

# TABLE 4

## SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND EXPECTATIONS OF FIRST YEAR FRESHMEN

	2000	2001	2002
<b>General Background</b>			
% who are first generation students	61%	62%	61%
% who come from small towns or rural areas	61%	61%	62%
% who expect to be commuting to campus	40%	30%	28%
% who are a minority or an international student	16%	16%	14%
<b>Academic Preparedness</b>			
% rating high school education above average	65%	63%	68%
% in upper 25% of high school class <sup>1</sup>	25%	23%	23%
% in bottom 50% of high school class <sup>1</sup>	39%	45%	43%
Average high school GPA <sup>1</sup>	2.85	2.87	2.88
% who decided to attend college by the time they were freshmen in high school	86%	88%	87%
<b>Attraction to ISU</b>			
% applying only to ISU	46%	50%	46%
% applying to one other school	29%	23%	25%
% indicating ISU as first choice	67%	69%	69%
% freshmen who foresee little to no chance of transferring	69%	69%	67%
<b>Expectations</b>			
% planning to work during the upcoming academic year	79%	80%	83%
% expecting to achieve at least a 3.00 GPA in their first semester	64%	64%	75%
<b>Reasons for attending ISU:</b>			
% indicating low cost	81%	81%	82%
% indicating academic reputation of department in major area	80%	82%	80%
% indicating financial aid	69%	73%	72%
% aspiring to gain Bachelor's degree	45%	44%	44%
% aspiring to gain Associate degree	3%	2%	2%
% aspiring to gain graduate degree or post-graduate degree	52%	53%	54%

<sup>1</sup> Data based on entire incoming freshman class; other data based on SIQ respondents on

Source: ISU Student Information Questionnaire (SIQ) completed during the summer Sycamore Advantage registration and Freshman Cohort.