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Dear Tom,

Thanks for the book and the letter. We were all wondering how things were going. I hope things turn out well with you and your new girl. About the car: I think you would get more for your money if you could find an old Honda or Nissan Sentra or Mazda GLC. I think they hold up better than other cars and are in better shape when they are several years old. I just bought Amy a '71 Honda Civic for \$500. It's got some patched-up rust and a cracked windshield and it needs a muffler, but it runs good. I paid a deposit on it last night and won't pick it up until Friday. Haven't told Amy yet. Liability insurance alone is going to cost her about \$1100 a year.

Dana and Doug are both living with us now. Dana is studying to be a travel agent at LCC, but today she found out how little they make to start and is having second thoughts. She bought an '85 Pontiac 6000 about a month ago for \$3700. It's got everything, really loaded - a really nice car. And Doug bought a Pontiac Firebird ('85?) a week ago for \$4200. It's a lot of money, but both are working full time.

Amy and Jillene lost their apartment because they were too late telling their landlord they wanted to renew their lease, and it took Amy until early September to find another. It is a nice, modern 2-bedroom apartment, but it is about 2 miles from campus. It's not a bad bike ride during the day, and she is on a bus line, but she sometimes works until late at night at Baskin Robbins on Grand River east of the campus, so she just about has to have a car. She gets her license back November 1. Her roommate is an 18 or 19 year old girl she works with at Baskin Robbins. Amy quit her job at the cafeteria bakery and got an office job on campus, so she still has 2 jobs. She had no job at all until the end of June, but after I chewed her out about it, she went to work for Joan at the cafeteria and has been working her butt off since. I am pleased.

I am also glad to hear that you are making some money. It makes life easier.

Love,
Dad