Almost a quarter of college students have been engaged in an act of academic dishonesty, according to Dr. Don McCabe. McCabe, a Rutgers professor and founding president of the Center for Academic Integrity said in a talk on Tuesday, Feb. 24, entitled “Promoting Academic Integrity” that the amount of cheating among college students has risen. "I use that title to immediately display my bias," he said. "I am in favor of methods that promote honesty and fairness." McCabe headed up a team that researched cheating in high schools and colleges. According to his research, about eight percent of high school freshman reported cheating on tests. This increases steadily, said McCabe, to about 55 percent in their junior year and decreases very slightly to 54 percent in the senior year. "Cheating starts early and grows," he said. The study, which was conducted through the use of surveys, also showed that students made excuses for their cheating, according to McCabe. "One of the most disturbing aspects is how easy students find it to rationalize it," he said. "It's their parent's fault for not helping or the teacher's for giving them too much work." Overall, the study showed that about 74 percent of high school students reported instances of serious cheating.

The O-Lot was the scene of a recent auto theft of a 1994 teal Saturn SL-2. A similar car was also stolen from the Baseball Field Lot. Those who own a similar make and model of car (inset) should contact Security for precautionary information.

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