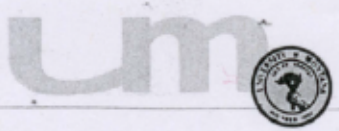


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Dear Tada:

Well what different pictures we have of ourselves than do others. But that's par for life, I suspect. I was just in Seattle and John is appearing in a movie that's being made about me. Not only that, he was just here in Missoula and we spent a long night talking. Oh, how very lovely he is. You are right, a dear and good man.

You have seen all my books except the first one, A Run Of Jacks. All three of the first books are out of print and only Lady and What Thou remain in print. I'm submitting a new book soon. Have another near ready. Also have just finished a book on creative writing. We fly to Saginaw tomorrow where I'm picking up a prize of 3000 dollars and I am happy about that, But nervous at the talk I must give. I'm awful at being gracious. I sound as if I'm trying.

Your mention of White Center people brings back a host of memories and conflicting responses. My list of outstanding people doesn't coorespond to yours except for the Mitchells. They satisfy any personal standard, those sweet people. I didn't know about Dot Brown running the rink in White Center but had heard of Kourkemelis and knew Nelson was with the PO. He must be ready to retire.

Seattle alas is big big big. Everything charming is gone except the Pike Place Market, or else hidden behind something huge and ugly. I saw a TV news program with a feature on a group of students from Sealth Highschool who were doing some reclamation work on Longfellow Creek. One boy who had lived in the area all his life was asked if he had known the creek was there and he said, no, he'd never heard of it. I guess more than anything, that is the saddest comment on modern life. See you one of these days.

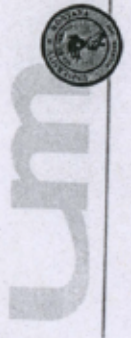
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