

Grade point standards differ among UNL colleges

By Kathy McAuliffe

The College of Business Administration is not the only UNL college requiring stricter grade point averages of its students.

The College of Business Administration adopted a new policy last spring which states that CBA students admitted to the college after June 13, 1977 must maintain a 2.5 grade average or face possible suspension from the college.

This group includes freshmen and transfer students admitted after this date. Students admitted before this date, including most upperclassmen, are subject to the university's standard which requires a student to maintain a 2.0 average or face academic probation or suspension.

College of Architecture admission standards are not as rigorous as those of CBA. However, standards for upperclassmen are more strict. In the first two years of study, known as the pre-architecture program, students are required to maintain a 2.0 average, according to John Benson, assistant dean for the College of Architecture. After this, students must apply for admission to the architecture college, he said. In order to be admitted, a cumulative average of 3.0 is required, Benson said.

After admission to the college, students are required to keep a 2.0 average. However, because students must have a 3.0 average to get into the college, most students maintain the B average, he said.

In the College of Engineering and Technology students must keep the university's minimum 2.0 average, according to associate dean Lyle Young. If they fall below this, they are not allowed to take any new courses within the college, Young said.

Until a student's average improves, he

or she can only repeat courses taken in the college or take courses outside the college, he said.

Students enrolled in Teachers College must also maintain the university's requirement. But in order to student teach, the student must have a minimum GPA of at least 2.25, according to associate dean Ronald Joekel.

The College of Agriculture, Home Economics and Arts & Sciences follow the university's policy in determining whether a student is in good standing.

Lawrence Bundy, director of undergraduate advising, explained UNL's policy in determining whether or not a student is in good standing. This office reviews all possible probations or suspensions from UNL.

To be in good standing at UNL a student must have both a semester and a cumulative average of at least 2.0. If a student fails to achieve this standard, he or she faces scholarship probation or suspension, he said. Determining whether a student faces suspension or just academic probation depends a great deal on whether he or she is a freshman or upperclassman, he said.

First semester freshmen with GPAs of 1.0 to 1.99 are generally placed on academic probation. First semester freshmen who have GPAs below 1.0 face possible suspension, he said.

Second semester freshmen with GPAs from 1.6 to 1.9 also face probation. Second semester freshmen whose GPAs fall below 1.6 face possible suspension, Bundy said.

A stricter policy governs upperclassmen, he said. The crucial element in determining whether an upperclassman will be placed on probation or suspended is the grade

point deficiency, he said. Grade point deficiency is determined by doubling the number of credit hours the student has accumulated and then subtracting the total number of grade points earned from all classes taken, Bundy explained. If the difference is greater than zero and less than 12 points, the student faces academic probation. If the difference is greater than 12, he or she faces possible suspension, he said.

For example, if a student has completed 40 semester hours of credit the total number of grade points earned can be as low as 68 before he or she faces suspension, Bundy explained.

Students who are on probation for longer than three semesters or who fail more than nine credit hours in a semester also may face suspension, he said.

However, Bundy stressed that each case in which a student faces possible academic probation or suspension is reviewed individually.

Each semester 2,000 to 2,500 students are placed on academic probation or suspended.

"That's more than you might think," Bundy said.

But, he added that the all-university grade average is about 3.0, where it has remained for the last several semesters.

Abel Sr. established empire, UNL served by generosity

By Mary Fastenau

He was the man who did not graduate until he was 24 because he held five jobs and supported his mother while putting himself through college. He was the man who started a leading construction company on \$100 savings.

George P. Abel Sr. is the man UNL students never will meet but whose generosity serves them daily.

Abel died of uremic poisoning in 1937 at age 54, but his memory lives on in the Abel Foundation, which is made up of Abel family members.

The Abel Foundation recently pledged one-half million dollars to the Nebraska Campaign, a three-year foundation fund drive for the University of Nebraska. This gift brought the Abel family contributions to more than \$1 million.

Abel Sr. "established an empire" in Lincoln, according to Judy Leech, president of the Lincoln Alliance. The Abel Construction Co. and all its offshoots are combined today under the name NEBCO, Leech said.

NEBCO includes sand and gravel companies, construction firms, ready-mix companies, real estate, construction material sale, paving, steel brick, farms, ranches and the Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice Railroad, she explained.

Alice Abel, Abel Sr.'s daughter, said she

remembers her father as hard working and generous. Her father would be pleased about the money the Foundation has given the university, she said, because he considered everything he had a result of his learning.

While in college, Abel Sr. had five jobs, including showing slides for a biology professor, shoveling coal and janitorial work, she said.

Although Abel Sr. worked hard, he shared what he earned, she said.

All five of Abel Sr.'s children were Nebraska graduates.

George P. Abel Jr. attended UNL despite a scholarship offer from the University of Southern California.

Abel Jr. admitted his high regard for his father was a factor in his decision.

"I just felt he was the greatest," Abel Jr. said. "He was a number one businessman, engineer, builder and had a great compassion for a fellow man."

Abel said he thinks his father was the greatest Nebraska salesman the state has ever had. He indoctrinated his children with the philosophy that Nebraska was the best, he said.

Abel said the university tradition has been apparent in his family. Both of Abel Jr.'s sons have attended UNL, although they were graduated from the University of Arizona.

Ad campaign planned to boost the number of security guards

A need for more security guards has kicked off a campuswide advertising campaign by the residence hall security office, according to John Burke, security guard coordinator.

"We're in the process of expanding our program," Burke said. "Since we'll have guards not only in the halls but also in university buildings, both classroom and offices, we'll require more people. That's why we're holding this heavy campaign."

Burke said that besides hiring enough new guards to make up for those that are graduating or quitting, they will have to hire at least 12 more to guard university buildings.

"We'll hire 10 to 15 percent more people for next year," said Dave Uhl, a senior geology major from Lincoln and security guard supervisor. Uhl added that the guard turn-over was higher than normal, but the additional need made the campaign necessary.

Posters advertising security guard positions have been distributed around campus. "We originally printed the posters to take care of expanding our methods of putting word out that we were hiring—it's more than word of mouth. We're getting more

applicants that way," Uhl explained.

Burke said that three times as many applications have been received to this point, which he attributes to the posters. "We want a good file of applicants so that we can be very selective this time," Burke stated.

Requirements for security guards are a 2.5 grade point average, no past arrests, "good moral character," and the ability to stay up nights.

Burke added that the advertising would bring in variety from the student body. "One reason that a lot of our guards are ROTC student and foreigners is that most of our guards apply after hearing about openings from a friend—the word of mouth system. With the posters, we hope to get better representation from the student population, he said.

Brad Lahm, a freshman from Lexington, noted that the pay rate would differ with the increased building coverage. Those who work the classroom buildings will be paid more than those who work in the residence halls, so a lot of those who work residence halls will not shift.

"This could make a shortage," he said. "They ought to pay us all the same and let us work both areas."

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