Sleeping Porches

Maricopa Hall

The term “sleeping porch” originally referred to a sleeping room with open sides or windows. They were common features in homes and college dorms before air conditioning became widely available. While the term seems to have survived the years, these rooms in Maricopa are NOT “porches” and they do NOT have open sides or windows.

- They are air conditioned just like the rest of the building
- They are located at the end of each wing in the building and are equipped with 12-15 bunk beds
- Each resident has her own bed in a sleeping porch in addition to her assigned room on the wing
- Assigned rooms are equipped with only one “day-bed” which is no intended for regular overnight use

The Layout

Rooms vary in size, design and layout. Each resident is provided a dresser, desk/chair and closet space. There is one daybed (74”) in each double room for sitting or resting only.

Resident rooms: approximately 125 square feet (11’-6” x 10’)

The women of Maricopa tell all- advantages of the sleeping porches:
“If your roommate stays up late to study or watch TV, you can go to bed without being disturbed.”
“My sister came to visit and she was able to stay in my room on the daybed.”
“The other girls are a back-up alarm, if yours doesn’t go off.”
“There is always a quiet place to take a nap.”

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