You are a Representative

Almost every time we meet someone and mention that we’re from M.I.T. their first reaction is, “That’s a tough school.” Do they really work you as hard as they say? Somehow this statement seems to flatter us and we condemn ourselves by saying, “Yes, it is pretty rough. Work all the time, you know, and Never enough sleep.”

A lot of talk about Tech is not only justified, but necessary. But this is not the case.

On a recent trip to some preparatory schools the reactions of some of the boys were pretty striking when they heard that you were from M.I.T. One boy started out by saying, “Sure I’d like to go to Tech. I know that you don’t have any sports or fun here but that’s kid stuff. I spend most of my school time up here studying and I think it’s worth it.” Another boy

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A good number of teachers in these schools contributed their bit as passionate advocates about life at the Institute. A frequently heard tale was the one of the best student at the school that went to Tech and flunked out in the first term. One instructor had donated the idea that they flunk you if you make an erasure on your quiz paper.

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For a school of our size we have fine athletic teams though they are not the major work of the school. We have a helpful and supportive social scene. We have clubs, publications and societies to suit every taste. And we have a highly developed student government. On the other side of the ledger we have long homework hours, short vacations, difficult courses, and societies to suit every taste. And we have a fine school here with a department of Naval Architecture and Engineering.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Cambridge, Mass. recently held its annual banquet at the Oak Room Club and the following officers were installed:

President: C. A. L. Watson
Vice-President: B. E. B. Smith
Secretary: W. H. Connolly
Treasurer: J. H. H. Brown

The banquet was attended by many members of the Society and guests from other societies.

The Institute Flying Club recently announced the acquisition of a new plane for the club’s use. The plane, a Cessna 140, will be used for practice in conjunction with the present plane, a Cessna 150. The Cessna 140 will be at the regular meeting in Room 1-16.

The purchase of the second airplane was made possible by the recent expansion of the club to include 151 members as well as the grant of the club by the Institute Board of Directors.

The Cessna 140 will be purchased and used as the same airplane as the Cessna 150. The Cessna 150 has many advantages for the members of the club, such as a radio transmitter, cabin soundproofing, a 150,000 candlepower landing light, and a very complete set of flight instruments. The Flying Club will operate at least one of its planes this summer. During the regular school year the club plans to have motion pictures from the Civil Aeronautics Administration and weekly ground school classes in subjects ranging from the art of speaking to spotting landings and precision spins.

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