

Of course, such a trip would only thrill me to excess. We looked it up on the map to orient it in my mind. All in all the way would be very long and in that sector probably very insecure in the matter of rided. You see, in the long trek from Wenatchee to any point on Okanogan Lake or rather Lake Okanogan would be very uncertain unless attempted by bus or some other means of paid transportation. With the proper amount of will power and determination, such a trip could undoubtedly be accomplished. Whether or not any sort of bus service exists between the two states at that point I can't say yet. Some day I shall investigate the local bus termingl in feference to that. Meanwhile, I am reasonably sure that I could reach Wenatchee by hitch. But from there it would likely be poor at best. It would be a problem evento decide on the feasability of such a journey.

Wing said that Major Brooks would likely be only too glad to accomadate me if only from the standpoint of a college student without whatever ability I possess along those lines. Correspondence would of course precede any sort of arrangement to visit the major. The natural time to undertake such a vacation would be in the vicinity of Christmas or thereabouts. However, at that time, there would surely be quite a bit of snow in that country and from previous experience, lately acquired, I know that to be stuck in such conditions is far from desirable. It would then remain to attempt a sort of interchange of casual letters (I can't you just see me as a man of letters?) leading to the ~~empt~~ of sponging which I am afraid I am rather adept at. However, he might well be glad to take some sort of interest in me--though there is no particularly good reason for it. Most likely he is a very busy man what with his own letters and work. At the best I could hope to do I would still be imposing upon him miserably and wasting a lot of his time. On top of this there isthe bare chance of spring vacation. What a great hope that could become. In s pring he would be in the height of all his yearly activities what with field work and records. Trouble is he might not even be home. A great, a fine thing. However, if I could manage to get a week, rather would I have ten days at my disposal, then perhaps I could do something is ~~if~~ I had to paddle up the Okanogan and fry my own food to get there.

What thinkest thou? Maybe Wing's got something. It's a cinch I would never have thought of it on my own hook. It's quite a thought--sure would befun.

So, about the middle of the conversation, having apparently passed some of his approval, he did me the favoe of inviting me in for Thanksgiving dinner. Boy, his wife had better be a good cook. The one drawback is that I may not be able to satisfy myself in quantity asI would certainly be able to do at the hall. However, it seem s to beall for the best.//.....I hope. I don't want to get the reputation for being on the suction crew around crew whether I do my work or not. I dearly like knowing and working with my teachers when they permit me to stick around, but I don't want to have anyone get the idea that I can't earn my marks any other way. Be that asit may.

Was down to Phi Sigma Kappa agai n tonight and was asked to pledge for the second time. Alpha Tau Omega has asked me twice also. So far I have held out. Both are very nice houses, well up in grades and high in peputation throughout the campus, but I don't think I am ready for such yet. Then too, I keep in mind your one and only, the Tri-Beta's. That sounds like a good deal to me. I'm having such a good time living off the campus that I don't know if I want to lose my independence or not. I rather think that I don't, though. I find that I can do what I wish and I float or sink just as I so demand. If ~~if~~ I wish to study I can go to the library or anyplace else just asI please and am not bound by any study regulations that hold me down. Furthermore, I don t know whether or not I should find the fraternity study rooms very conducive for my study habits. I have the feeling that my study habits are better than they have ever been before, and if so it is all my fault, and I like that very much. I find that my freedom, perhaps inspired by the times I have had in your company, is a thonoughly wonderful thing and not easily lost or transferred to a different way of life. While fraternity life is certainly a beneficial thing to anybody, I think I'm learning something here too. Perhaps I'm not indulging in any appreciable social life--coeducational if you will--but I think I'm doing all right in many respects. At any rate, I don't feel ready to change my way of life.