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Sunday Afternoon.

Dear Mother:-

I'm sorry that I didn't get off my letter on time, but we put on a second presentation of the "The Critic" by Sheridan, the one which was first put on just before Christmas vacation. The occasion this time is the Alumni Carnival, which takes place this week-end. So far as I can see there are very few alumni around, but the show was such a success in December that it was very well attended at \$1.00 a ticket. The representation only cost about \$15, so I expect we made a substantial profit. The Carnival show was also a financial success, as it was well attended, and the production cost was not large, as had been the case with some of our former shows. Lex Paradis went to New York Friday morning and left me in complete charge of the lighting, so you can imagine I had plenty to do. He helped some thru Thursday night, and I was certainly glad he was there as I know so little about focusing the spots. There was not much to do during the play, and what there was went off all right.

Last night Dartmouth took Columbia over the bumps in basketball by a tremendous score, something like 45 to 31, I am not quite sure. We scored 15 points at the beginning of the game without their having scored a single one. I don't think they ever came within 10 points of us at their best, although the scoring was fairly even after the first few minutes. This will bring us up one place in the league, but we must win all our games from now on to place second.

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I just found out from San Parsons (Eddie's room mate) what Eddie got last semester. San didn't know whether he got A or B in history, but even so he only got 1.4, flunking Math and zoology. He must be on pro. Imagine getting E in Math for the second time. I wonder how long he will have to take it? I know one fellow who has completed repeating Evolution for the second time, that is, he has taken it three times, and I don't think he is through with it yet. San said Eddie had been working quite hard too. It is certainly too bad that he should have to waste his time on Math when it seems almost impossible for him to get anything out of it.

Bob got 1.8 this time - not so bad. He got B in archeology, C in philosophy and astronomy, and D in Chem and political science. That takes him off pro, and he is very glad about it, altho he had hoped to do better in all those subjects. He always falls down in the final exam, which is a shame, but that is all that can be expected from his type of mentality. He can learn a small amount fairly well for a short time, but can not do anything when it comes to remembering the whole course. I visited Dr. Smith again just before the grades came out, and he asked me if there was anything we could do about Bob. He said that he had been very much afraid that Bob was going to flunk the course, in spite of his standing a low C when he went into the exam. He said that Bob's exam was very bad, and he had already told Bob that he had gotten only 50 in it. I think that if you get less than 50 in a final, you fail the course no matter what you were standing

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before the exam. I gathered that he had had to stretch a point or so to get Bob's mark up to 50, although he did not say so. He asked me many questions about him, and said that he strongly advised his not taking any more poly sci. Just what the poor devil is going to take I don't know. It seems that everything he takes the profs suggest not going on in that subject. However, Bob has some talent in drawing, and we are trying to work him up to an Art major. He is taking archeology this year, which comes under the Art department. I have definitely decided on a history major as against a poly sci major. I like history much better, and it is much ~~was~~ easier for me. I just barely scraped by for an A in poly sci, my first hour exam being high enough to pull up B's in both the second hour exam and the final.

I had a little trouble in cashing the last check due to the bank vacation in Michigan. Just as a matter of precaution, the bank here was refusing to cash all checks from the Mid West, fearing that the vacation might spread to other states. They held the check for collection for four days, and at the end of that time they gave me the money, so I presume that the banks in Newark are still above board. I certainly hope they stay there. As you probably have a foreboding, the tuition bill is due March 1, although it does not have to be paid until March 10. The amount is 200 dollars.

Last week was a mess, as all the Carnival snow was melting. By yesterday most of it was gone, and things were fairly dry. But not for long. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon it started to snow, and it

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snowed hard until about 4 this morning. (No, I wasn't up. Some one told me.) Altogether, there are about nine inches, and Bob had been going into extasies about it, just like Janie would if she were here. However, having an anti-exstactical nature, I can't help pointing out that it will probably start to melt tomorrow, and then what a lot of slush there will be. It is rather warm today, and the only thing that prevents it from melting right now is that it is cloudy. One thing I have noticed around here is that there are many more sunny days in the winter time than there are in Ohio. This is due, no doubt, to the drier climate (it's a dry cold), and also explains why we don't have much snow, and why what we have doesn't last very long, or at least it hasn't since I have been here.

One day last week there appeared an open letter from the editor-in-chief of the Aegis stating that unless the Aegis received more support from the student body in general, and the seniors in particular, he would not be able to put the book out this year. We are now putting on an extensive subscription campaign, and I sincerely hope that we will be successful, as the least I can get out of the competition is a free copy. The only drawback is that I an expect^{ed} to put in a lot of time on it just when there is another play coming out. I sounded out P aradis on the subject of my not working on this play, but he was very cold to the idea, as it seems that everyone will be needed. Work starts Monday, so I am going to try to do Tuesday's work as well as Monday's today. With lots of love to all,

William
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