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Dear Mom and Dad,

I meant to write yesterday. Time sometimes slips away from one.

Not that I had anything really important to say, except about the closing of the dorms for Thanksgiving.

I got a notification in the campus mail. Says that the residence halls have to be cleared by 8:00pm the 24th - same time as vacation starts. For one thing then I wouldn't very likely be able to take the bus on Wednesday morning. The latest anybody can stay on campus is midnight of the 24th. The SUB (building where dining hall is) will be open until that time. "for those students who need a place to wait after 8:pm for transportation connections."

I got the "quickie" letter yesterday, mom. I sent or mailed a letter that I had failed to mail the day before yesterday when or after I got your letter.

I got an 88 on the Math test.

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Are the fish okay?

I almost ran over a rabbit (it looked like a rabbit) the other morning when I was out for my run. I had just headed into the park when a little fuzzy or fluffy (looking) thing with a cotton ball tail started running from side to side in front of me. I never really saw it take off from a stop, he was just there in front of me running. I haven't seen any rabbits in the park before. I think there are some up in

Grampian Hills though.

There was a series of W.C. Fields films last week and a double feature last night shown in the lecture hall D-001. At the end of one of the movies when W.C. Fields and his "sons" & "daughter" were being chased by some police or somebody W.C. Fields said decisively that they would fo to Grampian Hills. Everybody had to start yelling and clapping then.

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Nov. 12

I went to a movie last night in D-001. Another free one. It was about Death Valley and was named "Death Valley land of Contrast." Kent Durden the guy who filmed and produced it was here. He had to narrate. I never really knew what Death Valley was like. I didn't know hardly anything about it. Death Valley is like a whole nother world. There is a pine tree there (I think it is called a brush cone pine, something like that) that is the oldest living thing on the earth - up to 4,000 yrs old.

There are some species of animals especially in the pools of water or small ponds or lakes in Death Valley that are unique to that one pool of water - they are to be found no where else in the world.

Things are going pretty good here, I hope they're okay at home.

Love, Mike