

**AM I GETTING ALL THAT I CAN
OUT OF MY FOUR YEARS
AT COLLEGE?**

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The above question is something which, to my mind, ought to concern every student of the A. and M. College. I shall take it as my task to answer it for them in this short article, and in doing so it becomes expedient for me to put to your mind still a second question, and that is, "How can I get the most out of my college life?"

The gist of the answer which I now place before you for your acceptance is that every student, whether he be a young Freshman or a more experienced Senior, should try so much as he can to **BROADEN HIS FIELD OF SERVICE AND KNOWLEDGE.** "Knowledge is power." Just think, my friends. The people of this great and wealthy state have put here **AT YOUR SERVICE** an immense plant and a great number of men to train you and to teach you how to become better and more useful citizens of this commonwealth. Are you, then, taking advantage of this kindness and equipping yourself as the state and its people would have you do?

Do not, for one moment, think that all that is required of you is to attend classes and listen to the lectures. That is only the **ROUTINE** of your work here, and the boy or man who does not get above his routine will never rise above his fellows. Let me illustrate by a concrete example.

We shall say that you intend to make an engineer or a trained agriculturist out of yourself. Now are you merely studying the daily lessons as your professors assign them to you and no more, or are you looking ahead and filling your mind with all the possible information that can be gotten on that particular subject, both from textbooks and from daily life out in the open world. That determines whether or not you are interested in your line of work and study or not, and to a large extent, your future success in it. That is one way to get all you can out of your college course, but that is not the only way.

Thank God, there is more to life than just work, work. You young men have the athletic and social side of college to take care of. It has been freely discussed whether a boy gets more good from the studying and thinking efforts he may have to make, and the discipline which a college training affords, or, on the other hand, from the associations he forms while at school, and the coming in contact with a good many refined and educated men. Personally, the latter idea appeals to me. I know from my own experience, and I have heard a good many others express themselves likewise. Therefore, my friends, learn intimately as many of the professors and instructors as you can and, above all, make as many acquaintances and friends among your fellow students as possible. You have no idea how nice it is to arrive in some strange place and find a young fellow to greet you with "Hello, Bill, how are you, and what have you done since leaving college?"

My young friends, life is a great privilege, but at the same time a great responsibility. Sometimes I think it is even tragic. Here you are with no cares whatever, happy and cheerful, while some hundreds of miles away your father and mother, sisters and brothers, are out in the open field of life's battle. You owe it to them to make the most out of all

this. Cultivate cheerfulness, happiness, and good clean manners. Learn to love someone that will give you something to work for and put the fires of ambition in you. **BUT, ABOVE ALL, look heaven and earth straight in the face and say to yourself:** "I may not be the **GREATEST** engineer, or the **BEST** farmer, or the **MOST ACCURATE** chemist, but I will use what talents I have toward making myself **AS GREAT** an engineer, **AS GOOD** a farmer, and **AS ACCURATE** a chemist as I possible can." Thereby you will get all you can out of your four years of college.

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**TEXTILE ENGINEERING
SOCIETY ORGANIZED**

Last Friday evening the T. E. students met in the Textile building and organized into a society. The gathering, composed of all the enrolled T. E.'s, was quite an enthusiastic meeting, and from the interest manifested promises to be a permanent success at the start.

Professor Tatum undertook the ini-

tiative step in calling the students of that branch together. After calling the room to order he briefly outlined his plan for the organization, putting forth clearly the objects and possible results of such. The plan met with instant and unanimous approval, and the gathering organized, dubbing themselves the Textile Engineering Society.

The following officers were elected to serve for the remainder of the year: J. W. H. Collins, president; E. Driess, vice president; J. O'Brien, secretary-treasurer.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

Committee on By-Laws—Professor Tatum, chairman; E. Driess, G. W. Sansom, R. L. Mower.

Program Committee—J. W. H. Collins, Rhodes, E. A. Mittan, J. B. Tigner.

Refreshment Committee—J. D. Harris, J. B. Tigner, Rhodes, J. H. Bowden, C. E. Crockett, J. R. Corley.

Driess and Rhodes were appointed to select the pins for the society.

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