

# TABLE 4

## SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND EXPECTATIONS OF FIRST YEAR FRESHMEN

	1999	2000	2001
<b>General Background</b>			
% who are first generation students	58%	61%	62%
% who come from small towns or rural areas	59%	61%	61%
% who expect to be commuting to campus	34%	40%	30%
% who are a minority or an international student	17%	16%	16%
<b>Academic Preparedness</b>			
% rating high school education above average	61%	65%	63%
% in upper 25% of high school class <sup>1</sup>	26%	25%	25%
% in bottom 50% of high school class <sup>1</sup>	41%	39%	42%
Average high school GPA <sup>1</sup>	2.82	2.85	2.89
% who decided to attend college by the time they were freshmen in high school <sup>2</sup>	83%	86%	88%
<b>Attraction to ISU</b>			
% applying only to ISU	36%	46%	50%
% applying to one other school	27%	29%	23%
% indicating ISU as first choice	67%	67%	69%
% freshmen who foresee little to no chance of transferring	66%	69%	69%
<b>Expectations</b>			
% planning to work during the upcoming academic year <sup>2</sup>	74%	79%	80%
% expecting to achieve at least a 3.00 GPA in their first semester	46%	64%	64%
% expecting to have a car on campus <sup>3</sup>	78%	--	--
Reasons for attending ISU:			
% indicating low cost	83%	81%	81%
% indicating academic reputation of department in major area <sup>4</sup>	81%	80%	82%
% indicating quality of faculty <sup>4</sup>	87%	--	--
% indicating financial aid	69%	69%	73%
% aspiring to gain Bachelor's degree	47%	45%	44%
% aspiring to gain Associate degree	4%	3%	2%
% aspiring to gain graduate degree or post-graduate degree	49%	52%	53%

<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.

Note: 2001 data based on 1,937 respondents (87.6% of entire 2,211 incoming freshman class).

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