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Donor 3186 Interview Notes

Donor 3186 struck me as being very bright and responsible, slightly shy but with a detectable playfulness and sense of humor. He is in his first year of college and currently undecided on his major. He spoke of possibly studying business, but of having a strong affinity for math and the sciences. He spoke of wanting to be a physician when he was younger, but has since been turned off by the highly competitive nature of the pre-med classes at school.

Rowing has sparked the donor's interest this year and he was nominated to take the "stroke" position on the rowing team. He explained this to be the position with the most responsibility as he sets the pace for the team. It was a position no one else felt comfortable taking, but he happily took it on. Being in a position of leadership has been a pattern in the donor's life. He attributes this to being able to focus well. The donor also shows good discipline and dedication by attending rowing practice 6 days a week and studying hard to achieve good grades.

While discussing his interests and strengths the donor stated that he was still searching for his passion in life. He excels at many things, particularly writing, languages, math and science, though doesn't feel that he has found his niche yet. He has a strong sense of responsibility and spoke of constantly trying to live up to the unspoken expectations of his parents by using his time wisely instead of in what he sees as frivolous pursuits – although he quite enjoys lazing around and watching a good film or going mountain biking.

At the time of the interview the donor was still quite a young man. He is tall and lean. He is handsome and his Greek roots are apparent in his coloring and his features. He has large, soft brown eyes. The donor has a lovely smile and a charming coyness about him. He struck me as the kind of person one would trust with their deepest secrets, and also someone who, once you got to know him, would be a good deal of fun to pal around with.

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