University is not an All-forgiven World

In *The Commencement Speech You Will Never Hear*, Jacob expresses his opinion on college education that what it provides for the students is a nonexistent, all-forgiven world where failure leaves no record.  And teachers always tolerate students' mistakes no matter how serious the matter is. In a word, he doesn’t perceive college as a good preparatory school for real life.

But as Timothee argues that “He is completely ignoring all the pressures and hard times students go through to make it at college”. College life is not the way he describes it at all. The evidence he puts forward to support his point of view is too one-sided and not persuasive enough. For myself, I believe that failure will be recorded. Not all teachers we meet are the ones, he argues. So I don’t view college education as an all-forgiven world.

Actually, it is not always true that students’ failure leaves with no record, and if a student forgets his or her appointment, the faculty will change their schedule. The author might be correct that sometimes college spoils students and makes students too cozy, as it is logical to see examples of that in other parts of life. But for the most part, failure we make will result in some bad consequences for us. For example, if you fail in a exam at Zhejiang University, you cannot apply for any scholarship in that semester and you have to take a make-up exam to cover up your failure on your transcript in which you can get at most a grade of 60.

It’s not always the case that teachers will forgive all mistakes we make. For most teachers who is responsible and caring, if you don’t hand in your paperwork or upload your e-file, you will have to face their fierce faces and you won’t get a B in your final score easily. So teachers are not the men who “pretend not to care”. And in this case, there's no doubt that your failure will be recorded in your teachers’ minds.

In fact, in college we learn how to fit ourselves into society. As Ida says, “we start to be independent, make crucial decisions on our own, and become responsible for them”. Once we leave our parents, we must learn to achieve a balance between your curriculums and our work and be tolerant of other people’s different opinions. So college life is like a tutorial course before we enter society. This is not a world that is not existent or virtual.

In a word, I consider that college is not an all-forgiven world. For us students, we must learn how to become a better person here and prepare ourselves well to enter the society.