

I was eligible for sabbatical leave from Brown University in the Spring semester of 1982. I decided to spend the bulk of the semester in Wuhan University. I arrived at Shanghai on my way to Wuhan in early February. One afternoon HUANG You Nong 黄幼农 came to visit me at the hotel. Huang was my classmate in Zhong Da Fu Zhong.

I only vaguely remember Huang. In a class of 40 some classmates, I can only recall vividly about 10 of them. But he did a wonderful thing at that time. He made an effort to collect the addresses of all the classmates of our year, not just our own class, and sent the list to everybody. It was of course not complete. Some had passed away, and some could not be found. It was with the help of this address list that, on my lecture tours in China in early 1980's, I was able to locate my classmates and meet them.

We had dinner together and talked about our past after 1948. He went to Shanghai Jiaotong University in the electrical engineering department after he graduated from high school. He majored in power engineering, and was sent to Northeast after graduation. In 1956, he was classified as a rightist, and stayed in Northwest, and never married. He said that our 'class of 1950' had around 250 students when we entered in 1947. The number of students shrunk to 90 at graduation in 1950. Of those 90 graduates, 15 were classified as rightists, an unusually large proportion.

He would like to come back to Shanghai and get married. There was almost no chance for him to be transferred back to Shanghai without connection. No Shanghai lady would marry him living in Northwest. He did not want to marry any one in Northeast, because once settled there, he would never be able to return to Shanghai.

He mentioned Richard LEE 李绪曾. I told him that Richard and I became close friend after we went to Taiwan. He said that Richard sat next to him in junior high school back in Chungking. Their families were also very close. Their parents discussed about whether going to Taiwan in late 1948. He asked me to send his regards to Richard when I got back to US. But when I mentioned HUANG to Richard, he did not remember HUANG at all.

In part because of his urging, I managed to visit Jilin University in Changchun for two weeks after I finished teaching in Wuhan. This was my second visit to Changchun. I first visited Changchun in 1975 after the visit to Daqing. We visited the First Automobile Plant, with campus like environment. It was a striking contrast with Daqing. It was obvious for a poor China that there should be the call "for industries, learn from Daqing".

I visited HUANG's dormitory. It was just a single room, very simply furnished, although he held the rank of senior engineer.

I did not have chance to meet him again. He passed away in early 2000s. He never was able to transfer back to Shanghai, and never married.

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1982 年春季学期，布朗大学批准我学术休假。我决定这学期主要在武汉大学。二月初赴武汉途中经停上海。有一天下午，黄幼农来旅馆看我，他是我在中大附中的同学。

我只大概记得黄幼农。在 40 个左右的同学中，我只能比较完整生动地记得 10 个左右。但黄幼农那时做了件很棒的事情。他设法收集了我们那届所有同学——不只我们班——的地址，并发给大家。当然，名单并不全，有的已经过世，有的找不着。正是靠着这份地址表，我在 80 年代初的中国之行，才能找到我的同学们，并与他们会面。

我们一起吃晚饭，谈起 1948 年之后的经历。他中学毕业后去了上海交通大学的电子工程系，他学的是电力工程，毕业后送去了东北。1956 年，他划了右派，呆在东北，没有结过婚。他说我们 1950 届在 1947 年入学的时候有差不多 250 位同学，但 1950 年毕业时仅剩 90 人。这 90 位同学中，有 15 人划了右派，比例异乎寻常地高。

他想回上海、结婚。没有关系，他基本上完全没机会回上海，没有上海女人会嫁给在东北的他。他又不愿意娶个东北女人，因为一旦在那儿安顿下来，他就再也不能回上海了。

他提起李绪曾，我告诉他李绪曾赴台后跟我成了好朋友。他说李绪曾在重庆读初中的时候跟他邻座。他们两家相互关系也很近。他们父母 48 年末讨论过是否去台湾。他让我回美国后问候李绪曾。但我跟李绪曾谈起黄幼农时，他完全记不得黄幼农了。

部分由于他的坚持，我武汉教书结束后去长春的吉林大学访问了两周。这是我第二次访问长春。我第一次是 1975 年访问大庆后去过长春。我们访问了有着校园般环境的一汽。他和大庆相比截然不同。显然，对于贫穷的中国来说，得有口号“工业学大庆”。

我去了黄幼农的宿舍。这只是个单间，非常简单的装饰，尽管他有着高工的职称。

后来我再没有机会见到他。他 00 年代初过世。从没有迁回上海，也从没有结婚。

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