: "The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him." In understanding that God's people have different interests, we must not judge others.

We learn about God's Law

We also discussed the significance of God's law. Without the law, we would not know what constitutes as sin. In order to fulfill the law, we must love others totally. As it is stated in Roman 13:9, "The commandments, 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

We Learn about Spiritual Gifts

We also touched on how we are all part of the body of Christ. In a body, there are many different parts that have their own specific role. Like the body, the church also has many different people who fulfill different roles. In our fellowship, there could be those who have an affinity to teach, to lead, or to even interpret tongues.

Along with these various doctrinal lessons, we also discussed many gray topics such as interpretations of predestination and even downloading music through illegal means (fess up kids, we all do it).

Overall, this bible study is an exciting and enjoyable time to go into God's word during these long weeks at Cornell. We all had the opportunity to learn more about the doctrine of Romans. Elbert, for example, had the opportunity to share a nifty illustration to remember the process of sanctification.

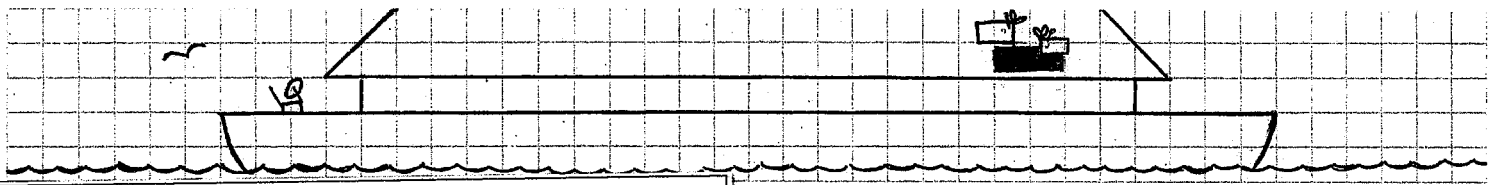
We would like to thank Cliff, Alex, and Yvette for leading us in this enlightening and interesting Bible Study. =D †

Trailhead: Seekers' Study

By Leila Zheng

This semester I had the privilege of attending Trailheads, the CBS seeker study. The leaders Ronny and Henry first introduced to us the story of the prodigal son and then closed with Jesus's last day. Throughout the study, we also covered the basic history of the Bible, some of Jesus's miracles, listened to a few testimonies and went on a hike along the gorge (you know you're jealous!). Henry and Ronny were always willing to answer questions and tolerated the freshmen in events such as LET'S DRESS UP

WINSTON! Thanks Honny and Renry for a great Bible study. The learning doesn't stop here! †



Prayer Meeting Blurbs

Reflecting on North Campus Prayer Meeting

By Kersing Huang

"O unbelieving generation ..."

– Mark 9:19

The location for North Campus Prayer Meeting (NCPM) is quite far, especially if you live in the Collegetown area. NCPM is also the latest prayer meeting of all the CBS prayer meetings and starts at 9:00 p.m., a critical time—precisely when you might actually get around to doing "something" productive (also known as homework, projects, studying for prelims, etc.). Setting aside time to attend a prayer meeting requires faith, but doing so becomes significantly harder when you've got a lot to do. This semester at NCPM we've been learning, among many things, about our lack of faith and God's faithfulness.

What is faith? According to Hebrews 11:1, faith is "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." From this definition, we might infer that faith arises from trusting God. As humans, we have trouble putting our faith in God, because we make decisions based on what we perceive around us—especially through our senses of hearing, smell, sight, taste, and touch.

In other words, we naturally make decisions based on circumstances. There is nothing wrong with that, but it is also worth remembering that God is sovereign over all things in this world. In Mark 9, Jesus is surprised when the man asks, "... if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us," because he *can* do anything. In fact, Jesus responds, "Everything is possible for him who believes".

Therefore, "consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4) †

Central Campus Prayer Meeting (CCPM) Blurb

By Mandy Zhao

This semester we were blessed to have a faithful group of people each week come to Goldwin Smith and share praises, burdens, and general encouragements. Many of the prayer requests centered around trusting in God's sovereignty and great provisions, learning what it is to hear and listen for God, and really spending time searching God's Word in daily devotions. Praise God that we could lift those prayers up to Him in faith that He will answer, and that

"Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

— John 14:21

I found that there were many times this semester when I felt that coming to prayer meeting would be just routine and not amount to anything, but each week I was proved wrong and humbled to God's amazing mercy and grace in bringing together common sufferings, and of course, common joy. †

Prayer Meeting Blurp—EBPM

By Eric Yun-Ting Yeh

Every Monday morning, a few early birds come together at around 8:00 AM to share and pray together. Although waking up in the morning is often hard, especially during busy and tough weeks, I've found that dedicating the morning to spend time with God is often worth it. There is an opportunity to seek God first before the world can hit us with all its worries, temptations, and distractions. It reminds us of God's sovereignty before the craziness of the day or week begins. Psalm 88:13 says, "But I cry to you for help, O LORD; in the **morning** my **prayer** comes before you." Come and try it out sometime, it is often a surprising time of refreshing =). †

Editor's Note:

The following contribution is a song written by Alexander Spock Lee, Class of 2007, one of our CBS coordinators last year. He is currently in Beijing, China. We hope that he is happy in another family that God has prepared for him, even though he's far away from this one.

We continue to pray for our brother!

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.

[Zechariah 4:6]

Praise God. :)

To download the song, please go to the following URL: <http://www.xanga.com/BlufireSW/590941209/item.html>

Children's Song

By Alex Spock Lee

Verse 1:

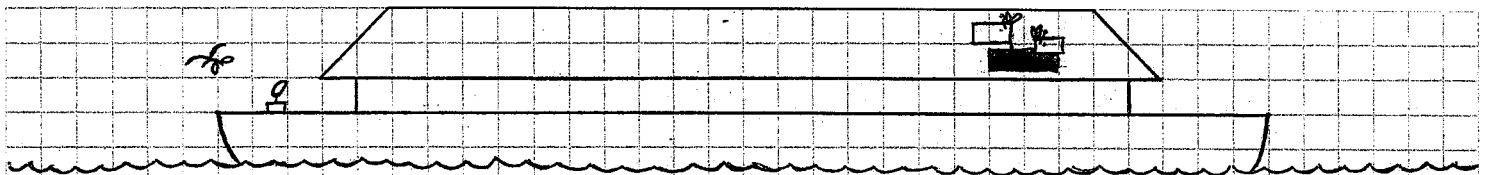
D G
We were not loved
Bm G
We were never Your people
D G
Left to die
Bm G
On the roadside, You found me.
Em D/F# G
And You call what is not
Em D/F# G
As though it were

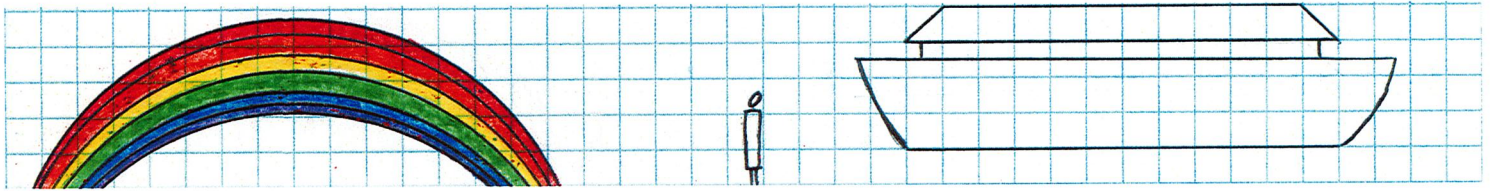
Chorus:

D G Em D/F#
You set the lonely in family
G D
And You call us daughter and son.
G Em D/F#
The Only Begotten – You nailed to the Tree
G Bm A G
So I could be called Your own.
D

What amazing grace!

Bm G
Who am I,
Em G
What is this family
Bm A G
That You have brought us this far? (2x)
D
How Great You Are, O Sovereign Lord!
G Bm
There is no one like You, God!
G
(You wash me and make me...)
D
How Great You Are, O Sovereign Lord!
G Bm
There is no else but You!
G
(You call me and take me...)





Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.

Genesis 9: 8-11