Pick experiences with eye to future

One thing they do not teach you in 8.01 is that time is a function of standing between the first and second derivatives are positive.

In other words, I can't believe four years go by and that I am no longer a fresh-faced freshman fretting free fruit food, but I have become a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I am an ex-student. I am a real-worlder.

This realization, while jarring to my present sense of reality, has somehow also provided a sense of perspective on my time here. Even though I'm still in contact with some of my friends, my work and The Tech, I am no part of the system. Since MIT no longer affects me, I can study if it, not better, than at least differentially.

I noticed that most of what freshmen have in common are terms that are happening "now" and how to deal with them "now." "Time," "classes," "friends," groups, activities, social life. Freshmen and upperclassmen, too, do in terms of "now" is naturally impossible. "Now" frequently seems to be all there is at MIT. When it does not seem most valuable, people may say "I could've done something else" while the summer for $13.00 per year Third Class by 32.

What the freshmen, and upper-order, group's, activities, social life. Them "now" - classes, living concerns things that are happening very quickly. You're going to realize that in mind when you pick your major will allow, you meet than from the classes you are taking. Allow time for a social life. Then work at it. You should have a major in the summer for $13.00 per year Third Class by 32.

You are at MIT for such a long time than you will be here. Keep your eye open for different academic opportunities. You have to realize that if you can't regret missed opportunities. You have to realize that if you can't regret missed experiences that worked for me:

- Activities: You cannot do everything at MIT, but finding a place where you can work at something other than academics can provide you with the most rewarding college experiences. Sometimes they are at surprisingly interesting activities and pick the one that satisfies you.
- Experiences: There is nothing so much of a bad experience. What to do turn out be unpleasant are wholesome if you college. But you should only avoid experiences that could limit your ability to experience other things (like jumping off a building), or those that could hurt others (like building on to someone).

No matter how interminable MIT may seem, it's really over soon. You can't quickly go on to something for a much longer time than you will be here. Keep your eye open for different academic opportunities. You have to realize that if you can't regret missed experiences that worked for me:

I must agree that giving a starving man more food isn't going to cure his hunger. But isn't it better to give him one meal rather than nothing? There is a limit to how much time, energy, and money a person can afford to give. Some people do choose to devote their lives to this cause, and I commend them. Everyone, however, shouldn't be expected to do so.

People have got to live their own lives. There is unfairness and injustice in the world long before western civilization arose.

why are we being blamed for it?

The moral majority, the press, second grade teachers and an endless number of charities all agree on how we're not doing the right thing, how we're merely advocating short-term, financially easy solutions that won't drain our resources too much but won't solve the problem either. I'd like to know how we can do any better. Short term donations are the most plentiful avenues of charity open to us. The child sponsor programs, the Peace Corps, and other long term programs are more demanding, less numerous and often not the best solution either. Just because today I have money to donate doesn't mean I'll have the money later.

I believe that people are generally good. They care about other people. Some of us are, and when the country needs help, and they did it. We had no idea what the world turn for a bit and prevented. This was the summer of Live Aid, when the countries of the world got together for a common cause. For those of us there was a long time coming. "I was . . . woodstock, and it was a long time coming." The concert was also, according to one, of the most selfless and despicable acts we've ever done. I didn't understand this accusation; how could a massive act of benevolence be selfless? Not even the poorly funds and roll aspects of the event, the theory seemed incredible.

What were the criticizing sections weren't Live Aid in particular, but any form of charity we make. To them, it isn't enough. We're convinced that we are not as selfish and wasteful as we are in society and how our one-time charitable contributions are not going to help in the long run; in some cases they may even make things worse.

The concert stood or it was. I must accept that the Live Aid was an efficient concert. Thousands of people went to see the concert because of their own conscience, there is a tremendous sense of satisfaction at not having done anything. The example which stood out was deeply the Live Aid concert. Thousands of people went to see the concert and enticed the centers, of course, they went to hear the performers, but everyone expected that their money would be put to good use.

Before the concert millions of people bought records by Band Aid and USA for Africa, which certainly weren't the rock and roll tour de force the concert was. An entire society saw some opportunity to help, and they did so with a passion and vengeance which surprised everyone. People thought: "Hey, if my ten dollars can make a difference, I'll buy this record. It makes me feel good to do something." What happened next? I read a newspaper column decrying the ten dollar quick fix solution. I read how we're being selfish by buying this record, since it will temporarily allow our feelings of guilt at being such a wasteful society and allow us to sleep better for a few nights.

For crying out loud, is everything we do wrong? There are so many roads to travel, so many options to consider and choices to make that we're beset by confusion and perplexity. This often leads to indifference and apathy: "I don't do it". Then I can avoid hurting anyone by not doing anything. Is this a better attitude to take?

At this point in an argument my debate partners would ask for my solution to the problems. I would reply, I don't know how to eradicate world hunger or how to organize an effective charity which satisfies everyone. I've been reproved for this answer, I don't even know how to help, and I don't know how to eradicate world hunger or how to organize an effective charity which satisfies everyone.

Sure it's working. We've got a society of people who truly want to help in some way and are perpetually frustrated since everything they do is condemned as a quick fix and guilts pacifier. No, I can't offer any solution. But I can look around and see the tension in the air. Why this pressure, why the negativity, why is everything we do wrong? What's doing anything better?