

P.S. I found the stamped envelope.

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Dear Mother and Daddy,

My work is going along very well and I'm no longer scared or worried. So don't you worry needlessly about it, either. It won't help in the least. I know I can do it and its all up to me, now. Dean Helser called me in for a talk last Saturday morning he had Daddy's letter in front of him and went over the same round of questions that you always ask and to (?) the answer is always "no." He was just grand, tho', and told me to come right in as soon as I hit any snags. The results of my first tests will be the first real indication I'll have of my progress and I don't know when they'll come up. I expect trouble in applied art because of my lack of ability but Dorothy, my roommate, in helping me because she's a major. Also, Economics is terrifically hard. I can see through it all but its so darn technical. But if I start slipping I'm going to ask Edward if he'll shed a little light on the subject.

I received the \$10

I've got my "beat" on the Student! I have charge of handling all the dorm news from the Dorm Council and the entire system – 12 of them 4 men's and 8 women's. Its work of course but just fascinating and I have a "crew" – a reporter in each dorm – working with me.

Daddy, how much would it cost an out-of-state student to go to summer school at T.C. the first session next year? Including board and room. My roommate, Dorothy Everts, has to go to summer school next year so we think it'd be fun if she came up to St. Cloud and went to T.C. with me. If we rent our rooms again, she could rent on and stay with me. She can travel on a pass – her dad is a railroad man – an electrical engineer. Her major is applied art but there are quite a few general subjects she could transfer. She's from Boone – about 15 miles east of Ames.

Religious Emphasis Week was last week. Dr. Raines gave the most wonderful address I've ever heard from any pulpit. He's so human and down-to-earth and real. No abstract ideals or principles. He made everything concrete. None of this "Don't question what is right just do as you are taught. God knows best." He told us why we should hang on to our principles and ideals – defined those, told exactly what to do to strengthen ourselves and also showed that ministers understand mis-steps – None of this "if you don't do this and so, you'll go to hell." It was the most liberal, realistic outlook on religion that I've ever heard. It put into words the outlook I've always had. His marriage forums were simply wonderful. He spoke forcefully in presenting the fundamentals of marriage rather than the romance.

My laundry bag is going out today. Can't find the cake cartons – How about a "birthday cake." Its my turn up here!!

Love,  
Virginia

P.S. Don't forget to send my pearls.