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Dear Dad -

I got your letter yesterday - thanks very much. Looks like we must shop at the same place for our stationery, huh? Mine is at home (in Calhoun), but I'm not, so I'll just have to make do.

Sounds like everything is going well at home - I'm glad you're having a lovely spring, and hopefully this summer won't be too bad in terms of drought. There was a picture on the front page of the New York Times yesterday or the day before of a reservoir in Santa Barbara and it looked like a desert. There was not a drop of water anywhere to be found in the area - just a lot of dry, ~~crack~~ cracked earth. Not good. It's raining today here - maybe I'll put out a few buckets ~~to~~ and catch some water to send you. Of course, it would probably be undrinkable because it's so acidic and polluted, but hey!

Well, enough of that about ecological disaster and degradation. I get to learn about it three mornings a week at 8:30 AM, and that's about enough. Anymore and I ~~was~~ will begin to despair. On a brighter note...

Yale Lacrosse is still #2 - things changed a bit in the ratings this week though.

1. Syracuse
2. Yale
3. Loyola, MD
4. Virginia
5. North Carolina (tie)  
Harvard
7. Brown

Brown was #3 until we beat them and Princeton beat them in the same week - now they are 6-2. Harvard was seventh last

week, but they have moved up & have a record of 7-0. - We play them in a couple of weeks at home, and it could be a better game than had been expected. This weekend we beat UMass 19-13, though Scott said it was not a ~~good~~<sup>great</sup> game, and when I saw Josh (Scott's friend & mine too), also a soph. attackman) yesterday he said that, in ~~summary~~ short, "it sucked!" But they won, and he said that he and Scott had really ~~got~~<sup>got</sup> good seats, right down by the field. Nice! Oh well. Yale remains undefeated - 11-0 so far. The next ~~few~~ few games shouldn't be as hard as the last few have, though no one really ~~likes~~ likes to say that.

So that's the story of lacrosse for the moment. On other fronts ... I have two papers due this week, Thursday & Friday. Both are research papers, one pretty easy one on Morocco, and one on the Spotted Owl and Old-Growth Forests in the Pacific Northwest. Hello, ~~randomness~~ obscurity! Why is it, I wonder, that I am so good at coming up with terribly random topics for these environmental papers? I don't know, but I certainly seem to be good at making my life difficult...

Scott and I had a nice Easter - we made a short visit to New Canaan, and then went out to ~~the cinema~~ see "Cinema Paradiso." We both really liked it. I was expecting to get tired of reading the subtitles, but I actually ended up not even noticing that I was having to read. We also want to see "Driving Miss


Daisy," but there is the small problem of Driving Mr. VW ~~Wagon~~ Rabbit - that is, ~~you~~ we can't, because it's not running. The movie is playing in Milford, so that creates a small difficulty. Maybe we'll figure something out though.

So, Mom's birthday - well, knowing mom, she'll definitely want a black tie gala ball at the Mark Hopkins with 3 or 4 hundred of her closest friends. Don't you think so? Or maybe a new nutmeg grinder or something. I don't know, it's so hard to do or buy things for her. Your dinner idea sounds good, I think she would enjoy that. That and a huge gaudy diamond brooch and she'll be thrilled! Just kidding. I don't have the perfect idea just yet, but I will keep thinking about it, and if something comes to me I'll let you know.

I got my Easter box today, just a few minutes ago - I haven't opened it yet, but thank you very much anyway. The stain remover is also just wonderful - Scott and I spent a romantic afternoon yesterday bending over the sink scrubbing little spots out of a couple of his white shirts - I know what you're ~~thinking~~ thinking. "Ah, to be young again! Those were the days!" - Well, yes, it is very exciting.

I must run off now, father, but I will talk to you soon. Thanks again for your letter!

Love, Sarah 

P.S. The latest update: Yale 16, Army 13 (I think) yesterday at the Yale Bowl. Yale stud midfielder 

John Reese scored 10 goals, topping his record of 8, set last Saturday.