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Monday evening

Dear Daddy:-

I have just a few minutes before time for supper to write you a brief note. Everything is coming along fine now. The fraternity initiation is set for Thursday and Friday. Thursday we have to go up to the house with a sheet, a pillowcase, a wooden crate, and a three foot piece of rope. In addition to all the stuff at the house, after that is over, we do some road work, which means going for a ride and walking back. Usually you have to bring something back with you such as the sign from the Pompanoosuc railroad station. Last year some fellows were taken down to Leb and told to copy all the names on the soldier's monument backward, then walk back to Hanover. They didn't get back until six A.M. I am hoping for the best. Friday night is the formal banquet when all the alumni (including the profs.) are there. I will need my tux for that occasion, so if mother hasn't sent my dress shirt, tie, studs, and cuff links yet, she'd better get at it. I would prefer an already tied tie, because as you know I couldn't tie a bow tie if my life depended on it.

Every day this week up to and including Thursday, each pledge has to go up to the house half an hour each day and announce the full three names, home town, and class of each member that enters the house during that time. I have from 3 to 3:30, and I didn't have any trouble as there weren't many there at that

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time, and those that were there I knew. I am certainly glad that the initiation will be over soon so I can get back to my regular quiet mode of living.

You have probably heard by this time that Eddie Williams went Psi U. This is certainly fine because they have a splendid reputation around here. That Fulton fellow from Lancaster went there too. I think he and Eddie are rooming together this year. Eddie was over the other night and we had a nice long talk.

I almost went to the Harvard game this year. It happened this way. Francis got permission from his parents to use their car to go down in, and he has a friend there who can put him up, so he suggested that I go with him, stay in the same place and have a good time. We put in the applications for our tickets, but last week end Francis got feeling terribly blue and homesick, and has decided that it would be too much trouble to go. This is sort of hard on me as he had told me I could count on him, but when he has his moody spells there is nothing you can do with him. If I had gone with him there would have been very little expense, because the tickets are only two dollars forty plus a tax book coupon which I have to pay for anyway whether I go or not. Francis is still in the dumps today, and if he doesn't come out of it in a day or two, I will give up all vestiges of hope. I had thought that I might take Kate Montgomery to the game, too, as Francis was going to take a girl, and Dick was going to take his sister. But the best laid plans -----.

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Mother said something in her last letter about giving you some idea of my monthly expenses. The first month has been so bad that I have not been able to keep any definite account. Books have been tremendously expensive, and in many cases the editions were new so second hand copies were not available. All I know is that when the check arrived I had just two dollars left between me and the well-known wolf. For instance, there is a ten dollar deposit required on laboratory equipment in Chem. That took a darn good chunk out of my slender fund. As for permanent expenses there is eating which you can write down as \$32.00 per month. The fraternity will be \$100.00 for the first year, and I have that money with me. I have not opened a checking account yet as I have never had enough money to avoid a .50 payment per month. Then of course there is the federal tax on checks, so I have decided not to start one until I have something to put in it. Other expenses here are small. Of the \$25. that Mother sent, I still have \$17. left, but of course I haven't paid for this weeks board yet. Well, I'll get along all right, so don't worry about me.

I got Betty's letter today, and I want you to tell her as I do not know whether I will have enough time this hell week to answer her letter or not. Also a tie arrived from Minnie and Charline today which I will have to acknowledge. Now it is time to sign off. Tell Aunt Mamie I am thinking of her, and give her my love. Same to Grandpa, Betty, and all the folks.

With love,

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