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Dearest Mother:-

Your fine letter arrived yesterday, and since you asked several questions, I will take them up one by one. The mirror arrived the day before Carnival, and it was a good thing you mentioned it, because I was too busy to unwrap it when it came, so I just put it under my bed and forgot about it. After I got up this morning, I opened the box and found that it had come through in perfect shape, without any damage at all. I proceeded to hang it, and it now adorns my otherwise barren bedroom. Thank you all very much for sending it; I think it will be very useful.

Yes, darling, your Valentine arrived just before Valentine's day. The cookies were in fairly good shape, although the surprise cookies were pretty well broken up. We certainly enjoy them just the same. I don't think you ever did a better job on the oatmeal cookies; they are excellent, and won't last any time at all, I'm afraid. I feel real guilty for not sending you a valentine, but you know you have my love and good wishes anyway.

I am very interested in your account of the O.S.U. professor. What he says about the fraternity situation is about right. The Psi U's and Alpha Delts recently disbanded at Yale. It was not because they weren't good houses, but because of administrative pressure against the fraternities. All remaining fraternities were forced to reorganize some of their activities, and there is some doubt as to whether they will be able to continue under the new scheme or not. I think he somewhat exaggerated the importance

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of the University of Chicago. Around here they think that their educational policy goes beyond the bounds of liberalism to plain foolishness. Michigan, Wisconsin, and Northwestern all have a better reputation among the professors here than Chicago. On fraternities again, I was talking to a Beta the other day, and he was very bitter against the national organization. I used to hear a great deal from Frank Heath about the interference they made, but I thought the visit of Dr. Shepardson last Spring had cleared the air pretty well. Apparently not.

Strange as it may seem, I haven't seen Eddy at all since Carnival, so I haven't had a chance to ask him the story on the Carnival date business. It's perfectly obvious, however, that he didn't have Bobby, or I would have heard about it. I think that's a swell joke on the Shai's, and it serves them right for talking about it in advance.

There were some very good pictures of Carnival in the New York Times rotogravure section last Sunday. You want to see them if you have a chance. I am saving the page, but it is a little large to send in a letter, so I will bring it home spring vacation if you don't get one. Everyone is tired of winter now. It's been snowing hard this morning, and I have heard several expressions of disgust. The weather since Carnival has been warm and pleasant. At one time we were threatened with a thaw, but after one or two rather sloppy days it got colder again. The old timers, including the janitor at the Tri-Kap house do not think there will be much

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more severely cold weather, although of course there is bound to be some more.

This coming week-end there is an event known as the Alumni Carnival. Just exactly why they have it is unknown, for it arouses little interest, and few people come to town for it. This year they are making more of an effort. The Players are going to repeat the Carnival show, "The Pirates of Penzance". One of the light managers is going to be out of town, so they have asked me to fill in. I agreed, as there will only be two rehearsals and one performance. I imagine it will be a lot of fun, if rather brief. Of course I ought to spend my time on my work, but after all, grades this coming semester will not mean very much, so I believe it more advisable to enjoy my last semester here as much as possible. The profs. show no signs of relenting, though, and in fact seem to pile the work on as merrily as ever.

I suppose you have received the grades some time ago. I found out from various sources what I was going to get, so I wasn't very surprised, one way or the other. I don't mind missing 4., as I think 3.8 is just as good for my purposes. There are always a lot of Seniors who get 4., but usually their previous average is so low that it doesn't do them much good. Two fellows I know of who got 4. are trying to get it both semesters in order to make Phi Beta Kappa in June. If they get 4. again next semester their average will be exactly 3.25, the minimum Phi Beta grade. One said he wished he hadn't made his 4., as then he wouldn't have to worry about it any more. Well, dear, it is 10 o'clock now, so I will stop. Please give my love to all the folks, and keep a lot for you.

William

