

Sunday afternoon

Dear Family

I suppose at home everything is keyed up to the war; and here we have the same effect. Even our swimming class is the scene of a "ship wreck" where we practice saving ourselves by conditioning to swim for long periods of time. All term we have been doing this, and Friday was one of the big days of our swimming career - we were to swim 30 minutes, ~~at~~ the entire period. What a mess; 70 fellows all in the pool swimming for 30 minutes. It not only took endurance but a mighty tough hide to recover from the bruises of kicks from fellow you didn't see and ran into, and to recover from the avenging activities of the fellow you kicked. Well, I made it

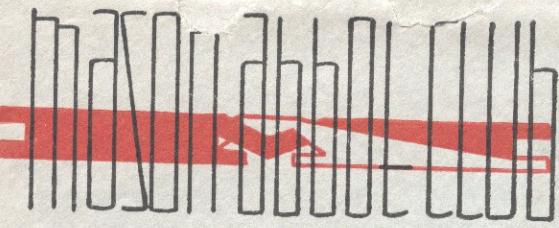
but was I exhausted. I slept in my speed  
class which was the next hour. Any way if  
I had to jump into the ocean with ~~the~~ 69  
other fellows there would probably be enough  
elbow room for all of us.

The boys here & in Detroit who  
Cheered at Eastern Gas rationing are now singing  
another tune. They claim you might as  
well stop the war now if you're going  
to ration gasoline. Every man for himself  
I always say.

I certainly was hot here yesterday  
93° at 5.00 P.M. and a high humidity. We  
were really sweating & steaming. Just sitting  
still the perspiration would go trickling  
down your back.

Well the boys want ~~me~~ to go out & eat  
now so I'll say so long

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