

The Opinionator

by Carole Boyle

The Opinionator this month found that a much discussed topic was that of the cut system at Elon, so the question was "What do you think of the cut system?" Here are some of the opinions received:

Gwen Hancock--Sophomore--"I think that there is too much confusion about the cut system between the students, faculty, and administration. I had cut one class three times with at least two weeks in between and was turned in. I don't think that my cuts are unlimited now, but I still don't know where some of the teachers are setting their limits, since there does seem to be a limit."

Jerry Rowe--Junior--"I feel that the cuts should be unlimited as the rule states; however, we continue to be treated like children, and our cuts are not unlimited."

Carol Keith--Sophomore--"I think cuts should be left to our discretion. We are the ones that suffer if we miss and we know it; thus, we are only cutting our own throats when we cut classes and certainly we are considered old enough to judge this for ourselves."

Judy Jones--Junior--"When I first came to Elon we had five unexcused absences from class, now we really don't have any cuts, according to several of the professors, and yet most of the students understand the rule to state that we have unlimited cuts. I think that they should be unlimited, or at least a better understanding ought to be made between the students and teachers."

(Ed. note: The cut system which was in practice here several years ago did not allow a student five unexcused absences. However, a student could miss 10 per cent of his class meetings without penalty. If a student missed more than this, he was required to excuse ALL of his absences and if he could not, penalty was given. In other words, a student could possibly have cut a class, unexcused, five times. But with the sixth cut, he was subject to penalty unless all the cuts could be excused.)

Lowry Sinclair--Junior--"I think the present system is better than the past ones, but eventually we will really need an unlimited cut system as it is stated in the rules. It would be good if we had unlimited cuts. That way, we would be able to distinguish the conscientious student from the slacker, and also, perhaps, which professors' classes were creating the most interest!"

Robert Montecelli--Freshman--"There is really no cut system here. I think it is really bad when many students have to make up illness to get excused from classes--soon it will be like the boy yelling "wolf" too often."

Joyce Bristow--Freshman--"Being a freshman, I have not been exposed to any other cut systems; so I do not really have an idea of other types of systems we could have. I do think the students and administration should have a better understanding of our present system, though."

The general opinion, it seems, is one of confusion. It is hoped that the cut system will be clarified before next semester so that the student will know where he stands.

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