

Block Island

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Dear Susan

Your letter reached me yesterday. I approve highly of your plan of for self-regulation and shall be delighted to do all in my power to help it on.

It did seem very humiliating for the deans to be obliged to repeat her wishes so often last year, and there ~~was~~ really was nothing left for her to do but to make rules, or something of that sort, which would certainly be a step down for Bryn Mawr. Of course you have had a great deal of advice and many suggestions etc - but I suppose it all helps. After thinking it over last night, the greatest

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difficultly seemed to be to have
different girls appointed every
night to take charge of their
halls; and I think they should
be changed every night or
otherwise it would be too much
of a tax. I also think there
should be a girl at each end
of each hall, which would
make six each night in each
dormitory (the word hall is rather
ambiguous). The only plan I
could think of that would not
require some trouble and
conspiration in appointing the
guards is the following:

There are, omitting Sunday,
six nights upon which the halls
would need to be guarded. Taking
the first floor of Merion as an
example, there are twelve girls
on the floor. Now let them
be numbered for the whole year,
and let two girls, at opposite
ends of the hall be ones and
keep watch every Monday night,
and let two be called twos &c

④ Keep watch Tuesday night and so on —
In this way the numbering could be done once for
all and each girl would know when her turn came
without having to ask or be appointed.

<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>
1	2	5	6	3	4

<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat-</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>
3	4	5	6	1	2

The Friday & Saturday guards would both have to be
in the middle of the hall, but on Saturday there
would not be quite so much need of them, but —
I do think the hall should be regulated on that
night also, because you know girls coming home
from concerts etc — make such a noise at the point

down, and sometimes you do
want to sleep even on Saturday
night. I think the girls ought to
have no scruples about enforcing
order when they are on guard, but
should be made to feel it is their
duty to do so, and also to report
any annoyance to the guards
when they are off duty themselves.
I hope and am sure that
the plan of self regulation will
be a great success, and I am
very glad you have taken it up.
I am really getting quite
homesick for the main land
and am looking forward
to college life again. It is
so nice to begin a new clean
new year with new note books
new pens & blotters and ---
new professors (!) I shall mourn
secretly over Dr. Lee & Dr. Wilson.
Hoping to see you soon
Sincerely your friend
Helen Rolfe Hopkins