Things of My Soul

My Pre-Mission journal

2006-2008

Preface

I wrote this journal during the first years of high school. I am taking the liberty of editing the original writing with correct spelling and grammar as to preserve the original ideas the best way possible.. I also am taking the liberty of removing entries that I feel are unnecessary.

-Jason Porter (07/02/14)

Testimony

As I think on my past, and look at the experiences that I have had, I pray with sincerity that my collection of memories will be of use to someone someday; whether by my journal entries or by my own wisdom. I know that I have been blessed in my life to overcome many obstacles in which I may help others overcome as well. Life is a trial of our faith. I am not perfect, but I know that I am stronger because of the fortitude of the gospel in my life and my willingness to seek out a righteous path.

I know what Hell is like. I’ve been there. But I also know that the Lord lives. Jesus Christ who died for my sins and sorrows lives and has provided mercy to me and all that believe on Him.

Life is crazy; crazy beautiful. It is my testimony that by living for eternal blessings, I have felt the Atoning Grace of my Savior at the crucial moments of my life. He loves me. I will rejoice on the day that I behold His glorious countenance and report my successes with gladness at heart.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Jason Porter (03/18/15)

Table of Contents

[10/03/06 Tuesday 6](#_Toc414444022)

[10/05/06 6](#_Toc414444023)

[10/06/06 6](#_Toc414444024)

[10/07/06 6](#_Toc414444025)

[10/09/06 6](#_Toc414444026)

[10/10/06 Tuesday 7](#_Toc414444027)

[10/15/06 Sunday 7](#_Toc414444028)

[10/16/06 Monday 7](#_Toc414444029)

[10/19/06 7](#_Toc414444030)

[10/22/06 7](#_Toc414444031)

[10/24/06 8](#_Toc414444032)

[10/25/06 8](#_Toc414444033)

[10/31/06 8](#_Toc414444034)

[11/09/06 8](#_Toc414444035)

[11/12/06 Sunday 8](#_Toc414444036)

[11/15/06 Wednesday 8](#_Toc414444037)

[08/05/07 Sunday 9](#_Toc414444038)

[08/06/07 Monday 9](#_Toc414444039)

[09/16/07 9](#_Toc414444040)

[09/17/07 10](#_Toc414444041)

[09/19/07 10](#_Toc414444042)

[10/21/07 Sunday 10](#_Toc414444043)

[10/22/07 Monday 10](#_Toc414444044)

[10/23/07 Tuesday 10](#_Toc414444045)

[10/24/07 Wednesday 11](#_Toc414444046)

[10/25/07 Thursday 11](#_Toc414444047)

[10/26/07 Friday 11](#_Toc414444048)

[10/27/07 Saturday 11](#_Toc414444049)

[10/28/07 Sunday 11](#_Toc414444050)

[10/29/07 Monday 12](#_Toc414444051)

[10/30/07 Tuesday 12](#_Toc414444052)

[10/31/07 Wednesday 12](#_Toc414444053)

[11/03/07 Saturday 12](#_Toc414444054)

[11/04/07 Sunday 13](#_Toc414444055)

[11/10/07 13](#_Toc414444056)

[11/26/07 13](#_Toc414444057)

[12/08/07 13](#_Toc414444058)

[12/09/07 13](#_Toc414444059)

[12/10/07 14](#_Toc414444060)

[\*12/11/07 14](#_Toc414444061)

[12/12/07 14](#_Toc414444062)

[12/14/07 14](#_Toc414444063)

[12/16/07 Sunday 14](#_Toc414444064)

[12/23/07 14](#_Toc414444065)

[12/24/07 14](#_Toc414444066)

[01/08/08 15](#_Toc414444067)

[01/09/08 Wednesday 15](#_Toc414444068)

[01/15/08 15](#_Toc414444069)

[01/16/08 15](#_Toc414444070)

[01/17/08 15](#_Toc414444071)

[01/20/14 16](#_Toc414444072)

[01/21/14 16](#_Toc414444073)

[01/22/08 16](#_Toc414444074)

[01/26/08 16](#_Toc414444075)

[01/28/08 16](#_Toc414444076)

[01/29/08 17](#_Toc414444077)

[01/30/08 17](#_Toc414444078)

[01/31/08 17](#_Toc414444079)

[02/01/08 17](#_Toc414444080)

[02/02/08 17](#_Toc414444081)

[02/03/08 17](#_Toc414444082)

[02/05/08 17](#_Toc414444083)

[02/09/08 18](#_Toc414444084)

[02/11/08 18](#_Toc414444085)

[02/12/08 18](#_Toc414444086)

[02/13/08 18](#_Toc414444087)

# 10/03/06 Tuesday

I am beginning this journal.  I am listening to the music Sister Hall gave me today.  It is quite enjoyable to have while doing my homework.

Today was rated 7/10 at school.  Seminary was great.  But I feel like I have a cold.  I got de sniffles.  I found it hard to concentrarte today.  But I’ve been working.  I love going to seminary in the morning no matter how early it is.

I hope I accomplish the Stake Presidency Award.  I’ve gotten a start already.  I will have to work harder on scripture masteries.

Well, I have homework to do.  Bye!

# 10/05/06

I am going to write in this journal for one month from now on.  School was boring but my science teacher/pyro had an exciting lesson: lighting magnisium on fire, making fire tornados, and blowing up a bottle’s inside with hydrogen.  But it was ok.  I quite enjoyed it.

Bye!

# 10/06/06

Some things I like are math, drums, running, and I love seminary.

I try not to be mean to my brother Kevin but it’s hard sometimes.  But I’ll work on it.

Today we played frisbee together.  It was fun.  My brother is in choir.  He needs to go to bed, so good night.

# 10/07/06

Today I started reading the Prydain Chronicles again.  I also listened to the tape, no, the CD that Sister Hall gave me.  Tomorrow I have the opportunity to start a new fast offerings route.  Then I can have a presidency meeting and then I’ll do the sacrament.  I think tomorrow might be busy.  Goodluck to whoever is reading this and if you’re writing this.  Goodnight.

# 10/09/06

Today I had to work on three different projects.  My favorite of the three is English.  But it is still hard.  School is getting tougher.  I better try harder and think of logical ways of counterattacking the work load.  I can do this.  It won’t be too hard for me because Nephi built a ship.  I can do three projects with less effort than he.  I have optimism and a prayer in my heart.  I will do the things the Lord commands and what the prophets reveal to us.  Education is very important.  I will work hard.

# 10/10/06 Tuesday

Today I worked hard on my projects and I am doing well with time.  I have a few days till they are due.  I am doing well in school.  I hope I get all A’s.  I need tons of sleep to be ready for tomorrow, so I’ll stop for the day and sleep for the night. Bye.

# 10/15/06 Sunday

Sorry, I forgot to write in my journal yesterday. Today I feel lucky even though my mom\* turned it into a chore day.  Dad made scones, we watched a movie, and we relaxed (not after church though).

Yesterday was really relaxing though.  We pretty much lounged around after chores.  I even got drum dampeners for my drums.  I still need to read my scriptures, so good night.

\*in this instance, “mom” is referenced to Ami, my step-mother.  I kept this journal entry because it hints at some very key events in my life.  It was hard for me to call Ami mom for the longest time.  She really wanted me to and I finally did.  the phrase in parenthesis is in reference to chores.  When Ami got angry, we would find ourselves cleaning the house and doing other duties for the remainder of the day.  I still had a sense of hesitence in acknowledging the harsh realities of her behavior at this time and did not express it in words until my senior year in high school.

# 10/16/06 Monday

Today was maybe the only day of seminary for the week, plus we have Thursday and friday off.  I am really tired.  But I am blessed by the Lord with the gift of unwavering direction when I am intuned with the spirit.

I believe I should be stronger in my faith of Jesus Christ, my Savior.  Amen.

# 10/19/06

I just finished making a fort with my brother out of my bed.  It is quite awesome.  Tonight we are going to read the Prydain Chronicles.

Today was relaxing.  We didn’t have any school.  Last night I got home at twelve from a Halo 2 party.  It was for Jake Martel and Jason, but they happened to move that morning.

Well, I got to go.  Goodnight

# 10/22/06

Sometimes I dislike Sundays.  Not because of church, but my home.

Kevin’s being a snotball, Tricia’s boss and friends call her, mom makes it a chore day because Kevin messed both the office and my bedroom up and because Kevin’s a snotball.  Sorry to complain, but that’s just what I feel like sharing.  I’m also sorry avout not writing for two days.  It’s hard to remember some days.  Kevin’s being a beatnick right now.  He wants me to make mom’s lunch for him.  I told him to do it because he still has to make his and he is being a snotball.

Good luck to you if you need it.  Good night.

# **10/24/06**

**Today I feel ready to prove that I want freedom of the servants of Satan who do uphold his work.  I know I can receive freedom of immorality.  My answer came from church two days ago, yet I didn’t fully understand.  Tomorrow I will fast to strengthen me spiriturally so that I will forsake deeds I regret and forsake a future that would have been full of wickedness and sadness for me.  However, I will show that I came to earth for a righteous purpose, and that is what I will toil for.  I find strength in song and with good freind.  Now, too, I will help others not surviving the natural man.**

# 10/25/06

Halloween is comin’.  I am in charge of making apple-bobbing-posters to put on the kitchen door of the church.

I did my fast.  I do feel more spiritual, but I must say I was a little naive at what would happen.  I won’t go into details.

Good night.

# 10/31/06

Today was Halloween!  I got free candy.  And don’t tell anyone, but I gave Mika West a snickers and he smeared it all over mom’s good white blanket.  I just tried to remove it with a damp sock.  I didn’t finish though.  I’ll do it tomorrow so nobody is around.  Well, adios!

# 11/09/06

This is the last hour in my life that I will be fourteen!  I will soon be taking responsibility as a man.  I will have to be more mature.  Luckily I get cake.

A few minutes ago I was watching Life with Louie and the Tick.  Well, I need to take in my last youth life.  Good night.

# 11/12/06 Sunday

I got a new tie today. Actually, I got two.  Yesterday my dad got me a Jimmi Hendrix shirt.  I also got a new church shirt.  My dad also got me some genuine peanut butter.  It’s the kind that you have to refrigerate.  I’m reading the Prydain Chronicles to my brother Kevin.  I recommend these books to teen readers.  It’s kind of a medieval story.

# 11/15/06 Wednesday

Today was great.  Mostly normal stuff.  But my back aches now.

# **08/05/07 Sunday**

**It is difficult to describe my feelings.  I feel ashamed yet uneasy about what to do next.  I have committed sins.  I have been too caught up in myself that even I have slackened enough to be ensnared in curious temptations.**

**I have made a very vile sin.  Even multiple times.  It is so hard to forgive myself.  Everytime I try to repent, I get carried away in my serious addiction.  I feel that I must confess; admit to my Bishop that I , Jason Porter, have done a deed that could ruin my life and eternal life with a loving wife.  I want a future of great promise.  But I must repent.  And it is hard.  Greater than I have ever imagined.  I never wished this.  Yet it befalls me.  I pray now for guidance and strength to do what I must.**

**I have a testimony.  One I could never deny.  However, I have lacked reason and duty.  I feel like a failure that will amount to nothing unless I forsake my sin.  Please, help me father.  This is my plea.  I need spiritual help.  I ask for forgiveness.  I want to come unto thee in the end and bring back my talents and more.  I ask thee to give me the will to confess my sins so that I might be cleansed of my sins.**

**I love thee so much and want to express it more than I can now.  I have failed thee, my God.  I definitely feel like a lost sheep.  I need this this day, and always, to help me through my life.  I pray that I will be blessed today to endure longer so that I will make my way back to the straight and narrow.**

**And I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ.  Amen.**

# 08/06/07 Monday

Currently I’ve been working on multiple projects combined with small tasks.  I’ve mostly been doing the porch.  I’ve sanded it and my brother and I have started painting it.  We are almost done.  Both of us have been working hard on tearing down wallpaper, too.  Another project, which is more interesting, is building a cajon (ka-hone), a box drum that sounds like a drumset.  Kevin and Dad have been working on a renaissance guitar also.  We’ve been working on basement doors in the garage (just staining them) in between projects.

Aside from that, I’ve basically did nothing but eat and sleep.

# 09/16/07

Howdy! School’s begun, same as seminary.  We have great missionaries at church, and I’ve made $105 in two days!  Success, success, success.

However, I’m on prendezone right now.  A drug (steroid) which basically helps cure my poison ivy.  Ouch!  I get mood swings.  But generally I feel good.

School’s been tricky.  I’ve been having brain cramps and muscle aches.  Weights are a good way to start the day (along with seminary!).  Though I can hardly lift a pencil afterwards.

My last five classes are as follows:  Accelerated English, AP European History, Albegra II, Spanish II, and then Biology.  Tough schedule, but it will be better next semester.  Well, gotta go!

!Adios!

# 09/17/07

Today was fine.  I emailed Tricia.  She’s in her 1st year of college this year.  Kevin had a birthday on the 9th, a Sunday.  It was ok.  We shot off rockets last Saturday to celebrate.  I’m doing fine but need some rest.  Night!

# 09/19/07

I’m finally receiving my citizenship of the nation merit badge.  Took me two years just to send an email to the Senetor of North Dakota, Kent Conrad.  Wow!

Studying right now.  Big test in AP European History tomorrow.  Night!

# **10/21/07 Sunday**

**Today I confessed.  My Gracious and Merciful Father in Heaven has helped me find a way.  For over a year now, I have been engaged in sexual sin.  Only images, but haunting to the soul.**

**I am now under order by my bishop to write twice a week to him, get computer filters for the internet, and receive a father’s blessing.**

**I haven’t told my parents, or anyone else than my bishop and my Heavenly Father.  If I do confess to someone else, it would be to my future wife and my dad.  I can’t imagine telling my step-mom.**

**Anyway, I’m feeling significantly better.**

# 10/22/07 Monday

I’m doing fine; preparing for Halloween.  Just last Saturday, Patrick Konewko passed away.  He was a great man.  He was one of my dad’s co-workers who always tolerated people and was very kind to us.

Patrick had been struggling with cancer for some time now.  I am so grateful to have known him for the few years I’ve lived in North Dakota.

I’m working hard in keeping the standards.

Bye!

# 10/23/07 Tuesday

Today we went to his funeral procession.  it truly is amazing how knowing the gospel helps us understand life.  Patrick’s family were all crying.  But we knew the truth.  (though it would probably have had a bigger impact on us if he was related to us).

It was at a Lutheran church which had some different beliefs than ours.  And they seemed to stray.

I am so grateful to have the gospel of the true church in my life.

# 10/24/07 Wednesday

Today I made my world record tardy at seminary this morning.  I slept in till 6:36-ish.  And then I got ready fast and arrived at church.  My dad dropped me off.  I walked in the seminary room with my scriptures in hand and… everyone was laughing (including the teacher, Brett Seamons).

I had walked in right after the lesson finished and Jack Forsey was about to say the closing prayer.  Needless to say, I have another day to make up.

Today was my first day driving.  I drove the crimson Trailblazer in a parkinglot.  I’m cool!  But I did skip scouts.  They were only playing football tonight anyway.

See ya!

# **10/25/07 Thursday**

**Today I taught family home evening.  It was about the different ways we can communicate with our Heavenly Father.  We then all received father’s blessings (my mom, brother, and I).  I feel much better.  But I still feel ashamed.**

**Well, gotta go!**

# **10/26/07 Friday**

**I called the Bishop in order to report this week’s success.  He’s in Miami with his family right now.  And I can’t use email right now.  The internet is down for us.  Well, goodnight!**

# **10/27/07 Saturday**

Today was a chore day.  My dad and I got a lot done in the garage.  I finished stripping wood.  It was the trimming for the indoor walls.  And we did other tedious work.  While I worked on the trimming, I kicked a can of polyurethane over (not intentionally) and the lid shot off.  My dad and I quickly cleaned it up with rags, toilet paper and hot water.

**I see now why I need the bishop’s help to overcome my addiction.  Just a few minutes ago I had a great desire to transgress.  But I could resist.  That, I feel, is a blessing of the tender mercies of our Father in Heaven.**

I also want to mention that my father has been ranked food Czar of the household.  But he does such a good job at it.  And the vote is unanimous.

# **10/28/07 Sunday**

**I failed today.  After church I was doing my homework and I had a very strong sexual urge.  And I fought with it for at least an hour when I finally messed up.  I’ll have to tell the bishop about it.**

**Well, it’s almost Halloween.**

**We played Apples to Apples after Family Home Evening.  We’re finally in Acts of the Apostles in the Bible.  We’ve been reading the New Testament for two years now.**

**I’m almost 16.  Two weeks I hope I’m worthy to become a priest at that time.**

**At this time in my life, I feel quite emotional.  Many deaths have passed: James E. Faust, Patrick Konewko, and my English Teacher’s (Mrs. Gigstad) husband.**

# 10/29/07 Monday

Trunk or Treat!  Today we had a trunk or treat activity in the ward.  It’s where everyone comes to the church and decorates their car trunks and the kids go around saying “Trunk or Treat!” for candy.

As it turns out, I’m Kelsey Babcock’s hero: Gilligan, I dressed in a sailor suit as Gilligan, it was fun.  Aaron Potter, our neighbor joined with us.  It was fun.

I should write my journal entries on the computer and print them.  At least someone could read them.

Well, good-bye!

# **10/30/07 Tuesday**

**I am grateful for my Bishop and all that he has helped me with.  I’m also grateful for the power of repentance.  I am really doing better in life.  I’ve struggled for over a year in chastity and in one week with my bishop I have already done an amazing feat.  I am so thankful for the strength I have been given and for my ability to have a father’s blessing.  I am thankful to my brother Kevin (who at the moment is sleeping on my room floor as a sleepover).  He is an opportunity to make a difference in my life.  I pray to influence him to do good and to never get addicted to anything.  And I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# 10/31/07 Wednesday

Halloween!  I got so much candy.  Some people looked at me funny (I’m 5’ 10”)  when they gave me sugar.  Muahhahah… I had fun with my lil’ bro Kevin.  He’s sleeping on the floor again.

I kind of miss my older sister Tricia.  We always had fun on Halloween (except for the one when we both had chicken pox! I was about 3-5 years old).

I’m doing fine.  The quarter is over on friday!  Yikes!  I probably have a few Bs.  Woops...Gotta go.

# 11/03/07 Saturday

We had a seminary activity today.  I had lots of fun playing scripture mastery taboo game.  It was great.

Today I got a lot cleaned: the office, the dishes, and my room.  Small chore list, but it felt like spring cleaning.

Yeah, well, I best be going to bed. Tomorrow’s Sunday and daylight savings. Goodnight!

# 11/04/07 Sunday

Today we released Todd Hendrickson from being the Stake President.  He’s moving to Kansas City.  We’re all going to miss him.  His family will stay for a year yet though.  Today was stake conference.

I feel emotional. I’m almost 16 too.  I feel strong yet weak.  It was also daylight’s savings.  Goodnight.

# 11/10/07

Yesterday was my nephew Chase’s birthday.  I still need to write him and call them.  Last night I had a party with my friends: Nate Anderson, Brand Nelson, Jack Forsey, and Sam Forcey (order of punctuality.)  Nate is a school friend--nice kid, fun and wise.  Others are in my ward at church.

Yeah, we messed with my drums, Bro. West’s keyboards (he left them here for 2 years and still hasn’t taken them back yet, he will), my dad’s acoustic, matched stupid movies, and played guitar hero.

It was great.  Just to clear things up, this was not in celebration of my Nephew.  Today is my Birthday.  I’m now 16! Ughh!  I’m old!!!

Gotta go.

# 11/26/07

I think I’m being asked a lot.  I have school things, seminary, church duties, scouts, and time is very precious.

Lately I’ve been getting into astronomy.  I’m researching black holes for English and I’m studying the great astronomers of the 16th-17th centuries in History.

Well, I best be off!

# **12/08/07**

**My bishop believes that I am worthy again to work with the sacrament.  Yippy!**

Also, today was the Christmas party for our ward.  It was great.  We all had skits.  The primary (including Kevin) sang a weird song about “socks?”  Mom and dad waltzed.  Bro. West and dad played “Feliz Navidad” using congas and the guitar.  And the relief society hula-danced wearing scarves and jackets and a skirt over it. Last of all, the young men (that means me also) lip synced “Rudolf the Rednosed Reindeer” (hip-hop version).  Then there was the annual snowball fight using pillows made of cotton wrapped in cloth.  It was great!

# **12/09/07**

**I’ve been busy lately and now I’ve been trying to get back into the swing of things.  It’s difficult.  But I’ll manage.**

**Today I felt great when I took the sacrament.  I feel stronger than before.  It’s like I’m renourished for the week ahead. I am so grateful for my Savior, Jesus Christ.  I pray to be more like him**.

# 12/10/07

Only 15 days left till Christmas. That’s when Tricia will be coming home for a week.  It’ll be great.  Right now I’m in my room with heater on.  Brrr!  It’s freezing in North Dakota.

My Dad has been making a movie as a tribute to Erin Bigler, his mentor in college for psychology.  It’s great.  There is humor, genuine gratitude, and inside jokes.

# \*12/11/07

Normal life is what’s happening.  School is bogus.  I really am tired of homework.  I also need to make up seminary.

Today I read part of the Book of Mormon.  I was actually into it.  I was pondering things and contemplating stuff.  It’s a great book.

# 12/12/07

Today I finished my final draft on Dark Matter for my English class.  I would only recommend someone interested in science and astronomy to check out Dark Matter.  Though, anyone could think and find it interesting.

# 12/14/07

There’s not much to talk about.  However, I did learn how to program in HTML and a little bit of javascript.

Today really is the 15th, but only by an hour and exactly 20 minutes. So it counts.

I learned how to be more of a geek and learned DOS also. Well, that about sums it all up. Goodnight.

# 12/16/07 Sunday

Today I blessed the sacrament for the first time.  It was a lot different than what I had expected it to be like.  When talking into the microphone, you don’t hear it come out.  Another thing was that I did it on my first try!  Stutters and all, but I didn’t have to repeat it.  Well, gotta go!

-Note: the next few days all I wrote was about how I was excited that Tricia was coming back.

# 12/23/07

Tricia came.  It seems quite similar at home to when she left.

# 12/24/07

Christmas Eve.

I am grateful to have a wonderful family.  We had family home evening today and sung different Christmas hymns.  I definitely feel the spirit.

I need to get to bed now or else Santa won’t come. :)

Goodnight

# 01/08/08

I am so grateful to have a younger borther. I get to see him grow and develop in wisdom.  He also reminds me of things I’ve once did.  But just today, Kevin picked out his favorite scripture in Romans.  it was about how having faith is a main goal of ours.

I hope that I can be an example of righteousness for him so that he can grow strong.  I must go now.

# 01/09/08 Wednesday

Iceskating in gym.

Latin Rhythm in Jazz

Loin’ homework from English (sarcasm)

Extra credit/studying for a test in AP European History.

Need to study Algebra II and Spanish.

Biology’s a cinch!

Sliced my thumb with two parallel cuts using my shver for the first time.  I look good!

(mental note: never wipe the blades with my thumb again)

It’s 12:04 am.  Good Morning!

# 01/15/08

Tomorrow I have band (I play percussion, snare drum, bass drum, xylophone, marimba, timpani, etc.), then I have gym, and lastly, I will be going to jazz band.

The jazz final is basically mastering cool latin beats.  I think I will ace it, so it’s not much of  a hassel.  However, the next day, I will be in 3 hour segments of Accelerated English, AP European History, and then Algebra II.

Aghhhhhhh!!!!!!

I’ll get through it though.  I’ll try to write down my cummulative GPA when I get it.  Right now I hold a 4.0.  However, I believe that after this week I will have a B in History altogether.

Well, good night!

# 01/16/08

I don’t feel as prepared for  finals as I should be.  I should have studied more.  Well, I’m just gonna have to cross my fingers, hope for the best, and get some sleep.

Good night.  I’ll write after English, Euro, and Math.

# 01/17/08

I am grateful to my heavenly father for helping me today.  My finals were long but i was able to do them.  i know God lives and that I should be eternally grateful.  Even more than just for help on the final, but also for life.

# 01/20/14

Today I blessed the sacrament for my second time.  I haven’t messed up yet and I hope I never will.

Well, mom (Ami) is out of town; she’s on a business trip of some kind in Minnesota.

Well, that’s all the news really.  Goodnight.

# 01/21/14

The computer is being stupid!  Augghh…

First, it goes into some strange mode that won’t let you do any applications.  Then it goes black and won’t allow safety mode.

So, I’m backing up everything right now and am going to resore the computer to how it began (when we first used it).

Well, it’s a good thing I only wanted to program my game today, except for the fact that I can’t!

Since 9:30 to 10 this morning it wasn’t working.  Now it’s 9:58! PM!

Well gotta go check on it.  Good night.

# 01/22/08

Today was my first day back in school for semester two.  I now hace a ninth hour study hall, new biology teacher Randall, and… two Bs.

Yep.  I finally lost my 4.0 prestige.  I knew I was going to get a B in AP Euro, but I wasn’t expecting Spanish to be an 89%

Oh, well.

My parents shouldn’t be too angry with me.  I hope.

# 01/26/08

I am so grateful for having study hall this semester.  However, now I need to make some good goals to use my time wisely.  Blitzmax computer programming cannot be my priority.  Here are some goal ideas:

1) Bible reading for the Stake Presidency Award in seminary

2) Scouts - eagle planning

3) make up seminary absences

4) Scripture mastery memorizations

5) Find a job

These are some ideas.  I better use them.  Goodnight.

# 01/28/08

Yesterday night Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley passed away after serving as president of the Church for thirteen years.  he was an amazing example of humbleness and a great leader.  I am now sixteen.  I want to be more Christlike so that I can serve an mission.  By studying Prophet Hinckley’s example, I think that I can be a better person.

That’s all I have tonight.  See ya

# 01/29/08

It was -40 degrees Fahrenheit outside today.  BrrrhrrrrrrrhrrrrrrrrrrBrrrrbbbububrrrrrrrhhhr.

Yes, it was that cold out!  When I finally got home from my ¼ mile bus stop, my nose was drooling a puddle of snot.  Ewww! (a hyperbole that is is semi-true)

Well, that’s today’s news: -13 degree air with a windchill of -40 degrees.  I hope you’re happy.  Night!

# 01/30/08

I had a really bad headache.  Now I’m completely out of it.  I’m just barely recovering.  Lucky for me, I should have been studying for my history test.  Well, I need my sleep.  Good night.

# 01/31/08

Not much today.  Still in the negatives but warmer.  Can’t wait till spring.  goodnight.

# 02/01/08

Today was excellent weather.  It’s T-shirt weather; we got a whole whopping -4 degrees today (i’m not kidding.  It was great!)

Today was the annual Spaghetti fundraising scout thing.  I was good.  We all had to make cakes to sell for the auction (we as in the scouts).  My cake was sold for about five bucks.  Five measly little dollars.  Oh well.  It was gor the greater good.  Well, good night.

# 02/02/08

Today was President Gordon Bitner Hinckley’s funeral procession.  It was heart warming and I felt humble at the humility of such a strong spirited man.  I know without a doubt that he is risen.

I’ll end this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

# 02/03/08

It’s truly amazing how God works!  He has appointed prophets on this earth along with many men that show and teach by experience.  If it weren’t for the first presidency and the general authority, I would have continued down an unrighteous path.  I am truly indebt to Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley.

Good night!

# 02/05/08

I feel like such a slacker: my eagle isn’t done, missing out in church and Wednesday night activities.  I need to get cracking.  Well, I’ll start by getting some sleep.

# 02/09/08

We had a blizzard last night.  Not too bad though.  It was only -20 degrees Fahrenheit with wind chill, -5 degrees without it.  Tomorrow, Sunday, it will get to the -20s without windchill and around the -40s with it.  I plan on staying warm tonight.  Better go.  goodnight.

# 02/11/08

I’m on the last page.  Wow!

Turns out that I’m scheduling for classes tomorrow and not today.  The Dance is coming up.  I plan on going.  I wouldn’t pass off an opportunity to dance with some good looking girls in my church.  Well, gotta go; Hasta Noche.

# 02/12/08

I want to be strong in my ways.  But I’ve already fallen to stumbling stones in my path.  The only way to get stronger is to resist them.  Goodnight.

# 02/13/08

I want my best to be able to serve a mission.  I must either sacrifice my possessions and inherit God’s or else, I will not be a successful missionary.  I pray for strength to continue on.

Good Bye.