

Consequences of Cheating

One fairly common topic of discussion at University is how to succeed in academic work. Sometimes such conversations touch on various underhanded ways of doing so and it would be naive to think that the matter always stops at the discussion stage.

Such methods, generally termed 'cheating', inevitably come under the heading of academic offences and are subject to various penalties as described in the regulations to be found on pages 2.12 and 2.13 of the 1989/90 Undergraduate Calendar.

We are all affected by the actions of those who commit academic offences. In particular, other students are affected; in the short term by the unfairness of the situation if one student cheats while others have had to work hard to achieve success; in the long term, by the possible lowering of the standard of the University of New Brunswick degree if those who cheat actually receive a degree, based in part, upon their cheating.

Over the past six years, usually following hearings before the Senate Student Standings and

Promotions Committee, 30 students have been found guilty of various academic offences including such things as plagiarism, cheating and impersonation at tests or examinations. In the case of plagiarism there are various automatic penalties spelled out in the regulations which can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar. There have been a number of first-time plagiarism cases which were dealt with by the instructor concerned where the students accepted the automatic penalties outlined in the regulations. First-time cases of plagiarism are only included in the statistics quoted here if the student appealed the instructor's decision and was found guilty by the Student Standings and Promotions Committee.

The numbers of students found guilty of academic offences in each year vary quite widely. In 1983 eight students received penalties; in 1984 only one; in 1985, six students; 1986, ten students; 1987, two students and in 1988, three students.

The penalties have ranged from a note placed in the student's file,

an 'F' in the course involved, various periods of suspension from one term to three years right through to expulsion from the University. The penalties have varied according to the

seriousness of the particular case. Of the 30 students, 20 were suspended or expelled.

It is clear that academic offences are considered by the University to be serious matters.

Anyone who may contemplate such actions is asked to consider the long-term consequences of having a period of suspension or an expulsion on their academic record in addition to having failing grades.

Conference: Physical Activity and Aging

Back in the 1800's, living to a ripe old age meant reaching that 60th birthday. Today, people are not just adding years to life, but adding life to years. The department of extension and summer session at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is offering a conference to help people do just that.

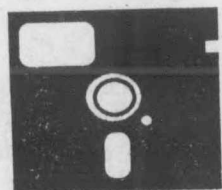
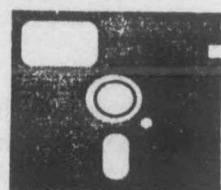
Adding Life to the Later Years: Physical Activity and Aging is the title of the conference, being held Saturday, March 18, at UNB's Marshall d'Avary Hall. This one-day program is designed to benefit not only seniors, but also those

who work with them as recreation or activity directors, physiotherapists, health care workers or volunteers.

Participants will choose two of the four workshops being offered on T'ai Chi, osteoporosis prevention, flexibility and mobility, or the role of physical activity in aging. Resource people will provide current information about fitness patterns among Canadian seniors and the type and levels of physical activity that can be undertaken. In addition, the relationship between fitness and general well-being will be covered. The conference aims

at seniors who are just getting started as well as those for whom group activity provides an important ongoing reinforcement.

The \$35 conference fee covers all materials plus nutrition breaks and lunch. New Brunswick residents over 60 years of age and full-time students are eligible for the special rate of \$20. Completed registration forms with accompanying payment must reach UNB's department of extension of summer session by Tuesday, March 14. For more information please contact the department of extension and summer session in Fredericton at 453-4646.



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