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Dear Mother and Daddy,

Your letter came just half an hour ago. I was shocked to hear of Roger's death. How did it happen? And then I gripe because things some-times don't suit me. I guess I've got a lot to learn.

I interview Bernard De Vato Wednesday afternoon at 2. You've probably heard of him. He's a graduate of N.W, Mother. He's a noted columnist, editor, novelist and critic. He was editor of the Saturday Review of Literature several years ago and now conducts the Easy Chair in Harper's Magazine. I know all this by heart as I've written the publicity for these lectures for the past five weeks.

On Thursday I interview Major George Fielding Eliot, one of America's foremost military authorities I don't suppose he's a non-interventionist, by any means, but he's a very famous man and that's good enough for me! He wrote the best seller "The Ramparts We Watch," which the March of Time filmed and has done a great deal of radio work, including an analysis of last minute news three times a week.

The Daily Student put out a 12 page Homecoming edition and I had 30 inches in it. I am going to have my Student's sent home beginning today and please really read them as they reflect what the school is really like much more than I can in my letters. Any stories that have anything to do with the English and Speech Department, the Home Management Dep't, Debate and Sketch Magazine (student creative magazine) are my stories. I've now had 204 inches printed in four weeks. I won't get any more than a C at mid-term, tho'. Its practically a fixed policy to give just C's at midterm. Quite a few of the kids have had D's and F's on their news stories – mostly for misspelling and other inexcusable mistakes but I've managed to escape those and get a fair sprinkling of C's and B's – Which means I'm getting along all right but nothing spectacular. Of the girls, I have the best beat on the campus, I think, but I only got that because I'd had a little experience.

But I still do not know how to budget my time. I make out a schedule but nothing happens. I sent you my program – every afternoon, 1-6 goes to journalism. Can you work anything out?

The cookies were wonderful Thank you very much –

All these Airmail and Special Delivery Stamps are from Marlow's letters. I've written him twice and been swamped with three long letters (15 pages and 5 post cards. I've got a lot to tell you about his family in my next letter.

Love, Virginia_