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Virginia Brainard

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P.S. Can't you get a refund
on this ticket that I drew Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1941
use from St. Cloud to Mpls.?

Dear Mother and Daddy,

Thanks very very much for the cake and
candy. We all enjoyed it very much! I have a
present for you, too. In my first Chem. test I got
99. We had our first Physics test this morning; I
did well but haven't my grades as yet. So I feel fine
and very happy about the whole thing. This
quarter seems so different from last fall. My
work is much more fun and there's more of it.
Applied Art is the only class I don't care much about
but I feel that way because I don't have any
talent along those lines.

Mrs. Richter visited Virginia this week-
end and Dorothy's Mother was over ~~two~~
weeks ago. I wish you and Daddy could come
down here next Spring. My Spring vacation starts
Wed., March 19 and registration is the following Monday.
I could take my final exams early and perhaps be
through by Monday. That's a whole week there. Could
either plan be afforded, I wish?

I've gone through all my letters from home
and clipped the stamps so they're all here.

Your letter just came, Mother, and I enjoyed
it very much. — liked the clippings of Marie Fandel.
I'll try to mail my laundry bag sooner. I don't
think it pays to send it special. This week it
comes in with the regular Monday am. mail.

There isn't very much to write about
this week. I don't do anything at all during
the week except study. My week-ends are also

of fun and I do go out then. I'm dated up through Feb. 8 already. Future dates include the Forester's Hoe-down next Sat. night out at the Country Club, the Engineer's Ball the next Sat. night and the Apple-Polisher's Ball the Sat. night after that. Last Sat. night I went to a Bowery Bowl at the Theta Xi frat house - very much fun.

This afternoon Mary Lou invited me over to the Alpha Kappa house for a Chocolate Hour. It was just lovely. The girls are simply wonderful and I'm crazy about them. I guess I'm really more than just a little interested in that sorority but they may not be interested in me.

My "beat" on the Student is going fairly well. It will take time to develop it but I think I have the makings of a good organization. I have a reporter in every hall. They are all grand boys and very cooperative. It'll be fun and fascinating working with them.

I'm learning so darn much this quarter along all lines. I feel now as tho' I'm really beginning to grow. Through my news experiences I'm meeting many more people and they fascinate me. Nothing else is so interesting. They are all so different and interesting. I guess I feel this way because I'm so darn happy here! I never once contract any of those bad moods or tempers I get into at home. I love my work and the achievements of really learning and also people and my friends and the things we do together. It's wonderful and it's not going to quit at the end of this quarter. I'm not being forced. I know just exactly what they want from me and I can come across with it, too.

P.S. There's a terrific amount of flu around here, too.

Love,
Virginia