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THE CUT SYSTEM.

As it is Employed in Some Colleges and Universities.

A brief digest of each system follows. The facts have been tabulated with regard (1) to number of allowed absences from recitations, (2) whether or not excuses are granted, (3) penalty for overcutting (4) chapel absences allowed, and (5) penalty for overcutting chapel.

Amherst—(1) 10%. (2.) Practically no excuses. (3) Excess of absences must be made up to satisfaction of instructor and by extra examination. May be dropped from class. (4) 1 per week, 4 from church per semester. (5) Unless excused by Dean overcuts reduce the student's standing.

Williams—(1) 10%. (2) No excuses previous to limit. (3) Extra work in the particular course during ensuing half year. Dean has charge of absences. Students expected to keep record as well. (4) 13 absences from daily morning and Sunday afternoon services, and 2 from Sunday morning, per term. (5) Warning, probation, suspension.

Wesleyan—(1) Nine absences for year in three hour courses. (Equivalent to about 10%.) No excuses accepted until limit is reached. Laboratory absences excused by instructor up to 15%. (3) Extra examination at discretion of instruction. Censure of Faculty in certain cases. (4) 20 cuts per term. Certain excuses results in Censure. Suspension accepted. (5) Overcutting (three) for persistent overcutting.

Dartmouth—(1) One week's recitations for semester. (2) Excuses granted. (3) Excess of absences lowers student's mark at the rate of four marks for each absence (4) Seven absences for semester. (5) Each additional absence lowers the general average by one point. If a student's average is reduced below fifty in this way, he is as-

signed extra hours. Monitors' records are footed for correction.

Harvard—No special system. Record of absences is kept, however. Dean admonishes where necessary. Students "sign on" and "off" in case of illness.

Yale—(1) Absences canceled at end of year. Freshman 25, other years 30. Credit of one hour toward degree for regular attendance during first three years. (2) Excuses granted only for continued illness. (3) Extra work as a requirement for degree, at the rate of 1 hour per week for each 20 absences during preceding year. (4) Daily attendance. (5) Absences measured in marks which are canceled at the end of each term as follows: December 20, March 20, June 30. Total cancellation equivalent to 1 cut per week. Excess of absences followed by admonition and even suspension.

Brown—(1) Twelve per term. (2) No excuse till limit is reached. (3) Dean calls to account. (4) Twelve per term. (5) Reported to the Dean.

New York University—For every 15 cuts from chapel, the student is obliged to hand in a thousand word theme on a prescribed subject.

Haverford—(1) Seniors 10, Juniors 8, Sophomores 6, Freshmen 4 per quarter. (2) Certain excuses granted. (3) Overcutting results in loss of allowed absences during ensuing quarter. (4) Seniors, 8, etc., per quarter. (5) Loss of privilege.

Swarthmore—No special system. Instructors hold students to account. Chapel attendance required but no penalty for cutting.

Pennsylvania—(1) Twenty per cent. (2) In general no excuses accepted. (3) Reported to Dean. May be allowed to continue in course but must pass extra examinations. (4) 10 absences per term. No required Sunday services. (5) May

be suspended for overcutting.

Princeton—(1) For Juniors and Seniors, 10 per quarter, for Freshmen and Sophomores, 8. (2) Excuses granted by Committee. (3) Extra work. May be suspended for second offence in a quarter. (4) 4 absences per week. (5) Double attendance during next two weeks. Suspension follows if this is not complied with.

Columbia—No exact system. Growing less and less severe. Faculty may call students to account when instructors wish it.

Rutgers—No allowed absences. Dean has entire charge of excuses. —Trinity Tripod.

Out of twenty-two men at Harvard who played in the Yale and Pennsylvania football games, sixteen will be eligible to play next year.—Ex.



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