

This letter was from Ted Applegate to daughter Ann, while she was a nursing student at TCU.

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Dear Daughter Anne: I don't think we are hearing from you quite as frequently as we should since you are not working and have so much time on your hands. What are you doing with all your time now? Don't forget your habit of industry which was well on the way to becoming a habit. Remember how much more you can do when you have a limitation on the time in which to do it. If you are studying more with the assurance of better and higher grades it is alright to ignore us even more. But do not fritter away your precious minutes.

By the way, my dear, you never did tell us the result of the B.M.R. you had taken. And how you are doing in the way of weight loss and nervousness and so on. We need to be kept up to date on matters of health. Give us the low down, please. We had word from Uncle Carl to Mother that Ted would be leaving there probably Monday the thirtieth and that he was bringing Sonny with him. We had sent word that we would like for Sonny to come down for a visit. So they may stop off to

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see you about Tuesday or Wednesday. But don't sit around mooning for ever and a day waiting for the great event. I seriously don't believe you mean as much in Ted's young life as he does in yours. You had better be realizing pretty soon that that is the way it is in most men's lives where women are concerned. You won't find one man in a thousand who is the family man that your daddy is. Ever since I was married my first and only love has been my family. I would rather spend every evening with my family than anywhere else or with any one else. But most men use their home as a headquarters from which to roam the world and have a haven to which to come for relaxation and rest. My family has always been a life work with me, a work of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to me. But if you ever expect to find another man as faithful to his family and to you as I have been you will have to look a long long time. I do hope you don't think I am boasting or bragging, Anne. I don't mean to be. I am just a bit different and unusual and I want you to know it and not expect your man to be quite as much the home boy <sup>that</sup> as I have been. You would or will be

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generation of medical talent I expect a lot of the knowledge to come to you unsought. You should excel in anatomy and physiology and such allied subjects.

Be careful not to appear too cocky because it is a matter of record that a first year student nurse is the dumbest animal on earth. For that reason you will amaze the experts all the more by your air of innocence and sang froid if you don't act as though it were anything unusual for you to know all about Homonymous hemianopsia, patent foramen ovale and all such simple things (to you).

"We are all very proud of you, Anne, and hope nothing interrupts your progress toward your goal. Time does pass very rapidly and you will be a graduate nurse before you know it, literally. It will be wonderful, will it not, to have a profession and be able to tell the whole wide world that you are the boss of your own destiny, that you can do whatever you will, whatever you want, whenever you want. That time is only three years off for you now, Anne. The farther along this course you go the faster the time flies, so again-- Don't waste a single precious minute. They go forever. Som long, Pal

all my love to you  
Dad