

ACS Class of '67

We zip through life, preoccupied with our career and family, and suddenly we realized that we never really stop to smell the roses. At least for me, as I aged, I find I miss the simple joy of childhood and all the people who touched my life. There are so many wonderful memories that I will always hold dearly. I hope you will share the same enthusiasm for the nostalgia and reminisce the times we spent together.

Although this article is written from the perspective of the Class of '67, I hope others will enjoy reading this snapshot of our past. Many in the Class of '71 probably remember very little of us or had limited interactions with the Class of '67 except for those who had brothers or sisters from that year, or those who were members of the Scouts, Girl Guides, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade or Interact Club, where our paths have crossed. They can recall the good times together and relate to some of the stories.

I like to provide a few photos and also go down memory lane to ignite some fond memories that may appeal to some, and hopefully have more people share their stories with the rest of us. I hope a photo of Class of '67 and the Prefect Board (consist of Form 4 & 5 students) of the same year will be a good start.



Figure 1 ACS Class of '67



Figure 2 Prefect Board '67

One of my favourite class-mate was Nancy Thong. Everyone would agree that she was such a sweetheart with a big heart. She was always cheerful and very helpful to everyone. I remember I was involved in many extra-curriculum activities, so much so, I spent about 10-12 hours a day in school. Whenever I was in a fix, she would help me out with my homework assignments on numerous occasions. I never thanked her adequately. I guess that was poor manners on my part, but certainly NOT forgotten nor ungrateful. So thanks a million, Nancy!

I remember Liau Tai Leong (giraffe or ko-lowe), the super smart one, and obviously he became a doctor. My last encounter with him was when he was practicing at the Seremban General Hospital around 1975.

Richard Ng went to London to further his studies. I believe, later when I was in London in the 80's, I read about him in an article that he became a Member of Parliament or some kind of government official in London. I do not know what became of him after that.

I remember my favourite 3 musketeers King Scout buddies, Choo Chin Yeow, Chu Kim Hoe (Baba) and Lim Kar Teik (kartak). I apologise for the exposure of nicknames and hope nobody takes offence and have grown out of it by now. It was just some silly childish name-calling with no malice intended but simply an endearing term.



Figure 3 Danny with 3 King Scouts, Steven, Chin Yeow and Kim Hoe



Figure 4 Chin Yeow & Steven were guests of honour at BB Campfire

We used to invite each other to our Scouts or Boys Brigade camping trips and other activities. By the way, during camp, we would cook simple meals like fried eggs, fried mee-hoon, and make sardine sandwiches. Chin Yeow was our chief cook. There was once we invited Richard Ng to camp with us. Holy mackerel! His father's chauffer would show up every day to deliver high end meals to be shared with everyone! I remember it was the first time I laid my eyes on, or tasted some of the stuffs, for example, canned Vienna cocktail sausages, chocolate and imported cakes. By the way, he also invited a few of us to his home on another occasion; it was air-conditioned we are talking about the 60s! He even had a gym in his home where he would practise Aikido. Anyway, he was a really nice guy but I digress.

Oh, there were the Yap brothers. Yoon Tin became a teacher I think. Stay away from him, if you are playing soccer on the opposing team. He loves to put his heel out to 'pasang kaki'. On more than one occasion I thought I had fractured my toes when I kicked his heel....the pain was just excruciating. As for Billy (Yoon Pin), I thought his Christian name was Michael. I guess he changed it because we use to tease him 'my-kai-up'. The last I knew he was working for OCBC in KL. I put up with him in a rented room at Tong Shin Terrace when I got a job at Guthrie. The land lady would serve us

fat pork & *low-wong-kua* (cucumber) soup regularly for dinner. The word *cholesterol* was not even coined then. Look at how chubby he is now. Just kidding, he looks great in the photo on website. By the way, he was such a ladies' man with his charming personality and 'cute dimple' as described by his lady admirers.

Of course, there was Adeline Ng, always quiet, dignified and charming with her smile. Oh yes, Quet Seow How, the studious one, someone we do not talk about a lot. Partly he was very modest and shy and partly because he was with us for a brief period before he moved on to Chung Hwa. Lost touch with him as wellprobably became a professor which was his ambition.

Looking at the Class photo, I see Seet Ming Choong (Nancy Sit get it?), the mahjong king. He joined Kobuta, an agricultural equipment company, as a book keeper right after he left ACS. The last time I saw him, he was finishing his Accountancy degree and probably still lives in Subang Jaya. Khoo Siong Kee and Stephen Yap (hope I got his name right) probably settled in Australia. I have no idea where Henry Tan, Kau Yet Loy, Wong Ah Hen, Wong Siew Meng, Ho Wing Kai, Tony Chow, Ng Kim Fatt, Esther Leow, Chan Mei Leng, Katharine Lim and Ng Siew Chook are or what they are doing. And.....I do not remember the names of the rest of the folks.

Gosh!!!! I think I have lost a few marbles. Need your help guys (I mean both you gals and guys). If you have any stories or anything you can share, let us bring back the good old times. Who has got a funny story about 'Mr. Chicago', our Science teacher, or some events or persons or just about anything you want to share. We can build on that. Don't forget the other ACSians and others we hung out with, like Hee Hock Kee (*gold fish eye*), Janice, Edward & Edwin (*the burglar*) Lim, Lew Ah Kow, Albert and Rosalind Lim, Michael Song (*Ma-Lau-Chai*), Venugopal, Eric Choong, Choo Chin Pin-the artist (Chin Yeow's brother), Iris Ng and many others I would have missed out.

I hope this has sparked some interesting recollections, and we look forward to hearing from all of you.

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(I am currently known as Danny, short for my baptism name Daniel. I am not aware of anyone giving me a nickname back then).