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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Dr. McCullough
Dr. Chassell

From: Mrs. Garrett

Re: Campus Regulations

Article VII, "Automobiles" of the College Regulations reads,

"No member of the community may drive or keep a car at College until she has been granted a license by the Community Council * * * These licenses may be revoked by the Council upon evidence of irresponsible driving or failure to observe the following regulations:

- a. Students may not lend or borrow cars except in cases of extreme emergency. In such cases an emergency slip must be obtained from the House Chairman and signed by the House Chairmen of both the borrower and the lender, and by the borrower and the lender themselves. Permission may be granted only if the borrower has a College license.
- b. Faculty members shall not borrow student cars or lend their cars to students."

At the meeting of the Central Committee yesterday two exceptions to this rule which were called "extreme emergencies" were brought up (Zoe Williams and Ruth Ellis). Each one was considered a genuine emergency by the House Chairmen involved, since each had to do with transportation of a member of the community to or from a hospital. This led to a discussion of the wisest procedure for handling such cases.

It seems reasonable to have the College provide a reliable means for taking a patient to and from the hospital. The Committee believes that the College cars could legitimately be used for this purpose and that the carrying through of such a recommendation is the responsibility of the College doctors. This would obviate the necessity of patients' finding students, who invariably get excited over such great responsibility, from whom cars can be borrowed to drive to Cambridge or to Albany.

We suggest that if it is recommended that a student go to a hospital but there is no immediate necessity for it, she report to the doctor how she is going to get to and from the hospital. This would act as a check on the arrangement which the student makes for her transportation.

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