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January 7, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Weaver
212 E. Oxford Ave.
Alexandria, Va.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weaver:

At the request of our Student Government Council, I am writing you concerning your daughter, Carolyn.

Early in October, Carolyn violated Student Government rules by being in a parked car near her dormitory with a young man, (a sailor from Norfolk) whom she says she knew. Her behavior was so disgusting, the nightwatchman brought Carolyn into Alumnae Hall and reported her to the chaperone on duty. The incident was then reported to me, as well as to Student Government. I called Carolyn into my office and talked with her about her deportment with the young man, and I endeavored to counsel with her. At that time, she did not seem to realize her conduct was below the standard we expect of Madison students. After talking with Carolyn for some length of time, the Student Council gave Carolyn a very light penalty — one call down. They took into consideration that Carolyn is a freshman, and that she probably did not realize the seriousness of the offense.

In November, while returning from the Thanksgiving Holidays, Carolyn was reported to Student Government for unbecoming conduct aboard a public vehicle. Her conduct was reported as "unladylike, disgusting, and obnoxious." The boy involved was from a nearby military school. The Student Government's decision for Carolyn this time was:

1. Letter to Carolyn's parents from the Dean of Women.
2. Strong verbal warning from President of Student Government.
3. One week strict campus beginning January 5.

Today I had a long talk with Carolyn. I tried to impress upon her the most important rules are those against:

- a. conduct that is conspicuous.
- b. attracting attention to oneself in public.
- c. display of affection in public.

I also tried to explain to Carolyn that the knowledge of accepted standards of conduct is essential — just as clothing is to one's decent appearance.

Although Carolyn was under some emotional strain when I first began talking with her, I believe she knows now that what I said to her was for her own good. She showed no resentment.

I find Carolyn is a very likeable girl, and one who needs comprehension and affection. Therefore, I hope you will not judge her too harshly, but give her all the love and understanding possible. Although the penalty given by Student Government may seem severe to Carolyn, it may save for her a more serious experience.

If I can be of further service to you, please feel free to contact me. I am

Sincerely,

(Mrs. H. E. Garber)
Dean of Women

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