Fraternity Regulations

Conceived, formulated and adopted by the omnipotent Faculty of Vanderbilt University (whose memory we shall always revere) October 3, 1910.

No entertainments at which there is played checkers, parchesi or puss wants a corner* may be given in any fraternity chapter-house except those given by the members of the chapter occupying the house who are twenty-one years or more, who are independent Dyer democrats, who are members of the Y. M. C. A. and who never wear pressed pantaloons or clean collars, such foolish outlay of finance being proof of mental incapacity and moral obliquity plus the unpardonable sin of approaching the limit of heinousness, the Jelly Bean.

Note.—Blind man’s buff is expressly forbidden as it involves the element of chance as well as the juxtaposition of the different sexes.

2. The number of entertainments at which there is played checkers, parchesi or puss wants a corner given by a fraternity, either in the morning, afternoon or evening, shall be limited to one (1) each scholastic year, with the generous exception of one afternoon tea during the Christmas holidays.

3. No ladies shall be admitted to any fraternity house, at any time, without being chaperoned by their mothers and fathers and the Faculty Supervisory Committee or, in case of the death of one or both parents, without the first regiment of the Tennessee infantry accompanied by the president of the Board of Trusts of Vanderbilt University (whose memory we shall always revere).

4. An entertainment shall close thirty minutes before the chaperones tender their adieux to the hosts.

5. Entertainments given during the college session, and those at any time on Saturday night, shall not be continued after nine bells, which the Faculty of Vanderbilt University (whose memory we shall always revere) has set as a curfew, which is a necessary limitation upon the ignorant and ferocious students.

6. The fraternity men in college may attend the entertainments of fraternities other than their own, provided they are asked, and that their scholastic record shall show perfect attendance on all classes and an average of not less than 99.2, and that they have a doctor’s certificate signifying their physical ability to stand the gruelling strain of such entertainment, and that their invitation be signed

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by the Supervisory Committee of their own chapter, the mayor of the city of Nashville, the Dean of
the Theological Department and the members of the executive committee of the Board of Trusts
of Vanderbilt University (whose memory we shall always revere).

7. No liquid nor frozen matter, containing any germs or coloring matter, shall be served at
any entertainment.

8. No concoctions of milk and chocolate or liquids of equal or greater intoxicating effect shall
be brought into any house at any time. The use, in the chapter houses or other places, of coco cola
subjects the culprit to the most drastic punishment provided by the Faculty of Vanderbilt University
(whose memory we shall always revere).

9. No gambling of any kind, for any amount or for anything, shall obtain in a fraternity house.
Therefore the officials of each fraternity shall be elected by standing vote or *viva voce* and not by
ballot, as the latter involves the element of chance, as is exemplified by the last election of the Bishops
of the Methodist Church, South.

10. Carrying of toothpicks and cigarette papers is expressly forbidden, the former because of
the physical danger attached thereunto and the latter because of the deleterious effect upon the repu-
tation and the danger of propagating arsonious contrivances.

11. Should the Supervisory Committee of the Faculty of Vanderbilt University (whose memory
we shall always revere) believe or suspect that any chapter of a fraternity or any member thereof
is violating any these lenient, though necessary, regulations the committee will report such violations
to the Faculty of Vanderbilt University (whose memory we shall always revere), who shall, in the
former case, destroy the charter of such offending fraternity, exile all of its active members for twelve
months and confiscate the property, real and personal, of such fraternity or, in the latter case, shall
hang, draw and quarter the culprit, confiscate his property, real and personal, and attain the blood of
his family.

**Note.**—The Faculty of Vanderbilt University (whose memory we shall always revere) shall have power to
enforce the above laws by appropriate legislation and the United States of America shall be bound thereby,
anything in the constitution or statutes of the Federal government or states to the contrary notwithstanding.

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