

TABLE 4
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND EXPECTATIONS
OF FIRST YEAR FRESHMEN

	1997	1998	1999
General Background			
% who are first generation students	65%	61%	58%
% who come from homes within 100 miles of ISU	65%	66%	
% who expect to be commuting to campus	40%	32%	34%
% who are a minority or an international student	14%	13%	17%
Academic Preparedness			
% rating high school education above average	65%	64%	61%
% in upper 25% of high school class*	38%	27%	26%
% in bottom 50% of high school class*	41%	40%	41%
Average high school GPA*	2.86	2.83	2.82
% who decided to attend college by the time they were freshmen in high school	83%	82%	83%
Attraction to ISU			
% applying only to ISU	53%*	40%	36
% applying to one other school	25%	28%	27%
% indicating ISU as first choice	75%	71%	67%
% freshmen who foresee little to no chance of transferring	68%	69%	66%
Expectations			
% planning to work during the upcoming academic year	80%	75%	74%
% expecting to achieve at least a 3.00 GPA in their first semester	52%	48%	46%
% expecting to have a car on campus	75%	77%	78%
Reasons for attending ISU:			
% indicating low cost	88%	86%	83%
% indicating academic reputation of department in major area	84%	83%	81%
% indicating quality of faculty	83%	84%	87%
% indicating financial aid	76%	73%	69%
% aspiring to gain Bachelor's degree	44%	46%	47%
% aspiring to gain Associate degree	5%	3%	4%
% aspiring to gain graduate degree or post-graduate degree	51%	50%	49%

* 1999 data based on entire incoming freshman class (2,075); other Fall 1999 responses based on 89.3% of incoming freshman class.

Source: ISU Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) completed during Summer NSARP registration.