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2000 Freshmen

*This issue of the **Bulletin** examines some of the differences among the 2000 entering freshmen by college of enrollment and gender. Eight hundred eight (808) freshmen completed the survey, 92% of the entering class. Of those, 620 (77%) indicated they were in the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences, 152 (19%) indicated College of Business, and 36 (4%) indicated School of Nursing. Gender distribution was 315 (39%) male and 493(61%) female.*

High School GPA: As we have seen in previous years, significantly higher percentage of women than men reported they were "A" students in high school.

	All Frosh	Arts	COBA	Nursing	Men	Women
A+, A, A-	67%	70%	55%	67%	57%	74%
B+, B	29%	27%	39%	31%	37%	24%
B-, C+, C	4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	2%

Self-Ratings: At least 60% of the freshmen rated themselves "above average/highest 10%" when comparing themselves with the average person their age on the following characteristics.

Academic ability	84%	86%	77%	75%	86%	82%
Cooperativeness	80%	79%	80%	81%	82%	78%
Drive to achieve	79%	78%	84%	75%	78%	80%
Understanding of others	67%	66%	71%	69%	70%	66%
Intellectual self-confidence	67%	66%	71%	61%	82%	57%
Leadership ability	66%	64%	74%	56%	72%	61%
Initiative	61%	59%	67%	61%	63%	59%

Reasons for Choosing Creighton: Freshmen are asked to indicate how important 23 different reasons were in choosing their college. Listed below are the top six reasons given for attending Creighton.

Academic reputation	82%	81%	83%	89%	80%	83%
Graduates get good jobs	68%	68%	73%	61%	67%	69%
Grads go to top grad schools	58%	61%	47%	44%	56%	59%
Offered financial assistance	52%	53%	44%	72%	51%	53%
Size	49%	49%	44%	61%	40%	54%
Offered a merit-based scholarship	45%	47%	37%	38%	41%	48%

Goals and Values: Freshmen are asked to indicate how important 20 different "life objectives" are to them. The following are the top seven considered "very important/essential" by the 2000 freshmen.

Raise a family	76%	76%	78%	69%	80%	74%
Help others in difficulty	72%	74%	62%	89%	67%	75%
Be very well off financially	66%	63%	79%	58%	73%	62%
Integrate spirituality into my life	60%	59%	59%	67%	57%	62%
Become an authority in my field	58%	57%	68%	47%	63%	55%
Obtain recognition from colleagues	50%	49%	58%	39%	53%	49%
Develop a meaningful phil/life	47%	48%	42%	50%	51%	44%

2000 Freshmen - Differences by College of Enrollment & Gender

Demographics: *The following gives some insight into the backgrounds of the 2000 entering freshmen who completed the survey.*

	All Frosh	Arts	COBA	Nursing	Men	Women
Racial Background: Caucasian/White	85%	84%	87%	94%	86%	84%
50 miles or less from home to Creighton	31%	30%	31%	45%	29%	33%
More than 500 miles from home to Creighton	26%	27%	25%	19%	30%	23%
Parental Income: $100,000+	38%	38%	41%	25%	46%	33%
Both parents alive and living together	82%	82%	83%	83%	87%	79%
Mother: College degree or higher	61%	64%	53%	43%	64%	59%
Father: College degree or higher	67%	68%	66%	54%	73%	63%
Student Religious Preference: Roman Catholic	62%	60%	71%	69%	60%	64%
English is native language	96%	95%	96%	97%	95%	96%
Attended public high school	60%	62%	52%	60%	55%	63%
Worked (for pay) 16+ hrs/week in high school	34%	33%	33%	42%	34%	33%
Receiving $1,500+ from college grant/scholarship	59%	61%	49%	50%	51%	64%
High school required commty service for graduation	39%	37%	45%	50%	46%	34%
Performed community service as part of a class	75%	73%	83%	74%	75%	75%
Academic Information:						
Studied/did homework 16+ hrs/week in high school	10%	10%	9%	3%	7%	12%
Creighton was 1st choice	80%	78%	85%	92%	80%	80%
Highest degree planned anywhere: MD or DDS	30%	36%	3%	29%	33%	28%
Highest degree planned anywhere: JD or LLB	9%	8%	16%	0%	7%	10%
Will need remedial work/tutoring in math	20%	19%	28%	8%	18%	22%
Took 1-4 Advanced Placement courses in high school	60%	61%	54%	61%	59%	60%
Took 1-4 Advanced Placement exams in high school	37%	40%	25%	30%	39%	36%
Used Internet for research or homework (frequently)	74%	73%	74%	86%	73%	74%
Chances very good: make "B" average	70%	73%	62%	53%	76%	66%
Chances very good: graduate with honors	26%	27%	23%	22%	29%	24%
Chances very good: be satisfied with Creighton	58%	58%	59%	61%	53%	62%

Attitudes/Values: *The following percentages represent those who "agree strongly/agree somewhat".*

Fed. Gov't should do more to control handgun sales	83%	83%	81%	94%	73%	90%
There's too much concern in the courts for rights of criminals.	65%	65%	65%	69%	63%	66%
Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus.	67%	68%	64%	63%	57%	74%
Same sex couples should have the right to legal marital status.	60%	61%	53%	69%	52%	65%
Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished	55%	55%	55%	51%	63%	50%
Sex is OK if two people really like each other.	29%	29%	34%	20%	44%	21%
Marijuana should be legalized.	29%	31%	25%	20%	39%	24%
It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships.	25%	23%	34%	14%	35%	18%
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in society.	19%	19%	19%	11%	23%	16%
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in the U.S.	19%	19%	20%	20%	23%	16%
The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family.	16%	15%	20%	11%	24%	11%

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