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CBS VISION VERSE

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:1-5

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EDITOR LETTER

Hi CBS,

Thank you all for being so patient with me while I've been taking 4ever to finish the BoL. Honestly, for the first two years at Cornell, I struggled a lot to find community and enjoy being here to the fullest extent. For some reason, this semester has been some of the best months of my time year. I don't know if it's my classes (doubt it), living in an apartment in Eddygate (probably this one!), or just this general feeling of nostalgia as I start to get old. It took me a long time to get to this point, but I want to thank all my brothers and sisters in CBS for sticking with me and encouraging me through that. I've found a junior class that is so very goofy, loves Mehak's more than any dining hall on campus, and always, always has advice to give. I've found a team to serve with, a co-coordinator to serve alongside, and a prayer partner to share and use my meal swipes with. This semester has shown me so much of God's grace and love and I am so thankful that God put me here to experience all those things.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, if you think Cornell isn't the place for you, that's okay. I thought I really didn't fit in here, until I realized that not everyone is going to be like me or like the same things as me. God has shown me what it means to actually love people for who they are, not because of what they do or what they like.

Making the BoL and serving on Praise Team has shown me how willing everyone in CBS is to help out and be a part of this community. I'm lucky that all ya'll want to help interview/design/take pictures or go all the way to BG for retreat + Night of Worship (not to mention practice during the week). Thank you all for making this semester the best yet! I'm excited for the next one.

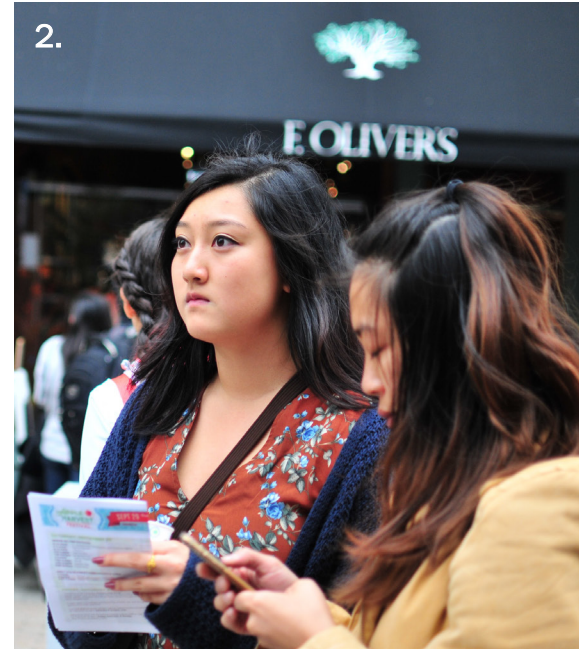
In Him,
Anna Tedijanto '19





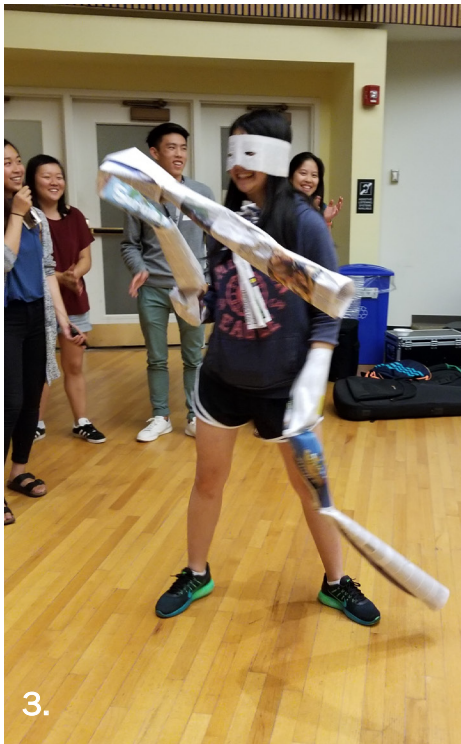
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1. Setting up their instruments and other equipment, praise team prepares for some amazing open air worship on Ho Plaza.



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2. Helen Sun '19 and Anna Tedijanto '19 contemplate which food booth to hit next during CBS's annual Apple Fest trip.



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3. Jackie Peng '21 shows off her Elastigirl impression in an After CBS Event (ACE) called CBS Runway where people dress someone up in newspaper.



5. Evelyn Shan '19 and Alice Zhao '20 happily pick and eat apples during an apple/pumpkin picking trip to Indian Creek Farm.

4. Zoe Chan '18 takes a selfie of a group that went to Ithaca's annual Downtown Apple Fest. It was a struggle trying to get people to put down their food to smile!



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Hi CBS,

Man's not smart so he don't know to write the BOL article. Slow drafts.

CBS has been a great gift for me. There is something special about taking on a fellowship organization and casting vision. There are needs that need to be heard of, and opportunities we have to embrace and endorse.

This year's theme is Joy and Peace. We chose this because we felt that many individuals within CBS lack these traits in the midst of their trials and personal struggles. We lose faith in God's righteous plan, and forget that he is the one who can bring order to our lives. We also look within ourselves when we fail rather than looking to God. We ought to be filled with Him as we conquer our obstacles, and remain obedient to him.

Our messages attempted to identify different parts of our lives where we tended to lack the joy to serve and be obedient, and the peace to know that he does have a good plan. We discovered topics like how to be filled with the Gospel, how to walk with other brothers and sisters, how to be fulfilled when we personally struggle, how to evangelize, and how to interact with our family.

We hope to continue addressing relevant topics and continue to foster more disciples of Jesus.

I personally have grown in listening to others, identifying projects for ministries to pursue, and encouraging individuals to push their own ministry. Next year we hope to have a well-developed "sports" "ministry" and improve upon our current evangelism events.

I love working with all the members of CBS. Each of you has a pool of spiritual gifts, and I look forward to seeing how you will steward them for the Lord.

God made you special and he loves you very much.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

John 10:14,16

-- Tim Tsang '18





Dearest CBS,

Who would have thought it would be my turn to write a coordinator letter after years of editing/designing the Coordinator Letters' part of BoL? God works in strange and mysterious ways!

This semester has been a blessing emotionally and spiritually for me to be serving the fellowship. Tim and I picked the themes "Joy and Peace" because we wanted those two blessings to overflow through us into the lives of those in our fellowship. As a leader, I've come to realize that it is easy to create slogans and visions, but if you don't exemplify it in your own life, you can't expect those around you to do so. I thought I was ready for coordinatorship, but God challenges haha. He has placed burdens on my heart about the brokenness of Cornell students and how many CBS people need to experience God's joy, including myself. I still don't really know how I can help the fellowship grow passionately towards Christ, but I hope he continues to push me to set an example in speech and in actions.

He has also taught me what it means to find joy in my underclassmen and how to *love* instead of *serve*. It is easy for me to serve the fellowship: doing logistics, attending every large group, or even meeting up with brothers and sisters. But for me to *love*, it requires

effort: constantly reorienting my mindset so friends are not thought of as projects, but as children of God, desperate for help and love. Love is not achieving a goal and moving on to the next person. Love can mean sacrificing time just to lay on a 4E couch and bask in the presence of sisters. Love can be being forgiving and patient when a friend seems to forget you. Love is imitating Christ. Love can be expressed in different ways. I have come to terms with the way God gave me, loving in my own way with my love languages.

I'm a bit rambly, but I hope that next semester, we can love as a fellowship: working together to care for one another and those in the campus. I hope we do not 'settle' for the grind of Cornell, but rise above to be a light on a campus. How good would it be for those who do not know Christ to see us and think "Hey, there's something special about these people. How can they be so joyful in the midst of all of this"? I hope we can all look into ourselves and evaluate our relationship with Christ and how we can do more to prepare ourselves for the kingdom in Heaven.

As for me, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, if you want to get to know me, if you're struggling or in pain. I am only a [wo]man so I can't reach out to everyone in the fellowship, but I absolutely desire to know how each and every one of you are doing and how I can help. Also feel free to ask me how I'm doing! Being coordinator is a very lonely job so if you desire to share some of my internal burdens, hit me up hehe.

I love you all and I wish all of you guys a wonderful holiday! See you in January!

-- Zoe Chan '18



Dear CBS,

As your prayer servants, we began this year by looking to those before us and reflecting on our own hearts of prayer. Whether it was in conversations with alumni, older brothers and sisters in church, or pastors, prayer was immediately established as a discipline of the utmost importance, both individually and in community. We started off during the summer with intercessory prayer very early in the morning, thanking God for each member of CBS. These prayers continued into the semester in our individual quiet times with God. This fall, we sought to encourage and grow as examples of faith in prayer; we hope the prayer wall, weekly prayer meetings, prayer missions, and spontaneous times of intercession have been a blessing to the fellowship. Please feel free to send prayer requests with whatever the Lord places on your hearts. This semester, we have been blessed to learn so much of what the Christian community encounters throughout the world.

Even before the last semester ended, we recognized some of the obstacles we faced, whether it be attendance or visibility, and so we hinged the ministry upon building up each of your walks with the Lord, hoping to create spaces for and strengthen your individual prayer lives. Even so, leading the ministry has been a difficult and sometimes obscured path. What does it look like to encourage our brothers and sisters to come to God in prayer? How does He want to use the two of us for such a big, undefined task? How can we do this on a campus and in a world of so much pain, violence, and grieving? These questions, along with the activities we didn't get to pull off, make it easy to be discouraged or forgetful.

But we are propelled not by our own strength or adequacy (or lack thereof!), but by God alone. We have been reminded of His presence in

the small joys of daily life, drawn to His throne of comfort and power in the immense, often confounding, pains of this world. We are shown again and again that without His living water, we are dry bones. It's with eager joy that we look to the coming semester, and the answers and surprises and bigger questions that God has in store for us and the fellowship.

Prayer. Perhaps to some, it's spicy, as it is one of the spiritual disciplines that are found in the seasoned believer :P. Prayer is a word that describes some of the sweetest times of rest and fellowship with our beloved Father through the intercession of Jesus. It's a time to desperately and passionately pour out our hearts, souls, and minds before the throne of the most High. Prayer is the conduit of fellowship and communication with the One who knows every intimate detail of who we are, what we will be, and what we are going through in each and every moment. Prayer is a reflection of the inner faith of the believer, an indication of the state of the heart and where we stand before God. God delights in our prayers when we fall before Him in humility, repentance, and sincerity, seeking to spend time with him. At Cornell, we so often forget how absorbed and blind we are to spiritual realities, numbed by the incessant busyness of college life. In those precious moments of listening and crying out to God, both alone and with other citizens of the kingdom, God lifts up our eyes, opens our ears, and softens our hearts to the things that truly matter. We are able to look beyond ourselves and become a blessing to others from the grace God has lavished upon us, all to the glory of Jesus. We are commended when we cry out to God as our "Abba," our Daddy.

In reflection of yet another semester passed, there has been such an outpouring of prayer and intercession throughout the semester that has evoked many emotions, fueled by a variety of experiences throughout the fellowship and beyond. We have experienced the power of prayer and how God truly listens and answers; prayer goes beyond any individual one of us. Prayer causes ripples throughout the kingdom of God itself!

Dearest reader, brother, sister, and friend, where is prayer in your heart today?

Your sister and brother,
Evelyn Shan '19 and Justin Lin '18





H E L L O CBS,

This year, we wanted Reach's vision to be centered on loving one another. Sounds basic, but ideally, everything we do to serve others will stem from this love. Based on CBS' focus this year on the peace received through Jesus and the joy that comes with our hope in God's glory, we wanted to bring all these attributes back to the root source – God's love for us.

“And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:5

It's only because of God's love that we can go out and confidently share His love with CBS and with others. Entering this school year, we wanted to ensure that the logistics of organizing events and people wouldn't overshadow the reason that we serve the fellowship: to grow our community together and share God with others. But to be honest, Reach has been hard. New student outreach hit us like a brick, especially since one of us was still at an internship when orientation began. There have been a lot of struggles and doubts: *What if freshmen don't come to our events? What if people don't help out? What if they don't choose CBS?* It's so easy to get discouraged when it seems like there's a lack of support and a lack of freshmen. It's easy to start wondering, *“Are we doing something wrong?”* This fall semester has been a crash course in the wisdom of Proverbs 3:5-6:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

and 2 Corinthians 12:9:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”

God uses our weaknesses and failures for His glory.

An important aspect of fellowship that we really wanted to foster this year was meeting up with one another. During the first few weeks of every semester, a lot of meetups occur, especially with freshmen. But this shouldn't be so temporary! One of the best ways to

support each other is by checking up on one another throughout the entire semester through meals and conversations. Taking time to check up on people throughout the year can be much more meaningful than we'd think.

We also want to encourage others who do have this heart for service to get more involved with Reach ministry. Last year was a wild one, and we definitely understand when people take on more responsibilities with academics and extracurriculars and can't make it to meetings or events. And with meetings, it's also very easy to get lost in the logistics of inreach – it feels like there's always something to plan or organize, whether it's new student outreach, ACEs, felly dinners, Men's/Women's Time, sports ministry, etc. We're very grateful for the rest of our #ReachTrain and CBS for keeping us accountable and making sure that outreach isn't forgotten, and through lots of prayer, we're looking to find the best ways to facilitate a heart for outreach as well as inreach with God at the forefront of all of our efforts.

It's hard. Personality-wise, many of us don't feel like the “outreach” type. We worry about what people will think of us – will they think we're too pushy? Will they ask questions that we won't know how to answer? Do we have the time? It's hard to evangelize to our friends, and it's even harder to see the fruits of cold contact. And from a leadership viewpoint, it's easy to fall into the trap of “we need to focus on inreach before we can be ready for outreach.”

But shouldn't our love for Christ and all He's done make us *want* to tell others? Think about something you really like: the Pats? Sherlock? PTL? RPCC? If people ask you about it, it's real easy to tell them why you like it so much. Do we worry that they'll think we're weird? That we might not be able to answer their questions about the subject? That we don't have the time? That we can't convince them of our viewpoint? #ByNoMeans! (David: I'll gladly tell Evelyn why Brady is the GOAT.) And it should be like that with Jesus – exponentially so. You'd be surprised how easy it is to bring up faith in daily conversations, and we'll work towards this together!

Even though it's tiring to constantly be reminded to check on others, to reach out to others, to lead, to serve, we really hope that this heart for one another continues to grow throughout CBS, and that we can keep on reflecting the precious love that God has poured on us.

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:19

In Christ,
David Wu '19 and Melanie Lim '19





Dear CBS,

Over the summer, we hoped to use Bible studies to engage the CBS community in a more thought-provoking way. We were encouraged by the vision verse of joy and peace and wanted to focus our small groups specifically on one section of it, which says:

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

Romans 5:3-4

From this verse, we found that Nehemiah perfectly captured the vision of persevering through suffering to build character, and ultimately hope, in God. By devoting this semester solely to this book, we learned more about the trials throughout Nehemiah’s quest to rebuild Jerusalem--how he persevered and led the Israelites to hope through their struggles. It’s easy to think of the Old Testament as distant from and irrelevant to our everyday lives, but through our close study of this book, Nehemiah has come alive to us as a role model of leadership whom we should all strive to emulate. Some particularly relevant lessons

included what it looks like to seek God first in decision-making, why it is crucial to burn down our spiritual walls and gates before we begin to rebuild, how we as a fellowship should be building community just as the Israelites built community in the process of reconstructing their home, and how God desires for us to conduct ourselves in all areas--work, rest, money, relationships--in order that we might live a life worthy of His calling.

After hearing from various members of the fellowship about last semester’s Bible studies, we decided to transition to all co-ed small groups for the fall, giving everyone the opportunity to pick from all four groups. Since many requested the Old Testament on the ministry survey, we chose to study OT books for the whole year, starting with Nehemiah this semester. Being the Bible study ministry coordinators has given us a deeper understanding of the spiritual well-being of this fellowship. We hope that small group has not only been a place for people to study the Bible together, but also, more importantly, a close-knit environment where people feel comfortable sharing with and encouraging one another. Through large group sharings and individual interactions, we have been very blessed to hear how Nehemiah’s lessons have personally encouraged the fellowship. We pray that our studies of the Word would continue to challenge and grow CBS, molding us into a community of believers that builds one another up in hope.

In Christ,
Michelle Sun ‘18 & Lauren Kam ‘19





Dear CBS,

Jeff: In the Bible, at many places and in many ways, we are told to worship God. We are instructed to praise God using music, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to one another (Ephesians 5:18-20).

Why is this so?

I think music can express things that no word can express. In theory, when we understand who God is and what he has done for us, we should be awed, we should be moved. But, it might be difficult to feel this way when we have heard the Gospel preached to us again and again. Through worship songs we can remind ourselves of the Gospel. We remember why we shout for joy, why we are struck with wonder, why we cry out to God.

On the other hand, in contemporary worship music there is sometimes a danger of emotionalism - that is, of singing worship music and feeling emotion for the sake of the emotion itself. Be wary of that. All music, Christian or not, intrinsically affects our emotions. Sometimes, in the middle of worship, you have to make an extra effort to focus on the lyrics of a worship song and ponder what those lyrics are saying, because the music of a worship song should be supporting the lyrics, not the other way around. This is not to say that emotions are bad - you do need emotions in worship, but they should be rooted in an accurate understanding of God.

Anna: This semester, being on praise team has definitely exceeded my expectations. I first want to say, thank you Jeff for being an awesome co-coordinator and having knowledge about basically any question I ever ask. It's truly been awesome to worship with a lot of my junior brothers and sisters (as well as an anonymous senior and anonymous sophomore), and grow together as a team. Though I felt nervous at first, I've had a ton of support from praise team (thank goodness for all those cars), so I know that .

On another note, Jeff and I worked up the guts to email an anonymous professor about using drums - which we were allowed to do! Success! And we also got new praise stuff - which, if you've seen our equipment, you would understand is a reason to celebrate. Plus, some stuff was duct taped and many Hot Cheetos/Muddy Buddies were ate, so I would say it was a great semester overall.

Anna and Jeff: During praise team meetings this semester, we have, among other things, been studying the lyrics of hymns. We looked over "Be Thou My Vision" and "Crown Him With Many Crowns". Those two hymns say a lot about relying on God and God's glory, respectively, but the language they use is a bit dated, so it was helpful to look over the verses and discuss the meaning together. "Be thou my vision" can be rendered in more modern language to mean, "God, please help me to see." Or, as Aaron Hui would say, "Be my eyes!". In addition, we took note from Worship Matters and talked about picking songs for set, went out to Ho Plaza for open-air worship, and attempted a 4-part harmony of "Be Thou My Vision". Thanks PT for a great semester!

In Christ,
Jeffrey Huang '19 & Anna Tedijanto '19





DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

CBS,

Some history: Discipleship ministry last existed my freshman year when it was led by Wendy Wei ('15). In the years since, the role was absorbed by the coordinatorship. At the end of last year, Servant Team decided that creating a separate ministry for discipleship to lessen the coordinators' burdens (and to get a better sense of the spiritual pulse of the fellowship) would be worthwhile. So here I am today.

I still remember meeting up with Wendy three years ago in the Ivy Room, brimming with anticipation to be paired with an older sister. And then a few months later in mid-November, crying tears of joy after receiving an email from Felicia Setiono ('16) informing me that we had been matched. I see the same excitement and enthusiasm in many of this year's freshmen and it's been really heartwarming. Prayer partnerships, to many, are a great source of growth and accountability, and with the help of some upperclassmen, we were able to get all of the youngins matched up this semester with some pretty exciting pairings.

In addition to sorting out new PPships, Fall 2017 has seen the birth of Men's Time and Women's Time (yay!). This idea has been in the works for quite a few semesters now since past split-gender times have been valuable to many individuals in the fellowship. While we struggled with the purpose of these groups for quite some time, we

decided that creating such spaces would help foster a culture of older brothers and sisters caring for and being cared for by younger brothers and sisters. Whether it's eating meals together, praying for one another, singing praise, discussing topics, or playing sports, it's been a joy to see the fellowship living life together. In my own personal season of dryness, struggling to understand where I fit in CBS and what the purpose of fellowship is, Women's Time has opened my eyes to see how beautiful living intentionally in community can be-- it's this thoughtfulness and vulnerability that we often don't see enough of that I hope we can learn to organically replicate in all of our relationships. Though we only have met twice so far with a third get-together coming up soon, I am eager to see what God has in store for our groups.

Also! Women's Time has a name: The Koi Pond. Cute right? It's inspired by the Greek word *koinonia* which means fellowship, sharing in common, communion and this word first appears in Acts 2.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Acts 2:42

The essence of *koinonia*, believers coming together in faith, love, and encouragement, earnestly sharing their lives and seeking God together is what I hope not only Women's Time will embody, but what all members of the fellowship will strive for. I trust that God will continue to grow and challenge the brothers and sisters in this fellowship-- and that He will continue to help the fellowship form intentional relationships inside and outside these formal settings.

In Him,
Kathy Lin '18



SUNDAY WEST BIBLE STUDY

Dearest CBS,

Raymond: As I am writing up this reflection, I find myself sitting in Bethe Suite 385, the suite that us two leaders don't live in yet commandeered anyways for our bible study needs heh (thank you fellow sophomore boys). I still see the three-week-old, crinkled bags of salt and vinegar chips and candy corn that Tim and Angela brought for our group laid out on the table. But what was truly laid out was God's message through the book of Nehemiah. As this was my first time leading a bible study of any sort, I was worried that I would be insufficient or incapable of carrying it out. God quickly put those misgivings to rest. Even though I knew very little, I had the privilege of studying with Michelle, who was an amazing mentor and co-leader, and I have learned much from everyone while wrestling with myriads of questions that Nehemiah presented our bible study with.

Michelle: Studying Nehemiah with this group of people has truly been a blessing. To be honest, for some weeks, when I think of going to bible study, I feel burdened because I feel like I am fulfilling a duty. However, I now can say with confidence that after every bible study, I think that I could not have used my time for anything else better. There's something about every week's passage that is just so enlightening and relevant to my personal walk with God. One thing I remember most clearly is Nehemiah's rich and powerful prayer that consists of praise, adoration, repentance, and lastly supplication. Now whenever I look at my own prayer life, I have a great spiritual leader with his prayer passages in the Scripture to learn from and imitate.

Between jokes of how Tobiah the Ammonite needs to get his roast game up and super-extra emails, we am blessed with such an amazing group of fellow 'bib studders'. While we were a bit toxic to one another at times, we built each other up in the end, just as Nehemiah rebuilt the wall.

In Christ,
Michelle Sun '18 and Raymond Zhang '20

Dear CBS,

Led by Raymond and Michelle, the Foxes on Firewall bible study was blessed to meet every Sunday night in Bethe 385. Although we often began late (whether because we ate dinner for too long or because we were stalking Bethe residents to open the door), we always started the night with laughter and Tim's generous snack donations. Going through Nehemiah taught us how Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem through God's love. The recurring themes of Nehemiah's patience and persistence, prayers for guidance, and continuous trust in God were often discussed as we talked about embodying Godly leadership. I was reminded of how God continuously blesses us even after we betray Him again and again. This forgiveness demonstrates how great His love is and how much He has done for us. Raymond and Michelle's insightful questions also asked us to reflect on our own lives and gave us the opportunity to share our testimonies.

We ended each bible study with sharing and prayer, lifting and encouraging one another as we understand and connect with each other. Seeing God work in our lives and stay by our sides as we face daily obstacles and struggles never fails to surprise me. Meeting up with members of the bible study has also been something new for me, and it's been so much fun sharing and bonding in a more casual setting. It's truly been a blessing to meet with such a beautiful group of people each week and I hope that we can continue to grow together through God.

In Christ,
Frances Liu '20



TUESDAY COLLEGETOWN BIBLE STUDY

Dear CBS,

It's been an encouraging and fruitful time on Tuesday nights in the Collegetown Bible study. Although it was logistically difficult to meet at times, our (very) small group learned a lot through studying the book of Nehemiah. Through the heart and prayers of Nehemiah, we saw how he was powerfully used by God as a leader and servant for the people of Israel. We have explored themes of God raising up a people from a broken nation--as demonstrated by the visceral image of the wall being completed in record time--and talked about spiritual growth and accountability and the various types of people that are part of the kingdom. From our discussions, it is evident that we have spiritually and mentally grown a long way from where we first started. With the goal of being not only hearers, but also doers of the Word, we are excited for the continued growth of the members of this Bible study and the application of the topics we have discussed and will continue to discuss in weeks to come. By sharing our struggles and challenges, lifting up praises and encouragements, and praying with one another weekly, we have been able to understand each other better and build stronger friendships with one another. We are always so encouraged and surprised to see how God works in other people's lives and how they deal with the obstacles they face every day, and we hope to take the lessons of Nehemiah to become a people who are passionately and wholeheartedly following God, much like the people during the dedication ceremony of the completed wall.

In Christ,
Justin Lin '18 & Lauren Kam '19

Dear CBS,

This semester I got to attend the Tuesday night Collegetown Bible Study led by Lauren and Justin.

Sometimes it was a little frustrating and disheartening because every Tuesday afternoon, Justin would post a reminder about Bible Study that night, which was promptly followed by a chorus of "I can't make it tonight" or "I'll be late." Sometimes this would lead to an *ahem* "homey" Bible Study, or just a cancellation. It seems that Tuesday night isn't a very good time for many people, due to prelims, psets, projects, and work. It's something that Ray and I also noticed last semester (or maybe it's me :c).

As we learned in Nehemiah 4, Satan can use anything to try to discourage us—just like he used Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem. But during these struggles we should rely on God. And given that I'm writing this right after Thanksgiving, I can't help but try to be grateful. Even though it was harder to discuss the passage with the few amount of people we had, we were still able to go over important concepts. I also think Justin and Lauren did a good job emphasizing how the text can apply in our everyday lives, which is sometimes lacking or harder to see when we try to read the Old Testament, as well as pointing out the need for prayer and confession.

And in a totally unbiased opinion, I think the intra-Bible Study meetups were a good way to get to know people better and check up on people. Looking forward to learning more next year =)

In Christ,
David Wu '19



WEDNESDAY NORTH BIBLE STUDY

Dear CBS,

To all the people who have come to our bible study, we thank each and everyone of you for committing your time and effort to attending our bible study. You could have been somewhere else every 7 pm on a Wednesday evening, but instead you chose to sit down with us and read through the story of Nehemiah (some of which was painstakingly difficult to understand, like the long recurring list of names). We're glad that you made it through with us to the end. Congratulations! This semester's bible study has definitely been a fun experience for us. Sharing time always gave us a laugh; everyone always has something weird going on in their lives, but that just makes sharing all the more enjoyable. The discussions that take place are always so unpredictable. Though there were some people who were a lot more talkative (Mike Cao as per usual), everyone contributed their ideas and insights to the conversation. It's important to point out that it's ok to speak up when we're going over the material; in fact, we encourage it! If you suddenly remember something neat that ties in with the current topic, go for it. Often times, these "side remarks" are what drew our conversations into deeper analysis of the passage at hand, some of which bordered on a couple of more controversial topics, and it truly made our bible study more vibrant.

As mentioned earlier, when it comes to some of the longer, more tedious chapters, it's easy to gloss over the lists. But by going through this book as a bible study, I think we've all learned the value of having patience, an open mind, and the discipline to closely search God's word. At the end of the day, we were glad to see that people were able to recall important events and information regarding Nehemiah's story and draw meaningful applications from even the difficult of texts. Your dedication to learning more was definitely a huge source of encouragement to us. Long live the prophet shave! #kindgentleandhandsome #melschiseledeck

Grace and Peace be with you,
Kevin Gao '19 and Kathy Lin '18

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for putting up with my very bad mental math skills. And thank you for always checking in on me and for faithfully praying for me this entire semester. I feel like our friendship has grown leaps and bounds and I'm so glad we got to lead this bible study together this semester. I am beyond thankful for you <3

G&PBWU
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Dear Kathy,

Thanks for letting us meet on your couch. It is a comfy couch :) And thank you for trusting me, for being open with me, and for letting me be honest about my own life struggles as well. I'm really grateful for this partnership; I do feel that I know you much better this semester than before, so I thank God for you. I'll continue to keep you in my prayers.

In Christ,
Kevin

Dear CBS,

Getting together weekly for bible study was much more than sitting down to read the Book of Nehemiah. It was also a time to share, pray, and get to know the Lord better. The story of Nehemiah taught us many spiritual life lessons that we can apply not only as individuals but also as a fellowship. It was truly amazing to see how much we have grown throughout the semester.

In Christ,
Kevin Hu '21



THURSDAY NORTH BIBLE STUDY

Hello CBS,

Thursday North Bible Study (better known as Newdles & Shelly & Co.) has honestly been one of the greatest parts of this semester. We were blessed with a horde of freshmen, eager to hear God's word and eat Shelly's freshly baked apple crisp. Not even prelims could stop them from showing up for fellowship at RPCC. It's hard to express the friendships formed, memories made, and lessons learned through writing, but we hope these snapshots will encourage you.

We really tried to encourage meet-ups outside of Bible study this year. We wanted to emphasize the importance of caring for each other outside the context of Thursday nights. To that end, we asked people to take a picture of themselves eating together to share with the group for accountability (and for positive peer pressure). Because everyone had opportunities to talk to one another, discussions were less tense, and we were able to be more honest.

For example, during our last week, we asked everyone to share about how they identified with either Nehemiah or the Israelites. We heard stories of both--people who stood with God amidst persecution or disappointment, and people who felt guilty about relapsing into sin. At the end of a hectic semester, it was nice to listen to and pray with each other, and to know that we don't fight our battles alone.

Another memorable Bible study took place much earlier in the semester, when we went over Nehemiah 3. At first glance, the long, repetitive list of people didn't look very interesting or meaningful. But the closer we looked, the more details jumped out at us: specific mentions of women or priests or goldsmiths who helped out despite not being expected to. It was a much-needed reminder that the Word of God is truly living and active, and so much richer than we often take it for.

Overall, it was an honor getting to learn alongside this Bible study. We really took to heart Nehemiah's message of faith and leadership in times of difficulty, as well as the importance of confession, which helped us keep each other accountable through prayer and meet-ups. And of course, it wouldn't be CBS without the crazy night-time shenanigans (like climbing the roof of Plant Sciences, or making Thanksgiving dinner together). We hope to see even more fellowship in the coming semester, and hope that we've encouraged you even a little bit.

In Christ,
Shelly Zhang '19 and Newton Ni '19

Dear COOL Brothers and Sisters,,

We had the honor of being with Shelly and Newdles and Co. (almost) every Thursday evening this semester. This Bible Study has been a blessing; in addition to reading Nehemiah, we rejoiced in each other's roses (highs in life), prayed for thorns (lows), and laughed at acorns (awkward moments).

We discovered the legacy of Nehemiah, a man of remarkable faith and we took to heart God's constancy. We were encouraged by the Israelites' confessions and their dedication to worshipping God. We were reminded of the importance of striving to truly live for God's glory. We learned about the plethora of people who rebuilt Jerusalem's wall. This group spanned an eclectic set of occupations and lineages, emphasizing that anyone can do God's work (we also learned Shelly doesn't pronounce Hebrew very well). All in all, we were fed spiritual milk and matured as Christians.

God sets forth an impossible standard in His word — even God's chosen people failed, falling to selfishness and worldly pressures. In the face of these human failures, we were inspired by examples of Christian fellowship and accountability in Nehemiah's relationship with the Israelites. Time and time again, we will fall short of God's perfection, but that doesn't give us any excuse to abandon our journey in Christ. God remained faithful, forgiving the Israelites every time they turned back to Him in repentance, no matter the severity of their transgression. God remains faithful, so we can have the peace and assurance in our hearts to continue trusting in God. And we're not doing this alone, because we have the beautiful family of God, including our brothers and sisters in CBS. How AMAZING is that??

This semester, we built an indelible bond centered around our relationship with Jesus Christ and our personal experiences in the Christian life. Whether through deep discussions about chicken nuggets while meeting up or our weekly prayer time in small groups, we've felt the presence of God working in our lives. It's been spicy, and we're thankful for it all.

In him,
Stephanie Deng, Darren Chang, Jackie Peng, Lucy Lu
Class of Z0Z1



FALL RETREAT

1. Lucie Fan '19 and Melanie Lim '19 lead a workshop on evangelism. Laying on the floor beside the group are "network maps" which help show where and with who they could share Jesus.

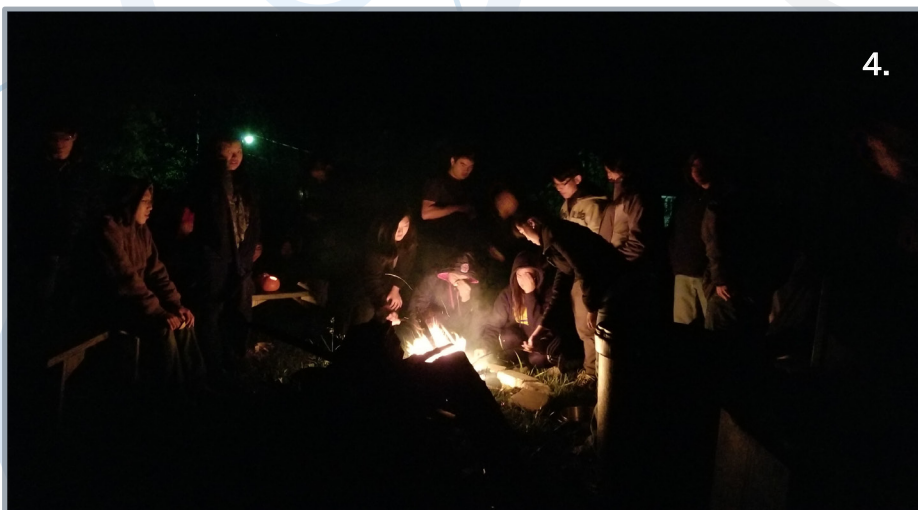


2. Raymond Zhang '20 expertly shares about his group's pumpkin carving during the night's ACE. Hmmmm



3. The morning after a spicy night of worship, the group poses for a silly photoshoot.

4. People crowd around a campfire, roasting marshmallows, telling stories and meeting new friends.

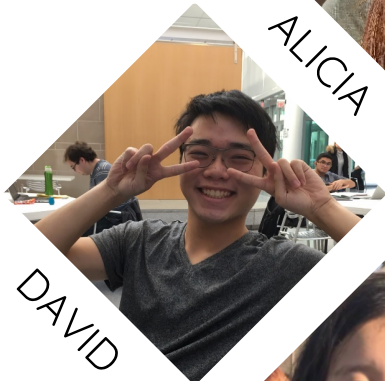


5. A focused Tim Tsang '18 carefully considers then carves into his group's pumpkin.

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DARREN



KIMBERLY



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VICTOR



LOUISE



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LUCY

WITH SPECIAL
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APPEARANCE BY



JIE YIN



STEPHANIE

AMANDA AJIM

hometown:
HOUSTON, TX
major:
BIOLOGY

Word Associations

Senior Class: fun

Junior Class: fun

Sophomore Class: enjoyment

Freshmen Class: friends :D

Fall: cold

Ithaca: cold

Laundry Detergent: blue

Amanda and I got lunch at Terrace one Wednesday afternoon. Apparently I baited her because I asked her to lunch without telling her that we were going to be having a BoL interview. Oops.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: The scenery is really beautiful. And I think I'm gonna enjoy it,

CBS: The people are really friendly. It amazes me how talented they are. Like with music. Like you're always able to find musicians, it's cool.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

It's more normal than I expected. I expected it to be extremely liberal (like riots everyday) and stuff like that. And there's a lot to do that I enjoy, which I was surprised about. There's a lot of fun clubs that I have the opportunity to join if I want to, so I always have stuff to do if I'm bored. And I have free time, which surprised me. [What do you do in your free time?] I watch youtube. And I learn Korean.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

If money was no issue [yea.] Absolutely nothing. [:thinking:] Ooo, I'd invest in the stock market. And since money is no issue, I'd always win. That and probably medicine. [what type of medicine?] Cardiology.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island? Cruise ship, gas, and a captain. Book: probably something in Spanish.

5. What animal best describes you and why? A viper. Because I'm a traitor. And I'm really good at sniping. I'm always like ready to strike.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

"I thought the cello was a woodwind instrument"
- lil' Yachty

(Everyone can search up for themselves the meaning of this quote)

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I'd say do some research. I also want to get a leadership position in Aces. And I wanna snipe the entire team of course. Spiritually, I want to get to the New Testament in my scripture reading.

It was really nice getting lunch with Amanda and interviewing her. We kept digressing with talks about childhood games we played, such as a shared love for Poptropica and everythinggirl.com. Fun times. At one point in the interview we started playing the shopping and makeover games from Myscene girls, taking us back to 2006. Overall we had a great time. It's been awesome to see Amanda's heart for CBS and I'm excited to see how she grows in the next few years.

-- Shelly Zhang '19

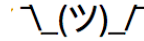


Amanda's drawing of the bridges at Cornell.



DARREN
CHANG

hometown:
CARMEL, IN
major:
Planned
anthropology
and independent
major but who
knows



from CBS, both for school and for living with Christ.

2. **One thing that surprised you about Cornell?**
Surprising how easy it was to get lost in the sauce and kinda just be overwhelmed by the sea of events, assignments, and people you have to meet. In high school it was really easy to just stay on top of everything but there's information overload at Cornell.

3. **If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?**

I think my dreams were crushed by last night's chem prelim. Being an academic for a subject in the humanities like Asian American studies or history. Maybe just be an activist or a writer. I don't think there's enough Asian American people who care enough to make a grassroots impact. Being part of that change/critical mass is important and productive.

4. **Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?**

Solar panels. A multitool. And uhhhh hmmm... a reflective blanket.

5. **What animal best describes you and why?**

Honey badger. Cuz they're pretty small but not tiny but they exert uhhhh "personality" *laughs* and can play a larger role when they have to. And there's also that video of "honey badger don't care." You should link it. One of my teachers told me one time and told me I was a honeybadger. And I believed him.

6. **Favorite quote or saying?**

Maybe "Power never takes a step back, only in the face of more power"

-- Malcolm X

I'm really bad at remembering specific quotes. Sorry.

7. **What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?**

Method for grounding God in my life but still have time to not fail my prelims. Also a degree. Doesn't really matter in what. (E/N: #Never2Late2Switch2Econ!!)

As we wrap up, I take a picture of him. "Oh nice, you got my cute side. Not that I have a bad side." I can tell it'll be a fun couple years with Darren. Hopefully I can sway him to the dark side, muahahahaha. But in any case, praying that we'll be able to support him in his walk with God and that he can support others too. After all, a wise man once said, "help each other bear each other's burdens."

-- David Wu '19

Word Associations

Senior Class: Tim Tsang. Wait I don't feel Zoe to feel left out, can you write "Tim Tsang and Zoe Chan"?

Junior Class: *slight pause* Gender imbalance

Sophomore Class: Movers and shakers. Me: What do you mean? D: Like Raymond Zhang. Me: What do you mean like Raymond Zhang? D: Just like doing a lot of things and organizing a lot of events cz they're required to. Wait, are they required to?

Freshmen Class: A diverse group of friends

Fall: Leaves

Ithaca: Cold, hilly, and in the middle of almost nowhere [What do you mean "almost" nowhere?] You can get to places (like Syracuse, Rochester... E/N: this is what he considers "places to go" #RuralMidwestBoiz) within 2 hours but it feels like you're in a bubble.

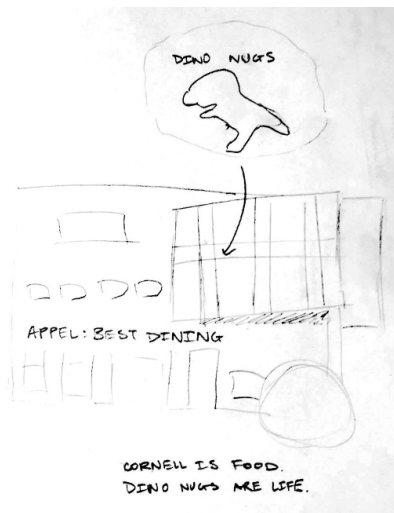
Laundry Detergent: Heavy bottle. Well not really a bottle, it's just like a heavy thing of detergent. Clean smells.

I walk into the notorious P. S. B. a couple minutes early according to CBS time. Unfortunately, it seems that Darren is massively CBS-early, also known as on time, as evidenced by the messages from him and Shelly exactly at 1:45pm inquiring about my whereabouts. We begin with the customary roast of Tim Tsang and then begin the interview. For full transparency I show him my screen as I type, so he has definitely been made aware of the roasts.

1. **What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?**

Cornell: When I applied here I thought it was a pretty cool place cz there's always a lot going on cz there's so many people. But I think there's a lot of downsides to it too. Classes are hard. More classes are hard than easy. Food is expensive (that might just be the rural Midwest boi in me talking). People are nice, that's a plus. People are welcoming and considerate (so basically the Midwest). Amayyyzing Lots of hospitable characters in Ithaca, not in the Midwest necessarily. Food is edible and sometimes very scrumptious (no comment on RPCC vs Appel). Oh no, David is at Cornell so that negates all my statements.

CBS: I just remember Evelyn inviting me and introducing me to everyone so that was really really nice. Really glad I got to know a lot of the people in CBS. There are a lot of different people from different backgrounds, even if it's Chinese (nominally). Thankful that there is so much support coming



Dino nugget.
Caption:
Din(am)o



ALICIA
CHEN

hometown:
STATEN ISLAND, NY
major:
COMPUTER
SCIENCE

I haven't been outside the US. [Do you travel a lot in the US then?] I mostly stay in the east coast, [Florida]? Yeah, I haven't been in the West Coast though. [Where's one place you want to go?] China and Malaysia (My mom is from there). It would be nice to know what it looks like and what it was like for my family to live there. [Do you get to eat Chinese/Malay food at home?] Yeah I love my mom's Malay food!

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

Tool knives: just for survival

I would say my phone, but no electricity...

Matches to start fires [What if you run out?] Until I run out... I'm also scared of the dark. I don't like being scared in the dark alone.

Brita filter: If you have the filter, you have something to put water in. [But what if you're surrounded by ocean water?] The filter will filter the salt out [No!] I'll eat salt water or find lake water.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

I would say I'm a bunny (zodiac). I can get jittery at times.

Bunnies are also fluffy and I want to be fluffy. So I can be lovable! They can be shy at times. [Do you like eating carrots?] I used to buy baby carrots [I proceeded to tell her that baby carrots aren't really baby carrots.]

6. Favorite quote or saying?

I like the one on my bookmark: "When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you." I also like "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." -Psalm 32:8

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I want an internship that I can grow from and hold a club position, get involved in school with more school spirit. I want to meet people! Know more people, network, hopefully get into a performance team at E-Motion!

As we wrapped up our interview, it was clear that Alicia was out of this world. Seriously, maybe she's an alien! Just kidding, I loved getting to know her and having laughs with her and I can't wait to hang out with her this year! Keep hwaiting, Alicia!

-- Zoe Chan '18

Word Associations

Senior Class: 2021 (her graduation year? hehe)

Junior Class: 20 (20 years old)

Sophomore Class: Everyone I know (her friends in E-Motion)

Freshmen Class: Amazing

Fall: Cold

Ithaca: Cold

Laundry Detergent: Low supply (she's almost out)

As I sat in the Terrace eating my rabbit food (AKA Statler salad), contemplating life and my existence, the lovely Alicia bounced over to my table with a big puffy jacket and cute round glasses. She dropped off her stuff to get some lunch. I wondered what she would get: would it be the salad I got? Maybe some chicken fingers? Perhaps she would take a scroll through the curry bar that replaced the once delicious and one of a kind entree bar. Alas she returned with a bowl of pho. What an excellent judge of food. I approve. Pho is a great topic of discussion. Is it pronounced f-oh? Or f-uh? (It's f-uh everybody, get it right)

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

[Of Cornell] At first, I didn't like it because it was so big and scary; I didn't know where everything was. But I came to love it! It's such a beautiful environment. Even though it's big, there are friendly people who meet up with you and see how you're doing. Very different from the city: not as crowded, not as rushed, things are at your own pace. I love that you have more time for yourself.

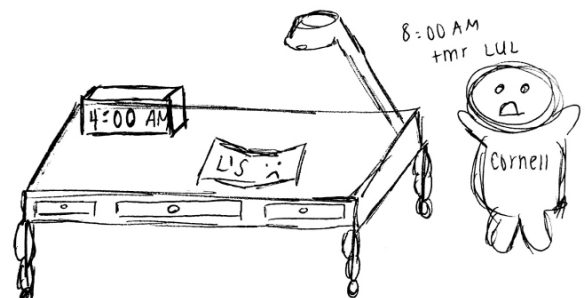
[Of CBS] Everyone was really nice, everyone was like "Hi what's your name?" They were just really welcoming and made me feel at home (back home I went to fellowship so it was weird for me to not go to fellowship on Friday night). CBS reminded me of home, because it's a place where everyone can have fun and enjoy each other's presence.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

The amount of places inside buildings. You think WSH is just a tiny building, but there's so many floors and stuff. Buildings don't look very big and on a hill they look so small but when you go in, there's so many rooms and stuff like the math and music library. There's so many people on campus.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

I honestly would like to go around the world. For 18 years,



This is the early morning hours of taking "L's at Cornell. That's me wearing Cornell gear and my beautiful desk.



hometown:
ROCHESTER,
MN
major:
HBHS

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?
My Bible. *After much thought and consideration* There are so many things I would need to survive.. Well actually I wouldn't survive if i were stranded *laughs hysterically* If i could bring a piano somehow, I'd want to have a piano! It would probably be destroyed the first time it rains but.. I'd want a piano there. Well if I bring a piano, I could bring a hymn book too!! This is so bad *laughs even more hysterically*

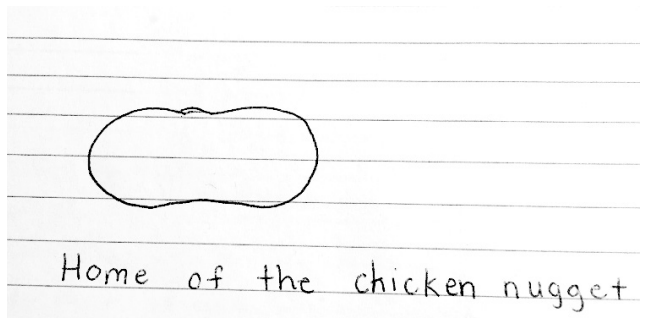
5. What animal best describes you and why?
Oooh I had to write a speech about this for my speech class last year, and I said that I would be a grizzly bear. I think it's because grizzly bears are really protective, and if you don't bother them they won't bother you. Well wait that's a lie, people have been mauled by grizzly bears so that's just false. Lets just go with because they're protective.

6. Favorite quote or saying?
I have a quote from "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." I really like when he says something like "worrying only makes you suffer twice" or something like that. [Actual quote: "My philosophy is that worrying means you suffer twice."]
Also! I think it's in Philippians 4. Wait, let me check *pulls out Bible App* It's Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
It's a really good one especially when prelim time rolls around, and I can just keep it in the back of my head.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?
I hope I'm still close with, or as close as I am now or closer to my siblings. I don't want us to drift apart just because I'm a thousand miles away for four years. I guess I should probably talk about like school ish stuff right... I don't know... zoji.

Interviewing Stephanie was such a great experience filled with so many laughs! I'm so happy to see her smiling and appreciating everything around her no matter how small. She's quite an interesting and entertaining individual and her maturity and love for others is so encouraging. I hope everyone gets a chance to get to know this amazing child. I think the next time we meet I'm going to bring her some high-quality chicken nuggets. God bless her.bear each other's burdens."

-- Melanie Lim '19



CHICKEN NUGGET!!! What does a chicken nugget even look like.. Like a blob.

Word Associations

Senior Class: Cool. That's so lame but I can't think right now. Can I try to think of a better one? I'm not good with words... and cool is not good enough for them, there are better words! Um... let's say cool for now.

Junior Class: Funny

Sophomore Class: I think I only know Alice. Wait, who else is a sophomore?

Freshmen Class: Is ZOZI an adjective?

Fall: Chilly

Ithaca: Hilly

Laundry Detergent: Clean. It smells really nice.

Stephanie met me on the first floor of Appel with a smile on her face! Excited as she always seems to be for that yummy Appel sweet tea that has enraptured the freshman class, Stephanie walked up to the dining hall with me. Together we entered into the wonderland that is the North Star Dining Room, and Stephanie and I embraced the unnatural emptiness of the dining hall. Lines were short, food was good, and we enjoyed some time together before I whipped out my laptop and the questions came flying.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?
[Of Cornell:] Like the people? Campus? Or just everything?
It seemed like a very very big place, but it doesn't seem very big now.
[Of CBS:] It seemed like a small but not really small family. Everyone seemed really close.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?
There are a lot more Christians than I expected. I didn't have a number in mind, but sometimes in my classes in recitation or like in Bio lab, I don't know how it comes into conversation, but I hear people talking about church or fellowship and that's really cool!

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?
Well I'd still want to be a doctor. Yeah. Oh if I would not have to worry about money, I would still be a doctor, but I would not charge my patients money. Is that a thing? I just don't think it's very fair or good overall that sometimes people can't get the care they need just because they can't afford it. And I don't know what the solution would be, but yeah I'd still want to be a doctor. I'd want to run my own free clinic or at least work full time in one as a doctor.



hometown:
WILMINGTON, NC
major:
CHEMISTRY &
CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Word Associations

Senior Class: Justin

Junior Class: David

Sophomore Class: Raymond

Freshmen Class: North Campus

Fall: Spring

Ithaca: New York

Laundry Detergent: Laundry Room

It is lunch time. I run down from PSB to meet Kevin in Statler. At first, he seems nowhere to be found, but then I turn my head and see that he has, without any fuss, teleported here right beside me. Hello there! We go get burritos at Terrace. An intense attempt is then made to eat said burritos without them disintegrating. Partial success. Now, with those pesky (yet delicious) burritos out of the way, the interview may begin...

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: Every aspect is as beautiful as I imagined.

CBS: Every aspect is as beautiful as I imagined.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

The fact that there are a lot of resources for students is always something to enjoy. It's really nice that people get a lot of guidance, whether it's academics or otherwise.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

I'd probably be an athlete, maybe a golfer. To play a sport, and still get paid--seems to be me it'd be a really fun job.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

I'd bring coconuts. Why would I bring coconuts? Because it's a source of protein/nourishment, and it's a source of water - I heard that coconut water is very good for hydration and isotonic to human blood. I'd also bring a tent, just for shelter. And I'd bring my Bible, to study the Word of God.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

The owl. Not only does it have a tendency to visualize all things and just in general see a lot of things, but also it goes "Hu, Hu, Hu" all the time. That's the sound it makes. It calls out my name just to signify that it's there.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Matthew 6:21

It's a quote to focus on the heavenly.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I hope to get my degree.

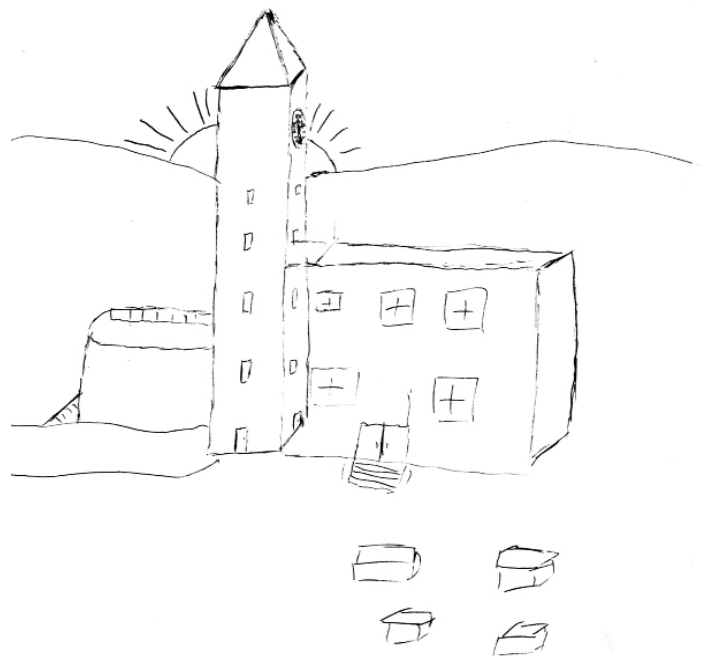
I hope to definitely grow intellectually, to be a more effective communicator.

I want to leave with a sense of fulfillment and lots of new knowledge and experiences.

Plus, I also want to grow spiritually and to grow closer to God during my time here.

The interview concludes. Kevin walks me out of Statler before quietly, casually teleporting away. Who is this Kevin even? A man of few words, but a thoughtful man - with his sonorous voice and wit, he makes his words count. I look forward to getting to know him more in the coming years.

-- Jeffrey Huang '19



The sun is always shining there to brighten your day except when it's raining. But it's up to you to find the light through the storm.



hometown:
SUNGAIPETANI
MALAYSIA
major:
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

Word Associations

Senior Class: Old
Junior Class: Jaded
Sophomore Class: Slumpy
Freshmen Class: Promising *laughs*
Fall: Colorful leaves
Ithaca: Sounds like a place in Japan
Laundry Detergent: Smells good

I met up with Jie Yin in my favorite place in Ithaca: Wings Over Ithaca. Home of the wonderful Garlic Parmesan, of which Jie Yin and I both share a love for. Though she had been the interviewer for someone else and knew all the questions, she graciously answered all the questions (probably cuz she forgot what they were lol) and I greatly looked forward to getting to interview the wonderful exchange student who has blessed CBS with her presence this semester. We eagerly devoured the delicious wings and discussed Isaiah and the message from Friday's large group, before beginning the interview, hearts and stomachs full.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

First impression of Cornell...okay there are a lot of squirrels. It's really hilly. I like how the building and the nature are fixed together and nice people. But I don't really like the bus system. Oh! And CBS. First impression. Yea it's nice. The people are cancerous. [Alice: Cancerous?] Yea and weird... which I like. It's fun. Yea.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

The number of squirrels. *laughs*. So many of them. They're everywhere. It like really surprised me.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

Hmm... I guess I would travel. All over the world. And like sit in hipster cafes watching people. Yea. *laugh*. And I guess I would spend a lot of money on food and...yea. I might open a cafe...where I also do therapy. *makes :O face*. I don't know. I want to be able to apply what I learned in college otherwise I feel like I wasted my time. So yea like coffee and talking to people. I'd also spend a lot of money on dance classes. Yea. Dream job...dream job...*ponders*. Helping people walk their dogs. *laughs*. Yea that'd be cool. Yea basically yea. [Alice: You're already preparing for that by walking Pastor Paul's dog right?] Yes. That was my first time. And I was like yea this is what I wanna do in my life.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

Items...and not people right? [Alice: I guess they could be people]. If I could bring people I would maybe bring like maybe an enemy so that over like trying to survive together we could become friends. And if it does not work I would eat him or her. It works both ways. *evil smile* Um. Items-wise I would bring...wait is there wifi? I think I'd bring something good. Maybe like something I could...maybe cookies. I'd bring cookies. And a blanket. And a Swiss army knife. *nods in satisfaction*.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

squints Let me think. Hmm...*furrows brows* okay. Probably a panda. Cuz I'm Asian and I occasionally have dark circles around my eyes. Cuz college life. And I also like to roll around. And yea. And not be productive.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

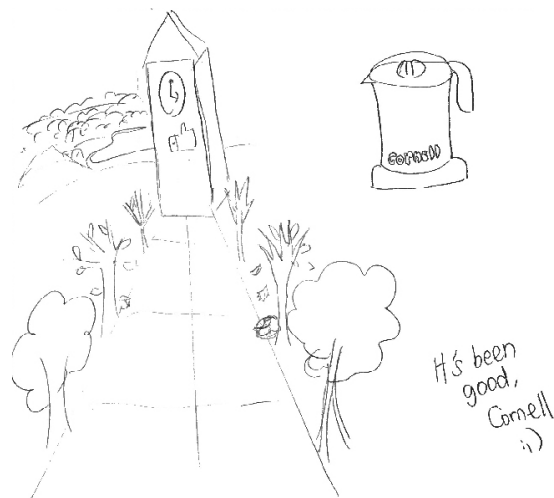
Right now I'm thinking of Louise's answer to this question [Since she interviewed Louise]. But I don't think I should do that. *pulls up phone*. *thinks*. Hmm...I don't know where this quote is from...I think I saw it online. "Why make friends when you can make food." *slow smile* And yea. At that time when I saw it I could relate. But now I don't relate as much cuz I think friends are pretty good too. Okay, change that. Okay, "Less upsetti, more spaghetti." *finger guns*. Yea. I think it's better. *satisfied nod*.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Um...*squints* Make friends that will last? Uh...grow more spiritually. Find out what I want to do in my life. *squints* Uh...be equipped enough to not be jobless. Yea. And yea just try whatever I can try before I step into the real world.

Good food with good people is a good time. It's been such a blessing to get to know Jie Yin and meet up with her this semester, and the way God has been working in her life has been such an encouragement to me and everyone around her. I pray the Lord would continue to use us in each other's lives even when she goes back to Singapore and we're half a world away, and am looking forward to all the things He will show her in the years to come <3.

-- Alice Zhao '20



DAEGUANG KIM

hometown:
GEORGIA
/BOLIVIA
major:
HBHS

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?
A boat, a communication device like a walkie-talkie with a really long range so I can actually talk to people, and a boat GPS.

5. What animal best describes you and why?
A rabbit because that's my zodiac animal. Also rabbits are really wise and intelligent, and I'm striving for that.

6. Favorite quote or saying?
I guess it would be, "Just do it." Like sometimes, you think too much about things so then you need to convince yourself to just do it.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?
Well my goal is being able to go to a good med school. I really want to build connections to those in like medical and engineering fields so I can use that to get medical equipment to Bolivia. Also like have a stronger connection with God, I think that I've been understanding what it means to seek God on my own a lot more since I came here.

It was such a blessing to get to know Daeguang over a meal and hear about his heart for Bolivia and medical missions. I'm excited to see how God continues to shape him and grow him as he pursues his dreams at Cornell.

-- Lauren Kam '19

Word Associations

Senior Class: They seem to know what they're doing

Junior Class: really helpful, showed me around Cornell, especially my brother

Sophomore Class: pretty busy

Freshmen Class: a new experience, I didn't get to hang out with a class of people before college

Fall: a season

Ithaca: pretty small, everyone knows everyone

Laundry Detergent: Tide Pods

"Sure, I'll be there at 6!" Except as I was about to head out, I realized I forgot paper again (throwback to last fall's BoL interview oops) so I darted upstairs, pulled a sheet out of my printer, and sprinted across North to find Daeguang patiently waiting on Appel's second floor.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: It's really pretty, I like the different buildings. But you have to be more responsible than I thought, but it's still more freeing than high school, you have more options and space in your day to do things.

CBS: I was actually surprised because the only fellowship I saw before was in Bolivia, so I was surprised to see like, the youth running CBS. It's really admirable.

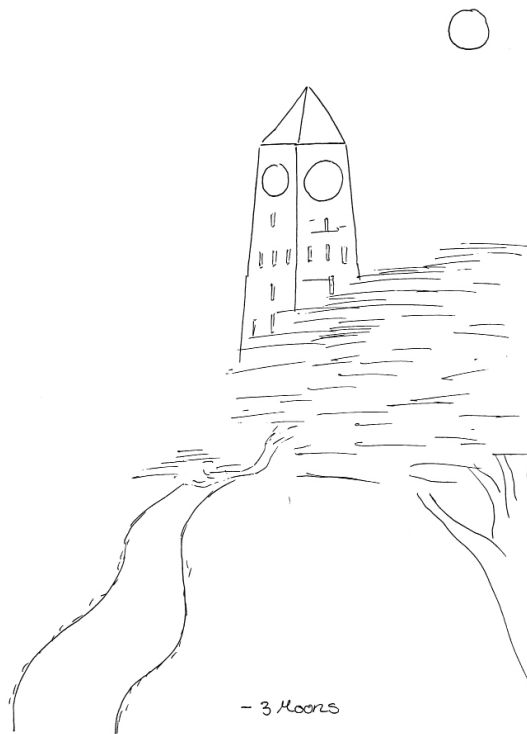
2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

The food. So much food. Also so much walking. I don't know how people get fat.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

I see two different options. I would be like a missionary in Bolivia and that would be good. But if there was a period of my life when I would have a break, I would travel all over the world and experience different cultures and people. I really want to go to Japan. Or Europe.

Or if money was no matter, I'd go back to Bolivia right now, and I'd help them with the unlimited money I have.





hometown:
GAINESVILLE, FL
major:
COMPUTER
SCIENCE

Word Associations

Senior Class: Wait, is Wesley a senior? [Wes is a junior!] OH WOW I thought he was a senior...

Junior Class: Newton and you

Sophomore Class: I don't think I know any

Freshmen Class: Stephanie

Fall: Leaves

Ithaca: Cornell

Laundry Detergent: Pods!

I was rushing to Terrace to meet Gena and I immediately hit the crowd rushing in to line up for food. After I failed to find an empty table, I went to the food lines and was overjoyed to find a smol Gena smiling and waving from the end of the quesadilla line. We got our foods and eventually found a table by the windows! Gena's gigantic quesadilla had way too much spice for her taste, which I 100% agreed with, and we commiserated over our low spice tolerances before I started throwing questions at her.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

For Cornell, very big, and pretty easy to get lost in. [What about of CBS?] Full of nice people... *Smiles*

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

How hard the classes are... I didn't expect it to be so hard, and I just feel like I'm doing badly in all of my classes. Yeah I want A's but I guess I'm learning that that's pretty hard to do.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

Um... I'm going to be a stay at home mom. [do u like kids] Yeah, I like kids. No work! Only kids. Oh I'd also have 3 dogs. I have a dog now, so I definitely want dogs too.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?
Wait, does it have wifi? [Up to you!] Ok well my deserted island has wifi, so I'd bring my laptop, and I guess I'd bring my phone, and I'd bring my toothbrush.

5. What animal best describes you and why?
I feel like a chipmunk because my cheeks got chubbier after coming here! *Squishes own cheeks* Yeah they have definitely become chubbier since coming here, they're so squishy now.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

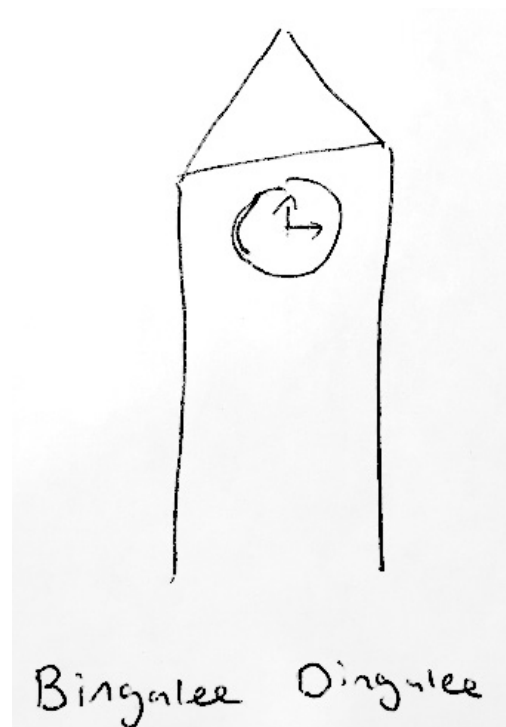
Oh I definitely have one... Work hard play hard! And just enjoying time. Making sure you're having fun, too. Gotta do both. I guess just being able to live fully in life, with whatever you're doing.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I want to have a worthwhile experience. I don't need much, I just want to enjoy the time that I spend here.

After eating, Gena prepared to meet up with her partner to work on a project. It was so nice getting to spend time with Gena! As she starts the CS life early on in her Cornell career, I'm excited to see what God will do in her life! Also excited for her to meet more seniors other than Wes who is not a senior.

-- Melanie Lim '19





hometown:
HONG KONG
major:
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

Word Associations

Senior Class: Tim Tsang

Junior Class: Newton

Sophomore Class: Adrian

Freshmen Class: Victor

Fall: chill

Ithaca: rural

Laundry Detergent: nothing

It was a brisk, autumn day when I made the trek up to the treacherous freshmen infested waters of the north to meet up with Victor. Okay, it wasn't that dramatic, we just got lunch together at Appel. There we had a good time of fellowship, sharing and skipping class. Oh wait, that was just me. Victor's a good kid.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: Very big and a change of pace from high school.

CBS: Nice people. Goofy.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

deep think surprised me... uhm... *deep think* nothing really. Pretty expected. Most things have gone relatively expected. Maybe harder than I thought. Especially the fact that you in college only have a few assessments when in high school you have many opportunities to recover. That's the really big difference. That's why I've completely reassessed what is considered a good grade.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?
Music. I haven't thought about it cuz everything is so money oriented. I would like to be part of a band; tour the world.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?
deep think wait let me get some fruit... A computer, a good friend and a boat.

5. What animal best describes you and why?
Panda because I'm pretty timid. Like to be lazy.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

"Don't lose track of what's important to you." - no source. It's just something that stuck with me... might be from anime hahaha. That's just one of many quotes.

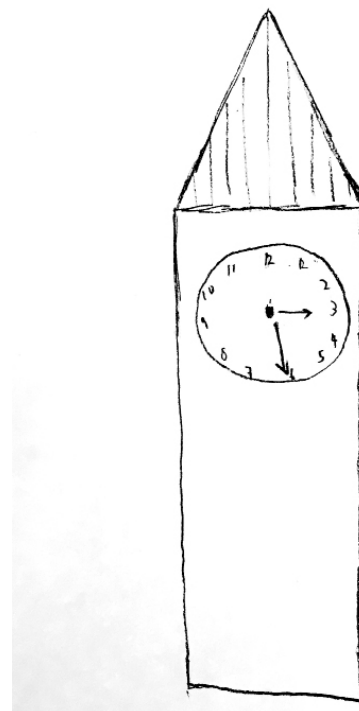
7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Let me think.... *deep think* I guess the most obvious one is to make the best use of resources here. Land a good job. Steady relationship.

And thus, our interview ended.

-- Ray Zeng '20

"Cornell at First Glance 





hometown:
NANJING, CHINA
major:
UNDECIDED

Word Associations

Senior Class: they know everything

Junior Class: busiest but the happiest

Sophomore Class: i don't know

Freshmen Class: energetic like newborns

Fall: fall semester

Ithaca: waterfalls

Laundry Detergent: Stephanie (Stephanie loves laundry detergent)

It was a cold gray morning, as I hurried to Appel, where I found Lucy dressed like a brightly colored bird with an excited smile on her face. After grabbing brunch at the Asian station, we sat down for some good conversations.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: It was like beautiful in summer and when I first arrived here. It's huge.

CBS: I feel like CBS is like a family because I don't have any religious background, but I can found a sense of belonging here.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

I knew it would be hilly, but I didn't expect it to be THIS hilly! I was so surprised when I went to the Cornell Health building, I thought the entrance would be on the ground floor, but it was actually the 4th floor.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life? I would want to be a surgeon. I like human physiology, and I like the idea of fixing stuff in human bodies.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island? Food, water, and a knife.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

A cat, because I don't like staying in one place, and I like freedom and being able to do whatever I want. But I'm also like, internally, a bit proud.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

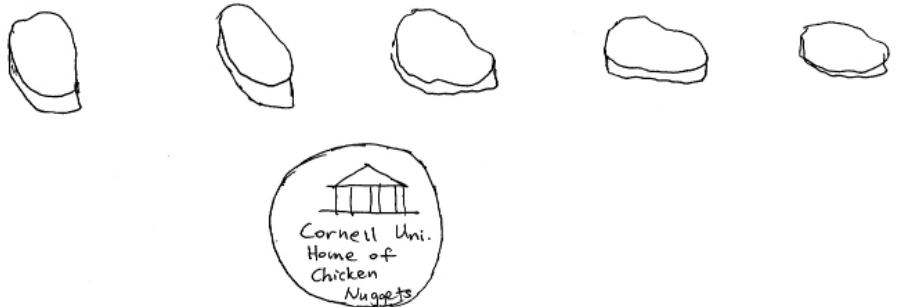
I'm really indecisive, and I don't really have a favorite, but what pops in my mind is a verse in Genesis that I read recently. I don't remember exactly how it goes but it's like, "Thank you God for answering me in the time of distress and being with me wherever I go."

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I hope I will have found what I want to do. Also get closer to understanding the meaning of life. Go traveling around the world like abroad or in America or in China.

I loved getting to know Lucy and her sweet, honest personality. I'm really thankful to hear she's found a family in CBS, and I pray that she will continue to find her purpose throughout her time here.

-- Lauren Kam '19



Cornell University : Home of Chicken Nuggets



hometown:
PRINCETON, NJ
major:
MECH-E

Word Associations

Senior Class: Small

Junior Class: *laugh* Anna?

Sophomore Class: [*Megan points at self*] FAM!
[*Megan nods in approval*]

Freshmen Class: Chicken nugget!

Fall: *makes face* Cold?

Ithaca: *makes face* Cold?

Laundry Detergent: *looks around* Useful...

*I descend the Becker staircase to see two lovely ladies waiting for me, engaged in conversation. Megan joined us as our silent(ish) accompaniment as we entered the dining hall, ready to have some delicious brunch, though Jackie mourned the absence of chicken nuggets in our meal. We took a seat, got our food, and prepared for delightful conversation as Jackie told me about how she had overslept and woken up at 8:30AM [*smh*].*

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

When you mean like first impression? Do you mean like when I came here? When I applied? After I got in? After I actually started classes here? They're all very different answers.

[Alice: Up to you]. *makes face* So before I got in or after I got in? [Alice: Uh after?] After? Okay. My impression was: Why am I here? And...I hate this place. How much am I supposed to say? [Alice: Like your impression all the way up until now?] When I came here over the summer before I applied I liked it a lot and I thought it had a nice campus and it was warm *LAUGHS* and I was like WOW I really want to come here. And then when I came here for Cornell Days, I realized this place was bleh and I hated it. Because the people seemed really uninteresting here *nods*. And yea. I just didn't like it. I didn't want to come but I already committed to it. During O-Week I hated it even more and I wanted to go home. Yea. *nods* So...[What about CBS?] WOW the people are really nice. I think that that was pretty much it. I was just very impressed with how everyone was really nice to me. I liked everyone. Yea. *nods*.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

That...that there were nice people here and that I would have friends. [Megan: OH MY BABY]. Yea that was two things actually so...can't say more.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

nods Definitely I'd be...I'd definitely be an actress for sure. FO sure. Definitely.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

OH I can bring THREE?? Woah. *sits back* Can I bring CBS? [Alice: Uhh does that count as an item?] Yea that's an item. Wow and I get two more things. I thought I only got one. Wow this question got leaked inaccurately. Just write CBS three times. So like. *laugh*. [Megan: Bring FAM] I don't want to only just bring FAM [*Wow okay Jackie*]. Maybe if I could only bring three people. But I also want to bring my prayer partner...just write CBS three times. That should account for everyone. Why're you typing so much. Makes me nervous. I don't know what you're writing.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

Oh, dang I forgot about this question. It got leaked but I didn't remember. *assumes Thinker pose*. Probably a dog. [*Megan nods in approval*] Yea. Because I don't know...I'm thinking about my dog now. When I see people I like I get very excited. Like my dog. And dogs like to be pet. Oh, they don't like to be touched. [Alice: They don't?] I don't know. Maybe they do. I'm not sure. I like being loved like a dog. *embarrassed laugh*. Yea that's it. And I like sleeping a lot. Like dogs.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

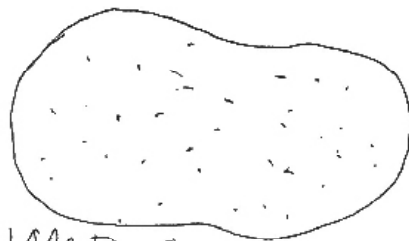
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Okay, I got it. "We're here for a good time, not a long time--Evelyn Shan". [Alice: *shakes head*] That's actually a good quote. [*Debatable*]

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

To make some good friends that will last a long time. Yea. That's assuming that I do graduate though...no actually that friends part is more important than graduating so it's okay.

What a wonderful time with wonderful people. Jackie and Megan ensued in conversation about their dogs and shared pictures as I wrapped up the interview. I greatly look forward to the times that will be spent with Jackie in the future, and hope that we would indeed stir each other up to love and good works, and meet up often so that we may encourage each other as sisters and friends. I may also one day be able to understand her fascination with chicken nuggets. Here's to the years to come!

-- Alice Zhao '20



HOME OF THE
CHICKEN NUGGET!!!



hometown:
PHILADELPHIA, PA
major:
ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING

Word Associations

Senior Class: Mature

Junior Class: Stressed

Sophomore Class: Ideal time (as in sophomore year), the people I know the most

Freshmen Class: Full of energy

Fall: Leaves

Ithaca: Chilly

Laundry Detergent: Corrosive, smells nice

I met Hannah on a chilly November day (thank goodness it wasn't snowing those giant flurries) at Temple of Zeus, my favorite cafe on campus. She had, thankfully, already snagged a table before I got there, so as soon as I sat down, we started the interview.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: I really love the campus here and all the academic resources and things to do and people I've met. Academically, it's tougher than I expected but I really like that we have no parents and freedom to choose what to do with our time. It's taught me to use my time better and get more involved in the Christian community. I feel that all our time is spent voluntarily, the Christians you meet are very dedicated and genuine. There's a big stress culture which you can see with the memes people make and the classism between majors. It's funny but a little disturbing sometimes. You can see that it's a really tough place, but I've also met some really positive people. Because I'm involved with environmentalism, it's a good environment and I'm glad that I'm here rather than in the city. Having grown in the Christian faith helps me through it all.

CBS: A really fun group that is really close. Great sense of humor, great student leadership. You guys are good at reaching out to new members. Thanks for the care package!

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

It's the school that's said to be easy to get into and hard to get out of. I didn't expect it to be this strenuous academically. And I knew it was pretty good at engineering but I didn't know it was at the top, which matches its level of difficulty.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

I haven't really focused on money that much; my parents didn't want me to do environmental engineering because of the money. I guess I actually changed to engineering from

just environmental science because of money, but also to focus more on math and science. (So this is your dream job?) Yes.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

Survival manual, knife *laughs*, my Bible I guess.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

That's a tough question. Probably a bird of prey - not for the viciousness, but the solitary-ness. I like to be bold (speaking up in a group, etc.) in social settings but not in spending time with other people as much. I like birds I guess.. This is a hard question.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

- James 1:2-4: Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters.....

- Feel It by Toby Mac

- He not I: Something I tell myself a lot that applies to a lot of principles in the Bible

- What a Friend We Have in Jesus (hymn)

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

I hope to get professional experience in the areas of my specific academic interest (within environmental science and the intersection of environmental engineering and computer science). I want to be mature enough to mentor someone else and maybe lead a Bible study. I also want to be able to learn how to learn others, not just those that are lovable, but love everybody!

I learned that Hannah is extremely passionate about environmental engineering (it's even her dream job!). Even though Cornell can be discouraging and much more difficult than previously anticipated, especially during freshmen year, she has been able to see how she can carry out her enthusiasm with her academics. Better yet, Hannah has found a community here and I hope she continues to grow (a lot) throughout the next 3 ½ years at Cornell!

-- Anna Tedijanto '19



Autumn leaves,
Dancing flurries,
Bingalee Dingalee.



hometown:
CHARLOTTE, NC

major:
ECE

NB: Joy REALLY pushed the limits on this and peppered me with additional questions like “Can I bring a person?”, “How big can the thing be?”, and “Can I bring an unlimited lunch box?”, among many others. She’s a smart one, but I tried to keep it conventional without boxing her in.

5. What animal best describes you and why?

A turtle/tortoise. 1) Because I really like turtles and 2) I’m more of a slow and steady kind of person, so I don’t come out of my shell often, but when I do, it’s interesting.

6. Favorite quote or saying?

“When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor.”

--Elon Musk

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

To just in general learn a lot more about everything--spiritually, academically, friendship-wise. I don’t really have an exact plan, so I’m just kind of experimenting. Hopefully, I’ll get a degree by then. Wait, hold up, are you writing that?

In spite of my flaws as a not forward-thinking upperclassman, this interview was flawless. Joy gave her answers with honesty and moxie, and it was a pleasure as always to spend time with her. So as this semester wraps up, and we look forward to the next one, I also look forward to seeing her continue to grow, in all the ways she mentioned--“spiritually, academically, friendship-wise”--and also the unexpected ways God has in store for her. CBS is lucky to have her!

-- Evelyn Shan '19

Word Associations

Senior Class: Uh...Tim

Junior Class: Lauren

Sophomore Class: Who’s in the sophomore class?

Freshmen Class: The best. Chicken nuggets.

Fall: Sweater weather

Ithaca: Cold

Laundry Detergent: Annoying

Having fulfilled every negative stereotype on end-of-the-semester procrastination, I was late to pin down a date with Joy AND late to our interview, but she was true to her name--joyful regardless and full of grace. She had found a cozy lil seat in Café Jennie’s, and so we proceeded with the interview (with a creepy portrait of Junot Diaz staring down at us)...

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

For Cornell in general, I immediately really loved it, but it also might be because both of my parents came here, so it was very ingrained that Cornell was the best school. When I came, I kind of expected for it to be fantastic, and it has been!

For CBS, I also had expectations, because I heard a lot about it from my parents. My first impression was a welcoming atmosphere and good place for spiritual and social growth, and I’ve made a lot of good friends there.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

The main thing would be the variety and amount of courses offered. I thought the whole pre-enroll process would be easy, and...it was not.

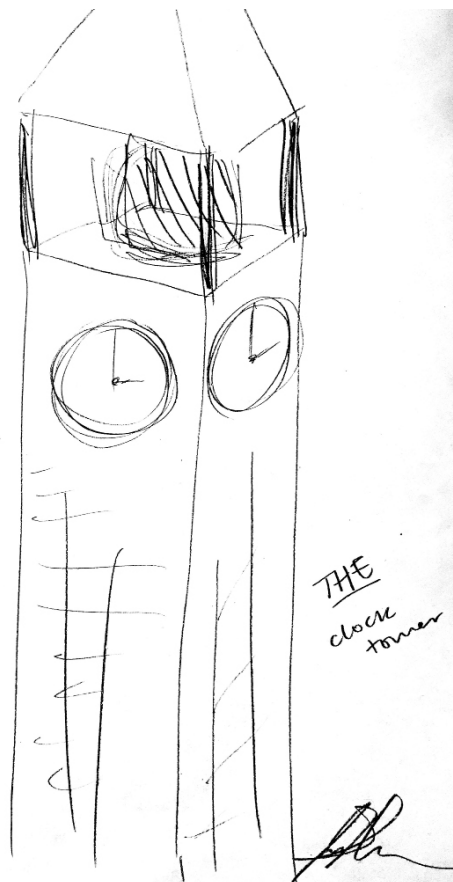
3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

I feel like I’m kind of a simple person, so when I was very young, my dream job was to be a librarian because I love books. I could read books all day and do nothing, and that’s really my ideal--to read books and do nothing.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

1) I’d bring my phone, because I’m physically and mentally attached to my phone. 2) I’d bring a coconut tree, because you know, coconuts, and then, *falling downward hand motion*, more coconuts. Tastes good, too!

3) I’d also bring a boat, so I could sail off the deserted island.





hometown:
PRINCETON, NJ
major:
ILR

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?
(Looks all pensive :thinking:) I don't think anything has surprised me yet. I think one thing that really surprised me was how similar it was to high school. There are a lot of different types of people that seemed like they didn't want to be here.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?
My two options: Supreme Court Justice or Stay-at-home dad... oh wait I don't like kids I guess I'll be a trophy husband.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?
Ok.. I want a baseball cap, a water bottle, and a nutcracker, I feel like that would be useful.

5. What animal best describes you and why?
Sloth because I take a very long time to do things but by the end of the week I always get it done (gives ok sign)

6. Favorite quote or saying?
All experiences are good experiences - I don't know if this is a quote or saying but I've started saying it a few months ago.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?
I hope to have a LSAT score of above 170.

Our conversation went on even after the interview ended. We talked about a wide range of topics from CBS in general to ILR. David is a very candid person with a great capacity to learn. It was very refreshing talking to him and I wish him the best in his spiritual and academic walk in the next four years at Cornell!

-- Raymond Zhang '20

Word Associations

Senior Class: Tim
Junior Class: David Wu
Sophomore Class: Ray Zeng
Freshmen Class: Kevin Hu
Fall: Pumpkin
Ithaca: Bridge
Laundry Detergent: Tide

I met David on a cloudy Friday afternoon in PSB. Naturally, I was late (as always) and hurried off to quickly get some food for our lunch meeting. David was very patient and understanding and we kicked off our conversation as he was finishing his chicken panini...

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?
Cornell: When I first came to Cornell. I felt like everyone came here because it was there safety. Not that it was my safety school, but I felt like everyone here was salty.

CBS: My first impression was not that favorable. I came for 10 minutes and saw someone reading off a slide, and I felt it was kind of boring and I checked out.





hometown:
ALBANY, NY
major:
BIOLOGY
(not pre-med)

Word Associations

Senior Class: Kathy

Junior Class: A lot of people

Sophomore Class: Alice

Freshmen Class: Wholesome (Me: wholesome?)

Yeah they're so wholesome, like they're just so cute.

Fall: Colors, leaves, cider donuts... also prelims

Ithaca: Cold

Laundry Detergent: I need to do my laundry

I met Louise at The Terrace in Statler (much wows at the high concentration of CBS people here, I spotted 6 in a row). The pho and a nice conversation with her warmed me up despite the cold outside. We got to know each other better, talked about life in Cornell, about home, about food (which Louise has a clear passion for). Also found out that she lived in Singapore for 3 years so we were like part-time homies. I sense a deep hidden quirkiness beneath that serious look she tried putting on.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: Cold haha. Lots of hills and calves. (Clarified: like the leg calves, not the cow kind)

CBS: Derp, really derp. It's a good time.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

Hmmm I think just how nice everybody is, and like for the fellowships everyone is friends with each other. Which is different from when people just hang out with their own fellowship.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

Okay first, sleeping. Second, I would want to work but like on a gallery or like restoring old paintings. Also buy a lot of food, like A LOT OF FOOD.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

Do I have to say the word of God? (I said no but she feels obligated to say this) Okay put down "obligated to bring the word of God".

Secondly, I will bring my dog, not to eat. For fun and companionship.

Third thing, probably honestly like coffee? (Fun fact from our convo: she spent most of her BRBs on black coffee)

5. What animal best describes you and why?

Alpaca, because just the way they look and they look fluffy and when they walk they prance. (Me: do you prance?) No but I wish though they're just so cute like when they walk they like... (she gestures prancing to me)

6. Favorite quote or saying?

Ummm can i search it up? Anything by Roald Dahl pretty much, he's like my favourite author. (she looks it up, laughed as she showed it to me).

"I has told you. I is not eating people. Not !! I is freaky giant! I is a nice and jumbly giant! I is the BFG!"

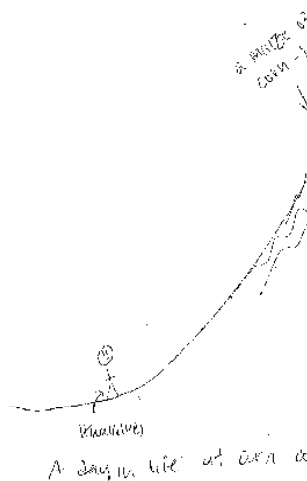
-- Roald Dahl, The Big Friendly Giant

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

Graduating? Passing my classes. (laughs) Making it out of Chem. Growing taller (me: any specific height?) I'll take anything, just not horizontal growth. Maybe on a more serious note...Knowing what I wanna do, does that work? Hmm yeah just being able to learn from both sciences and humanities.

It was such a joy talking to Louise and finding out that we both grew up reading Roald Dahl. Some of her answers really shOOK me especially that BFG part I died. The drawing is actually pretty deep and punny, which speaks about that hidden quirkiness residing within. She shared her chocolate chip cookie with me, which was so nice xie Xie Louise! (geddit, ok sry if this is bad pls remove it). All in all, I'm thankful for this time to chill with a sister in Christ :)

-- Jie Yin Chin '19





hometown:
NYC
major:
MECH-E

5. What animal best describes you and why?
Maybe a koala. Aren't they like really cute but can be really vicious? I can be mean if I have to. If someone does something mean to me, I can reciprocate.

6. Favorite quote or saying?
It always gets better.

7. What do you hope to accomplish by graduation?

In terms of CBS, I definitely want to become closer to God. Before coming here, I was a little more relaxed with fellowship and going to church. But now, I am a little more diligent at attending and reading the Bible every day. I find myself opening the Bible when I am not doing anything and reading it. At home, I wouldn't really do that as often.

It was great talking to Kim, and even after the interview, she hung out with me for a little while longer. Neither of us had anything to do until later (well, I technically had class during the time of the interview, but it wasn't one that I go to), so we chatted for another half hour or so. Kim was super cool and chill, so y'all should get to know her too!

-- Helen Sun '19

Word Associations

Senior Class: Mentor

Junior Class: Guidance

Sophomore Class: Friends

Freshmen Class: Friends, fellowship

Fall: Warm

Ithaca: Isolated

Laundry Detergent: Clean

I sat down at a table in Terrace, as I usually do after my first class on Tuesdays. But this time, I was awaiting Kim, who I thought I had never met before but realized after I saw her that we both had participated in baking cupcakes for Cupcakes for a Cure (lol). She walked in right on time (10/10) but had already eaten so I got a salad, introduced myself, and dove right into the interview. She seemed pretty quiet at first, but I got to know her a little better through the conversations we had.

1. What are your first impressions of Cornell? Of CBS?

Overwhelming, especially Orientation week, lots of activities but very inviting. Very friendly, very open to everything.

2. One thing that surprised you about Cornell?

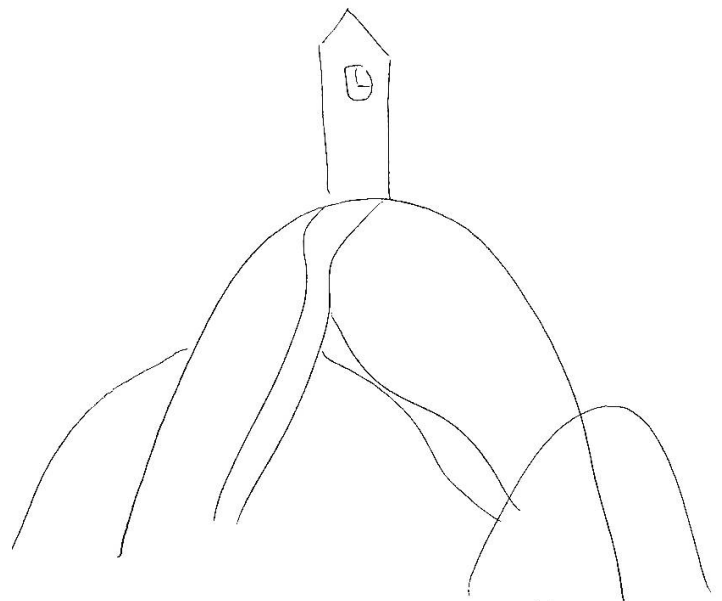
Definitely the community. Since everyone (the freshman class) was new, we could talk about anything.

3. If money was no issue, what would your dream job be or what would you be doing with your life?

Well, as a hobby I play golf. So my dream job would be to work at a golf company, maybe engineer equipment or something and go play golf. I am planning on playing golf in PE next semester.

4. Which three items would you bring with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

I guess pictures of family and friends, at least one set of clothes, I guess maybe a book, because I don't know what else I would do there.



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SOPHOMORE #SNOOZETAG: A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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Abstract

For the last felly dinner of the 16-17' academic year, I ran statistical analyses on our Facebook Album "Sophomore #Snoozetag". This was an activity that encouraged bonding and provide some humor in the year, especially in the depths of the sophomore slump that many were experiencing. At the end, I decided to turn it into a felly dinner entertainment. Here, I will publish my results for an article in CBS Bread of Life newsletter, for the juniors to reminisce of our year, for the freshmen to learn some of the past events, and for CBS to remember forever.

Introduction

It is often the case that undergraduates, especially those at prestigious universities, are burdened with demanding variables of life, including schoolwork, extracurricular, and social life. Therefore as a result of these demands a common result is an increased amount of sleep deprivation and tiredness, leading students to be rendered unable to focus in class and to succumb to sleep. When friends take a class together, it is common that one friend will use their mobile phone to take a picture of their sleeping friend, for purposes of shaming that sleeping friend in front of their other members of a shared social group.

In this study, a specific group of undergraduate students at Cornell University who are involved in on campus fellowships, primarily Chinese Bible Study and some members of Asian American Intersarsity, engaged in this game. Originally, these sniped pictures were posted in "Disco Party," until members decided to transfer these pictures onto the social media site Facebook so that this entertainment may be shared with a greater population. On August 29th 2016, the name "#snoozetag" was coined by Ji-Won Choi, and on October 21st the album "Sophomore #Snoozetag (Collaborate Album)" was officially uploaded onto Facebook.

Procedure

Although typical research papers begin with detailing the broad question, the specific research question, and the hypothesized conclusion, the nature of this study permits the authors to exempt them.

In this study, undergraduate sophomore students in Chinese Bible Study and some members of Asian American Inter-Varsity would upload pictures into this collaborate Facebook album when other members of these social groups were caught dozing off during class. These rules of the games were as follows:

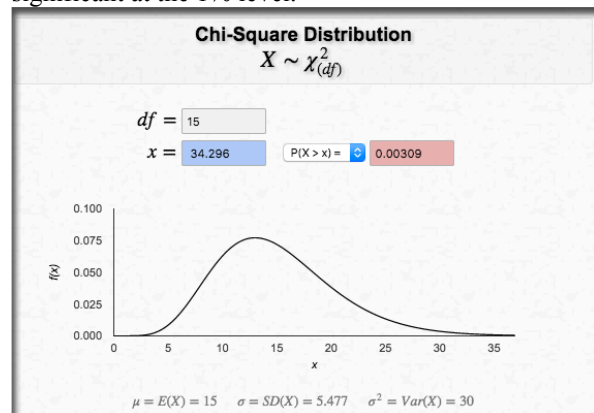
- Members must be caught dozing in a classroom or similar setting, more defined as a setting either for an official class time or in an environment where learning material was the primary objective.
- Photographs must be taken when the snoozer was unawake or unaware that their pictures was being taken
- Photographs must be uploaded onto the Facebook album to be included in the statistical analysis.

During the analyses portion of this study, all pictures from the Facebook album were used in analyses. Although some of the pictures used may have not completely followed all of the rules, they were included due to a constraint on time and effort (aka I was too lazy to sort through them).

Data Analyses

Photographed sophomores

For our analyses, we ran a chi-squared test of independence. Our null hypothesis assumes uniform distribution across all individuals. We ran the test with (n=16), (df = n-1=15). The mean number of times an individual was caught was 3.375, with a standard deviation of 2.78. Here we yielded a test statistic of 34.296, translating to a p-value of 0.0031. This p-value is significant at the 1% level.



Next, we calculated the z-scores for each individual. The maximum number of times an individual was caught was 9, and the minimum of 1 (individuals who were not caught were not counted in the data). This maximum was achieved by **Ji-Won Choi**, Economics & Government, and **Melanie Lim**, Mechanical Engineering. Also on the medal board was Evelyn Shan, 2nd place, and David Wu, 3rd place.

Correlation of GPA and Frequency of Snoozing

Next, we planned on running an analysis to determine if there is a correlation between GPA and amount snoozed.

However, upon second thought, we decided that this was not would not produce wholesome and important conclusions. Also, we could not gather this data. Lmao.

Photographer Analysis

For our leaderboard, in first place is **Ji-Won Choi** (8 photos), followed by **Diana Chu** (6) in 2nd place, and **Shelly Zhang** (7) in 3rd.

Here, the mean number of photographs taken by an individual is 3.2, with a standard deviation of 2.08. Only the

maximum, Ji-Won Choi, had a significant p-value of 0.0105, which is significant at the 5% level.

Caught vs. Catcher

We then looked at the data of how many times an individual sniped someone else compared to the number of times they were caught. Five participants, Alexandra, Diana, Jamie, Lauren, and Shelly yielded a positive score, meaning they caught others more times than they were caught snoozing.

Miscellaneous Data

The *most liked picture* was one of **Newton Ni**, Applied Engineering Physics, sleeping in Uris G01, photo taken by Jamie Wong. This picture received 105 likes on Facebook. This was extremely impressive, since the medium was 17 likes, and the average was 21 likes per picture.

When we looked at the *distribution by major*, we saw that the



majors with the most snoozers were government, economics, and mechanical engineering. These results were not surprising, since Ji-Won Choi, who tallied the most snoozes, counts for both the economics and the government major. The 2nd and 3rd place were also economics and mechanical engineering.

Discussion

The motivation for this analysis was to look at some interesting was to analyze this “game” we played during our sophomore year. We came up with some interesting results and statistically significant data.

Our results may or may not have satisfied our original hypotheses, however sufficient conclusions cannot be drawn because there was no original hypotheses. Lol.

Another interesting finding of this study is that the number of members within the sophomore Chinese Bible Study class exceeds the number of participants in this study’s population. This discrepancy could be account for several speculated reasons:

- Members of the population were not present at the time of “Snoozetag” and therefore could not participant (aka these kids don’t go to class smh)
- Members of the population have colleagues with compassionate and merciful dispositions, and therefore were withheld from pictures (aka: nice friends)

- Members of the population were consistently put in environments and settings with no peers or colleagues (aka unique majors or classes)
- Members of the population were actually studious and had excellent time management and self-discipline and therefore did not fall asleep during class

Conclusion

In conclusion, the pictures of the “Sophomore #Snoozetag” Facebook album were analyzed across multiple domains including significance of snoozer and photographer.

Additionally, data was analyzed for number of likes on a picture, and distribution by college and major. These results were made for the sole purpose of entertainment and are no way proven to be scientifically accurate or hold meaningful outcomes.

”28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

”9 How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest- 11 and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.” (Proverbs 6:9-11)

