

BREAD OF LIFE

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Chinese Bible Study (CBS) is a student-run Christian fellowship at Cornell University. We seek **to know Christ and make Him known**. There are six ministries within CBS, and two coordinators who help oversee the ministries and provide guidance for the year. You can also find out more about us at cbscornell.com

In this issue of BoL you will discover more about our Fall 2014 semester, through the coordinator letters, the ministry articles, our Bible study groups, and some freshmen we met along the way. I sincerely hope you enjoy reading through this issue!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear reader,

If you're reading this, you're either a member of CBS or you're not. I guess that's pretty obvious.

If you're not a member of CBS, awesome! I suppose you're reading this because you're bored and saw this booklet lying somewhere. In any case, if you don't know too much about us, I encourage you to keep reading through. I hope you will catch a glimpse of how our fellowship operates, through the coordinators, the ministries, the Bible studies, and the individuals. Perhaps this magazine will show you how we love and how we laugh. Maybe it will encourage you to hang out with us, or find out more about us. We don't bite, and (we think) we're really fun.

If you're a member of CBS, also awesome! I hope this will serve as a memory for years to come. I mentioned in the last issue of BoL that this publication is a snippet of CBS, hinting at the ways God continually and faithfully guides us. In an (perhaps feeble) attempt to make this magazine more of a snapshot of our fellowship, I wanted to add more literal snapshots or pictures of the various events we attended, games we played, or ways we bonded during the semester. Hopefully that goes well...

On a slightly very different note, this semester has pretty much gone by already. I realized that

often times throughout the semester, I found myself feeling extremely lazy and unmotivated. I still finished all (read: most) of my work, but I lost the initial interest and excitement behind taking those classes.

However, I remember talking to a good friend over fall break; he explained how, instead of treating his work as chores he needed to get out of the way, he thought of it as a God-given opportunity, and that he found joy in his studies.

I want to encourage you to likewise be joyful in your work. I know Ithaca can get all dark and gloomy, but we are, after all, at Cornell to study and to learn. Though God's plans for us may not be perfectly clear, we know that God wants us on this campus. I think when we start realizing that classes, organizations, and social events are God's desire for us to learn, serve, and connect, we can find much more joy and purpose in our everyday activities.

Clearly it's not an easy task. I still struggle with it, especially when my work becomes frustrating, tedious, or when I'm just tired of working. Of course, our work is never quite fun and games either, but God does have a purpose for it. I pray that we can all begin to recognize this purpose, so that we can also be a little more joyful in our work.

**In Christ,
Zhijiang Li '16**



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COORDINATOR LETTER 1

Dear CBS,

It's the end of another semester and as I look back and reflect upon the past few months, I have been encouraged by the growth that I see within the fellowship and with many individuals. Seeing the love that you have for God and for one another, and how that has been overflowing to our campus and the world around us has brought me much joy. The semester has not been without its burdens, trials, and difficulties, but I know that throughout it all, God has sustained and preserved us for His purposes and glory. That we as a people are being refined in the fiery trial so that we can better proclaim the excellences of our God to those around us.

Looking back at the vision (1 Peter 2:9-10) and focusing on idea of identity and action, it has been difficult to pinpoint and assess where we are now and where we are going based off of such a short time window. As I extrapolate beyond this past semester to the entirety I have known many of you, I am greatly encouraged by how much God has changed and shaped us over the past few years. I have seen many of you grow in your faith and maturity, stepping up and taking initiative in pointing others to Christ. On the flip side, I know it has been a dry or difficult season for many of you, and I pray that even though that may be the case, remember that God's love for you is still the same and that what you went through is for a greater purpose.

But let us look at where are at now. How often do we speak of Christ in our conversations with one another? Are we properly representing and being witnesses to Jesus? How often are we declaring His praises, not just through our words, but through our actions as well? Although we know that through Christ, God has redeemed us and made us His holy people, the reality we often live in is far from that perfection. There is still sin, brokenness, and strife and there is laziness, apathy, and unfaithfulness. We cannot deny any of this and although that is the case, the realization of it within our hearts should drive us to the foot of the cross and lay it all before Jesus. Through His forgiveness and the imputation of His righteousness, our sin no longer defines us. Rather it is Jesus, and the deep abiding love that

Your brother in Christ,
Jevon Yu '15

He first showed us on the cross that makes us His people. This has been a lesson I have learned on a deeper level this semester: that it is fundamentally love that makes and defines who we are as a people.

“ Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

(Colossians 3:12-14) ”

This love is something that we must choose to put on each day. It is something that we must remind ourselves of regularly through the Gospel and it is what sets us apart as followers of Christ (John 13:35). I apologize for the many times I have failed to love, serve, and care for each of you, and by God's grace, my desire is to grow in my ability to shepherd you. However, I am constantly reminded of my limits and weaknesses, and have come to the realization that it is not my responsibility alone to do that. All of us are called to minister to one another and although our love is not perfect, the love of our great Shepherd and Overseer is. So take heart and know that it is God's transforming love that enables us to fulfill this call to love one another.

It has been an honor and pleasure being able to lead and serve you all and God has definitely grown my heart deeply for you. I have much hope for what God will do within and through CBS in the years to come and I know that God will bring the work He began in you to completion (Phil. 1:6). Although I don't always express it well, all of you are my heart and my family and I thank you for your support and your prayers. May we continue to seek God's will and guidance as we strive to know Him and make Him known during our time here and beyond! To Him be all the praise, honor, and glory!

COORDINATOR LETTER 2

Dear CBS,

It's quiet here in my house. As I sit alone in my room and close my eyes, there is nothing but a peaceful silence. There are no muffled party noises through the walls, and no intoxicated college students shouting nonsense outside. It is truly good to be home...

Home. Now that is a term I have struggled to define for so long. Since I was fourteen years old, I have spent most of my life away from what is typically considered home. I realized that whenever we are thrust into a new setting, it is natural to seek out some sense of familiarity. We desperately cling onto any fragments of the life we once lived, be it a favorite stuffed animal, or even an old blanket that smells vaguely of "home." Over time, the setting becomes more familiar. We cling less and less to those remnants of the past, and instead we can find joy in the present, and hope for the future. These items still remain perched at the corner of our desks or at the foot of our beds – never forgotten, but no longer inhibiting our paths toward where we are called to be.

In my eyes, becoming a Christian is a similar sort of journey. Sin was what we called home. The comfort and the pleasure, although temporary and fleeting, were familiar. When we accept Christ, we have entered into a novel setting. And when this new path becomes littered with obstacles, it is sad to see just how quickly we retreat. However, as we grow together, we begin to leave our past selves behind. We can begin to find joy in the present, and hope for the future. We will never forget sin, for sin is all around us – perched at the corner of our desks, and at the foot of our beds. But sin has lost its power. Death has lost its sting. God is our home now.

I hope that you can forgive me for using a quote

In Christ,
Stephen Wang '15

from *The Office*, but I feel that it applies here. I believe that Creed said it best (can't believe I would ever say that), when he said, "No matter how you get there, or where you end up, human beings have this miraculous gift to make that place home."

Being a CBS coordinator this semester continues to teach me this lesson. Thinking back to three and a half years ago, I could have never imagined that I would come to lead this fellowship. As I proceed further in my walk with God I am constantly reminded of his presence. This semester was not a time of struggle, but of answered prayers. It was not a time of teaching, but learning. It was not a time of leading, but of serving. And most importantly, this semester was not a time of venturing forth into darkness, but a time of coming home.

Now, before I sign off, I wanted to share not a passage, but a prayer that has helped me through some of the toughest times of my life. This prayer, written by Reinhold Niebuhr, is called the Serenity Prayer, and it is as follows:

“God, grant me the serenity, to accept the things I cannot change. The courage, to change the things I can. And the wisdom, to know the difference.”

This semester, there were many times when I thought I was left to bear my burdens on my own. I want to thank you for showing me that I am far from alone, and I want to encourage you to feel the same way. Home, as I have concluded, is where my family is. Thus, as I sit with all of you, brothers and sisters, family of God our almighty Father, I am home.

1: Team Execution, (back: Joyce Wang '17, Phoebe Lo '17, Christina Ho '16, Boyi Li '16, Felicia Sadikin '17; front: Esther Jiang '16, Zoe Chan '18) win the overall best dish for CBS's annual Iron Chef competition. **2:** While carefully balancing an oreo on their face, Myung Kim '17 (left) and Jevon Yu '15 (right) participate in a series of icebreakers at CBS Fall Retreat.



OUR TEAMS

Within CBS, there are six ministries which function on different levels to serve the fellowship: Bible studies, discipleship, inreach, outreach, praise, and prayer.

Though the coordinators have a vision for how CBS will grow, each ministry also has a vision catering specifically to the direction the ministry leaders want to take each ministry. Certain ministries have teams to help plan events or serve the fellowship, while others may serve the fellowship more from behind the scenes.

3: Though it was a rainy day, Vanha Pham '17, Xinran Pan '17, and Stephanie Chan '17, still make the trek to Ithaca's Apple Fest, an annual community event focused on apple products.



4: Matthew Yang '16, the king of nertz, a popular speed-based card game played amongst CBS members, settles down for another round of the game. **5:** The winning pumpkin at CBS's pumpkin carving contest shows off Jessica Chu '16's newly-designed CBS logo.

BIBLE STUDIES MINISTRY

Dear CBS,

Small groups, as we learn from Acts 2, are the means by which the early church grew. The Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of young believers, and it did amazing things (Acts 2:5-13):

“⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.””

Later in the passage, we see that they weren't filled with wine, and instead presented are the results of God's work in Jerusalem, manifested in the actions of these new believers:

“⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe[e] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

And the rest, they say, is history.

CBS, we think, can be construed of in a similar way. We as a fellowship of believers have the privilege of being in community with believers from all over the world, whether from the far and exotic (China, Singapore, the Philippines, California, to name a few) or the close and dreary (New Jersey). We may all speak a different “language,” but we are united by a belief in one unshakable idea: the power of the Cross to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ.

Small groups, we believe, are essential to the running of any large body of believers, fellowship or a church. Through Bible studies, we learn and teach the Word. As the beginning of the gospel of John says, the Word becomes flesh (1 John 1:14), through our knowledge of it, and the implications that this knowledge has for our actions and behaviors on this earth. Our vision for small groups in CBS this year has been and will be focused on two approaches: 1) building community - indeed facilitating the micro-interactions which are so important for the spiritual growth of any Christian, young or old; and 2) application - seeing the fruits of that growth in contributions to the community at large.

But we could not do, and have not done, this alone. It is only through the hard work and determination of our very capable small group leaders that anything can occur. They put in the hard work and time to learn the passages, put the burdens of their small group members as their own, and sacrifice the flexibility of their own schedule to meet the needs of college students who place such a premium on time. And it is only through the willing and enthusiastic hearts and minds of small group members that small groups actually occur. Needless to say, it is only through our combined efforts that we can see real change and fruit. “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” We are thankful for every fellow worker that is with us.

LT and JZ
(Lauren Tang '15 and James Zou '15)

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Dear CBS,

As I reflect on this past semester, I am amazed by how faithful and patient God has been. This semester has been filled with so many challenges and setbacks, as well as joy, love, and grace – and God has been walking alongside me through it all. There were many moments where God has taught me, convicted me, urged me to pray harder, and showed me how to better love and serve my brothers and sisters in CBS.

My vision for Discipleship ministry this school year is to see the fellowship engage in doing life together, whether in reading the Bible together, praying, or just going through the daily motions of the day. Hebrews 10:24-25, the vision verse, says, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” My hope for this year is to see CBS engage in intentional Christ-centered relationships with each other. Furthermore, I hope that prayer partnerships would become sources of mutual

encouragement, rather than typical discipleship relationships, because older prayer partners often only have a few more years of experience than younger prayer partners.

Aside from setting up prayer partners, I hoped to use prayer partnerships as an avenue for scripture memorization to increase accountability within the fellowship and knowledge of God's Word. However, I was not successful on this part due to a few setbacks. Next semester, I hope to send out weekly scripture memorization emails to prayer partners as a way to challenge CBS to grow in God's Word, to meditate upon it, and to encourage others with it. Let us continue to not only use the experiences that God has given us, but also God's word, to point each towards Christ!

It has been so encouraging to watch how God has challenged and grown people in their faith this past semester – whether freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or grad students. Let us continue to do life together, encourage one another, and love each other as God has loved us so deeply!

To God be the glory!
Wendy Wei '15

INREACH MINISTRY

Hello CBS!

This year's vision came from John 13:14-15 in which Jesus instructs his disciples:

“ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ”

Likewise, we wanted to focus on serving each other using Jesus as the perfect example. Jesus is quite straightforward in showing what sacrificial serving looks like. He paid the ultimate price on the cross in order for us to be freed from the chains of sin. Now, we can understand what true love means. As we have been learning in our Bible study of 1 Corinthians 12-13, understanding and practicing godly love is the key to serving as Jesus did. During InReach meetings, we talked about Paul's explanation of love, serving one another with God-given gifts, and having love drive our words and actions.

Hayden Chung '16 and Matthew Yang '16

We care for each other during the meeting by exchanging prayer requests and praying throughout the week. By shouldering each other's burdens, we strive to surrender our praises and lives to God. Even as we plan for ACE and tabling, we as the leaders were inspired and encouraged by the members' willingness to give up time and energy in order to promote unity within the fellowship.

Although there are areas in which we as a fellowship can learn to serve each other sacrificially, we have seen CBS become more joyful and welcoming this semester. We hope that our fellowship builds relationships from the love that God has poured out to us. We do not love out of our own goodness, but rather because God showed us mercy and love. We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). As we see Christ's love in our lives, the love that we display becomes an overflow of God's love. In this way, we would like to see CBS continue to act as the hands and feet of God on this earth as we lovingly encourage, rebuke, and grow together.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Hello CBS,

Happy almost end of the semester! This has been a semester of challenge, growth, and encouragement for outreach ministry. Our vision for outreach this year was "fearless evangelism" and our supporting vision verses were 2 Peter 3:8-9. From these verses, we see how the Lord is truly faithful to us and that Jesus will return again. Peter tells us not to think of time by our own standards, but be steadfast and trust in the Lord's timing. Reflecting on what has happened this semester, we find much encouragement from these verses knowing that there is still much to be done in the time God has given us, even without immediate results. We will have an eternal perspective, just like Peter, and seize every opportunity with the expectancy that Jesus Christ could return to Earth any day and live our lives with urgency for His kingdom. We always think that we have a lot of time, but God calls us to seize the time He has given us and not be overcome by the fear of awkwardness or judgment. If we truly believe that God is the only one who can save our souls, what have we to fear?

One of the ways we proclaimed the word of God was through North Dinner Outreach. Although this method of cold contact evangelism is daunting, it forces us to get out of our comfort zone and to reach to people we would normally not talk to. We believe this combats the culture of fear around evangelism in CBS. It also helps us to see the needs of the people around us, and to see that there is huge field for harvest, though the workers are few. It was amazing to see freshmen who had never done cold contact before challenge themselves and be bold. It was encouraging to see how wholeheartedly people poured out their energy, even on rough days, to share the Gospel with complete strangers. The relationships being developed and

the conversations had are all planting the seeds for God to grow. We look forward to continuing North Dinner Outreach next semester.

Seeing the growing interests of EV during North Dinner outreach, we are reminded again how EV is a daily mission. We should have intentional conversations and relationships with people around us, not just during these monthly dinners but as parts of our daily lives. This point has been particularly emphasized during our monthly EV training, where Heather Hocking, a member of campus Renewal Ministry, shared with us the Spark program that encourages Christians to share lives with a group of non-believer friends. What struck us during the course of this Spark training was the amount of time we, as witnesses of Christ, are to spend with non-believers. In University of Texas-Austin, where the program was started, Christians would find a group of nonbeliever friends and spend at least ten hours per week with them, hanging out, eating, or simply studying together. Evaluating this level of commitment and our busy Cornell schedules, we realized that Spark is a challenging program to be implemented in Cornell and CBS. Nonetheless, going through this course has really challenged us to think about how and with whom we spend our time and how important witnessing is to Jesus, who spent three years of His life living with His disciples and non-believers.

Our prayer for the fellowship and the campus is that we really develop a heart of urgency for His people and kingdom here on Earth. Let this conviction empower us to be fearless in sharing our identities in Christ and be intentional with our time and relationships. Changing the EV culture in CBS is not for the future; it starts with us right here and right now.

**Love,
EV Ministry
Boyi Li '16 and Cassie Jia '16**

PRAISE MINISTRY

Hi CBS,

Praise team's vision this year is focused on three main things: confession before God and asking for repentance; praising God out of obedience in suffering; and praising God with pure joy.

The reason we picked Psalms 51 is that it is a great model of how we should approach our praise of God with joy and through suffering. In it, David expresses his lament over the sin of adultery with Bathsheba. Here, we see three main parts – confession with repentance, justification with restoration, and praise with thanksgiving. At a deep level, our praise and adoration of God is inseparable with our sinfulness. When we worship God, we praise Him because He has brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Even in the midst of our failures, in the midst of our suffering, God will not despise the sacrifices of broken and contrite heart. Our God is a god of redemption and of restoration, of grace and of merciful; as we trust in God, He will open our mouths that we might sing of His glory, even in the darkest times. How great is this God, a God who is more powerful than the grave, who upholds us with His right hand? Though Cornell and life may push us down, though we

In Christ,
Aaron '15 and Christina '16

may want to give up, He has never given up on us, always patient and enduring and loving.

Through studying this Psalm and group discussion in our weekly meetings, we hoped to apply our understanding of praise not only to playing set on Fridays but also in our daily interactions with God and the people around us. God has been working in and through Praise team in many ways this semester! Praising God with our hundred percent attention is very difficult when there are so many distractions around us. The heart behind Praise team has really been about supporting one another through trials and pointing each other to what true worship means. This semester Praise team has been learning to come together with one purpose of celebrating God's glory and learning to be patient with each other when things don't work the way they are expected to. Aaron and I are continually encouraged to see the team's heart in serving and praising with the fellowship through music. We feel very blessed by all everyone on Praise team and are excited to have more fun serving together next semester!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hi CBS,

“ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- Ephesians 6:18 ”

Prayer is often hard to keep up, even when we know how important it is for us to talk with God. Almost everyone can attest to falling asleep in the middle of prayer or forgetting to pray altogether. While it is true that we have all fallen short of His glory, it is not an excuse for us not to pray. Prayer is simple and beautiful. It is not about impressing anyone or God; rather it is to be completely vulnerable, helpless, and above all, faithful. This year we wanted to convey the message that anyone can pray and that God wants to hear you pray about anything and everything.

Many of us may think that a prayer needs to be a long speech peppered with Christianese terms so to curry favor with our Christian friends. Most of us feel affirmed when we hear those “Mm's” and “Amen's,” etc . In reality, prayer is a personal conversation with God, and it comes in many forms – short or long; casual or formal; silent or spoken. Truly, there are no constraints on prayer because God is infinite, yet He meets us where we are. However, prayer should not be limited to ourselves – we should include others and the world in our prayers as well. The kingdom of God includes peoples of all nations, and we are called to love those Christian and non-Christian alike. To practically engage the fellowship in prayer, we have organized weekly prayer meetings in Duffield

Christine Loui '16 and Katherine Jaw '15

and North Campus where people can stop by with prayer requests or join us in prayer. During large group, there is a time of corporate prayer for the fellowship to pray in groups for the happenings of this world, this campus, and this fellowship.

Leading prayer ministry has been challenging because our vision to cultivate hearts for prayer is difficult to observe outwardly. In fact, leading any ministry is difficult because we must surrender the results up to God. It is easy for us to look at numbers, such as how many people attend CBS large group or how many people attend prayer meetings. It is easy for us to be discouraged when no one comes to prayer meetings, but we must remember that prayer meetings are times to meet God together and to pray for the needs of each other, the fellowship, and the world.

When we pray by ourselves, God will still listen. Despite our roles as the prayer coordinators, we do not necessarily have the best prayer lives in the fellowship. If anything, we are just like the rest of the fellowship, struggling to find adequate time to sit still and engage in prayer. We have trouble letting go of our own desires for answers and trusting that God will answer our prayers in His perfect timing and manner. We should pray like children because we are children to God. We might not always ask for things that benefit us, but it never hurts to ask and open our hearts to the possibilities. God will decide whether we should be granted the desires of our hearts, and many times, He reveals deeper desires which we were unaware.

Prayer is a weapon that God has equipped us to fight against sin and spiritual attack, and if we faithfully seek Him, we are all His prayer warriors.... always.

OUR FAMILY

We are often described as a very family-oriented fellowship. This may be true, but there are still many things that we can work on, to be more welcoming, loving etc.

We interviewed some freshmen who have visited or considered joining CBS. There were some semi-serious and some semi-fun questions, all with the desire to get to know them a little more.

Finally, our Bible studies provide a short description of the discussions and topics each has gone through this semester, and how each Bible study has grown and bonded as a small group.



1: During the free time of CBS Fall Retreat, some of us play bananagrams, a game where we race to complete a crossword first.



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2: In the annual inter-fellowship Minute to Win It contest, Jevon Yu '15, rushes to transport paper bags from the ground to a table. He ultimately won that segment of the competition. **3:** Nicholas Kung '16, tries to imitate the superpower of flying during a game at CBS Fall Retreat. **4:** At the CBS Welcome Picnic, Charlie Qian '17 explains the team games that we would play next.



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AMY ZHANG

Human Biology, Health, and Society
Little Rock, Arkansas
interviewer: Stephanie Chan



Word Associations

Senior class : super lucky, they have their lives together
Junior class : super outgoing, and very close-knit
Sophomore class : adorable [aww, thanks Amy!]
Freshman class : getting there
laundry detergent : I haven't washed my clothes in 3 weeks...
Ithaca : so cold, all the time
Alarm : snooze button 20 times
Snowcones : too cold to eat, going to give me a tummy-ache

It was a Thursday night when I met Amy at Appel for her interview. After getting our food and finding a seat, it was down to business.

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

My first impression of Cornell was that everyone is so smart. Cornell is a highly intellectual environment; and although sometimes this may seem intimidating, it also helps motivate you by making you want to challenge yourself. My other first impression was, oh my gosh, my thighs hurt!

My first impression of CBS was that everyone is so nice! It really seemed like a family and especially with my parent leaving, I really wanted to be a part of this CBS family. Before coming here, I didn't expect college students to be this godly or dedicated.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

The food! Especially at Appel, I enjoy the authentic Asian food, like the preserved duck egg. I was also surprised by the number of witty people in discussion classes (esp. freshman writing seminar).

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

I would say my favorite character is Spirit from "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron" because that movie is probably my favorite movie. The soundtrack is really good and whenever I watch the movie, I feel nostalgic and remember watching it as a little kid.

4. What song best describes you?

"One Day You'll Dance for Me, New York City" by Thomas Dybdahl. I really enjoy this song and although it doesn't necessarily describe me directly, it relates to a dream I've had.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

My favorite place in my house is the island in my kitchen because it's a place where I can sit down and have really good conversations with my mom while she's cooking. So I guess I would be the kitchen.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I have this dream to go to Central Park in New York City in the wintertime. I imagine myself holding a cup of coffee and listening to my favorite song while walking around the park. I'd also like to run into a street musician playing the guitar.

When we finished, Amy remarked that all interviews should be as casual and pleasant as this one and I agreed. I enjoyed getting to know this sweet and thoughtful sister and look forward to growing and serving together over the coming years!

When I met with Calvin in the Bethe dining hall, the delicious smell of the luxurious West Campus food pervaded the atmosphere, attracting students weak with hunger from all over. Luckily, immune from the aromatic temptation, I could proceed with my interview unhindered. Without further ado, the following is what I learned about the illustrious Calvin Au.

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

It's really cold, but everyone is really nice and open. Freshman year was a lot easier than this year. Classes were easier. One thing you can do freshman year that you can't do otherwise, is just talk to anybody and become friends. Everyone is new and open. Everyone at CBS was really nice and welcoming. Could tell that everyone was close knit and they share a lot of experiences together.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

How good the food actually was. I heard stories about how Cornell's food was good compared to other college campuses, but coming here actually made me realize that the food was quite good. I'm more of an Appel guy. I think Appel is much better.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

I watched a lot of pokemon, so I guess my favorite cartoon character would be pikachu, because he's just so cute.

4. What song best describes you?

The Disney song, Hakuna Matata describes me. It means something like don't worry be happy, and it pretty much summarizes my mindset.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

The kitchen, because I love snacking and eating.

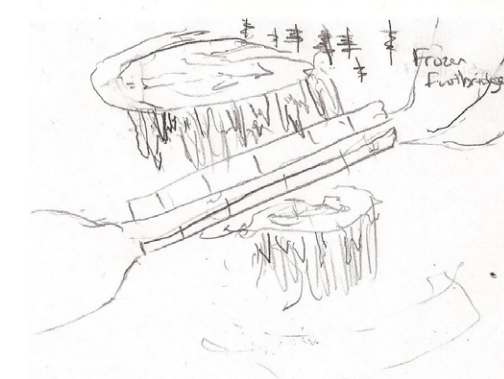
6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I want to have had a couple of internships and be looking toward a full time job. I want a decent GPA, but it doesn't have to be too great. I'll be a master at DotA or something.

As we wrapped up our conversation as well as our lunch, it was time to part ways. With a fond farewell, I wished him luck on becoming the world's greatest DotA player. Watching as Calvin mounted his white stallion and rode off into the sunset, I thought to myself what an honor it was to have interviewed this magnificent gentleman.

CALVIN AU

Computer Science
Bedminster, New Jersey
interviewer: Stephen Wang



Word Associations

Senior class : job search
Junior class : collegetown
Sophomore class : libe slope
Freshman class : naive
laundry detergent : tide
Ithaca : windy
Alarm : clock
Snowcones : snowball

CHANG LU

Computer Science
Mount Laurel, New Jersey
interviewer: Nicholas Kung



Word Associations

Senior class : sleeping
Junior class : so much work
Sophomore class : transition
Freshman class : it's okay
laundry detergent : undirty
Ithaca : gorges/gorgeous
Alarm : sleep through that
Snowcones : everyday

It was an impromptu interview in the middle of 1G. Everyone in the room was talking so as I listened to the recording of the interview I could hear each individual conversation that was taking place. It's distracting but amusing. I'm glad I can still hear Chang's voice.

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

My first impression was the hills. I love hills. I can see five miles away here but only like 1 mile back home. (Wait until you live on West Campus Chang... just wait). My impression of CBS was that the people were awesome and everyone was cool.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

It wasn't as hard as I thought it was going to be. All the classes were manageable. You still have to put in the work though.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Spongebob maybe? I don't know. I grew up with Bugs Bunny. I love the classics.

4. What song best describes you?

It's a Wonderful World. Over the Rainbow

5. Which room of the house would you be?

Even though I'm not very good at cooking food, I like making food for myself. I would be the kitchen in a house.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

A Job. Self-Satisfaction.

I will never ever conduct an interview in 1G again. Outreach is ONE WORD. We don't care how it is spelled Boyi. Also, Chang doesn't like his eggs runny. Do you know why I know this? It's because some people don't have enough respect to understand that you should ask your questions AFTER the interview is over.

Hailing from California, Evan the intelligent handsome freshman has a passion for God and also for ECE (but maybe CS). It was my honor to have lunch with him and learn a little more about this man.

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

There's a lot of people smarter than me; in my high school I was one of the better students, so I wasn't super used to being average. There's a lot of people caring for each other. I didn't have a youth group that I liked. There wasn't one that I felt like I belonged to. I didn't feel connected or that people cared for where I was. Charles, for example, reaches out to me a lot and makes me feel like I belong somewhere.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

Hahaha, I feel like I answered it in the first question. I think you can really find every type of person here. Whether it's by race, personality, hobbies, what they like etc.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Doraemon, cause he can pull anything out of his pocket, and his pocket is just on his stomach. I grew up watching him a lot, so I thought it was really cool. He has this hat with a propeller on it, and he can fly.

4. What song best describes you?

Ooh, this one's hard. Chances by Five for Fighting. It's a song I really like, and I hold the lyrics to be true. It's about like, it's really hard to explain, it's about what you make of chance. It talks about relationships with others and stuff.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

Probably the bedroom, cause I like to sleep.

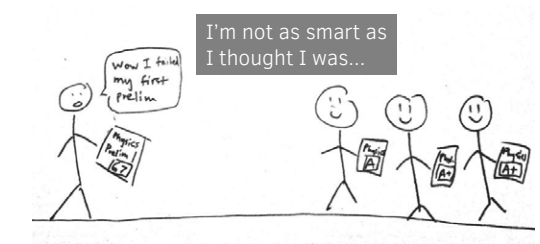
6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Probably to let God take complete control of my life. I think I'm getting there slowly, but there's a lot of things I hold on to that I don't want to let go. There's still some sin nature that I want to keep, though I know I shouldn't.

Speaking with Evan gave me a glimpse of his humility and love for God, as well as the playfulness inside of him. 10 out of 10 would recommend, and would talk to him again.

EVAN MOK

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Castro Valley, California
interviewer: Zhijiang Li



Word Associations

Senior class : Charles
Junior class : you (zhi)
Sophomore class : west campus
Freshman class : oh man, uhhh me
laundry detergent : clothes
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : loud
Snowcones : colorful

JOYCE CAO

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Tuscon, Arizona
interviewer: Boyi Li



Word Associations

Senior class : old
Junior class : hard
Sophomore class : West campus
Freshman class : me!
laundry detergent : Tide
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : annoying
Snowcones : ice

The struggle to get a table at the Cornell Store's Cafe Jennie is real. After hovering and pretending to read a book about existentialism for about twenty minutes, I nabbed a table, just in time for Joyce to arrive! As I nommed on a Chicken Milano Sandwich and she on a delectable slice of cheesecake, we caught up about our breaks, our weeks, and our experiences so far at Cornell, before launching into the interview.

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

Cornell: I never visited Cornell before move in day. It was really hilly, I got tired walking around, and I also thought it was super hot. It was so humid I was dying. It was really pretty. It was different being on the east coast. I was surprised by how big it was! It took me half an hour to get to get to the engineering quad. I kept taking the wrong bridge.

CBS: I was really nervous at first, but I really enjoyed it because everyone was so nice and welcoming, and I was really surprised at how open everyone was.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

The weather. I wasn't expecting to have weather that was cold in the morning, and then really hot. It was the first time I had to check the weather every day.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

The minions from Despicable Me!

4. What song best describes you?

Is there a song about indecisiveness?

5. Which room of the house would you be?

I'd be the dining room because there's always going to be food there, and it'll smell nice and people eat there and they talk while they eat so I could listen to them.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I hope to come out a more well-rounded person, I hope that I'm still alive, I hope to have decent grades enough for my parents to be satisfied. I hope to come out with more knowledge in what I'm studying so I'm well prepared for the real world.

At the end of this interview, Joyce and I had discovered that we had much in common! From first impressions about Cornell and CBS, our mutual love for KPOP and Despicable Me, and our inability to choose favorites, we might actually be the same person. She's so sweet and so sincere, and plus she's extra cool for being from Arizona. She's dedicated to anything she does, whether it's her major, her friends, or her BoL drawing, and I'm so glad to have her as a little sister!

Sitting in Appel dining hall makes me feel like a freshman again. Justin is off getting food. Hope he enjoys the interview. I try not to make eye contact with the freshmen around me. I feel like they can sense that I don't belong in their territory. One of them walks up to me and bluntly says, "You're ugly." I give her a stiff nod and look away. I can feel burning tears welling up but Justin is coming back. I do my best to suck them back up into my tear ducts. The interview must go on. He notices nothing. Phew.

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

Cornell is very big. I went to a small high school about 200 per grade so coming to a place with like 3000 per grade is a large jump. The campus is also really large too. I was invited to CBS by Matt and Felicia, so when I walked through the doors I was like, "Ha... typical Asian worship." My home church had small groups too and CBS reminds me of my youth group.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

I wasn't really surprised since I didn't form any expectations.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Hobbes (from Calvin and Hobbes). I read a bit of it when I was younger.

4. What song best describes you?

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5. Which room of the house would you be?

I would probably be my bedroom since it reflects who I am.

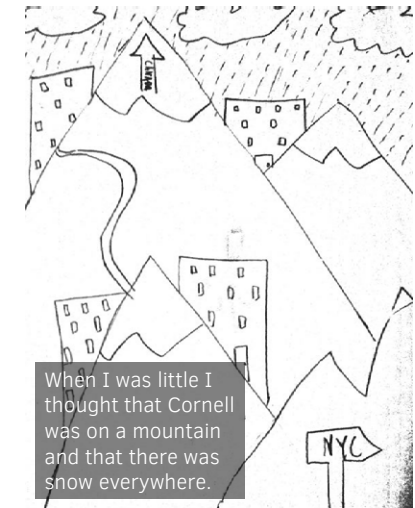
6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I want to become spiritually more mature and exhibit spiritual growth.

The interview is over and I'm stuffed with Appel goodies. It's a bittersweet goodbye.

JUSTIN LIN

Chemical Engineering
Somerset, New Jersey
interviewer: Nicholas Kung

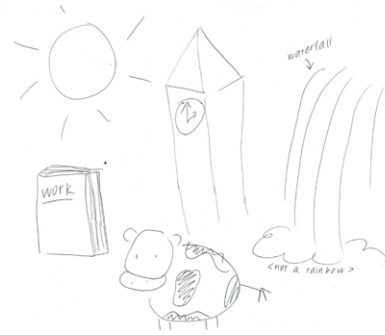


Word Associations

Senior class : Jevon
Junior class : I can't tell if people are juniors or sophomores
Sophomore class : you all look like juniors
Freshman class : too many girls
laundry detergent : Tide
Ithaca : Homer
Alarm : bell
Snowcones : fair

KATHY LIN

Policy Analysis and Management
Pleasanton, California
interviewer: Ellen Chuang



Word Associations

Senior class : you (Ellen)
Junior class : Boyi
Sophomore class : Stephanie
Freshman class : Zoe
laundry detergent : yummy
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : loud
Snowcones : cold

Miraculously between Kathy's and my busy schedules, we were able to meet up. We chatted briefly (and I got some tips on things to do in Pleasanton) before we dove into the interview part of the conversation...

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

When I came to visit back in April, it was really, really pretty. For some reason, the weather was really nice, so I thought Cornell gets such great weather. Now that I'm actually here, I think differently (*makes a face*).

Everyone here is so helpful and willing to lend a hand. I also like the culture of the college of Human Ecology. Everyone really supports you and wants you to take classes you're actually interested in.

My first impression of CBS was that same supportiveness I saw everywhere else, but times 100. CBS was the first fellowship to really reach out to me! Everyone just poured so much love onto me, and it was really encouraging! It was nice to hang out and have all these events like getting ice cream, especially since the first couple weeks are really hard since I knew no one here.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

You know how they say Ithaca is in the middle of nowhere? I thought Cornell wouldn't be fun and that I'd have a lot of down time on the weekends. But actually, I've been doing something fun every weekend... there's hasn't been a dull moment.

[Ellen: What's the funnest moment for you so far?]

The funnest moment... joining Measureless!

Everyone is awesome there, and I really enjoy it. I used to sing on my worship team back at home, and I think it's really cool how people just get together like in Measureless to praise God.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Um... Kim Possible! When I was in second grade, I wanted to be like Kim Possible, so I tried to pick the lock to my front door with a twig (laughs). But then the twig snapped and the lock got ruined and my mom got so mad!

4. What song best describes you?

Um... [Ellen: ...We can change the question to "What is one of your favorite songs?"...] Better Together, by Jack Johnson.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

I would be the living room, because it's a communal space and it's a comfortable place where you can hang out with friends or you can be alone and you can do things like watch movies.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I'd really like to figure out what I want to do. I was originally HBHS and pre-med, but over the summer I re-evaluated if I really wanted to do pre-med, especially since I really don't like chem. In the end, I kind of randomly decided to switch to PAM, but I'm not sure what to do with it. When people ask me what I want to do with my major after I graduate, I don't really know how to answer them.

Interview done, our chat moved on to other topics, but I couldn't help think to myself how encouraging this time with Kathy has been. She has a heart passionate for God, and I am excited for all the things she will learn and the ways she will grow in her time at Cornell!

It was a cold Thursday night when we met Kayleen for dinner at Becker. Since it was Thursday, Becker had their Italian night which meant lots and lots of pasta. After we indulged ourselves in delicious food, we got right down to the interview.

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

I don't know. It was a long time ago when I visited my dad at Cornell about 7 years ago. Aaron and Jevon lead the youth group at FICCC, so CBS made me think of youth group.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

I was surprised how strong the fellowships were and how many of them there were. I thought there were only a few, but when I went to the fellowship fair in the beginning of the year, there were so many. Also the people here are really smart, like intense smart, and I was really scared at first.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

I don't watch cartoons. Oh wait... I like Disney a lot. Oh and those colorful things that say goodbye like ten times. [Christine: Teletubbies?] Yea, teletubbies.

4. What song best describes you?

This is so hard. Can I skip this question? [Felicia: Yea we can come back to it later ...but we never did]

5. Which room of the house would you be?

Who came up with these questions? [Zhi] (*but technically Nick came up with this one*) I'd be the living room. At home I like to do my work in there on the sofa.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I want to graduate and get my degree. Also I want to be strong in my faith and serve God more.

After our dinner with Kayleen, we talked more about the Hotel School, Cornell, and Ithaca in general. We also got to chat about her travels to Hong Kong to visit her friends and her life here before she came to Cornell. We're happy to have gotten to know Kayleen more and we can't wait to see how God will continue to grow her in her faith during her time in Cornell.

KAYLEEN FAN

Hotel Administration

Hong Kong, China

interviewer: Christine Loui, Felicia Sadikin



Word Associations

Senior class : old
Junior class : younger
Sophomore class : like the freshmen
Freshman class : is the best
laundry detergent : whatever is at home
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : clock
Snowcones : do they have them here???

MARK ZHAO

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Oxford, Mississippi
interviewer: Matthew Yang



Word Associations

Senior class : wish I were a senior
Junior class : fun
Sophomore class : inexpressible but moo
Freshman class : young
laundry detergent : smells nice
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : sleep
Snowcones : carnival

It was difficult to find a time for Mark and me to meet with his busy schedule and my odd lunch hours. Fortunately we were able to find time one Monday afternoon in the bustling Trillium. Here we discussed his experience at Cornell and got to know each other a bit better.

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

Cornell: I thought Cornell was overwhelming; there are a lot of things available here. There are more opportunities here than I can take advantage of. Also, it is harder than high school.

CBS: The people are nice and welcoming :)

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

There were a lot of things that surprised me. First of all, there was a lot of diversity. You could find clubs for anything you wanted to do. It was pretty surprising how many resources we would have for the different organizations. We didn't have to fundraise to the same degree we did in high school. The last thing that surprised me was how big Cornell is.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Bloo from *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends*.

4. What song best describes you?

Can I skip? [After skipping the question and coming back] Nope, I still don't know.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

I used to play StarCraft and League of Legends so I would be the game room.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I want to do research and/or to abroad in Europe (the UK specifically)

Mark, being the busy man as he is, needed to run off to one of his many meetings. It was a good time, and I hope to get to know Mark better throughout the semester and onward. You should too!

I was waiting in front of Starbucks with the mother bag on my back. Suddenly I saw Michelle running/ jogging towards my direction. I thought she took the bus, but she told me that she had ran all the way from North. I was so impressed. She didn't even look tired after walking/ running so far. And she continued to impress me that night.

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

Cornell: The buildings are kind of old, especially Balch.

CBS: Uhmm, no one is really from China.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

The fact that Cornell accepted me, I didn't think I could get in.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Winnie the Pooh.

4. What song best describes you?

What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, it's really relevant, especially this past week.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

Balcony, because it's more open to the outside.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I guess to know what I'm really interested in.

After the interview, we enjoyed sushi and other delicious Japanese food together. We took our time eating and talking to the point that we were going to be late for CBS. (and I was supposed to table too) But Michelle has super powerwalking abilities and we managed to get to Phillips 101 in 5 minutes from collegetown. I don't think I even walked that fast when I almost missed by flight. My muscles were complaining and once I got to Upson I wanted to give up, but at least I made it in time to table for CBS. It was very enjoyable talking to Michelle, and interviewing her was also really fun. Her answers are so creative; it made me wish I was more creative when I had my freshman interview. I'm excited to see how she will grow during her time here in Cornell.

MICHELLE SUN

Undecided, probably Civil Engineering
Shanghai, China
interviewer: Felicia Setiono



Michelle wanted to draw the Shortline bus first because she got here by the bus. But then she thought her bus didn't look like a bus, she changed it to another drawing, but she wasn't satisfied either, so she eventually drew the clock tower instead.

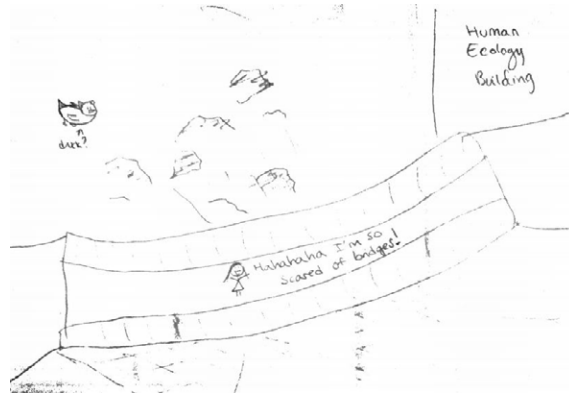
Word Associations

Senior class : free
Junior class : almost there
Sophomore class : still young
Freshman class : me
laundry detergent : blue
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : annoying
Snowcones : colorful

MICHELLE MA

Human Biology, Health, and Society
Vienna, Virginia

interviewer: Hayden Chung, Christine Loui



Word Associations

Senior class : wow, they're really old
Junior class : stressed, maybe?
Sophomore class : sort of in the middle?
Freshman class : confused
laundry detergent : cleaning your clothes
Ithaca : small
Alarm : Balch
Snowcones : colorful

We agreed to meet at MVR right before Thanksgiving break started. Joined by guest commentator, Christine Loui, we began our interview right away!

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

Cornell: Very big, nice and sunny, and the gorges are very pretty.

CBS: People are really nice, I don't know what else to say. I think it is a good place to grow my faith in Christ.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

Pre-enroll was quite rough because in high school, we don't have to enroll in classes. So I messed up in the beginning but I fixed it in add drop!

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Arthur. I really liked that show when I was a kid. It taught me stuff like the Odyssey. [We commence singing the library card song.]

4. What song best describes you?

Wide Open Spaces by Dixie Chicks. I love country music. [Hayden: We need to talk! Nobody I've met likes Hunter Hayes! Christine: Wait, I do.]

5. Which room of the house would you be?

Living room. It looks really nice even though no one goes there and it's fun to decorate. I guess I would say my room but wouldn't everyone say that?

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Know what I want to do after I graduate. Study well, not get too stressed. Just be better at life?

I'm super excited to get to know Michelle better (we already bonded over being from the DMV area and COUNTRY MUSIC) as she is hilarious and unique. I look forward to seeing how she will grow and mature in her faith and hope CBS can support her on her journey!

As we gathered together for our informal small group, one question burned in our minds: who exactly is Tim Tsang? Thus, as he entered through the doors of the Red Lounge of Kay Hall, we jumped at the opportunity to find out a bit more about him.

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

Cornell: It's cold. Also it's an ivy league.

CBS: *(Takes a deep breath and lets out a sigh)* It's all Asians.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

.....the food is okay. [Matt: Is it better than or worse than you expected] I can live off of bread and water, so I think I can survive most meals, but it's still good.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Naruto!

4. What song best describes you?

Star Spangled Banner... America!

5. Which room of the house would you be?

I would be the living room; it's nice and there's a lot of stuff there.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

A Job.

After we had the opportunity to get to know Tim a little bit better, we now felt that it was now okay to kill each other... in a game of BANG! (in which one of the heroic vices was slain before getting to play)

TIM TSANG

Chemical Engineering

Los Altos, California

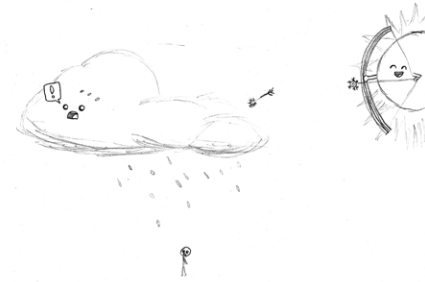
interviewer: North Guys Small Group

Word Associations

Senior class : old
Junior class : not as old
Sophomore class : one year older than me
Freshman class : me
laundry detergent : Tide
Ithaca : cold
Alarm : loud
Snowcones : flavored sugar

YIMING LI

Computer Science
Green Brook, New Jersey
interviewer: Jevon Yu



Word Associations

Senior class : chicken
Junior class : rice
Sophomore class : sociology
Freshman class : Olin library
laundry detergent : Jackie Chan
Ithaca : ice cream
Alarm : dragon
Snowcones : eggs

I hurried out from my class at Warren and made my way towards West Campus. Upon arriving at Keeton, I waited outside the dining hall for a while until I received a text message from the subject that he was already inside. I went in, looked around and saw Yiming. We pulled out some chairs and sat down at one of the tables.

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

There was terrible weather [at Cornell] when I first came to visit.
CBS was very fun, especially with the cardboard house building event on North.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

The poor condition of my dorm.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Jin from Samurai Champloo.

4. What song best describes you?

Four Minutes and Thirty-Nine Seconds, cause it's anti-climatic and underwhelming.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

Man-cave.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Graduate, seriously.

Yiming, unlike Yao Ming, is small. But what he lacks in size, he makes up with his eccentric humor and bright personality. It was quite enjoyable catching up with him and I am excited to see what is in store for him during his time here at Cornell!

ZOE CHAN

Civil Engineering
Long Island, New York
interviewer: Boyi Li

Word Associations

Senior class : 2e
Junior class : the six juniors, more like seven (you Hayden Cassie, then Nick Z Wes and Matt) but I associate 3 and 3, and then Matt
Sophomore class : quirky
Freshman class : more!
laundry detergent : high-efficiency (I had a problem with that because we bought non high-efficiency and we were deciding if we should buy high-efficiency or not for college)
Ithaca : gorges
Alarm : fire alarm, hell, screaming. I've never heard a sound quite like it. It's like screaming witches or something.
Snowcones : orientation (because they gave a lot of snowcones! it doesn't taste as good as I thought it would, I'd rather have just ice cream)

As I sprinted into PSB, I saw Zoe patiently waiting for me.

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

It's tiring. You came in and it was like orientation week, pamphlet with a million things to do, I didn't go to any of them and just plopped on my bed.
CBS? Mmm I think CBS was like the last fellowship I thought I would join. I had heard of Cru and was thinking of going, and I'd heard of IV, and I'd never heard of CBS. But then we went to FICCC and there were a lot of CBS people there. Also for the cardboard house thing, that was pretty nice, got to meet a lot of CBS people. I thought it was very family like, a place I wanted to be myself in. Lauren paid for my ice cream at the diary bar social, I was like wow you don't even know me but you bought me ice cream! It was immediately comfortable, and with other people you had to put on a show to make them like you.

2. What is one thing about Cornell that surprised you most?

I guess how there are people similar to me academically. Before I got here, in the facebook group people were so obnoxious. I got here and realized there were people in my same shoes and not everyone is super nerdy and weird.

3. What is your favorite cartoon character?

Wall-E. Well I have a lot. I love the movie, I think it's very different in a lot of ways, and it seems like a cute love story (love doesn't really need words), but then it's also kind of different for Disney showing a



dystopian world that relates to us and what I want to do with my major. And also it's futuristic but he is in fact old-fashioned. The main thing is that he continues doing what he's doing and eventually life gets better for him. Also, Totoro cause he's chubby.

4. What song best describes you?

Human by Christina Perri. But it's only one perspective of me. Wait let me look up the lyrics so I don't look weird. ... Sure why not it's not that bad. I hope people don't judge me, oh man. This is not my favorite song. Nor am I going through a break up.

5. Which room of the house would you be?

(Zoe looks confused) I would be the study I guess? Where all the books are? Well maybe the family room. Piano, couch, my computer. Strange. I feel like I should be witty with that one.

6. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

A rich husband. Marry rich. *(JK! we laugh)* I guess to find life group of friends. To find poeple that I keep in contact with forever and ever. And myself, finding myself... and a husband.

I'm not sure if I've ever laughed so much in a BoL interview as I did with Zoe. She is refreshingly honest and real about her perspectives and about herself. She's also hilarious, and let's not even start on her amazing voice! I'm so grateful to have the chance to a be a sister to her, and I'm looking foward to all the laughter and joy she'll continue to bring to me and to CBS!

BIBLE STUDIES

North Campus Men's Group

Every Monday night of this semester, the North Campus Men's Bible Study delved into the Gospel of John. We looked at and discussed deeply the person of Jesus and how He went about, making testimony about His divinity and what He came to do through His miracles, healings, and teachings. Although many of these passages were familiar to us, it was interesting to look at them again and see how the Word of God continues to shine light on the nature of our salvation and who we are as God's redeemed people. Recognizing this great love for us demonstrated in Jesus's actions and teachings, we are able to worship God and love one another just as He loves us.

Our Bible Study began each week with a group

dinner, followed by brief activities ranging from games to worship. We spent time sharing our lives and praying for one another as well, seeing how we as brothers in Christ can hold each other accountable and help one another grow. There was much laughter in our conversations as we joked about various things concerning the content of the passage and other topics of discussion that came up. One thing that happened quite often was us singing MC Hammer's "Can't Touch This", whenever Jesus slipped away or escaped arrest. At the end of the semester, we have seen how we have grown closer together through having fun spending time together in God's Word and serving the community around us.

North Campus Women's Group - Jessica Chu '16

Through sharing goldfish and crackers, spotting "you-fos", and wondering why it was only Wednesday each week, our North Sister group shared many memories while studying the Gospel of John. We focused on looking at Jesus' life, ministry, and encounters with various types of people to understand how we can better model his character. We also looked at how people were changed by their interactions with Jesus and his answers to their questions. Going through the book together as a group allowed us to new questions that brought

about new topics of discussion. Together we were able to tackle challenging questions and have been blessed with a better understanding of Jesus' life on Earth and God's promises for our future. Community was built within our group through discussion questions, applying the passages to our lives, sharing struggles and burdens, and praying for one another. It has been a blessing to co-lead this group and grow with these sisters this semester!

Collegetown Coed Group - Aaron Hui '15

Hello friends! We are the Saturday Co-Ed bible study, and we studied the Gospel of John this semester, just like everybody else. Through the course of the semester, we've only been able to get through 6 chapters of John; there's just so much to talk about. Through the course of the study, we have seen primarily the mystery of Jesus and looked at how he chose to interact with the world during His time here. Who exactly is this Jesus person that we follow? On the face of it, Jesus is merely a carpenter turned itinerant rabbi. He spoke in parables all the time, not necessarily answer the way the people, or even us, might expect Him to. He performed miracles and spoke wisely on

many things, but he pushed people's buttons all the time. He was weird and different, sometimes even called blasphemous. Yet in all these things, he came to bring healing, not only physical but primarily spiritual. He overcame boundaries and walls that seemed insurmountable, destroying them and inviting others to follow him. As a bible study, we have learned that God is complicated; the finer points of trinity theology can get quite difficult. At the same time, Jesus came down from Heaven and lowered himself to interact with us, to love us, to explain and to teach and to bring life. How awesome is this God that we worship!

Collegetown Men's Group - Max Ke '15

Short story: learning about God's Word and building each other up.

Longer story: Two goals we hoped to accomplish through our Bible study are a greater understanding of God's Word, and a greater sense of community and fellowship. Despite busy schedules for most of us (since we were all juniors, seniors, and graduate students), or how tired we were, we made the effort to meet together each week to read God's Word together. Studying through the first few chapters of the Gospel of John and asking God to grant us more knowledge of the Bible has given all of us new perspective. In the first few chapters, John writes to establish for the reader Jesus' relationship to God and to other people. In addition to that, there was so much more that we talked about and we let each week's discussion take its own course, touching upon topics such as the importance of baptism, the significance of Jesus's miracles,

and how the Trinity is one. No topic was too controversial to be discussed (but time was a major constraint to the discussions!). In discussing these matters, it became necessary to look toward other Bible passages or other sources to support our viewpoints, as anecdotal evidence could only get us so far. In the end we only read through the first six chapters of John, but I hope our discussions got everyone thinking.

Moreover, to build up the relationships between us, we prayed for each other. By praying for each other and following up on our prayers, we could share in each other's burdens on a weekly basis. We also volunteered as a group for Into the Streets to obey God's command for us to serve others and serve our community. We'll soon end our Bible study, but our sense of fellowship does not cease with the conclusion of the semester.

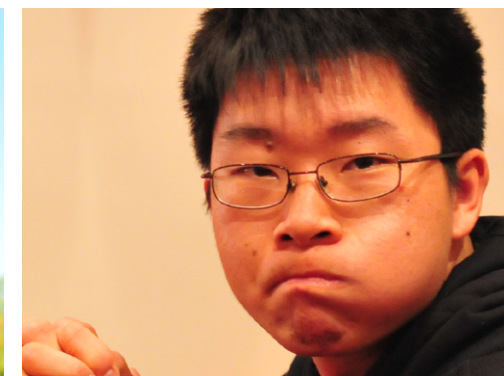
Collegetown Women's Small Group (aka The WoGs) - Esther Jiang '16

At the beginning of the semester, my co-leader Sophia and I prayed that the Lord would bless our small group with His presence. Needless to say, He showed up and touched us with His love each week! Even though we moved at a slower pace in our study, Thursday nights were filled with rich conversations, connections, and community. In addition to getting to know each other as friends, we also grew closer as sisters in Christ. Some of us grew up in the church, others were new believers, and a few were seekers. Regardless of where we were in our walks, we all encountered Jesus in our study. One particularly memorable study was John 4, where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. In talking with her, Jesus breaks all sorts of boundaries: cultural, religious, moral, and social. The girls in our group had many different interpretations of the tone and attitude of the

conversation, but ultimately, we reached the same conclusion – an encounter with Jesus radically changes your life. The gospel message is not for the ones who "deserve" it; it is for the ones who least deserve it – namely, all of us. Whether we were reading this passage for the first or hundredth time, it presented a powerful and challenging call to respond to the love of Christ. As Jesus revealed His identity to the Samaritan woman, He was revealing more of Himself to each one of us. I am convinced that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. His faithfulness and goodness is so evident in how He richly blessed us with His Word, His people, and His presence. I am so thankful for this small group that earnestly seeks after Him, and I pray that I will continue to have the privilege to serve each member. Soli Deo gloria!

OUR FELLOWSHIP

I hope you had as much fun reading this as I had making this! Hopefully this magazine paints a slightly better picture of who we are as a fellowship. Maybe we're too laughable, but from experience I can tell you we're definitely loveable (cue sappy everything).



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