

第七章：臺大終極篇

民國五十二年暑假，經過十二週成功嶺的軍事訓練（見第五十一頁的圖十和圖十一），我們都練得很結實。軍事訓練確實改變了我們的生命，我們變得更有紀律、更強壯。我住臺大第六宿舍，離食堂的廚房很近。他們常買很便宜的魚，不是很新鮮，為了讓魚的味道好聞一點，就放在油鍋裏炸，結果臭氣還是傳到我房間。我想我不該吃那裏的魚，但因為價錢便宜就買了。直到現在我還健在，可見那些魚對我的健康並無大礙。我們的早餐是稀飯，他們為了好煮就在裏面放鹼，煮到裏面一粒米都看不到。我想我吃了許多鹼，但一天只花六塊錢臺幣可以吃三餐，實在不能要求太多。

當時家教的收入，一個月大概臺幣三、四百塊，加上兩個獎學金，生活還不成問題。班上有位同學是全職家教，幾乎都不來上課。他總是在考試前一天晚上十一點以後來跟我借筆記，然後就讀我的筆記讀到天亮去考試，還考過了。我想他一定是一個天才，才能靠讀我的筆記幾個小時就過關，他名叫羅光雄，後來變成一個很富有的包商。自從中學開始，同學就常常借我的課堂筆記和作業，我也很驕傲我的筆記和作業都是最暢銷的。

臺大實在有太多不夠資格的教授，例如：第四年有門課是「都市計畫，」那門課的盧毓駿教授大概只出現了一兩次。又如：丁觀海教授教向量和張量分析時常遲到，眼睛還閉著面對黑板。他會一直在黑板上寫公式，寫到一半如果下課鐘響，就馬上把粉筆丟下。聽說他打麻將打到天亮，就來教課，所以下一課就得回去補眠，真是個好老師？！他是密西根大學碩士畢業，他的老師就是傳奇人物提摩盛科教授。他兒子後來在美國得到諾貝爾獎，丁教授父子想必很聰明，丁教授根本沒教多少張量分析，因為他丟了很多粉筆。

Chapter Seven: Concluding in NTU

After twelve weeks military training (See Pictures 10 and 11 on Pages 51) in the summer of 1963, the tough military training in Cheng Kong Ridge (成功嶺) shaped us up. The military training indeed changed our life. We became stronger and more disciplined. I stayed in National Taiwan University Dormitory No. 6. It was close to the kitchen of the cafeteria. They bought cheap fish which was not very fresh. They had to boil it in an oil pan to make it smell good. During the boiling process, the bad odor reached our room. I did not think that I should eat it, but the price was right. I ate it and I am still here. It obviously did not do me any harm. Breakfast was rice soup. They added alkaline to make it easier to cook. After they cooked it, you could not find a single rice particle from the soup. I believe that I took in a lot of alkaline. It was NT\$ 6.00 per day for three meals, so we could not ask too much. I made about NT\$ 300 to 400 per month for my tutoring jobs. With my two scholarships, I was pretty much self-supporting. One of our classmates was a full-time tutor. He very seldom showed up in class. He always came to me after 11 pm and borrowed my class notes before the test date. He started to review my class notes until dawn, and he passed the exam. I believed he was a genius who could pass the exam by reading my notes in a few hours. His name was K.H. Lo (羅光雄). He became a wealthy contractor later. Since my high school time, my classmates always borrowed my homework, I felt honored that my class notes and homework were best sellers.

In my senior year, there was a class titled “City Planning and Development.” Professor Lu (盧毓駿教授) probably only showed up once or twice. At NTU, there were too many incompetent professors. Professor Ting (丁觀海教授) once offered “Vector and Tensor Analysis (向量和張量分析).” He came to class late with his eyes closed and faced the blackboard. He kept writing formulas, and he would drop his chalk halfway during his writing as soon as the class bell rang. The rumor was: He played Mahjong game until dawn, he then came to teach. He needed to go back to sleep after class. What a teacher! His son won Nobel Physics Prize in U.S. later. He graduated from University of Michigan with a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree; he was a student of legendary Professor Timoshenko. He and his son must be very bright. He did not teach “Tensor Analysis” at all, since he dropped so much chalk.

記得大三時，有一個從電機系來的講師叫姜泰祺，教我們電機工程，心理不太正常。我在第六宿舍有六個室友，都是電機系的，他們跟我講了很多姜老師的事。他期末考出二十五道是非題，答案卷上有四列空白，最上面分別寫著是、非、是、非，而第一列則是題目的序號。我很驚訝看到是非題居然會有四種答案，照理說應該只有兩種：是或非。考試時你旁邊的同學跟你的題目不一樣，他把問題次序改組使大家無法作弊，因為臺大土木工程系有太多人考試作弊，所以他不得不防，這點我倒很認同他。後來他跟我們解釋為何答案卷上有四列空白。他說如果答案是「是」就在第二列打 X，如果答案是「非」就在第三列打 X，而這兩列是讓我們練習用的，他不會打分數。他要我們在第一次練習時，把所有的答案寫在這兩列，然後再回顧一次問題的答案，再把答案寫在第四或第五列，一旦寫完就不能更改，錯一題倒扣四分，所以最後的總分在負一百分到正一百分之間。我記得有人得到很高的負分，因為他每一題都回答並且錯了很多。如果你那一題沒答就不會得分，但也不會失分。姜老師警告我們不要太貪心，每題都想回答，我覺得他真是一個怪人。大四時，他教「電腦概論，」我們土木系只有一個人修他的課，我們都勸那位同學退出。所以我畢業時並沒有任何電腦的基礎。

In my junior year, we had an instructor from EED. He was Jiang Tai-Chi (姜泰祺) and offered “Electrical Engineering.” Jiang was not psychologically sound. I had six roommates (majoring EE) in NTU Dormitory No. 6. They told me a lot about him. His final had 25 true or false questions. The answer sheet had four blank columns. Heading is: “True” “False” “True” ” False” across. The first column was the question number. I was totally surprised to see there were four answers to a true or false question. It should have only two, i.e. true or false. Your neighbor in the exam room did not have the same question as yours. He reshuffled the order of questions and made it impossible for cheaters, since there was too much cheating in NTU’s CE Department. I totally agreed with him on this count. We all had the same questions except the order. He then explained the four blank columns were for us to mark “true” on the first blank column or “false” on the second blank column with an “X.” The first two blank columns were for practicing, he would not grade them. We should finish all of questions by marking the first or second blank column on the first trial. He then told us to review the answers one more time and then marked on the third or fourth blank column. We could not change the answer once it was marked. Any wrong answer would receive a negative score of four points. The final score could range from -100 to +100. I remembered someone had a pretty high negative, since he answered every question and did not do well. You could skip any question. You would not get any score, nor would you lose any score. He warned us not to be greedy to answer every question. I think he was a weirdo. He offered “Introduction of Computer” in our senior year. There was only one from our class CE 1964 who took his course. We all talked him out of it. Therefore I graduated without any computer training.