

PROPOSED HONOR SYSTEM

(As is required by the student constitution The Cluster will publish for two consecutive weeks this proposed amendment to the constitution.)

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Preamble

(To replace the preamble of the present student body constitution) We, the students of Mercer University, here freely adopt and openly designate the name HONOR SYSTEM to describe the action-pattern of a group whose members are Merccerians, whose training ground is education, whose great contest is life, whose strongest opponent is disorder, and whose victory is a personality and a work well wrought. The right to choose for ourselves this system, with its resulting benefits, we here publicly declare.

We hold, furthermore, that the aim of good government is to know and respect and bring into ample opportunity the just claims of every minor interest. If we, however, by joint action and through our own preference, can accomplish these identical ends, we render futile and dismiss those agencies which would guide us, direct our effort, and control our activity. Thus we emancipate ourselves, and becoming free find in that freedom a valuable preparation for efficient citizenship under the democratic plan.

Therefore to promote better team work, to achieve those benefits of initiative and self-reliance which do not come to individuals alone, and so to gain more at college than formal instruction, we do hereby ordain and establish the following constitution and government of the students of Mercer University.

(Change Article II, Section 1, paragraph (e) to read as follows): The duties of the Student Council, as distinguished from the Honor Council, shall be to interpret and enforce the regulations of this Constitution, except where such power is otherwise specifically delegated; to act as an advisory board to the president of the student government; and to ratify all class laws, rules and regulations.

(Subhead 3, under paragraph [d] Section 2, Article I, shall be deleted).

(Article V shall be changed to read as follows):

ARTICLE V Honor System

It has often been said that no person can make another person honest, and the foundation of honor on any basis must be the honor of individuals. Yet going a step further, it becomes equally apparent that not even honorable individuals can comprise an effective Honor System unless they are both willing and able to correlate their views about honor and to act jointly.

Each time an individual accepts the invitation to regulate his own life according to honor, and to supply himself with direction for his own work-program, the Honor System is succeeding. For such students there is no need for espionage or police regulation. Such devices do not help and must not hinder one who is going freely and honestly about his own business.

Each time the freedom is misunderstood, and the opportunity abused, the case becomes a matter of social concern. No student can be permitted by neglecting his own welfare to blemish the standing of Mercer University, and jeopardize the efficiency of self-government on this campus.

All the various authorities which are said sometimes to control Mercer University will be fully satisfied and make no further claim when they see the Mercer student undertake to personify honor in the best sense of the word. If that test of values proves adequate for a life of greatest freedom, now and later, on the campus and off, every best ambition for Mercer students will be completely realized. To tabulate a list of separate regulations would be an offense to a gentleman who possesses better information already.

SECTION I

Honor Council—Membership

(a) The Honor Council shall be composed of a president elected

from the student body at large and four other regular members elected from the student body at large.

(b) Candidates for membership on the Honor Council must have been in attendance at Mercer for at least four quarters exclusive of summer school attendance prior to date of election.

(c) Students for these offices shall be elected on Thursday of the fifth week in the winter quarter by popular ballot by the entire student body, and shall assume office according to Article II, Section 5, paragraph 5 of the student body constitution.

(d) The members of the Honor Council shall be elected for a term of one year, and may stand for re-election.

(e) The officers of the Honor Council shall be the duly elected president, and a clerk elected from and by the members of the Honor Council.

(f) Membership in the Honor Council shall not under any circumstances constitute credit for entrance in any student organization.

SECTION II

Honor Council—Duties

(a) The Honor Council shall be charged with a dual responsibility. It shall sponsor and sustain an adequate program of interpretation for the education of new students in the opportunities for individual initiative, personal good judgment, and unqualified self-direction. Also, whenever cases of infraction of the Honor System and of dishonorable conduct occur, the Honor Council shall serve as an agency for the investigation of particular cases and for the meting out of appropriate decisions.

(b) It shall be the duty of the president of the Honor Council to preside over the Council, and to sign all decrees of the Council.

(c) It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Honor Council to keep a record of all decrees of the Council; to notify all members of the Council of meetings thereof; at the close of his term to deliver the permanent records of decrees of the Council into the custody of the clerk-elect of the Honor Council; and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

(d) In all cases the Honor Council shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, and it shall require a majority vote of those present to disqualify a member.

(e) In the event that a member is temporarily disqualified or permanently disabled, such as withdrawal from school, said member shall nominate his successor who must meet with the unanimous approval of the Honor Council so that a full membership of five can be maintained on all cases.

(f) Five members of the Honor Council must serve in each case.

(g) The Honor Council shall have the power to formulate any other rules and regulations necessary for carrying out their duties so long as they do not conflict with the provisions contained in the Constitution.

SECTION III

Reporting of Infractions

(a) Each student, after having exhausted his individual resources, is expected to show his concern for the maintenance of good order on the campus by calling the organized attention of the Honor Council to every instance in which the induction of a student into adult, responsible independence appears incomplete.

(b) Any member of the Honor Council, after being informed of a breach of the Honor System, shall notify the clerk of the Honor Council who in turn shall immediately call a meeting of the Honor Council.

SECTION IV

Trial Procedure

(a) All deliberations of the Honor Council shall be conducted in absolute secrecy.

(b) The Council shall observe the strictest impartiality in all its actions, seeking always to carry out the spirit of the Honor System.

(c) In all cases the accused shall have the right to know the nature of the charge presented against him and to hear all accusations as

read anonymously from the record. Further, the accused shall have the right to have witnesses summoned to present evidence in his own behalf.

(d) Complete segregation of the witnesses shall be followed in all Council proceedings, and each witness shall be honor-bound to secrecy.

(e) An unanimous decision must be reached in all cases involving dismissal or suspension; otherwise a majority decision shall be sufficient.

(f) A record of all cases shall be kept by the Honor Council which shall be the private property of the Council. In the case of guilt, a memorandum at the discretion of the Dean may be entered on the record of the accused. A summary of the work done by the Honor Council shall be published at the end of each quarter in the student newspaper, but the names of any offenders shall be withheld in all cases.

SECTION V

Penalties

If the Council finds the accused guilty, it shall in its discretion impose penalties ranging from reprimand, warning, probation, and suspension for minor infractions to exclusion from the University for major infractions. The penalty of an initial offense shall be in proportion to the gravity of the infraction and the length of

residence in the University. The penalty for the second major offense, as determined by the Honor Council, shall be exclusion from the University. In all cases where penalties are imposed, the Honor Council shall be guided by the principles and spirit of self-government under the Honor System.

SECTION VI

The decision of the Honor Council shall be final in all cases. However, a case may be reopened by any member of the Honor Council who is satisfied that new evidence justifies reopening the case.

SECTION VII

This amendment shall become effective at the beginning of the school year following its ratification by the students according to the provisions of the student body constitution.

At The Churches

Cherokee Heights Baptist—Rev. J. S. Winn, Pastor

Sunday School	10:15	B. T. U.	8:15
Morning Worship	11:30	Evening Worship	8:00

The Harvest and the Worker. Lord, Remember Me.

Vineville Baptist—Dr. J. E. Simmons, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00	B. T. U.	7:00
Morning Worship	11:30	Evening Worship	8:30

First Baptist—Dr. J. M. Trimmer, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00	B. T. U.	8:45
Morning Worship	11:30	Evening Worship	8:00

Whole Duty of Man. How Christianity Helps to Conquer Fear, Worry and Anxiety.

Tattnall Square Baptist—Rev. Lewis H. Wright, Pastor

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Morning Worship	11:30	Evening Worship	7:30

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