

# G.P.A.'s aren't that high

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Have you ever stopped to think what the average Grade Point Average of the University is? After some investigation, I was able to discover that the Overall Cumulative Grade Point Average for first year students at UNB Fredericton (81-82) was in the 2.32 range or a C+ average.

This average may seem somewhat low considering that if a student does not achieve at the very least a sessional G.P.A. of 2.00 they are given three choices: withdrawal from university; change of faculties; or Academic Probation.



These statistics may be alarming for some students but the general consensus is that the University's overall G.P.A.'s have remained virtually the same for the last ten or so years.

Basically the quality of the students in the last five or ten years has remained unchanged. However, looking back to the years '72, '73, '74 the quality of students entering the University seemed to be dealing according to Verbal and Quantitative Testing Scores. Very recent SAT tests seem to show a rise in the scores achieved by students leaving the high school system.

When comparing the

G.P.A.'s faculty against faculty for the years '81 - '82, Arts, Science, and Engineering faculties seem to be on par with each other.

*The average is only a C+... Are you surprised?*

Arts overall average G.P.A. for '81 - '82 was 2.55, Science was 2.68, and Engineering was 2.52. The Faculty of Nursing shows a slightly higher overall G.P.A. of 3.06 for '81 - '82. This can be attributed to

tougher admission rules and limited size of the program.

One encouraging statistic that is evident in every faculty is overall G.P.A.'s take a noticeable hike as students progress into second and third year studies. Many factors contribute to this rise in the G.P.A.'s. The poorer students are weeded out; hence G.P.A.'s go up. As well, many students find their niche and are thus able to focus in the areas that seem to produce higher grades. Also as students progress through the university system they become aware of what it takes to attain that higher G.P.A. which everyone is looking for.

## UNB and STU Career Week

Even though Canadian society is preoccupied with finding and keeping jobs, it's not always easy for a university student to select a career. Faced with almost limitless course options, the choice can be a confusing one.

Enter counselling services and its Career Week for University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University students, Jan. 19 to 23.

To introduce students to career counselling programs available through counselling services, a portable career information centre will tour the two Fredericton campuses, distributing materials, showing videotapes and inviting students to visit the career library in the Alumni Memorial Building.

*offers eight week Career workshop*

The portable centre will be staffed by career counsellor, Mary Lou Trimble; career librarian Margaret Brown; and Kaye Foreman, a social work student at St. Thomas University who is interning at counselling services.

Students who visit the career information centre will receive brochures on job search strategies and career opportunities from such organizations as Canadian Employment and Immigration and professional societies. Samples of materials available through the career counselling library will be on display. Videotapes on career planning and of Studs Terkel's musical, *Working*, will be shown. A newslet-

ter highlighting the career workshops available through counselling services will also be distributed.

UNBSTU counselling services offers an intensive eight-

week career workshop that helps students analyze their abilities and strengths to find compatible careers. The next session begins Jan. 28 and continues Wednesday evenings

through March 25.

A half-day workshop designed to help students choose their faculty and major is also offered and is tentatively

scheduled for March.

In addition, students can opt for individual career counselling or do their own research in the career library.

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- \* afternoons and evenings

**Winter Workshops**

Saturday, January 17, 1987; 9:30am-12:30pm

"Improving Rusty Study Skills"

Saturday, February 14, 1987; 9:30am-12:30pm

"Writing Term Papers"

Saturday, March 14, 1987; 9:30am-4:30pm

"Improving Examination Skills"

- \* preregistration is required for all workshops

For an individual appointment or to register for any of the workshops, contact:

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