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Dear Henry,

I just got your letter and I feel so very happy for you. The Lord is really answering ~~your~~ ^{our} prayers. That was great that He provided you with a roommate who is into sports. That way you'll be in on all what's going on. Wow, babe, I can't even imagine or picture where you are - you know me - never really been away from home. Sounds like you have a beautiful view from the 19th floor. When the Lord sends you, He really sends you first class: all the way to the top!! The new hair rule is also an answer to prayer for you - sounds good. I wonder what's so important about the ear lobe that it has to be shaving. You well! It sounds so exciting when you say you walk ~~around~~ down to Lake Michigan. Like I said, I can't imagine - sounds beautiful though. I'd be real happy to pick out posters with you. I know what you mean about writing letters - it's real hard to say things in a letter. I understand if you don't write much. That is so neat Hen about you doing your PCS at a hospital - that's just what you talked about before you left. The Lord surely does provide for His children!

Hen, I'm doing fine. I miss you, of course, but the Lord gives me strength for each day. I could never do it without Him. I've been keeping a little notebook with things written in almost everyday that the Lord does ~~for~~ for me and you also - also special bible verses and people who are real special to me for that day. It's good cause I can always look back on it and see how the Lord works and always have that assurance in hard times. You're real special to me and always in my prayers. I'm thankful for your letter. Now I can pray more intelligently. I definitely will pray that you won't be turned off by the rules.

Today I ran 6 miles in 45 minutes - that's an improvement. In addition I run up the farmhouse hill a few times. I lost some of the excitement I had when you were my coach. You truly are the only one who thinks I can run it and everyone else tries to discourage me from running - telling me it's not good for me or that I'm crazy. But I like it here in my insane little world. I feel real good - really healthy! I'm so thankful that you understand me and are behind me in this. Tomorrow I plan to do 8 miles. I would have gone more than 6 today, but I got blisters ~~in~~ on my feet right where that arch support is on both feet. I just burned when I ran, but tomorrow's another day. Before I ran, I met this older couple (60's) They were all dressed up

and it seemed like they were from another city or state. They were just walking and they liked my car. Then they talked to me about swimming. They were so very friendly to me. Then there was a man at a picnic playing quater (?) and he loated everytime I went around. He was funny. I was the only one running today at that time (around 1:00)

Thursday night, I went to volleyball and I really missed you. You were the best player there everyweek. Everyone else missed you too. Afterwards, we all went swimming at Terry + Shirley's. They have a real nice pool and I was in it a lot. The great Allentown Fair started and I heard it wasn't that great - real empty + crummy! Maybe I'll get there sometime. Vicki's working there again this year.

Your car is fine. My dad's going to keep it up there so he can watch it. He says that when he goes up and sees your car there, he could cry. He's so happy for you - Everyone here is definitely praying for you and your car up there is a good reminder for him to pray for you. We love you.

On Wednesday night, I announced at prayer meeting that you left. Everyone's so happy for you. We also wrote it down as a prayer request so people at church are also praying for you. Dottie Young said they were anxiously waiting to hear if you went. They're going to add you to their prayer list. The sayp Brot doesn't pray for too many people, but he will pray for you. I'm going to give them your address. I also called Keith and will give him your address. I also gave it to Sherry + David.

Well I only owe \$8.00 on my car + interest. That was pure paid off quick. I was talking to Miki about planes + she says United has a freedom fare. It's round trip price and you have to stay over wherever you go 1 Saturday and it can't be more than 30 days. If you call around 7-90 days in advance they'll give you your ticket. I thought it sounded good for when you come home for Tom's wedding. Just a suggestion. You could check into it.

Heidi's doing real good. I can see that she grew. Her one ear is sticking up now. She's so cute. She was stealing the bean bags and running away with them tonight. She's so playful I took a picture of her tonight on my grandma's lap. I'll have to send you pictures of her soon.

Babe, your letter was so encouraging. I'm so thankful that you are obedient to the Lord. I really respect that. I know too that the Lord will bless our relationship. I know you'll be blessed there in school and you'll do good. You're right, it is a sacrifice for us for you to be there, but I also agree with you that we'll be happier in the end. I just hope the time goes quick till we can be together again.

If you read in Matthew 4:17-22, it reminds me of you and your situation especially vs. 20 + 22 'And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him.' 'And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him!' You left so immediately when the Lord called you. I love you so much! and I love you also for your priorities. I'm so glad that the Lord's will is a priority in your life.

Mat 5:6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.' You are searching after Christ and His righteousness and I know you'll be satisfied. I just know that you will learn so much and will be even a better person because of it. I'm going to love you even more than I do now! I can hardly imagine that! Cause I love you so much now!

Sunday 8/27/78 Today's my mom's birthday and she likes her umbrella. She also got a cake server which is pretty. Today in church John + Sandy were there. They came with Keith. I gave them your address and they were all happy to hear that you are at Moody. I also talked to Kathy Wagfield. She's leaving tonight

to go out to Trinity. Ed had called them and they told ~~me~~ him to call you. I'm glad you have friends out there, babe. Makes me feel better.

Was kinda sad today cause I missed singing with you at church. We say no. 601 'How firm a foundation'. It was pastor's last day here. They're leaving tonight. Compending his new address and church. Sunday was always our day together to do whatever we wanted. I also heard your song 'Hot child in the city' and I just had to cry. You're so special and precious to me. Everything reminds me of something we've done together. It's really hard for me babe. I'm not trying to sound depressing, just want you to pray for me and know how very much I need you and love you.

I must get going now. I'll write again soon. I'll continue to pray for you, babe.

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you'. II Cor. 13:14.

The Lord is kind to hear and answer our prayers.

Love You,
Nalene.