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EDITOR'S Letter

Dear CBS,

Fall semester is always a little different from the spring semester in that everyone, even the seniors, are still settling—or at least adjusting to a new academic year at Cornell. In the midst of learning how to handle new responsibilities, harder classes, and changing social dynamics, it can be easy to lose sight of *purpose*.

In the flurry of our lives here at Cornell, I found myself asking a question that may have crossed your mind as well—what is the purpose of this publication we affectionately call “BoL?” I’m thankful for the brothers and sisters who reminded me that we create BoL as a tangible record of how God has been growing us, making Himself present, and allowing us to experience this rich blessing of *family* within CBS.

Thank you, brothers and sisters of CBS for your enthusiasm and willingness to put a bit of your time into creating this physical testimony God’s works within and around this fellowship.

As I sit in the Upson computer lab, working with the newest (freshmen!) additions to the Bread of Life layout team, I can’t help but echo the sentiment of many of the upperclassmen in feeling immensely encouraged by the spirit of the freshmen class =).

Hopefully, as you peruse these pages, you’ll not only get to know a little more about the new kids in our CBS family, but also, realize how we have much more to be *grateful* for than we can even imagine because of our merciful and compassionate Father.

So, why BoL? Here’s why:

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were called to peace.
And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom,
and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude
in your hearts to God. **And whatever you do, whether in word
or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks
to God the Father through Him.***

Colossians 3:15-17

Always and Only
Your Sister in Him,

Grace Chen

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Coordinator LETTER I

Henry Wen '09

This semester has been a struggle for me. With the pressures, pleasures of life and a large dose of indwelling sin, it didn't take long before I became anxious and weighed down. Yet, God has been very good to my soul, and a good deal of it is through the encouragement of you all. Even in the process of writing this letter, he has searched my heart and revealed many anxious thoughts and grievous ways. He has disciplined and taught me along the way. One of the most important lessons God's been teaching me is the absolute necessity to live each moment in desperate faith, and how a piercing conviction of God's nature and promises needs to pervade my every action and thought. I'm learning that we must hold fast to God's truthfulness: that God is, his accomplished work, that God did—and hope desperately in his sure promises, that God will.

God is. Hebrews says that "without faith it is impossible to please God." Really? Why? "for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). It's been several years since I first accepted Christ, yet I find that the daily need is to live in passionate acceptance of Christ, starting with the simple acceptance that God exists and that Jesus is the Son of God to embracing that he is the one who died on the Cross for me. I would ask you, have you put your faith in God and in his son Jesus?

God did. Faith is Cross centered. It is rooted in a real historical event. In Hebrews 11, it says "for by [faith] the people of old received their commendation. (Heb 11)" Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, each received a glimpse of God's promised redemption. Through rainbows, Covenants and Passovers, they saw the Cross from afar. They said in faith: God will. But we who are on this side of the Cross say in faith: God did. "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:6,8) Do you believe this? Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and on his Cross.

God will. God has also made many promises. He has committed himself to keep each and every one of them. One particularly piercing promise for me is the commitment he

makes to each person that he has saved. Paul says "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil 1)" At times we may find ourselves frustrated at our own sin or at the sins of others. Paul says that the question isn't whether or not God is going to continue his sanctifying work in you but whether or not he has started it at all. That is a big and important if. But for the Christian in whom God has begun that good work we can be confident, for ourselves, for each other, and even for the fellowship that he WILL carry it on to completion. God has made a covenant and a commitment in his blood to change us for our good and his glory.

I pray that these truths will begin to pervade my heart and mind more and more, and yours as well. Let's hold fast first to who God is and what he has done on the Cross for us. Then let us cling desperately to his sure promises. It won't be easy. Faith is like a seed that needs to be buried in the ground (Mark 4). And while it is buried in the ground it may feel like we are dying. But is it not by faith that we died to this world and its ways and came to life in Christ? I say these things to you with the understanding that you are also dealing with many things in your life. Some things aren't too serious, others may be quite serious. Some things come from outside of us; others come completely from within us, perhaps from our own sin. So I pray that you too may continue to fight the good fight of the faith in faith.

And while we live and wait in faith, let me leave you with two verses from a song I like. It's about what it'll be like when we see Jesus for the first time and faith finally becomes sight.

When we've arrived
Stunned and surprised,
All things resolved
In the blink of an eye.
No more distractions,
No sins left to fight.
The first glimpse of Jesus
And faith... becomes sight.

~From "Arrived" by Enfield

Affectionately in Christ,

Henry

Mandy Zhao '09

Coordinator LETTER II

Dear CBS,

As the semester ends, and everything is changing from hurtling forward to reflecting backward, all I feel is relief for this time to visit the past, relocate the present, and brace for the future.

For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. Ecclesiastes 2:21-23

Ever since the beginning of this year, as I was preparing for CBS and life after CBS, over the summer a sister who graduated from Cornell last year kept telling me, "Cease striving." Of course I always take her words to heart, but this time I only took the words, not the meaning. Earlier in the fall at NCPM, a sister who started at Cornell this year told me, "Cease striving." When I heard it again, I felt the sinking familiarity, and I told her honestly that I heard what she was saying, but that I probably wasn't going to listen. I didn't.

So is it wrong to strive? How did I strive? This is what it looked like: I studied hard for all of my classes. I applied for jobs. I met up with my prayer partners. I went to CBS (and did all things related to CBS). I went to church. I did my devotions every day. I'm not saying it was wrong of me to do these things, or that nothing good came out of it, because that would be completely untrue. I was very blessed by doing my devotions, going to Tab, going to CBS, meeting with sisters, applying and studying...but all because of God's astounding grace and infinite mercy. For as I kept going through the motions of doing, I began to slip away from the heart of it all. As all these fruitful deeds became merely actions, and as logistics and efficiency and grades and jobs started striving towards the center, what happened to Jesus' place in my life?

God's been showing me faithfully and truthfully that all of my anxious striving and toiling led to relying on my own strength, self-centeredness, and sin.

My pastor at my home church once said, "What you think

about constantly, what you hope for, what you daydream about and look forward to, what you move for, this is what you worship, this is what you love." As we all thought about what he said, no matter what answer we found, superficial or deep, dishonest or honest, his next question still had an impact: "Is it God?"

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

I pray that you will all see more and more clearly how deeply God loves you, that He has blessed you with so much each day, from the minute you are able to wake up to the minute you are able to fall asleep--all of this is because of the life we have now in Jesus Christ, since we are set free and washed with His blood. I thank God that I'm reminded of this constantly through His Word, and through fellowship with brothers and sisters.

When You call, I won't refuse
Each new day again I'll choose:
There is no one else for me
None but Jesus
Crucified to set me free
Now I live to bring Him praise

~"None But Jesus", Hillsong

Cease striving. Keep serving. May you always choose Jesus above everything, and put Him at the center of your lives.

Love,

Mandy

EVANGELISM Ministry

Caleb Chan '09
Yvette Wong '09

Being on EV ministry and also graduating early has definitely made us more aware of what it means to care about the lives of our non-Christian friends on campus and to make more of a commitment and effort to put Christ as Lord of our lives, so that we may reflect the glory of God to others. The message of the cross is just as urgent today as it ever was and the Gospel is still desperately needed in people's lives, but sometimes it takes circumstances and life to make us realize that. We've both been reminded, through leading the Evangelism Bible Study, how sweet and true the Gospel of Jesus is, and how when we evangelize with both strangers and friends, we will "have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ" (Philemon 1:6) when we are active in sharing our faith. It's also been a blessing to see God use our weaknesses and strengths for Him, and how when we are weak, His power is made perfect (2 Corin-

"Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience.."

Revelation 5:9-10

thians 12:9).

So our prayer for you, our dear brothers and sisters in CBS, comes from our ministry vision: 1 Peter 3:14-16. That you would not be frightened. That Christ would be set apart in your hearts as Lord. That you would be prepared to give an answer for this amazing hope that we have. And finally, that we would truly step up as a fellowship that can realize the joy of salvation, and answer God's call to bring His amazing gift to all people.

For the coming semester, our prayer is that God might use our ministry to encourage you to look to Him to open doors for you to live out and share your faith.

That we would not lose sight of things above (Colossians 3:2), but to see every single day as an opportunity to be an ambassador for Him (2 Corinthians 5:20). And that we can come along as brothers and sisters to spur one another in love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24), and

Looking back on the semester, it's hard to see how we actually fit into this whole "discipleship ministry" thing. Discipleship is such a hard concept to grasp. And once we think we have an idea of what it is, it's even harder to live it out everyday. Sure, we pair people up with prayer partners and send out emails, but as with any of the other ministries, it's not about us – it's about God (Philippians 2:13). And we praise God for the work he has done this semester.

Our vision this year is to abide in the Word and to follow Christ in our daily lives and relationships. We hope to foster that knowledge of the truth through accountability with one another in prayer partnerships and discipleship relationships. And through weekly emails, we hope to not only encourage careful and Christ-centered examinations of the heart, but to dive into the Word to find out what discipleship really means.

At times, it was difficult; it was easy to lose sight of God's sovereignty in all the pairings we made, and all the emails we sent out. Indeed, it is not us who makes these relationships, but God, who grows them and convicts the

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Ephesians 4:15-16

heart. And we have come to realize that we ourselves also need to be asking those same questions: Are we living lives fully obedient to Christ? Are we fleeing sin? Are we seeking to follow Christ in all aspects of our lives? Are we abiding in His word?

We have come to realize that as discipleship ministry, we are far from perfect; we are far from being examples of Christ. But thankfully, Jesus calls us to follow Him, and to never lose hope. And so we take comfort in striving, knowing that His power is made perfect in our weakness (1 Corinthians 12:9), knowing that we strive only because we have the unchanging, all-powerful Cross. And our hope is that you continue to strive too. Build a Christ-centered life with Christ-centered relationships. Continue to fight sin. Continue to seek Christ above all else. When we understand the place that God has saved us from, these things will be our heart's desires. But only in light of Christ's death and resurrection will we truly desire to become Christ's disciples.

Alexander Lee '10
Kathleen Chang '10

DISCIPLESHIP Ministry

At the start of the year, InReach set out to understand the meaning of this verse and how it applies to our ministry and our lives. As a team, we went over what it means to be a community and to claim one another as brother and sister, just as God has claimed us to be His children (1 John 3:1). As part of the body of Christ, we are called to love one another in response to God's love for us (1 John 4:11). Through this bond, we attempt to encourage each other by sharing in our struggles and our joys in truth and in love (James 5:13-16). At the same time, we encourage one another in deeds and actions with a humble attitude and a servant's heart (1 Peter 4:10). And when InReach becomes hectic, disorganized, and at times, even disheartening, we are reminded by His Word that the most important thing to do is to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him (Luke 10:39-42).

“*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work*”
Ephesians 4:15-16

What we found is that we still have a long way to go. We found that caring for brothers and sisters was easy when life seemed just fine, but when it became tough to find joy and difficult to care for one another, we found that unless we recognized God's grace in the midst of our own insufficiencies, we would ultimately fail. The only way to be a body that builds itself up in love is to realize that our unity comes from the Cross, Christ's crucifixion, and the shed blood. It was the ultimate sacrifice, and the greatest act of love. We cling to the hope that is made possible through His death and resurrection, an inheritance set aside for His children and protected by faith (1 Peter 1:3-4). Rejoicing in this, we recognize God's headship in our ministry and draw ever closer to one another in love through service and care.

Initially, Henry and Mandy announced to CBS that there would be no prayer ministry. I was responsible for that. Last semester, I had told the current servant team and the previous prayer ministry coordinator that I'd consider overseeing the prayer ministry a bit more over the summer.

Well simply put, the internship consumed most of my summer, but God kept tugging at my heart. In fact, there was no peace in my heart during the weeks prior to accepting the position. I told myself I shouldn't feel guilty about it or even think about it. After all how could I predict the future? Was I going to successfully graduate a semester early and find a job? During large group a week later Henry and Mandy presented the vision for prayer based on John 15:7 (ESV). At that point, I knew God wanted me to oversee the ministry. The verse was from the same passage I had in mind—had I decided to oversee the ministry earlier. All of this occurred without any communication between any of us.

Since then, the prayer ministry has progressed in ways I could have never imagined. The ministry's vision for this year is to focus on praying in order to bear fruit, e.g. praying

for missionaries, those who do not know Jesus, and authorities. As the semester progressed, the prayer meetings gradually gravitated from praying about personal needs within CBS towards praying for the world around us as well (roughly 50-50). At prayer meetings, I see a desire to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17) which has been very encouraging to me, an individual with very little faith. In Luke 18, Jesus tells his disciples a parable about a persistent widow who demands justice from a judge. Although the judge did not fear God or care about men, he granted her justice, so that she'd stop bothering him. How much more will our Heavenly Father [listen] if we cry out to Him day and night? In fact, Jesus is concerned—whether or not such faith will continue to exist on earth (Luke 18:8) when He comes again. So, continue to lift up the broken relationships, family and friends who reject Jesus, and anything else to God who is faithful and just (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Finally, even when we feel weak (Matthew 26:41) or don't know what to pray for, remember that the Spirit helps us and intercedes for us as well (Romans 8:26).

“*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*”
John 15:7

PRAISE Ministry

Our theme for this year is "to know" God. We cannot properly worship something unless we know it. Our aim is not to praise with just a "head" knowledge but a "heart" knowledge. Worship begins with grasping glorious, biblical truths about God and ends with expressions of praise.

As a praise team, we have spent a lot of time this semester striving for a better knowledge of God through His word. We've seen in the Psalms: the Lord's steadfast love (42:8), His awesome power in creation (19:1), and His faithfulness (33:4). From the Old Testament to the New Testament, we have been studying and dwelling on what it means to have a heart to fully worship our God, through music and ultimately with our lives.

We've been reminded again and again of our insufficiency apart from the work of Jesus' compensatory atonement. No amount of sincerity or "arms high and heart abandoned" attitude can alone make our worship acceptable to God. On the flip side, no amount of sin can make our worship unacceptable to Him if we cling to the gospel. At times, this semester it felt hypocritical to sing songs with words like "Jesus you alone shall be my first love," because of the way we were not trusting God with our lives. But even songs like these can help align our hearts with God's work in us through the gospel and make us aware of our need for God's Spirit to carry out

those commitments. We have made the commitment to live by the CBS vision—to live by the cross. When we approach God through Christ, "we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him" (Ephesians 3:12).

“
And they sang a new song:
You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you
purchased men for God
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.
You have made them to be
a kingdom and priests
to serve our God, and
they will reign on the earth.”

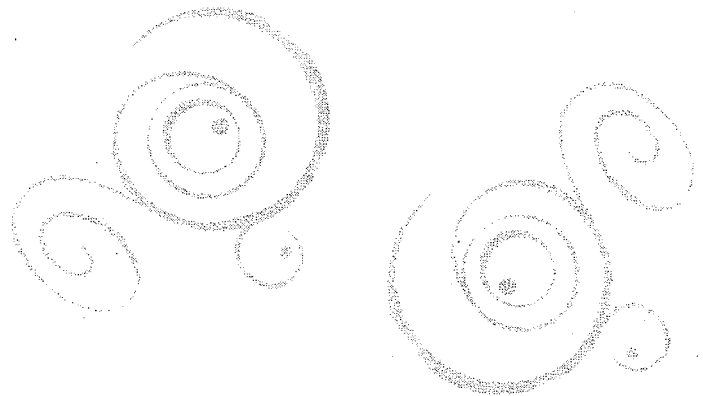
Revelation 5:9-10

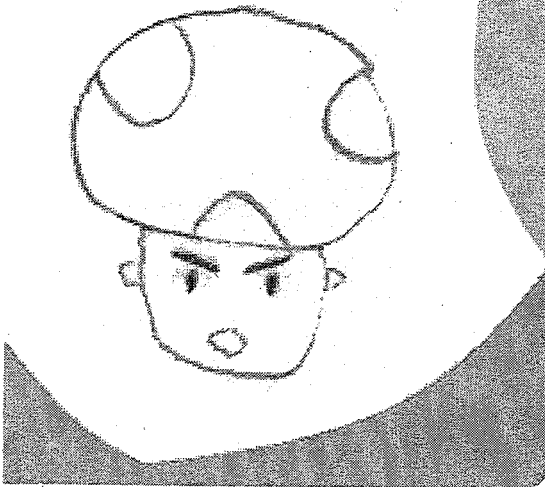
It has been a great joy to hear your lifted voices and your physical expressions of praise. We will end this blurb with two exhortations. First, sing with emotion but avoid emotionalism. Emotionalism is when we pursue a feeling with no regard for how that emotion is produced. In contrast, truth-informed emotion is biblical and God-glorifying.

Second, make the songs yours. Memorize them. Increase your repertoire of songs that you can sing spontaneously. Avoid what is called "Screen Dependency Disorder," which is when our eyes are glued to the screen and we hardly give thought to what we're reading and singing. Try glancing at each line and then looking away as you sing it. God tends to us in different ways, so strive in any way you can to deepen the praise time every

Friday night. Remember that music-produced feelings will fade, but God's living and active Word will continue working in our hearts!

Worship matters. It's what we will be doing for eternity in heaven (Rev. 5:9-10). And it's been an unspeakably wonderful privilege to worship alongside you this semester.





"I don't know," he replied. "It kinda looks like a mushroom, do you like mushrooms?" I inquired. He nodded, but before he was able to exaggerate, I jumped in: "Oh, it looks like Toad!"

Toad (キノピオ) is a humanoid mushroom in games of Nintendo's Super Mario Bros. series. Toad is the general collective name of the "Mushroom People" found in the Mushroom Kingdom, who are a sapient, anthropomorphic mushroom race, with a peaceful, human-following monarchist culture. [Editor's note: Thanks for the clarification :)]

We then went on a tangent, and he shared how he loves to play Super Smash Brothers (his favorite character is Jigglypuff).

ANDREW ZHAO

by Shawn Liang '09

After joining the guys for a little bit of tackle football, Andy removed himself to go back to Jameson to work on his CS 2110 project. What a studious fella! I (and my sore body) was able to track him down later that day to disrupt him for a little while (a forced study break, I guess) for the interview. I was able to learn a little bit more about his guy, who also came from Beijing (like myself) in grade school.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

"It's like Canada in terms of population density (sparse) and the weather." Though, he did admit that it is kinda of cold for him. Andy is intrigued by the things that we do in CBS and he enjoys the speakers.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Computer science (which will most likely be his major--the "real" kind, aka Engineer CS, not Arts and Sciences CS). He thinks coding is fun, especially in Java. Though he did not take the AP exams, he did place out and is currently taking CS2110. His final project is to make an interactive Texas Holdem, which he plays once in a while.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Andy wants to take as many courses (he would

really like to try some economics courses) as possible. Although he is already involved in various activities (such as CSA and CBS), he would like to pursue other opportunities. I gave him my short plug for project teams (don't worry--it was unbiased) and he will consider exploring it in the future.

“How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
...
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.”

Psalm 84:1-10

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Though, he has only been shortly exposed to the Gospel, he believes that God provides him with guidance and happiness. He is blessed with the desire to help and teach others (anything, especially academics)

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

I was prepared to expand on this question, but to my surprise, he answered with great swiftness--Psalm 84
Not only does he enjoy the poetic elements in it, but he is also encouraged by the psalmist's

After joining the

Hometown
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Word Association!

- Manndible: bone
- Black: cool
- Senior class: tall (must be hard too)
- Palette: color
- Sophomore class: "athletic, I don't know"
- Chromatin: protein
- Junior class: smart
- Vote: not for you "point to this"
- Freshmen class: nerdy
- Mirage: fantasy



Andy is going through his speak-less, busy, cold, dry, and gluttonizing freshmen year (he picked the five adjectives). It was encouraging to talk with Andy on this dry, cold day and I wish I can get to know him more as this school year progresses and also grab a few meals with him. If you have not met him or barely know him, I promise that you'll enjoy the opportunity to talk and share with him.

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

It's my name.

David Ho
DAVID HO

HO DAVID

by Richard Kim '10

Welcome

Dave Ho,

Hotie extraordinaire, Dickson dweller, and cool Christian. Alliteration is awesome.

**Q. What was your first impression of Cornell?
Of CBS?**

There were a lot more people [at Cornell] than I imagined. I thought 3000 freshmen isn't a lot, but it is. I thought [CBS] was a close community. It was cool.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I think people manipulation would be interesting. To bend people to your will. Deep psychology, that sounds cool.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Challenge myself.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Being there for others, if they need me, at this point.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

Romans 8:38-39

“ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ”

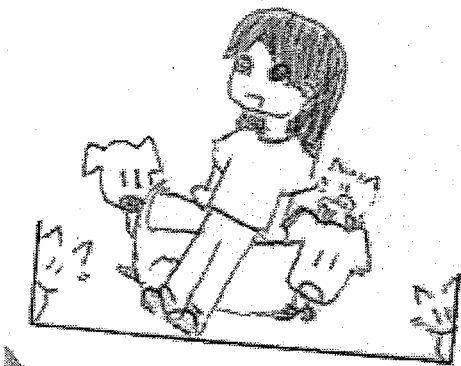
Romans 8:38-39

Hometown
Hong Kong

Word Association!

Manndible: What does that mean?
Black: Darkness
Senior class: Old (but wise... but wise)
[good save, Dave Ho]
Palette: Painting
Sophomore class: Tomtom
Chromatin: Biology
Junior class: Loud [Hey!]
Vote: for what?
Freshmen class: Awesome
Mirage: The Casino

Nicknamed "Cool Dave," he really lives up to the name. He answered the questions succinctly and honestly; more to come from this great freshmen.



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

"I love animals." --Becky

BECKY Lee

by Sue Yao '11

Becky is a freshman Biology major in CALS. She was born in Boulder, Colorado, currently lives in Taiwan and considers both to be her hometown.

Hometown

Boulder, Colorado and
Taiwan

Word Association!

Mandible: Sun-dried
tomato bagel with
veggie cream cheese.

Black: Cat for some
reason

Senior class: Ronny

Palette: Jackie (the
archie)

Sophomore class: Elbert

Chromatin: Genetics

Junior class: Richard

Vote: Obama

Freshmen class: Crazy
birthday parties

Mirage: Fantasy stories

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

I came for Summer College. I like Cornell because of its many facilities especially for Vet. The faculty is also very talented. I thought CBS was really serious, solemn; it was not just any other club or social activity.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Something fun! Swimming. My friends are in swim class and I don't understand how they teach swimming here because they haven't made much progress :-P

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Study! What else? Also get experience for Vet school. Maybe become an expert Ice Skater.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Caring for the people around us. We are all far from home. Many people would love for someone to just say Hi! in the dorm kitchen, hallways and around campus.

//
*Let everything
that has breath //
praise the Lord.*

Psalm 150:6

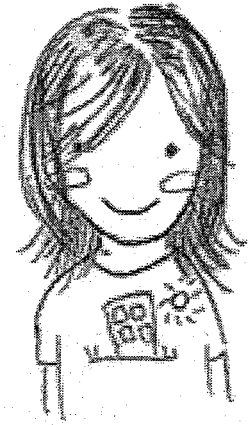
Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

It is a constant reminder that we should praise him in everything we do.

"I didn't go around and search for fellowships, I went to CBS and stuck with it. I like how CBS is like a family and appreciate how much help that I have received." --Becky

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

"The rosy cheeks show that I am happy. Also, I didn't draw my glasses, because they don't look good when they're drawn. I'm wearing a T-shirt, because I'm from California. The building on my shirt shows that I want to be an architect." -Jackie



JACQUELINE Liu

by Judy Liang '10

What makes Jackie approachable is nothing that she does on purpose. Rather, it's the "Jackie faces" that make her friendly. Today, she wore the one with raised eyebrows and wrinkles around an upside-down smile before her interview.

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Well, it was really hot and humid the day that I came to Cornell. My parents and I had flown a red-eye flight. Balch felt like a labyrinth, because I had no idea where I was. I felt disoriented, and orientation didn't help to orient me. My room is big, and my roommate is nice. Rand is shady, but it's okay. I was fellowship-hopping a lot, so I don't really know what my first impression of CBS was. But I like the countdown. It's really cool.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I would be a professor of the Hotel class that tells students to make beds, because then I don't have to do anything. Or I would be a studio professor, because I wouldn't have to do anything either.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 (4.5 for Jackie) years at Cornell?

As Jackie looked at my paper, she observed that her vocabulary was pretty bad in word association. She stated plainly, "My spelling and grammar has been going down the drain." Even so, the lack of those skills won't stop her from being God's daughter.

I want to go to the library. I want to explore the rest of Central Campus, which makes me sound really sad. During a warm night, I want to go to the Arts and Sciences Quad and stargaze. And not get bitten by mosquitoes. I also want to go to the plantations and switch places with an engineer, or non-architect, and see what their day is like.

"Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love."

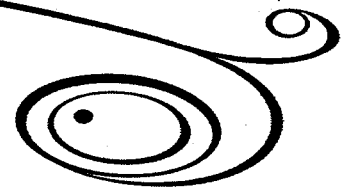
Micah 7:18

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Giving listening time to people...it sounds minor, but I think it's important. I'm still working on sitting patiently and listening.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

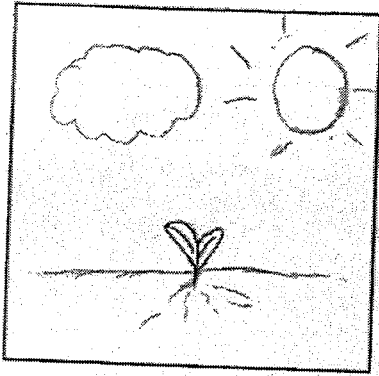
Micah 7:18: This verse encourages me because recently, I find it hard to turn away from sinning, especially with putting things before God. When I realize this, I feel bad, but the verse is encouraging. It shows that God gives another chance.



Hometown
Saratoga, CA

Word Association!

- Manndible: Mandy
- Black: Grace
- Senior class: older
- Palette: artist
- Sophomore class: Thomas
- Chromatin: Biology
- Junior class: old
- Vote: Obama
- Freshmen class: big
- Mirage: desert



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

(She's the plant) "I am growing." --Jamie

The sun and the cloud are like God, or the things God puts in her life, to help her grow.

JAMIE Tsai

by Sandy Zhao '09

For me, a good mark of a person's

character is her punctuality: Jamie decided to meet me for this interview at 10:10am, not at 10:00am, because she had already calculated the time it would take for her to walk to Olin Café from her class. She walked into the café at exactly 10:10—calmly, coolly, no rush, no drama. Of course, there is much more to Jamie's sincere, kind, and humble character than simply her punctuality, as I had the privilege to find out for myself during the course of the interview.

Hometown

Plainsboro, New Jersey

Word Association!

Mandible: What's that?
Black: White
Senior class: I can't think anymore!
Palette: Art
Sophomore class: There is none
Chromatin: Bio
Junior class: Friendly
Vote: No
Freshman class: Social
Mirage: Las Vegas

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

"It's big and there's a lot of grass." Jamie had visited three times before she started class here; once was in 8th grade, when she came with Siyi, a CBS alum '08.

Of CBS: "People were really sincere and serious about God, not just during the message/large group meeting, but after the meeting." Jamie was talking to someone after a CBS large group, and that person kept telling her about how she will grow in Christ at Cornell, and at CBS. Jamie appreciated how people talked about God, and not just, "Oh, you're from New Jersey? Great!!!"

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

"I would teach psychology because I'm in-

clined to think about things that way."

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

"To grow exponentially in the Lord and to get to the point where God is more real to me than any person could be, so that I look to God instead of always wanting to look to other people. To learn and to find closure to things that happened in my past."

Hosea 11:2

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*But the more I called Israel,
the further they went from me.
They sacrificed to the Baals
and they burned //
incense to images.*

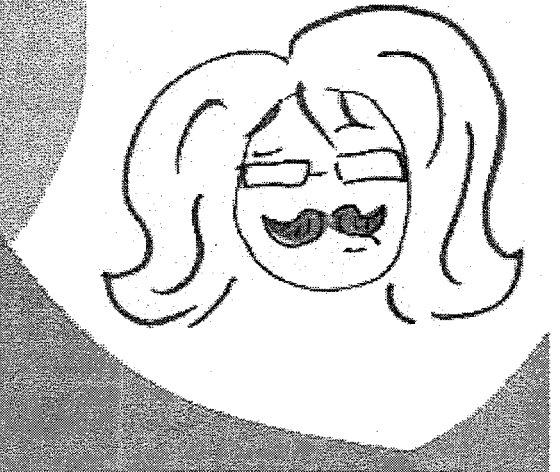
Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

"To reach individuals; to comfort, encourage, and strengthen others."

Jamie is a remarkable sister in Christ whose hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and wisdom is evident and insatiable. It was encouraging and humbling for me to see her think carefully before answering each question, and then respond with something real from her heart. I have faith that God will continue to answer Jamie's prayers, and grow her more and more, so that she will always bear much fruit to His glory. Praise Him!

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

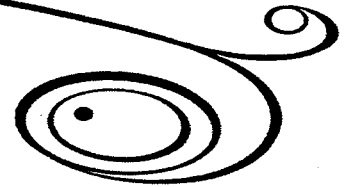
"This is me- both what I am and what I wish I could be. The glasses are self-explanatory. I wish I had voluminous (purple?) hair and a mustache that would keep my face warm during the cold winters." -Jessica



Lin JESSICA

by Cynthia Kwong '09

Our fated meeting was delayed for a few days, just enough time for the Ithaca rain to set in and drench the campus. But that had no effect on the warmth I felt from getting to know this freshman CBS-er from deep in the heart of Texas.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell was scary and exciting and orientation seems so far away now that it's this far into the semester. But she remembers the Huggy Bear game [a.k.a clumps] in a big field CBS was in that really tiny room [219] and really crowded, but she stuck with us!

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Professor of Cooking and Baking -- because she loves cooking and baking

cookies and pastries, why else?

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Graduate [all in good time, m'dear]; make lots of friends; have fun and enjoy her time at Cornell

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Be more connected with the fellowship group here, and serve the church [And recruited by the interview on the spot =D]

“ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ”

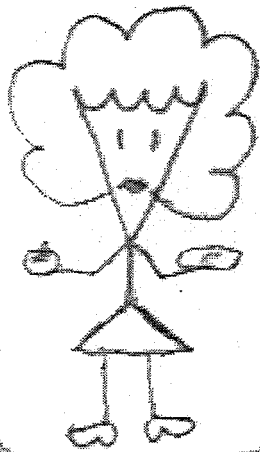
Philippians 4:6

Hometown
Richardson, TX

Word Association!

- Mandible: Mann library!
- Black: CBS hoodie [yeahhh hoodies!]
- Senior class: You [i.e. the interviewer]
- Palette: Pellets [i.e. interviewer can't pronounce "palette"]
- Sophomore class: Who?
- Chromatin: Eww...Biology...why? [hurts... so...much...]
- Junior class: Cars
- Vote: Obama
- Freshman class: Awesome
- Mirage: Desert

So for anybody who likes to bake, cook, play or all of the above, Jessica will be more than happy to take you on. What better way is there to serve and encourage college undergrads than to feed their hungry stomachs and insatiable sweet...teeth?



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

"I hope I don't become like that 30 years from now. I started drawing this when I was really little. And this is what came out... I'm not artistic at all. Oh, and the person is wearing high heels and I need to wear them because I'm short!"
-Joanna

by Yvette Wong '09

JOANNA Zhang

After bringing Joanna to eat at Keaton (where she agreed that West food really isn't that bad after all) and eating lots of ice cream, pizza, waffles, and wings (and using the excuse that we should eat more when it's cold outside), we headed over to my room. It was really cool to hear her share what God has been teaching her and see how much she has grown in knowing God since the semester started.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

The food was awesome. It's very slopey. The people at CBS are really friendly and sincere.

Do all the Cornell things that every Cornelian should do. Do well in school. Meet a lot of people and have a group of people that you can talk to about anything. Get a job afterwards. Get something Yvette has.

Hometown

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Word Association!

- Mandible: I don't even know what that is.
- Black: dark
- Senior class: funny
- Palette: paint
- Sophomore class: crazy
- Chromatin: I don't know what that is either.
- Junior class: super juniors! (WOOT!!!)
- Vote: election
- Freshmen class: ok.
- Mirage: Oh, I know what that means! ...Sunset?

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I would teach marketing because it's very fun and creative. It's not just a fact class where you just read the books. And it's more interactive.

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Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - of anything is excellent or praiseworthy - // think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Joanna is a really, really cool freshmen from the coolest country in the world (yeah Canada). She is still undecided on her major, and thinks working banquets is lots of fun. She also really likes the Girls' Bible Study that she's in, she wishes she were taller, and I'm really glad she decided to come to CBS :)

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

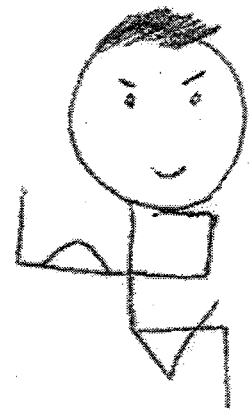
Right now, I have a lot of non-Christian friends, and they don't see why I go to fellowship, and they don't understand me and I feel defensive. So God has asked me to show them that they're missing out

on God's love. And also to love other people in the things that I say and talk about with them.

How the self portrait reflects who he is:

"The exaggerated biceps represent the strength I have. The hand under the chin shows how thoughtful I am. And the brows are there because I would look weird without them."

—Justin



JUSTIN Deng

by Xi Guo '09

The following document contains classified information from the "interview" concerning the background of an individual who recently joined our "family". The individual was able to successfully complete the "training" and passed the "leap of faith" with flying colors. Please disregard the use of quotes in the previous sentences. [Editor's note: I apologize for your "birthday interview."]

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

I thought Cornell was big and cold (he came last spring during Cornell days), and CBS was uncaring, cold, and cruel. But playing halo with the people in CBS was fun.

tasia, which is animated musical film not by Disney]

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Mature as a person, prepare myself [for what

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Either Math or Chem, so I can tell students that they are wrong. But if the student turns out to be competent, I would either lead them down in a path of corruption so I will be able to tell them that they are wrong.

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*So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am
your God.
I will strengthen you and help
you;
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

Q. Favorite Disney song? [Editor's note: ??]

In the Beginning with You. [I think it's supposed to be At the Beginning with You, from Anas-

comes after], and grow more both spiritually and in height. Also, learn karate and then beat up a few anonymous people.

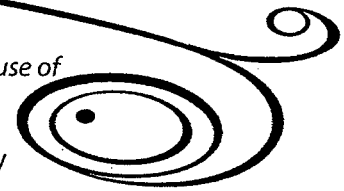
Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

By supporting them. I used to be a lonely kid, so one specific way I feel I can serve other well is to empathize with people who are feeling lonely.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

Isaiah 41:10, Romans 12:20, Psalm 37

Justin Deng may appear to be very awkward sometimes, but once you spend some time with him you will discover his affable personality, his persistent spirit, and his ninja-like instinct. Also, the senior guys are sorry for not checking with Justin before conducting the "interview". They hope Justin had "fun".

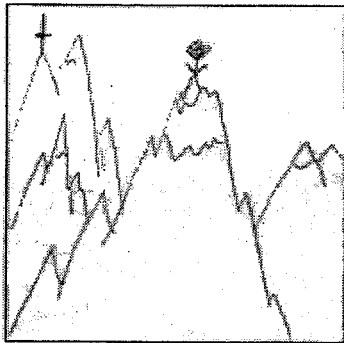


Hometown

Memphis, TN (but he actually lives in Cherry Hill, NJ)

Word Association!

Manndible: Fang/Pincer
Black: Negro (Spanish word for black, he made a point that he means nothing bad)
Senior class: uhh...
Palette: Tongue, also Pallet Town (from Pokémon)
Sophomore class: Kevin Yang's smiling face w/ glasses and him looking to the upper left
Chromatin: Cruel Muffin
Junior class: Black hair
Vote: President
Freshmen class: Awesomeness
Mirage: Tank
Protoss: Zealot
Battlecruiser: Yamato Gun



How the self portrait reflects who he is:

"Physically, my dream is to climb Mount Everest, and spiritually, God is always above me and I strive to reach Him." --David [Editor's note: By chance, David and Ronny were paired

=P]

DAVID Bu

by Ronny Huang '09

David Bu, sporting a long orange jacket and an expression as far away as the deep south, met me in front of Collegetown Bagels for a ride to lunch at Tabernacle Baptist Church.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Very hilly. It was tiring to walk far. It felt like I was gonna be in pain just walking to class.

As far as CBS goes... I don't really know. I thought it was one of those things where I don't have a first impression. But at the same time it was what I expected of a fellowship. There wasn't any special thing that stood out that I didn't expect. It was the kind of fellowship that suited me. It's a lot like the summer youth camp that I go to back at home.

// *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God // that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

That's weird. I've never even thought about that. I guess I would teach some kind of science or engineering class, though I don't know spe-

cifically what. I enjoy math and science; that's why I decided to be an engineer. I don't think I'll like being a professor because teaching classes everyday would be no fun.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

If it works out, I hope to get a minor in engineering management. Of course I would like to mature as a person, as well as gain spiritual growth. I also hope to obtain many memorable memories. [What is the criteria for a good memory?] Well, it could be a memory of something embarrassing or happy, as long as I remember it when I'm 70.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Evangelizing to unbelievers: I feel like it's something I should do, but I'm not so good at it, which is exactly why I'm in the bible study.

Like most of the freshmen, David has much to learn and do in Cornell. David, we are delighted to have you in CBS and encouraged by seeing the ways in which God has changed you thus far. May we continue spurring one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hometown

Oxford, Mississippi

Word Association!

Mandible: edible

Black: white

Senior class: 2008

Palette: Pontius Pilate

Sophomore class: Elbert

Chromatin: AP Bio

Junior class: Treyton

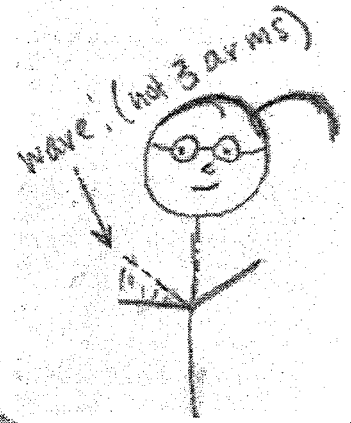
Vote: Obama

Freshmen class: "That's weird"

Mirage: tanks from Command & Conquer

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

"I have my hair in a pony-tail, and I like to wave at people."
-Katarina



Ng KATARINA

by Van-Kim Bui '11

After urging Kat to come shop with me at Nastie's, we headed to the second floor of RPCC for our interview. Unintentionally, I made her super nervous as if she were taking a test (and we already have enough tests to worry about!). After reassuring her that this was NOT a test, we buckled down and started the interview.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

People are not as stuck up as Ivy League [people] are supposed to be. I thought they were going to be really smart [uh...what?]-
-I mean only focused on academics.

CBS was very biblically sound. It was obvious that the upperclassmen love God and have a heart to serve.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I don't know *taps fingers* I'd teach Spanish, but I'm not fluent, but I like Spanish.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

I haven't figured it out. There's still time to figure out what I'm supposed to do, but along the way, I want to build up good relationships.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

To be an ear to hear.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

Hebrews 4:16, because it shows that Jesus in the bridge to God; and Philippians 3:13b-14 (likes the analogy of the race.

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Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
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Hebrews 4:16

Hometown

Boston, Massachusetts

Word Association!

- Mandible: jaw
- Black: newspaper
- Senior class: calm
- Palette: food
- Sophomore class: I don't know them well enough *after realizing she was talking to a sophomore*... but I want to!
- Chromatin: what?
- Junior class: weird [very adamant about this statement]
- Vote: November 4
- Freshmen class: *ponders* I don't know...

In conclusion, I decided that there were still some things we didn't know about Kat! So I bombarded her with questions about her favorite things. I found that:

Her favorite color is blue. She has no favorite animal. She dislikes cookies, cakes, and sweets [how sad!]. Her favorite sport is running and track, and she loves to watch soccer.

After this, we planned a date to watch Remember the Titans [Go inspirational sports movies!:]



How the self portrait reflects who he is:
"I can't draw."—Kufre

by Eric Yau '10

KUFRE Inyang

Kufre is by far the manliest guy in the freshmen class, hands down. The dude is menacing, tall, and silent. I interviewed him hoping to see a glimpse of the light-hearted side of him...but he just wouldn't conform. A rock, I tell you. A rock.



Hometown

Huntsville, Texas

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: This place is huge.
CBS: These kids seem nice.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

[No response]

Word Association!

Manndible: What?
Black: Blue
Senior class: Old
Palette: Taste
Sophomore class: Sucks*
Chromatin: Chemistry
Junior class: Meh
Vote: Election
Freshmen class: Me
Mirage: Desert

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

American History because I like history. We would watch movies that I claim are history-related.

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

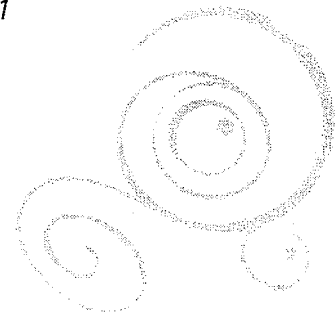
Isaiah 41

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Not fail out.

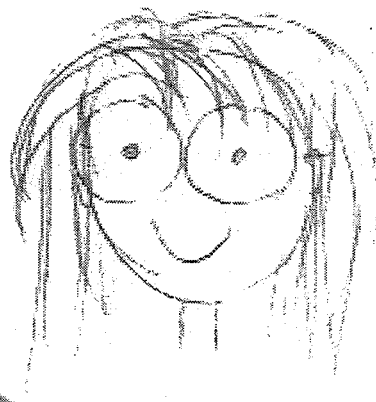
*He's terse.
BUT: he has that soft side of him. I know it...all cute and cuddly and fuzzy inside. Hopefully, in time he will surprise us all—who knows! But until then, Kufre, keep on being you; we're glad you have found fellowship here in CBS. :)*

**[Kufre also would like to add that none of what was said was personal, and if anything, was said in jest :P]*



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

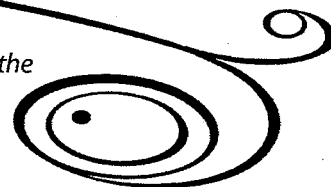
"I wear glasses, so I drew glasses, and I drew a smiley face because I smile. But the skinny neck is random." -Luna



LUNA Chen

by Kathleen Chang '10

On a brisk Tuesday afternoon, Luna and I share a meal together at Trillium. We eat our Trillium salads (Luna gets Thousand Island dressing on the side and comments on the inclusion of mandarin oranges in my salad. She's never put oranges in her salad before). As we talk and eat our fiber for the day, I see more and more of Luna's hopeful and bright perspective – a refreshing perspective amidst the mundane problem sets and seemingly pointless exams.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

It was huge, I got lost the first time I came here. And people are all really nice. When

I came to visit Cornell in April, even then, people were all really nice. People at CBS are even nicer.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

General chemistry! Because I like chemistry and I'll make the tests really easy so the freshmen don't feel as bad as we do now.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

I plan to make a lot of friends and find an identity for myself and who I should become.

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Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:4

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

When I see other people treating other people nicely, it encourages me to do the same.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

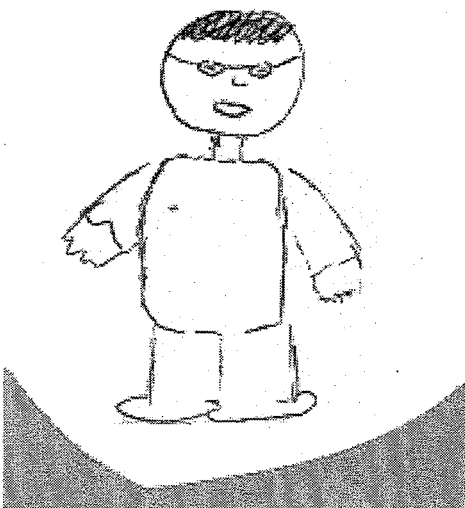
From the Girls' bible study: 1 Peter 3:4.

Hometown
Beijing, China

Word Association!

Mandible: What?
Black: Sesame
Senior class: You! <insert Kathleen face -_- "I'm a junior..."> Henry!
Palette: Food
Sophomore class: VK
Chromatin: Nightmare
Junior class: ... You!
Vote: Obama
Freshmen class: Rachel
<awwww>
Mirage: The Sea

And so this concludes my interview with Luna (not to be confused with the cat from Sailor Moon... Moon prism power! Okay, I need to get out of these parentheticals before I embarrass myself further). Talk to this awesome girl for a refreshing outlook on life!



How the self portrait reflects who he is:
"I am a person with glasses and cannot draw." - Mike

MICHAEL Chin

by Elbert Chang '11

I met up with Michael Chin in the place I always seem to see him: Duffield. It only seemed appropriate. He is quite an interesting young fellow. Let us see where this interview will go (Eeeek, I just spilled soy sauce on my pants; I hope I can get through this interview!).

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Michael was initially impressed by the sheer size of Cornell. Cornell felt very imposing to Michael for there were so many people on campus. Yet, he did find the weather here to be much more comfortable than expected. As for CBS, he felt that it was very friendly, yet quirky and crazy (in a good way). He wondered why people were calling him "Greg" after his initial visit [Editor's note: Michael resembles Greg Huang, '07].

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

If Michael were a professor here, he would want to teach something Food Science related because of Alton Brown. But he also wants to teach Physics, because "physics is awesome" [Oh Michael... =P].

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Michael hopes to graduate, make some new friends, and grow a little everyday during his time here at Cornell. Oh, he also hopes to find love too (Awwwww... me too =D).

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Michael feels that God has been calling him to care for others. He does this by being available for others, spending time with people, putting others' needs first, and supporting one another.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

Proverbs 3:5-7. This verse encourages Michael for it reminds him how little he knows compared to God and how he should trust in God's will.

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*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; //
fear the LORD and shun evil.*

Proverbs 3:5-7

Hometown
Cherry Hill, NJ

Word Association!

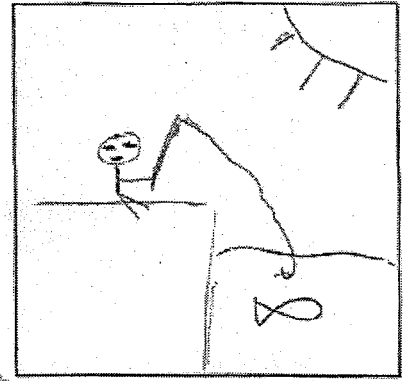
- Mandible: Zerglings (Starcraft)
- Black: Jack
- Senior class: Taller than me
- Palette: Taste
- Sophomore class: Quirky
- Chromatin: DNA
- Junior class: Like Freshmen Class
- Vote: Democracy
- Freshmen class: Sleep
- Mirage: Tank (Red Alert 2)

It was a pleasure to speak with Michael. It has only been 3 months, and Mike seems to have it all together. I hope he continues to rely on God for guidance during the rest of his life at Cornell.

P.S. I was able to get through this interview despite having my pants smell delicious.

How the self portrait reflects who he is:

"Why teach a man how to fish if he is blind?" - Mike



MICHAEL Hwang

by Caleb Chan '09

It was ridiculous. Here we were on the second floor of Trillium, trying to get an interview finished and this guy couldn't stay focused. Every five minutes some person would walk through the door with a "Hi Mike!" Eventually it got done. Here it is.

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

It's a really nice campus. Everyone's really nice the first week, but then everyone started getting into groups. I actually thought the food was bad when I first got here... I guess it's ok now. I thought CBS was a very close-knit group so it was actually hard to get conversations started with people (other than freshmen), because they talked to each other, but as I came more it got easier. I also really enjoyed the first large group. I liked that it was a little traditional.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Archery. I think it would be cool to see people walk around with bows and arrows (and elf ears). I always pictured myself on top of a hill with a bow and arrow. It's a lot less effective than a gun, but I feel more powerful.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

I guess the first thing is just to graduate. I'd like to get really close to the guys... and girls too I guess, to the point where we see each other and

we'd know how the other person is doing. And it wouldn't be awkward to ask "How are you doing?" I'd really like to see a huge revival on campus. I think that'd be really sick.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

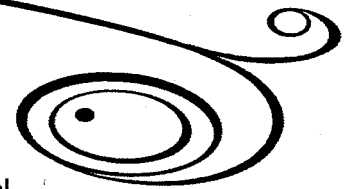
To encourage, at least the freshmen guys, and keep them accountable. We actually are supposed to meet every Saturday to talk. And I like to do devotions with Tim Shin (but we have trouble waking up at the same time). We also call each other midweek to see how each of us is doing.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

Matthew 11: 25-30. I actually just read it this past Sunday. 'Cause I feel like Jesus is just saying "Do it!" almost like "just 'cause I said so." I also think it will be very important in the next 3.5 years. I'm sure I will be tired. Also at TAB, I was really tired and falling asleep while they were talking about the passage. And it reminded me that even when you're tired and you're at church you shouldn't be falling asleep but that you should be comforted, not falling asleep.

“...Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:30



Hometown

Middletown, NJ, United States of America

Word Association!

Mandible: eat [he confused it with masticate... "wait... isn't it like your jaw or something?"]

Black: white

Senior class: Henry

Palette: mouth

Sophomore class:

Thomas

Chromatin: biology

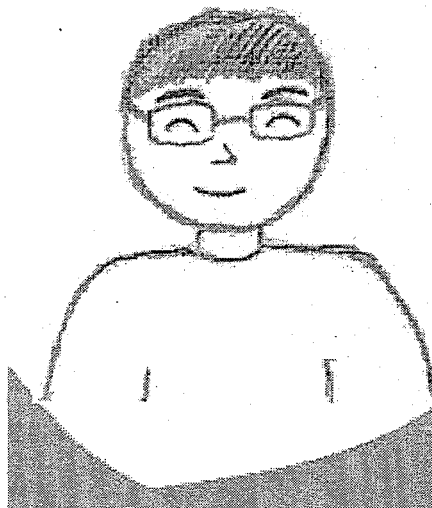
Junior class: Richard

Vote: win

Freshmen class: me

Mirage: cologne "It sounds like it'd be a nice cologne to wear: Mirage... the scent of mystery!"

In conclusion, it wasn't Mike's fault that he was getting distracted. He had made a commitment at the beginning of the year to meet every single person on campus down to the very last individual. Apparently he is succeeding. Good guy, smart chap, handsome fellow, and devoted Christian. Get to know him, or he'll get (to know) you.



How the self portrait reflects who he is:

"I'm generally an optimistic person, who generally has bad vision." --Nathan

NATHAN KWONG

by Eric Yau '10

Being the younger sibling of a well-known

Cornell alumnus might sometimes warrant unwelcomed comments

such as, "Oh, you're his brother?" or "What did he tell you about Cornell?" But from what I can tell, Nathan Kwong has been doing just fine at making Cornell his college. I got to sit down with him after CBS and let him fill out his own interview (it saved me a lot of energy, although in retrospect I do feel a bit useless.)

Nonetheless, here we go!



Hometown

Moraga, California

Word Association!

Manndible: Potato forks
[interviewer's note:
I allowed him two
words since just po-
tato or forks isn't right]
Black: Kufre!
Senior class: Interesting
Palette: Food
Sophomore class:
Stressed
Chromatin: DNA
Junior class: Very Inter-
esting [interviewer's
note: I think so too :)]
Vote: President
Freshmen class: Tight-
knit
Mirage: Desert

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

I came into Cornell with horror stories of academic carnage from my brother, but I was happy to find that I still had plenty of time aside from schoolwork. At least for now...

I was impressed by CBS's hospitality, which really made me feel welcome.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I would be a professor of marine biology, which used to be my dream as a kid.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Survive with passable grades, discover what I want to do and what God wants for me, and develop a greater heart for God.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

I think God called me to serve others through music and just having a servant's heart (work in progress).

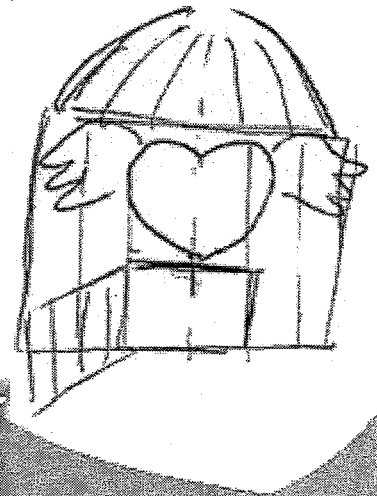
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But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us... We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may // also be revealed in our body.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Nathan, we're definitely glad you chose CBS and the weird people in it your family. Three and half years is still a long time, but hopefully you'll be able to grow and look back on those years and see how God showed you what He wanted from you, and to see how God was faithful in the good and the bad. Keep on keeping on!

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

"College life, to me means freedom. I am now responsible for my own life. Before, I was restricted by many things, but now, my life is about me, my choices, and my decisions. I am eager to fly out of the cage to try the world." –Peihsuan



PEIHSUAN Tsai

by Van-Kim Bui '11

After a long telephone chain, I finally got a hold of Peihsuan. We met in the lobby of Willard Straight since our previously decided location (Libe Caf ) was super packed. She had a class soon, so we dove right into the interview.

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell has a big, huge, beautiful campus. There's a lot of walking – uphill, downhill—walking every day. CBS has nice people who were very passionate about newcomers.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I would teach physics because I love physics and I think I'm good at physics...at least for now.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

I want to visit every corner of campus. I've only been to North and Central. I haven't even seen West.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

I can notice if something is wrong with friends and I try to ask them about what happened and try my best to help.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

I am encouraged when other people share God's Word with me.

Hometown

Sugar Land, Texas (yay!)

Word Association!

Mandible: White choco-

late mocha

Black: White

Senior class: Graduation

Palette: What is that?

Sophomore class: Elbert

Chromatin: What is that?

(She's an engineer, and they don't need to know this!)

Junior class: musicians...

I don't know why I think that.

Vote: Obama

Freshmen class: New life in college

Mirage: future

After completing the required questions of the interview, I asked Peihsuan if there was anything she wanted people to know that wasn't covered in the interview, and she simply said, "No." After seeing my confused look, she elaborated saying that it's better when people discover things about her, not when she tells people things about her. How poetic!



How the self portrait reflects who he is:
It describes me well.

PENG Wei

by Jefferson Wu '10

So just a couple of hours before the BoL is published and many days after the submission deadline, I was able to sit down with Peng after our last CBS to conduct this interview in good ole Philips 101 and avoid the wrath of our Editor-in-Chief [Editor's note: Thanks, Jefferson -_-].



**Q. What was your first impression of Cornell?
Of CBS?**

I don't know. It was pretty big. The campus is nice.

**Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what
would you teach and why?**

I would teach Chinese, because I'm Chinese.

**Q. What do you hope to do during your next
3.5 years at Cornell?**

I'm planning to learn a lot of stuff, find internships, and make friends. Maybe also find what I actually want to do in the future.

**Q. What's one way you feel that God has
called you to serve others?**

Doing the interview for you.

**Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages
you?**

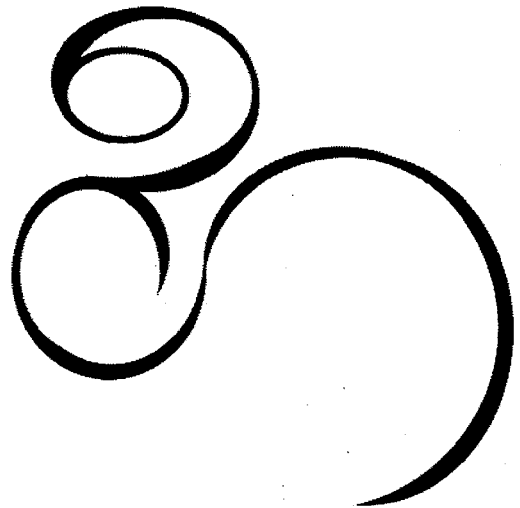
None yet, haven't read the Bible.

Hometown

Hometown: Boston, MA

Word Association!

Mandible: Grade
Black: Night
Senior class: Laid back
Palette: What's a palette?
Sophomore class: Little more familiar with the environment
Chromatin: Evolution
Junior class: Busy
Vote: I can't
Freshmen class: Confused
Mirage: Phantom Mira



For a person that came from Boston, good thing he didn't go to Haavard or else I would have never met him. Hopefully as the years goes on, we can get to know Peng better and struggle together in learning about Christianity.

How the self portrait reflects who he is:

Simple, it is what he sees when he looks into the mirror. He used to have short hair, but he has not gotten a chance to get it cut for a while.

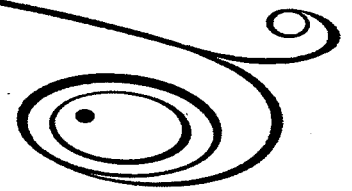
I was surprised at his art piece - especially the fine details. I provided him with a blunt tipped, eraser-less pencil; just imagine if he had a really good one!



DAVID Liu

by Shawn Liang '09

It was a struggle to track David Liu down; my initial attempts by email and cell were futile. I was finally able to interview him (right before the deadline) in the RPU Main TV Lounge, with "House" being shown in the background (a show that he once watched).



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

It was huge; quite an "amazing place." He described vividly to me his initial Cornell experience when his parents dropped off on Thurston Bridge during orientation week to find parking.

He got lost and wandered around for an hour. He characterizes the people as smart and nice.

PH203 was filled with people when he first visited; he was amazed at the things we had (instrument and computers). He was expecting a little dark room with people and bibles.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Of course it will be art! He wants to be good at impressionistic drawings. I really want to see his bio notes (supposedly it is filled with drawings). He is currently an undecided major in A&S.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Visit different places at Cornell; he heard that there is a giraffe somewhere in the Vet school and he wants to visit it (is there one?). In addition, he would like to become more athletic.

*" This is what the Lord says:
Stand at the crossroad and
look; ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is,
and walk in it, and you
will find rest for your souls... "*

Jeremiah 6:16

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

He has to desire to share his belief with his non-Christian friends at Cornell (some are Hindi and atheist). He has enjoyed some of his deep conversations about religion with them.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

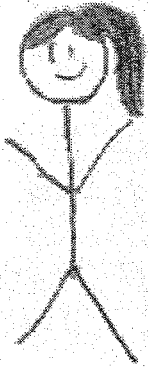
Jeremiah 6:16

Hometown

Taiyuan, ShanXi, China

Word Association!

- Mandible: "something edible by man?"
- Black: eyes
- Senior class: "2008," really smart
- Palette: layers of paint
- Sophomore class: creative
- Chromatin: bio final
- Junior class: basketball
- Vote: Obama
- Freshmen class: sophomore?
- Mirage: fountain



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

She started out with a detailed sketch, but erased it and resorted to the simple stick figure drawing. "I'm a girl with black hair and I'm pretty tall." And then after a few seconds of consideration, "But you have to get to know me to really know me. It's hard to put that stuff down on paper."

RACHEL Har

by Ann Yang '11

Rachel Har is

the middle child of a family of three, with an older brother in college and a younger sister in high school. She is in the process of changing her major from biology to Biology & Society [!] in the College of Arts and Sciences. She enjoys sports, particularly volleyball, and likes reading in her spare time.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

Hometown
suburbia, Westchester town of Briarcliff Manor, NY

Cornell: "HUGE and at times really overwhelming. I'm realizing it provides you with a sense of independence and you need to be self-motivated, so I'm just trying to keep up with everything."

She likes music so she plans on joining praise team in the near future. She enjoys the more personal, one-on-one relationships, so she hopes to build and maintain strong friendships that will help her keep others accountable. And on top of that, she hopes to do some community service at Cornell.

Word Association!

- Mandible: café
- Black: night sky
- Senior class: graduating
- Palette: paint
- Sophomore class: Van-Kim
- Chromatin: What is that, a science term...?
- DNA! [... and she's a bio major =P]
- Junior class: almost there
- Vote: president
- Freshmen class: new!
- Mirage: illusion

CBS: "I heard a lot about CBS from friends before coming to Cornell, so I had some good expectations about it. So far, it's been really good and people have been very welcoming. I think it will help me spiritually."

"
At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

...
so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs // having the hope of eternal life.

She would want to be a French language professor if she were fluent because it's something she enjoyed learning in high school.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Rachel hopes to branch out of her comfort zone and try some new things. She will definitely try to tray down Libe Slope at least once.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

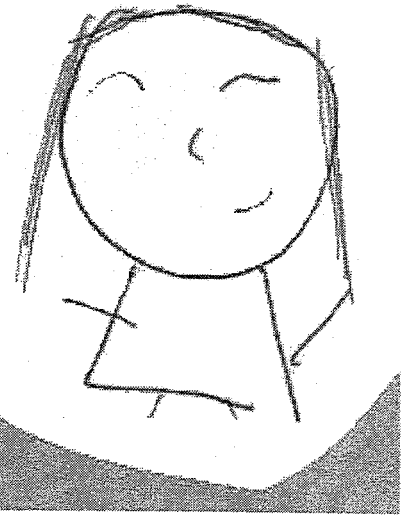
"I was looking through some of my old notes from past devotions and I stumbled upon this one. I hadn't looked at it in a long time, but when I read it, I remembered why I had copied it down in the first place. It talks about how we were so evil and blinded by the world's pleasures, 'foolish, disobedient, and deceived!... but it was God's kindness and through His mercy that I was saved. It reminds me that I didn't do anything righteous to earn His grace, but He loved me so much that He died for me. I hope it encourages others who read it. Hmm... I should hang it up on my wall."

Titus 3:3-7

Rachel is excited for her next three years at Cornell and hopes she can figure out what she wants to do in life while building lasting relationships. She will also return to The Terrace again because the Statler Salad with sesame ginger dressing that she just had for the first time was really good =).

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

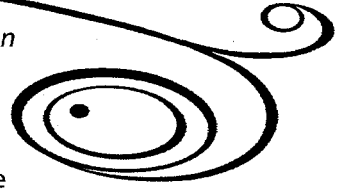
Haha, honestly I'm not really sure. I think it reflects of course, my inadequacy in artistic representation and drawing ^^ On another note it remains a reminder for me to pursue the faith of a child (Matt 11:25).



RUTH Chan

by Kersing Huang '09

Ruth and I had planned to meet before CBS to do this interview, but it was postponed several times. Finally, I was able to interview her in Caleb's room over dinner prepared by her mother. So what does this NY (Yankees) fan have to say about ... well you'll see.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cold, but warm dorms. I came to Cornell to visit my sister [as for first impression of CBS]. There are a lot of inside jokes. I visited CBS during a service auction [Yun-ting '08 was selling a talk-

serve others in CBS [and] church, graduate (laughs), and hone some skills that won't be used for the rest of our life (laughs). That guy [Charles Lai] shared that he was an engineer and now he's an actuary [during one CBS large group].

ing service because he had a soothing voice or something like that]. [A group of people] serious about God.

“ We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. ”

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

[Some sort of] meditation class, sleeping, relaxation, stretching. Cornell students need sleep.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

God's calling, but I'm working on answering. You know receiving, picking up (hand is in the shape of a phone) Prayer ... yeah ... and learning how to be gracious.

Daniel 9:18b

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

“Can I get a Bible?” ... Daniel 9:18b

It's a reminder that even when we ask God something, [He's sovereign]. Doing all things for God.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

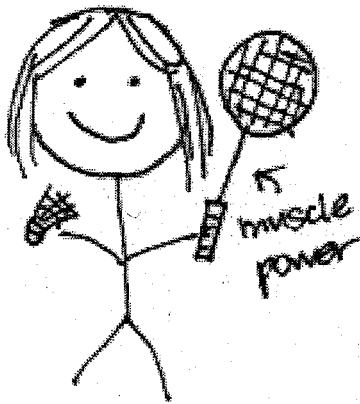
Learn more about God; praise team has been going through searching ourselves. How to

Hometown
New York, NY

Word Association!

- Manndible: Judy
- Black: tooth
- Senior class: um
- Palette: mouth
- Sophomore class: weird
- Chromatin: DNA
- Junior class: Eddygate
- Vote: can't
- Freshmen class: awesome, no
- Mirage: The Incredibles

Remember how we had to postpone the interview; well it was because she brought her roommate to Dr. Fay's talk about Christianity and science that Friday. Now her roommate wants to come to CBS and learn more about Christ. I can't wait to see how God will work in her life and those around her in the years to come.



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

Everyone who has played badminton with me comments on how vicious I am though I'm actually very nice. See, no angry dimple!

SANDRA Quah

by Grace Chen '10

It was a cold, blustery afternoon when I sat down with the bluntly honest freshman by the name of Sandra Quah. She graciously shared her fries as we ate lunch at the Ivy Room.



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell seemed to be a bit unfriendly and lonely because I didn't know anyone. I don't really remember my first impression of CBS—people were interested. I really liked ACE [the ice cream social]. Richard Kim talked with me about Materials Science the whole time.

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

I'd teach badminton because it's easy. I don't want people asking me questions that I don't know the answers to.

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

I hope to graduate. It seems like a challenge right now. I want to also visit the observatory and walk on the suspension bridge.

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

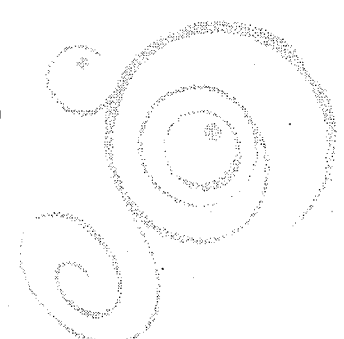
Caring for others: spiritually, emotionally and physically supporting others.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

There are too many, but one of them is Joshua 1:9.

“*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*”

Joshua 1:9



Hometown
Cupertino, CA

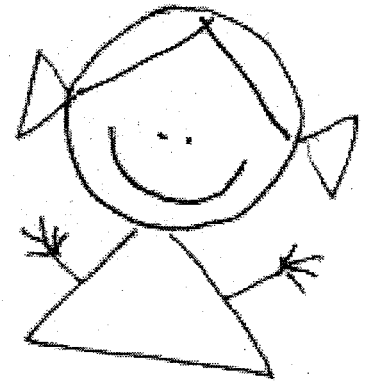
Word Association!

- Mandible: Cafe
- Black: Grace
- Senior class: Calm, peaceful
- Palette: Food
- Sophomore class: Interesting
- Chromatin: What?! Nerdy
- Junior class: Really Weird
- Vote: Can't! Oh wait, now I can... as of a few days ago.
- Freshmen class: The Best.
- Mirage: Las Vegas.

If you haven't yet played badminton with Sandra, beware! Although she may be an impervious threat on the court, don't be intimidated because she really IS every bit as friendly as her self-portrait depicts. (Another cool fact I learned: she's also super talented at translating C-pop into English!).

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

I can't draw, I like things to be simple, and I like seeing smiles! :)



SHELINA Gautama

by Mandy Zhao '09

I had a wonderful time getting to know Shelina better. Not only is it really cool that she is an identical twin (and she actually really looks like her twin sister), but she can also make beautiful geometric paper sculpture mobile-things, cook delicious Indonesian food, and tell you a lot about plants.

**Q. What was your first impression of Cornell?
Of CBS?**

Cornell: I thought it was very pretty! CBS: Everyone looked [like they were] Chinese. And they were all nice. I felt welcomed.

**Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what
would you teach and why?**

Agriculture, because I like my agriculture class and it's a fun subject to teach!

**Q. What do you hope to do
during your next 3.5 years
at Cornell?**

Study! And take classes with lots of field trips!

**Q. What's one way you feel
that God has called you to serve others?**

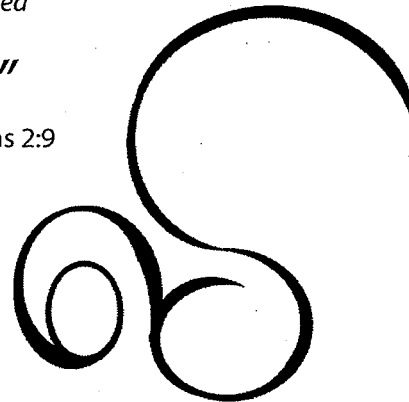
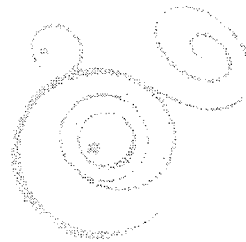
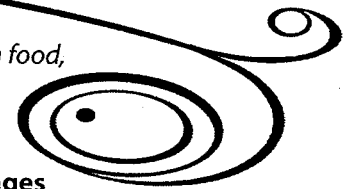
I would like to serve by teaching, but I can't really explain things well. When I tried teaching math to a classmate before, I had to explain through Shelly [her twin sister].

**Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages
you?**

1 Corinthians 2:9

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*However, as it is written:
'No eye has seen, no ear has
heard, no mind has conceived
what God has prepared
for those who love him.'*

1 Corinthians 2:9

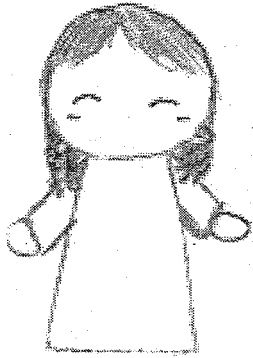


Hometown
Jakarta, Indonesia

Word Association!

Manndible: "Good food!"
Black: "Color"
Senior class: "Old!"
Palette: "What's that?"
Something to do with painting?"
Sophomore class: "I don't know"
Chromatin: "Sounds like bio..."
Junior class: "Yvette!"
Vote: "Obama!"
Freshmen class: "Me!"
Mirage: "I don't know"

Shelina showed me pictures of her and Shelly, and I guessed correctly who was who about 60% of the time, which is quite sad. In any case, after spending time with Shelina and getting to know her unique qualities, I'm sure she will continue to be a blessing to everyone around her.



How the self portrait reflects who she is:

It shows my lack of artistic talent >.< Not a creative person. I usually look happy no matter how stressed I am.

TIFFANY Tsai

by Cynthia Kwong '09

**[] enclose the interviewer's comments*

This sweet girl from a big city offered me a huge smile and an enthusiastic wave when I found her outside WSH for our interview. As I learned more about her, I'm pleasantly surprised over and over again. Alrighty kids, let's bond! [kekekeke...]



Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

She thought that Cornell was pretty, diverse and really big. She talked to a lot of people during orientation week that she hasn't seen

since [so true...]

CBS seemed really intense and intimidating [vision day], but she found out what we were really like in the ACE [ice cream social]: crazy and fun [=D]

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

Professor of Toxicology [<3] because she wants to know all about poisons and antidotes, especially the ones that you read about and see in movies [locane! ~Battle of wits]

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

Graduate [It'll come all too soon my dear]; learn more about herself; further her relationship with God

// Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

She feels God's call to serve in the music worship ministry, but is still waiting to see if that's what God is calling her to do

She also feels called to be a good sister and friend

Philippians 4:6

Hometown

L.A. (San Marino), CA

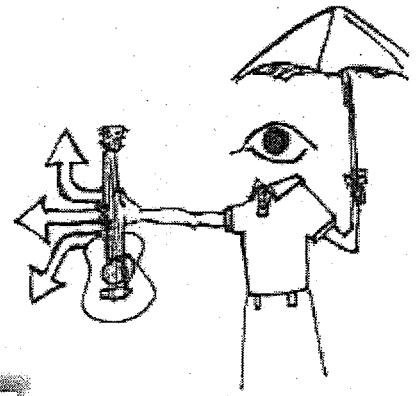
Word Association!

- Mandible: potato forks
- Black: those dust things in Spirited Away [wiki-ed: Susuwatari "soot balls"]
- Senior class: graduation
- Palette: water color
- Sophomore class: second year
- Chromatin: biology [yeah bio! Yea...she didn't share the sentiment...]
- Junior class: stress
- Vote: presidential
- Freshman class: fun
- Mirage: a lake in the desert

Though she claims to lack artistic abilities, this girl thinks and talks in pictures that are waiting to burst out of her mind and onto a canvas. Ask her about her interests or keep bugging her with word associations- this joyful sister will keep you on your toes.

How the self portrait reflects who she is:

"Abstract" Tim Shin-



TIMOTHY Shin

by Elbert Chang '11

It was a rainy, Saturday morning. Asian Noodle House was closed, but luckily Jack's was still open! Besides that, I had the opportunity to meet up with Tim Shin. It was a very enjoyable experience to have a nice burger and some good conversation with this freshman

Q. What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Tim initially thought that Cornell was BIG! He was also amazed by how the architecture on campus was very different from what he was accustomed to on the West Coast. Overall though, he felt that Cornell was just full of normal people. As for CBS, his first impression was from Kathleen and Mandy. He felt that CBS was very open and friendly, but also a bit awkward and sketchy at the same time. Tim was also worried that he may get a bit tired from the craziness of CBS, but luckily that did not happen. =)

Q. If you were a professor at Cornell, what would you teach and why?

If Tim were a professor, he would just simply teach biology. Why? Because he likes it. That's right! =P

Q. What do you hope to do during your next 3.5 years at Cornell?

It was truly encouraging to meet up with Tim. His heart is set on serving God and fulfilling his will. I hope him the best as he pursues this goal! =)

Tim doesn't really have any plans for the next 3.5 years here. He just wants to learn anything, from biology to spiritual things. He wants to grow both physically and spiritually during his time here. He claims he "can use a few pounds."

Q. What's one way you feel that God has called you to serve others?

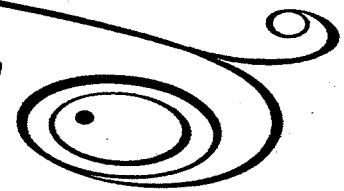
Tim feels that God has been calling him to long-term missions ever since his junior year in high school. He hopes to use his education to become a doctor so that he can go far off and serve. He doesn't know when or where, but he is sure and figures that he is willing to go anywhere.

Q. What is one Bible verse that encourages you?

Luke 9:23 encourages Tim for it shows one how serious it is to be a Christian; how we should fully devote ourselves to God. Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

"Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.."

Luke 9:23



Hometown
San Diego, CA

Word Association!

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Black: White
Senior class: Henry
Palette: Death o.O
Sophomore class: Tall
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Junior class: Weird
Vote: Obama
Freshmen class: French
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More Precious than Gold WOMEN'S STUDY

by Katarina Ng '12

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:3-4

As I sit here eating a piece of apple bunt cake and drinking a cup of apple cider, I can't help but think about how good these apples taste. That's kind of how I felt about Bible study...not that the Bible is comparable to apples. But once you taste it, you can't get enough! The more you eat it, the more you want it. And having it once a week feeds into the nourishment we need.

Throughout this semester, my sisters Van-Kim and Cynthia have lead us through 1 Peter. We started with learning that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and our faith in Him, we have been given a living hope and an inheritance that "can never perish, spoil, or fade." Jesus is the living Stone, "rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him." We are also called to be living stones; though we may be rejected by the world, God has chosen us. Though we are messed up and broken, He loved us enough to send Jesus to take our place.

So how do we respond to this awesome gift, in 1 Peter 1:18-19, a debt that cannot be repaid, a love that cannot be earned? How do we live as godly women? In 1 Peter, it says to submit to authorities, understand true beauty, suffer for doing good and for being a Christian, and live for God. We don't live for evil human desires but for the will of God. We are called to love and serve one another. Just read 1 Peter!

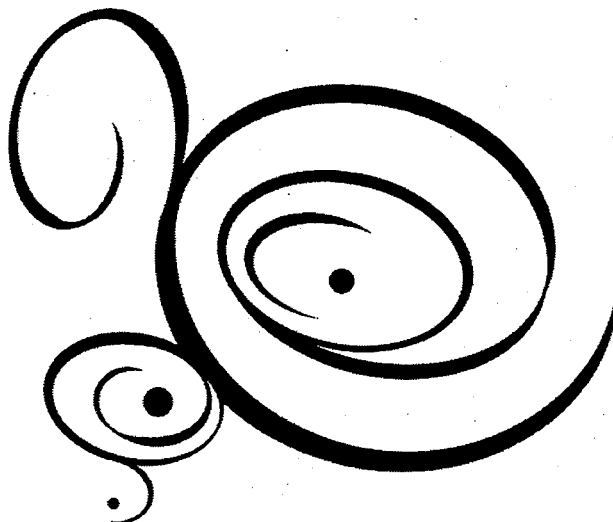
“ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

[Sorry I can't fit everything in this blurb; go to the source! =)] In all the things we do, may God be in the center of our lives and may He also be glorified!

1 Peter 1:18-19

But wait, there's more! Not only did we get to dig into the Word of God each week, we also got to share and grow together. We prayed for one another. We rejoiced when there was joy and tried to carry each other's burdens when there was hardship. We had meals together. Man, we even made crafts together!

Sometimes I marvel at all the blessings God has given. From seeing Him working in the hearts of seekers yearning for His word to realizing His never-ending faithfulness in the lives of long-time believers, I've come to realize how good He is and that in His eyes, we are more precious than gold.



JEREMIAH BIBLE STUDY

by Ruth Chan '12

What do ripped t-shirts, ancient Israelite kings, cookies, ditches in the desert ground, fifteen CBSers and Eddygate 4E have in common? The Jeremiah Bible study! This semester, we studied Jeremiah, its historical context, and its applications for us today. Together, we followed the chronicles of God's people, their split into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and the outpouring of God's righteous judgment upon them for disobedience. The promises of redemption alongside graphic depictions of sin throughout Jeremiah reveal God's hatred towards sin and compassion towards his people, upon whom he implores to return to him. Looking into God's word, we were also able to learn more about our own shortcomings in view of God's greatness, being reminded of our calling to humbly obey his words and walk in his grace.

“ My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.. ”

Most of all, we learned more about God's character. At times, one can view Jeremiah as rather gloomy—a book filled with prophecies of destruction—we saw in it God's everlasting love. Despite Israel and Judah's erring ways, God remains steadfast in his desire to bring them back to him and he alone is faithful to redeem his people and us through the new covenant. We also explored into God's sovereignty, talking about the seemingly opposing ideas of predestination and freewill. Each week, we made sure to also inspect our own hearts in light of Jeremiah's warnings to the people. In the end, we learned of God's constancy in one of Israel and Judah's most sinful times. We learned not only of the God who forgives, but also of the God who hates sin—of the God who has tremendous mercy, but who does not save us so that we can continue to live in sin but rather to live for his purpose.

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed (1 Peter 4:12-13). There are some who think that following Christ relinquishes us from the clutches of trials and hardships. However, we know from God's Word that there is no such promise. On the contrary, we often find ourselves unwillingly struggling through life, and barely hanging on. In our 1 Peter study, led by Mandy and Shawn, we learned that, despite the obstacles, we are still able to attain a renewed hope through Jesus Christ. What does this mean? Through our own personal suffering, we can learn to rejoice

“ Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. ”

by remembering Christ's suffering—His death on the cross—that brought Him all the glory. In our daily lives, we can learn to develop a Christ-like attitude in our actions through love and humility. With this attitude comes submission—submission in marriage, submission to authority, and, ultimately, submission to God. When the world rejects us for our faith, the Bible reminds us to continue living as servants of God. We are able to do so because we have tasted that the Lord is good (1 Peter 2:3) and because we know that our persevering faith in Christ is worth more than anything this world has to offer (1 Peter 1:7).

Wednesday @ 8:00 PM • Eddygate 5C

FIRST PETER Your Spiritual Support Team

by Ann Yang '11

Evangelism BIBLE STUDY

by David Bu '12

What is the command given by Jesus, after His resurrection, so important that it has been called the Great Commission? The answer: to go into the world and spread the good news of the gospel. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Because of this command, I decided to attend the Evangelism Bible study to learn more about how to spread the Word. To begin, you need to start with the Bible. So, we started with the Old Testament and looked at an evangelist named Jonah. We learned about God's compassion, love, and how He used an unwilling Jonah to save a whole city.

Then in the New Testament, we talked about how Paul was evangelizing even while on trial in court, and the many aspects of his testimony. After looking at the Bible, we had Pastor Paul Epp come and teach us how to develop our own testimonies and how to present them in real life situations. We practiced our testimonies with each other and learned a little exercise to help us present the gospel. Finally, we were ready to try out what we learned and joined the Saturday EV team to get a taste of real evangelism.

// And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then // the end will come.

Matthew 24:14 The EV Bible study has taught me how to spread the Word. I hope I will be given opportunities to use what I've learned. We should remember that we were given the gift of God's Holy Word. It is now our job to share this gift to others, because only then, will God's glory be shown, and His kingdom will come.



In our bible study we studied the Gospel books, mainly the book of John. We got to know Jesus more tangibly. He is the living water and the bread of life, and whoever

comes to him and believes in him will never go hungry and thirsty. He is a good shepherd who lay down his life for his sheep. He is the Son of God who was ransomed willingly to pay for our sins. Jesus obeyed God to be crucified and for a moment he was separated from the Father. Through his death on the cross, Jesus paid for our sins so that we don't have to die the death we deserve, but have joy in a relationship with God.

// *Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.* //

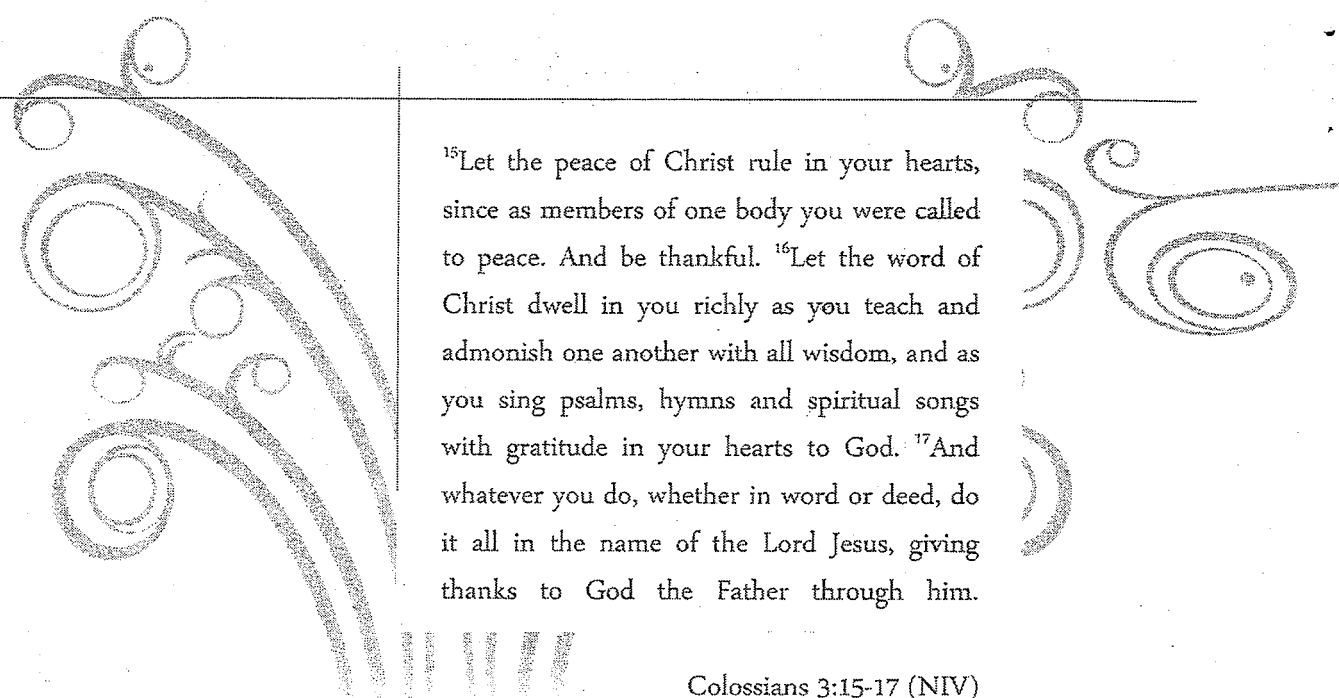
Matthew 10:37-38

We asked many questions throughout the study, like "Where is the kingdom of God?", "How does the Trinity work?", "What does it mean to eat his flesh and drink his blood?", and "How can we be reborn again?" Among the many things I learned through our bible study, one thing that stuck out was that being a disciple of Jesus Christ means putting God right in the center of my life. In other words, nothing is more valuable than him. I also learned about obedience even in suffering, just as Jesus obeyed his Father to take up his cross; as Matthew 10:37-38 reminds us.

JESUS IS ... Seeker's Study

Wednesday @ 7:00 PM • North Campus

by Shelina Gautama '11



¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)