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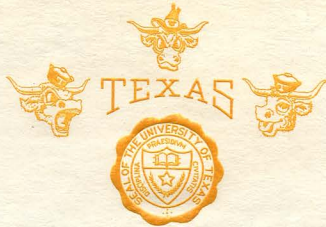
Put. Irving Bell

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308 T.G. Bks. 288

Sheppard Field,
Texas

Sherr.



Oct. 14, 1943

Dear Irving,

You can't imagine how surprised I was to hear from you, even though mother did tell me she had given you my address. I thought you would be pretty busy for awhile. I guess you are, from the sounds of your letter. Show these Texas 'bastards' what a guy from Santa Fe can do. I've had to show and prove more than once that Santa Fe is on the map. If you haven't found out yet, you will, that the Texans think that Texas is the only place in the world. Well, I've been here three months

and still like New Mexico best. How about you?

I wish I could have been back home when you were there. We could have torn up the place for good this time. Of course it would be pretty hard without Blaine. — I haven't heard from him since you leave, I guess. But mother heard from him and she said he was stationed on a ship, the "Suwanee". I guess he will go into action pretty soon. Hope he has lots of luck.

I'm so glad to hear that you qualified for a mechanic!! What's this army coming to? You (we) won't have to worry about that though. Keep punching, and show 'em what's in you.

When you get in to see Wichita Falls write me about it. Half of my fraternity brothers are from there. There's always some Wichita Falls guy spouting off about "2nd heaven". Let's hear what it's like.

I like it swell here at the university. It is the prettiest U. I've ever seen, and it's the largest in the Southwest. There is also one of the hardest pre-medical schools in the country here. When you get out of this place you either know something or you've gone 'bats'. Personally, I think I've started toward the latter. I have classes from 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. four days a week. Eat at six, frat meeting until 7:30. Write letters


until 9:00 P.M.. Start studying and study until 1:00 A.M. or 2. Despite all of the full days I have with no sleep and exertion, I have gained 10 lbs. We get lots to eat here at the house.

I am sitting 2nd chair clarinet in the ^(T.U.) Longhorn band. They really play a lot of good music. I've also organized a swing band. No comparison to the one in S.F.H.S. This is slick.

Guess I'd better close for now. Write again soon. I'll try to answer when I can get time. Keep your chin up!

P.S. You can leave the K.A. house off of the address:

F.P.
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your partner,
Blaine  Frank
Paddock Bell