# Integrity gone?

### Some students say cheating a must for good grades

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United Press International

Studies in Higher Education says issued Wednesday on "Fair Praccomputer dishonesty on the college tices in Higher Education" that collegians have found a new way campus is a "relatively new phenomenon, but one that may be on

The prestigious council based in Berkeley, Calif., noted in a report

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BOSTON — Audio-visual telephone service connecting eight

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sity's computer system."

And a student at Wayne State "learned the password for a univer-sity research project and charged \$2,000 worth of computer time to

But computer cheating, the council said, is just one of several signs that ethical conduct is falling apart on the nation's college campuses.

The list of academic "dirty laun-

dry" also includes: -Cheating by students on academic assignments, including buying of research papers. Nearly 9 percent of students report some form of cheating is necessary to get the grades they want. Larger percentages admit resorting to cheating on papers or exams.

—Misuse by students of public financial aid. About 13 percent of fault and 17 percent of the National cent and decreased at 14 percent.

Direct Student Loan recipients are in default. The non-repayment rate of the intentionally highrisk veteran's loans is 44 percent.

studied. Undergraduate libraries at the University of California at Berkeley, Northwestern University and the University of Washington report annual loss rates at between 4 and 5 percent of their collections. Even a 1 percent loss rate nationally would cost \$63.4 million a year.

We are concerned," the council said, "that these negative traits may indicate a larger and more deepseated problem: a general loss of self-confidence and of a sense of mutual trust, and a general decline in integrity of conduct on campus.'

Another sign of trouble cited by the council is an increase in lawsuits threatened or initiated by students.

A council survey in 1978, said loans made under the Guaranteed these went up at 35 percent of the Student Loan Program are in deschools, stayed the same at 51 per-

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standards of academic tradition."

The council, headed by Clark Kerr, also recommended that high schools make available to students and parents, consumer education about colleges and universities "early enough to influence student curricular and life choices."

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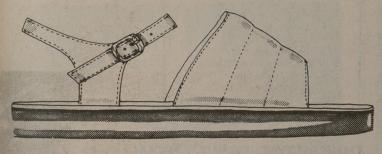


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