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Last week on campus
Top 5 Must See Places

By William Zhou

Have you been to these must see places yet?

1. The Mann Library is a great place to study. It’s close to Warren & Kennedy hall, has air conditioning, and has multiple levels to use.

2. The Ithaca Mall will fill all your shopping desires. Plus there’s a movie theatre and laser tag.

3. Located in Urin Library, the A.D White Library looks like something from Harry Potter.

4. Just a short walk from the dorms, the bowling alley is the place to be when you and your friends want to have some fun.

5. Tired of the campus food, feel like you’re in the middle of nowhere? Then college town and Ithaca Commons are for you. Both are within walking distance of campus and have great food as well atmospheres.

Honorable Mentions: Buttermilk Falls, Pool Room, Greenhouses
A Review of Olin Library
By Julienne Chebat

Olin library is a special place in Cornell because when you walk in you feel an aura of relaxation, which gets me ready to study. This library has over six floors, each of which have an assortment of books and some that are over 100 years old. There is an abundance of study spaces and rooms where you can prepare for an exam or just do your homework. This is an important part of any library because students need various places to study in so that they can be offered as much as possible. Olin is a great resource for students on campus because of its wide variety of books and texts. It is less than a ten-minute walk from most places on campus, and it is also conveniently located next to Uris library, the arts quad and the Cornell store.

My favorite part of Olin is the Kroch library, which contains collections from countries across Asia. Although it is a bit small it has many arches that open up the space in the library which give you and your thoughts space to breath. Besides the plethora of foreign books they also have beautiful artifacts that casually sit by you as you study, and they remind you just how special Cornell is. Being in such a fantastic study environment keeps me motivated to do my best, because I know that nothing but the best are capable of thriving in an Ivy League School. Studying in the Kroch library is a pleasure for me, and I always leave knowing that I made the right choice to study there.
Professor Kramnick Interview

By Ellen Metz

Summer College can be a new and challenging experience for high school students who want to broaden their academic horizons through college-level courses. Professor Isaac Kramnick of the Freedom and Justice course spoke with us to provide students with tips for success during their time at Cornell.

1. What is the best way to succeed in summer college?
“Study, study, study. Enjoy the beauty of your surroundings. Walk around Beebe Lake, the plantations, downtown; but only when you’re not studying.”

2. What is your favorite part about teaching at Cornell? What motivated you to teach?
“I like introducing a world of ideas to young people who have not necessarily been interested in playing with the world of ideas. I remember during my first year of college, two teachers who played such an important role in my life. I think of them all the time. I like the idea of what they did for me, that I could do for my students.”

3. How does your Summer College course differ from your regular college course?
“The summer course is pretty much the same, but it has to be condensed a bit. I dropped some readings because we cannot get to them. But the time spent is the same as it is in the 14 week course.”

4. How does Summer College prepare prospective students?
“Time management is crucial in college. Summer College teaches you how to organize your time, which is a big problem for first year college students. This experience is also a good preparation for the freedom you get in college.”
Robert S. Weiss Interview

By Giselle Vitcov

Robert S. Weiss is a researcher in the Cornell University Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Q: What exactly does the job of a researcher entail?

The job of a researcher is dynamic and varied. A researcher does something different every day. Some of a researcher’s day-to-day activities include giving guidance to lab workers, reading scientific publications, reflecting on experiments, writing grants, and doing administrative work (paperwork for regulatory issues and other aspects of laboratory management).

Q: What do you think are the main skills necessary to be a successful researcher?

To be a successful researcher, hard work and attention to detail are very important. Experiments can be finicky and therefore require extreme accuracy. Precision and caution are rules of thumb for a researcher. In addition, being a researcher requires commitment to both your personal project as well as to the world of science as a whole.

Q: What are some of the areas of research that you believe to be growing and advancing the most in recent times?

Dr. Weiss explains that neurobiology is currently a growing field in research because of the apparrition of new technologies and new types of experimentation that function in the complex system that is the brain. Additionally, he comments that the area of computational biology and genomics is flourishing thanks to an influx of data from sequencing. Lastly, he mentions the field of cancer research, within which oncology has improved, due to a more personalized perspective on therapies for cancer patients.

Q: If you could give one piece of advice to someone who wants to be a researcher, what would it be?

“Find something that you love and that you are passionate about. It’s hard work and there are ups and downs [...] but if you are really excited about it, you will be able to get through the difficult parts and it will keep you going.”
On the 18th of July, 2015, a group of 104 students from the Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, set off to watch ‘The Minions Movie’ at Cayuga Mall. Being a summer college student who had also watched the movie, I intend to provide a detailed description of the animated film.

After purchasing our snacks, we entered the dark theatre, struggling to find seats. Although we had arrived thirty minutes early, there were hardly any seats available. The overwhelming excitement showcased by our fellow classmates hovered in the atmosphere as they glanced at their wristwatches frequently. It was evident that every high school/undergraduate student seated in the theatre truly loved minions as much as I did.

Minions are exceedingly short creatures that were first introduced by Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud in their award-winning movie “Despicable Me.” Rather hemispherical in shape, these beings are bright yellow and often house distinct characteristics. They differ in height, age and number of eyes. Despite being incredibly adorable in appearance and personality, the minions’ primary purpose of existence is to serve the most villainous creatures alive. In “Despicable Me” and “Despicable Me 2”, the minions serve a notorious villain called Gru who cooks up wicked schemes to steal some of the world’s most prized possessions. “The Minions Movie” is a prequel to “Despicable Me”, which focuses on these bizarre creatures and their lives before they had encountered Gru.

The movie begins with an overview of the minions, their lifestyles and their primary purpose. Having existed longer than human beings, minions first set off on earth during the Ice Age. Throughout their lifetime, they have served a variety of creatures ranging from mammoths to cavemen to apes. However, being hilariously clumsy, the minions always manage to get their masters killed accidently. After the death of one master, minions are compelled to search for another one to survive. After continuing this tedious process for hundreds of years, the minions decide to take refuge in a cave. They stop serving despicable creatures and contently enjoy an aimless lifestyle amongst each other’s company. It is not long before minions begin to realise the senselessness of the situation. Without a master to guide these foolish creatures, they remain disorientated. The minions begin to lose hope.

To restore direction and purpose in the minions’ lives, three minions, Kevin, Bob and Stuart, volunteer to embark on a perilous journey to seek a new master. They promise their peers to return with the most treacherous villain ever. After watching an advertisement of a Villain Convention, these courageous minions set off to Florida to witness this event and serve Scarlet Overkill, a woman known to be the most evil villain of all time. They hitch a ride from a family of villains also heading to the Villain Convention. On arriving Florida and bidding farewell to the family, Kevin, Bob and Stuart proceed to a show starring Scarlet herself. During the show, Scarlet admits that she is searching for a new accomplice to assist her in her despicable deeds. She declares that whoever manages to snatch the jewel from her hand will become her new accomplice. During the chaotic riot that follows, Stuart manages to grab the
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jewel. Kevin, Bob and Stuart are declared as Scarlet’s new accomplices.

On arriving at Scarlet’s mansion, the minions are introduced to Scarlet’s laid-back husband, Herb Overkill. After gifting the minions with three advanced weapons, Scarlet instructs the minions to steal the Queen of England’s crown the following day. She indirectly threatens to crush them if they fail during a bedtime story. While travelling to the United Kingdom, Kevin phones all his fellow minions to inform them that they have found a new master.

The following day consists of a sequence of amusing events; although the minions fail to snatch the crown from Queen Elizabeth, Bob manages to pull the sword from the stone to fight the nasty guards chasing him. Instead of arresting this young minion for attempting theft, the guards begin to kneel before him. Bob had pulled the legendary sword from the stone! In a queer turn of events, Bob is crowned as the King of England, which convinces Scarlet that the minions had betrayed her. When she barges into the castle and threatens to kill them, Bob presents Scarlet the crown and commands that she is declared queen immediately. After the coronation, Scarlet claims that she had never entirely forgiven the minions for what they had done and imprisons them. The minions manage to escape successfully and are reunited with the rest of the minions who had travelled to England on Kevin’s request. The minions manage to kill Scarlet and restore the crown to the rightful Queen of England. Before the film ends, a young boy who resembles Gru, crashes the ceremony and skilfully steals the crown from Queen Elizabeth. The minions begin to chase Gru, convinced that he is the most despicable of them all.
Poetry by Wendy Xie

(Chinese Original edition)
掀与放
她掀起刘海
像掀起乌黑厚重的铁幕
她的额头无伤大雅
然而那一单一双的杏眼实在看不顺眼
她自拍
又一张张删掉
还是放下刘海吧 她想
虽然修饰意味强了些
在掀与放中
雨季不再来

(Translation in English)
Lift up; put down
She lifted up her bang
Like lifting up pitch-black heavy iron curtain
Her forehead has not affected the whole
Yet her left double -fold eyelid and right single-fold eyelid are disagreeable to her eyes
She took photos of herself
She deleted them
Then put down your bang still as she thought
Though there’s a stronger sense of modification
As she lifts up and puts down
The rain season won’t come back
4.17.2014

(Chinese Original edition)
皈依的过程
婵隐遵晨出
星稀随镜尽
担水者说，黑夜已皈依白昼
4.17 23:30–4.18 00:05

(Translation in English)
Process of a Conversion
Luna fades, dawn out
Stars escapes, nails pulled
The water carrier says, Darkness has converted to Daylight
Wendy

Lights out, lights out,
Music laughs aloud.
Feb 26 after curfew
Photoset by Emily Von Borstel
This week in our Diversity section we will provide some interesting facts you may not have been aware of. The United States commonly described using the salad bowl theory. In the U.S you will find people from all over the world whether they are your neighbors, classmates, co-workers, and etc. We need to try and understand why people do and say certain things. The more you know the better it will help you to make connections with others. Below you will find some interesting cultural diversity facts. Have fun and share with the world!

10 interesting facts about cultural diversity!

- 20% of Americans over the age of five speak a language other than English in their home.
- The number of people in the U.S. who speak a language other than English has more than doubled since 1980.
- Aside from English, the top five most commonly-spoken languages in the U.S. are (in order): Spanish, Chinese, French, Tagalog and Vietnamese.
- Often a child’s first solid food, one of every 11 boxes of cereal sold in the U.S. is Cheerios.
- The African American surgeon, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, performed the first successful heart operation.
- Americans spend $630 million per year on golf balls.
- Salt is the most widely used seasoning in the world.
- The most common surname in the world is Li, and about 87 million people have it.
- There is a city called Rome on every continent in the world.
- The first President to greet people with a handshake was Thomas Jefferson. Before that, Presidents bowed.
This week on campus...

**Monday**
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Jessup Grove and Pleasant Grove Basketball Courts
- THE PICNIC- 5-7pm, Court-Kay-Bauer Quad
- HIP HOP REVOLUTION- 8-9pm, Donlon Formal Lounge
- MOVIE NIGHT- 7:30-9:30pm, Donlon TV Lounge

**Tuesday**
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- SOCCER INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Appel Fields 1 and 2
- MATT AND SHANNON HEATON- 7:30-9pm, Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts
- TASTE THE OREOS- 8-10pm, Donlon Formal Lounge
- KOREAN-KENYAN NIGHT- 8-9pm, Risley Lobby

**Wednesday**
- LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP- 8pm, Donlon Formal Lounge
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- VOLLEYBALL INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Dickson Sand Volleyball Courts
- KAVITA BALA LECTURE- 7-8pm, Kennedy Hall

**Thursday**
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- ULTIMATE FRISBEE INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Appel Field 3
- FASHION SHOW- 4-5pm, Jill Stuart Gallery in the Human Ecology Building
- RUDDY WELL BAND CONCERT- 7-9pm, Arts Quad
- TALENT SHOW- 7-9pm, G10 Biotech

**Saturday**
- ARCHITECTURE FINAL SHOW AND RECEPTION- 10am-12pm, Milstein Dome
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Cayuga Medical Center: 607-274-4011
Convenient Care: 607-274-4150
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