


**NOT THE SMARTEST NOR
THE MOST WELL-PLANNED**

**WILL I EVER BE
SUCCESSFUL?**

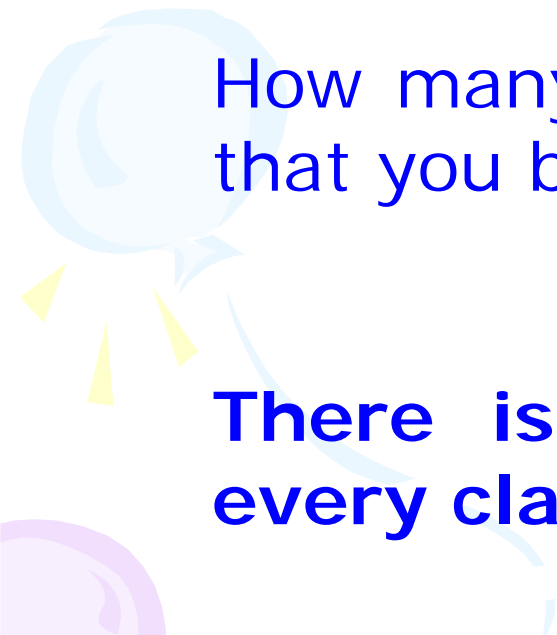
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Edith Shih





How many of you have ever been first in class?



How many of your parents ever demanded that you be first in class?

There is only ONE first in class for every class.



The Marathon



50,000 runners!





How many people competed because they have a chance of coming first?









They are competing against **themselves!**

Breaking one's own **record**, is **Success**.

No need to be the first, or the smartest.

We are life-long Marathon runners!

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up?

If you do, congratulations!



If you don't, congratulations too!



I didn't have a clue what I wanted to be when I graduated from RHS.



Never first in class



Didn't know what I wanted



Would I ever be successful?

September 1964 - Form 1





Whole Girls Section 1964





Form 1 Monitor / Prefect

I hate Mathematics!

I fear Chemistry!

I don't have a clue as to Physics!

I excel in Biology!

I relish the Chinese language, literature and history!

I marvel at the English language, literature and history!

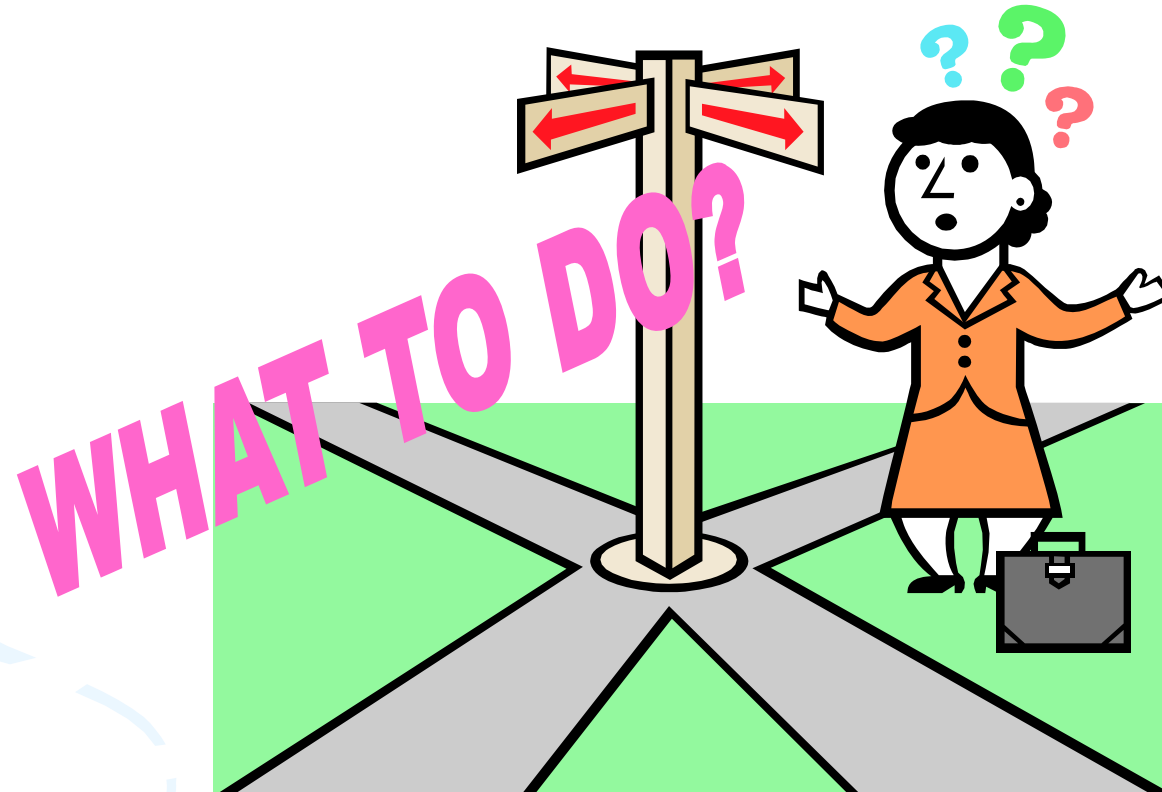


Extra-Curricular Activities

- Music Club
- Cookery Class
- Judo Club
- Student Council

May 1969

First Crossroad





University of the Philippines

Mathematics

Chemistry

Physics

I was determined not to fail!

I learned that **if I tried really hard, I could beat myself!**

The keep fit queen!



May 1969: 185 lbs!



August 1969: 125 lbs!





The keep fit queen!

Within four months, I lost 60 pounds.



Diet Menu

Morning

One slice of toast
One glass of milk

Lunch

One portion of fruit
One portion of meat (100 grammes)
Unlimited vegetables

Dinner

One portion of meat (100 grammes)
Unlimited vegetables
One glass of milk

NO SUGAR, NO SALT, NO OIL



The keep fit queen!

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My diet menu

I learned that **if I am determined,**
I could achieve my goals!



April 1973

I graduated from the School of Education (BSE)
in Music Education and minor in English



First in class and the only “Cum Laude” for the
entire School

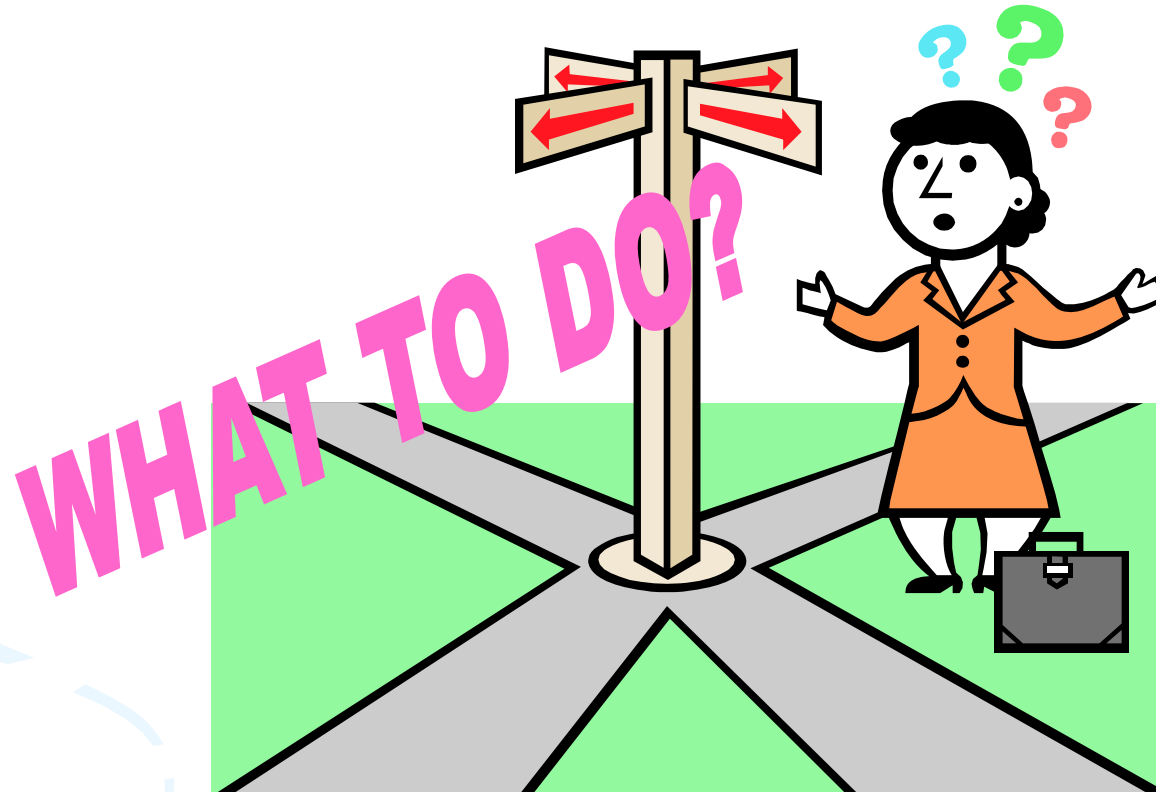
April 1974

Master of Arts



April 1974

Second Crossroad





I taught at my alma mater – RHS


Form One A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L =
12 classes MUSIC

Form Two A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J = 10
classes MUSIC

Form Three C = 1 class ENGLISH

Music Club

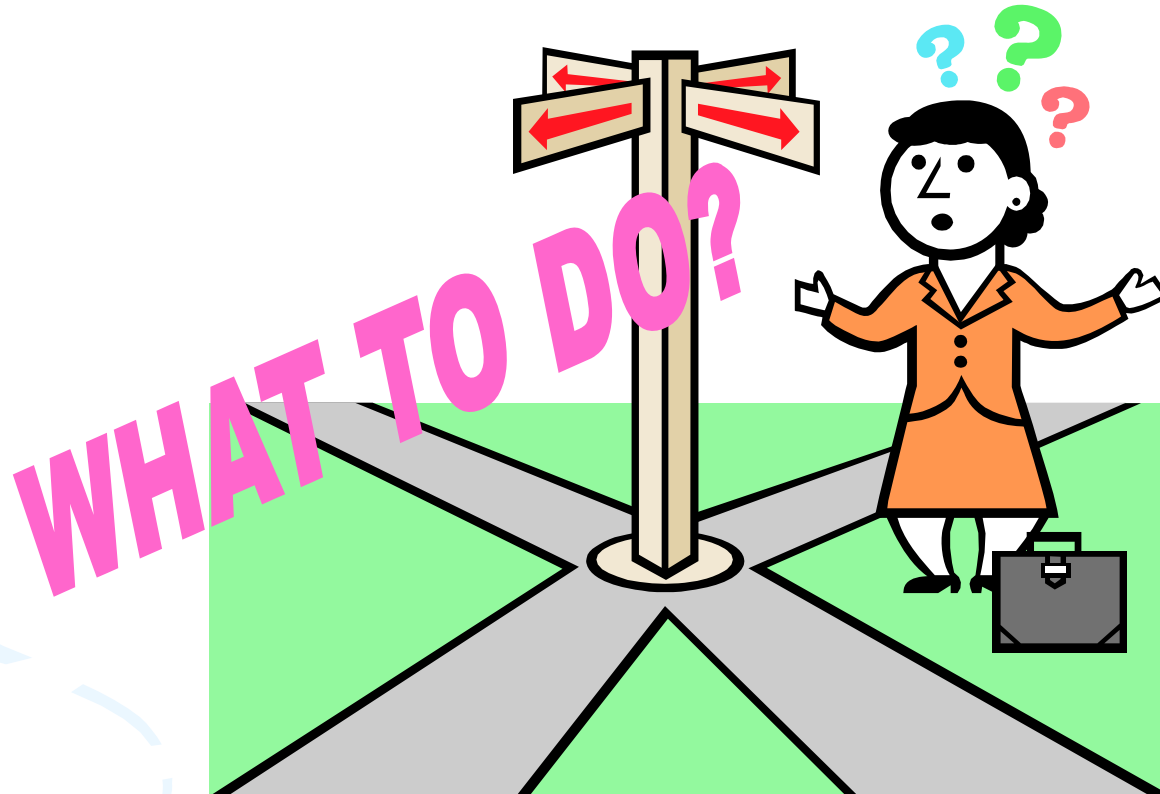




I didn't know enough about teaching.

January 1976

Third Crossroad





Went back to school – my dream school

Columbia University in the City of New York

Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Applied Linguistics











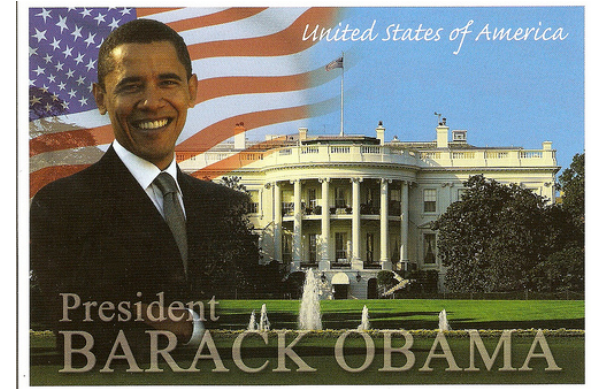














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NEW YORK, NEW YORK!

Miserable, cold and rainy winter

City at brink of bankruptcy

University next to Harlem

Rough and Rude





PROBLEM

Home sickness

Underground station attendant

Racial discrimination

Aggressive classmates

School fees and living expenses



I acquired my survival skills in New York City

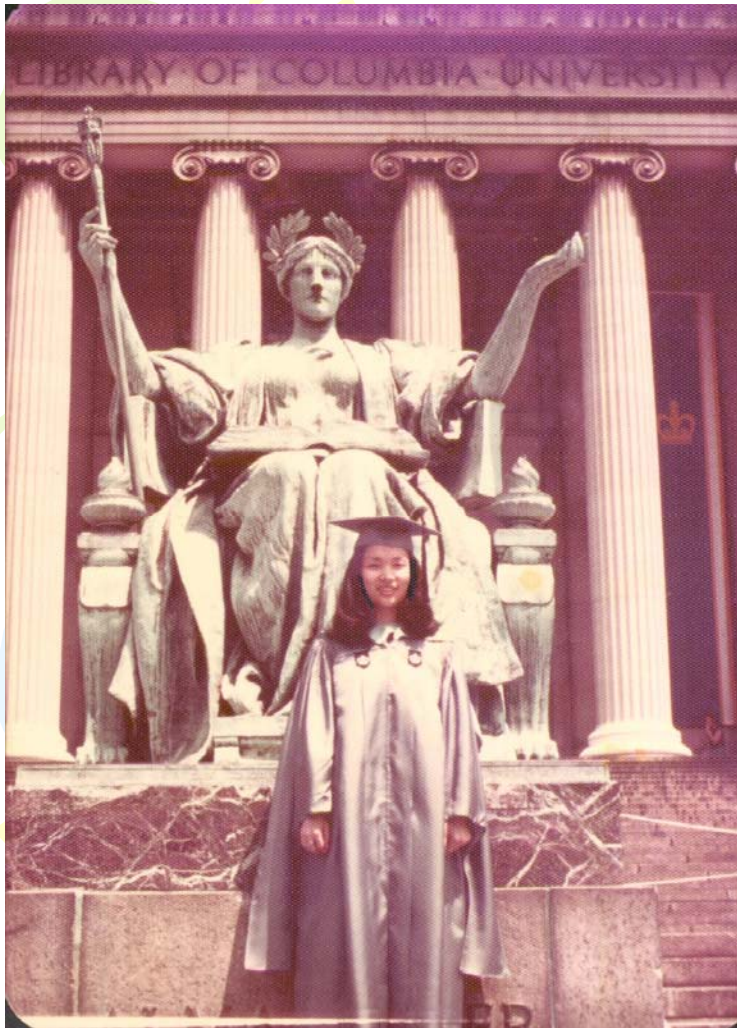


I grew up in New York City

Nothing is too embarrassing, too difficult, or too impossible

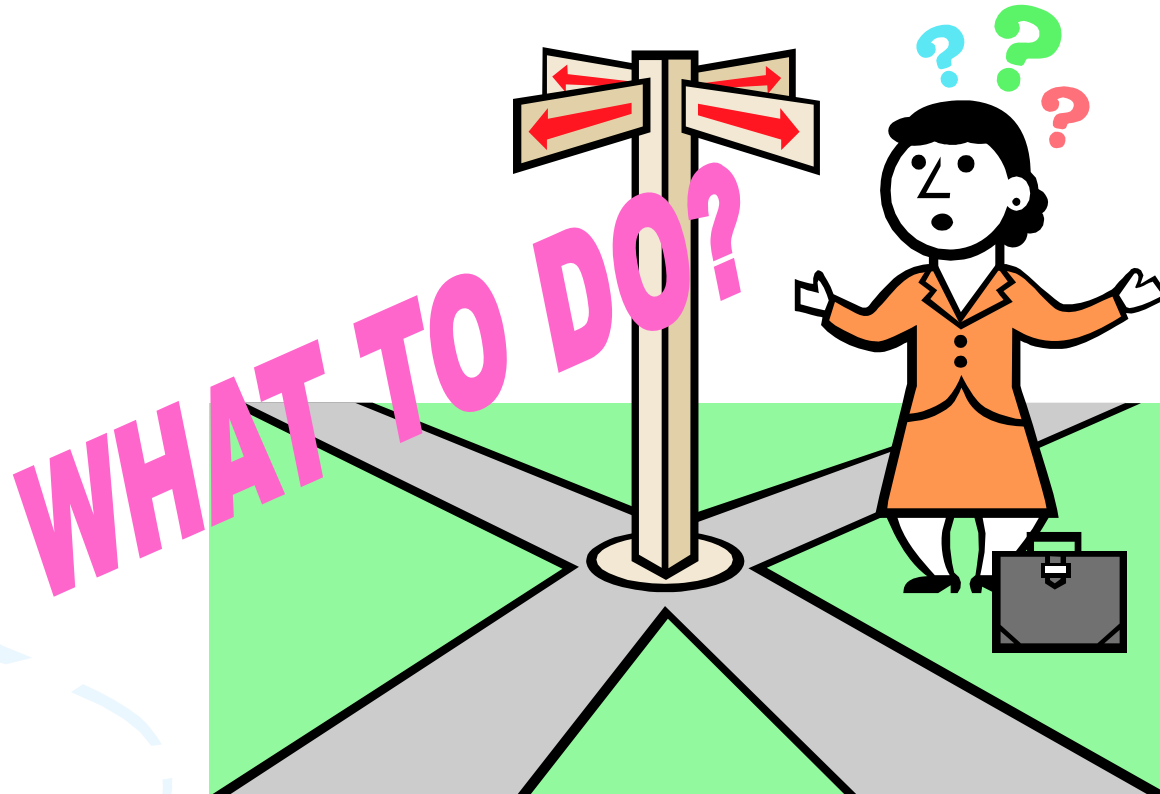
Intellectual challenges, cultural stimulation, diversity and opportunities.

July 1978



July 1978

Fourth Crossroad





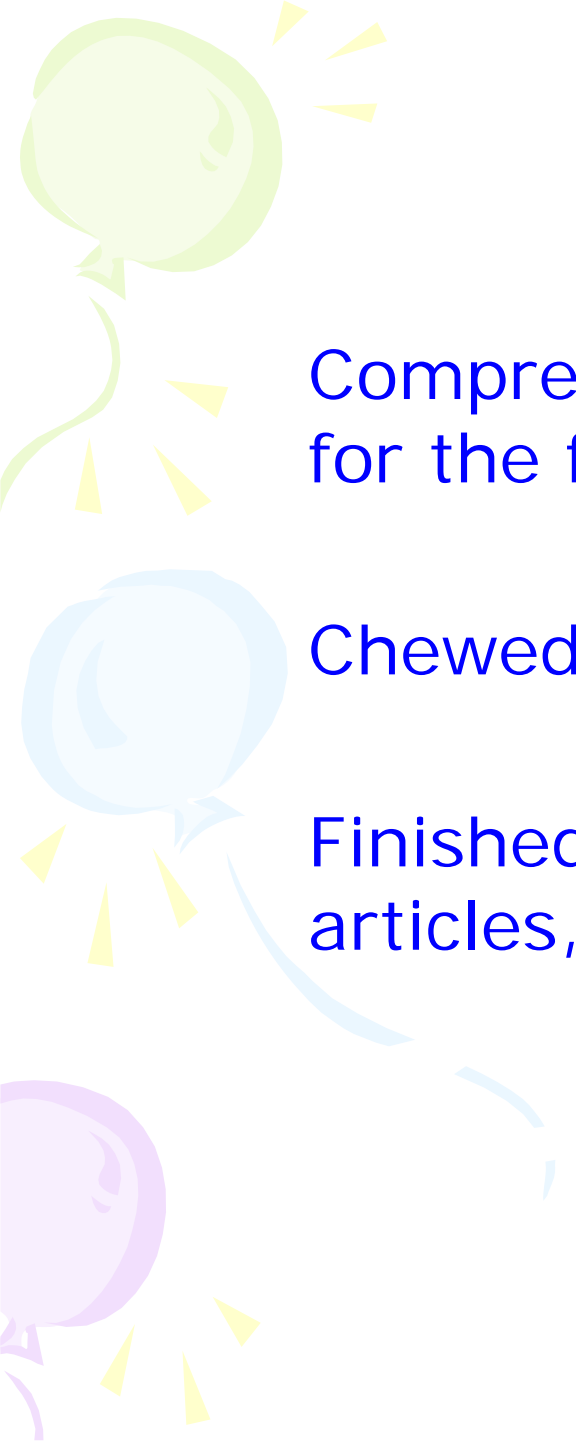
I wanted to be a teacher, but I didn't want to stay in the US for good.



Business (USA) or Law (England)?



I went to London to study law and became a lawyer.



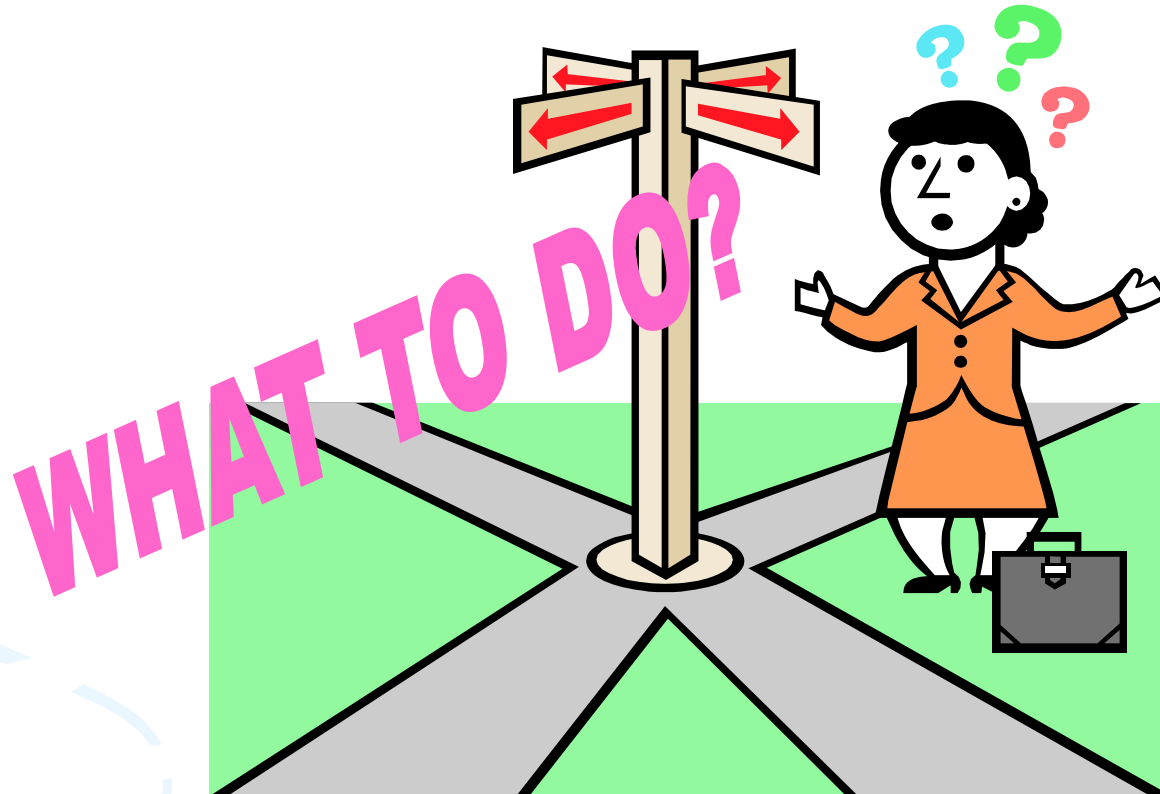
Compressed class – didn't enjoy school
for the first time

Chewed pages and pages of law books

Finished studies, passed exams, served
articles, qualified!

August 1984

Fifth Crossroad





Back to Hong Kong, worked as a lawyer

A long route :

Music

Education

English / Applied Linguistics

Law

Choose an area of **STUDY** you **LOVE**
leading to a **CAREER** you would **ENJOY**
your **WHOLE LIFE**



Very hard work – mentally and physically

Mother's comment

Seven Eleven / Twenty-Four by Seven

Poem



For Stephen

by Julia Wen

“Nobody loves a fairy when she is forty”,
not her,
even when she turned two and forty –
energetic,
dynamic and determined,
our fair lady is a tower of strength –
in London one day
and in Milan the next,
and straight back to Hong Kong
without a break...

**her poor Blackberry,
surgically attached to her,
works like a digital dog,
without time
even for an electronic bone...**

a lawyer by profession,
a performing singer by DNA,
a Columbia alumnus extraordinaire,
a trained educator,
a loving daughter,
a caring sister,
an adoring auntie,
a devout Christian,
and a friend with a heart...
Strangers may be
intimidated by her stature,
but who would not be?

Her air of authority
exudes naturally
in the way she talks,
in the way she walks,
and in the way she carries herself...
yet when you get to know her,
she is but a paper tiger...
She may have no time to chat,
but you will receive her emails
sharing thought-provoking ideas,
funny anecdotes
and encouraging messages
when you need them most...
And for those who are fortunate
to be her friends,
there is always time to weep,
time to laugh,
time to mourn
and time to sing and dance...
Yes, she is a paper tiger
with a heart of gold.
I have experienced
her kindness first-hand,
again and again:
“Call me whenever you have to,
I don’t need to sleep you know”
she once told me
when I was in distress,
and all she wants
on her tombstone is
“She has been a Friend”...





Balloon theory

Sponge theory

Challenge oneself

Better, faster, more efficient

Champion of oneself



What have I learned from my work experience?

- be properly equipped for the job
- strive to go for the best and give one's best
- be prepared to give more and get less
- surround oneself with capable people
- give recognition where due
- integrity, humility
- learning is a life time process
- social responsibility (charity, education, social service)

My Motto –

“The wise is the one who knows he knows not.”

~ Socrates ~





Golden Jubilee Year



What have I done for RHS?



Golden Jubilee Scholarship





Golden Jubilee Year

What have I done for RHS?





Golden Jubilee Year



What have I done for RHS?



Golden Jubilee Scholarship



Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner



1969 Class











What Can We Do for RHS?

- Revive tradition of academic excellence
- Think Tank
 - Supervisor
 - Principals
 - Old Students

Our Request, Our Appeal

PLEASE HELP – EVERYONE
ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS





Have you challenged yourself to the maximum of your ability?

Can you do better?

Yes You Can!

Do it Now!

Everyone is his / her number one.

If you think you are unhappy, look at them.

如果你认为你不快乐，看看他们。



If you think your salary is low, how about her?
如果你认为你的收入低，那么她的呢？



If you think you don't have many friends.

如果你认为你没有很多朋友。



When you feel like giving up, think of this man.

当你感觉想要放弃，想想这个男人。



If you think you suffer in life, do you suffer as much as he does?

如果你觉得你生活在痛苦之中，你的痛苦像他的一样多一样重吗？



If you complain about your transport system,
how about theirs?

如果你抱怨你的交通系统，那么他们的呢？



If your society is unfair to you, how about her?

如果你的社会对你不公平，那么她的呢？



(上) 学习使你烦恼吗? (下) 他们不



**Does studying
annoy you?**



(上) 痛恨蔬菜吗? (下) 他们忍饥挨饿。



Hate vegies?



**They starve
from hunger!**

(左) 你父母的关心让你厌烦了吗? (右) 他们一无所有。



(左) 某人没有给你耐克只给了你阿迪达斯吗?
(右) 他们只有这一种牌子。

**Someone got you
Adidas instead of
Nike?**



**They only have
one brand!**



(上) 可以睡在床上不是很值得感激的事情吗?
(下) 他们情愿再也不用醒来。



**Aren't thankful
for a bed to
sleep in?**

**They'd
wish not to
wake up!**

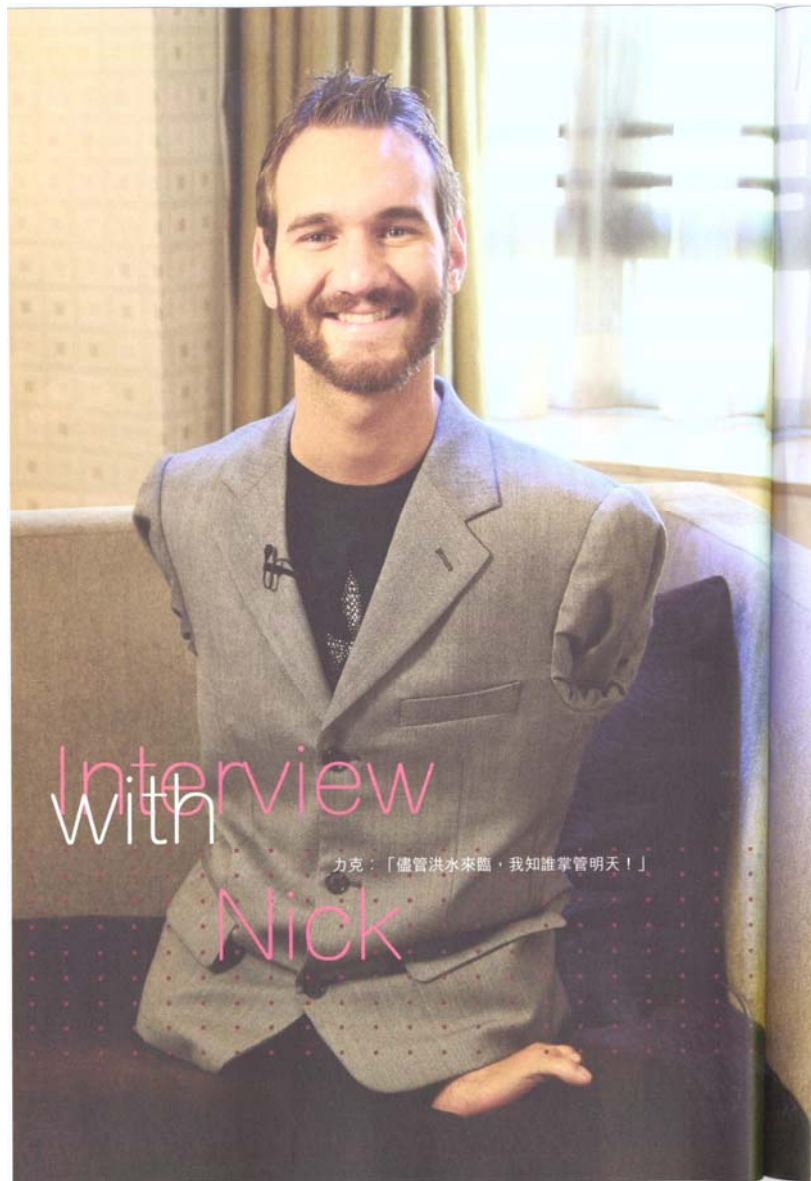
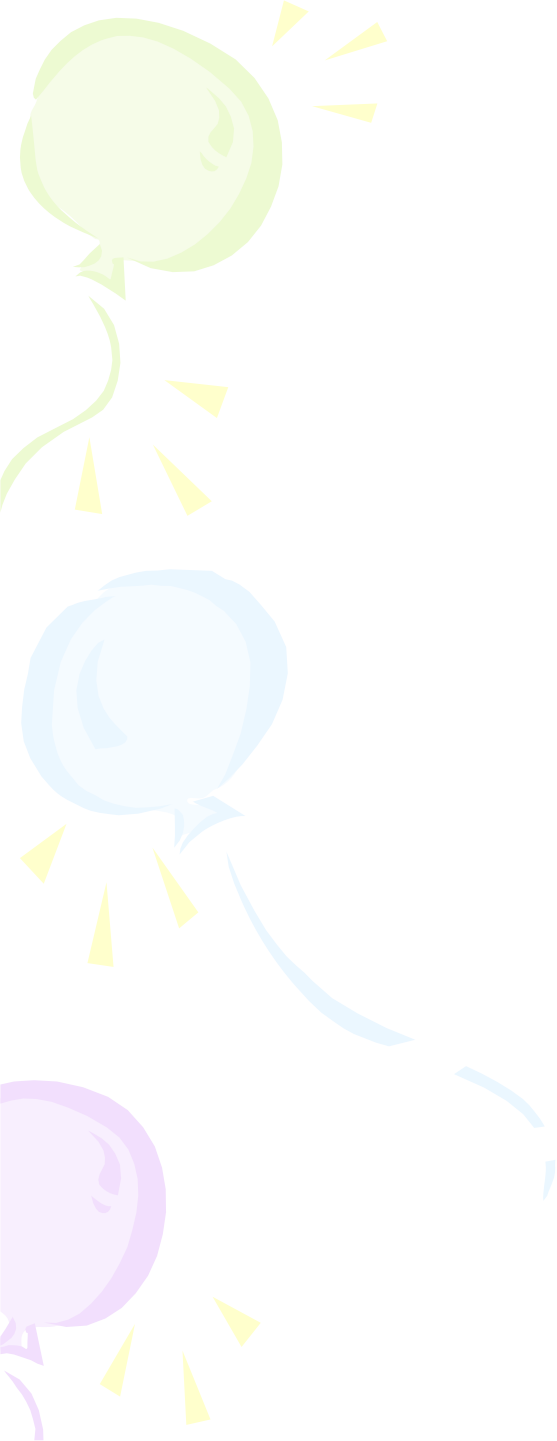


你仍然在抱怨吗？

**Are you still
complaining?**

观察你周围的一切并感谢所有你在这短暂生命里所能拥有的.....

**Observe around you
and be thankful for all
that you have in this
transitory lifetime...**



Interview
with
Nick

力克：「儘管洪水來臨，我知誰掌管明天！」

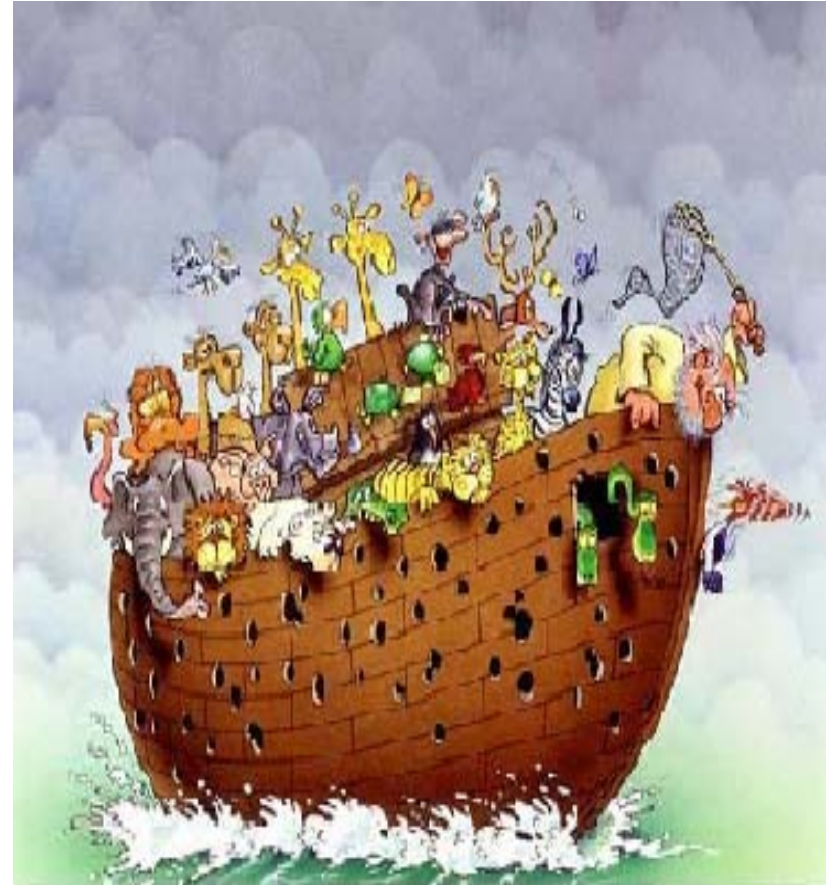


Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.....

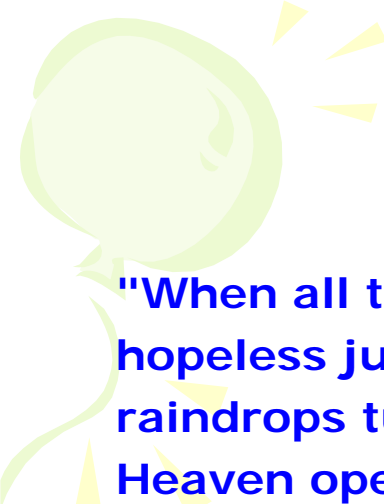
- One: Don't miss the boat.
- Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Five: Get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Six: Build your future on high ground.
- Seven: When you're stressed, float a while (*3 minutes*).

No matter the storm, there's always a RAINBOW.

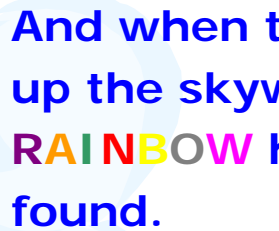


Over the RAINBOW





"When all the world is a
hopeless jumble and the
raindrops tumble all around,
Heaven opens a magic lane.



And when the clouds darken
up the skyway, there's a
RAINBOW highway to be
found.



Leading from your window
pane, just a step beyond the
rain."

OVER THE **RAINBOW**

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do
come true

Some day I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow blue birds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh why can't I?

If happy little bluebirds fly
Beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why can't I?

