

The PIH Times

Payap's Got Talent Auditions: PIH Students ROCK!



For the last 3 weeks, students from all around the world have displayed their talents at this year's **Payap's Got Talent**. Check out what it's all about and who's rocking out with talent from PIH!

We also want to welcome several students from St. Mary's College in Maryland. We hope you have a wonderful time being part of our community!

It's great to see so many people equipped with bicycles!

It also seems some people are getting sick so please remember to take care of yourself,

drink lots of water, eat good food, exercise, sleep a lot, and don't be afraid to skip class if you are sick! What would your mom want you to do?

Remember, PIH is *our* community and so please send pictures, stories, and news to Ozzie at oliver.crocco@gmail.com to be featured in the next PIH Times!

We are so grateful you are all here and a part of this great intercultural community! Let us all daily celebrate with smiles, shared meals, conversations, and friendship!

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Payap's Got Talent: Go PIH!!!

Every Friday at 1:00 PM after the International College Assembly or Professional Development Seminar, students of Payap have been showcasing their talent in the first ever **Payap's Got Talent**.

Students are given the stage to perform their talent - everything from singing, dancing, cultural art forms, and more!

However, there are three judges who can buzz a performer if he or she doesn't like the act. Three buzzes and you have to stop!



The judges consist of Dr. Ken Cosh - director of the Computer Information Systems faculty - who is quick with his buzzer and blunt remarks, Jessica Loh - Director of International Campus Life - who always has constructive criticism to offer, and Ozzie Crocco - Residential Life Assistant at PIH - who invariably says everything is "awesome!"

Some notable acts have been a burger eating contest, a flute and guitar duet, and Turkish traditional art.



The audience was also WOWed by PIH's very own Shevy. Shevy is a Thai and Southeast Asian Studies student from the US and did an excellent original song about pears; a metaphor for her relationship with her mother!

There was also John from PIH who did a fantastic B-Boy Dance. The audience was clapping and cheering for his exciting act!



Come this Friday for the last set of auditions at 1:00 PM in the auditorium behind the library. Any questions email Ozzie at oliver.crocco@gmail.com

Send Your Pictures, Stories, and News to be featured in the PIH Times!

Did you do something sweet last weekend like go to a waterfall, temple, zoo, or mountain? Want the world to see it? Send it to Ozzie at oliver.crocco@gmail.com to have it featured in the next PIH Times! Your parents will be so proud!



ACTIVITIES!!!

Prime Time: Game, activity, craft - *every night*, there's something going on at PIH on the 2nd floor from 8:00 - 9:00 PM!

English Corner: Need **help editing a paper**? Get help from one of the Residential Life Assistants. Also come to **practice speaking English!** Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-9:00 PM! Trust me, your Ajarns will greatly appreciate it if you have good papers! No more **RED CIRCLED** words!

Friday Night Movie: Every Friday at 8:00 PM we will watch a movie on the second floor. Come check it out!

The PIH Person of the Week!

Name: **Hallee Quinn**

Nickname: **People here call me Harry Potter because they can't pronounce my name.**

Nationality: **Korean - American**

Hometown: **Albany, New York**

Major: **Communication Arts**



Do you have any brothers or sisters? **One younger brother.**

What so you like about PIH? **All the international students, people from different countries, and my friends Alix and Sarah.**

What do you like to do in your free time? **Play sports like Lacrosse, hang out with friends and family, listen to music, go to the pool, work out, and go to the beach.**

What is your favorite movie? **Super Troopers**

What do you like about studying abroad in Thailand? **It's definitely a different atmosphere. It's cool to explore and see temples, ride elephants, and get to know the other cultures.**

What is your favorite food here and at home? **At home: steak and mashed potatoes. Here: Sticky rice and mangos!**

If you could have a special talent, what would it be and why? **I really wish I was the best sailor in**

the world. I would sail everywhere and beat everyone in the Olympics.

Would you rather have an unlimited supply of cheese come out of your nose or spaghetti come out of your ears? Why? **Spaghetti out of my ears because I like spaghetti more!**

What is your ideal job? **Doing public relations for a professional baseball or hockey team. Personally, I'd like to be a bum and get paid for it - but I don't think that's possible.**

What is your favorite place to go in Chiang Mai? **Namwan**

Anything else you want to say? **I don't have anything else to say to the world except "D-Chan chop Thailand, Cah" [I like Thailand!]**

Hallee is this week's PIH Person of the week for her awesome friendliness and social personality! She is here for the semester studying with the Thai and Southeast Asian Studies Program. She is an excellent member of our community and if you see her be sure to say hello and congratulate her on being this week's PIH Person of the Week!



This Week's Word from the Bible



One man was [in Jerusalem among many sick people] who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?"

- John 5:2-6

Many of us personally suffer from various things. We are crippled by our addictions, fears, and negative feelings.

This could include anything like addiction to substances, pornography, prejudices, power, eating disorders, and fears. Sometimes it seems like we could never overcome these ailments. We feel like there's no point in even trying.

Other times we dwell in self-pity: "how could this happen to me? I don't deserve this. It's not my fault. I'm a victim!"

It's true, our ailments are indeed a tragedy and a result of sin in the world. Often times we did not cause our sickness, fears, addictions, or negative feelings. However, many times we are responsible for *keeping* ourselves sick.

The man in this story was sick for 38 years and during that time wallowed in self-pity and negativity. He was miserable. And still, Jesus asks him, "Do you want to be healed?"

Here's the point: Jesus is powerful and ready to heal us of all our fears, addictions, and negative feelings. However, there's a catch. We

have to truly want to be healed. We have to have faith that Jesus can and will heal us.

We can't just halfheartedly say, "yeah, I want to be healed" and expect God to heal us. Faith is a living and acting thing. If we truly want to be healed and believe in Jesus' power then we have to live out our faith and bring our addictions, fears, and negativity to Jesus.

We have to surrender the familiarity and comfort of our ailments. We have to surrender our right to be the victim. We have to have the courage to seek help from others when we can't do it on our own. We have to jump with both feet into the healing arms of Jesus. This is often scary and takes humility, sacrifice, and surrender, but trust me, it's worth it!

It's amazing what Jesus will do in our lives if we are just willing to take one small step towards him.

Jesus loves us. The question now becomes: do we love ourselves enough to go to him and be healed.