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Dear Mom & Dad,

Thanks for sending me all the stuff recently. The package with the oven pan came a few days ago. I enjoyed seeing the stuff you sent on the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The program looked real good - I wish that I had seen it too. I think the FCPC choir has done the "last Words of David" piece.

The TV schedule here shows the playing of the Beverly Sills performance at Wolf Trap on tomorrow night. There are supposed to be about 5 more in that series.

I got my first paycheck on Friday covering four weeks - they say my appointment started on 9-16. That's nice since it was a week before classes started. My net pay this time was \$265. Another nice thing about this money is that we can arrange for a deal to get not lose any withholding taxes since it is "part of our education". I think it would be best to let me handle the money from now on - you shouldn't have to put in any more. After Oct rent and your deposits of \$100 and \$125 round the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct, my FC account has \$263.49 (Also after Blue Cross). My Fla Nat'l Bank account has \$340 now. I think I'll easily have enough to pay my bills with an income of over \$275 per month. If I need more, I'll let you know.

My personal expenses aren't too much. With all my biking, a tank of gas lasts quite a while.

I got a letter from Bob last week. He seems to like his classes and the school real well.

I watched some of the Skins/Miami game today. Missed the exciting ending though. Florida football's been doing pretty good too. Ranked #5 last week before the 1<sup>st</sup> loss this weekend.

I'm still not finding the work as rough or time consuming as Duke was. The TA deal is real good. Except around test time it only takes up around 3 hrs a week. The professor I'm working for does most of the work. Even at test time, the work can be done in about 10 hrs. I've been working with an intern at the Psych Clinic about 8 hrs a week also - it's part of a course requirement. It's real good exposure - I can watch therapy and sit in on case discussions. This clinic, they say, is the only one of its kind in the country - an independent Psych clinic inside a medical complex.

I'm also going to start working for the Suicide and Crisis Intervention Service as a member of the "Care Team".

I will work with an experienced member and will be on call <sup>with him</sup> during the nite for about 2 times a month. We go "to the scene" if necessary when someone calls in a crisis. It is pretty "heavy" work but should be quite interesting and good experience.

Several people had told me about the alligators that were supposed to be in ponds around campus. I guess I didn't believe them since they said that people fed them marshmallows. This weekend I checked it out, taking along a bag of marshmallows. I found several in a lake on campus - most were about 5'  $\frac{7}{8}$  long. The biggest is supposed to be 10' but I didn't see him. They went through the whole bag. They're pretty shy animals - they've just gotten a bad press.

Take it easy. Don't eat too much.

Love,  
Craig