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Thursday

Dear Daddy:-

I just finished my poly sci exam and so am taking a minute off to get off my long overdue letter. I have had three of my four exams so far - French, chemistry, and political science. The history exam Saturday will be the last. The French exam I expected to be hard, and it was even harder than I expected. We had to translate from English to French a passage full of idioms, and some of the words we have never had. The second question was to write two essays on subjects taken from the book of readings. This was quite easy as I had the questions spotted ahead of time and was all ready for them. The Chem. exam was Tuesday morning, and it was not very hard although I had to hurry a lot more than I wanted to get done. Half the exam was problems, so that was pretty definite. However, I worked one of them three times before I got it right, at least, what I think is right. Tuesday night I started reviewing the whole poly sci course, over 600 pages crammed with facts. During the first parts of the course which I had reviewed for the first and second hour exams, I was able to cover one assignment every half hour. Even this would have taken a long time, but after the second hour exam I found several assignments that I had never read at all, so I had to go over them word by word. Fortunately our instructor had given us an outline of the important things in the course, so I could eliminate certain topics from reading. As it

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was, I didn't finish until quite late and then got up a little earlier than usual to finish up. I just managed to finish by 8:15, and went down to the exam without being able to look over the material at all, a thing I find is very important to fix it in mind. The exam was very long, and I knew much more than I had time to write down, especially in one long and very general question. I just barely finished by scribbling a few words after the time was up. While I didn't do too well in it, I think I can expect at least a B in it, as I was standing a low A (86) in it yesterday, so my prof. said. 84 is A, so I couldn't get less than 82 on the exam and get A on the course. And I can't count on doing that. There is a lot of material to go over for history, too, so I will have to get busy in it this afternoon.

Last evening while I was studying I smelled a very peculiar odor, but I thought it was Bob and didn't do anything. This morning we noticed it again, rather strong, and after we came back from the exam, the janitor cleaned the room and said, "You fellows must have a dead mouse in your room". He said he looked around but hadn't seen anything. The most logical place for a mouse seemed to me to be under the heater, so I looked and saw something that looked like an old shoe, but I knew there wouldn't be a shoe there. I called, Phil (the janitor) who was in the next room, and he came in with his vacuum sweeper and tried to suck it out, but it wouldn't come. Finally we took one of Bob's ski poles and worked it out.

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It was the biggest old rat I ever saw! Huge. Phil Wouldn't pick it up and went down stairs for his dust pan and brush. He bet Heath a quarter that Heath wouldn't pick the rat up in his bare hand and throw it out the window. Heath took him up and won the quarter. How the darn thing ever got in the room is no re than I can say as it is much too big to crawl around the woodwork. The room still smells slightly of dead rat - - .

Monday night I was in the reference librarian's room in the library looking up some back chemistry exams, and I couldn't resist the temptation of looking at one of the old Aegises that ~~are~~ kept there. I picked out the oldest one this time - 1874-75. At that time there were only six frats here, Psi U., KKK, Alpha Delta Phi, D.K.E., and Theta Delt. I happened to glance at a list of the Senior class for that year, and a name, about the third, seemed to jump right out at me. It was Clark Dunham Barrows '05, Newark, Ohio, Have you ever heard of him? As far as I saw, there were no other Newark men in Dartmouth at that time.

We had quite a session here Sunday night. There was a snowfall Sunday, and Sunday night the fellows, looking out the window at the end of the hall by my door saw a window open in Middle Mass. It was only open a few inches, but there was an alarm clock on the sill. So they went out, gathered up some snow in wastebaskets, etc., and began to throw at the window. Apparently there was no one at home, because the window was not shut after at

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least fifteen balls had gone in the room and the window outside was so plastered you couldn't see out. Finally some one made a hard ball and it went sailing through a pane of glass. Shortly after that another pane was broken and the college watchman appeared to request us to desist. Everything quieted down, but when Bob came back from the library and heard about it, nothing would do but he must try. There was another window open, and Butch heaved in three before the owner got it closed and the forth went through. A fellow named Clark tossed one through a pane on the fourth floor to complete the damage. The difference was that this time the fellows in Middle Mass knew who was responsible for it, so about half an hour later, while I was in Heath's room, we heard a crash rapidly followed by two more. We came back to find three panes broken in our window, and later one in the hall, three across the hall, and one on the second floor by mistake. After that brilliant stroke, the boys shut the shutters across their windows, which is very effective in preventing any danger from our direction, but must make the rooms dark. The glazer came around Monday morning to repair ours, so it's all over but paying for it.

Well, as you have probably guessed, the \$50. I left home with is almost gone, sad to say. That is about \$10 a week, as I still have \$13 left. \$8 for board, \$1 for laundry are the usual routine expenses, with the other dollar going where all good dollars go. Any contribution will be gratefully received by

Your little boy,
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Willie

