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## Redefine Cut System!

The policy of the class cut system has become a most controversial issue between students and faculty. The essential elements of the policy has been confused by both parties, resulting in harsh student restrictions.

Page 15 of the student handbook states:

"When absences from class endanger a student's academic standing or indicate serious lack of commitment to the work of the course, appropriate action will be taken by the instructor to remedy the situation."

Some students are now being told that if they miss a given number of classes, they will be dropped from the course. In a good number of cases this is justified by the students' failure to meet the required class standards. This action, however, has not been restricted to just these students. Some students who are doing satisfactory work are being restricted, which is not in accordance with the above college policy.

The students' viewpoint has been that cuts are not restricted by any means. This, too, is a contradiction to the loosely stated policy. If a professor feels that lack of attendance will result in a lack of commitment to a course's work, then he can make the terminating decision in the matter.

In essence our new policy exists as a free cut system only as defined by the individual professor.

There is therefore a need to redefine the cut policy as above stated. It has proved to be both confusing and damaging to the student.

As the cut system now stands, there is an inconsistency in its policy regarding the holiday break cut and its consequences (student handbook page 16 C).

The student body has displayed its disagreement with what they consider an inefficient policy. The following petition has been cosigned by approximately 180 student government and student body leaders.

"We the undersigned feel that the integrity of the academic program is not based on any type of required class attendance, but is based rather on the quality of the professor and on student scholarship. Furthermore the idea of required attendance at any time during the calendar year is not at all in line with the concept of voluntary attendance that we now have, nor is it in harmony with spirit of student responsibility and freedom which is developing at St. Andrews.

"Consequently we wish to protest the college regulation requiring attendance at the last class meeting before and the first meeting after the holiday on pain of being put on academic probation.

"We wish to recommend that this regulation be deleted from the handbook and from practice immediately. This is necessary in order to bring about a real voluntary attendance system, to aid in student growth, to remove an unnecessary and undesirable obstacle to student responsibility and freedom of action."

The above petition asks for consistency in the policy as stated in the handbook. The punishment for cutting a class near a holiday break is much too stringent for the misdemeanor that it is. The class before and after a break as it now stands in theory is more important than the others, while in practice we know that this is not so.

The students are only asking for a trial, a change in policy which enables them to prove that they are indeed responsible students. Either drop the required class attendance prior to a holiday break or lessen the punishment.

The concept of a voluntary cut program, if it exists, is only existing in the minds of the students. While some professors have conformed to this policy, others have not, and therefore the policy is not effective.

There exists a definite need for the entirety of the cut system policy to be reviewed. As it now stands, it is most unsatisfactory to the students.

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# For Image Or Individual?

The Senage Academic Welfare Committee Bill No. 3 which calls for a revision in the dress regulation on the academic side of the lake resolves that page 24 of the Student Handbook be revised to read that "in the academic buildings and" be omitted.

In conjunction with Welfare committee bill number 2, the handbook would read;

"Good taste in dress and in general appearance and conduct is expected of all students at all times, whether on or off campus. However, casual attire is permitted throughout the campus except at the noon meal on Sundays. Shoes must be worn in the Student Center at all times."

The academic dress regulation bill has been vetoed in the Cabinet by President Anderson. Although the bill passed the Senate by a vote of 15 to 11, President Anderson feels that this close margin is not representative of the student body's feelings towards

casual dress on the academic side of the lake.

Anderson has stated that it should be the student's desire to want to build an image that can be called the "St. Andrews image", an image that every student would be proud to foster. He feels that casual dress is not in keeping with the meaning of academic class attendance.

By vetoing the bill, he returns it to the Senate for reconsideration and with the hope that the Senate will try to fathom student opinion more carefully before revising it or passing it by a two-thirds majority. The two-thirds majority in the Senate would pass the bill over Anderson's head.

While the student should want to build an image that is St. Andrews, he should keep in mind that it is he and not the image-observing outsider who must live with the regulations of our community. While it is democratic that the majority rules and that

the minority conforms to the desires of the majority, is it right in this case that one should conform to another's standard of good taste? If a student thinks only of an image and not of the individuals within his community, then he is selfishly supporting a false image. Therefore, should the image that St. Andrews students are to keep be one of an idealistic community or should the image be one where freedom of the individual is sacred?

Keeping in mind that your fellow student is as concerned as you, would you be more apt to say:

"I don't wear shorts to class because it is not in keeping with the image of our school. I have no choice in the matter. I must conform and maintain our high ideals," or would you say,

"If I want to wear shorts to class and Joe doesn't want me to, then Joe can stay home and sulk. I too, have ideals which I must conform to."

The student body soon will be approached concerning the matter of dress and will be asked for their opinions. The outcome of this prospective policy will also determine just how liberal and tolerant our students are towards the ideals of their fellow students.

If you wish to be bound to represent a false image, then the bill will be defeated here. You will take your place among "the boxes of ticky-tacky" that all look just the same.

If you decide otherwise, you will at last have a freedom that is yours alone. No one will have to decide for you. Perhaps you could even be yourself without fear of being treaded upon.

### Phoolosophy

He that is never satisfied with anything, satisfied no one.

Nowadays a pedestrian is one who walks from the house to the garage.

The best way to enjoy regular dividends is to invest in courtesy.

Missing the boat is not nearly as bad as giving up the ship.

Hugh Murr  
Carolina Masonic Journal



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## Letters To The Editor: Professors Cut Classes - Spooks Leave Visible "Signs"

DEAR EDITOR:

Who says a college senior is above believing in ghosts and goblins on Halloween?

Monday night a senior and her roommate were looking out their window toward the Concord parking lot. They were just commenting on how creepy it looked outside (in fact, they both had goose bumps) when all of a sudden--BAH-ROOOM!!

Through their solar screen they saw the fog transform into a red-dish-orange cloud and heard loud husky howls. The cloud disappeared they could see no evidence of any visitors. Their investigation the next morning showed no sign of the night's activity either.

Then as our senior friend walk-

ed to class in the heavy fog, she became convinced that the campus had been visited the night before.

All along the causewalk there were traffic signs of all shapes and sizes. She knew that there was a definite need for traffic signs out there with the bicycle speed demons and the V8 golf carts, but surely the college wouldn't be that extravagant!

Then as she approached her class room, she noticed that the windows had been transformed into decorative murals. She thought to herself, "Surely Mr. Dahl isn't teaching students soap art!"

As she thought over the things she had seen the night before and that morning, she was convinced--

there must really be such things as ghosts and goblins. Who else could have done these things--certainly not college students, they're too busy staying out of trouble--aren't they?"

Sincerely,  
Mev. Fraser

DEAR EDITOR:

Since the faculty of this college has seen fit to prevent students from taking extended holidays, it seems only fit that they also be restrained from such action. On October 25 and 26 when all students were required to attend all classes to avoid being placed on academic probation, many of them were greeted by substitute professors who checked the roll and explained that the regular professor was "out of town". If anyone is going to be allowed to make a extended holidays, it should be the students. After all, we are paying to attend these classes; the professors are getting paid to attend them.

Sincerely,  
Jan Sperling

## The Lance Makes Corrections!

In the October 7 issue of THE LANCE front page lead story it was noted that the approximate cost for an average student residing on campus was \$250. This should have read \$2350.

In the October 25 issue, the

second page story, "Phones Concern Vaughn," the next to the last line should have read:

I understand the limitation of circuits within our general set-up and ask that students bear with us on the shortage of lines during the "peak" period.