



# BREAD OF LIFE

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A JOURNEY WITH THE CHINESE BIBLE STUDY FAMILY IN FELLOWSHIP TO SEEK JESUS CHRIST



# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

For a girl who's lived by deadlines, insisted on zero tolerance for dangling modifiers, and boasted a "my way or the highway" attitude since second grade, working on this Spring 2007 edition of CBS *Bread of Life* has been a learning experience, to say the least.

I've realized that "May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline" actually means: "turn it in on May 10<sup>th</sup> or so" and not everybody uses "whom" colloquially (or at all), and that it *is* possible to be "done with editing". I've also learned that it doesn't matter.

There are few things harder than realizing that you aren't needed: the cover, the layout, the submissions, the words, are all lovely; the whole process was a work of art... *in spite of me*. And it's not just about having a fantastic staff—it's about humility. Through all the meetings and the long nights, God has really shown me a bit of what it means to become less and to lay down my rights... even more importantly, to see that I am nothing and to know that I have no rights.

Humility is a pretty word, nicely tossed around in pious circles and often glibly interchanged with modesty. Somehow, I think Christ asks more of us than simply a demure smile. He's definitely been asking me to confront my pride that is at once shooting through the roof and pathetically groundless. But it's these challenges and reminders that render us silent and awestruck, knowing our lives are not ours—we cling to a precipice, only to find that all this time, we hang in vain over a waiting Hand.

It's that grace which makes it all possible, and that mercy which enables us to live. I thank God for both, for working through BoL staff, for everything. I leave nothing for myself.

So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say,  
*'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'*

[Luke 17:10]

From one unworthy servant to many: in Christ alone.

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# COORDINATOR LETTER

## MATT WONG

If there has been one thing that I've learned this semester it's that Christianity isn't easy. The call to Christian discipleship is a difficult commitment because the harder you listen and the more vigilant you are, the more you start realizing that being a Christ follower is a lot harder than just waking up on a Sunday morning to go to church.

While it has often been perverted in today's Christian community, Christ's calling is one of radical movement, unabashed devotion, and always, difficult sacrifice.

In Matthew 8:22 and Luke 9:60, a man tells Jesus that he wants to follow him into the ministry, but that before he can do so he must first bury his dying father.

It should be noted that in a patriarchal Jewish community, burying one's father is not only expected, but required of a good son or daughter. So it's entirely reasonable that this man would ask Christ to wait, to give him a few days or even a few hours before he joins Jesus in his ministry.

But what's Christ's response?

"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."

Or in simpler terms: "Forget the dead. My ministry of *life* is happening right now."

In calling this man to a discipleship lifestyle, Christ demands that the man deny his greatest comfort and treasure: *his family*. It is most certain that in this man's eyes, Christ's demand was not only unexpected, but also unfair. Doesn't this Jesus understand anything about familial reverence? Does he not see the importance of honoring your father and mother like the Ten Commandments instruct? What the heck is his deal?

The answer is found plainly in Christ's response.

He commands the man to go proclaim the Kingdom of God because Jesus is all about Kingdom work, and in order for men and women to take part in that—to be his disciples—they've got to leave their comforts behind, whether it's their friends, families, or vocations. Christ bottom lines it and says that there is

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absolutely no space for earthly comfort in heavenly ministry.

Throughout his preaching and teaching, you'll find that Jesus always goes for the gut and never fudges with grey tones. The man is black and white. He calls his followers to choose sides. Abandon everything for his sake or don't follow him at all. That is the call presented to the man with the dying father, that is the call he presents to Peter in John 6:67, and that's the call he currently presents to us.

The more I live, the more I realize that Christian lifestyle is not about being happy. We're regularly presented with divisive decisions, which command us to leave behind what we love and hold onto for the sake of the magnification of an invisible God. It's a difficult trade off, and we're often left with two options:

Either we give up because the toll that dying to yourself takes on your spirit is too much to bear, or we actually die to ourselves and, in the process, discover a more determined hope in and devotion to gospel work.

Christian calling intrinsically requires great endurance. It is no coincidence that Paul describes his life's ministry as a "fight" and as a "race." Near the end of his life, Paul writes a letter to his disciple, Timothy, and with his last words Paul says this to him: *"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*

Paul's life is a testimony to the fact that Christian living is designed to deplete you and requires you to pour out your entire being until there is nothing left to pour out.

Essentially, if you aren't running on empty, you aren't really running.

But through the persecution, confusion, and exhaustion, Paul has a defiant hope in what God has in store for him upon his death, and he *hungers* for it. As tumultuous as his life has been, and as grisly as his end is sure to be, Paul hopes in the unseen, and places his being and faith in the reality of Christ's salvation.

Only through that determination does he gain peace.

This past year has been one of my most difficult. I've never felt as lonely, confused, and frustrated. I've never cried as many tears, and I have never

questioned the existence of a good and faithful God as much as I have this past school year.

However, through it all, Christ has proven himself faithful despite my doubt. In regard to the fellowship, my future, and my friends, the Father has proven himself sovereign. Despite the tears and hardships, the Lord was determined to prove himself good through my life and to demonstrate the reality of a true, compassionate God whose name is love.

He does exist.

CBS, as Paul realized, I hope we can together realize that the calling of the Christian lifestyle is radical and it demands that a choice be made. Either we abandon all for the sake of the glory of the Gospel or we dismiss such talk as nonsensical and crazy. If we choose to dismiss utter sacrifice as an idealistic notion not to be taken seriously, we will ultimately find ourselves at the end of our ropes with nothing but despair and a frayed existence. However, if we choose Christ, if we choose a lifestyle that determines to keep the faith and fight the good fight, I assure you that despite the turmoil and loss of happiness, that in the end, Jesus will prove himself to be worth it.

After years and years of facing the call of sacrifice, this year I have decided for Christ because quite honestly like Peter says in John 6, there seems to be nowhere else to go. But at the same time, I have begun to see how trivial the things I hold onto are, how they don't satisfy me or make me any more human. Romance doesn't cleanse my soul, my family can't bring me everlasting joy, and my academics don't give me life to the full.

But Jesus does.

And because of that Jesus is not only worthy, but he's worth it.

CBS, let me assure you that Jesus is worth it.

Poured out,  
Matt



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# MINISTRY UPDATES

# DISCIPLESHIP

Second semester has always been considered the "slower" semester for discipleship because the craziness of pairing the new prayer partners is mostly finished. However, I find second semester to be more exciting because it is usually when we can share more intimately and struggle more intensely with each other. I would be lying if I said that all the prayer partnerships were that way. Some prayer partners are closer than others; some are more intense than others. But it is not really about the prayer partners.

I am not saying that the prayer partnerships are not important. They are a very important and powerful way for us to support each other and to carry each other's burdens. My own prayer partnerships have helped me grow closer God. I have learned to love and encourage brothers in a way that I never knew possible. But our goal is not to love each other only through prayer partnerships. We should be caring for each other regardless of whether or not we have a formal prayer partner. This should be our prayer; that God will continue to teach us how to care for one another and to give us a heart that looks beyond ourselves.

The age old question posed by Cain in Genesis was, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9) In my opinion, the answer is yes. We are supposed to look out for each other, just as the armor bearer followed Jonathan with his heart and soul, and just as the friends of the paralytic had the faith to carry the paralytic onto the roof to lower him to Jesus. In 1 Thessalonians 2:6-8 it says,

*We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well.*

God has been teaching me what it means to love others so much that I can share my life with them. It is unfortunate that I have only begun to realize this at the end of four years, but I pray that God will work that out in your hearts too, especially for those who are still at Cornell. Do not stop praying or caring for one another, because God will give you encouragement through others. And when you have gone through your struggle, God will use you to help others press on.

# PRAYER

Although prayer ministry has had a later start this year than typical, it is certainly not hard to see that God has been working since the start. It has been an encouragement to see Him place the desire in brothers and sisters to go out to prayer meetings and to pray. As He has been teaching us about family, one thing that He's also been showing us is the importance of praying for each other. How grateful I am that He is One who not only shows us what is good; instead of leaving us hanging with a command too heavy for us to carry out, He gives us a lot of help – through His Spirit and through brothers and sisters.

It's hard to believe that yet another semester is almost over. And as I sit and try to reflect on the ways in which He has maybe grown or worked through prayer ministry, I find myself without many concrete gauges to assess these things. Nevertheless, it's been encouraging to see how He has been working in subtler ways, whether it be from leading brothers and sisters out to prayer meetings to working in prayer partnerships to answering uplifted prayer requests — personal as well as corporate ones. And I trust that according to His faithfulness, He has also been working in individual lives, making us purer vessels for His glory. And part of that purifying process is surrendering more of our own desires and preferences so that His will becomes our own. When we come to a realization of the sin within that keeps us from Him, we are brought to the calming assurance that He too knows this and has already provided the way for us to return through the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Sweeter than the cross becomes, and sweeter will it ever be as He reveals to us His love. As we seek Him, we realize that it was Him who sought us and found us while we were still sinners (Rom. 5:8). How blessed it is to be able to pray to such a loving God!

I guess I will leave a verse that has many times given me the encouragement to keep praying — coming from Hebrews 10: "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water..." May we take heart in this! That the way for us to come before God has been opened. And the same love that brought Christ to the cross and raised Him from the dead will also receive us as we come to Him in sincere and faithful prayer.



# EVANGELISM

If someone mentions 'evangelism,' what comes to mind? Is it talking to strangers in the Ivy Room? Is it a picture of a bottomless gap between us and God? There are many things that come to mind, but the question that follows is *how*. How do I share the redeeming story of Jesus with those who do not know it? How can people see my testimony through the way I live? How do I do this? How do I do that? It's not that these questions aren't important, but God has shown me this semester that one question comes before all else: *How do I truly love?*

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Has my heart really been broken for the lost, for my non-Christian friends? Often times I found that the answer was *no*. And no matter how hard I tried, I found that I could not generate or somehow manufacture this "love"? Does that mean all hope is lost? Are we completely useless now?

There is hope.

*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:5*

But what does that love look like? In Acts 3, Peter and John heal a beggar, crippled from birth. Typical healing ministry story, right? Read on...past the leaping and running and praising, remember: this man, even though his legs are now strong, has never learned to use them. Is it surprising then, that by verse 11, the man is no longer running or jumping? Instead, he is clinging to Peter and John inside the Beautiful Gate.

You see? There was not a hit-and-run ministry, but one committed to supporting their friends, regardless of their need. The beggar (no longer crippled, but not ready to stand by himself) did not need an eloquent apologist, or a radical transformation story; he needed the shoulder of a friend, willing to wait and let him rest a while. Peter and John met him there.

That's a ministry of love.

Pray for that kind of ministry.

# INREACH

We started the year hoping we could inspire the fellowship to take part in our call to "be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose," recognizing that "inreaching" is for the entire fellowship to work towards. But a vision is just a nice collection of words until we are challenged to obey. We've learned that we don't know how to love. So how can we challenge others when we are unable to take it up ourselves?

When we first went to God's word to discover a vision for this year's Inreach ministry, we were excited by Philippians 2:1-5, which calls us to encourage, comfort and *love*; to be unselfish and to humble ourselves; and ultimately, to have the same attitude as that of Jesus Christ. These commands resonated deeply as we remembered the lessons that God had personally been teaching us. But as we dared to obey, we found ourselves falling short.

In struggling to love in our personal relationships, we found that our human capacity to care was so limited for even those we were close to – whether they be prayer partners, roommates, or friends. So how could we actively care for everyone when we couldn't even love a few? Physically, we couldn't. But God showed us that we could still be active in loving each other through prayer.

So many times we are easily excited by God's word, and so many times we eagerly approach the challenges He places before us. But so many times we press on in haste, forgetting that as God commands, He also fills us with His Spirit that empowers us to obey. So in our forgetfulness, we go forth with our own wisdom, hoping to win the race, but forgetting to run on God's track and not our own.

And this is how God has made Himself immensely evident in this ministry. He's shown us that His command to love is hard for us to follow, as our love is far from perfect. He's been teaching us that as much as we do and do and do, we can't really love in a pleasing way without having our eyes on Him, abiding in His strength, and seeking Him in prayer.

God alone is head of this ministry and we know His work is far from finished. And far from just being a call for the Inreach team, we trust that God will encourage the hearts of our entire family to do the same.

# PRAISE

Music. It has a unique ability to move us, to remind us, to inspire us, to make us slow down a little and just listen. We know this, even to the point that we are slightly wary as we sing, understanding that to limit our praise to a melody is to strip our worship of meaning.

At the beginning of the year, we had this ambition, as we always do, to learn more about God and what it means to worship Him. Within the context of praise team, I was convinced that this meant choosing meaningful songs with lyrics that spoke of God's character and ultimately were more about Him than how He makes feel. Somehow, though, we always get self tangled into these kinds of things, and pride and self-centeredness creeps back into our songs and our attitudes. It's quite inexplicable and honestly, kind of frustrating because I still don't have much of an idea what music has to do with this thing that we call worship.

I guess the only conclusion I can offer is that worship really has nothing to do with music. If we got rid of praise team, we would not be any less able, individually and corporately, to worship. As someone who calls herself the leader of praise team, this is... humbling. I was convinced at the beginning of the year that praise was not the totality of worship, and I never thought it was - but I was still making more of this whole music thing than I ought to have, because God was not satisfied simply with my admission that worship is "more" than praise. Worship is not something that "transcends" praise, it is outside of and independent from praise.

Worship is a response and a relationship, and this semester my brothers and sisters have taught me what that really looks like. As much as a song can be a response to BE, much more so is prayer and evangelism and loving each other. Let this be a challenge to you - to explore what worship looks like outside of music, to respond in a way other than song, to understand what God's Word and His people have to do with worship... to find the heart of God in your pursuit of Him. I am keeping you in prayer.



...crucified...  
...Pilate...  
...took charge...  
...own cross, he was...  
...which in Aram...  
...they crucified...  
...one on each side...

19 Pilate had a notice prepared and put up to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Many of the Jews were there for the place where Jesus was crucified, near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. 21 The Jews protested to Pilate, saying, "Do not write 'King of the Jews,' for this man claimed to be king of the Jews." 22 Pilate answered, "What have I written?"

23 When the soldiers came and took his clothes, they divided them into four shares, one for each soldier.

...happened that the...  
...fulfilled which said,  
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# BIBLE STUDY BLURBS

# A VIOLENT GRACE

Led by Alex S. Lee and Edgar Lei

A prophet marries a prostitute; a young widow lies in the dust at a man's feet. A desert "date", dark nights, dark times; a purchase, an adoption, a debt paid in full... and the common thread that ties all these together is drenched in the blood of Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection gave us a second chance. And another.

It is this grace that we have been studying this semester through the books of Hosea and Ruth. Through this study, we've immersed ourselves in the challenges to think about God's love and power in a deeper way: to really *acknowledge* God for who he is. There were times of confusion, frustration, surprise, awkwardness, and times when it seemed like we'd never finish... but just like our own walks with God, he brought us through it all.

The book of Hosea is a counterintuitive story of liberation: God tells Hosea to marry Gomer, a prostitute, and declares necessary wrath and separation through the very names of her children (Lo-Ruhamah="not loved" and Lo-Ammi="not my people"). After an unlikely courtship in the desert (Hosea 2:14—"Therefore I am going to *allure* her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her"), Hosea/God saves Gomer/us by paying everything he had. In this reconciliation, Gomer became a wife, with children who are adopted into legitimacy. Through the reconciliation by Christ, we (the Church) became the bride, and are adopted into God's kingdom (Romans 9:22-26). Though like Israel, we continue to worship idols and "sacred raisin cakes" (Hosea 3:1), God shows his mercy and bestows his grace. Because of Hosea's mercy towards Gomer, and God's mercy for us, we know the truth when he says, "For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings" (Hosea 6:6).

Although Ruth is a more "conventional" love story compared to Hosea, the book of Ruth still reveals God's glorious opposition to any human comprehension. Set in the time of the Judges, when bloodshed and injustice reigned in Israel instead of kings (i.e., Judges 19), Ruth's story shows God's sovereignty and presence, redeeming through his love even when murder and hatred abound. Israel then is not so different from the world today (maybe even better), and yet Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz did what they could and tried their best to submit their lives to God in obedience. Ruth is a woman straight out of Proverbs 31, and her loyalty to Naomi, her courage in lying at Boaz's feet on the threshing floor, and her devotion to a God who was not even her own (she was from Moab, not part of Israel), all exemplify Psalm 37:4—the Lord gives you the desires of your heart when you delight in him. Through Boaz's "redemption" of Ruth (fulfilling the law of the kinsman-redeemer), the genealogy of Jesus was realized (Ruth 4:18-22), and more importantly, this reflects how Jesus redeemed us through God's grace.

The scarlet thread of Grace is indeed violent: bloodstained with Jesus' love, and interwoven throughout Scripture, as the truth is told again and again, so that we may realize our *need* of that grace as we receive it. Through both Hosea and Ruth, we see Psalm 119:32:

*I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.*

We praise God that the thread extends into our lives and continues beyond our deaths, and as God has set us free, we have full confidence to live.

By Sandy Zhao

# PHILIPPIANS

Led by Cliff Jiao, Chuckie Lai, and Ronny Huang

In our study of Philippians, we went over many things that Paul taught in what has been called the "epistle of joy." It was hard to imagine that Paul could even write about joy, considering that he was in chains at the time. So we delved into the letter to find out what gave him the juice to keep going. We saw Paul's great love, grounded in Christ, for the Philippians because of their support in his ministry. He continually reminded them to rejoice and to be content. He encouraged us to think as he did and to make Christ our motivation and model – to love God with all we have. Then, we learned how we may begin to look out for the interests of others before our own. Indeed, we know how that this can be easier said than done, but Paul once again left us with the encouragement to press on in knowing Christ. It is a challenge for us to live as examples of Christ's teachings. In order to be constantly reminded of this calling, we committed Philippians 4:8 to memory: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." And so together, in one spirit, let us look out for each other and strive for Christ.

By Charles Lai



# CALL FOR CLARITY

Led by Calinda Yew and Brian Yung

Perhaps like many others who signed up for this bible study, I wanted to find out God's purpose for me. Instead of coming away with a specific answer to my inquiry, I came to a similar conclusion as one of our "theme" verses Romans 8:28, which says "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". Before I expound upon this, let me share some of the things we learned throughout this bible study.

In the beginning, we wrestled with how to love God and discerning the roles of obedience and faith in loving God – are they independent of each other or linked? Then we discussed the commands Jesus gave his disciples including the Great Commission. A memorable passage for me is John 21:15-18, where Jesus reinstates Peter by asking him three times "do you truly love me?" when Peter denied any relationship to Him exactly three times before. From this dialogue, we learned Jesus only entrusts important matters to us if and only if we love Him. In this case, Jesus asks Peter to feed and take care of his "lambs" and "sheep".

Next, we learned about how God called Joseph, Samuel, David, Solomon, and Jonah. Joseph's story struck me the most because he trusted that God had a good purpose for him even though he was sold into slavery by his brothers and thrown in prison for something he never did. This story demonstrates how obedience to God's laws leads a person towards his calling. Joseph did not sleep with Potiphar's wife because it was a "wicked thing" and more importantly "a sin against God" (Genesis 39:9). Because God's words remained in Joseph, "the LORD was with him" and "the LORD gave him success in everything he did" (Genesis 39:3).

Samuel's anointing of David reminded me of how sometimes we feel inadequate for God's calling because we don't possess a vast knowledge of the Bible or pray unceasingly. God reminds Samuel, "The LORD does not look at things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:20). While Joseph and David's story encourages us to obey God, we also thought about why we might not want to. Jonah fled to Joppa instead of Nineveh where God told him to "preach against it" because of "its wickedness" (Jonah 1:2). Eventually, Jonah goes to Nineveh to preach, but he still doesn't understand why God chooses to save this city. If anything Jonah's story reminds us how we can't possibly understand all of God's ways because "[we are] concerned about this vine, though [we did not] tend it or make it grow" (Jonah 4:10). Since God created the people of Nineveh naturally, He would be more attached to them than Jonah would. Therefore, when we serve we ought to remember that this is for God's glory and not our own.

"Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?" (Romans 9:21) This verse sums up pretty much what I learned from this bible study. Simply put, God is sovereign and although we may desire to serve God in certain ways, those ways may not be in His plan for us. As for what one's calling is, I feel it is something that will be revealed to us once we love God and keep his words in our hearts. This was the case with Joseph and even Jonah to some degree. The fish spit Jonah out because Jonah remembered God. Therefore, "in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:6).

By Kersing Huang

# RELATE

Led by Richard Yan and Hanson Jiang

*Guy to Girl: "Excuse me, I believe one of your ribs belongs to me."*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)*

Every Tuesday night, we gather in a cozy apartment in Collegetown to learn about relationships. During our first [Relate] Bible Study, our two wonderfully awesome bible study leaders, Hanson and Richard, told us to memorize the verse from Matthew 23:37-38: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This verse served as the basis for exploring how our faith plays a role in our relationship with God, family, and significant others. And the most important things we learned?

**God's Love:** Over the course of the semester, we ruminated and questioned God's love for us. We started off learning about the most important love of all: the agape love from God. We learned that we should abide in God's love by obeying his commands and remaining in the vine (John 15:9-10). We should love others (Matthew 22:39) and we are able to do so in difficult situations because of God (1 John 4:19, Phillipians 4:13). His strength, grace, and love transcend to help us in our relationship with our Christian family.

**Family love:** After transitioning our focus to loving those in our family, we tried to understand the concept of how we cannot truly love God if we cannot even love our family members.

# SQUARE ONE

Led by Greg and Jenn

Other than a few occasional guest appearances, our study was one of those really (and when I say really, I mean *really*) small group bible study at a great place for "chillage." In the first week, we literally started at square one, with an introduction and a get to know each other (even our own selves) session.

For me personally, up until this point, I had only known who Greg, Jenn, and Chloe were, with a few "Hi"s and "how are you doing"s here and there. But I didn't really know who they *were* (I know, I am not really making any sense; what do you expect? I am an engineer).

For all the scripture verses that we have read (or is it just read?), we placed ourselves in the shoes of others (into the stories) as we re-lived everyone's personal experiences through their narrated story (testimony? kinda) about themselves and their walk with God. I felt really blessed to be in this bible study and had the opportunity to get to know everyone on a different level.

We started our journey with the story of blind Bartimaeus and learned the lesson of how if we believe (and ask), we will receive. We examined Bartimaeus' faith and tied it to our own lives.

*What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."*

*"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

Mark 10:51-52

1 John 5:20: *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does love his brother, whom he has seen cannot love God, whom he has not seen."*

Loving our family ultimately entails being able to forgive, comfort, and deal with conflicts (1 Corinthians 13:9, Matthew 5, 1 Corinthians 6).

**Romantic Love:** We used case studies of couples who did not faithfully obey God's commands—namely the infamous couple, Adam and Eve. Eve was not submissive to Adam, and Adam, in turn, was not obedient to God. The verse about how wives must be submissive to their husbands seemed controversial at face value. Delving into the passage helped us understand God's true purpose behind this command. (1 Corinthians 7:8-9). We also discussed that the path of remaining single is not necessarily a bad decision because then we are able to serve and focus on God. Parting advice for women? Choose a partner who can make good decisions, and, therefore, someone you can submit to, just like Sarah when she faithfully followed Abraham to Canaan. Men? Men must also respect their wives so that their prayers are not hindered and choose women who manifest inner beauty from their quiet and gentle spirit (1 Peter 3:4). The husband's responsibility to point the wife to God.

Through [Relate] we learned that all of these relationships are not mutually exclusive!

By Eugene Cha, Grace Chen, Yvette Wong

Then we ventured into the story of the unmerciful servant and related it to the Kingdom of Heaven and God. Greg and Jenn didn't just lead us, but showed us how the resurrection of Lazarus and the triumphant entry into Jerusalem were connected. We covered Palm Sunday, Old Testament prophecies, Good Friday, the Crucifixion and Passover (often the week of, perfectly timed, I may add). In addition, our bible study at various times was also intertwined with our study through the Book of John during Friday large groups (was it planned? I didn't perceive it that way; it was all in God's plan). We finished our year focusing on the period of after Jesus' resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the birth/growth of the Christian Church.

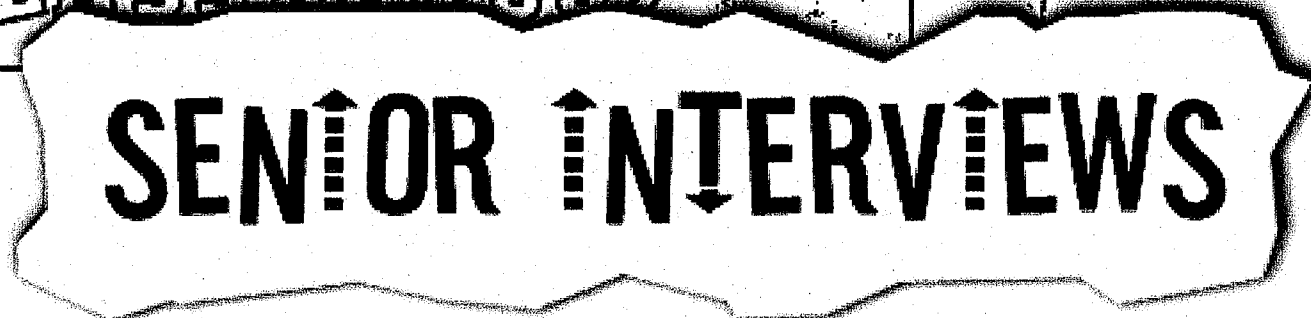
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## **Editor's Note:**

**We apologize for not being able to include the interviews of TERENCE MOY and MAGGIE TANG. Their interviews will be available in the online version of this BoL, and will also be printed out as an addendum to this issue.**

**Again, our sincere regrets.**

**All the more reason to put our faith in God, and not in our own abilities.**

**Praise God that we now understand a little bit more about mercy and forgiveness.**

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student file

On a warm Saturday evening, I met with Cheryl Chan to learn more about her past experiences at Cornell as well as her future aspirations. Cheryl had responses that were to-the-point, yet filled with insight and humor:

*Calinda Yew: What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Cheryl Chan:** Definitely that the family of Christ is really important. Over the first year, I held CBS really close, in the middle of my time here, I branched out, which is good, but every time I go back CBS, I feel welcomed and have grown to see the importance of it. I learned the importance of relationships and the time it takes to really get to know a person.

*CY: What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**CC:** This is advice a senior gave me when I was a freshman: 30 years from now, you're not going to remember how many B's or C's you got in your classes, but you'll remember the people you met and the relationships you built. So don't focus on the school so much, but invest time in people. Don't spend all your time stressing about school because if you do, after you leave here, you won't have anything valuable to really remember.

*CY: Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**CC:** There are so many (I have bad memory, by the way). Most memorable moment, hands down: a bunch of upperclass guys blindfolded me and pushed me into their car and then drove someplace. Got out of the car, held my hands so I knew where I was going. I ended up at Madeline's and they treated me to dessert. That was really cool.

*CY: How have you changed since freshman year?*

**CC:** A lot. Less spastic in general; I'm not that serious, I don't get offended easily, but I have calmed down a lot. It goes back to the whole family thing: it took time away from CBS to really appreciate family and understand what it means. Relationships are really hard to come by: friendships are harder to maintain, so there's now a greater desire to be reliable. As a freshman, I thirsted for God, but after freshman year, things happened that threw me off this path and drew me away from CBS. This year, I'm slowly letting God into all aspects of my life and surrendering my heart to Him. The things that I wanted to control the most are no longer in my control. God sometimes has to pry things out of my hands, but God gives a fresh start, God is good and now I'm a child going after the heart of God.

*CY: What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**CC:** Probably 100 things... I wish I would have studied harder freshman year. Everything I've learned, good or bad, has worked out in its own time. Things happen when they're suppose to; so I have no regrets.

*CY: What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**CC:** STEAK. Junior year I got takeout everyday and I felt like I was going to die. This year, I started cooking, made steak for some people this year, and it has been the way to people's hearts. I just love it! I marinate it with Korean beef sauce. It's not that I'm really good at cooking, I just know how to marinate. Miyake's spicy tuna salad,

Orangina from CTB, and Aladdin's fruit and nut salad are the Cornell foods that I'll miss.

**CY:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**CC:** I have so many... Math 221 Linear Algebra, I really admire people who can do upper level math. My teacher had a really cool accent too, he was Russian. Second, Archaeology 275: Ancients Ships and Seafaring. You learn how people build ships from like 3000 BC. And about people in dinky rafts. I'm just a really big nerd, so learning about ships, how to rig up a boat, and ancient civilization has been really cool. Third, Natural Resources 430 when I spent time in D.C. interviewing people about environmental stuff. I don't really hate my classes... which is really weird. Least favorite I guess would be Bio 101. That was the biggest mistake of my life. Jason and Alex both know that I could never wake up freshman year. They did their work but somehow I never did my work. I never woke up for classes and I never studied for prelims. So that was pretty much the biggest waste of my time. But I think bio is very interesting; it was just a bad experience.

**CY:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**CC:** Short term plan is to be in finance for a little bit, hopefully go to law school, and do a cross between business and environmental law. The environmental aspect with the business aspect is what I want to do. Long-term in environmental law, public policy. I want to settle into something environmental because that's where my passion lies. Obviously, hopefully, I want to be married with kids by then, but I don't know if that's going to work out.

**CY:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**CC:** Nothing. I don't do anything interesting after midnight, I go to bed. Maybe the Madeline's kidnapping.

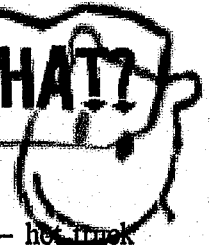
**CY:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**CC:** Bible: JESUS. I think I would just want to talk. I don't know what I would ask him or what I would talk to him about, but it would be really awesome if he was just sitting on that couch right now and I could just talk to him for a day. Choice: Toss up between two: first, Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. I'd want to pin his tail back for him. Second is Belle from Beauty & the Beast. She is my favorite Disney princess and I would want to just chat with her about the Beast.

Cheryl is so much fun and very chill. Get to know her if you can: guarantee you that she'll make you, if not laugh, at least smile. Cheryl has much hope for the future as God has blessed her with such a warm personality.

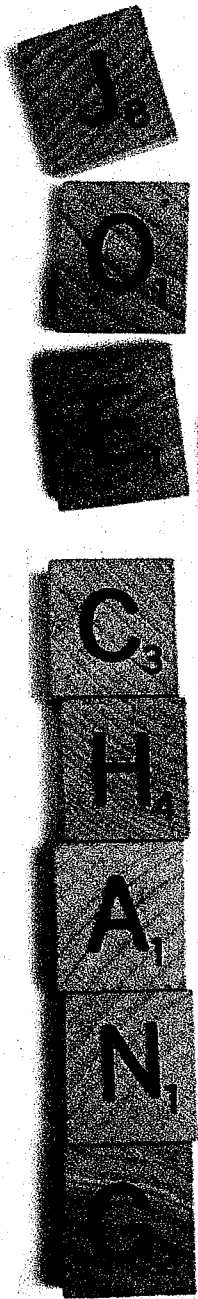
*By: Calinda Yew*

## THIS OR THAT?



- Hot truck/Louie's Lunch - hot truck
- Olin/Uris - Uris
- CTB/Starbuck - CTB
- Backstreet Boys/'NSync - neither (Justin Timberlake)
- RPU/Appel - RPU
- Chocolate/Vanilla - vanilla
- Statler Wrap/TBP - Statler wrap
- Spider-man/Batman - Spiderman for Terence's sake 'cause I don't really care about either one
- Cantonese/Mandarin - Cantonese
- Soy milk/Regular milk - regular milk if 2%
- Papers/Prelims - papers
- Freshman year/Senior year - freshman year
- Wheat/White - white
- Chinese veggies/Salads - Chinese veggies
- Guitar/Guitar Hero - guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam - Vietnam
- Facebook/YouTube - Facebook
- Snowboarding/Skiing - snowboarding





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student file

We were at the Boatyard Grill. Through most of this, my left hand was probably holding a piece of ribs or something (mmm...) Here I apologize in advance for any error made in deciphering and reconstructing the interview.

*Xi: What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

Joe: "To understanding God's Sovereignty, to realize that my plans are not greater than God's plan. You can plan all you want, and God will just change everything and you can't do anything about it. For example, I started out as a Material Science major, not wanting to be in financial industry, but rather to do something like consulting, but no... God put me to ORIE and JP Morgan, and that was from a random résumé drop and phone interview. And also things like friendship, even if you try for things to workout, sometimes it doesn't."

*X: What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

J: "Lets do this by class:  
Juniors- don't stress out too much about post graduation plans (or at least try not to).  
Sophomores- you guys are going to be upper classmen, take care of the little ones.  
Freshmen- You guys are fun, stay that way. Continue to grow with each other.  
Incoming Freshmen- Cornell has a lot more than the academics, don't get too caught up."

*X: Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

J: "It was after CBS. Usually we hang out in two separate groups, people from high rise as one group and those of us from other dorms in another, and we would usually just watch something. At that time Naruto was the thing to watch, so one night Vicky Ip wanted to watch Naruto, and Matt started making fun

of her. Then Vicky just started to tickle Matt, and he fell to ground and started to scream."

*X: How have you changed since freshman year?*

J: "More cynical. On the positive side I have a deeper understanding of friendship now. It just happens gradually, small events adding up."

*X: What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

J: "Steak. But it has to be well cooked, none of that dry, overcooked garbage, specifically rib eyes and fillets."

*X: What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

J: "My favorite was OR 518, Supply Chain Management. It's my favorite because of the professor. He is well known and consulted. In the class I learned industry knowledge. My least favorite class was anything taught by Callistor (OR 350, 451), because he is just retarded."

*X: What are your short-term and long term plans after you graduate?*

J: "Short term plans include parents coming to pick up stuff on the Monday after graduation, then leaving on the Tuesday, and on Wednesday China all of us fly to China for four weeks, coming back near end of June for cousin's high school graduation and start working around middle of July. Long term ones are: possibly coming back for MEng in OR in fall of 08, or business school in 3-5 years. Oh and also maybe getting a girl friend."

*X: What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

J: "it was during sophomore year when a friend came for visit, we were hanging out with Matt and Faith, and they made fun of me in front of my friend. It was very tiring but also very funny. Yeeah, I usually don't stay up late. Sometimes I would just fall asleep and too tired to remember anything. (\*Never pulled all-nighter in Cornell\*)"

X: *Who would you like to meet/spend time with?*

J: "Robert Kiyosaki, he wrote the book *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*. My mom read that book and thought it was life changing, but I think it's just crap, common sense that everyone already knows. Also I would like to meet the CEO or president of Market America. The whole program just seemed really shady when I first heard it. I mean the products are good but they are really overrated. I just want to know what they [Kiyosaki and CEO] were thinking. From the Bible, Joshua and Caleb [two of the twelve spies]. I want to understand the opposition they felt at the time and how they had faith through the whole thing."

"Time passed so quickly that it's scary, I remember doing this for the last year's seniors. Scary to think that now it's our turn to leave Cornell. Scary to think, that I didn't even want to come to this place, and wanted to transfer out to Stanford twice, but now that I am graduating from this place and might be coming back again."

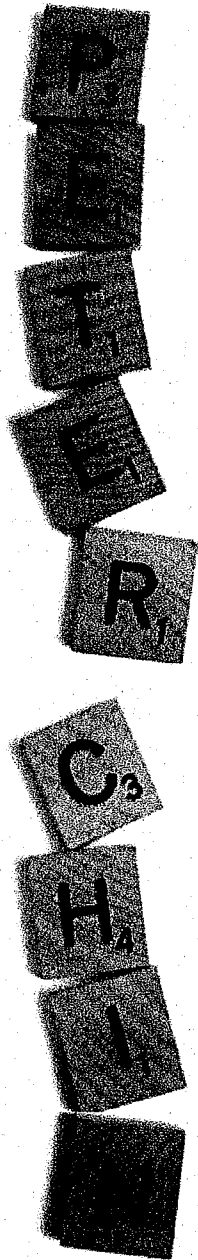
I do hope that he will come back for MEng since I am sure most of us didn't spend nearly as much time as we liked with him.

By Xi Guo

## THIS OR THAT?



- Hot truck or Louie's Lunch – "Louie's"
- Olin or Uris? – "I don't really go to either library, but I'll go with Uris"
- CTB or Starbucks? – "Starbucks"
- Backstreet Boys or Nsync? – "Nsync"
- RPU or Appel? – "Appel"
- Chocolate or Vanilla? – "Vanilla"
- Statler Wrap or TBP – "Statler Wrap"
- Spider-man or Batman? – "Batman"
- Cantonese or Mandarin? – "Mandarin"
- Soy milk or Regular milk? – "Soy!!"
- Papers or Prelims? – "Prelims"
- Freshman year or Senior year? – "Senior year"
- Wheat or White? – "Wheat"
- Chinese veggies or Salads – "Chinese veggies"
- Guitar or Guitar Hero – "Guitar"
- Asian Noodle House or Vietnam? – "Asian Noodle House"
- Facebook or Youtube – "Youtube"
- Snowboarding or Skiing? – "Snowboarding"



CLASS OF 2007

student file

It's very sunny outside. And yet I'm here in Duffield, cooped up inside. This interview with Peter Chin better be quick!

**Eric:** *Hello Peter Chin.*

**Peter:** Thank you for having me on your show today.

**E:** *What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?*

**P:** He has taught me that He will come in when everything else leaves. Because sometimes, when we have all our plans, it's almost like we drown out the voice of God. When He speaks to me now, it's more like he's that whisper in the wind that we read about, not the fire, not the storm. And if we're the ones always talking, always planning, whether it's a felly dinner or praise on Friday night, we really miss out on that. On the flipside, when we feel the weakest, the most alone and we don't feel like praising, that's when God can really speak to me. He's still there.

**E:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**P:** For my class, I will say... don't be worried. I know that you guys worry about being seniors, about the fact that you guys won't have any older people to look up to. God is here. I see college life as those two sticks and wire holding up a baby tree. Kind of safe, protective, that holds us and allows us to grow. If we don't take the opportunity to put down our roots and find our own foundation, those sticks won't always be with us. We've grown, and now we don't have those sticks, but

we have each other, and it's not like we can't approach the younger ones now with our struggles, like when Paul speaks to Timothy. Sophomores and freshmen, don't let people talk down to you, you guys are firm in Christ, and you can support everyone from the oldest to the youngest. Be someone who can listen, pray, and just be there. Also, baby the new freshmen.

**E:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**P:** [After much thought] It would be the first time I had Cajun fries. Yeah.

**E:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**P:** Freshman year I was loud and respectful. Now I'm just loud.

**E:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**P:** I've always wanted to go to PSYCH 101.

**E:** *What's one food you can't live without?*

**P:** It would be... pizza; because it's quick and easy, so I always need food that's quick and on the go.

**E:** *What are your favorite and least favorite classes at Cornell?*

**P:** My favorite course would have been... wines is a cheap answer... this sophomore writing seminar on honor, obligation and conflict: it was good to talk about a lot of different things. I think one of the things I realize is how you can see God in different classes you take. The class I hated is PSYCH 205: perception. It's a horrible, horrible class. I always



go to that class though. CATHYLII does not go to class.

**E:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduating?*

**P:** Short-term is graduating, and then maybe work, law school. Long-term, I dunno. We'll see. God will see. No wait. God knows. We will see what God knows. Hopefully there's a wife. Two kids. And a dog. No cat. No fish. No snake. Yes parakeet.

**E:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**P:** Isn't it always after midnight? I once rode on shoulders from the corner (the one with the stoplights) all the way to Olin library. On Jefferson's I think. I think I was tired. And really tall. People looked at me. I like getting looks.

**E:** *Whom would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**P:** Biblical character would be... Peter. I would probably go fishing with him, and talk while we fish. Probably share a beer. Maybe wine. Not with the nets, but with the fishing rods. Fictional would be Hermione Granger. You know... chillax. Either that or Emma Watson. Also ask her to chillax.

Although Peter does not always act or seem it, he is wise beyond his years (yes, all twelve of them). As he goes out into the work force, or back to school, or to places only God knows, you can be

sure that he will bring to everyone around him his joy, encouragement, humor, touchiness, and love. Best to you Peter, you have much ahead of you!

*By Eric Yau*

## THIS OR THAT?

Hot truck or Louie's Lunch - Louie's lunch.

Olin or Uris - Olin.

CTB or Starbucks - CTB.

Backstreet Boys or 'NSync - 98 Degrees.

RPU or Appel - Appel.

Chocolate or Vanilla - Swirl!

The Statler Wrap or TBP - The Statler Wrap. TBP!?!

Spiderman or Batman - Peter Chin.

Cantonese or Mandarin - Cantonese.

Soy milk or regular milk - EWWW. I'd rather die.

Papers or prelims - Prelims because you don't have to study. Papers you still have to do work.

Freshman year or senior year - Freshman year.

Wheat or white - Wheat.

Chinese veggies or salad - Chinese veggies, especially if they have that garlic.

Guitar or guitar hero - Guitar.

Asian noodle house or Vietnam - OH NO. You can't do this to me. I like the wait staff at Vietnam, because I'm all about people.

Facebook or YouTube - Facebook.

Snowboarding or skiing - Since everyone is going to say snowboarding, I'm going to say skiing.



GLASS OF 2007

student file

Petite, sweet, lovely...champion sumo wrestler? That's just a bit of all the quirky finesse that describes Yue Pui Chin. Yue Pui has been blessed with abundant gifts and a kind heart that have encouraged many over the years at Cornell. With enigmatic smile and dulcet tones, Yue Pui shared with me some of the lessons, challenges, and encouragements she's experienced:

**Sandy:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past four years?*

**Yue Pui:** I didn't become a Christian until the beginning of last year, but I've learned how to love people by forgiving them, how to welcome fellowship and let others pray for me.

**S:** *What advice or encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**YP:** Take advantage of all the resources here; I took ceramics, but I didn't start going to studio until this year, so it's important to use what Cornell offers. Also, try your best to forgive people and give them second chances. I tended to make a lot of assumptions about people—you shouldn't form opinions about people on preconceived notions; make the effort to get to know them.

**S:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year!*

**YP:** [laughs] Freshman year was a huge blur...but I remember one time Vickie, Janice and I played volleyball, ate at Nasties and then went to Vickie's to watch *Emma*...it was the first time I remember hanging out with them. Another time was when my cousin Danica came to visit and we went to a vineyard and tasted different grape juices (they were really sweet) and went to the farmer's market.

**S:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**YP:** I've become more introspective; I think a lot more about what I'm feeling, and what my motives are. This might be a bad thing, but I think I've become more of an apprehensive person—I was more carefree freshman year. There seems to be more things going on now...it just accumulates.

**S:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**YP:** I wish I had applied to be a TA... and I'd like to go fly a kite on the slope! I have two kites with me, so hopefully on a good day... [smiles]

**S:** *What is the one food you can't live without?*

**YP:** I really like bread—most kinds, as long as it's soft and the outside is a little bit crispy.

**S:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell?*

**YP:** Intro to Policy Analysis and Nutritional Problems in Developing Nations...these helped me decide to go into health policy. And a class I'm taking now: Magical Mushrooms, Mischievous Molds. We learn about different diseases caused by fungi, the potato famine, and psychedelic and poisonous mushrooms.

**S:** *Your least favorite class?*

**YP:** [laughs] I can't remember...I guess I try to forget them...but there was this nutrition class: at the first lecture, the professor gave examples of people who eat things differently...like, some people like to buy whole carrots and cut them up later, while others like to buy baby carrots...I dropped the class after that.

**S:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

YP: Short-term: law school at University of Maryland. Long-term: I haven't thought that far ahead yet but some kind of job position in health policy. Hopefully someday, I'll open up my own café...I'll definitely serve bread and maybe hire a great baker to teach me how to make bread.  
[Interviewer's note: her desserts now would be just fine!]

**S:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

YP: I stay up past midnight almost every day, so it's hard to say...but I guess talking to Vickie, sometimes until 4 AM or maybe driving around campus with Vickie.

**S:** *Whom would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (who can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

YP: Either Job or Gideon, and it would be nice just to talk to them. The person of my choice...[laughs] Indiana Jones keeps popping up for some reason! Archaeology is fascinating and it would be really cool to go on an expedition with him.

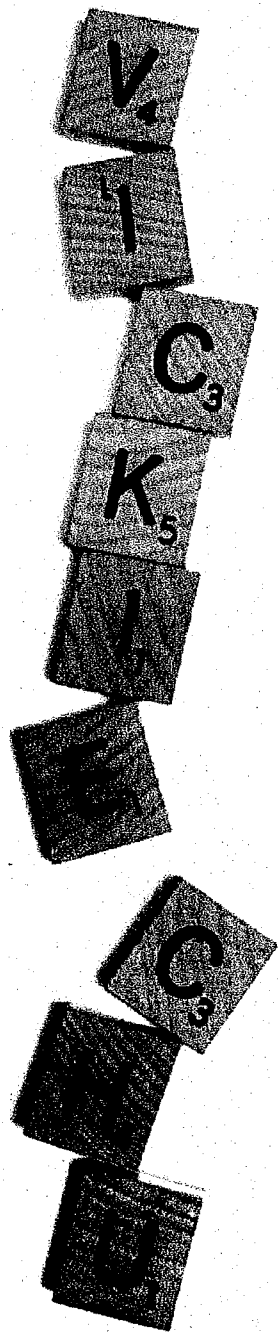
Embodying quiet strength and regal humility, Yue Pui is living proof of "there's more than meets the eye" and, more importantly, of God's power and grace for liberty and salvation. After seeing how much good God has already done in Yue Pui's life, I'm excited to know that the best is yet to come.

By Sandy Zhao

## THIS OR THAT?

- Hot Truck/Louie's Lunch—"I've never had either, but Vickie and I are planning to try Louie's Lunch...maybe I'll get a milkshake."
- Olin/Uris—Olin
- CTB/Starbucks—CTB
- Backstreet Boys/Nsync—"They're kind of the same to me..."
- RPU/Appel—Appel
- Chocolate/Vanilla—"Usually chocolate, but definitely vanilla ice cream."
- Statler wrap/TBP—"I've never tried TBP."
- Spiderman/Batman—Batman
- Cantonese/Mandarin—"Cantonese. Spanish words come to mind when I think or speak in Mandarin..."
- Soy milk/Regular Milk—Regular milk
- Papers/Prelims—"I do better on papers, but prelims are less work."
- Freshman year/Senior Year—Senior year
- Wheat/White—White
- Chinese veggies/Salads—"Chinese veggies. I don't like raw vegetables."
- Guitar/Guitar Hero—Guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam—Asian Noodle House
- Facebook/YouTube—YouTube
- Snowboarding/Skiing—"I've never tried snowboarding, but I imagine it might be more fun."
- Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper—Shower with no towel





CLASS OF 2007

student file

The murmurs of conversation and whirs of blenders faintly colored the atmosphere of Olin Café—the locale of Vickie Chu’s first BoL interview. During the interview, I had the chance to probe the mind of Vickie, and was subsequently awed by her sense of humor and perspective as a soon-to-be graduating senior.

**Grace:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Vickie:** “I accepted Christ junior year during my time doing the Co-op. I learned to be humble and not base faith on the people around you.”

**G:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**V:**

**Junior class** – “Don’t be apprehensive about becoming the senior class, trust God that He’ll take care of everything. I think I’m just projecting the fears I had about senior year. I was afraid of a lot of responsibility, especially since I was a baby Christian. I was also afraid of talking to freshmen and being bad influence.” *Laughter ensues.*

**Sophomore class** – “Someone once told me, start looking for a boyfriend or girlfriend because you only have two years! Times a’ ticking better start looking, just kidding!” *That’s such a Peter Chin answer...* “A more serious answer: Take a lot of classes so you have a nice senior year.”

**Freshman class**– “Keep your energy! You guys are spunky. Someone in CBS said the freshman class is like the junior class... on crack. I don’t really know how to phrase this, you’re the English major! Also, keep smiling. *After glancing at her pen.* Get pens from Kraft during career fairs. You have three years of career fairs to get stuff.”

**G:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

*She has a hard time recalling freshman year. As she gazes out of the window at Olin Café she suddenly remembers.*

**V:** “Oh! All the freshman hanging out in Joe’s room watching a movie.”

**G:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**V:** “Mainly my faith in Christ, my spiritual walk. Learning how to be obedient to God, which is really hard. I’m more optimistic now.”

**G:** *What haven’t you done yet that you want to do?*

**V:** “For some reason I want to say bungee jumping—but I don’t really want to do that. *After some reflection.* Road trip through the U.S! I’m planning to do this with Yue Pui this summer, but only throughout the East Coast because the Midwest is boring.”

**G:** *What is the one food you can’t live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**V:** “My favorite food is roasted seaweed. I can’t really explain why.” *She proceeds to tell me a hilarious story about how she used to eat roasted seaweed while reading a book in bed. As such, she would sometimes get roasted seaweed crumbs on her face when she woke up.*

**G:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**V:** “My favorite class? That’s a hard question. I kind of want to call Calinda to ask her what Chemical Engineering classes we took. I do remember Computer Science during my freshman year was my least favorite. Orgo lab is probably my

favorite because we got to make stuff that is useful like... banana oil. I don't really know why banana oil is useful, but that was my favorite class."

**G:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**V:** "Short-term plan... move to Pennsylvania and make drugs [at Merck]. Do you want any discounts? Long-term goal is to hopefully follow God's plan and walk in His light."

**G:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**V:** "What kind of questions are these?? Stay up in Olin at night, make a lot of food and eat a lot of food."

**G:** *Whom would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**V:** "Michael Scofield from Prison Break—the character, not the actual actor. I want to know how he became so smart and meticulous, take his brother out of prison, and where he got his altruism. As for a person from the Bible, I should say Jesus. Hm, who would I want to meet? I feel like Ruth would be boring to meet, she's so predictable... don't you think she's boring? I'm tempted to flip through the Bible. *She picks up a Bible and begins to flip through it. She settles on an answer. Paul. He seems very wise. I would take him to Olin! So nerdy. No, we would have some mango ice cream and chillax.*"

**G:** *I'm allowed also make up my own questions for this interview. Hm... When is your birthday?*

**V:** "January 4<sup>th</sup>. Oh wait, I should have made you guess!"

After guessing Vickie's replies for This or That (and being right... most of the time), I discover that Vickie is a bit of a health food nut. Her unassuming disposition and sunny personality makes her a wonderful conversationalist. I wish she weren't leaving next year, but she promises to come back to Cornell and visit.

*By Grace Chen*

## THIS OR THAT?



- Hot truck/Louie's Lunch – Hot truck
- Olin/Uris – Olin!!
- CTB/Starbucks – CTB
- Backstreet Boys/'NSync – Backstreet Boys!
- RPU/Appel – RPU
- Chocolate/Vanilla – Chocolate
- Statler Wrap/TBP – Statler wrap
- Spider-man/Batman – Spiderman
- Cantonese/Mandarin - Mandarin
- Soy milk/Regular milk – Soy
- Papers/Prelims – Prelims
- Freshman year/Senior year – Senior
- Wheat/White – Wheat
- Chinese veggies/Salads – Chinese veggies, like those water chestnuts
- Guitar/Guitar Hero – Guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam – Vietnam
- Facebook/YouTube – Facebook
- Snowboarding/Skiing – Skiing
- Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper – Shower w/no towel.



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student file

Many may think they know all about Austin, but even I realize that I know a lot less than I thought even after knowing him for three years. This fun-loving, chicken-finger-eating, energetic brother will soon be bound for home to reflect a bit about where God has been leading him and then spending some time in Tennessee with his father. In the long-term he'll be working as a 'scientist' at Johnson & Johnson near Princeton, NJ. Wow! Scientist! How exciting! But for us, we will all miss his playfulness, wisdom and service to CBS and to God. So without further delay, I present to you a glimpse of the true Austin.

**Brian:** *Having spent a lot of time with each class, what sticks out to you about each class?*

**Austin:** "Well starting with my class, the first phrase that comes to mind is 'motley crew' because we're all so different with very unique personalities. It's been good though because God's been teaching all of us that God values everyone. How God could work through whoever He wants and that He is the same God even though we are all so different."

**B:** *How about the junior class?*

**A:** \*laughs\* "You guys are really energetic and full of excitement, and you guys have a really big heart for others. It's really easy to get along with the juniors because they're fun and can be serious, too."

**B:** *For the sophomores?*

**A:** "It's funny because I always think of them as being my younger brothers and sisters, more so than the freshmen. I think that's mainly because they really have the desire to learn from

upperclassmen. When I think of them, I think of childlike faith—in a good way. Sometimes they seem a bit like my class because they're not a "model class" either. But I find that each sophomore is really unique and isn't afraid to be him- or herself. They're all weird, but that's what makes them special."

**B:** *And lastly the freshmen?*

**A:** They are a pretty wild bunch. I think of them as kids, but we all have to be kids at some point. I have to admit though that they still have a sense of maturity that I didn't have when I was a freshman, and that's really encouraging.

**B:** *That's some pretty good insight. It's interesting to see how each class changes over time. But how have you changed since freshman year?*

**A:** I used to be crazy. People say I've changed a lot because I'm calmer now, but maybe because I'm just getting old. I've always wondered if I've changed, but I know even if I have I still have a lot to learn. Coming into Cornell, I cared too much about what people thought of me. I craved attention, and it was fun for a while, but I realized I wasn't acting like my true self. Eventually, it hit me that I was an incredibly selfish person, even in the way I approached friendship. I can't say that I'm any better at truly loving people now, but I think I'm more self-aware. Before I tried to ignore my problems because I didn't want to change—I was having too much fun. But now I think my attitude has changed.

**B:** *I'm glad things are getting better and that you're getting wiser. But is there a particular moment from freshman year that was memorable to you?*

**A:** If I'm going to name one moment, I think it would be the first time I met Faith and Matt. We all went to the GCF ice cream social during orientation week. I ended up running after Faith and Matt after they had left and asked if I could join them for dinner. At the time the two of them thought the whole situation was sort of strange. The thought of looking stupid never crossed my mind, and I'm thankful it didn't 'cause those two and many others definitely provided many more memorable moments for me freshman year.

**B:** *Do you have any wisdom or advice to share with us? How about for the rising juniors?*

**A:** Just that the only thing God desires from us is our hearts and that no one is perfect. I think that their class feels it has a lot to live up to, but that's not the case at all. God is faithful and sovereign, and I know that He's going to do—and is already doing—great things in that class.

**B:** *That's really insightful! Now let's go to something a bit less serious. Is there anyone in particular that you'd like to meet? From the bible or anywhere.*

**A:** Don't laugh but off the top of my head I would say my future wife—that's one

person I look forward to meeting. Not that I'm looking, but certainly when that day comes, I think that would be pretty awesome. From the Bible, definitely Adam. He was the first one on this earth, so he knew what loneliness was. But he also got to walk directly with God. I wonder what it was like for him and Eve to be the only ones on this earth. He was also a poet, a scientist... everything. Yeah, I think it'd be so cool to meet Adam.

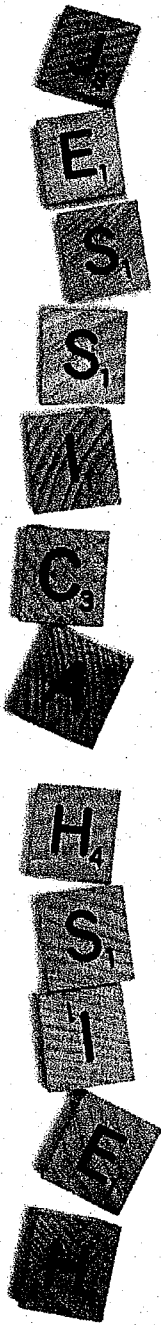
**B:** *Wow, I would probably say the same too for the wife part, and I'd love to meet Adam, too! I'm sure God has something in store for us. Let's just hope he has a good sense of humor. Thanks a lot Austin! It was a pleasure interviewing you!*

Austin has been a good brother and we wish him the best in the future.

*By Brian Yung*

## THIS OR THAT?

- Hot truck/Louie's Lunch – Louie's Lunch
- Olin/Uris - Olin
- CTB/Starbucks - CTB
- Backstreet Boys/Nsync – Backstreet Boys
- RPU/Appel - Appel
- Chocolate/Vanilla - Vanilla
- Statler Wrap/TBP – Statler Wrap
- Spider-man/Batman – Spider-man
- Cantonese/Mandarin - Mandarin
- Soy milk/Regular milk - Soy
- Papers/Prelims - Prelims
- Freshman year/Senior year – Senior year
- Wheat/White - White
- Chinese veggies/Salads – Chinese Veggies
- Guitar/Guitar Hero - Guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam – Asian Noodle House
- Facebook/Youtube - Facebook
- Snowboarding/Skiing – Snowboarding
- Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper – Shower with no towel



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student file

A baby grand to our left, two coffee-cappuccinos between us, and a lazy Tuesday morning—I think in my head, ‘why can’t every meet-up be here, like this?’ Jessica’s excited about the chive scones, and the waiter’s just taken our order. So begins our interview...

**Greg:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Jessica:** God has taught me so many things in the past four years; it’s hard to pick which one is the “most” important. That said, God has definitely been teaching me about relationships. In Leviticus 19:18, He commands us not to ‘seek revenge or bear a grudge,’ but instead ‘to love your neighbors as yourself.’ I’ve been learning how hard it is to love brothers and sisters, because my love often comes with conditions and hypocrisy. It continues to be a struggle for me, but through it all... God’s blessed me countless times through the prayers, encouragements, talks, and rebukes of fellow Christians.

**G:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**J:** Advice: check the weather forecast every morning before you go outside; better yet, carry an umbrella with you 24/7.

Encouragement: learn to balance studying with the rest of your busy life here. As mentioned before, I have come to realize that what matters most are the people you meet here. They are the ones you will remember and miss.

**G:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**J:** My Wilderness Reflection trip. Four days of backpacking, muggy heat, no showers, iodine water, pitas and seitan for every meal, mosquito bites,

sleeping in the open... it’s enough wilderness to last for a lifetime. I am clearly not as outdoorsy as I thought!

**G:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**J:** Apart from the physical changes, I think that I have become more of a go-getter. I consider the consequences, but I worry less about the outcome; sum it up as greater trust in God!

**G:** *What haven’t you done yet that you want to do?*

**J:** I want to go gorge jumping, and I’d like to take a trip to Canada too...going to Niagara Falls doesn’t count!

**G:** *What is the one food you can’t live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**J:** Fruit! Growing up in California, I’ve always had a wide-variety of fruit as part of my diet; and, it’s so healthy for you! My favorite fruit is the nectarine. Adam and Eve ate fruit all the time in the Garden of Eden, so, surely they are good for you!

**G:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**J:** My favorite class at Cornell is the Anthropology of Food and Cuisine. We learned about the symbolism of food and how foods are used in different cultures as markers of social identity. We also watched international films involving food every Friday! My least favorite class was my freshman writing seminar; I thought it would be fun, but it was actually art history with an overly feminist twist.

**G:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**J:** Short-term: traveling in Asia this summer. Long-



term: finding a job, etc.

**G:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**J:** I finished making several dresses for the Cornell Design League Fashion show this year...long after midnight!

**G:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with?*

Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?

**J:** From the Bible, I would love to meet God (of course!) and listen to him explain all the mysteries of the world. I'd also like to meet King Solomon and pick his brain as well.

Outside of the Bible, I'd love to meet Claude Monet. I'd want to take a walk through his gardens at Giverny in May, when all the flowers are in bloom, and paint with him (He could give me lessons/tips on techniques etc.). We could discuss his art, the work of his contemporaries, and then... have tea!

An hour later, the coffee's cold, the bill is paid, and the interview is over. But, as my sister reminded me, God blesses us through conversations and relationships like these.

## THIS OR THAT?



- Hot truck/Louie's Lunch - have not been to either
- Olin/Uriis - Olin
- CTB/Starbucks - CTB for sandwiches and Starbucks for coffee/drinks
- Backstreet Boys/Nsync - same difference
- RPU/Appel - Appel, but RPU for Sunday brunch
- Chocolate/Vanilla - Dark Chocolate
- Statler Wrap/TBP - Chipotle
- Spider-man/Batman - Batman, I like his mode of transportation, aka Bat-mobile
- Cantonese/Mandarin - Mandarin
- Soy milk/Regular milk - Regular milk
- Papers/Prelims - Prelims, not unlike ripping off the band-aid faster
- Freshman year/Senior year - Senior Year
- Wheat/White - Wheat - It's healthier and more natural
- Chinese veggies/Salads - Salads
- Guitar/Guitar Hero - Guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam - Asian Noodle House
- Facebook/Youtube - Youtube
- Snowboarding/Skiing - Skiing, snowboarding just leaves you all black and blue in my experience
- Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper - Shower with no towel

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1:20 PM: Greg's ETA is 1:30 PM, and he's ten minutes early! AND, he's making a rare non-Friday appearance in Duffield. By 2:45 PM, he's been here for almost 30 minutes and he hasn't answered a single question, but he has helped brainstorm for Eric Yau's essay. By 2:50pm, Greg and I have left the crowded alcove for a more private spot, one floor up.

**Shawn:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Greg:** *(pause...)* that I'm super vain, and that it really did drive almost everything I did. Even now, as much as I've been getting better at recognizing it, it's still ... really really hard.

**S:** *Explain... more?*

**G:** In Christian-ese, God's been showing me my need for an identity defined by my relationship with Christ—not other people. Along with that (sorry... two lessons) is a lesson about the depth of God's forgiveness. In realizing the extent of my own awful-ness, I have the tendency to stew in my own regret... until that itself becomes something I need to surrender. But, the Bible's clear; we're not only forgiven our sins through Christ, but we are called righteous too. I'm trying to see that less as an idea and more in the way I live.

**S:** *(Wow, this guy has taught me so much over the semester in bible study and he's even teaching me through an interview). What advice do you have for the classes below you?*

**G:** The Bible isn't kidding in regards to confession to God and to others. You don't really know how physical or how heavy a hidden struggle/sin is until you share it with others, who will help you carry it.

**S:** *Name a memorable moment from freshmen year.*

**G:** Second day on campus, orientation week, I tried to go to Sheldon Court / Collegetown to find a wayward hallmate; instead, I took a wrong turn and ended up at the Vet School.

**S:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**G:** I think it's wrong to say that I'm more humble than I was. But I think I'm more intentional about trying to be less self-centered.

**S:** *What would you like to do before graduation?*

**G:** A lot. I want to take a road-trip with a huge map and touristy spots marked up. Oo, and I want to learn how to play the harmonica. A lot.

**S:** *One food that you just simply cannot live without*

**G:** Does coffee count? It used to be coffee, but then tea is good too.

**S:** *What was your favorite class?*

**G:** Easy question. BIOBM 330: an introductory class to biochemistry. I loved it because it tied all the chemistry and orgo and bio together.

**S:** *So it's like system engineering... integrating everything together (Shawn, you got to stop talking and making these random comments). What are your short-term and long-term plans after Cornell?*

**G:** Upstate Medical University at Syracuse. Then afterward, who knows but God, right?

**S:** *Most interesting post-midnight activity/place*

**G:** Manos Diner. Loaded fries. Mm..

**S:** *So who would you want to meet/spend time with? Outside, then inside the Bible...?*

**G:** Outside the Bible...it would definitely be Charles Darwin. The theory of evolution has pretty much changed the way the thinking world thinks about anything, from religion to society to business and technology. I'd just want to see what his thoughts were on the aftermath of his short, little paper.

**G:** Inside the Bible... I'd like to talk with Mary Magdalene. She was there when Jesus was crucified and was the first to see Jesus after he had risen. The moment that Jesus calls out her name, and she recognizes that it's no gardener in front of her... I guess I just want to hear it straight from her. It's dorky, but it gives me shivers just thinking about it.

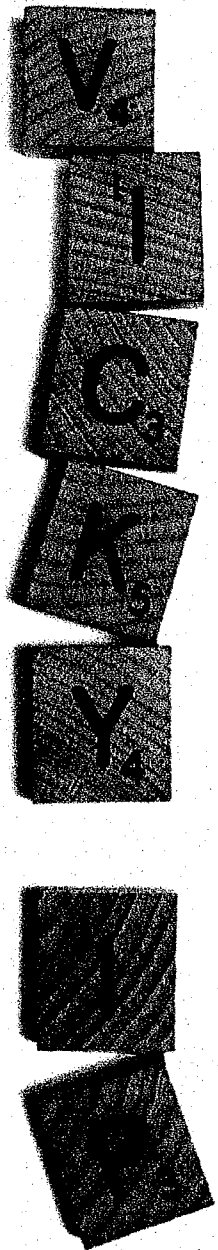
I am very fortunate to have spent more time with Greg this year; he's definitely someone that I look up to. For someone who thought he paid too much attention to his image, I felt that my conversations (including this one) were all very sincere and honest. Hopefully, next year, he'll come down from Syracuse often. His warming personal traits will make him a great doctor someday.

*By Shawn Liang*

## THIS OR THAT?



- Hot truck / Louie's Lunch – Louie's Lunch
- Olin / Uris – “Library 407”
- CTB / Starbucks – CTB
- Backstreet Boys / N'sync – “...”
- RPU / Appel – “R-poo”
- Chocolate / Vanilla – Vanilla
- Statler Wrap / TBP – TBP
- Spider-man / Batman – Batman
- Cantonese / Mandarin – Cantonese
- Paper / Prelims – Prelims
- Freshman year / Senior year – Senior year
- Wheat / White – White
- Chinese Veggies / Salads – Chinese Veggies
- Guitar Hero / Guitar – Guitar
- Asian Noodle / Vietnam – Vietnam
- Facebook / Youtube – Youtube
- Snowboarding / Skiing – Skiing
- Shower with no towel / Bathroom with no toilet paper – Shower with no towel... This is a question of cleanliness!



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student file

One bright early Saturday morning, I met with Vicky Ip to talk about her experiences at Cornell. In between bites of breakfast sandwiches from CTB and sips of Tropicana orange juice, we try to dive into the depths of her memory to find her fun, challenging and exciting times here in the past 4 years.

**Richard:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Vicky:** God has been teaching me a lot of things. The most important thing would probably be that I cannot rely on my own strength. When I first got to Cornell, I wanted to do so much. I began to realize that I couldn't do it all by myself, especially when things aren't going so well (I had to change majors!). I've also been learning about being humble. You can't be right before God and not be humble.

**R:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**V:** There's the generic, time is short. Use your time wisely. I think I would also tell them not to judge people so easily. Cornell has a lot of different people. Keep an open mind and open heart, because we come from so many places.

**R:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**V:** What kind did you want? There are some embarrassing ones though... Yea, I guess I'll share my embarrassing moment. I was in CHEM 211. It was the first day of lab and I was waiting for lab to start in the lobby. Austin came over and talked to me. I lost track of time, and Austin and I ran down to the lab. I made it just before the TA gave my seat to another person. When we were opening our

drawers to inspect the equipment, I was the only one couldn't open it. Then I found a bunch of broken equipment. After all that commotion, my TA told me to wear plastic bags on my feet because I had open toes shoes. Ay that was not good.

**R:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**V:** I definitely dipped into my creative side more. I'm more into art and into my interest – things that ties into the people that I meet now. I started out as a civil engineer and then became a landscape architect. If I stayed in civil, I would not have met the people I know today. When I first came here, I would not have dreamed that could happen.

I also value my parents more. I realize how much work and effort they put in to raising me and my family. Every time they visit now it's special.

**R:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**V:** I've never swam in the gorges. I don't really know how to swim really well. I've waddled in the gorges... I mean wade... not waddle. I always wanted to take a painting class.

**R:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**V:** For sweets, it would be Chocolate. If it was one type of meat, it would be roast duck (the Chinese soy sauce kind). My grandparents used to get that for me all the time. If it was a carb, it would be pasta!( portabella, cheese tortellini). Oh and Japanese food! (not raw sushi, but special cooked maki!)

**R:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

V: Least favorite would be... I hated all my engineering classes!.. no probably Chem.. no matter how hard I tried I didn't get it. And I had to take the hardest one. ENGRD 261 intro to mat sci..? I think that's what it was. Why??

R: *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

V: In the short term, I'm going to be in Asia. I'll be in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing with my best friend from home. I've never been to China, but I've been to Hong Kong in 1997. We're probably going to go visit my uncle, eat and shop! I'm not that good at negotiating, but my friend is. My parents are good though! I also want to go visit the touristy attractions.

Long term- getting a job in NYC or California! I have a phone interview for California next week. I have a second interview with a NYC firm in 2 weeks. I have no finals during finals week!

R: *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

V: I've gone tagging. There are many notorious places that I've gone, under the engineering bridge, Stewart bridge, Gunhill factory, and the other one was new dorms on west. I climbed up a scaffold to get to the dorm on west. It's scarier going down then up.

R: *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice. (This person of your choice can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

V: Well of course I'd like to meet Jesus. I'd like to travel the world with him and get to know what he was thinking when he created everything so differently. I'd like to ask him why certain things he created are no longer around. Like the dodo. What happened to that? There are some things that maybe didn't work out in creation? May be want to phase them out? (laughs)

For some reason I'm not crazy to really meet anyone else. I always wanted to meet my grandpa. He died when my youngest uncle was 4. He had an interesting history. There's so much in that family that is interesting that I want to know. I think it would have been an interesting time to live in.

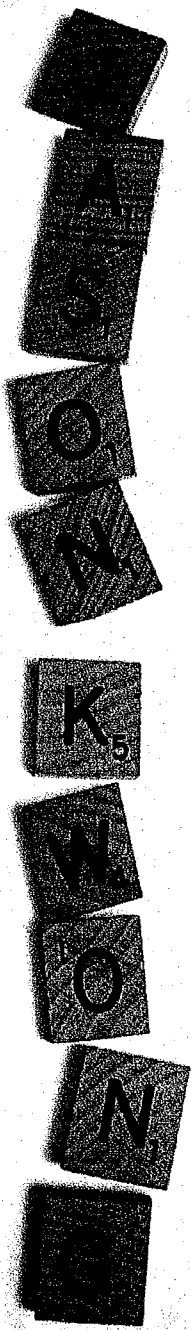
It's been a lot of fun getting to know Vicky the past couple of years. I had the privilege of working with her for 2 years on camping trip committee, and let me tell you she's really creative and energetic. She's also known to give haircuts for guys only and is the valedictorian of her class (WHOA, highest GPA of all the landscape architects even though she started late!). If you haven't met this cool cat from NYC, you better hurry up!

*By Richard Yan*

## THIS OR THAT?

- Hot truck/Louie's Lunch - Louie's lunch, it's the only one I know
- Olin/Uri - Olin
- CTB/Starbucks - CTB
- Backstreet Boys/Nsync - BSB they came first!
- RPU/Appel - Appel
- Chocolate/Vanilla - Chocolate
- Statler Wrap/TBP - Statler
- Spider-man/Batman - Batman
- Cantonese/Mandarin - Cantonese
- Soy milk/Regular milk - Soy milk
- Papers/Prelims - Papers
- Freshman year/Senior year - I would like to be the person I am now, but in terms of workload freshman year was a lot more fun.
- Wheat/White - wheat
- Chinese veggies/Salads - If an asian person cooks Chinese veggies. No matter how good a salad is its too easy.
- Guitar/Guitar Hero - guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam - ASN
- Facebook/YouTube - youtube
- Snowboarding/Skiing - skiing





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student file

Although I would have loved different circumstances (a nice dinner, fine wine, relaxing movie...I'm kidding), I was able to talk with Jason Kwong, a senior graduating in Applied Economics and Management (AEM), about his experience here at Cornell, his future, and just random things about him.

Eric: *You are Jason Kwong right?*

Jason: Yes, speaking.

E: *Okay, so this interview is obviously professional so I expect you to be on your best behavior.*

J: I'm always at my best.

E: *What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?*

J: Hmm...some biology, some genetics, some chemistry, but mostly love.

E: *No physics?*

J: No, I hated that. Love and Patience. It's been four years and I still think that God is still teaching that. It's a continuous learning process. For me, that is most important, because that's the only thing I won't be able to learn from anyone else. There isn't a professor who teaches that, only God. 'Cause only He can teach me that!

E: *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

J: My encouragement for everyone would be different, because not everyone will go where I have gone...but even so, as different as our struggles may be, I think the one final struggle and encouragement is still one and the same. It's to love one another, in patience, kindness, and with love that

is not self-seeking. Very packed. And much too often overlooked. But my encouragement is to unpack that and pray about that to God. 1 Corinthians 13. I guess I can also encourage you all to be encouraging to others, including myself!

E: *Name a memorable moment from freshmen year.*

J: The time I failed my swim test. lol. I also recall one time when I was trying to learn how to play the guitar, and I left my door open and I was playing "Light of the World". And then a few freshmen, now seniors, walked into my room and started singing along. That was really memorable because that is how I always envision fellowship worshipping together. When we can just come together and pray, no matter where and no matter when.

E: *How have you changed since freshmen year?*

J: Well, I got fatter. And I've learned to view the world differently. And I've learned to treasure different things. You know those times when you think you've finally learned how to love someone, but then you realize God teaches you how to love even further than that? Learning how to think differently each day and learning how to love more deeply each day...

E: *Hehe yay for God's surprising and irrational/always unfathomable love for us!*

J: Yeah, add that too! Quote yourself!

E: *What have you done yet that you want to do?*

J: I've never been an Engineer, so I guess I want to do that. And Justin and Tiffany would like this one. I've never been a Hotelier, and I wish I were

because I'm always at Statler. So yeah: Engineer and Hotelie.

**E:** *What's one food you can't live without?*

**J:** Soda! That's where I get my fat from. I can't live without soda. I drank 2 two-liter bottles every day for a summer. And then I couldn't stop since then. Strawberries would be my second.

**E:** *Wow... What are your favorite and least favorite classes at Cornell?*

**J:** Farm business management. I was like the only person who doesn't own a farm in that class, but I did so well. And then I would say debate and argumentation (COMM 203). My least favorite class? The freshmen. Hahaha jp, you guys are soooooo cool! I would say genetics. Even though I "love" them fruit flies, it's a love-hate relationship. I also didn't like linguistics (LING 109).

**E:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduating?*

**J:** Short-term...take a break. Long-term...stay in school, or stay in intellectual circles, because I love to learn. I'm thinking about teaching, so school maybe. I'm still looking for jobs. Spend more time with God in what I finally figure out what He wants for me and where for me.

**E:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**J:** See a shooting star for my first time last week. I think that is cool because that doesn't happen too often in a lifetime. That's why you have to have patience, if you want to see something beautiful! Same applies to God. You can put that down, because I like what I said.

**E:** *Hahah ok. Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (This person of your choice can be fictional.) What would you do with this person?*

**J:** I think I would like to meet Adam and Eve, I'm not sure why though. And of course, most definitely Jesus. But who doesn't, right? And probably spend some time with Noah on his cruise with a zoo on it.

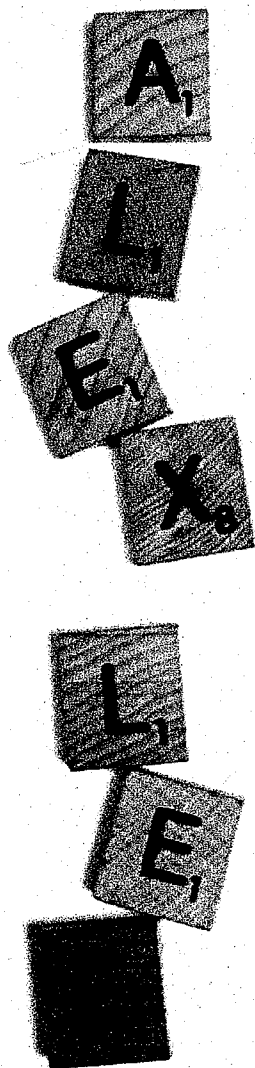
I am very blessed to have known and to have grown with Jason this year. With his eccentric hair or his witty remarks, there are not many people out there like him. In fact, none! Plus, his manners are flawless. He even thanked me, even when he has a presentation to prepare. Jason, I'm sure the future will hold great things for you!

*By Eric Yau*

## THIS OR THAT?



- **Olin/Uris** – Olin, because Uris smells like brains.
- **Backstreet Boys/N'Sync** – Britney Spears. And Fort Minor. And Hillsongs.
- **RPU/Appel** – RPU. Because you can get hurt on that staircase in Appel.
- **The Statler Wrap/TBP** – STATLER all the way.
- **Spiderman/Batman** – Spiderman, because he's got relationships. Batman is a loner and hides in the dark.
- **Cantonese/Mandarin** – Mandarin because I don't know it and I like learning new languages.
- **Soymilk/regular milk** – WHOLE MILK. Fattier the better.
- **Papers/prelims** – Prelims. They describe my life best here at Cornell.
- **Freshmen year/senior year** – Freshmen year, so I can do all this again.
- **Chinese veggies/salad** – Chinese veggies = more variety.
- **Asian noodle house/Vietnam** – Asian noodle. People at Vietnam are nice though.
- **Facebook /youtube** – Youtube. It's like TV. Although Facebook is good for remembering birthdays.
- **Shower with no towel /bathroom with no toilet paper** – Shower with no towel, because you can always just air-dry. Or you can borrow the towel from the first scenario and wipe the second one off



CLASS OF 2007  
student file

Alexander Spock Lee is a pretty cool guy. I've know him two years and it's tough to sit down now and do this interview thing. We've played guitar together; he was a good teacher to me. I'll miss him and I'm glad he's pointed me to Christ every step of the way. Here goes:

**Ronny:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Alex:** Whether big or small in your eyes, walking with God is a *simple* thing. It's just you and Jesus and the body of Jesus. We talk a lot about family. I came here as a zealous freshman hoping to do big things, but while there is a time for big events, the family really comes down to you and your brother, because that is the body of Jesus. I'm still learning that we have to be real to our brothers and sisters. And it's hard to do that because it asks that you lay down your pride, that you forgive others... to realize that God's agape love can still filter through these jars of clay that we are.

**R:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**A:**  
Juniors, keep it simple. Don't be afraid because God has led you in three years up to this point where you guys can step up into leadership. And while you may feel inadequate, don't be. Just keep it simple. It's not a light show. Just do what you gotta do.

Sophomores, this is your first year as upperclassmen. It might feel strange to be taking on younger prayer partners, but it's time. Just take what you know already in your heads - because you have learned a lot in the past two years - and just let that instigate conversations. Learn to listen, hang out, enjoy life, enjoy what God has given

you, friendships that He's given you. I see you taking steps into leadership, but don't let it get complicated. Enjoy it as much as you enjoyed freshman year.

Freshmen, have the attitude of Jonathan and the armor bearer, where Jonathan says to the armor bearer, "Come, let's go over... Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf." I think my desire for the freshmen is to have that kind of attitude towards God and each other. Just act in faith, in small steps, and say "maybe God will act on our behalf." Keep going and remember that you're going together.

**R:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**A:** Everybody, every Friday night, after fellowship, after ACE, coming home (High Rise), third floor lounge, everybody playing mafia until dawn. And then walking Cheryl Chan home with Jason Kwong when the birds started chirping.

**R:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**A:** People may remember that I used to send a lot of emails. While not neglecting that aspect of loving God's word and talking about it, there's also a time to just keep quiet, to be quiet in your own room, or perhaps in the bar with friends. Just make sure that you're enjoying the time, and let God do what He wants to do and just be patient.

**R:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**A:** Jumping off the gorge.

**R:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**A:** Chicken, preferably fried.

**R:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**A:** I have a number of classes that I enjoy. Falcon was a really good program. But one of the classes that challenged the way I thought was Literature and Theory. It forced me to think about my faith in a context that is never talked about in church: like if you're a woman, if you're not middle class, or if you're gay. It forced me to be flexible, to realize that I don't know it all, that there is a lot more to learn.

My least favorite class was Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The political correctness of the class blocked off any chance for controversy.

**R:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**A:** I'm going to learn Mandarin in Beijing University.

**R:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**A:** Staring at the stars.

**R:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice. (This person of your choice can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**A:** Hosea. His life was rough. He married a prostitute. I want to get marriage advice from Hosea. I'd also sit in a pub with CS Lewis and talk about life – has to be in a pub.

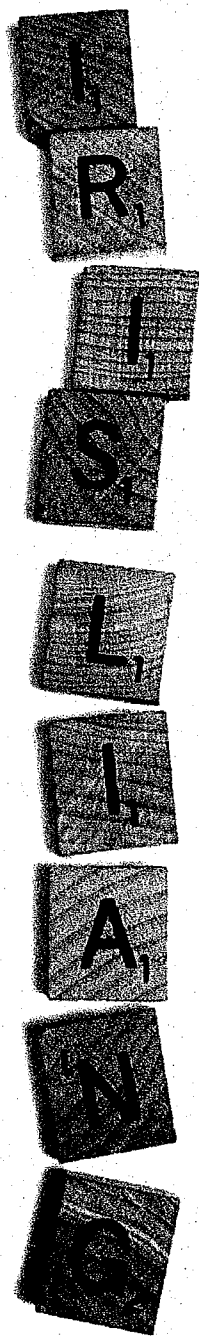
This brother is quite a guy. He lives his life like his poems: with style and edge. Keep it up, we'll be praying for you!

*By Ronny Huang*

## THIS OR THAT?



- Hot truck/Louie's Lunch – Louie's Lunch
- Olin/Uriis – Kroch
- CTB/Starbucks - CTB
- Backstreet Boys/Nsync - Nsync
- RPU/Appel - RPU
- Chocolate/Vanilla – don't like sweets
- Statler Wrap/TBP – TBP, it's more steaky
- Spider-man/ Batman – Batman, hands down
- Cantonese/Mandarin - Mandarin
- Soy milk/Regular milk – Regular, has to be skim
- Papers/Prelims - Prelims
- Freshman year/Senior year – too hard to say
- Wheat/White - Wheat
- Chinese veggies/Salads - Chinese Veggies
- Guitar/Guitar Hero – Guitar Hero
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam – Asian Noodle House
- Facebook/Youtube - Youtube
- Snowboarding/Skiing - Skiing
- Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper – just hop into the shower after using the toilet!



CLASS OF 2007

student file

Before felly-dinner, I managed to meet with the ever-so-busy Iris Liang for a quick interview about her Cornell experiences. As someone who has already graduated, I wondered if she even remembered what it was like to be a student. Fortunately, she shared a lot about what God has been doing in her life since freshman year.

**Richard:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Iris:** There is love to fill me... a greater love than I could ever imagine (1John 4:16). That it is by grace I have been saved, through faith (from God) and not works (Eph 2:8-9). There is nothing that could separate me from God's love because hope in God never fails (Romans 8:37-39, 5:4-5)

**R:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**I:** Freshmen: As things get busier for sophomore year, don't look inward or outward for approval and support, but look to God. Between changing majors, grades, finding a summer job and learning how and where to serve, God will direct you, carry you through all those things and put you in the right place. Remember how you were served so that you can serve the incoming freshmen. When things get hard, be desperate so that you can... "Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10

**Sophomores:** Junior year is tough. Junior year was when God showed me that I was to be passionate about hope and justice for the poor, and He showed me to approach it through business and international development.

**Juniors:** Have fun next year. Take chances. Do things you wouldn't usually do. Do NOT stress about job searching. Go on a great spring break trip. Before you go out into the work world, remember the things that ARE important to you and

to God, because it can be easily forgotten in the real world.

**R:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**I:** There was a weekend in March where I was at Cornell when a girl I barely knew asked me if I wanted to go to Trillium for Chinese desserts, and it ended up being CBS coffeehouse; I didn't know it was a Christian outreach event. I kind of knew Terence from classes, and he was there. I remember the skit really moved me. I started to think more about God, but mostly I thought "these people look like they might be nice people to hang out with." A couple of weeks later, I asked Terence to bring me to CBS so I could meet more people and I started going to CBS. And God has propelled me towards Him since then.

**R:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**I:** I became a Christian. I was saved!! For the full testimony, see Iris (too long to explain here).

**R:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**I:** Go to Fuertes, the astronomy building, the plantations to stargaze, the Farmer's Market.

**R:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**I:** I could probably live without this... but I'd say it's Japanese food... in particular, salmon sashimi. One thing I can't live without is meat.

**R:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**I:** I don't remember... I haven't been a student for so long. Haha. I really liked Negotiations (Johnson school class). It's a great skill to have: for anything



from business to haggling in China. It teaches you to think in other s' shoes, and therefore, to respect others' opinions. I didn't like Chem 207. Gives me the chills thinking about it.

**R:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**I:** I'm going into investment banking, which means: please pray for me? I'm excited though because it's a profession where I can't be spiritually lukewarm. I will have to give all or nothing to God, and I've been asking God to teach me how to do that. I want to go into economic development in the long term. It would be really cool if I could find a business model that could be applicable to different countries. People have the same basic needs, and if I could find something that could help them and make an economic impact in those countries, it would be a great way to answer God's call for me. It would have to be something God shows me, because I don't know what that looks like.

**R:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**I:** A friend and I went to the cemetery down past West and tried to get into one of the tombs that was above ground. We tried to open the gate to go into the tomb, but a cop drove by and flashed a light across the cemetery, so we ran.

**R:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**I:** It'd be really cool if I could meet Jesus and travel back in time with him to see him on the cross for those three days. We would be at the cross watching what is going on. There would be no need for words, but I want him next to me as we watch.

Also, I'd want to meet Peter because I feel that I can relate to him. I'm impulsive, competitive and doubtful, just as he was. We're both stubborn, jump to conclusions, and often we need a major whack on the head to learn a lesson. But through God's grace and by truly understanding redemption, Peter changed into a completely different person, and it's amazing how much God has changed me in the last three years too (my roommate calls it a miracle). But sometimes, I get impatient that God's not changing me fast enough, and I wonder if Peter went through that same impatience and how he dealt with it.

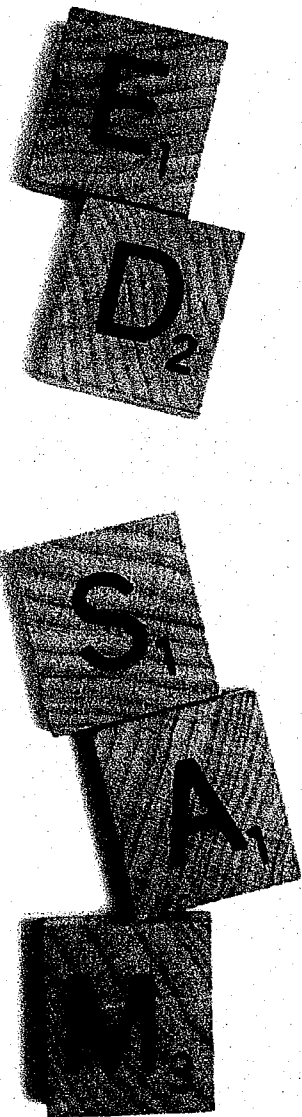
If you thought you missed your chance to meet Iris because she left early, here is your chance to meet her again! Please contact her agent and schedule an appointment, at least 2 days in advance... haha just kidding =>. Even though Iris is kind of busy, she always makes time for brothers and sisters. Personally, I've been really blessed and encouraged by her testimony and by what God has been teaching her. Please pray for Iris as she goes into investment banking. With our prayers and God's strength, she can make a difference in her workplace.

*By Richard Yan*

## THIS OR THAT?



- Chocolate/Vanilla-Vanilla
- Statler Wrap/TBP-Statler (by default)
- Spider-man/Batman-Spider-man
- Cantonese/Mandarin-Uhhhh both.. (glare from Richard) ok Canto... canto.
- Soy milk/Regular milk-Soy (!!!)
- Papers/Prelims-Prelims
- Freshman year/Senior year-Senior
- Wheat/White-Eat wheat like white
- Chinese veggies/Salads-Salads
- Guitar/Guitar Hero-Guitar
- Asian Noodle House/Vietnam-ANH
- Facebook/YouTube-Facebook by a small margin
- Snowboarding/Skiing-Skiing (I've never snowboarded before...)
- Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper-no towel (not being able to wipe is just gross)



CLASS OF 2007

student file

So I sit across from the infamous human we all know as Edwin Sam (a.k.a Samwise, Jon, Samwin, Ed) at his humble abode at 501 Court. And thus begins our interview.

**Eric Yeh:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Edwin Sam:** Things have definitely changed since the beginning of college concerning God, and more thought than expected has been given to this topic. In the beginning it was more one-track minded; it's not as if my thinking has completely revolutionized, but I think more deeply about it in ways I did not think I would. I see how it affects the people around me, such as my apartment mates. In a nutshell, the past four years have challenged me to be more open minded about everything in general, such as beliefs and morals and everyday issues in general.

**EY:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**ES:** Grades don't mean squat. Doesn't mean you shouldn't care about it, but don't let it take over your life. I don't know...just chill, and do what you want to do. Chill out and be real [with a fist pump].

**EY:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**ES:** During one of those weekends when no one had any work to do: I lived in High Rise 5 freshman year, and we went up to the sky lounge, and we found things to throw down the balcony, such as fruit and various food items. Then we decided to throw down toilet paper and paper towels. Then we also had the bright idea of going down there to catch it while someone throws it down the balcony. Let's just say: it's pretty hard to catch a roll of paper towels.

**EY:** *Did people get hurt?*

**ES:** Depends how you look at it...hehe...

**EY:** *Did you guys get caught?*

**ES:** No. We threw it down more than once.

**EY:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

(see above)

**EY:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**ES:** Go up the clock tower.

**EY:** *Do you want stay in Olin library overnight?*

**ES:** No...it's ok.

**EY:** *Fine.*

**EY:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**ES:** Fried chicken. 'Cause it's so goooooood! (with a higher pitched ending to the word)

**EY:** *How about...eggs?*

**ES:** ...nah...no...it can go well with steak?

**EY:** *How about broccoli?*

**ES:** Yes I can live without it.

**EY:** *Are you sure you can live without broccoli?*

**ES:** Yes, I am positive. Although out of all the vegetables I like broccoli the most. But year I can go without vegetables.

**EY:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**ES:** [Long silence] I don't have a favorite class. But least favorite...there's a lot of classes I hate. Let's see, CS100, CS211, or COMP263, OR350, OR474, OR321, OR361, MSE204 and MSE 206.

**EY:** *What's your major?*

**ES:** OR and MSE

**EY:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**ES:** Next year I will be staying here engineering masters in OR.

**EY:** *Are you going to enjoy your time next year?*

**ES:** No.

**EY:** *What are your plans in the far future?*

**ES:** Hopefully get a job, hopefully retire by 40, but yeah...I don't think that's gonna happen.

**EY:** *Are you going to get a family?*

**ES:** Want to, yes...actually go through the process of getting one? Depends.

**EY:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**ES:** That's a tough one. There are so many things. All right, let's go with most embarrassing. Screaming at the top of my lungs in Duffield.

**EY:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**ES:** To be honest, I'll probably want to meet Batman. Because...because he's Batman, you can't mess with him.

**EY:** *So what are you going to do with him?*

**ES:** Chill with him and fight crime with him.

**EY:** *What if doesn't let you and he told you to get out of his face?*

**ES:** Find Alfred?

**EY:** *What if Alfred doesn't give about you either?*

**ES:** Do nothing?

**EY:** *So you're just going to stand there?*

**ES:** I guess so...not much of an option.

As I look into Edwin's eyes, his face displays emotions of distrust and uncertainty as I put words down on the page. I can sense the fear in his eyes, knowing his senior interview in BoL, his legacy to the future generations of Cornell students, is in my hands. He tries to look over at what I'm writing, and I quickly cover it up. He eyes a bag of honey mustard tiny twist pretzels and exclaims, "Honey mustard!!" He smiles, chuckles, and goes on with life in his merry way.

*By Eric Yeh*

## THIS OR THAT?



Hot truck/Louie's Lunch – Louie's lunch

Olin/Uris – Duffield

CTB/Starbucks – Starbucks

Backstreet Boys/'NSync – 90 degrees

RPU/Appel – RPU

Chocolate/Vanilla – Vanilla

Statler Wrap/TBP – Statler wrap

Spider-man/Batman – Batman

Cantonese/Mandarin – Canto

Soy milk/Regular milk – regular milk

Papers/Prelims – prelims

Freshman year/Senior year – that's a hard one...but senior year

Wheat/White – sourdough (and he gets attacked by Richard so he says wheat)

Chinese veggies/Salads – Chinese veggies

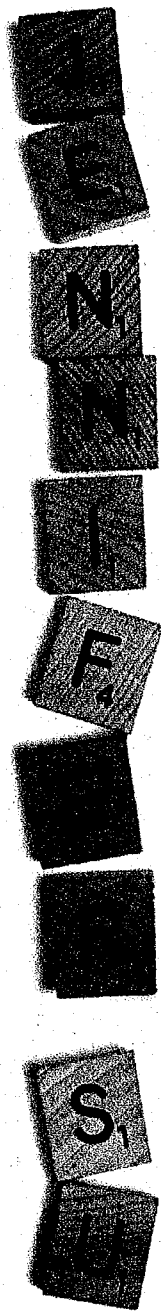
Guitar/Guitar Hero – guitar

Asian Noodle House/Vietnam – Asian noodle house

Facebook/YouTube – YouTube

Snowboarding/Skiing – neither

Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper – shower with no towel cause you can use paper towels and



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student file

Sitting down in Terrace, as she carefully mixed her tomato-cream sauce over shell-shaped pasta, Jennifer Su took some time to share her many thoughts and words of wisdom with me. While cutting and eating her meatballs, she opened up about her goals for the summer, memories from the past, and ideas for the present:

**Carolyn:** *What's the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Jennifer:** Matthew 19:26, "...with God all things are possible." It reminds me that God is part of everything. And when you put Him as the biggest part of the equation, then everything will turn out well. God is everywhere you go; graduating is scary- I'm moving away where I don't have family or a fellowship, but God's everywhere. I guess that's a generalization of all the lessons I've learned.

**C:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**J:** Conflicts will come up and everyone is going to have problems or issues. But we need to remember that we're here to watch out for each other. When you put others before you, you avoid conflict and there's more room for growth. God's the biggest part of life; it's not all about us.

**C:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**J:** One Saturday, I was at Appel for brunch, and I was really excited to eat. I had my baked potato, at least three drinks and everything. I was walking up the stairs to eat with some friends, and I tripped and spilled everything! It was so embarrassing. After that, I wasn't hungry anymore, it was so sad. Secretly, I wanted someone else to fall too so that I

wouldn't feel so bad. Moments later, someone else fell! It made me feel better.

**C:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**J:** I've grown bigger and gotten smarter. And I've multiplied my cool factor by 3000.

**C:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**J:** Taken more advantage of the scenery and outdoor activities. Like the ropes course, kayaking, and picnicking!

**C:** *What is the one food you can't live without?*

**J:** Cheese, mushrooms, and noodles. But not necessarily all together.

**C:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell?*

**J:** Algorithms. The teacher was really good. Plus, I took it over the summer, so I was able to go to all the office hours and to talk to the teacher and get help on all the assignments. Generally, I like classes I can understand and do relatively well in. I did well and learned a lot.

**C:** *What about your least favorite?*

**J:** Operating systems. It was the most painful class. EVER.

**C:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**J:** Short-term- I'm going to travel over the summer and hang out... My goal is to find the church where God wants me and really get plugged in. Fellowship is important. I don't think in terms of long-term. I try to go at it day by day.

**C:** *What is the most interesting thing you have done after midnight?*

**J:** Give me a week. I'll do something interesting and I'll get back to you.

[A week later at BoL editing session]

I've concluded that I am not interesting after midnight. Maybe pulling a late late nighter for BoL and watching people become deliriously funny.

**C:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**J:** From the Bible: Paul. I like the books he's written. He gives me hope; even the hardest of hearts can be given over to God. He also led an amazing life. It's hard to let go of the past and accept that we've changed. Paul's taught me to not ignore my past, but to use it for my testimony. For fictional character: Mulan. I cried at least twice watching the Disney movie. I'd ask her to teach me how to climb a massive pole with a handkerchief.

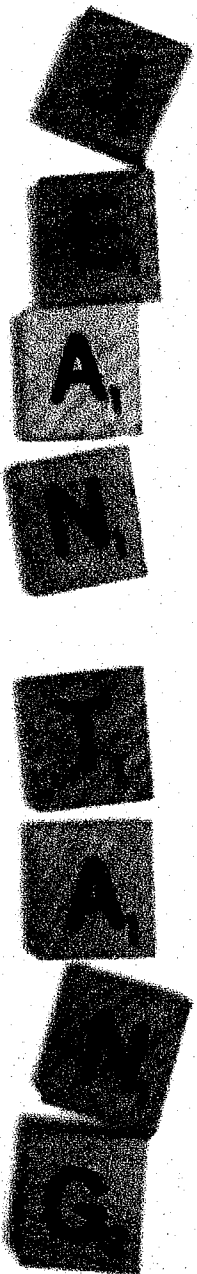
Jennifer Su. A Su-perstar, a Su-per-sis, and a Su-per blessing from God!

*By Carolyn Hsieh*

## THIS OR THAT?

- Hot truck or Louie's Lunch – ouie's Lunch
- Olin or Uris – Uris
- CTB or Starbucks – Carriage House
- Backstreet Boys or N'Sync – 98 degrees
- RPU or Appel – Appel
- Chocolate or vanilla – Vanilla
- Statler Wrap or TBP – Statler Wrap- you can use points.
- Spider-man or Batman – Spider-man
- Cantonese or Mandarin – Mandarin
- Soy milk or Regular milk – Soy milk
- Papers or Prelims – Papers.
- Freshman year or Senior year – Senior year
- Wheat or White – White
- Chinese veggies or Salads – Chinese veggies
- Guitar or Guitar Hero – Guitar
- Asian Noodle House or Vietnam – Vietnam
- Facebook or Youtube – Webmail!
- Snowboarding or Skiing – Snowboarding!
- Shower with no towel or Bathroom with no toilet paper – BOTH! On second thought, shower with no towel.





CLASS OF 2007

student file

When you come to CBS's large felly on Friday evenings, Jean's not hard to pick out. She can be found working her magic on the keys for Praise Team or singing as a female vocalist. But no matter what, you can always find Jean wearing the most animated shirts and artistic accessories. Anyways, there's much more to this sister-in-Christ than meets the eye. Her dedication to God is inspirational and her compassion towards others is truly encouraging. She always has a cheerful face ready for everyone she meets, no matter how little sleep she's gotten. So let's learn a bit more about our sister from San Fransico.

**Tiffany:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past 4 years?*

**Jean:** God has taught me a lot about trusting in his plans for me and to have faith that He'll provide for everything I need.

**T:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**J:** Not to worry about anything because worrying won't accomplish anything, and instead you should listen to what God is trying to teach you when you're in a tight pinch.

**T:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**J:** Joining CBS Choir and sticking with it through all four years of my time here. Also, playing Mafia for the first time...

**T:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**J:** I think I've become less quiet, and I've picked up some confidence along the way. Also, I've learned to care more about what I can give instead of what I can receive. Finally, I hope that I've become

better at discerning God's will and calling for me  
^ ^.

**T:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**J:** I don't know...haha, bungee jumping? I like to try out new things, so there are many things that I would like to do and haven't had the chance yet. I guess one thing that I'm looking forward to is going on missions this summer since that'll be a first for me.

**T:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**J:** I think it would have to be cucumbers because it's the one thing that I always buy when I go grocery shopping. I really like to eat them raw or cooked, and I feel as if I'm not getting enough nutrients if I go without eating them for a long time  
^ ^.

**T:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**J:** I have two favorite classes. One of them is HA 255 Hospitality Development and Planning because it covered a very interesting array of topics.

Another is Music 151 Tonal Music Theory because that class broadened my musical experience and was a relatively low-stress class.

But my least favorite class was probably HA 236 culinary because not only did I get badly injured from that class, I got my lowest grade in the hotel school in that class as well =(.

**T:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**J:** For short-term, I'm going to China this summer for missions, and for long-term, it's still up in the air

at the moment. I would like to stay within the hospitality industry though, and I'm currently very interested in airlines.

By Tiffany Yu

**T:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**J:** Midnight is not late for me since I've been running on Pacific-time during all four years of my college career. Some highlights would probably be just putting aside time to have meaningful conversations with people, and walking out in the cold of winter to watch shooting stars.

**T:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice (can be fictional). What would you do with this person?*

**J:** There are so many people in the Bible that I would like to meet, but if I had to choose a person, I would choose (besides Jesus, the obvious answer) would be the apostle John. I think it would be interesting to see his perspective on being a follower of Christ. I would also like to meet Joan of Arc because I admire her unwavering dedication to following God's will and how she refused to give up God for anything of this world. If I got to meet her, I would ask her how she was able to muster up so much strength and courage and what kept her motivated during her long quest.

Let's pray that Jean can take her experiences from her past four years at Cornell and use them to glorify God in her mission to China this summer. Growing into the steadfast servant of God and a caring sister who openly shares her thoughts and stories, I'm sure this sister will shine wherever the Lord leads her in the future, whether it's in hotel administration or airlines.

## THIS OR THAT?



Hot truck/Louie's Lunch -

(Since I've never tried Hot Truck, I'll have to go with Louie's Lunch)

Olin/Uris - (I like Uris better than Olin, but I study in Statler more often)

CTB/Starbucks - CTB (because they serve really yummy Italian soda)

Backstreet Boys/Nsync - Um...Savage Garden?

RPU/Appel - Appel

Chocolate/Vanilla - Vanilla

Statler Wrap/TBP - Statler

Spider-man/Batman - Batman

Cantonese/Mandarin - Mandarin

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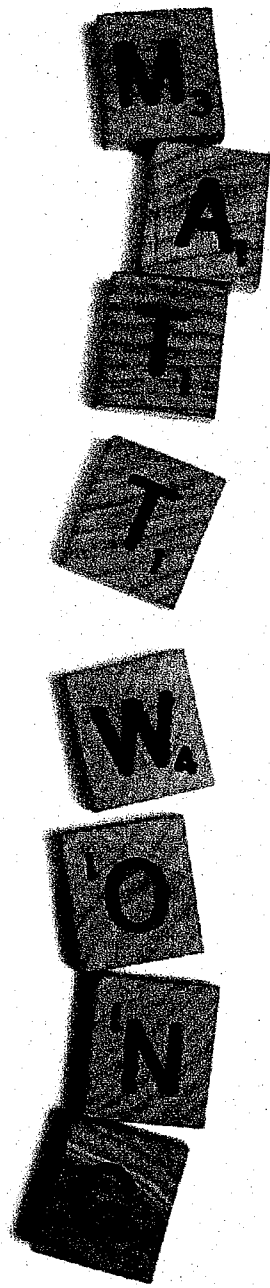
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student file

The name "Matthew" means "Gift of God". Out of the small population of people who have visited babynames.com, 1,995 people have this name, 375 people wish they had this name, and 1659 happy parents gave this name to their newborns. In history, Matthew the Tax Collector turned Evangelist was one of the Twelve Apostles, wrote the Gospel of Matthew, and was called by Jesus to follow Him—a scene seeped with the power of redemption and the beauty of change, depicted with justice by Caravaggio's chiaroscuro.

The Matthew I've gotten acquainted with is about to graduate from Cornell University, hails from NJ, dislikes the movie Citizen Kane, likes green peppers, laughs loudly, sings well, loves God, and is very... flexible when it comes to making use of napkins. Let's find out more about this very interesting person!

**Mandy:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past four years?*

**Matt:** All of it kind of gels into one thing: [Christianity] is a sacrificial relationship and exclusive devotion. God is a God of experience, not theology. In order to engage this relationship, the act of dying to yourself is actually more literal than you'd imagine.

**MZ:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**MW:** To rising seniors, find silence and quietness, and let God speak there. To rising juniors, don't take yourselves too seriously and don't make it more serious than it is. To rising sophomores: boys: avoid girls, girls: avoid boys.

**MZ:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**MW:** Mike Wang and me had just finished Econ and we were walking on the bridge back to North. I wanted to eat at Risley (because I like the home-cooked stuff) and Mike wanted to eat at Appel. We had to decide, so I started whining [Matt demonstrates] and Mike finally gave in and we went to Risley.

**MZ:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**MW:** I used to be more carefree. I'm more self-aware of flaws and shortcomings, and I'm more reclusive now.

**MZ:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**MW:** I want to go to the top of the clock tower, and walk in the gorges.

**MZ:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**MW:** Food: beef. Can't live without steak. Drink: diet Pepsi.

**MZ:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**MW:** I took them both this semester. My favorite class is Political Satire: Post 9/11, and my least favorite is Investments.

**MZ:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**MW:** Short-term: I'm going to take a year off and live at home, possibly do an internship in college ministry at my church back home, go on a road trip... long-term: part of me still feels called to seminary.

**MZ:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**MW:** One night before college, I set off fireworks at a golf course with my friends...and then we went to a diner at 4:00 am and talked about Cornell (one of them was going to Cornell too).

**MZ:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible, and then a person of your choice. What would you do with this person?*

**MW:** Well, besides Jesus...I would want to hang out with Hosea and ask him about marriage. And the other person I want to meet: Donald Miller! What would I do with him? Smoke cigars and talk about life.

Praise God! For although Matt has struggled through a difficult year with his share of sleepless nights and boundless uncertainties, we only know that his faith has and will continue to grow and intensify, and that is a nearness to God for which we all strive and hope. Like Matthew, Matthew Wong will find contentment and peace in Jesus' Calling for him.

*By Mandy Zhao*

## THIS OR THAT?



**Hot truck/Louie's Lunch:**

"Louie's Lunch."

**Olin/Uris:** "Olin."

**CTB/Starbucks:** "Starbucks. Their frappuccinos are so good!"

**Backstreet Boys/'NSync:** "'NSync. They had Justin Timberlake."

**RPU/Appel:** "RPU."

**Chocolate/Vanilla:** "Vanilla."

**Statler Wrap/TBP:** "TBP."

**Spider-man/Batman:** "Batman."

**Cantonese/Mandarin:** "Cantonese. I like the way it sounds better than mandarin. But I speak mandarin...or, I attempt to."

**Soy milk/Regular milk:** "Soy milk."

**Papers/Prelims:** "Papers."

**Freshman year/Senior year:** "Freshman year was most fun. Senior year I developed the most."

**Wheat/White:** "White."

**Chinese veggies/Salads:** "Chinese vegetables."

**Guitar/Guitar Hero:** "Guitar. With guitar you can actually play more than ten songs. [Laughs]"

**Asian Noodle House/Vietnam:** "Vietnam."

**Facebook/YouTube:** "YouTube."

**Snowboarding/Skiing:** "Neither. I haven't done either of them."

**Shower with no towel/Bathroom with no toilet paper:** "[laughs] You can shower after you go to the bathroom, right? Okay, then bathroom with no toilet paper."

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A dark shape zips through the water, cutting through the currents, as many bubbles swirl and expire in small eddies. What awe-inspiring feats can this portend? No mere shark or even deep-lagoon creature could instill such admiration...! It's Richard Yan, former Stuyvesant Pirate, still a commendable presence in or out of the pool. Let's find out more about him!

**Mandy:** *What is the most important thing God has taught you in the past four years?*

**Richard:** It would have to be that God sometimes needs to break us in order to teach us something. He puts us in situations that are really tough. For me, it was academics my sophomore year. I really wanted to be a CS major and I wasn't doing very well. But God got me through it and I've learned that He can use you in many ways.

**M:** *What advice/encouragement can you give to the classes below you?*

**R:** Don't eat lunch or dinner by yourself. Try to meet up with people as much as you can. Mealtimes are always fun times! Try to examine yourself everyday to see if you're intentionally living for God. Sometimes we think we can do it naturally, but everyday we need to learn to rely on Him.

**M:** *Name a memorable moment from freshman year.*

**R:** I was with a bunch of guys, Alex, Jason, High rise 5 people. There was a really big thunderstorm and we all went to the Sky Lounge to watch it. It was cool to see God's power—the lightning and the wind. It was very awe-inspiring.

**M:** *How have you changed since freshman year?*

**R:** I think I worry less now. I think I've learned to trust God more. I've realized that a lot of things are out of my hands; I've learned to lift things up to God. I see that God is changing me to love people. I've received a lot of that love here and I see what a gift it is, and I want to give that back.

**M:** *What haven't you done yet that you want to do?*

**R:** I want to play hide and seek in Goldwin Smith at night. That would be a lot of fun!

**M:** *What is the one food you can't live without? Explain/elaborate!*

**R:** This is a tough one! I think it'll have to be noodles. Soup noodles are so tasty!

**M:** *What was your favorite class at Cornell? Your least favorite?*

**R:** Ones I liked: Archery (being like an elf! So cool!), cryptology (tricky, cool math tricks!), and database project. My least favorite class: BEE 489: Entrepreneurship. We had to make up a product and try to sell it. Everything was made up and I couldn't stand it!

**M:** *What are your short-term and long-term plans after you graduate?*

**R:** Short-term: Bahamas with my family, then starting work in July in Boston. I'll be living with Dave Chiu and Will Lin! Long-term: I want to go to Grad school, and maybe go on missions.

**M:** *What is the most interesting thing you've done after midnight?*

**R:** Freshman year, we went to the Sky Lounge and we got bored so we ended up throwing paper towels out of the Sky Lounge. We had those big rolls and

so when they fell, they unrolled the whole way and some guys were outside trying to catch them as they fell.

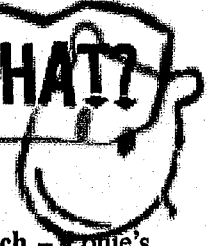
**M:** *Who would you like to meet/spend time with? Name a person from the Bible and then a person of your choice. What would you do with this person?*

**R:** I would like to meet King David. I want to see how a man can look after God's heart so much, even though he wasn't perfect. He was very devoted to God, writing all of those psalms. I would like to see how he wrote a psalm and go to battle with him and see him fight Goliath! I would also like to meet Calvin and Hobbes, and be part of Calvin's world.

In addition to being a great brother, Richard is a true gentleman. He is highly considerate of everyone's feelings, especially those of his sisters-in-Christ. A man of many talents (try his onigiri! They're so good!), he will take on the world; starting with a Top Secret job at Raytheon in July—I would tell you guys what it is, but then Richard would have to hire hit-men. But above all this, Richard is a willing and encouraging vessel of God, cognizant of His truth through the Word.

*By Mandy Zhao*

## THIS OR THAT?



Hot truck or Louie's Lunch – Louie's Lunch

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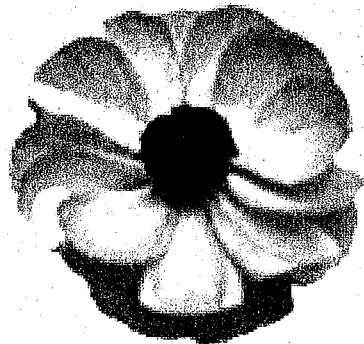
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# TESTIMONIES

... eleven apostles.

## The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

**2** When the day of Pentecost<sup>1</sup> came, they were all together<sup>2</sup> in one place. **3** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **4** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **5** All of them were

# VICKIE CHU

God placed specific people in my life to bring me to Him starting freshmen year. But the more I was exposed to Christians and the institute of Christianity, the more I was turned off toward seeking Him. My heart was so hard. I focused on finding the holes in Christianity and thinking judgmental thoughts about Christians...like how can this person call himself a Christian when he does this, this, and this. My understanding of Jesus was limited and reduced to how I perceived others living their lives according to the Word. I wasn't looking at Jesus. I was basing my views on Christianity on the body of Christ but I was only able to see the negative. At the same time, however, I was continuing to hang out with these people that I thought were hypocrites. I couldn't figure out an answer as to why though. I didn't want to admit that I had started to see Christ's love in them through some of the ways they interacted with one another. I started to wonder why I wasn't filled with that love...or that joy. It was as if these people had some sort of secret that I didn't know about.

So sophomore year I stopped going to fellowship. I would lock the door to my room in Cascadilla and hide on Friday nights when people would try to get me to come to fellowship. It didn't help that I was also living on a floor with all Christians. God was sending His army to get me but I closed the door on them and to Him literally. But there was something that kept me going to a small seekers bible study during the week. I had justified it in my head thinking "oh well it's important to the guy who leads it and he's a friend...I'm doing this for a friend. I'm going to bible study for a friend." Little did I know that it was God who was slowly chipping away at my heart. My heart. That was a whole other story. I was beginning to feel a sense of loneliness that I

hadn't felt before. I tried to fill this void with anything I could think of though I was unaware of these motivations. I got into relationships seeking comfort and love, but ended up dissatisfied and even more empty. I worked harder to get better grades but even that seemed pointless to me when I would get a prelim back. None of it worked.

Junior year, fall semester, I started my co-op. It was extremely lonely there being the only intern on the site and knowing all my friends were together back up at school. I couldn't really find comfort in living at home either...I just wasn't happy. God had started to reveal the sin in my life and I realized how much I needed Him. On my way to work, I would listen to this Shawn McDonald C.D a friend had lent me and I started to really pay attention to the lyrics one day:

*Won't You open my eyes  
So that I can see  
The way that You are working in me  
All I need is Your love  
To come and fill this heart of mine  
My heart is a desert that has gone dry*

These words rang true with my heart and on December 28th 2005 I stopped resisting the Lord. I prayed with all my heart in my co-op office and felt not only peace but relief. Relieved that I didn't have to carry these burdens alone anymore. Relieved that I knew that there was a truth and purpose to life.

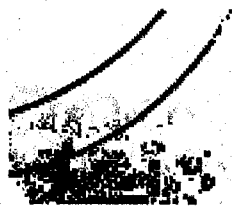
But by no means was I in good shape or did I all of a sudden become holy. Once I was His, I fell even lower in my sin and the sins I committed seemed endless and even worse one after another. I dug deeper. I wanted to turn back because this new

awareness was too painful for me to bear. My eyes were open. I saw and heard and knew what I was doing but I was powerless to stop it. I felt alone and unsteady on my new Christian legs. I was born again but I was still resisting His grace. Even though I know my sins were forgiven, I did not approach Him with my newer sins. I fell again and again and became frustrated. My pride prevented me from asking God for help and from trusting Him even when it was He who had saved me in the first place. Why did I back away from the truth? I was scared. I was bound to worldly things. People's impressions, their judgments. Now I was on the other side: "She does this this and this...and she calls herself a Christian??" I continued to seek comfort in other things...and at my low I cried out to the Lord and He answered with this verse. I literally just turned to this page:

Songs of songs 3:5  
*Daughters of Jerusalem I charge you...do not  
arouse or awake love until it so desires.*

It was all I needed to hear. I was looking in all the wrong places for the kind of love my heart was made for. It was the same lesson again and God was and still is gracious enough to teach it to me when I need it.

I used to joke around with my roommate, saying how funny it would be if we were Christian. We would laugh because the idea was so ridiculous to us... so impossible. But I guess God has a sense of humor because we are both living for Him now. And with God, all things are possible.



# MAGGIE TANG

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How I came to know Christ was in freshman year of high school, when an older friend from my math class invited me to an after-school fellowship. It was their first meeting of the semester, so the message they gave was on salvation. At the end of the meeting, they asked anyone who wanted to receive Christ as their Savior and confess that they were sinners to raise their hand. Well, I wasn't sure what it all meant so I didn't, but then they asked again and I thought, sure, why not, partly because I thought that's what I was supposed to do. I went home that day excited and full of questions.

I went back to the fellowship every week, and learned more about who Jesus is, what the Bible says about him, and what it meant to me to trust Him as Savior. I quickly learned that sharing who Jesus was with loved ones was important as a matter of what happens to you after you die. So I shared with my mom and asked her to believe, but that was unexpectedly difficult because she had already heard it all before and simply chose not to believe. After some frustrating attempts, I stopped having these conversations with my mom. I continued to grow and become more involved in the school fellowship and started going to a youth fellowship at a local church that I knew some people at. I didn't go to their Sunday services because I didn't know what my parents would think. But they actually didn't mind me and my

sister going to Church because they thought of it as a good moral influence. And as I told my mom that I decided to get Baptized, she supported my decision, and I thank God for that.

As weeks passed after I first received Christ in high school, the initial joy I found after hearing the message was fading and I struggled to cling on to those feelings. In hindsight, I believe my faith began to be tested through several relationships all through the rest of high school. It was a hard lesson to learn to obey God. I never seemed to be able to understand how to devote my whole heart to Jesus instead of other people. After I came to Cornell, I was exposed to so many different kinds of people that I never came across, and re-evaluated some of my relationships with friends back home. I came to depend on Christ more and more and slowly broke free from depending on people around me. God is working to change my heart to love those that I had not wanted to, and as I move on out of college, I know I will learn that I will need to know and trust Him more.

Acts 22:14-16 says, "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name."

# CALINDA YEW

Hi. Good morning. So, I originally wrote the first copy of my testimony and it turned out to be five pages, single-spaced. I went to the baptism class last Sunday, and Pastor Au said each person has three minutes – meaning at maximum, I could have two pages, double-spaced. I was like... okay. And then I saw the little girl next to me and her testimony was one page. I was like, “Wow. Now that’s simple, child-like faith.” And so God taught me in this whole baptism process, what Paul meant when he said to make plain to everyone the unsearchable riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:8-9).

My parents brought me to church as a little kid. I knew of Jesus, all the Bible stories, and even prayed the acceptance prayer a few times, never really knowing what I was doing. As I grew up and went through personal struggles, I never saw the need for God; it wasn’t until high school that God began to change my heart of stone to a heart of flesh. He softened my heart to His gospel, placed people in my life that spurred me on, and it all led to my acceptance of Christ as a senior in high school, as I attended Chinese Bible Church of Howard County. Since then, God has been slowly helping me to see the full measure of His grace and redemptive work on the cross. Though at that point in my life I had believed in Christ’s death and resurrection and experienced joy in it, I quickly realized that I did not experience Christ’s dominion in my life.

things of the world, but I am a new creation in Christ, in whom my identity now rests. And God who called me to Himself desires for me to “be holy, because [He] is holy.” As I kept falling short of the mark, deeper sins surfaced and the level of idolatry in my heart was overbearing. I had to then grapple with the fact that I can’t work in a human sense to glorify this Christ who is my Lord, so I became brokenhearted and crushed in spirit. I plunged into a state of worldly sorrow and feelings of condemnation. As God began to speak His truths to my heart – His truth that He is sovereign over all things, His truth that there is no condemnation in Christ, His truth that He who began a good work in me will carry it to completion (Philippians 1:6), and His truth that His grace is sufficient for me, I began to experience freedom. God spoke to me saying that there is NOTHING I can do to damage His kingdom work because God’s will and purpose for those whom He has called is effectual, despite what I do – it is by His mercy and grace that He has called me into His kingdom, not by my desire or efforts (Romans 9:16). So, He restored...reconciled...renewed. I began to realize that it was for freedom that Christ set me free (Galatians) and my Christian walk does not hinge on legalistic living. It is not centered on the do’s and don’ts, but rather, centers on the sense of awe, reverence, and humility that spring forth in response to the ultimate love of Jesus Christ – that He poured out His life unto death.

As I went to college in New York, God began to challenge me in many ways. First, He challenged my identity. God took away my really good grades and helped me to see my identity was not in the

Recently, as God has given me a heart for people, I began to serve more actively and along with that, I quickly grew tired. God has been teaching me to be weak before Him, and helping me to claim His promise that His power and grace is fully sufficient in enabling me to do all things through Him. A passage that stuck out to me during this past semester was when Jesus feeds the five thousand (John 6). Even after the disciples come back from a time of intense ministry and evangelism, they wanted to just rest and grab some food to eat (Mark 6:30-36). BUT they couldn’t because a huge crowd followed them...at least five thousand. God’s like, despite your own life, the world is dying and hungry, you will grow weak and tired, but the man who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will never go hungry. In the truest sense, Jesus is saying to feed off of Him because He is the bread of life. God’s like: Less of you and more of me. You must decrease and I must increase. You must die, so that you can live. You must be diminished and I magnified. Why? Because I bought you at a price when I bore your sins on the cross. Your life...is mine...that is the cost of being a disciple.

God has been showing me that He is anything but passive and distant; He is personal and actively moving His gospel to the ends of the earth. And the more that I consider all things loss in comparison to Him, the more I see how much He desires to prune the branches that do not bear fruit and how He often leads us through the desert (Hosea 2:14), only so He can tenderly speak to us and transform us. And not only am I learning to delight in His ways (Isaiah 55:8-13), but, even more so, I am experiencing the joy and sweetness of being a child of Christ Jesus, my Lord and Savior.

# HUMBLE

We always proclaim that God is worthy of our praise, but do we emphasize enough the other side of the coin that God thinks us worthy of his love and grace? Humility is a big part of the Christian life and what God calls us to be. Brothers and sisters encourage us to humble ourselves before God. Have you ever thought what that means? For me, I naturally gravitated towards the dictionary explanation of humble as "having the feeling of insignificance." Every time someone mentioned to humble myself, I thought of it as a reminder that I am not worthy of God's love and grace. As a result, I was denying God's gifts. This mentality is wrong for everything in the bible is about God believing us worthy of His love.

My pastor recently did a sermon on worth, and he noted that we need to have a healthy sense of brokenness. I think the humble that God intends is this "healthy sense of brokenness." Note the term "healthy." By no means do I fully grasp the humility that God calls us to be, but I do have some insights on what biblical humility is not. God is light, 100% light. When we humble ourselves to the point that it brings about feelings of guilt, shame, and unworthiness we have strayed away from God's intention. The Voice of truth will never make us feel that way. Another reason I know my definition of humility was incorrect is by my denying of God's blessings. Denying someone's present means making null of all their effort spent looking for the perfect gift. It makes null of everything Jesus stands for. It is denying Jesus.

I recently finished Philip Yancey's book on The Jesus I Never Knew and the part that I remember most is a question asked to the author by a friend: "Do you ever just let Jesus love you?" Do you? God has lavished His love on us that we are called His children. Who are we to say we are unworthy of His love when God sees as precious to send His son as a sacrifice for our sins so we can have an intimate relationship with Him? How can we say I am not beautiful, when the potter himself created us in His image and everyday whispers I love you?

-Ping Tai, Class of 2006

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SUBMISSIONS

# GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND THAT I LOVE.

## REFLECTIONS ON AMERICA AND ITS CHRISTIANS

In my senior year at Cornell, me and a bunch of my CBS friends went around to random places on campus and belted out the anthem God Bless America. I remember doing it from October during the major league baseball playoffs at every seventh inning stretch all through to one spring night standing at the back of the Performing Arts Centre as we very publicly serenaded a terribly embarrassed CBSer in the class of '07.

Those were the good times. I remember them fondly not only because they were a lot of fun, but they were also poignantly instrumental in shaping my basic worldview. Being an immigrant from the UK who lived in Canada, it should have been odd to sing those lyrics. After all, Canadians are taught to disdain America, and there I was singing that it was a land that I love and my home sweet home.

At that same time I sang those lyrics, I slowly began to realize how truly exceptional the United States of America is in the world. America is the most powerful nation in economic, political, and military terms. By and large, it produces more distinguished anything—scientists, musicians, athletes, technology, products, movies, etc.—than any other country in the world. And America remains the last best hope for millions who seek its freedoms and opportunities.

Since leaving the United States, my sentiments have been amplified. In what other country would citizens volunteer by the tens of thousands to repeat tours of duties to fight and die for the freedom of total strangers? In what other country can the people acknowledge the true Creator, the God of the Bible, in town

halls? In what other “modern” country do political leaders still have the will to fight the individually mandated killing of the unborn, the old, and the invalid?

All this is to say how fortunate you are. God placed you in the most blessed of nations and eras (post King Josiah) and gave you the faculties to study at one of the finest institutions of learning in the world among one of the undoubtedly most genuine fellowships. You are God blessed individuals in a God blessed America.

These blessings must not be taken for granted. To paraphrase Uncle Ben: with great privilege come great responsibilities. It is actually rather frightening to consider that God expects more from those he gave the most talents to (Luke 12:48). We are the ones He expects to play leading roles in our communities and nation. Save for a small minority however, I’m still not convinced that young American Christians have accepted the task of fully applying their talents.

Many of us suffer from fear of academic or career success. We tell ourselves it is not possible to be Christian and occupationally successful, so perhaps we only focus on one. Many of us (despite being Cornellians!) also take a back seat to shaping the direction of the country. We start believing that Christians should stay away from the legal, political, and journalism worlds. These ideas have got to go.

As you finish this year and plan for the next, remember your great privilege and great responsibility. Christians, and especially those at CBS, have no reason to be timid in their life goals. Worship hard and work hard. Pursue God first and at the same time fully apply your

skills to achieve your calling. And aim to lead the nation, as daunting as that may be. In these increasingly tumultuous times, you are needed more than ever.

May God bless America.

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# SHOUTOUTS

Dear Cheryl H.,  
Thank you for being such a blessing to me this year. Your insight and calmness helped me weather the storms in our apartment. It's also encouraging to see how much you've grown in the course of just one year, and I'm sure that God will continue to use your heart for people to bless everyone you meet.

To the SCF 2006 crew,  
Thank God for you all and for blessing me with such a wonderful summer. From fellowshiping in Kaufmann auditorium on Friday nights to playing in Buttermilk Falls. I truly enjoyed every second of it. May God bless you all with your future endeavors.  
Much love,  
Your sister in Christ,  
Helen

Thr33! Thr33! Thr33!

Third-Year Freshmen: We're gonna be Seniors. Think about the journey on which God's taken us. He will continue to be faithful. Let's continue loving and teaching through Christ!  
God Bless America,  
Land that I love!  
Stand beside her,  
and guide her  
Thru the night  
with a light  
from above.  
From the mountains,  
to the prairies,  
To the oceans,  
white with foam  
God bless America,  
My home sweet home!

Eugene: Thanks for teaching me how to crib walk (kind of... I'll work on it).  
Iris

Dear Siyi,  
It has been an encouragement getting to know you better this year and working together with you in choir. I really enjoyed our long discussions about such a wide array of topics, and I'll miss sharing meals and cooking with you T\_T. God has great plans for you, so continue to follow after Him. Press on.

XiGua,  
Can't log this. Oh yeahh.  
-Brian

Mags: Pinkberry! Now I will remember my first every time I have one.

My little lemonade stand! :D  
Dearest Cynthia,  
Thanks for being such an wonderful prayer partner these past two years. It's really encouraging watching you grow in character and in faith. I pray that God will continue to work in your life as He has been doing and that you will be a blessing to everyone around you as you have been a blessing to me. Keep praying...

Deana: Thanks for being an awesome prayer partner this past year, God has truly blessed us tremendously. Just want to let you know that I look forward to our Thursday night dinners every week!!! Have a great time in Taiwan! -Tiffany Yu

Cyn~ It's been such an honor to be your roomie!!! I'm going to miss living in the same room with you soooo much next year! Thanks for bearing with me and being such an encouragement!! Sorry that I've been so busy lately, hopefully we'll be able to spend more quality time together next year!  
-tiffy  
hi maggie -windchill  
Pete - a toast: to liquid gold, big red barn, squash, cascadel, three years, shared struggles and joys. Thanks, bro.  
- Spock

Ronny,  
Thanks for for your listening ear as it has been such a ministry to my heart. Avoid pride, stay pure, stay humble, love Jesus.

Mandy,  
Thanks for not dropping 362. It definitely wouldn't have been the same without you. I had fun, and I hope you did, too.

san:  
i forgot and remembered!  
sorry for all the times i embarrassed you in restaurants....hehe  
~JJ

Andrew:  
It's been quite the adventure, huh?  
Keep looking for ways to be the brother we've been learning to be!  
Peace bro!  
-G

Justin: Honorary Hotelie and CHS member! Be good! Iris

Yun-Ting (aka, Shaq),  
I never did get the chance to win that cap back, but it's all right. We both know I would have won anyway. Haha. I hope you know I'm not really serious when I talk trash. On a more serious note, it was cool getting to know you a little better this semester. In case you were wondering how I was so "wise," it's because I used to be (and still am) not so wise. I trust that you will continue the tradition of passing down the great wisdom you have learned over the years. Press on, wise man.

Austin,  
I would not have survived this semester without you. I mean that completely. Thank you. Much love.

STeam: It is finished! Thanks for all the lessons God taught me through you guys. I'm REALLY going to miss the pot lucks. Love, Iris

Cathy: Honorary junior means I get full access to karaoke and mafia anytime I come back to Ithaca?!

Richard: I'm going to miss your witticisms again. Keep looking to God. He's got a ton to show you because you're a miracle! I'll keep praying for you.

Calinda:  
thank you for showing me what it is to be a sister (and for everything else you've shared with me)! i don't have the words to express what i want to say to you here, so i'll just say this: i thank God every day for you!  
love,  
Mandy

Jefferson  
Thanks for all the laughs and encouragement throughout the semester. Hopefully we can meet up more next semester, but so far it's been great to see you growing and serving. Get some more sleep, put on some more clothes and play some more videogames!  
-your PP

Eric(Yun Ting):  
many times you've encouraged and helped me! whether it's in the study center, clark glass walkway, 407 apt 3...it's been really fun! you are a great brother. thank you!!  
~Mandy  
S.Team,  
Thanks for your faithfulness as it outshined mine by leaps and bounds. I dreaded the meetings, but I will miss them. You're all wonderfully beautiful.

If a ninja was a food, it would be a cream puff.

Hey stranger! Three years is long enough to make me think of 'home' and you next door in the same breath; thanks for always being there... even when we're on different schedules!

YP: Light green? Yummy white chocolate chip cranberry oatmeal cookies! Thanks. ? Love, Iris

Richard Yanman: Thanks for being an awesome Bible study buddy and a faithful, supportive brother. Your encouragement has meant a lot to me, and I admire your heart for care and encouragement. —H

When I say open pit fire, I actually mean volcano.

Get the cool shoe shine.

Here's to shower talks...

Alex (Spock Lee) and Richard (Yan):  
that one time at CTB...thank you!!  
yeah, that's all i'll say for now. :)  
~Mandy

to yvette:  
praise God for a great prayer partnership!!  
thanks for listening to my ramblings and dealing with my weird awkwardness.  
keep smiling and laughing, you lovely girl :)  
\*bigggg eyes\* haha  
from sandyyyyy

Ronny,  
The past couple of years have been fun. I hope you've had fun, too.  
YOU WIN!!!

Do ninjas fall in love?

You rock the house!

501 + Jason  
Thanks for all the good times. You guys have been a huge support for me. I'll miss you guys.

- man, that's lame!

Ronstar,  
The two most familiar images I have of you this semester are you walking with your water jug and you walking into my room at 2am with a towel, boxers and your shower caddy. At least you're quite clean when you always visit. haha. Thanks for all the cool chats.

jENN

Alex W,  
Teach me how to play guitar! I'll pay you.  
-Byung

to JJ:  
forgotten and remembered, kiddo.  
Ecclesiastes 12:5-7 and Luke 17:10,  
here's to more moments when "things are just right."  
from San

Jamber...can i have some chocolate

Black writing on black paper.

Joe!

To STeam: Let's play Coordinator. (Coordinators, wake up... Dave Smith, wake up...). Good times. — Spock Jeffrey!  
It's your fault that I make Jeffrey-noises now... and that I have a hand puppet... and that we don't have 'ginger thug' anymore. I blame you. Thanks for a great year, bro! -Greg

Ninjas don't fall in love... they glide silently with two swords drawn!

San, I thank God for you! Proverbs 31 always. I can't wait for you to come to NYC this summer!

Thanks Chief!!

Greg. Thanks for being with me heart and soul.

Mandy, Mandy, come to candy mountain...!

Dear Neighbors at 501,  
It has been a fun semester living together on the same floor! Thanks for letting us borrow your vacuum and a place to hangout.  
Your Brothers at 504

to alex spock lee:  
a "what...what?" response--  
from this mean, green verbalist to you: no regrets.  
~chaos

B. Yung: I probably won't have time to practice during my 16 hours a day at work, but I could sing of your love forever!

You're lovely, you're amazing, you're beautiful. Thanks for caring for me these 4 years.

~gus

jeffrey,

Thank you for being an older brother to me, for being sensitive enough to come up to me when I'm troubled, and for showing me your kind, unassuming love. And for getting me through my CS projects </thanks> -ronny

Cheryl: God uses you to remind me of what gentleness is. More than conquerors! Love, Iris

to BoL staff:

my awe, my thanks...to God foremost, then to you.

peace.  
in Christ alone,  
"master chief"

Alex,  
God's brought us far, bro. It really has been a blessing knowing you, working with you, and running after Christ with you. I'm gonna miss your heart, man. \*SNAP\*

Mandy,  
I know things are tough, but don't lose hope! Rely on his strength and seek his wisdom. He will carry you through. We'll be praying for you!  
-Pirate

Caleb: Have fun in China, Proclaimer. 501,

Exodus 33.

Mandy,  
HEHE. Don't lose that laugh.  
-Brian

407. Thanks for being that shelter during the storm.

Hey Greg,

Two years certainly past quickly! I still remember the time you showed me around Cascadilla when I was a freshman but I forgot your name!

Thanks for all your help with bio and being there for me on my walk.  
Your P.P.

Vickie: I am so glad we got to know each other this year... through all the embarrassing stuff (boys), all the fun stuff (spring break!), all the uncertain stuff (uh... life)... in the end, it really is just all the God stuff. ? Love, Iris

Alex: Xie xie ni. Ni chu zhong guo yao bao zhong. Wo hui rang ni dao gao.

Calinda!

It's been awesome serving with you 2nd semester. I learned a lot from you and your heart for your sisters. Press on!

Sharingan!  
-Richard

Mandy, don't be afraid to be excited =)

Alice,

Thanks for all the random desserts and gifts. But more than that thanks for the random visits to the apartment. Hope you find that job in California.

Discipleship: It's been amazing to see God's hand in building prayer partnerships. I'm glad we were able to see this together. Iris

Jonny: Take care of JFCI for me, aight? I'm so gonna miss you.

Jefferson,

I'll never forget the time you sat with me and read a couple of my essays. You remind me a lot of myself.

Cynthia,

I still remember how to make stars. But, shhhhh. No one is supposed to know.

Court 504: Thanks for being understanding and caring brothers. Let's eat more. Together.

alex,

You've been a real role model for me these two years. Thanks for being an example of one who's always willing to learn and always consistent in faith. And thanks for encouraging me to learn guitar. -ronny

Xi,

Thanks for being an awesome brother. I know you don't talk much, but sometimes actions speak louder than words. Take care of your brothers. They will need you! The time has flown by fast... I will miss the time we spent together. I know things may not seem clear now, but remember that we don't always get clarity... but we can always trust in God. Don't lose that smile either. =)  
-Richard

Christa: God is good! And He is enough! I love you. Iris

Wise man. Keep feeling. Keep wising. You still have to get that bottle cap.

Austin,

Thanks for praying in the dark with me  
Henry

Alex,

I just had a memory of you. It was the end of sophomore year and we were outside of Louie's Lunch, and I taught you how to throw a frisbee with your forehand. You picked that up pretty quickly-you have the most amazing wrist I've ever seen. Man, these 4 years have passed by quickly. Thanks for all the fun (and serious) times.

Eugene

Send those North Dinner emails with all the love God gives.  
Henry

Spock. Thanks for being such an integral part of my growth. Understatement. Go get 'em in China.

to the "movie club":  
the best [pan's labyrinth, the lives of others], the worst [apocalypso], and everything in between [children of men, Jesus camp]...

our thanks,  
-sandy and mandy

Hanson: That night we camped out on Ho Plaza and you sat outside to protect us (while doing a pset)... that was heroic. Thanks. Iris

Deana! \*tugs hair\*

tiffyu,  
I'm too overprotective sometimes aren't I? I'll learn to lighten up some more. And you should learn to sleep some more!  
-guhguh

Terence,  
You genuinely appreciated my jokes and idiosyncrasies more than I could appreciate them myself. Thanks.  
Eugene,

Break for us! Or rather... POP!

Richard K.  
I am passing on the matsci tradition to you. Guard it well.

YATTA!  
KITA!

Hanson,  
You've rubbed off too much on me. Now I'm sleep deprived too. But at least now we can watch the sunrise together! (sorry Mel). Thanks for always listening and encouraging me. Sure we might hate to be ECEs. But at least we are in it together!  
-Briaannn

Mandy, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment" (1John 4:18a).

Tiffany!  
I still say that we make the best games ever.

Iris,  
It was a blessing being able to serve with you on D-ship! Don't be afraid of i-banking... it should be afraid of you!  
-Richard

austin,  
Thank you for encouraging me in the little things (like telling me to speak up in bible study), for being so easy to talk to, and being able to relate to me. Thank you also for all those one-on-one bball games. -ronny

Treyton: It's been a blessing to see how you've grown over the course of this year, and it's been a privilege to spend time praying alongside you. I'm gonna miss those lunches over the summer, but we'll keep in touch! —H

Greg and Joe,  
Thanks for always taking care of me through and through. Whether it's through rides, a place to live, or just chatting it up, I've learned more than you could imagine. God has bestowed much wisdom to you two and I'm glad you were able to share it with me. Thanks to Greg to teaching

Caleb,  
Sorry we didn't get to play vball as often you would have liked. It was fun when we did play though. Next year, you're going to have to carry on the CBS vball tradition without Alex and me. I know you'll be fine. Maybe you can finally win that elusive championship.

Jenn Su: You're my sunshine! My big, orange, sunny lover! I love you! ~ Iris

S. Team 07-08,  
You will be challenged, you will be stretched, you will overcome.

Sandy and Mandy,  
Your laughter can make the whole room laugh too. Don't stop laughing!

Calinda,  
You say I'm a fast runner, but it always seems like you're the one pushing me!

Anna: That night you stood in my place and interceded for me in first person... that was the night God opened up my eyes to agape. I love you, your PPF

matt,  
Thank you for being so incredibly honest with me in sharing your heart about everything. Your words (and your experiences) have really grown me and strengthened my faith. Thank you also for your humor and your famous laugh =). -ronny

Makes no sense...just makes no sense =).

I believe that you are ninja too!

Calinda: Bats and caves! Curry chicken with bread, family, and Holy Spirit Man. © Oh man... I'm going to miss you...

Calinda,  
Thanks for leading with me this semester. I've learned a whole lot from you and it's been encouraging to hear what you have to say even when we run into tangents during prestudy. Next year will be exciting and it'll be interesting to how it all plays out. But for now, enjoy the summer and have some fun!

Vickie,  
Thanks for always saying hi to me. I really appreciate it.

Matt: I see God's grace through you. We've come a long way since sophomore year. ©

Discipleship Ministry,  
All you need is love, =).

Hanson,  
It's been a huge blessing leading b-  
study with you. I've never been so  
challenged in my studying of God's  
word than when we spent time  
studying together. Thank you for your  
prayers and encouragement! Your  
heart for your brothers and sisters is  
huge! Take care of them! Get some  
sleep! =>  
-Richard

401D will beat anyone, any day, in  
indoor mini basketball. Yea, even you  
Austin.

Caleb  
"How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring  
good news"

"Those who sow in tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
He who goes out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with him."  
Henry

Kersing  
Thanks for putting up (with our noise),  
pressing on.  
Henry

Iris,  
thanks for EV with me  
Henry

Who teaches Eric to see? What  
happens when Alex becomes an icon?

Terence, thank you for teaching me  
how to do the kaiten and using my  
supers with the right timing.

Here's to finishing Hong Lou  
Meng... eventually. Heed the Warning  
Voice. Real's unreal, yeah!

Philips 101... we miss you.

W. You are coming to down under  
someday. Puhahahahhaa. Shawn.

Eric YT Yeh. I NEVER SEE YOU.  
EVER.

Lapin geumorve enrobe de chocolat au  
lait.

You'll never get Ginger Thug (real  
name FLAT BEAR)!!!!

His real name IS Ginger Thug.

Xi. When is your birthday?

Olin Library 4th Floor Stack Carrel  
468. You have been good to me. I'll  
miss you.

I don't like hot pot. And I don't like  
beef. So sue me.

Jason. You are MAD funny. Keep up  
the good work and maybe I will hire  
you.

Baiii BAIIIII!!!

Bu hao... bu hao.

To the Statler Club. Thanks for being  
part of the visionary plan that was  
started up this year. We will continue  
next year and further develop our  
ideas into concrete solenoids. We have  
an opening in the marketing position.  
Send in your applications to... the  
second step of the Statler stairway.

You cannot be magneto because of  
your gender. Now if you were like  
Chuckie... so You are lady  
deathstrike.

But Magneto is so cool.  
Ok I have conceded that Alex is  
Magneto.

Sweep, Trigger, Brick, Knuckles.

Hi Jovi. See you soon.

Gremlin pith, fling in hat, national offer  
n, alone: inn of fart... farewell, friends.  
SEE yuh.

Hone in thou A. Door does not mean  
to thee thist. One must know the  
maroon to rug by you. Power chord.

Let's get ready for the shamrock  
party.

Seniors. You guys are irreplaceable,  
yet I cannot be so selfish as to hold  
you so the rest of the world cannot be  
blessed by you guys.

My puppy Jennifer:  
Your hair? My hair? Whose hair?  
Ahhhhhh

Bible verse memorizing buddy.  
Thanks for sharing moments of  
serenity and peace each Monday.  
Keep praying for God's guidance,  
He won't leave you hanging. Too  
bad the biochem lineage will be  
broken (cough cough). Remember  
all I taught you about the NBA. It'll  
come in handy someday.

Hey random shoutout crew. This is  
a "real" shoutout haha...inside joke.  
R-A-N-D-O-M!! ha ha ha ha.

Master Editor in Chief. Yes. Right  
away. Thanks for being the rock  
that settles the fray and the con-  
stant beacon of stability amidst the  
storm. Life is ironic.

the birds are singing  
five AM, BoL all-nighter  
fingers a-counting.

The tree is growing too vast and too  
ugly! We must trim and battle its  
tendency to destroy all harmony.  
First we have the single ax. Then  
comes the heavy artillery. Of  
course we cannot forget the sly  
strategist, expounding the root of  
evil propagation. At last, the prod-  
uct, a tree...so beautiful, slim...and  
simple.



# SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

- Most likely to cook you dinner: Vickie  
Most likely to write a book: Alex  
Most likely to burp loudly in public: Jennifer  
Least amount of sleep next year: Iris  
Most amount of sleep next year: Joe  
Most likely to star in a superhero movie: Terence  
Most likely to be hired by Donald Trump: Jason  
Most likely to take in strays: Yue Pui  
Most likely to have HIS own clothing line: Matt  
Most likely to have HER own clothing line: Jessica  
Most pairs of shoes: Cheryl  
Most artistic: Vicky  
Most frequently updated Facebook: Jean  
Most likely to become a fortune cookie writer: Greg  
Biggest wings-eater(s): Joe and Richard  
Best laugh: Terence  
Most ninja-ish: Ed Sam  
Biggest packrat: Austin  
Most street-smart: Richard  
Biggest chick flick fan: Joe  
Most active imagination: Peter  
Most thug: Vicky and Vickie  
Most likely to open a bakery: Yue Pui  
Most beautiful: God!  
Most competitive: Austin  
Most picture-happy: Maggie

# COORDINATOR LETTER

## ALEX LEE

Hey – we made it. Our year at Cornell is quickly coming to an end. I feel a bit sheepish at my computer typing this, knowing I have a deadline to meet, feeling as though there should be some ‘words of wisdom’ to pass down. I do hope so. But in this precise moment I’m at a loss, sort of. Not for words, I won’t lie – but there’s this passage I’ve been dwelling on since a recent CCPM when I realized, *Yes, we’re almost done here*. This is where the Spirit led:

“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the desert  
and streams in the wasteland.

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

*Forget the former things*. When I stop to think on my four years at Cornell, on fellowship with believers – especially at Chinese Bible Study – I don’t know how I can ever forget. I hope that at the Cross we might lay down and *forget* the trials and failures, but not the lessons that were learned through them. Still, there’s something else, isn’t there? Our walks with Christ are more than the situations and even the lessons; it’s *you* who runs with me “heart and soul” that really counts (1 Samuel 14:7). We have served and struggled together. There have been many joys; more than a few sorrows as well. And by the grace of God we’ve seen our walks grow closer with Jesus. And so we stand with crowns on our heads, “For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus? Is it not *you*?” (1 Thess. 2:19). Now that’s a little harder to let go. And yet at the feet of Jesus we will one day cast all our crowns, and there again we have it in black and white: *Forget, don’t dwell on it*.

So how am I supposed to do this? This thing of properly forgetting? If you don’t already know it, then when you’re a senior you’ll understand that there’s nothing particularly heroic in letting go. It’s not romantic, nor is it really noble. I’m glad that we have these songs we like to sing about surrender, but when it comes down to it, it’s not as easy as we make it sound. It’s messy. Just think of Paul and the elders at Ephesus in Acts 20. Like Paul, I know that I and the rest of the seniors have to let go, that it’s time to leave. Because of this, I have

told and continue to tell God that I will miss you: I will miss my Wednesday dinners, my prayer meetings, my corny corny games, my prayer partner. And so we arrive at what is most difficult: How do you leave when you have begun to love?

When you start to love someone – brother or sister – you also begin to grasp how helpless you are to express it. It's a humbling thing. You try to help them and serve them, but after a while you realize just how little you can do – how flawed you are at your attempts to *agape*. And when that happens, what *can* you do? Do you remember the story of the paralytic and his friends in Luke 5? (It was a long time ago, so I don't blame you if you don't.) Fix him, the friends could not. So they carried him, literally, to Jesus. And so I, too, must bring you to Christ, and *leave* you in God's hands. We all have to do this for each other.

In my four years here, I've realized that as with virtually all things Jesus, it comes down to a paradox: *He who loves his life will lose it; You still lack one thing, so sell everything.* In this case: I can only truly love after I have first learned how to leave. I can only have you in my heart when first I've given you to God. And maybe that's all any of us can ever do. We will try our best and we will falter, and yet it's so sweet to experience grace once we've said, *I love you – so I will give you to Christ.*

It's not easy to “forget the former things,” especially when what has been has been so good. Yes, the letting go is real, and it asks of us a certain maturity – freshmen, too, because you're older now than you were when you first got here. But if we've grown at all this year, then I can and will rejoice, for as real as the separation will be, so will God's promise stand:

“But now *listen*, O Jacob, my servant,  
Israel, whom I have chosen.  
This is what the LORD says—  
he who made you, who formed you in the womb,  
and who will help you:  
*Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant,  
Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.*  
For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;  
*I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants*  
They will spring up like grass in a meadow,  
like poplar trees by flowing streams.  
One will say, ‘I belong to the LORD’;

another will call himself by the name of Jacob;  
still another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’  
and will take the name Israel.

(Isaiah 44:1-5)

So understand that it's not just letting go, but letting go into the hands of One who is far more able than any of us. *I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring and my blessing on your descendants.* That's you who will return next year. That's the Class of 2011. We've come a long way since August, and Freshman Felly Dinner was a testimony to that. And yet we're still not quite there – will never be ‘there’ until the other side of Heaven – but the important thing is that we're moving closer. And, if you ask me, that's beautiful.

To my CBS family: I'm excited for you. Though I will not see it firsthand, I look forward to hearing about it – from YT and Calinda, for sure, and I hope from many of you as well. I know I'll hear about it from Dave Smith, wherever I may be. Don't forget that you've been *called out* – don't let this family business get lazy, because we aren't perfect and there's work to do, people to reach and love. We're a ragtag, sometimes dysfunctional, and yet a beautiful group of individuals whose common ground is the Cross of Jesus; we are a family in Christ chasing down and experiencing the mystery of grace within a community that is Fatherless. Some of us will soon be leaving this community behind, but not the family. So, as we all head off the hill for the summer or for the next season in our lives, I thank God that He's blessed me with you and for our time together. I rest in the fact that you are well cared for by Dad – and will be. For how else could I let go, since you've become my heart? (Philemon 1:12) But I know our Father is faithful.

I'll close with a story. When I first got to Cornell, I didn't know anybody. (Coming from a public school in Canada, you just don't got the hook-ups!) But I remember distinctly that Cornell was where God was leading me, and I remember saying, *OK, if You lead me, You will provide.* And it was during convocation that initial week at Barton Hall when I first heard the promise: “Wherever you are, be there.” The speaker was challenging us to be involved in the Cornell community. Fair enough, but this is what I heard: “Wherever you are, *Be* there. Wherever you are, I AM there.” How little I could grasp at that point of just how present and active my God would be! How sweet it has been to trust in Jesus and to prove him “o'er and o'er” these last four years!

Press on. You've got a great work ahead of you.  
Your brother.  
Alex

