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## What does it take to be a Leader?

Fall 2005  
Spring 2006

### Third General Meeting

#### Events of the Evening:

##### Liaison Speeches

(Try to act interested.)

##### Patbingsoo

(Oh yeh!)

##### Freshmen

##### Liaison

##### Speeches

(Order may change)

- Esther Lee
- Kate Riley
- Jennifer Jun
- Joseph Oh
- Erica Im

##### Voting

##### Announcement

### Kang-Ho Song Secretary

With freshman liaison elections around the corner, I started thinking pretty hard about what it means to be a team player and a leader.

These ruminations led me back to my days in middle school, where I learned what being a leader was all about.

You might wonder which event was pivotal in changing my approach and views on leadership. Believe it or not, it was actually quite difficult not to learn a thing or two about leadership because every time I had to do a group project, I was the leader. You might wonder how I had the opportunity to hold this position of honor so frequently. I leave that entirely up to your speculation as I have no clue as to why everyone wanted

me to be the leader. Anyways, let me tell you what these sessions taught me about the fine art of leadership

It first meant organizing your "teammates" (who didn't really show any interest in sitting together). Next, you alone had the privilege of deciding on a project topic because getting the group to brainstorm meant listening to Katrina-sized excuses: "I'm bored, I'm hungry, I need to scratch myself" (most memorable: "I think my briefs are getting wet (!!!) I need to change my underwear... You guys don't mind if I go home right now?").

Then there was the most important part of the entire groupwork experience: dividing up the work. A good leader should allocate work

in the most efficient fashion so that the strengths of the group members really shine through in the final product. It meant you gave the coloring assignments to Ditzygirl A, choosing which posterboard to use to Skaterboy B, and the all-important glueing assignment to Quietdude C on a feeling that he needed to be given more chances to participate in group activities. Then the Beloved Leader (that's you) went home and wrote the fifteen-page research paper.

I'm running out of room, so I present my last few declarations: I hope that this year's freshman liaisons will serve the KASY community well and learn even more about the true meaning of leadership.

There's more room here but it's filled up now.



# Profile: Esther Lee

Davenport College

**Activities in high school:** CYF [Christian Youth Fellowship] Leader, 365 Publicity Secretary [community service club for helping kids], Term Council [Senator], Washington Seminar [trip to D.C. for juniors/seniors], Varsity tennis

**Other extracurricular activities at Yale:** YSC, UNICEF, YHHAP: Harmony Place, Davenport Ties, KAJ

## Candidacy Statement:

As freshman liaison, I want to be a clear line of communication between the board and the rest of the freshman class. I'm willing to work hard, attend board meetings, plan events, and sacrifice however much sleep is necessary to do a great job. Really. I don't think it'd be fair to do otherwise when I know how many other qualified people are running for this position. I'll always be open to any suggestions or feedback, and hope I'm right in believing that I'm a pretty easy person to approach and talk to anytime. But my most important qualification for the job? I'm genuinely excited about KASY. If I weren't, I don't believe that I would be running, or that I could sincerely say I would do a good job as freshman liaison. Ultimately, though, whether I'm elected or not, we have an awesome freshman class. I know I'm going to love being a part of it.



**Editor's Comment:** She's willing to sacrifice sleep? (Written at 3:16 AM on the day of the meeting).

# Profile: Joseph Oh

Jonathan-Edwards College

**Activities in high school:** Sophomore, Junior, Senior Class President, National Honors Society, National Beta Club President, Science Olympiad, Korean Club, Key Club, School Newspaper Editor-in-Chief, School Orchestra

**Other extracurricular activities at Yale:** Tae-Kwon-Do, Physician's Shadow, KAJ, YSC

## Candidacy Statement:

I'm Joseph Oh... You can call me Joe Oh or Oh Joe or Joe or Joseph whatever derivative of my name. Anyways, about me? I'm a Korean - short, Asian, kim-chi, whatever the Korean mold is.

I look Korean, I sound Korean, I feel Korean, and I'm pretty sure I taste Korean too. At least I think so. If I didn't join KASY, I'd have become super white-washed since there are no Korean television stations or anything here.

So what sets me apart from the other candidates... well checking from the email list, it looks like I'm the only guy who's running. Honestly, we guys need to assert our authority. If anything, I'd run just for our gender's pride. Eh... not really but you get the point. I'm starting to sound a bit like Kang-Ho now with this randomness.

Hm... there's really nothing I can say. It sounds really stupid to put in all the "I'm responsible, so I'm qualified." That should already go without saying. Oh but one thing I can guarantee is that I'm going to do my best to find out secrets of all the upperclassmen for the freshmen skit. I'm looking forward to working with you guys whether or not I become freshman liaison.



**Editor's Comment:** Trying to act like me is always a good strategy, Joe.

# Profile: Jennifer Jun

Pierson College

**Activities in high school:** French Club, NJ Science League, Math Club, Key Club, Track, Students Taking on Prejudice (S.T.O.P.), Volunteer @ hospital, National Honor Society, Class officer (treasurer)

**Other extracurricular activities at Yale:** Youth Together, Hanppuri, YDN Business, Habitat for Humanity, Yale Democrats

**Candidacy Statement:** The last time I ran for office, I made this really formal and admittedly, quite pretentious, speech about my life, how I grew up, my academic records and so on. I was somewhat full of arrogance and full of BS. But to be completely honest, like all the other 1000 somewhat freshmen here, I'm pretty confused and lost. And when it comes to being a freshmen liaison, officially I am to attend meetings and organize events for us, freshmen, but frankly I know just as much about it as you do. So then why am I running and why should you vote for me? Well, I'm running because I love meeting people. Meeting people was pretty much required for me since I went to six different schools in my twelve years of education. While, it isn't exactly the way I want to raise my kids, meeting so many different types of people from various backgrounds was amazing, and I feel being a freshmen liaison will be an opportunity for strangers to become familiar faces. But more importantly, I'm a Capricorn so I am innately power-hungry and I was born with OCD. So somewhere between my desire to get to know more people and being obsessive-compulsive I think I just might be able to get a grasp of being a freshmen liaison, and pulling off a somewhat decent job. So I hope you guys vote for me, and even if you don't it'll be great to get to know you!



**Editor's Comment:** I think Jennifer actually wants to meet people for non-sketchy reasons...

# Profile: Kate Riley

Silliman College

**Activities in high school:** Varsity volleyball (captain), Intern at TeenVogue (does this count? I didn't do anything cool)

**Other extracurricular activities at Yale:** fXc, CASA, UCW

**Candidacy Statement:** So, I am not Korean. I am, however, deeply committed to KASY, and have had a much better start to freshman year for joining and getting to know you guys. I'm running for freshman liaison because I want to become more involved, help out with events, and give back to an organization that has already had a really positive impact on me in my short time at Yale.

**Editor's Comment:** Her Teen Vogue connections will keep it real.



# Profile: Erica Im

Jonathan-Edwards College

**Activities in high school:** Cerritos Mission Church [Helped with summer bible study programs, Organized fundraiser events for youth group, Leader of youth group student council], California Scholastic Federation [Prerequisite 3.5 GPA, Future Sealbearer: 5 semesters' membership], Jesus Club [Leader of small group sessions], Whitney Senate [Organized charity events for Christmas Operation, Thanksgiving, Parent-Teacher School Association], Model United Nations [Participated in five debating conferences], Junior Statesmen of America [Debated and made speeches in Fall State Conference], ASPECTS (school newspaper), Class of 2005 Student Council [Commissioner of Fundraising, Helped raise money for class activities and Prom 2004]

Other extracurricular activities at Yale: Varsity Golf, YSC, CASA, TAS, Hanppuri

**Candidacy Statement:** Hey guys! My name is Erica~

I can still remember getting on the airplane all the way from CA w/a ton of butterflies in my stomach, not knowing what to expect ... I didn't want to leave my mommy.. ha ha.. but meeting ppl and making new friends thru KASY (and having an awesome KASY family) definitely helped me adjust to college life smoothly and easily.

And I was thinking to myself, what can I do for each and everyone of those wonderful ppl who's helped me have an easy start of my 1st yr here at yale & "shrug" what better way to serve you guys than thru freshmen liaison!

I have a lot of experience w/student council from HS. I don't want to bore u guys w/a list but mainly, I was the treasurer/fundraiser for 3 yrs. Our biggest project was raising \$20,000 for prom of my senior yr. We held bake-sales, car washes, candy sales, and u name it, we did it. I was also head of the welcoming committee at my church, overseeing all the new comers and birthdays.

To sum it up, It would bring a big smile on my face if you guys gave me the opportunity to repay you guys by serving on freshmen liaison!

Thanks guys~ =)



**Editor's Comments:** Holy crap, that's like a candidacy **essay**...

I'll be like the TA's and grade on length: **A+**

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