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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

MARY ERIN PORTER  
HALL

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MERCER UNIVERSITY  
MACON, GEORGIA

# MARY ERIN PORTER HALL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

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

### ARTICLE II

#### Object

The object of this organization shall be:

1. To cooperate with the Administration in furthering the best interests of Mercer University and especially of the girls in attendance here.
2. To represent with the administration the interests of those living in Mary Erin Porter Hall and to make such recommendations as seem for their best interests.
3. To help enforce the by-laws of this organization and the rules and regulations both of the administration and of this group.

### ARTICLE III

All resident students of Mary Erin Porter Hall are members of the Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government.

## SECTION 2.

### Vice-President:

- a. Shall preside and perform the duties of the President in her absence.
- b. Shall oversee the duties of the monitors.

## SECTION 3.

### Secretary:

- a. Shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Council and of House meetings.
- b. Shall post all notices, announcements and rules of this student government.

## SECTION 4.

### Representatives:

- a. Shall express the majority opinion of the groups they represent.
- b. Shall call meetings of their groups at the request of the Council or at the request of those they represent.

## SECTION 5.

### Committees:

- a. The President shall appoint such committees as she feels necessary and such as may later be suggested by the Faculty Committee.
- b. The President shall appoint a Scholarship Committee from the student council, the chairman of which shall be a Senior representative. The duties of the committee shall be to keep in touch with the scholastic standing of the members of this student government and to propose such action as it considers necessary for the improvement of their scholarship.

## ARTICLE VIII Powers of the Council

### SECTION 1.

The Student Council shall recommend to the Administration, the Faculty Committee, or other body designated by the President of the University such rules and regulations as they consider necessary for the betterment of the organization.

### SECTION 2.

Suggestions for rules may be submitted to the Council for consideration by any member of the Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government.

When such suggestions have been approved by the Council and passed by the proper University authorities, they shall become rules but must be posted in the Hall for at least one week before becoming effective.

### SECTION 3.

- a. The Student Council shall appoint one monitor for each division of the dormitory, the name of each appointee having been submitted to the Faculty Executive Council and having been approved by it.
- b. The term of each monitor shall be for one semester.
- c. Any monitor may be removed by the Council for cause.
- d. The duties of the monitors shall be:
  1. To maintain order and quiet in their division of the Dormitory.



2. To cooperate with the Council in carrying out the by-laws and rules.
3. To make a daily check on the order of the rooms and to report results to the designated authority.

## ARTICLE IX

### Code of Council Members

Every Council member shall at all times by actions and influence give full support to the University Administration and to the Mary Erin Porter Hall Student Government.

## ARTICLE X

### Amendments

In order to amend this Constitution, such amendments must first pass a two-thirds vote of the Council. The amendment shall then be posted for one week, and if passed by a two-thirds vote of this organization, shall become part of the Constitution.

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## BY-LAWS

### Rules and Regulations

#### I. Care of Room.

- A. Beds made and clothes put away by 9:00 o'clock each day.
- B. Inspection shall be made by monitors and a report made to the Vice-President.

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- C. Room kept dusted and swept.
- D. Shades lowered at night and drawn so that no criticism may be directed against the University.
- E. No cooking in rooms.
- F. All ironing must be done in utility rooms unless the individual owns an ironing board.

#### II. Meals.

- A. Girls must sign out in the first aid room to miss meals. Special permission to eat down town must be secured from the designated authority.
- B. Every student will dress for dinner in street clothes on every Wednesday evening.
- C. Promptness is required at all meals. Until further notice meals will be served as follows:

Week Days	Sundays
Breakfast 7:20	Breakfast 8:30
Lunch - 12:50	Lunch - 1:00
Dinner - 6:00	

No person will be admitted to the dining hall five minutes after the bell has rung.

#### III. Study.

- A. After 8:00 P.M. quiet shall prevail in the dormitory to enable the students to study. Each occupant has the right to the privacy of her own room. During the week prior to examinations quiet hour will begin at 7:30. Lights will be out at

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11:15. During the examination period quiet hour will last until 12:00 midnight but light must be out by that time.

- B. At the end of the mid-term examinations any Freshman or Sophomore making 2 D's or 1 F must attend library on Friday afternoon. Juniors and Seniors receiving 2 D's or 1 F will lose their mid-week date privileges. At the end of the term, a Freshman or Sophomore having two D's or 1 F must attend library until she presents a statement from the Registrar raising her grade to a C. Juniors and Seniors will continue to lose their mid-week dates until they have a similar report from the Registrar.

#### IV. Lights.

- A. On school night lights will be out at 11:00. On Saturday and Sunday nights at 12:00.
- B. Girls having mid-week dates may keep their lights on until 11:30.
- C. There shall be no studying at night in the parlors and the light rules shall apply to sorority suites.

#### V. Infirmary Rules.

- A. In order to get excused from classes because of illness, a girl must see the nurse before 8:00 A.M.
- B. No meals will be served to sick girls unless they are in the infirmary.

- C. There shall be no visiting in the infirmary without permission, except by the roommate.

- D. Rules governing the Infirmary are posted in the Infirmary.

#### VI. Departure from Campus.

- A. Any departure from the campus, day or night, must be registered at the desk in Mary Erin Porter Hall, showing time, when going, with whom, etc. (Except Tattnall Square Pharmacy.)
- B. No departure from the city may be made without special signed permission from the faculty members in charge, and then only after written permission from the parent. A girl may have standing permission to go home, but every other out of town visit must have special permission from her parents.
- C. Permission to leave the campus for the week-end must be secured from the faculty members in charge and time of departure with details of proposed trip registered at the desk in M. E. P. Hall not later than Friday noon.
- D. Freshmen may go home four times a semester. Special permission for exceptional cases may be granted by the faculty members in charge. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be allowed a reasonable number of visits home.
- E. No girl may ride at night in a

car with a boy unless she has written permission from her parents naming specifically each boy with whom she may ride. Without written permission, seniors and juniors may double date going to any specific thing, using car merely for transportation. Sophomores and freshmen only in groups to special functions.

- F. Groups of five, one girl assuming responsibility for the group, may go to Ragans and Lakeside parks, with permission from faculty members in charge, and only in the day time. Seniors and juniors may go at night with dates, in groups.
- G. Permission from parents must be mailed directly to Mrs. Montague.

## VII. Discipline:

3 minor call-downs equal one major call-down.

3 major call-downs results in camping for one week.

### A. Restrictions to campus.

1. On receiving "Campus" the individual must appear before the Student Council.
2. The "Campus" must begin at once and may not be delayed to suit the convenience of the individual.
3. When campused, a girl may not leave the campus for any reason unless she has special permission from the faculty

member in charge and then only to see a doctor, or the family. In the case of the family, her parents shall be notified that she is campused before she sees them. When permission is granted for these emergencies one extra day shall be added to the campus. If campus is broken without permission, one week shall be added to the Campus.

4. Repetition of breaking campus shall result in appearance before the Discipline Committee of the faculty.
5. Two one-week campuses or five three-day campuses during one term shall result in appearance before the Discipline committee.
6. While campused, a girl may leave the Dormitory in the day-time only when accompanied by a council member.
7. After 7:00 o'clock in the evening, she may leave the Dormitory to go to the library only. She shall sign out at the Dormitory upon leaving and take with her the "sign-out" slip signed by the faculty member in charge showing time of leaving Dormitory. She shall be "signed-in" at the Library by the library attendant, showing time of arrival at the Library. The same process in reverse



shall be followed when she leaves the Library to return to the Dormitory.

#### B. Call-Downs.

Call-downs may be given to any girl in the Dormitory by the faculty members in charge and by any member of the Council.

##### 1. Major Call-Downs.

- a. For 15 minutes late without permission (permission to be given by faculty member in charge only.)
- b. In case of an emergency without notification before 15 minutes after the time designated for being in.
- c. Smoking in the foyer, downstairs parlors and on the stairs.
- d. Failure to sign in and out.
- e. Failure to keep desk.
- f. Unnecessary noise during exam week.
- g. Excessive noise at any time.
- h. Keeping lights on over 15 minutes past time without permission.
- i. Loitering on campus after 8:00 P.M.
- j. Signing out to go to one place and going another.

##### 2. Minor Call-Downs.

- a. Not having bed made and clothes away by 9:00 A.M.

- b. Not cleaning up room.
- c. Noise during study hours other than exam week.
- d. Under fifteen minutes late without permission or notifications.
- e. Lights on under fifteen minutes after time.
- f. Failure to sign out or in.
- g. Incomplete signing out.
- h. Missing meals other than breakfast without signing out in first aid room or getting permission from faculty members in charge.
- i. Failure to turn out lights when leaving room for extended period.
- j. Call-girl not reporting on time. (Call girl 6:30 to 10:30 P.M.)

#### VIII. Town Privileges.

- A. Freshmen, and Sophomores will be allowed one town privilege from Monday through Thursday. Juniors will be allowed two.
- B. Seniors will have unlimited town privileges so long as this privilege is not abused.
- C. When town privilege is granted, it shall be for afternoon. Afternoon privileges end at 6:00 and evening privileges may begin at that time.
- D. For any function, special permis-

mission must be asked and the names of chaperons must be submitted to the faculty member in charge and her approval received.

#### IX. Dates.

- A. There shall be no visitors in the Dormitory before 4:00 P.M.
- B. Faculty members in charge and members of the Council reserve the right to regulate the conduct of any young man visiting the Hall.
- C. All class-men may have week-end dates. On Saturday nights, all girls must be in by 11:30 and their lights out by 12:00. On Sunday nights, all girls must be in by 11:00 and lights out by 12:00.
- D. The number of mid-week dates allowed each girl shall be regulated by the following conditions:
  - Seniors having an average of B may have 3;
  - Seniors having an average of C may have 2 (provided they have not more than 1 D).
  - Juniors having an average of B may have 2;
  - Juniors having an average of C may have 1 (provided they have not more than 1 D).
  - Freshmen and Sophomores having an average of B may have 1.Until the first mid-term grades are determined the Freshmen may have no mid-week dates.
- E. There shall be no dating on the

Campus proper or in Tattnall Sqaure Park at night.

- F. Any girl more than 30 minutes late on a date will be asked to appear before the Council.

#### X. Guests.

- A. Students may have guests Friday and Saturday nights, other nights by special permission only. A charge of 50 cents a night will be made for more than two nights.
- B. Arrangements to have guests must be made with the Dean of Women. Guests must be introduced to the Dean of Women and registered in the Guest book in the Dean's office. Failure to observe this rule will result in a minor call down for the first offense and a major for the second offense.
- C. Arrangements for meals must be made with the Dietician before the meals are served.
- D. All guests in M.E.P. hall must comply with the rules of the hall.

#### XI. Miscellaneous.

- A. Quiet hours shall be observed in the Dormitory from:
  - 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
  - 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
  - 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
- Absolute quiet from 11:15 P.M. to 6:30 A.M. There shall be no noise or playing of radios.
- Any infringement of the above



rules shall result in a Major Call-Down.

- B. No Mercer girl is to be seen on the campus in shorts; however, they may be worn on the tennis court and in the gym.
- C. Girls are expected to come to breakfast with their hair combed or tied up. Girls may wear short house coats to breakfast but no raincoats.
- D. Each girl will consider it a matter of personal pride to see that the parlors are kept clean and in good condition at all times.
- E. Girls may go to the Tattnell Square Pharmacy between Vespers and 7:55 so long as they are ready to begin studying at the library or in their rooms by 8:00.
- F. Girls going in any boy's dormitory—either on or off campus—will be subject to punishment directly from the Council.
- G. There will be no smoking by Mercer girls on the campus except in the Dormitory rooms.
- H. Girls going to the Dempsey Tavern, Victory Amus-u, or Glass' Pharmacy will be subject to punishment directly from the Council.
- I. The indulgence in alcoholic beverages will be considered grounds for expulsion from the University.
- J. Girls may not work in the Senior laboratories at night unless a

member of the faculty is present. They must be in the Dormitory at 10:00 o'clock after such laboratory work.

- K. Girls must not go outside of the city limits of Macon without special permission from the faculty members in charge.
- L. The doors of the Fraternity suites in the Co-op must be wide open whenever girls are there.

The above By-Laws go into effect March 1, 1944, and will remain in force unless altered by Faculty Committee in charge.

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