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Dear Mother:-

The reason I did not write on Sunday was that I had my final Latin exam Monday morning. When it came time to decide on our exam, Burton suggested that perhaps we didn't need any exam in this course, and that he had been taking daily grades. Every one thought that would be fine, but Ed Hilton, who had been doing poor daily work said he thought we ought to have one. Burton then said that if anyone in the class wanted an exam, he felt as though we ought to have one. After class we all got together and convinced Ed that he didn't want an exam, and we brought up the subject again. The chief reason for opposing the exam was that we thought that it would be mostly sight translation, and that is what I can't do. We talked it over again in class and Burton suggested an hour exam on our last class hour, to cover just the material of some lectures he had given the first part of the semester and some more he was going to give. We thought this was fair enough, and Monday was set for the day. Sunday afternoon all the class (4) got together in the library and went over our notes, so that we would all be working from the same material. We got some books from the library to supplement our notes and had a good time generally. In the exam yesterday, Burton gave us all the time over an hour we needed, and the exam was not too hard anyway. I hope I hit it, but you can never tell. At any rate, that finishes my Latin course for good, so that I now have only four more finals. I guess this is the last Latin I will ever take, and I feel rather bad about it.

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The last couple of weeks have seen a tremendous amount of political manipulation among the fraternities. Two of the fellows in our house organized a coalition of about 14 houses for the purpose of ousting the Psi U - Deke - Phi Gam - Alpha Delt group which had been more or less electing all the officers. As our part our president was elected president of the inter-fraternity council, a position of great importance. Ed Hilton, an Alpha Sig, was elected vice-president, a Sigma Chi secretary, and a fellow from some other house treasurer. Hilton said that was the funniest meeting he ever attended. The executive committee composed of big house men had made up a slate of nominations, composed also of men from the same houses. In every case a nomination was made from the floor, and in every case this nominee was elected. The other houses got their share in Paleopitus nominations, Green Key support, etc. The coalition Green Key candidates were all successful, and thereupon the presidents of the various coalition houses are said to have met and dissolved the coalition.

This all sounds very nice, but it aroused a lot of opposition among the members of our house. We, together with the Sigma Chi's, and the Chi Phi's, are the only good houses in the coalition. All the others are weak, and we do not feel that they are good houses to associate with. Another sore spot is that the whole thing was put over by house polititions without the consent or approval of the members of the various houses. I was talking to a Sig the other day, and he felt the same way about it we do. We are ~~xxx~~ glad it split.

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I remember now getting your letter, and you may be sure I cashed the coupon at once. The gloves unstiffened after they were worn awhile, so that came out all right too.

Our play Anaco was quite a success. Although there were no large crowds, those who did come liked it very much. The hum of the acre of machinery I mentioned in my last letter was produced by setting a small electric motor in front of a microphone and regulating the speed. The tempo of industry was indicated by a metronome, and in 1928 they had three running at full speed. The play was hard to produced technically because of the inadequate equipment of the experimental theater. They have decided that Anaco should be reproduced next fall, and they are going to have the Cit^o profs advise their freshmen to go. This will help them in their course and serve at the same time to introduce them to the Players. There was only one Senior in the play so it will not be hard to put on again. I almost forgot to mention that I was appointed assistant-electrician for next year. This is pretty good when you consider how little I know about it. I was also awarded a charm with the string that I had to pay for it myself. This is the first year that the charms have not been given away. I decided to buy an Aegis charm instead. They are a little more expensive, but much prettier.

I have been very well, and I hope you are all right too. Give my special love to dear Aunt Manie and Betty. I wish I had more time to write letters, but I seem to talk all the extra time away. My exams are pretty much bunched around the end, so I will be good and tired when it is all over. Much love to everybody,

William

