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DEAR JIM, -

THE GERTRUDE CRANE PROBLEM IS A PRETTY HARD ONE TO SOLVE,
THAT'S A FACT. AND THE WISEST SOLUTION SEEMS TO ME NOT TO INSIST
ON THE INVITATION. THIS SEEMS BETTER ON HER ACCOUNT FOR I THINK SHE
IS TOO PROUD A GIRL TO WANT AN INVITATION WHICH WAS FORCED. IF THE
SENTIMENT OF YOUR CHAPTER IS AGAINST HER, IT WOULD ONLY SPOIL THE PARTY
FOR THE BOYS TO HAVE HER THERE AND NOT DO HER ANY GOOD. AND WHILE
YOU ARE A FRATERNITY FRESHMAN YOU HAV'NT THE RIGHT TO ENDANGER YOUR
FRATERNITY'S REPUTATION BY CHAMPIONING ANYONE WHOSE REPUTATION IS
CLOUDED EVEN WHEN YOU ARE AS SURE THE CLOUD IS UNJUST AS WE ARE IN
GERTRUDE'S CASE. I COULD DO IT ALL RIGHT LAST SPRING BECAUSE I AM
A GIRL AND BECAUSE I HAD ACQUIRED A REPUTATION FOR BEING A SOLID,
HARMLESS KIND OF AN INDIVIDUAL IN MY FRESHMAN DAYS SO THAT PEOPLE
WOULD NOT SUSPECT ME OF BECOMING FRISKY AT THAT LATE DAY. WHAT
BOTHERS ME THOUGH IS WHAT CAN HAVE GIVEN RISE TO THOSE STORIES ABOUT
GERTRUDE. SHE DID'NT ASSOCIATE WITH MARTHA WHITTIMORE AT ALL, I'M
SURE OF THAT. SHE WENT OUT BOATING AND DRIVING WITH THE ZETE, MR.
HILLEBRAND BUT SHE DROPPED HIM WHEN SHE HEARD HE WAS FAST. I THINK
HE MUST HAVE TOLD LIES ABOUT HER, DON'T YOU? AND AS SHE WAS SEEN OUT
WITH HIM, PEOPLE WOULD BELIEVE HIM. I AM SURE SHE IS A PURE-
MINDED GIRL AND THE FACT THAT SHE ALWAYS SEES THE GOOD IN PEOPLE
OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH FOR I NEVER HEARD OF A BAD CHARACTER WHO DOES

NOT SEE THE WORST IN HIS NEIGHBORS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF "MISERY LOVES COMPANY" I SUPPOSE. YOU CAN DO AS YOU LIKE ABOUT CALLING ON HER AFTER THE RECEPTION, IT WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE NERVE I'LL ADMIT.

AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO HEAL HER WOUNDED FEELINGS BY WRITING HER LONG LETTERS IN MY MOST FETCHING STYLE AND PERHAPS I CAN GET OFF A FEW DAYS NEXT SUMMER TO VISIT HER.

MOTHER IS GOING TO HAVE A PARTY THIS EVENING AND SHE HAS INVESTED IN SOME GORGEOUS ROMAN STRIPE SILK TO DRAPE THE PARLORS WITH. I AM PREPARING TO BE OVERWHELMED WITH ADMIRATION WHEN THE EFFECT WILL BURST ON ME AT NOON.

I HAVE MY FEARS THAT YOUR WHOLE CHAPTER WILL BE PLUNGED IN GLOOM AT THE RECEIPT OF REGRET CARDS FROM MISS MICHEL AND MYSELF.

THIS YEAR ANDREW'S NAME APPEARS IN THE DIRECTORY FOR THE FIRST TIME "ANDREW C. GLEASON, MACHINIST, 10 BROWN'S RACE, B.D.S. 104 PLATT." HE HAS ORDERED A SPECIAL COPY FOR HIS OWN USE SO THAT HE CAN LOOK AT IT EVERY NIGHT AND MORNING.

FRANK GAVE ME SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ON THE VALUE OF "MODJESKA" YACHT SHARES THE OTHER NIGHT. HE SAYS ONE STOCK-HOLDER HAS OFFERED TO GIVE HIS SHARE FULLY PAID UP IF THE RECIPIENT WILL PAY THE NEW ASSESSMENT OF \$15 JUST LEVIED FOR TAKING OUT THE CENTER BOARD AND CHANGEING THE KEEL AND ANTOHER MEMBER HAS OFFERED TO SELL FOR \$15 AND THIS ASSESSMENT MAKING \$30. IF THIS INFORMATION IS RELIABLE YOU WON'T GET A GREAT DEAL OUT OF THE BOAT TOWARDS A CHAPTER HOUSE BUT OF COURSE THERE IS THE CHANCE OF FRANK'S MAKING THIS THING OUT WORSE THAN IT IS IN ORDER TO STRIKE A BARGAIN WITH YOU.

THE TRUSTEES HERE SEEM TO BE ON THE VERGE OF DECIDING TO LET THE BOYS HAVE THEIR CHAPTER HOUSES ON THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS. AFTER THAT I SUPPOSE THEY WILL BE HAPPIER. LAST NIGHT I MANAGED TO MAKE

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MYSELF AS UBIQUITOUS AS FRED SHED OR MAYOR PARSONS. DIRECTLY AFTER SUPPER, I CALLED ON EMMA TO FIND OUT HOW HER IDEAS COINCIDED WITH MINE ON THE INVITATION QUESTION, AFTER THIS IMPORTANT INTERVIEW, I WENT TO THE IGNORANCE CLUB LONG ENOUGH TO SEE DR. DOLLEY AGAIN AND HAVE EVERYBODY TELL ME HOW MUCH THEY WERE MISSING ME. HAV'NT HAD TIME TO GO TO THE CLUB BUT A FEW TIMES THIS WINTER. THEN I PUT IN AN HOUR AT THE GYMNASIUM WHERE I DISTINGUISHED MYSELF IN THE FACE OF AN AUDIENCE OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED BY PUTTING MISS HARRIS AND HER BRAN NEW SUIT ON THE FLOOR IN A PARTICULARLY DUSTY SPOT AND SITTING ON HER UNTIL SHE HAD TAKEN BACK SOME DISPARAGING REMARKS SHE MADE TO ME. AND I WOUND UP THE FESTIVITIES BY AN HOUR AT THE TURKISH BATH ROOMS.

YOU NEVER TOLD ME HOW YOU CAME OUT O N "TRIG" DID YOU MANAGE TO SECURE THE .60 OR HAVE YOU ANOTHER EXAMINATION IN THAT USEFUL BRANCH OF KNOWLEDGE TO LOOK FORWARD TO ?

I AM GLAD YOU MADE THE EXPECTED IMPRESSION ON GEORGE SHEPHERD. IT WILL ENCOURAGE ME TO GO ON WITH THE GOOD WORK AND DECEIVE SOMEBODY ELSE INTO THINKING YOU! A WONDER.

LOVINGLY,

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