A chip off the old block

and the thing which adumbrates a slight hope for his salvation, is the fact that he is a function of a great many variables. He is not a constant, unchanging mass of protoplasm, habit, and Walker food; he is not even always a brownbagger.

Many of the best of us have succumbed to the necessity of adopting his mode of living for various (and sometimes, alas, extended) periods of time. With the prospect of a D staring him in the face it would take something stronger than the average Tech man to resist the impulse to brownbag. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

To sum up the conclusions arrived at from our investigation, the brownbagger is an amorphous being, sometimes reprehensible, more often just pitiable, always heavily ringed under the eyes from lack of sleep occasioned by excess burning of the midnight oil.

We are all of us in danger, at one time or another, of becoming brownbaggers — nay — most of us on such occasions actually become members of that weird brotherhood of Green Eye-Shade Wearers. Therefore it is not for us to condemn them, as a group, for their manifold indecencies and incivilities — for we would be hard put to it to find a man qualified to cast the first stone.

Personally, we say, "Here's to the brownbagger, pride of our school; may his eye never tire nor his back ever ache, and may he continue to garner his H's, for who knows but that we may one day be in need of his knowledge and his council! "Prosit!"

[The only trouble with this toast is that the real brownbaggers are all so busy brownbagging that they do not know I am toasting them.]

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