

# TABLE 4

## SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND EXPECTATIONS OF FIRST YEAR FRESHMEN

	1998	1999	2000
<b>General Background</b>			
% who are first generation students	61%	58%	61%
% who come from small towns or rural areas	--	59%	61%
% who expect to be commuting to campus	32%	34%	40%
% who are a minority or an international student	13%	17%	16%
<b>Academic Preparedness</b>			
% rating high school education above average	64%	61%	65%
% in upper 25% of high school class <sup>1</sup>	27%	26%	25%
% in bottom 50% of high school class <sup>1</sup>	40%	41%	39%
Average high school GPA <sup>1</sup>	2.83	2.82	2.85
% who decided to attend college by the time they were freshmen in high school <sup>2</sup>	82%	83%	86%
<b>Attraction to ISU</b>			
% applying only to ISU	40%	36%	46%
% applying to one other school	28%	27%	29%
% indicating ISU as first choice	71%	67%	67%
% freshmen who foresee little to no chance of transferring	69%	66%	69%
<b>Expectations</b>			
% planning to work during the upcoming academic year <sup>2</sup>	75%	74%	79%
% expecting to achieve at least a 3.00 GPA in their first semester	48%	46%	64%
% expecting to have a car on campus <sup>3</sup>	77%	78%	--
Reasons for attending ISU:			
% indicating low cost	86%	83%	81%
% indicating academic reputation of department in major area <sup>4</sup>	83%	81%	80%
% indicating quality of faculty <sup>4</sup>	84%	87%	--
% indicating financial aid	73%	69%	69%
% aspiring to gain Bachelor's degree	46%	47%	45%
% aspiring to gain Associate degree	3%	4%	3%
% aspiring to gain graduate degree or post-graduate degree	50%	49%	52%

<sup>1</sup> 2000 data based on entire incoming freshman class (2,171); other Fall 2000 responses based on 89.7% of incoming freshman class.

<sup>2</sup> Question changed slightly in Fall 2000.

<sup>3</sup> Question was dropped in Fall 2000.

<sup>4</sup> Questions were combined in Fall 2000.