



北美風沙 The North American LaSallians

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Congratulations

La Salle College Wins

最傑出成績學校 Putonghua (Mandarin) Speech Competition

Excerpt from <http://web.lasalle.edu.hk>

La Salle College has achieved excellent results in the Hong Kong Putonghua (Mandarin) Speech Competitions. Chan Chak Fu F2C (陳澤賦) won two awards for his speech.

1. 最佳口才
2. 最佳創意

La Salle College won the 最傑出成績學校 (The Cup) awarded to the school team with the highest total score among all participating schools.

The College congratulates the students and their teachers Ms Woo and Ms Zhang.



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Reminders

East Coast (USA)

Sunday Dim Sum Lunch

Date every Sunday
Time noon
Venue Asian Jewels Seafood Restaurant
133-30 39th Avenue, Flushing NY 11354
Tel. 718-359-8600
Contact dimsum@nylscoba.org

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Jun 5, 2015 (first Friday of each month)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
Contact billshwong@shaw.ca

San Francisco Bay Area

Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Jul 11, 2015
Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm
Venue : Hong Kong Flower Lounge Restaurant
香港香滿樓海鮮酒家
51 Millbrae Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030
Contact sf@lscoba.com

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date every first Sunday
Time noon to 2 pm
Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park

Vancouver

Badminton Night

Date: Every Monday
Time: 8 pm – 10 pm (2 sessions)
Venue: Richmond Pro
130-5800 Minoru Blvd, Richmond
Cost: \$5/session (i.e. \$10/2 hour)
RSVP vlfun@shaw.ca by every Friday



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Chapter News

Vancouver Chapter

Annual General Meeting

Nick Domingo (1963)

The Vancouver Chapter held its Annual General Meeting on May 15, 2015, on the same day as Founder's Day. At that meeting, 12 Directors were confirmed for a two-year term and the following Executives were appointed.

President: Nick Domingo (1963)

Vice Presidents: Dominic Lau (1961) and Tony Wong (1969)

Treasurer: Harry Ching (1967)

Secretary: Tony Fung (1964) and Victor Leung (1977) (in rotation)

Directors: Ralph Yip (1962), Frank Chow (1966), Albert Manson (1967), Philip Chan (1969), Frankie Au (1971), Patrick Li (1975), Victor Leung (1977)

At his endorsement as President for the next two years, Nick Domingo stated that two key focuses would be first, a campaign to attract more recent graduates to the Association and second, more involvement in Community Service.

After the meeting, a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all.





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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

May Luncheon 2015

Reported by Andrew Sien (1963)

Edited by Ambrose Lee (1998)

On May 3rd, our Chapter President Andrew Sien '63 hosted a dim-sum lunch at ABC Seafood Restaurant in Foster City, CA.



"We had a very special gathering on May 2 Dim Sum Lunch. I was so impressed that we had 3 couples of schoolmates participated. All participants were from Class 60 to Class 66.

Because of this, we did not have any generation gaps and we knew each other well. We were on the same paces on topics brought up, such as school life at Perth Street and teachers at that time.

We all suggested to move our next Dim sum Lunch to Millbrae. "

During the lunch, Andrew distributed the "Thank You North American Old Boys" brochure from our Alma Mater for the newly established Multi-Media (iMac) Learning Centre.

Andrew would like to thank all the Old Boys who came and shared a blissful lunch with him.

The thank you letter from our Alma Mater about the Multi-Media (iMac) Learning Center (page 1) can be found at the following link.

<https://www.facebook.com/lscobasf/photos/a.916754951681035.1073741848.259892764033927/916771285012735/?type=1&theater>

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter

Our official facebook webpage: www.facebook.com/lscobasf



Readers' Input

懷念大柴校長

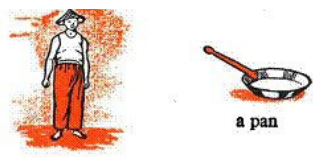
蒙耀生(1967)©

拜讀同窗葉鉅釗為昔日校長 Brother Felix 寫的生平報道，栩栩如生，勾起我對校長的很多思憶。趁農曆新年有空，翻出珍藏箱底舊物，驚現 Form One Report card 裡校長的親筆留言，區區數字，唯是石破天驚，半個世紀往事，立刻由時光隧道帶回眼前。

我的小學教育是在深水埗一間中文學校完成，成績理想，但英語能力只在「A man, a pan. A man and a pan.」的水平。公開考

試的成績原可令我被派入官立中學，但是我的人生途徑則會很不一樣。因緣際遇，1962 年 Brother Felix 在喇沙中學主政，招攬眾多層次學生，我考入喇沙中學 Form One。沒有他，我不可能進入或留在喇沙。沒有沾染那種「桀驁不馴」的喇沙精神，我也許仍是努力唸書和工作。然而喇沙讓我往外闖，開了眼界，賜我勇氣向在關鍵的時刻勇往向前。沒有這一切，生活會變得平淡，與自己的個性不吻合。若沒有這機會，人生途徑會很不一樣，後來生命的意義與精彩自然大為迥異。

進入以英語教學的喇沙書院，無疑是個巨大的文化震盪。面對的葡籍班主任，只會說英語，而且是位一絲不苟，極為嚴肅的老師。我經常沒有功課交，不是懶惰，而是根本不知要做功課，在此窘境下，不知所措，很快便給送到柴房由大柴侍候。大柴校長果然名不虛傳，當時斷正，賞我屁股三籐。今天回想一下，不禁要道：「校長，我感謝您，因為打得很輕。」

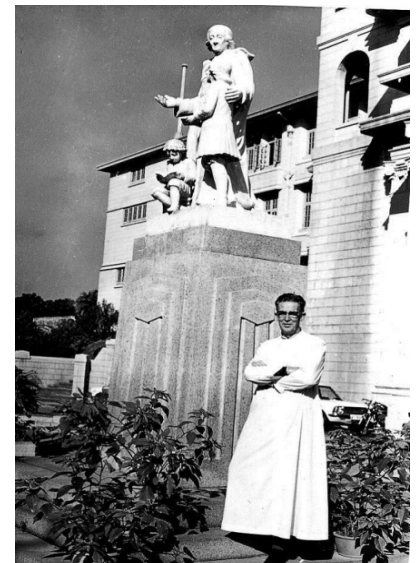


1. It is a pan.
2. Is it a pan?
3. Yes, it is a pan.
4. He is a man.
5. Is he a man?
6. Yes, he is a man.
7. He is a man and it is a pan.
8. It is a pan and he is a man.

禍不單行，因為班主任認為我沒交功課是懶惰的表現，連續三次「考勤」都不合格。愚子不可教，為時已近大考，班主任忍無可忍在 Report Card 寫上最後通牒："If he fails, he will have to leave school"。大考成績放榜，我的 Unseen Dictation 吞了鴨蛋，英文科肥佬。而英文科是必須合格，我在喇沙的命運危在旦夕。要由校長作終審。在校長室裏，他凝視着這個長相可憐的孩子良久後，又詳望一下 Report Card 其它學分及評語，實在不差，看來看去又不似是懶蟲，同情之心，油然而生，寫上佳句："Passed." 然後簽上大名。校長，你讓我留，給我有機會完成在喇沙的教育，吸收喇沙的精神。是你憐憫了我的出身與背景，是你落實了有教無類的教育精神，彈性處理了我的情況。

校長給了我恩典，也啟發我的人生觀和改變以後走的方向，成就也大大不同。數十年來在我自己的教學生涯裡，無時無刻不忘這位舊校長和他的精神。孜孜不息教育眾多學子。我借此多謝您，Brother Felix。

若有機會到愛爾蘭必會到你墓前致意，再衷心感謝這位永遠活在我心中的大柴校長。





Always in Remembrance of our Brother Director (Big Stick).

(Original Chinese article by Moon Yiu Sang©)

(A loose English translation by Thomas Yip©)

I read with immense interest the article depicting the life of Brother Felix, our old Principal (then called the Director) written by Thomas Yip. The vivid descriptions telescoped my memories of him back to the present. Chinese New Year allowed me the time to scour through my treasure boxes, and in one I found my Form 1 Report Card. Not only his exquisite penmanship but also the story behind the very simple sentence, it was thunderbolt of half a century past now brought to light.

I had my primary education at Chinese school in Shum Shui Po. My grades were excellent all along, except for my woefully deficient English that I discovered later in La Salle College. In fairness to myself, I was assigned to a public secondary school, but if I pursued that path the ultimate outcome of my life would have been very different. "Big Stick" (as Brother Felix was known in those days) was at the helm in 1962. He decided to admit students from very diverse backgrounds. With a stroke of luck, I was admitted into Form 1, unfolding a Lasallian story that I wish to bring back to life today. Without him, I would not have been able to finish my secondary education at La Salle College. I would not have acquired that "Never Say Die" La Salle Spirit. Of course, I would still go on with my education, with due diligence and finally get a job or even a career. But the organization culture in School or the La Salle Spirit widened my horizons, led me to think out of the box and imbued myself with the courage to march on unfazed by hardships. Without the blessings of all this, my life would have vastly different outcomes and less meaningful; my later life would have been dull and amorphous, not compatible with my character.

The use of English as the teaching medium at La Salle College gave me a tremendous cultural shock during my early days there. My Form Master was an Anglophone who did not know our vernacular. No doubt, he was a dedicated teacher and disciplinarian, and he asked for clock-work precision. When asked to hand in assignments, I always drew a blank - not that I was lazy but simply was unaware assignments had been given. It was a dilemma and at times I just had no clue as to what was going on in class. Soon, I found myself landing in the "Stick Room" of Brother Felix. True to his name, he let me have three. Looking back, I need to thank him not from my bottom but from that of my heart: "Thank you, Brother Big Stick. They're just mild 'Hi-3's'."

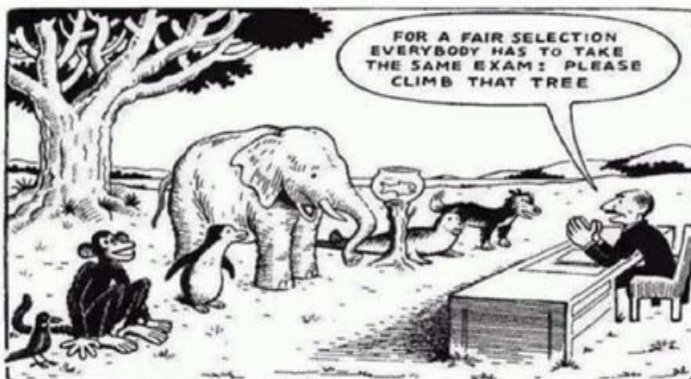
Misery loved company. I soon had the "distinction" of getting one zero after another in Unseen Dictation. That was the last straw, and my Form Master was gravely concerned as final exams were around the corner. He penned his ultimatum in my report card: "He will have to leave school if he fails in English Language" and a Pass for that was a must. But my other subjects and application were otherwise quite good. Judgment Day came soon - I did fail in English. My fate was left at the discretion of Brother Felix. Again in his office, he gazed at me and then had a look at my other scores. I must have appeared pathetic but not a bit like a lazy bone.

Compassion on his face was evident, and he wrote his verdict: "Passed" and signed against the good tiding. My dear Brother Felix, it

must have been your understanding of my background in exercising such discretion and also that fabulous Lasallian motto: "Education for All." I later took much time to appreciate its true meaning in education when I became a teacher myself - that was an understanding indelible for the rest of my life

The many gifts of my Old Principal were blessings that inspired me to adopt higher values and the charting my course in life. In my long years as a teacher, I had never had for a moment forgotten the spirit bestowed on me. The guidance for my students had always been a reflection of Brother Felix, not so much the didactic but the inspirations.

God willing, I will personally pay my tribute before Brother Big Stick Director's tomb in Ireland.



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein



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In echo of Moon Yiu Sang's article on Brother Felix Sheehan

Thomas Yip (1967)©

In his school days, Moon had a robust physique but he was much mitigated by an ever present friendly smile. Most of the time he seemed to be in a hurry and trying to achieve the most within a short period of time. He might stumble at times but never faltered. The overall impression he gave was: "What? Me worried?"



I still recall Moon being struck with a dreadful case of typhoid just before the School Certificate Examinations. Available medications in those days were not ideal, making it a rather morbid disease entity or even deadly. The doctors required him of absolute bed-rest during his lengthy hospital confinement. But deferring the taking of the impending public exams was more than he could bear and it was his tenacious and sincere pleas that moved the doctors to allow him day discharge but back to the ward daily after the exams. Understandably, his sheep skin was a hard earned for his results still turned out to be above average. On the evening of Speech Day, his name was called and we saw him rushing forward and almost stumbled head over heel on stage. In the midst of the laughter in the School Hall, Moon's grin was the brightest and probably the most deserving.

Time flew. Moon threw his woes and misfortunes behind and transformed them into a formidable driving force. He left for Canada for further studies. At his usual frenetic pace and a "heart to conquer every ill," he completed his undergrad and doctorate within the shortest possible period of time. Upon his return to HK he joined the faculty of a local university and retired as a full professor not long ago.

Much has been accomplished both quantity- and quality-wise in his teaching career. His teaching style was liberal with an inspirational approach, reinforced with understanding and care. Probably these were the gifts he inherited from Brother Felix and passed on to the students. For all this, he was awarded an Exemplary Teacher Award in 2004.

Changes in the local education landscape, both at tertiary and secondary levels have been profound with the advent of globalization and rapid developments in computer and information technologies. But the story of Moon Yiu Sang though seemingly has been one of serendipity but is in fact a realization the maxims in both Lasallian and Confucianism Education models¹. There is an added dimension of fortitude on the part of the Receiver, who passed on the DNA from one generation to another.

¹ <http://baike.baidu.com/view/117971.htm>



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Confucius: "Education Without Distinction" - Teach according to aptitude & resources.

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光輝人世百年頭

紅塵滾滾乃常事
草木一生只一秋

七海翻騰出蛟龍
繼往開來千古業

風沙那能阻英雄
豈容渾噩兼昏庸

Four strong winds billow on the plains of North America,
Bustling dusts are mundane of the world.
Only the roaring seven seas breed achievers,
And winds and storms never stop true heroes.
Illustrious lives shine for over a century,
Ferns and grass only for the season.
Build on our forbears' strengths to foster their legacies,
But never allow ignoramus nor fatuity.