

Seattle Pacific College

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Dear Folks,

I have been looking every day for a letter from home – but seems like you have all forgotten me. I guess that I can't blame you, though, because I haven't written much either. We have really been busy with tests, term papers and extra curricular [sic] activities.

Have you had any exciting news around Toddville lately? If not, I'll see what I can do about it. I am enclosing some snap shots and a bulletin featuring your future son-in-law. None of the pictures are very good of him – at least not as nice as he really is. We have been engaged since last Friday night, just 5 weeks from my first date with him. We have really seen a lot of each other, though. In fact last week I was with him every night except Monday.

Sunday night we went to one of the Churchs [sic] here in Seattle to hear the A Capella sing. Tuesday night we went to a Foreign Missions Fellowship Party. Wednesday night we went to Vespers and

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Then Jake and I, Lois and her boy-friend [sic] went for a ride out by Puget Sound. Thursday night we went to a Youth Rally here at the College Church [Seattle First Free Methodist Church]. Friday afternoon we had an all-school bike-hike. We rode around Green Lake two times. It was really a lot of fun. Afterward Jake had to talk at the Evangelical Free Church. After Church we went for a ride out by Lake Washington. That is when he asked me to be his wife. Do you think that you would mind too much having your daughter go to Japan as a missionary? We both feel as though it is the Lord's will. We are not making our engagement public as yet although I don't mind you telling the folks back there. I came home and told my three room-mates [sic] and I'll probably tell Frenchs. Otherwise, no one knows it not even Jakes [sic] sister, Helen. His mother is coming up tonight and stay [sic] all week to be here for Helen's graduation. I wouldn't be surprised if he tells her about it. I met her in Gresham when he spoke there and she is really nice. Further plans as to when and where the

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wedding will be are entirely in the

Lord's hands. We haven't made any definite plans but I'm sure that I'll be finishing my school first. In the midst of all this I have been trying to get some studying done – so I suppose that you can see why your letters have been few and far between. I'll try to do better this week, though.

Sat. night we went with a group of the kids to the Mission. We all testified and sang. Jake and another fellow talked for awhile and then we gave an altar call.

Four fellows came to the altar but they were so drunk that we just couldn't help them much. We prayed with them for over an hour. Jake certainly knows how to get next to those fellows.

He just went down and put his arms around them, filth and all, talked to them a little while and led them to the altar. He is so different from most Christians. Being saved in prison like he was – He is not bound by convictions and petty prejudices like most of us are but preaches

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the spirit of love. He really lives it, too.

I have never seen him even slightly irritated at anyone or anything. While

he was in prison the fellows called him Job because he had so much patience and then, too, he had 75 boils at one time all over his body.

I only wish that I could tell you his whole thrilling story but maybe I'll wait and let him do it personally.

I may come home following the Summer Session of school but as I said before.

Don't look for me until you see me. This summer I am going to take Sociology, Hygiene and two piano lessons a week.

This term of school ends the 6th, the All School [sic] Yacht trip to Canada is the 7th and graduation is the 10th. On Tuesday we will go to Oregon – Jake lives at Salem which is not far from Gresham (Fine's are their pastor). Then Sunday he is coming to Gresham and we will come back to Seattle on Monday.

I have some other letters to write and some Music Fundamentals to do so must close. Please do write at once and tell me your honest

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frank opinion concerning Jake. The other couple in the picture are Don + Joyce Taylor from Canada. They go along with Jake quite a bit to sing. The baby is Rev. Kline's

nephew. The picture on the bulletin was taken shortly after Jake returned from Japan – you can see how much weight he has gained and how his hair has come in curly again. (It doesn't look like him)

You'll like him, I know, when you meet him.

Love + Prayers,

Your daughter,

Florence

He is getting a large picture made for me. It is really nice. I get it Wednesday.

I finished my two term papers and turned them in today – I have three tests Thurs. and then Hurrah! School will be out!

P.S. – Send your next letter to Gresham.