CIRP 1997

Freshmen Students: Fall 1997

The 1997 freshmen norms are based on the responses of 252,082 students at 464 baccalaureate colleges. Of Elon's 966 Fall 1997 first-time full-time freshmen, 926 participated in this survey (a 96% response rate). Some key findings are:

Nationally:

- Record level of academic disengagement
- Political interest hits a new low
- More students consider themselves "middle of the road"
- Freshmen are investing less time in their studies
- Alcohol use is down
- Cigarette use is up

Elon vs. 4-Year Private "other" Religious Schools:

- Elon has more students who lived 500 or more miles from college (1-in-3 vs. 1-in-6)
- Elon students come from a more affluent background ($100,000 or more: 40.7% vs. 16.8%)
- As a first choice college, Elon was higher (79.4% vs. 73.3%)
- More Elon students plan to obtain a master's degree (51.0% vs. 39.5%)
- Elon students are less concerned about financing college: (No concern financing: 42.3% vs. 28.7%)
- More Elon students attend college to become a more cultured person (49.9% vs. 40.2%)

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