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Chin Foh Song was the second Chinese student to graduate from Colby College, Vi Tsu Sun being the first in 1920. Song was born on March 9, 1897 in Hangchow, China. Before he came to Colby, he graduated from Wayland Academy in 1916 also in Hangchow and later graduated from Colby Academy in 1917.

At Colby, Song was very active. He joined many clubs and was a devout Baptist. He was a member of the Northfield Delegation, the YMCA Financial and Deputation Committees, the Class Basketball team, and the Colby band. Song, along with Sun, was also a member of the Pi Delta Phi fraternity. At the time, Pi Delta Phi was the only fraternity that had people of color as members.

Pi Delta Phi was much like a misfit fraternity that was founded at Colby in 1917. The establishment was meant to give the large number of non-fraternity men at the time the privileges of fraternity life. Song and Sun were easily accepted into the newly founded fraternity.

After graduating from Colby, Song attended Springfield YMCA college and then returned to Hangchow in the mid-1920s. At Hangchow, he returned to his alma mater, taking a teaching position at Wayland Academy. Song was the resident physical education expert of the school. There he was known as "Carl" Song. He became one of the most trusted advisors and assistant to the missionary Edward Hyers Clayton, who wrote an autobiography of his experiences, which includes many interactions with Song, in *Heaven Below*.

Song was greatly devoted to the Academy. He even defended it with his life. On October of 1926, during a time of civil war, Song armed with a rifle protected the gates of the Academy from the possible looters who were retreating from the battlefields.

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Clayton regarded Song with great respect as he saw him as a man of great character and integrity. Clayton described one instance, when an angry mob tortured a prisoner of war and prepped him for execution, Song bravely faced the mob and rescued the man from the unjust treatment, taking him to the hospital. According to Clayton, "Carl Song, like many other young men of his generation, had learned what it means to be a Christian."

Also, according to Clayton, Song was a member of China's Olympic team four times. Song's whereabouts from after Clayton's accounts are unknown.