

Tuesday –

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Dear Mother and Daddy,

Things are really piling up here because mid-term isn't far off and, in spite of my light food I'm up to my neck in work. I spend six hours over at the student every day and then have heavy work in chem. And my column to turn out once a week. I've had 175 inches printed in the past 3 ½ weeks. I have no classes on Friday so I work on the night staff of the paper every Thursday night.

Thursday, 5.45

The days really zip by. I had a test in Organics this morning and several big stories for the Student. Dr. Greene, head of the Eng. + Sp. Dep't., has gotten me an interview with Bernard De Vato for next Wed. at 2:00 p.m. Major George Fielding Eliot will be here next Thursday and I'm going to interview him, too!!

We're putting out a 12-16 page edition for Homecoming this week-end. So that means a lot of stories for all of us. I get to do all the write-ups or "follow-up" on the lectures next week, too.

I've seen quite a bit of Phyllis Gough. The Home Management Department is on my "beat" so I see her at least once a week. She likes it here and seems to be very happy. The advisors in the five Home Management houses are just swell people and we have a lot of fun when I go in there for news. That's what I like about journalism – I'm meeting such wonderful people.

The thing I don't like about it is that I've had just one date since I've been here. And there aren't any more in view. This week-end is Homecoming and I am not doing a thing. I'm not going to the Barbecue and Dance Fri. evening or the dance Sat. eve. And I've sold my activity ticket to the game for \$1.50. it seems so funny to be just dropping out of everything but I can't lead two kinds of lines at once. It takes a lot to build up the following I had last year and I haven't time for anything now except all this damn work. I love it but it gets on my nerves sometimes. Yet there's nothing I can do about it because if I slip up just once on an assignment it's just too bad. I'm completely satisfied in my work but I wish it didn't have to be one-sided. However, it's what I've elected and it's what I like and I guess the minor drawbacks aren't so important. Yep, I'm really one of those "greasy-grinds," now. I live from one issue of the Student to the next and if I have 25 inches in one edition, I'm on air for the rest of the day. Last week I had the "lead" story and it had a banner headline clear across the top of the front page!! And they ran an editorial on it, too. It was about a new requirement that all senior students must take and pass an exam in English before they can graduate. So I was real thrilled. But I guess I'm not a born career woman or I wouldn't gripe about not having any time to play. Just so I graduate from this place and get a good job is all I care about.

I'm going to Ft. Dodge with Dorothy tomorrow night and spend the night with her at her apartment. She's moving home Sunday but hopes to come back to school Christmas and then maybe we can live together.

I'm going to mail this now so I'll write later at the end of the week. Please write to me as I miss your letters –

Love,

Virginia