walking textbook...

CIA challenged

Over a half century ago, The Tech published this article arguing students to seek diversity in their lives at MIT, rather than becoming locked into the (sometimes narrow) familiar role of bookworms, gurus, and H's and C's.

Reprinted from September, 1925. Any resemblance to actual MIT students, living or dead, is entirely probable.

Once there was a freshman who came to Technology and said to all who would listen to him that he came here to study and learn all the old dude could teach him and he would shanghaied into any of those activities, not on your life!

Many there were who gazed pityingly at this poor, misguided youth who attempted to remonstrate with him and shake the light. But he was obstinate. "Activities are bunk," he said. "Why look a here, I'm going to bid for his services, most likely."

Concerns that are undoubtedly getting out. He is having some trouble about something to do when he gets out. He is having some trouble to decide which of the large concerns that are undoubtedly going to bid for his services, most deserved them. A man who can rate "H's" and "C's" the way he would like to do, is having some trouble.

His Chance came. An official president of the corporation.

"Grades OK, I suppose, or any culture college could be proud of in their services to the country,' it insists upon the right to promulgate rules and regulations. An academic institution throughout the whole world of action, pleasure, profit, loss to him.

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"No work, no athletics, no practice in anything but studying, no activities, no - Good Gaid! Bring on the next animated textbook."

Here we must leave him. Tempted eyes and lack of space prevent further grim recitals. We could — but we won't — tell of his few acquaintances, men he was thrown with in class — had the next seat or the same lab experiment; his lack of knowledge of real Tech life; the few pleasurable impressions he was to take away with him; his inability to meet fellow-lore and get along with them — everything he missed by sticking to studies and nothing else. A whole world of action, pleasure, profit, loss to him.

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OOF "No, any time, no way to waste doing that stuff. I couldn't ha' gotten the rank I did on —"

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