



Guy



Dear Mom and Jim,  
Hi there! Bonjour. Is it this postcard neat? I love the size of it, but figure I can't actually mail it because it's so large. I'm in Geneva right now, in our Youth Hostel. We just ate illegally in our room - salami sandwiches. We're staying in tonight, going to bed early for our big day tomorrow. We planned to get up and out into the mountains; a town called Ann. I like Geneva, but today was so cold we couldn't bear to be outside for too long. We went out to take Geneva. It was really pretty. The sky was overcast, so we couldn't see many mountains. The largest (tallest) fountain in the world is there, but it wasn't turned on. We walked through the Botanical Gardens too. The flowers were pretty. It's odd to see blooming flowers and changing leaves. The leaves only turn different colors green and a touch of yellow and light orange - no deep reds or oranges, but it still looks good. We got to do some shopping today also. My budget is getting very tight, so I didn't splurge. The watches were tempting. I did give in for chocolate. Delicious! There is no better. The best chocolate here is made with milk and is the best I've ever had. Stu and I bought a package of mix for the flat.

Well, let me bring you up to date on our entire trip. I'm having the greatest time, unfortunately I've got a cold and constant headaches, but I'm trying not to let it bring me down.

Paris was fantastic! It took us a very long 14 hours to get there from London, but it was well worth it. We travelled all through Thursday night. There was a lot of waiting around for trains and a late ferry.

Once in Paris, we spent a couple of hours looking for a clean hostel. The first two we saw were filthy but we did find a nice clean one. We went out to the Louvre. It was huge! We saw the Mona Lisa and paintings of Rembrandt, David, etc. It was amazing. Can you imagine, we actually went to an art museum without parental prodding? We were all very tired and ended up staying for only 2 hours.

PARIS ET SES MERVEILLES...  
5053 - La place de l'Etoile, de nuit, et l'arc de triomphe (1806-1836) illuminé.

Saturday we went to the Eiffel Tower. The lines were long and we decided to go back after dark. We did so. The lights from the top looked great, but not as impressive as New York from the World Trade Center restaurant. I enjoyed it though.

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We went to Notre Dame also. Wow, what a church. It was really neat. The Arch, on front of this card was covered with scaffolding. We took pictures anyway. The scaffolding was covered in rainbow colored netting, and looked pretty neat. Bastille was a nice monument also. We saw a lot and walked around the entire day. We even learned the metro system quite easily.

Ordering in restaurants was lots of fun. None of us knew any French except "Merci", so we were hunting. The first cafe we entered, we sat at the table looking at our menu laughing to ourselves. We figured things out. We ended up eating lots of french bread and pasty while walking around. We did eat at the same pizza place both nights. The food was incredible and fairly normal prices.

While in Paris, we saw about three groups of S.U. London students. It kind of took the novelty out of travelling to this wonderful new country. Everywhere we turn it seems, there are S.U. students.

Sunday was something special. We breakfasted in Paris, lunched in Versailles, dined in Lyon and went to bed in Geneva. Wow, huh? We decided to go to Versailles just for lunch, to say "we lunched in Versailles on our way from Paris to Geneva", but ended up buying bread and walking around the grounds of the Palace of Versailles. It was the most gorgeous palace I've ever seen. It puts Buckingham Palace to shame. It was unbelievable! We had to head back to Paris to catch another train to Geneva, but missed it. The next one out was half an hour later, but had a 2hr layover in Lyon, so we had dinner there, at a fast food place. The town was closed down so we didn't get to see much. Everyplace here closes on Sundays. We made it to Geneva last night at 9:45, we squeezed into the Change bureau and called the hostel and asked them to stay open til we could get there. It seemed like we were running with our backpacks & luggage all day long. My entire body is killing me now - my muscles have tonight to prepare for mountain climbing tomorrow.

Did I explain to you who I'm travelling with? There are five of us, my flatmates Stu and Sandy, and two friends, Helen and John. Helen lives in Rochester and John lives in Westchester, NY. They're both Jr's at S.U.

Here's the news from London before we left. I took four midterms, three of which I think I did pretty well on. The fourth, my personality, psychology class was tough. I didn't think it would be. I took it Thurs. before we left & after I read your letter about Kyle calling. Let me say, my mind was not on psychology. Have you had Ky to dinner yet? I'd like to hear about it.

I received a letter from Pete this past week also. I think he's really hurting without what. I'll write to him soon. I received another letter also, from Julie Gousse, my friend who works at Textron. She reported her boss and my boss (Jim) boss for sexual harassment. Now he is looking for another job. I guess I will be come summertime too. Julie said she just got sick of his rude comments. He invited her out to dinner one night in Aug. She refused and he demanded her to eat with him to discuss her pay increase. I guess she went with him and he kissed her on the cheek. So, she reported him. Things are tough in the office now. I hope it leads to Jim Deschene's (my boss) leaving also. I'll probably call at Christmas and see who the new person in charge is to see if I can go back.

Coming back abroad doesn't seem like it's going to work. I could only be an Au-Pair girl, a summer nanny. They don't make much at all - I probably wouldn't be able to save any money. My advisor, Beth Wynn suggested running a nursery on an Armed Forces base in another country after graduation. It sounds good, but I'm unsure about working for the Forces. She said they're always looking for people w/ degrees who are available to travel without family attachments.

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Well, it's one idea for the future. I know I could get a good recommendation. This letter will continue as soon as I can buy another card. Love Alan