

Fall of 1963?
(I have a car at this time "Sun")

She did find an inexpensive new printing press I can get for \$160 and I'm seriously thinking of setting up my own graphics studio. But I'm going to find out what the whole set up will cost me. I'm going to need one if my work in etching is to continue. And I have every feeling that it will. After all I am going to be the world's greatest etcher. It's wonderful when I think that I've studied the works of all the greats and found them lacking in something. Perhaps this means that there is something lacking and that, ^{that} will be my contribution.

You know the photos of the old stairs - the two photos that you have to put together to get the whole composition. Well that has been bawling in my brain for a couple of days now. I just might do something with that. I hate working from photographs, but it is my only ~~one~~ way to keep in contact with that vision of the South which moves me at times almost to tears with throbbing pains of frustration when I think that I have not yet mastered my means of expressing it.

I sometimes wonder if I ever will. It involves much sweat - a commodity which despite what you may think I use very sparingly. I must work not only as an artist but as a student, a student, a student, even if it involves staying here beyond my endurance.

I want only the South and an occasional chance to put some of it down for people, for some people to look at and say - "this has been felt" So I must master drawing and composition and so I'm tired and with another ~~busy~~ busy week ahead I must rest.
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P.S.

Expect something good soon! (over)

Stu, I am coming for Thanksgiving to New Orleans and we will drive to Natchez. Perhaps you could wangle some excuse to stay an extra couple of days. Think about it and let me know. I want to do some drawings that I could work etchings from so you can see the value of our trip.

It is almost certain that if I come home for Thanksgiving that I won't return ^{to Philly} until after Xmas. Because from Thanksgiving to Christmas holidays is only 2 weeks. I would save money. I'm off to work now so take it easy and think about this vacation thing.