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Dear Mom:

It has been 3 months since I left for College. I have been remiss in writing and I am very sorry for my thoughtlessness in not having written before. Please sit down before you read this.

I am getting along pretty well now. The skull fracture and concussion I got when I jumped out of the window of my dormitory when it caught fire shortly after my arrival, are pretty well healed now. I only spent 2 weeks in hospital and I can see almost normally now and get those headaches only once in a while.

Fortunately, the fire in the dormitory and my jump were witnessed by an attendant at the gas station nearby and he was the one who called the fire department and ambulance. He also visited me in the hospital and since I had nowhere to live because of the fire he was kind enough to invite me to share his apartment with him. It is really a basement room, but it is kind of cute. He is a very fine boy and we have fallen in love and are planning to marry. We haven't set the date yet, but it will be sometime before my pregnancy shows.

Yes, mother and dad, I am pregnant. I know you are looking forward to being grandparents and I know you will welcome the baby and give it the same tender care you gave me when I was a child.

The reason for the delay in our marriage is that my boyfriend has some infection which prevents us to marry without a premarital blood test and I carelessly caught it from him. This will clear up with the penicillin injections I am taking daily.

I know you will welcome him into our home with open arms. He is kind and, although not well educated, he is ambitious. Although he is of a different race and religion than ours, I know your oft-expressed tolerance will not permit you to be bothered by the fact that his skin color is somewhat darker than ours. I am sure you will love him as I do. His family background is good, too, for I am told that his father is an important gun-bearer in the village in Africa from which he comes.

Now that I have brought you up to date, I want to tell you that there was no fire in my dormitory, I did not have a concussion or skull fracture, I was not in the hospital, I am not pregnant, I am not engaged, I do not have syphilis, and there is no one in my life, however, I am getting a D in History and an F in Science and I wanted you to see these marks in their proper perspective.

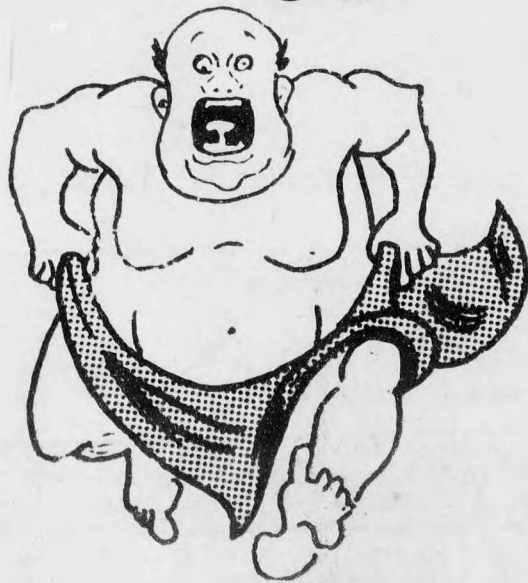
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