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Definitions of cheating activities vary

Student OmbudService senior advisor says most students caught cheating didn't know their activities went against the Code of Academic Integrity

CHEATING • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"I don't think the [Maclean's] article was sensational I think it presented a very troubling reality," Gulli said, adding that the fact that most students don't engage in acts of serious cheating and plagiarism doesn't eliminate the fact that it's still taking place in some form.

"There seems to be a popular idea that some cheating is more right or wrong than other kinds of cheating, and I think that's part of the problem—that we're not recognizing that it's all unacceptable," Gulli said.

Here at the U of A, most students who do land in violation of the Code of Academic Integrity aren't aware of the offences they've committed, explained Natalie Sharpe, Student OmbudService senior advisor and university director.

"For the most part, when students commit plagiarism and it's quite clear they just really haven't been paying attention or haven't been learning this stuff," Sharpe wrote via e-mail.

Chris Hackett, who works as a graduate ombudsperson and provides neutral confidential third-party advice to U of A students charged with academic offences such as cheating, plagiarism or misrepresentation of fact, also echoed Sharpe's assertion that plagiarism and

cheating aren't common premeditated offences on campus.

"I didn't find [the Maclean's article] really credible on the surface and it certainly doesn't reflect our experience," Hackett said.

Gulli, however, said that the article presented a reality that may be uncomfortable to face.

"Our experience is that students are likely to get caught."

CHRIS HACKETT,
GRADUATE OMBUDSPERSON

"If people have problems with the Guelph study that we cited, the article has countless other studies that go on to explain just what's going on at our universities," she said.

But Eerkes was concerned with publicity of the study's results, as it could send the wrong message to students.

"One of the big motivators for cheating would be that students think everyone else is cheating," Eerkes explained. "And so these statistics, which are somewhat misleading—50 per cent of students cheat—just perpetuates the problem. Students

think, 'Oh everyone's cheating, I have to too.'"

According to Acting Associate Dean of Arts Ralieggh Whiting, who deals with all matters of academic integrity brought forward by Arts professors or TAs, every effort is being made to educate both U of A students and faculty on what violates academic integrity.

Whiting further pointed to the widespread use of the Internet as one of the leading aggravates of cheating and plagiarism.

"In the old days, you actually had to go get a book out and read it and then type out and copy it; with the Internet it's possible to download, either a whole mysterious paper from a paper mill or to download wholesale sections from another Wikipedia article," Whiting said.

However, Hackett stressed that the Internet helps catch cheaters as much as it may help create them.

"Our experience is that students are likely to get caught," Hackett said. "And, truthfully, my suspicion is that modern digital materials have made it more likely that people get caught. I think it was harder in the old days to catch students because you had to go to the library and dig through for the book that they copied from."

CAMPUS
CRIME BEAT

Compiled by Mike Otto

STICKIN' IT TO THE MAN, MAN

At 10:20pm on 12 February, ne'er-do-wells were witnessed using illegal drugs and writing disparaging comments about Campus Security in a stairwell at 9005-112 Street. The suspects were located a short time later in another nearby stairwell; when questioned, they admitted to penning the inked invectives.

No members of the group were U of A students and the whole lot was trespassed from campus. Edmonton Police later charged one female with mischief under \$5000.

A HARD CRIME TO STOMACH

At 11:20am on 23 February, a business in HUB reported that a man stole a drink from a cooler and continued walking down the mall.

Campus 5-0 found a male matching the description of the brazen beverage burglar a short time later talking on a pay phone. He was known to Campus Security and had been sent from campus previously.

Campus Security charged him with trespassing and he will appear in court at a later date. A small amount of the stolen property was returned to the business, but the remainder was presumably unrecoverable.

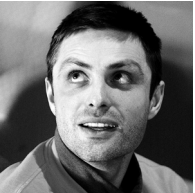
STREETERS

To the outrage of many Edmontonians, Ryan Smyth was recently traded to the New York Islanders.

What do you think is the appropriate punishment for the man who perpetuated this heinous crime, Kevin Lowe?



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I just learned about hockey this year. I'm winning my hockey pool, but Ryan Smyth seemed really good. We could throw some cold spaghetti noodles at [Kevin Lowe]. It's wet. And sticky, when properly cooked.

I think the Oilers realized that they're not going to make the playoffs this year, so they're not going to need Ryan Smyth, and they're looking ahead. I guess I am [soft on Kevin Lowe].

I'd trash him. I'd get rid of him very quickly, because you don't want somebody like that running your team. I'd can him or send him to the Rangers or something. We could replace him with Mark Messier, because if Mark Messier was the manager we could definitely talk to Ryan Smyth to get him back.

I don't really know, to be honest. I don't watch hockey. I guess we should tear his nose off and pee into his skull.

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