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Dear Mother: -

How sorry I was too hear that Katzie had passed to his final reward. I hope that he was not run over, but just died naturally and painlessly.

Well, the big night is over. Yes, I mean the fraternity pledge night. It climaxed a week such as I hope I never have to go through again. Personally, I had nothing to worry about, as I was all set, but we had to make a desperate effort to get Dick. The Betas found out that his father was a Beta, and gave him a big rush, while Prof. Bolser, a friend af Dick's family's, spoke to the Signa Chis about him, and as the Sigs have a new house to pay for, they were only to glad to rush some one with as much money as Dick. For a while he eliminated the Sigs, and we thought sure he was going Beta. Then, just at the wrong time, they came the sign and invited him to their banquet. They had a lot of fellows that Dick knew slightly and liked, and this made a great appeal. Furthermore, he refused to make up his mind. He told each of the three that he would make up his minddSaturday and go up too the house he preferred Saturday evening to sign the chinning card. One minute he would seem favorable to us and the next minute we would be sure he was going Sigma Chi. Friday night after the Sig banquet, the tri-Kaps called and talked to him, suggesting that he had had plenty of time to make up his mind, but he said he wasn't ready to decide yet. After that George Donebue and the other fellows Next Ohio Hardware Association Convention and Exhibit, Cleveland, February 17-21, 1931

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thought that he was headed straight for Sigma Chi. He positively refused to say a word until Baturday evening. They told me to try to get him up to the house for a few minutes anyway even if he had decided not to come our way. So at seven o'clock he and I started up the street. When we got up near the houses he said, "Would you like to step into the Sigma Chi house with me? I'll just be a minute". My heart fluttered with hope, and in we went. He found some one he knew and told him that he had decided to go tru-Kap. Then we went over to our house, signed the chinning card and went to a show. I don't know when I've been on such a nervous strain as I was during that week when he seemed to be Changing his mind almost hourly.

To make a long story short, at twelve o'clock the formal bids were delivered to the rooms, and we signed them and wenty up that house. There we received our pledge pins, which are small shields, white with a green border. We had a lot of fun watching the fellows who were well ciled for an hour or so, then we went down to Saia's to get something to eat. The fraternity extra came out about 1:30 and we all bought a copy to see where everyone went. We had a total of 22 pledges, which was exceeded only by the Dekes with 27 and the Sigma Chi's with 24, so the boys feel very proud of themselves. It is a much better delegation than they got last year. For a while they thought they would have the initiation next week, but they have decided to put it off, probably

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until after fall house parties. Our "hell week" only lasts two days, Friday and Saturday, so it is not as bad as in other colleges. If you haven't heard already, Eddie Williams went Psi U. I to und out about it from Frank Heath just a few days before the pledging night. They have their usual good delegation so ably described by the phrase 'sporting gentlemen'. The Dekes got all the big athletes as they always do, but the Phi Gams, it seems to me, did mi not do as well as might be expected from the third ranking fraternity in the school. The Alpha Delts got a good bunch, but the Chi Phis didn't do so well, due possibly to the fact that the house in on the rocks financially. That puts the Chi Phis definately in the same class as the tri-Kaps. We beats the Betas hollow this year, and easily equaled the Zetes. The Sigs came up a good deal this year, possibly chough to rate them in the same class with the tri-Kaps, Detas, and Zetes. They have a very attractive new house.

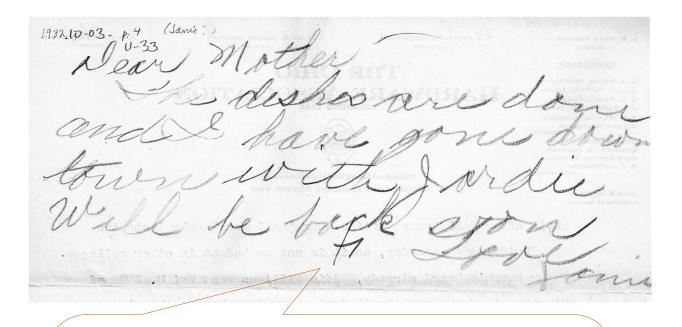
Thankes so much for the cookies. I have not eaten the new ones yet, but the brownies were better than usual, the and that means a lot. I am glad that you did not send a knife, for just after I wrote to you, I happened to pick up the cushon of my chair and found it where it had been ever since last spring.

How is grandpa anyway? I hope he is getting along all right. Let me know how Detty and Aunt Mamie are, too. Hope you

are all we ll and not working or worrying to much.

With love.

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Dear Mother

The dishes are done and I have gone down town with Jordie

Will be back soon

Love

Janie