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All changes should be made the first week and after the second week there should be no changes. Now if you have a change in your schedule that you have not reported to the registrar's office you get that change reported and do it quickly. Do not say I forgot it or I just didn't think about it. That will be enough to produce a failure in your grades. I wonder if I have made that strong enough.

What I am going to say now may not affect those of you here but what I say will affect those who were not here Saturday. We filled up this hall and now we have filled up the gallery. But we have a record of the fact that we did not have a record of fifty students being here Saturday. If the good shepherd went out to hunt the one lamb that got away then we will go out to hunt and get those fifty.

The Building Committee meets tomorrow and we will inspect the buildings. The committee will see how you keep your rooms at the same time they are inspecting the new work in the dormitories.

There are certain rules and regulations about the Library that we want you to know. Get acquainted with the library regulations. The college spent last year \$10,000.00 for the library. It is now our desire to make that library just as serviceable to you as it is humanly possible to make it. Here is a book that was put on my desk the close of school last year. This book is called "First Love and other Stories" and it was found in a certain room and the girls are in school now. There are at least seventeen places in this book where parts of the book have been cut out. Now I have never

read "First Love". This is an expurgated edition. It is cut. That book is of no service at all to our library now. It is ruined.

Our books are the thoughts of our people who have written the books. A person reduces to writing something that he or she thinks is worthwhile. It is printed and put in book form and bound and then put in a library for generations yet to come. We can read through the pages of a book and find out what a person thought at that time. You may take the books of any one period of history and if you are a student of Philosophy or Psychology you can picture the kind of folks that lived at the time these books were written. They are in a large measure a portrait of the civilization of the times. We have, of course, in our library books that are purely for information. They are not written with a view for entertaining reading but books of reference where you can find some very definite knowledge about some very definite subject. We have our dictionaries and encyclopedias. Dictionaries help us to learn to spell and get the meaning of words but are not for entertainment. I understand that there was a lady once who read everything she could find to read and one day a neighbor of hers asked her if she did not want to read the Dictionary and she took it and read it. In a few days she returned it and said, "There are some very fine thoughts but they are not put together very well." Then we have some books for pleasure and enjoyment only. I do not know whether that is what "First Love" is or not. The books are there, young friends, in this particular library to help you and to give you some pleasure out of books. The same is true with reference to magazines and newspapers. We want you to use them but we do not want you to abuse them. They are your friends and no right minded human being is going to deliberately cut a friend. Miss Gray has asked me to read the rules and regulations of the library to you: