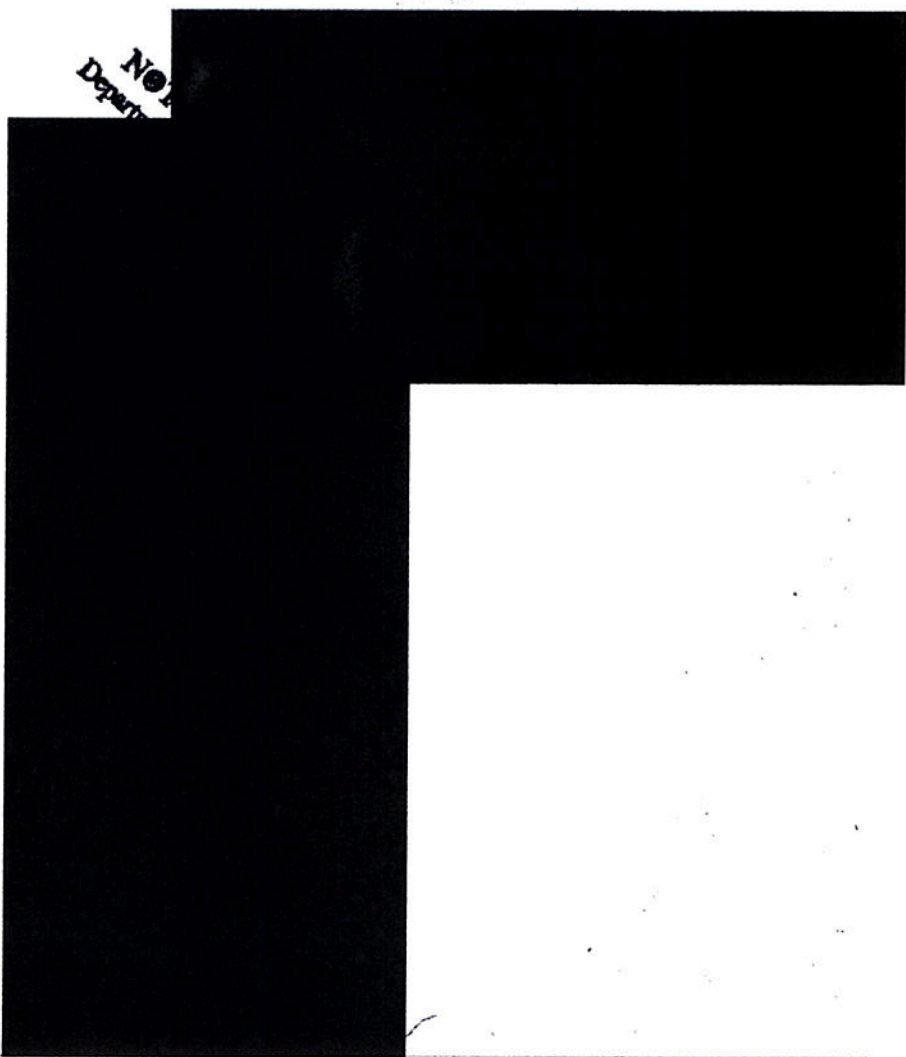


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Dear [REDACTED]

I hope you and [REDACTED] have received my previous letters by now. As you have indicated that [REDACTED] reads the letters I write to you, I hope you had a chance to read what I wrote to her! I'm not sure if she needed to hear it from me, or anybody - but I mentioned to her some things I've picked up over the years. I'm reading your latest letter and I think I understand what you're going through. You're trying to find yourself - trying to find your place in society. This anxiousness is normal and common. I've met quite a few people with a degree in one field, who work in a different, unrelated field. It's hard to know what you want to do the rest of your life when you're just starting out. Regarding your Mom - give this a try if you haven't already. Write it down. Compose your thoughts on the computer - get all your thoughts in order and then give it to her and let her read it in private, then approach her about it later. Your Mom never faced her fears until she had to. When we lived in Ct, I begged her to take English classes. She got along fine without knowing to speak or read it, so she couldn't be bothered. Even though she wasn't working and had the time and the classes were free. She Did take the classes when we moved to FL - she couldn't get by without it anymore. While she was working and had to pay... I wanted her to go to school and get a degree or a certificate in something - so she could work with her brain and

not with her back. She has her reasons, she never did follow through with that. I'm glad you have forgiven me for my mistakes. I wish I would have done a better job. I wish your Mom + I could have done a better job.

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We both needed to be 'pulling', but not in opposite directions. You two were caught in the crossfire and it wasn't fair to either of you. I'm sorry, as I'm sure your Mother is too! Counting butterflies! Haha! Well, it was an observation. You didn't appear to be 'in the moment', as it were. A day dreamer, for sure. That's not a bad thing, if you do something with it. I saw your grades - knowing you could do better - and called you out on it. Daydream all you want - After you've learned the lesson. I spent plenty of time in the classroom looking outside at the squirrels play. But - I had already read ahead and understood what the teacher was droning on and on about. Don't let reality be scary. I mean, it is scary when you have to make a judgement call, but make them using every bit of wisdom you possess. Don't just drift through your life without direction. That's the main reason I've been encouraging you to follow a certain path in college - to give you some direction!

I know plenty of Math majors who are now computer programmers and plenty of Comp. Sci majors who are in business positions. I don't know any dance majors, doing anything, so I wouldn't know to guide you in that direction. I think you'd be 'pigeonholed' and would not have as many opportunities as you would

With a more traditional degree. Let me tell you something... I'm not rich or famous, and I always struggled financially until I got my 2<sup>nd</sup> job. Struggling takes away from happiness - as you're not free to do as you please. Financial Freedom is the term. While not rich - [redacted] I was free to do as we pleased - and we were both very happy. I'm really hoping - praying to be able to go back to that lifestyle. We'll still be happy, just being together - but still. Having said all that - you Must think of financial reward as you contemplate your career path. A career is more than a job - it defines you. You can change your career, like I said - Math majors become programmers when they get bored with teaching, etc. So the career path you choose is not a 'life sentence' (pardon the reference!) It just makes sense to me to try and pick a major that will give you the most leeway and biggest scope. All the things you mention that you want to do sound great! Find someone who's already rich and hopefully they will share your dreams and indulge you. Or - you could choose a well paying career - work hard while you're young - and do those things later in life. Some people work for the same place for 20 yrs, then retire - they get a pension as part of their benefits. That's not nearly as common as it used to be. If you had a pension - you could work part-time and have enough money to live on AND do those other nice things. It all depends on what kind of lifestyle you want to have.

Concept of things: If you need \$ for school, instead of hanging out, working minimum-wage, I suggest you apply for a student loan. Don't piss the money away like [redacted] did. In fact. Since I am such a poor example on managing money- I suggest you take a class in money management! IF you DO want to work for Dunn & Dunn, things have changed. We don't have enough business to pay you to do nothing. What we DO need is someone who knows how to sell - to sign up - people to use our credit card services. To that end - I suggest you get hired by a company in Orlando that does this. Let them train you. Work there for 6 months and learn as much about it as you can. Then, you can come to work for Dunn & Dunn, bringing your newfound expertise with you. In a short amount of time, we'd be able to hire others and you'd be in a supervisory role. This looks real good on a resume - so even if you didn't want to make a career in sales for D+D, you would have many doors opened, due to your experience. Sound familiar? If you don't finish school and get your degree - this is a good plan. In fact - I wish you + Christopher would get together, encouraging each other, and do this. He could find a place in Jacksonville to get his training on what to do. Once you both are all trained up - you could live in any city, as the business model is not tied to Vero Beach. Even Citrus in local - though you know how I feel about [redacted] influence on you!

I'm sure you've heard me say this term before:  
Neural Linguistics. That's where you say out loud  
what you want. Right now, my immediate 'want'  
is to go home! I do have a 5-yr plan though.  
Here it is: Today is 1/30 - the state will turn over its  
Discovery to my attorney. Cory will find that the invest-  
igation was sloppy. Very soon, we will request a bond  
hearing. Sometime during the month of Feb - we will have  
the bond hearing and the judge will grant me a bond which  
we can afford. I will return home to Melbourne. I will  
immediately resume my work with H.P. & will soon thereafter  
resume my work with ~~Ken~~. The trial will be in 12-18  
months from now - I will be acquitted or found Not Guilty.  
After the trial, I will bring a lawsuit against the state.  
They will settle and I will use a portion of that settlement  
for a down payment on a modest house for [redacted] & I. I will  
use the bulk of the settlement proceeds by investing in  
Duant Dunn. With the rebounding economy, business will  
be booming and I will use my share of the profits to  
buy or build our dream house on the river. This will  
be a 2-story house constructed in a manner where  
I can park a seaplane underneath and then take  
off or land on the river. That's my 5-yr plan.  
Though right now, as I said - I'm concentrating my  
Neural Linguistic efforts on getting the bond!  
What's your plan? Think about it and  
let me know!

Love,  
Dad.