"College is traditionally a time of transition and new freedoms, the years when young people have to figure out for the first time who they are. The task is even more complex for the growing number of devout young Christians on secular college campuses who feel called to approach this time in a way that sets them apart. They draw inspiration from Paul's letter to the Romans: "Do not be conformed to this world." But the Bible gives few details on how to navigate the collegiate world in 2005, leaving Christians to grapple with tough questions as they try to integrate their beliefs—and—themselves—into college life."

From the May 9, 2005 edition of Time Magazine, in the article, "Faith and Frat Boys".



Melanie

Melanie is a freshman from North Dakota. She's been coming faithfully

to my Bible study all year, but has just recently opened up to me that she's really been having a hard time in her relationship with God since she got to Dartmouth. It seems that this is the first time that she's had a significant spiritual struggle (she came to faith about a year and a half ago), and isn't sure how to process all that she's feeling. Despite her current struggles, I see Mel really growing in openness & honesty with others, which are earmarks of God's work in her life. My biggest prayer requests are that she'll continue to grow in vulnerability with other people and that God would restore her hope in Him.



Sarah

Sarah is also a freshman, and is actually the younger sister of a

student who was involved with CCC, and graduated in 2003! Despite growing up in church, I am unconvinced that Sarah has made a personal commitment to Jesus for herself. She and I met last week and she told me that that, though she wants to trust Jesus with her life, she's unable to at this point—we're meeting this week to talk about what the reasons are for that. I'm thrilled that Sarah's coming face-to-face with her doubt and questions, especially since she'll never get honest answers if she never asks the questions. Please pray for Sarah, that she'll meet the real Jesus and be captured by His love for her.



Miriam

Miriam is a junior here, majoring in history, but her dream is to become

a federal judge. Miriam is Jewish by ethnicity & culture and believes that Jesus is the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. She and I have bonded over this shared piece of heritage, and also as we've talked through a broken relationship in her life. This has been a rough year for Miriam; she has a lot of maturing to do in how she relates to others. It's been a process for her to learn how to let God's opinion of her be more important than that of others. My most fervent prayers for Miriam are that she'll trust Christ with her whole heart and that her understanding of the gospel of Jesus will grow.

Summer Plans

School ends for Dartmouth in the first week of June (since we're on the quarter system, school ends much later for us than for most schools), and so, like most Campus Crusade staff, I am going to be spending the summer somewhere other than my normal assignment. This summer I'm will to be going (back) to Colorado to take some seminary classes! I'm really excited about it—my classes will be accredited to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and I'll be taking four really interesting classes with excellent professors from around the country. This summer I'm taking Old Testament; God, Bible, Holy Spirit; Biblical Interpretation; and Biblical Communication. I'll be living in Fort Collins, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, and many of my closest friends will be taking

classes there, too. At the end of the July most of the CCC staff from the United States will gather there for our bi-annual National Staff Conference.

Meanwhile, back at Dartmouth, we're going to be hosting a team from Great Britain who are coming for the 2nd year in a row to do evangelism with the sophomores who are here for the summer (95% of students stay here for the summer between their sophomore and junior years). We'll follow up with the people they meet when we start again in the fall.

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