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Dear Miss Annie E. Moore and friends & relatives of A.E.M.

I have checked with the nearest and easiest source of general information, Eileen and find that school begins here on Sept. 7. However, we would be extremely happy to see you before Sept. 1, as we miss you; Willy misses you; Wesley misses you, Eileen misses you; Terri misses you; and the rest of your fan club misses you. Also, Nancy Fernandez is rather shy and uneasy about life here although I've assured her that you and your friends are not part of the highschool pep girls squad.

Oh yes, I meant to tell you that Patty is also working in a hospital several days a week. She is a file clerk in St. Mary's in Long Beach for half a day; the other half-day she's on the gynecology floor doing odd jobs. She isn't too cool around blood (passes out etc.) so, cares for patients before or after babies or surgery.

This afternoon Nancy Anderson and a nice-looking fellow named Cal came by on ten-speed bicycles. They had ridden over from Sacramento on highway 16 (backroads), a round trip of about 23 miles. Really came to visit you, sit for a spell, and have a cool drink. They wanted to see how it would be going this distance, since next week they are riding their bikes to Modesto to stay with Nancy's dad for a few days.

Sue is now a member of the Sacramento symphony and has two more years of college. Nancy has been living with her this summer. Cal is a Sac State ~~junior~~

Sophomore. Nancy met him thru Sue. What you need,
Annie - when the time comes - is a college-age fellow
who can appreciate you. Nancy is just the same and
kind of plans on City College next year. Still has an awful
time with her step-father, is a really good little kid etc.

Flash - The box of music (\$11.00 worth) is en route
via Greyhound and will be in Wash. D.C. in 4 or
5 days, according to the ticket agent. I didn't have
Pat & Becky's telephone no. handy, so what you should
do is call the Wash. Greyhound (in about 6 days) to
check on it. It's at least 2 weeks faster than by P.O.
and less expensive. Probably, there's a lot of stuff
you won't want, Becky.

On the other hand, it's amazing to go through even
that graded series Singing Keys, and find beautiful,
melodious, rather diff. int'l pieces. I sent some
funny stuff from about 1918 also. ^{also} Chopin, Grieg,
Beethoven, Bach, Scarlatti etc. It will save
buying some right away. I'll send some new
music later on. Or more Debussy. Do not try
to pick up this package on a bicycle. It weighs over
11 pounds!

This will really stay you - Guess who took Chaown
over to the Draft Board in Woodland to sign him up for
the army? That's right. Our draft-counselor, John More.
Well - what to do with Chaown? When Eileen cleans
the C.A. Chaown ~~follows~~ follows her about flicking
her hair, pinching etc. Then calls her up about
4 times each day. He's lonesome of course and
doesn't know what to do about girls. Most everyone
is agreed that Chaown is just a little bit slow,
mentally. He flunked the Air force test and of course

everyone has to move out of C.A. by Sept. 1 to make room
for the law students or anyone else we take on.
Went to a pep-meeting for George McGovern on Sat. It
was to begin at 5:30 with the "cocktail hour." Well, his
national campaign manager arrived at 8:15. His plane
caught on fire (chartered) and believe me he was in a
state when he arrived. In the meantime dad and I and others
went home and had dinner and returned. It was worth waiting
for. Well, the McGovern campaign will prove whether or
not the country really wants to change its course, or
if he and his kind cannot make the ballot, as some say,
the country prefers a middle-course of blunders and
stupidities. No matter what some say, dad feels that
McGovern hasn't a chance. Lindsey would be good,
preferable to Ted Kennedy, and able to enlist the
support of black and Chicano people. Even though New
York City isn't in such great shape - no urban center is,
and their hands are tied by the govt. and an ineffectual
leader such as Nixon. His latest price-control and trade
ploy will help the economy, but he had to be pushed to do it
and it's not for the people, it's for his own election benefit.

We'll have a good week this week. Wednesday, we give
our little Vietnam thing at Skylandia. The heat wave has
broken so it should be great weather at Tahoe. Then on to Reno
and down to Fresno etc. I already told you ^{all that} before. Dad
is politicking some more. Rather tired at present as he
had to write up a couple of new sermons. They've already had
Vietnam at St. Mark's, Sac. Place was packed yesterday when
he spoke. Willy and Wesley will have to go to the kennels (in
separate cars) as we'll be gone until Monday. Their co-existence
is driving us batty. We may give Wesley to Marie Castelfranco
as Bongo died of cancer and old age.

Have fun with the piano. Where are you working these days,
Becky? Is Julie there? Are you going to fly to L.A. airport
with Julie, Ann? Stand-by will be better on a week day
than weekend, though it may not matter Julie could fly

clear to Davis with you and meet her folks here
if it worked out that way.

Be cool no much more to add - get a lot of new
air, how "swell" would it be to have a nice
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Notes from India

by Ruth Walker

AFS student abroad

Ahmedabad, India
Aug. 1, 1971

Dear Friends,

The four new postage stamps on conservation made Janaki, my sister, very happy as she is a real stamp collector with valuable first day stamps and hundreds of international stamps.

My parents here get up between 6:30 and 7:00 and retire by 11:00 p.m. After dinner (8 or 8:30) we sit in the hobby room and talk for an hour. Papa played his flute—so sweet. It is a brass one and very short in size.

I did some shopping in those out-of-the-way shops and discovered lovely handmade embroidery and mirror work for prices under one dollar. Then we visited a hand-loom store where I finally found a sari for myself. It is of course, hand woven in cotton. Even though Papa is a mill owner the products are not available to us.

Sunday was a day I'll never forget. The 8 AFS'ers were taken to a farm 30 miles south of Ahmedabad where we visited the sugar cane fields and ate it the native way. The farmer's son cut the cane and showed us how to reach the juicy fibers inside. All of us liked the taste and we ate it after lunch also. The most memorable part of Sunday was going inside three different family homes in a village. All the villagers followed us and stood and stared. The rich man of the village showed us his house which is big and made of bricks. The other area is primitive and a two room hut is home for 8 people. The huts are made of dung and mud. We also visited a one room hut where there was hardly room to breathe.

In the evening of the same day, the eight of us were special guests at International Night. There were three Indian folk dances performed by a group of men and women in ornate costumes. In one dance the men kept rhythm by walking on stilts and another lively dance was jumping between bamboo poles. The drums were fantastic. I met Americans from Berkeley living here, people with CARE and Peace Corps.

We went to a Hindi movie and then to a non-vegetarian restaurant for dinner and I enjoyed the Indian style mutton.

Janaki and I went to Baroda, a city 72 miles south, driven by our driver, as they call him. Saw many people transplanting in the rice paddies. We stayed four days at Mummy's sister's house. She has a jolly husband. I visited the University of Baroda campus. A major part of the town consists of palace buildings. A very memorable Hindu worship ceremony was filled with ringing bells, singing prayers, flower offerings and incense. Also visited the public vegetable market and then fixed fried eggplant in a casserole. We went to Barod to participate in a Hindu wedding. It was so exciting to be with the 200 guests and doing Indian folk dancing with the bride-to-be and the groom and all the company bedecked in gold dancing dresses. I took so many pictures! The wedding ceremony was Friday morning and on the lawn of the bride's family. The entire area was covered and we stood around the platform which was in the center and on which the bride and groom performed many rituals to the gods. A walk around the fire and feeding each other—many meanings are for the same values stressed in Christian marriage. There was lunch for all the guests. The flowers and the colorful dresses were beautiful. I am so happy that I was able to be part of a Hindu wedding.

Love,
Ruth Walker