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FOREWORD

This little book should serve you as a guide for happier living. It embodies some of the spirit and ideals that have made Mercer deserving of our love and loyalty.

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WITHIN THESE WALLS

Early in the history of Mary Erin Porter Hall, the Student Government Association was formed, and it has grown as our residences have expanded. The object of the Association is to give every resident the opportunity to participate in the governing of the dormitory. The membership of this Association consists of all resident women. Each resident should appreciate her membership in this democratic governing organization and at all times conduct herself in a way that shows her to be the best possible member of the group.

The Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government Association is an organization for service—to provide wholesome life in our college home. The rules and regulations which the student government organization has made are those that provide for courteous and happy living for a large group housed together. Practice of a practical democracy is the privilege and obligation of every resident. Not only should each value her membership, but she should appreciate the services rendered by the officers selected to serve in that capacity.

LET US HELP YOU FIND THE WAY

1. The Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government Bulletin Board is located in the left corridor on the first floor of Mary Erin Porter Hall. Each resident is held responsible for all information posted there. Announcements for the Bulletin Board must be neatly written, dated, signed, and approved by the Resident Counselor before being posted. The person who posts the announcement

is responsible for its removal when it is no longer needed. The Student Bulletin Board is opposite the speaker on first main and is to be used for general information.

2. A telephone is located on the first floor of MEP for the use of all residents. The use of the telephone is limited. The telephone in the office of the Resident Counselor is a business phone and in no instance is to be used by a student without the permission of the Resident Counselor.

3. A student desk girl is on duty at the information desk located on the first floor of MEP, from 1:00 until closing time daily. The Desk Girl will answer calls, call residents to the telephone, receive visitors, and handle other routine matters.

4. There is a storage room in which trunks will be stored during the year if they are placed outside the rooms with the resident's name attached. At the end of the school year, express tags will be furnished by Railway Express Company and will be in the office of the Resident Counselor. All trunks will be sent at one time to the express office.

5. The Laundry Room is located on the first floor Annex and laundry is collected and returned to that room. Laundry should be brought down in a Laundry bag with an itemized list (including name and laundry mark) attached. It will be collected by noon on Monday and returned on Friday. There will be a schedule posted on the Laundry Room door stating the hours your laundry can be picked up. The first time laundry is sent, the laundry card received from the Business Office should be included. Laundry which does not have this card will not be returned.

6. There are service rooms located on each floor in which ironing, and personal laundry may be done. Whenever ironing is done care should be taken to see that the iron is turned off when not in use to prevent any danger of fire.

7. Clothes should not be left soaking in lavatory of the service room.

8. Washing machines are located in the service rooms on second floor of MEP and first floor Annex for the use of all residents. A quarter in the meter will turn on the current for a sufficient time to wash a machine full of clothes.

9. The Maid's Closet on each floor is for her equipment and is not to be used by students for storage or personal use. Articles borrowed from maid's closet should be returned immediately.

10. Repairs on the residents' rooms, chapter rooms, and suites will be made without charge unless carelessness of the occupants has made the repairs necessary. Residents will place all requests for repairs on a slip of paper and place it on the desk in the office of the Resident Counselor. The paper must contain resident's name, room number, the needed repairs, and the date.

11. The elevator in the main building is a service elevator and is not for general use. There are students who have permission to use it regularly. It may be used for transporting heavy luggage. Please be as quiet as possible when using the elevator.

12. The parlors are for the use and pleasure of all residents. Each girl will consider it a

matter of personal pride to see that parlors are kept clean and in good condition at all times.

13. The Student Government sponsors a bi-monthly paper, "Porter Patter." It will carry important Student Government notices and regulations. You will be held responsible for the information therein.

MEET OUR STAFF

Miss Inez Burns, Resident Counselor, whose office is in Mary Erin Porter at the left of the front entrance, is ready and willing to be consulted on any personal matters that you might have.

The Nurse, Mrs. Nickerson, better known as Nickie, is a member of the dormitory staff and may be reached in the infirmary. Although her main duty is to care for our physical needs, she is also willing to talk with the girls about their personal problems.

Mrs. Swatts, Housekeeper and assistant to the nurse, is another member of the dormitory staff. She may be located on infirmary hall.

The Dean of Women, Miss Louise Brown, has an office in the Administration Building and has office hours daily from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. She has an apartment on the first floor of Findlay Hall. Residents will find her ready and happy to give counseling and guidance to girls at times other than office hours by appointment or by calling at her apartment.

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

Beginning of a new week at Church on Sunday beauty of walk across campus to vespers at twilight holiday festivities at Christmas Time nostalgia of senior banquet fun and frolic at annual dorm picnic fun at Open house for Mercer boys given by all the girls at MEP harmony of male voices raised in serenade inspiration found at hall devotions dignified atmosphere of dress-up dinners on Wednesday night the wondering of "who done what" when congratulations are sung in the dining hall.

BY THESE WE LIVE—

SO YOU NEED PERMISSION:

I. General permission blanks are sent to each resident's parents so that they may indicate their desires concerning their daughter's conduct and activities. The following specific permission from parents are required before or by noon of the day for the occasion and are subject to the approval of the Resident Counselor:

1. To go to out-of-town dances.
2. To go to fraternity & sorority house parties or conventions.
3. To go to out-of-town football or basketball games (except when going with an authorized group to a game in which Mercer is a participant).

All permissions should be sent direct to
Resident Counselor
MEP
Mercer University
Macon, Ga.

AND not to student.

II. All social events must be scheduled in the office of the Dean of Women at least five days prior to the event. Any event taking place in the dormitory, and not conflicting with any other event, should be scheduled in the office of the Resident Counselor.

III. If a girl wishes to spend a night in town, permission must be secured from the Resident Counselor. This permission will be given only on the invitation of the hostess. This invitation must come direct to the Resident Counselor by letter or telephone.

3 Reports

IV. The Dean of Women or other official representative is authorized to grant late permission for breakfasts on the nights of parties. This permission may not extend later than two o'clock on Saturday mornings and not later than one o'clock on Sunday mornings. Any girl who is late to the dorm after a breakfast will be referred to the Student Government for penalty.

DRINKING, GAMBLING AND SMOKING

Drinking and gambling are against the University regulations as stated in the catalog. The President may dismiss from the University any student found guilty of these offenses, or may administer such other discipline as may seem best under the circumstances.

Girls may smoke in their rooms and in club parlors. Girls should not throw cigarette stubs in the hall or on the stairs. There will be no smoking in the main floor parlors, foyer, on the stairs, in the recreation room.

2 Reports

There will be no smoking by Mercer girls on the campus, in any classroom, in the Cop, in the drugstore, or fruitstand. This is a University Regulation. 2 Reports

When girls leave the campus for any occasion, they must always remember that they represent Mercer University and its standards and ideals.

IF YOU ARE SICK

I. The infirmary service in the dormitory under the competent graduate nurse and her assistant, provides for the care of all illnesses or accidents which occur to women students on the campus. The University physician may be consulted without any additional expense to the student.

II. Either the Nurse or her assistant will be available for treatment and consultation at regular hours each day. The schedule for these consultations will be posted on the bulletin board. Please observe these hours except in cases of emergency. In case of accident or sudden illness, report to the Nurse immediately. Someone will be available for emergency cases at all hours.

III. All skin rashes must be reported to the Nurse immediately. Penalty for violating this rule: 1 Report

IV. An illness, whether slight or severe, must be reported to the Nurse promptly, as no girl is allowed to remain ill in her room. The safety of all students may be greatly endangered by failure to observe this regulation. No patient is to leave the infirmary after admission without the permission of the Nurse in charge. 3 Reports

V. There will be no smoking in the infirmary. 3 Reports

VI. There will be absolutely no visiting in the infirmary without permission. If a student is ill enough to be confined to her bed for several days she needs rest and quiet as part of her treatment to speed her recovery. No boys or men will be permitted to visit the infirmary at any time, except the members of the patient's family and then only at the discretion of the Nurse.

VII. At the discretion of the Nurse, if patient is well enough she may have a radio or do some studying while in the infirmary.

VIII. All students must report to the Nurse before making or breaking an appointment with a doctor or dentist. This refers to any physician, whether the school physician or not. Students must also report to the Nurse after returning from a doctor's office. 2 Reports

IX. Excuse for class absence due to illness will be given only when the student is under the care of the Nurse. A girl must see the Nurse BEFORE missing a class or the absence will not be excused. There is an excuse book located in the infirmary hall. After the student has seen the Nurse, she is to sign her name in the book. If her excuse is approved, it will be signed by the Nurse and sent to the office of the Dean of Women who will then excuse the absence.

X. No girl is allowed to take anything to a patient in the infirmary unless permission is given by the Nurse. 2 Reports

LIFE IN THE DINING HALL

I. Each resident will conduct herself in a

lady-like manner in the dining hall. This includes proper dress, consideration of other people, quiet manner, and no excessive noise. There will be one person acting as hostess at each table. Only the hostess should contact the girl waiting on the table. If a resident wishes something from the kitchen, she should ask her hostess to make the request.

1 Report

II. Each girl is to remain through the main course and at that time those who do not wish dessert may be excused in a group by the hostess. After the dessert, the hostess will excuse those remaining.

1 Report

III. Residents will dress for dinner on Wednesday evenings and Sunday noon. This means that girls do not wear informal clothes used for school, but in order to make the occasion a little more festive they wear "Sunday dresses" and dress shoes.

1 Report

IV. There will be no visiting or talking between tables in the dining hall after the blessing is asked.

1 Report

V. A girl not planning to be present for a meal should sign out at least two hours before meal time. Absences will be checked by the Co-hostess.

1 Report

VI. A girl should always be on time for meals. If she is inside the dining hall while the blessing is being asked, she is considered on time for meals.

1 Report

VII. No food or table service is to be taken from the Dining hall.

1 Report

VIII. Girls are expected to come to all meals acceptably dressed. Raincoats, rainboots, tennis shoes, shorts, blue jeans, and

pajamas are not to be worn in the dining hall. Appropriate dress also means that hair should be combed and no scarfs worn. For any variation from this rule, permission must be secured from the Resident Counselor or Dean of Women.

1 Report

IX. Announcements in the dining hall are made before the blessing.

X. Girls are expected to provide their own Sunday night supper.

XI. A seating chart will be posted, and girls will sit according to this chart from Monday noon through Friday noon. The hostess is seated at the head of each table.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

I. Girls must sign out and in on the dormitory register at all times when leaving the campus and when leaving the dormitory to go to other buildings on the campus after 7:30 P. M. During the Spring Quarter, a girl does not have to sign in on the book until 8:00 P. M.

Not signing out 1 Report

Not signing in 1 Report

Not signing out and in 3 Reports

Girls studying in the library may sign out on the book between 7:30 and 10:00 P. M.

II. When a student has a date or is taking a date privilege, she must sign out and in on her Date Card (white card) even though leaving before 7:30 Fall and Winter Quarters and 8:00 Spring Quarter.

Not signing out 1 Report

Not signing in 1 Report

Not signing out and in 3 Reports

III. When students are leaving the city, or spending the night away from the dormitory, they sign out and in on their Home Cards (green cards).

Not signing out	1 Report
Not signing in	1 Report
Not signing out and in	3 Reports

IV. No girl is permitted to take an overnight privilege during the week.

2 Reports

V. When signing Date Cards, it is very important that a girl write the name of her date and the place where they plan to go. If she is attending a breakfast after a party she should indicate by the letters "L. P." meaning Late Permission.

1 Report

VI. No girl may leave the campus between 10:00 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. unless she is taking a date privilege.

3 Reports

VII. In going to dances all dormitory girls should leave from and return to the dormitory. No overnight permission has been granted.

2 Reports

VIII. Girls must do their own signing out and signing in. Residents should not ask anyone to sign them in or out, nor should they accept the responsibility for signing out or in for someone else. Also they should not ask the desk girl to sign in or out for them.

1 Report

IX. If a girl goes from the dormitory or library to the co-op, drugstore, or fruitstand between 7:30 and 10:00 P. M., she must take a date privilege. This applies on Monday through Thursday.

3 Reports

SO YOU HAVE A DATE

I. When dating, girls must leave and return by the front entrance of MEP.

1 Report

II. Boys may come into the Parlors after 1:30 P. M. Any time before 1:30 boys must wait for girls in the foyer.

1 Report

III. On Sundays, boys may come into the parlors after 9:00 A. M.

IV. Out of town boys may come into the dormitory and parlors at any time to wait for girls.

V. Each resident is responsible for her date's behavior.

1 Report

VI. Boys may not use the loud speaker at any time.

1 Report

VII. Date privileges per week (Monday through Thursday):

Seniors:	B Average	4 dates
Seniors:	C Average	3 dates
Juniors:	B Average	3 dates
Juniors:	C Average	2 dates
Sophomores:	B Average	2 dates
Sophomores:	C Average	1 date
Freshmen:	B Average	1 date
Freshmen:	C Average	0 date
All Students	D Average	0 date
Violation:		3 Reports

(All freshmen and transfer students are given a "C" rating for the first quarter.) Students with a Dean's List average are allowed an extra date privilege.

VIII. Week-end (Friday-Sunday) date privileges are unlimited to all girls.

IX. All girls, whether they have a date privilege or not, except those on probation or with "D" average, are permitted to attend one mid-week varsity basketball game or any intramural game each week. The girl must come in by 10:30 after a basketball game and must come in immediately after an Intramural game unless she is taking a date privilege.

3 Reports

X. After dark there shall be no dating on the campus proper except on the benches on the MEP lawn.

3 Reports

XI. Cheerleaders that have and maintain a C average are allowed to attend all games.

XII. Girls with a "D" average may have special permission from the Resident Counselor to attend certain University programs as plays, Campus Sing, Concerts, etc.

IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE THE CAMPUS ON THE WEEKEND

I. A girl may have standing permission to leave the city on week-ends if written permission has been secured from the parents and placed in the Resident Counselor's office. A girl who does not have standing permission must secure special permission from the Resident Counselor.

1 Report

II. Three nights spent out of the dormitory will count as a weekend privilege.

III. Week-end Privileges

Students on Dean's list	Unlimited
Seniors with C average or above	Unlimited
Students with B average	7

Students with C average 5

Students with D average 3

The penalty for taking an extra weekend without special permission is: 3 Reports

IV. Permission to leave the dormitory before Friday or to return later than Sunday night must be secured from the Resident Counselor.

1 Report

V. No resident of MEP is to leave or return to the dormitory after it closes at 11:00 P. M. or before it opens at 7:00 A. M.

3 Reports

CLOSING HOURS FOR THE DORMITORY

I. 11:00 P. M. Sunday through Thursday
12:00 P. M. Friday and Saturday

II. For the first five minutes that a girl is late, she will be given one report.

III. If a girl is from 5 to 10 minutes late, her punishment will be three reports.

IV. If a girl is more than 10 minutes late, her punishment will be decided by the Executive Committee.

V. If, for any reason, a girl will be late, she should call the Resident Counselor before the Dormitory closing time. This applies to week-ends as well as on week nights. Calling sorority sisters or friends in the dormitory is not acceptable.

1 Report

QUIET, PLEASE

I. There shall be no excessive noise at any time.

2 Reports

II. Quiet hour is observed from 3:00 until 5:00 P. M. every afternoon Monday through Thursday. 1 Report

III. Absolute quiet is observed from 7:30 until 10:00 P. M. and from 11:15 until 6:30 A. M. Monday through Thursday. 2 Reports

IV. During the days of mid-term examinations and finals, study hall and strict quiet hour will be observed from 3:00 to 5:00 P. M. and strict Study Hall from 7:30 until 10:30 P. M. There will be no disturbing noise during exam week. 3 Reports

V. Quiet hours are observed until 10:00 A. M. on Saturday and 9:00 A. M. on Sunday. 1 Report

VI. There shall be no typing after 11:15 P. M. or before 6:30 A. M. 1 Report

VII. There shall be no running water after 11:30 P. M. Sunday through Thursday or after 12:30 A. M. Friday and Saturday. No one is to run water before 6:30 A. M. on any morning. 1 Report

VIII. Radios are to be played so that they may not be heard outside a girl's room. 2 Reports

IX. All electrical appliances are to be turned off when leaving the room for extended periods. 2 Reports

X. The piano in the large parlor may be played at the following designated hours:

Monday through Thursday:

12:30 to 3:00 P. M.
5:00 to 7:30 P. M.
10:00 to 10:30 P. M.

Friday and Saturday:
12:30 P. M. to 11:30 P. M.

Sunday:
12:30 to 2:00 P. M.
5:00 to 10:30 P. M.

This is not a practice piano and must not be used as such. The above time schedule applies to pianos in chapter rooms also. 2 Reports

XI. Girls are to be in their rooms after 11:15 P. M. Monday through Thursday and after 12:30 A. M. on week-ends, except for taking baths or showers (Monday through Thursday.) 1 Report

XII. Telephones are not to be used after 11:15 P. M. except in case of emergency. 1 Report

STUDY HALL

I. Study Hall is observed from 7:30 P. M. until 10:00 P. M. Monday through Thursday. All girls are expected to be in their rooms or in the library. 1 Report

II. Girls may study in the library from 7:30 to 10:00 P. M. without taking a date privilege.

III. Study signs are placed on the door by the occupants when they want privacy and quiet so that they may study. Study signs will not be broken except for phone calls. They should not be left up when occupants are not studying. 2 Reports

IV. In case of necessity, a girl may ask the monitor or Executive Committee mem-

ber to enter a room bearing a study sign.

V. The QUIET sign means that the occupant is resting and should not be disturbed. Quiet signs should not be broken. They should not be left up when not in use.

2 Reports

VI. Suite mates are to remain in their own rooms during Study Hall. 1 Report

VII. There shall be no studying in the sorority suites or MICA rooms after 7:30 P. M. until 10:00 P. M. or after 11:15 P. M. If two or three students wish to study together in these rooms, permission may be obtained from the monitor.

1 Report

VIII. Washing machines are not to be used between 7:30 and 10:00 or after 11:15 P. M.

1 Report

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE GUESTS

I. All guests must be registered in the Guest Book (found in the hall desk drawer) with the name of the hostess clearly indicated. No overnight guests are permitted except on Friday and Saturday nights. 3 Reports

II. If guests are to be at meals, permission must be secured from the Dietician and she must be paid in advance for such meals. There is a charge of 75c for breakfast, \$1.00 for lunch and dinner, \$1.25 for Sunday lunch and Wednesday night Dinner. 3 Reports

III. All guests must sign in and out on the dormitory register at the desk.

IV. Visitors are expected to abide by our regulations. Penalty for hostess: 1 Report

PROPER DRESS

I. Long bermuda shorts with long knee socks or blue jeans, or (short shorts with a raincoat:)

a. May be worn to Phys. Ed.

b. May be worn to any University sports activity.

c. May be worn to co-op on Saturday morning.

d. May be worn on hayride or picnic.

II. No extreme sun-back dresses without boleros may be worn on campus, in the class room or the co-op. Violation of these rules:

2 Reports

HOUSEKEEPING

I. Daily room inspection shall be made by the monitors at 1:30 P. M. at which time beds shall be made and clothes put away. Rooms are expected to be reasonably clean and neat at all times.

1 Report

II. Special room inspection by an Executive Committee Member shall be made every Saturday at 1:45 P. M. at which time rooms shall be swept, waxed, dusted, and in good order. There shall be no rechecks, and doors must be left unlocked. If a girl is going home for the week-end and wishes to lock her door, she is responsible for having her room checked before she leaves.

Grades for Saturday room check:

A-Clean room

1-Disorderly room

2-Very disorderly room 1 Report
3 consecutive 1's 1 Report

Occupants will be warned when they receive 2 consecutive 1's.

III. Girls are not allowed to have maids clean their rooms. 1 Report

IV. Blinds shall be lowered at dusk and closed so that no criticism may be directed against the University. 1 Report

V. Trash must not be swept into the halls. 1 Report

VI. No hotplate may be used in the rooms, but electric coffee pots are permitted. 3 Reports

VII. Furniture in the bedrooms is not to be moved from one room to another. 1 Report

VIII. Remember to keep your food in metal containers to help keep down insects.

IX. Food or cokes should not be carried into the parlors. 2 Reports

IF YOU WISH TO ACQUIRE A TAN

I. Girls may take sunbaths on any day except Sunday. 3 Reports

II. No one shall leave trash, bottles or anything on the grounds after taking a sunbath in the court. 2 Reports

III. No smoking or card playing is allowed in the court. 1 Report

IV. No excessive noise while sunbathing. 1 Report

HOUSE MEETINGS

I. Attendance at all House Meetings is required. Girls who are campused must attend also and return directly to their rooms after the meeting. 2 Reports

II. Attendance at all Hall Meetings is required. Girls who are campused must attend also and return directly to their rooms after the meeting. 1 Report

VISITING OUT THE WINDOWS

Students should not carry on conversations out of the windows unless necessary. Monitors and Executive Committee members will be the judge as to the necessity. 1 Report

CONDUCT

A girl should be lady-like at all times. Unladylike conduct includes:

- a. Boisterousness 1 Report
- b. Public display of affection in the parlors, foyer or campus. 3 Reports
- c. Profane language 2 Reports

OFF LIMITS

The following places are considered off limits for Mercer Girls:

- 1. Tropics
- 2. El Morocco
- 3. Betty's
- 4. Copa Cabana
- 5. The Cat and Fiddle
- 6. The Trianon

7. Dempsey Tavern
8. Tattall Square Park after sundown
9. Tick Tock

Walking across the campus alone after dark is prohibited, and it is for each girl's protection that she abide by this regulation.

1 Report

FIRE REGULATIONS

I. For the safety of the MEP students, there will be two fire drills held each quarter in cooperation with the Macon Fire Department. There will be thorough explanation of fire drill procedure but each drill will be unexpected. One fire drill will take place during the afternoon, the other during the night.

II. A Fire Chief will be selected from the Executive Committee to supervise the fire drills. She will serve for a one-year term. Fire Captains will be selected from each floor to assist the Fire Chief.

III. Every girl is expected to attend a fire drill.

1 Report

IV. Halls are to remain clear at all times. All luggage should be put in the storage room on 3rd annex, or, on the 4th floor main.

V. These rules should be strictly observed during a fire drill:

At sound of fire alarm:

1. Lower all windows in your room.
2. Turn on overhead lights.
3. Raise blinds.
4. Put on warm coat and hard sole shoes.
Do not take time to dress. Have a long coat or material (not plastic)

raincoat always ready and where you can reach it.

5. Close — do not lock — the door to your room.
6. Walk — **do not run** — to your stairway and exit.
7. Proceed in **silence** to your designated station (see station chart). Remain silent so that roll may be checked easily.
8. Remain in the group until you hear the "all clear" bell. This will be three short rings on the fire bell. Please do not have loud talking in the groups at any time, as this will hinder others checking, etc.
9. Proceed quietly into building and return to your own room immediately. Lower blinds. Absolute quiet hour begins as soon as you enter the building if drill is held during quiet hours.

Cautions: Fire plugs are at corners. Do not block the way of firemen. Your fire captain, in case of actual fire, may ask you to move across to the main campus to avoid blocking the way of firemen. **Do not** leave your group at any time during the fire drill.

VI. A list of exits and stations will be posted on each floor.

IF YOU WANT TO BE RIGHT ON THE BEAM, REMEMBER

I. No men are permitted to go into the residence area of any hall unless permission is secured from the Resident Counselor.

II. Signing in terminates a date privilege. Continuing to talk to your date will take another date privilege.

AUTOMOBILES

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are allowed to keep cars at school, but are subject to University regulations governing them.

You may register your car at the office of the Dean of men.

IF YOU WANT TO "LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE"—

Monopolize the telephone . . . sweep dirt into the hall and leave it there . . . leave your clothes soaking in the wash basin . . . meander into someone's room to talk just when she is well started on tomorrow's assignments . . . get up half an hour before your roommate does, slam doors, drop shoes, turn on her radio, and generally make a racket . . . help yourself to everyone else's soap, toothpaste, and shoe polish . . . neglect to clean tubs and wash basins after you have used them . . . talk about your roommate behind her back . . . neglect your assignments until the last minute and then expect someone to help you with them . . . forget the iron and burn or scorch the ironing board cover . . . monopolize the piano and radio . . . forget to return them . . . leave your belongings scattered all over the building . . .

PENALTIES

Infraction of the rules are to be reported to the Executive Committee of the Student Government Association by members of the Committee, monitors, night hostesses, faculty members in charge, or by any dormitory resident witnessing such infractions. "Reports" and "Campuses" are the penalties used by this Student Government to help you remem-

ber the rules.

On Friday "Reports" are posted on the first floor by the telephone.

A girl is given 3 days to see about making any necessary changes in reports she is given. If she does not question them before three days after they are posted the reports will stay as posted.

Reports do not carry-over from one quarter to another but campuses do **carry-over** if a girl receives a campus at the end of the quarter.

A study course on the handbook will be held during spring quarter soon after the new council takes office, and a short period of study on the revisions of the handbook in the early part of fall quarter.

CAMPUSES

Plain Week-End Campus 5 "Reports"

1. Campus begins at 2:00 P. M. Friday and is concluded at 7:15 A. M. Monday.
2. The girl is restricted to the dormitory with library privileges.
3. The girl may attend church services on Sunday morning.
4. The girl may have no dates.
5. The girl may have a 10 minute daily co-op privilege.

Plain Week-End Campus 8 "Reports"

1. Campus begins at once and may not be delayed to suit the individual.
2. The girl is restricted to the dormitory except for attending classes or the

library.

3. The girl may attend church services on Sunday morning.
4. The girl may have no dates.
5. The girl may have a 10 minute daily co-op privilege.

Further Punishment for more than 12 "Reports:

The girl shall be referred to the discipline committee who shall determine her punishment.

Any postponement of campuses will be subject to increased punishment.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government.

Article II

PURPOSE

We recognize the final authority of the University Administration and the Board of Trustees. The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To encourage the girls to cooperate in formulating and observing such rules as insure the rights and privileges of each individual.
2. To cooperate with the rules and regulations set forth by the Administration.
3. To preserve the honor and individuality of each girl.

4. To sponsor those activities which promote cultural, intellectual, and spiritual development of each girl.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

1. All resident women students are members of the Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government.
2. All members shall be held responsible for knowledge of the Constitution, for regulations and all action taken by the Executive Committee.
3. All members have the privilege of stating their own cases before the Executive Committee when personal disciplinary problems are presented.

Article IV OFFICERS

Officers of this Organization shall be: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chairman, Editor of "Porter Patter", Assistant Editor of "Porter Patter."

Section 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Executive Committee shall be composed of these officers and two representatives from each of the following groups: Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Mercer Independent Co-ed Association, Phi Mu, and unaffiliated girls (at such time as the total number of any organization or unaffiliated girls shall be less than ten, only

one representative shall be elected from this group).

2. The Resident Counselor shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee serving as Faculty Adviser.

Section 3 PRIVILEGES

Each member of the Executive Committee shall be given one date privilege per week as long as she is in office.

Section 4 QUALIFICATIONS

1. All officers and Executive Committee members shall meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Shall have a scholarship average not less than the all woman's average for the preceding quarter on the basis of fifteen hours work; they shall maintain a C average while in office and failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of their office.
 - b. Shall have attended Mercer University for at least two quarters at the time of taking office.
 - c. Shall have and maintain a clear student government record with no major disciplinary offenses or continued minor offenses recorded before the council within the preceding year.
2. The President shall be an upperclassman, preferably a rising senior, and shall have had at least one quarter's experience on the council prior to taking office. The Vice Presidents shall be upperclassmen.

The Secretary, Treasurer, and The Editor of Porter Patter shall be a sophomore or an upperclassman, and the Editor shall have had previous journalistic experience. The Social Chairman and Assistant Editor of Porter Patter may be freshmen.

Article V ELECTIONS

1. The officers shall be elected for a period of three quarters, and the officer's elections shall take place at a General House Meeting one month preceding the Spring Quarter when they take office.
2. Representatives shall be elected from their groups three weeks preceding the time they take office. The term of service for one shall be three quarters, and for the other representative one quarter.
3. Two months prior to the beginning of the Spring Quarter the retiring Executive Committee shall appoint a representative group to serve who shall have these responsibilities:
 - a. To post two weeks prior to the date of the election of officers the list of girls eligible to serve on the Executive Committee as officers or representatives.
 - b. To post, one week prior to the date of the election of officers, a slate of officers and shall meet with the proposed slate prior to the posting of the list.
4. Nominations may be made from the list of eligibles having previously been posted.
5. If any major officer other than the president is unable to complete her term of of-

vice, her successor shall be elected by the Executive Committee from their membership. Yearly representative replacements shall be elected from within the group they represent.

6. The Executive Committee shall appoint the following officers to serve during the Summer Session:

P r e s i d e n t, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer.

These officers shall supervise elections of floor representatives.

Article VI INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

An Installation Service shall be held at a General House Meeting on a Wednesday evening preceding the beginning of the Spring Quarter.

Section 2

Each officer installed shall agree to uphold the following pledge:

I, _____ upon my honor as a member of the Executive Committee do hereby pledge myself to abide by the regulations of the University and Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government. I promise to uphold the standards and ideals of this organization and to work in the spirit of harmony that is necessary for its success. As an officer of this Committee I will always be striving for the betterment of the group and honestly do my best to judge fairly in every issue set before the group. Realizing the responsibility

which has been intrusted to me by the Administration and the Dormitory students I will always strive to uphold the objectives as stated in the Constitution and the dictate of my conscience, for the best interest of the students involved and for the furtherance of the University and the Christian ideals for which it stands.

Article VII MEETINGS

1. The Executive Committee and Faculty Adviser shall have regular weekly meetings. All members must be present unless excused by the President or Vice President.
2. Quarterly representatives from each group shall hold meetings with their group once a week, at which time reports shall be given and suggestions for improvement of the Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government shall be made and referred to the Executive Committee.
3. General House meetings shall be called when necessary and a notice posted on the Bulletin Board three days in advance.

Article VIII DUTIES

Section 1

President:

- a. Shall preside over all meetings.
- b. Shall appoint any necessary committees.
- c. Shall have power to call necessary meetings without notice.
- d. Shall oversee the work of all the officers and committees.

- e. Shall post all notices, announcements and rules of the MEP Student Government.

Section 2

1st Vice President:

- a. Shall preside and perform the duties of the President in her absence.
- b. Shall record Call-downs and notify girls of Campuses.
- c. Shall appoint room inspectors from the council members and shall check room inspection sheets each Saturday.

2nd Vice President:

- a. Shall appoint and oversee the duties of the Monitors and hold regular monthly meetings with them.
- b. Shall serve as Parliamentarian.
- c. Shall keep a record of the council's decisions on disciplinary offenses and turn in a copy of the report to the resident counselor.

Section 3

Secretary:

- a. Shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Executive Committee and of House Meetings.
- b. Shall see that the necessary call-down slips, and roster telephone messages, date cards, home cards, etc., are available at all times.
- c. Shall serve as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Section 4

Treasurer:

- a. Shall disburse funds entrusted to the MEP Student Government.
- b. Shall collect money for special disbursements.

Section 5

Social Chairman:

- a. Shall serve as Chairman of the Social Committee.
- b. Shall send cards, flowers, and gifts as necessary.

Section 6

Editor of "Porter Patter" and Assistant Editor of "Porter Patetr":

- a. Shall edit a paper of the MEP Student Government bi-monthly.
- b. Shall serve as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

Section 7

Representatives:

- a. Shall express the majority opinion of the group they represent.
- b. Shall report to their group proceedings of the Executive Committee.

Section 8

Committees:

- a. Scholarship—The Chairman shall be the Secretary. One other member shall be elected from each group. The duties of the Committee shall be to keep in touch with the Scholastic standing of the members of the MEP Student Government and to propose such actions as it considers necessary for the improvement of their scholarship. The Committee shall be responsible for recording grades and privileges on home and date cards.
- b. Social—One other member shall be elected from each group to serve with the social chairman. The duties shall be to plan and direct social functions for women residents. They shall be in charge of the birthday tables on the last

- Wednesday night of each month; this time may be altered in cases of conflict.
- c. Publicity—This committee shall be composed of the Editor and Assistant Editor of Porter Patter and those appointed by them.
 - d. The President shall appoint such other committees as she feels are necessary.

Article IX MONITORS

1. The Second Vice President shall appoint one Monitor for each wing of the dormitory halls and one Monitor for each sorority suite and the houses used.
2. The term of office for each Monitor shall be for one quarter.
3. One date privilege per week is given for serving as Monitor.
4. Any Monitor may be removed by the Executive Committee for lack of cooperation.
5. The duties of the Monitors shall be:
 - a. To maintain order and quiet in their division of the Dormitory.
 - b. To cooperate with the Executive Committee in carrying out the rules and regulations.
 - c. To make a daily check on the order of rooms.
 - d. To check rooms at 11:15.
 - e. To have authority to give permission for:
 - (a) A girl to study in a room other than her own during study hours.
 - (b) A girl to spend the night somewhere else in the Dormitory during the week other than her own room.
 - f. To give call-downs for violations of

- such rules for the enforcement of which she is responsible.
- g. Shall attend all meetings of the Monitors.

Article X POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall make such rules and regulations as they consider necessary for the betterment of the organization.

Section 2

Suggestion for rules may be submitted to the Executive Committee. When such suggestions have been approved by the Executive Committee they shall become rules after being posted on the Bulletin Board for at least 2 days.

Article XI AMENDMENTS

In order to amend this Constitution such amendments must first poll a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Two-thirds of the group shall compose a quorum. The amendment shall then be posted for 2 days and passed by a two-thirds vote of this organization at which time it shall become a part of the Constitution.

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