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P.S. Did I leave those stamped self-addressed envelopes that Daddy gave me?

Roberts Hall
J. S. C.
Ames, Iowa
1941

Dear Daddy and Mother,

Well, it's begun again. I have my study schedule all made out and tonight I start slaving over my first assignment in Physics. I'm enclosing a list of how I spent my \$10. I need one more book — a Psych. book for \$2.78. If you'll send me that plus \$8.00 allowance I won't need any more money this month.

I guess I have to keep on with Child Psychology because there isn't anything else I can put on my schedule. I can't afford to drop it of course — that's out of the question. And I can't work in Household Equipment

10:00

I'm at our (required) House meeting now. Just finished Physics — took me 2 1/2 hours to do six problems but I guess they're all right.

I went to the APTI ~~for~~ ^{house for} dinner Thurs. night & their formal Sat. night — stayed over-night at the house & ~~was~~ am invited there to a coffee hour tomorrow afternoon. They want me to pledge pretty badly but I've said "No."

They keep on asking me though ~~in~~ to affairs at the house in such a way that I can hardly refuse. But don't worry — I'm not pledging

under any circumstances and they can't change my mind even if they give me the third degree.

I went over and registered for Physical Education this afternoon. I'm taking Golf - (indoor). Our new Women's Gym has just been opened for our use for the first time and it's simply beautiful. It's a luxury to be able to play around in it. The P.E. dept. has come out with a lot of new regulations, too. We are all required to wear regulation blue shorts and white shirts. Our towel fee is \$1.50. I didn't have it but will take it out of my allowance. Golf was the only class I wanted that I could get into. My program is so full. I have 8:00 classes all week and also classes until 5:00 but no classes on Saturday at all for which I am thankful as you certainly know! But I'm not spending it sleeping.

Mary Lou Springer gave me a lovely Christmas present. I found it in my room when I got back. I feel so badly that I didn't give her anything. I had no idea that she intended giving me something. We are all so sorry to have Don go. I believe he evidently didn't say good-bye to the Springers because they didn't know anything about it.

Our dorm treasurer just got up in house meeting and informed us that our winter quarter dues of \$1.50 must be paid by next Tues. Religious Emphasis Week starts Wed. I'm looking forward to hearing Dr. Paine and especially don't want to miss his talk on Marriage to the girls only next Sunday afternoon.

Please send my pearls, my stockings (I had to buy a pair), my cosmetic case, shower shoes - did I forget anything else?
All my love, Virginia