

Report of the Results of the 1998 New Student Transition Questionnaire

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ABSTRACT

This report describes the results of a survey administered to new Fall 1998 main campus first year students. The survey was designed to provide information about how well these students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first two months at BGSU. Results are provided for all respondents, females, males, students of color, students in various colleges, and students who participate in various first year initiative programs.

BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

The BGSU New Student Satisfaction Survey was developed by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Studies in Fall 1997 as a means of gathering information about how well first year students were becoming acclimated to college life within their first two months at the University. It was initially administered to students in first year English classes in Fall 1997. This report describes the results of the second administration of the survey in Fall 1998. The survey was used in the same way with the only difference for the second year being that students this year were asked to supply their PID numbers. This allows the results to be merged with previously collected data so that they can be contrasted by gender, ethnicity, college, and according to BGSU's first year student initiative programs in which respondents may participate. Data were collected from 2,407 first year students in October 1998. This represents 67% of all new main campus first year students in Fall 1998 and the distribution of respondents across groups closely paralleled that of the entire population. Of the respondents, 1,559 provided PID numbers which allowed their survey responses to be matched with and contrasted by gender, ethnicity, college, and first year initiative program participation. The data were analyzed by the Office of Institutional Research by calculating the percentages of respondents who provided each response to each survey item.

RESULTS

| | Overall | Female | Male | Students of Color | A&S | BA | EDHD | HHS | MUST | TEC | ACEN | Chapman | FPAS | HSRC | Honors | PLA | Spring-board |
|---|---------|--------|------|-------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|---------|------|------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Population of All New Fall 1998 Main Campus First Year Students | 3581 | 2120 | 1461 | 272 | 894 | 588 | 748 | 349 | 111 | 144 | 747 | 100 | 211 | 87 | 266 | 21 | 305 |
| Percentage in Overall Population | 100% | 59% | 41% | 8% | 25% | 16% | 21% | 10% | 3% | 4% | 21% | 3% | 6% | 2% | 7% | 1% | 9% |
| Survey Respondents | 2407 | 943 | 616 | 96 | 335 | 284 | 334 | 148 | 45 | 69 | 334 | 64 | 81 | 34 | 70 | 9 | 130 |
| Percentage in Survey Sample | 100% | 60% | 40% | 6% | 21% | 18% | 21% | 9% | 3% | 4% | 21% | 4% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 8% |

| | Overall | Female | Male | Students of Color | A&S | BA | EDHD | HHS | MUST | TEC | ACEN | Chapman | FPAS | HSRC | Honors | PLA | Spring-board |
|--|---------|--------|------|-------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|---------|------|------|--------|-----|--------------|
| I am finding it easy to adjust to the University. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 1% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 6% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 9% | 9% | 2% | 5% | 0% | 6% | 6% | 3% | 0% | 5% |
| Neutral | 10% | 9% | 11% | 11% | 8% | 10% | 8% | 8% | 4% | 18% | 11% | 13% | 8% | 3% | 6% | 0% | 9% |
| Somewhat Agree | 44% | 42% | 48% | 38% | 44% | 48% | 43% | 40% | 40% | 50% | 44% | 42% | 43% | 30% | 48% | 44% | 45% |
| Strongly Agree | 38% | 42% | 37% | 41% | 42% | 38% | 42% | 42% | 47% | 29% | 40% | 45% | 43% | 61% | 44% | 56% | 40% |
| I have figured out how to study effectively | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 5% | 5% | 5% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 22% | 6% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 18% | 19% | 18% | 26% | 21% | 16% | 17% | 17% | 20% | 25% | 19% | 13% | 18% | 33% | 6% | 22% | 15% |
| Neutral | 33% | 30% | 33% | 34% | 31% | 28% | 33% | 26% | 27% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 24% | 23% | 11% | 38% |
| Somewhat Agree | 38% | 40% | 38% | 26% | 38% | 42% | 40% | 41% | 33% | 32% | 38% | 42% | 36% | 33% | 54% | 33% | 37% |
| Strongly Agree | 7% | 7% | 6% | 7% | 5% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 16% | 4% | 5% | 8% | 6% | 3% | 13% | 11% | 5% |
| I am satisfied with my roommate. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 7% | 7% | 5% | 12% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 7% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 9% | 3% | 4% | 13% | 9% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 8% | 8% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 7% | 11% | 6% | 2% | 14% | 8% | 6% | 10% | 0% | 6% | 13% | 6% |
| Neutral | 19% | 15% | 20% | 20% | 17% | 18% | 15% | 17% | 25% | 11% | 17% | 16% | 18% | 21% | 10% | 13% | 16% |
| Somewhat Agree | 21% | 17% | 28% | 15% | 21% | 26% | 20% | 15% | 23% | 26% | 22% | 34% | 12% | 3% | 22% | 25% | 19% |
| Strongly Agree | 47% | 52% | 38% | 48% | 45% | 45% | 48% | 58% | 43% | 44% | 45% | 37% | 51% | 73% | 57% | 38% | 50% |
| I am satisfied with my living accommodations. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 4% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 8% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 0% | 0% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 11% | 9% | 11% | 11% | 12% | 10% | 9% | 10% | 9% | 11% | 10% | 20% | 13% | 6% | 3% | 0% | 11% |
| Neutral | 21% | 19% | 24% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 24% | 19% | 21% | 22% | 22% | 23% | 25% | 15% | 16% | 56% | 23% |
| Somewhat Agree | 39% | 40% | 36% | 42% | 38% | 43% | 39% | 37% | 27% | 35% | 38% | 39% | 38% | 49% | 46% | 33% | 40% |
| Strongly Agree | 26% | 28% | 26% | 22% | 27% | 28% | 25% | 31% | 41% | 25% | 27% | 16% | 20% | 27% | 32% | 11% | 26% |
| I am making friends easily. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 2% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Somewhat Disagree | 5% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 7% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 7% | 4% | 0% | 5% | 3% | 7% | 13% | 9% |
| Neutral | 12% | 12% | 12% | 13% | 13% | 15% | 10% | 6% | 4% | 15% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 3% | 11% | 13% | 10% |
| Somewhat Agree | 35% | 34% | 37% | 31% | 31% | 38% | 37% | 37% | 20% | 32% | 37% | 36% | 29% | 18% | 29% | 38% | 29% |
| Strongly Agree | 46% | 48% | 45% | 50% | 48% | 42% | 48% | 50% | 73% | 43% | 45% | 52% | 54% | 76% | 53% | 38% | 53% |
| I am not concerned about alcohol use among students. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 8% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 4% | 7% | 9% | 10% | 18% | 13% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 15% | 11% | 11% | 9% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 10% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 13% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 18% | 4% | 11% | 20% | 3% | 15% | 16% | 22% | 9% |
| Neutral | 30% | 34% | 21% | 28% | 26% | 26% | 35% | 34% | 31% | 19% | 28% | 31% | 32% | 36% | 33% | 56% | 26% |
| Somewhat Agree | 23% | 24% | 25% | 14% | 27% | 26% | 25% | 17% | 16% | 28% | 24% | 20% | 17% | 21% | 24% | 0% | 28% |
| Strongly Agree | 29% | 22% | 38% | 32% | 31% | 31% | 20% | 27% | 18% | 35% | 31% | 20% | 42% | 12% | 16% | 11% | 29% |
| I feel lonely, left out, or isolated. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 55% | 54% | 59% | 61% | 54% | 60% | 58% | 60% | 47% | 52% | 53% | 56% | 58% | 79% | 54% | 56% | 66% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 22% | 22% | 23% | 14% | 20% | 22% | 22% | 22% | 31% | 21% | 24% | 25% | 25% | 6% | 27% | 11% | 15% |
| Neutral | 11% | 11% | 10% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 7% | 10% | 4% | 10% | 13% | 16% | 7% | 3% | 13% | 11% | 10% |
| Somewhat Agree | 9% | 10% | 7% | 11% | 10% | 8% | 12% | 6% | 16% | 10% | 7% | 2% | 10% | 9% | 6% | 11% | 7% |
| Strongly Agree | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 7% | 3% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 0% | 11% | 2% |
| I find my classes challenging. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 5% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 16% | 3% | 4% | 9% | 8% | 3% | 4% | 0% | 5% |
| Neutral | 21% | 20% | 23% | 29% | 22% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 22% | 29% | 23% | 27% | 23% | 9% | 20% | 33% | 19% |
| Somewhat Agree | 47% | 49% | 45% | 51% | 50% | 47% | 47% | 45% | 47% | 44% | 47% | 48% | 41% | 56% | 49% | 33% | 48% |
| Strongly Agree | 26% | 27% | 25% | 15% | 23% | 25% | 27% | 38% | 13% | 24% | 26% | 14% | 29% | 31% | 26% | 33% | 28% |
| I miss home and my friends who are not at BGSU. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 4% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 3% | 1% | 4% | 0% | 4% | 6% | 9% | 3% | 4% | 0% | 5% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 7% | 5% | 10% | 8% | 9% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 13% | 6% | 5% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 22% | 9% |
| Neutral | 18% | 17% | 21% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 16% | 18% | 31% | 16% | 18% | 16% | 12% | 19% | 15% | 33% | 16% |
| Somewhat Agree | 37% | 37% | 39% | 28% | 36% | 42% | 41% | 40% | 16% | 38% | 37% | 36% | 33% | 47% | 41% | 33% | 41% |
| Strongly Agree | 34% | 37% | 24% | 40% | 29% | 28% | 36% | 35% | 42% | 32% | 34% | 38% | 37% | 25% | 34% | 11% | 30% |
| It is difficult for me to get in touch with teachers or staff outside of class. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 15% | 18% | 13% | 25% | 16% | 16% | 16% | 13% | 24% | 13% | 17% | 25% | 20% | 9% | 21% | 33% | 12% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 32% | 33% | 31% | 31% | 29% | 35% | 37% | 33% | 38% | 29% | 27% | 25% | 25% | 44% | 33% | 11% | 33% |
| Neutral | 35% | 31% | 38% | 26% | 34% | 35% | 30% | 37% | 16% | 49% | 34% | 33% | 34% | 31% | 29% | 44% | 32% |
| Somewhat Agree | 15% | 16% | 14% | 15% | 17% | 14% | 15% | 14% | 16% | 7% | 19% | 13% | 19% | 16% | 13% | 11% | 20% |
| Strongly Agree | 4% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 7% | 2% | 2% | 5% | 1% | 0% | 4% | 0% | 3% |
| I am getting actively involved with my classes. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 9% | 8% | 10% | 11% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 12% | 4% | 13% | 10% | 6% | 11% | 3% | 6% | 11% | 4% |
| Neutral | 42% | 39% | 42% | 37% | 37% | 44% | 41% | 38% | 22% | 35% | 43% | 35% | 43% | 30% | 34% | 22% | 41% |
| Somewhat Agree | 40% | 43% | 41% | 39% | 43% | 41% | 44% | 44% | 51% | 44% | 39% | 44% | 35% | 55% | 47% | 56% | 44% |
| Strongly Agree | 8% | 8% | 7% | 11% | 10% | 5% | 8% | 7% | 22% | 7% | 6% | 13% | 10% | 12% | 13% | 11% | 9% |

| Faculty and staff I encounter have a good attitude toward students. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Strongly Disagree | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 3% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 0% | 2% |
| Neutral | 15% | 14% | 11% | 11% | 15% | 10% | 13% | 15% | 4% | 12% | 14% | 16% | 16% | 9% | 3% | 33% | 15% |
| Somewhat Agree | 51% | 49% | 58% | 36% | 48% | 57% | 52% | 55% | 40% | 59% | 53% | 41% | 42% | 58% | 53% | 11% | 52% |
| Strongly Agree | 30% | 32% | 29% | 48% | 33% | 29% | 32% | 25% | 49% | 27% | 29% | 38% | 37% | 30% | 40% | 56% | 29% |
| I can't find things to do on the weekends. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 47% | 45% | 50% | 39% | 46% | 47% | 47% | 46% | 44% | 44% | 51% | 30% | 61% | 52% | 30% | 22% | 53% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 21% | 21% | 24% | 23% | 20% | 23% | 23% | 24% | 13% | 25% | 20% | 25% | 15% | 27% | 26% | 22% | 19% |
| Neutral | 12% | 12% | 10% | 7% | 9% | 14% | 13% | 7% | 18% | 10% | 11% | 16% | 15% | 3% | 17% | 22% | 14% |
| Somewhat Agree | 14% | 16% | 12% | 15% | 17% | 12% | 11% | 18% | 18% | 12% | 15% | 14% | 7% | 12% | 17% | 22% | 12% |
| Strongly Agree | 6% | 7% | 4% | 17% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 7% | 9% | 4% | 14% | 3% | 6% | 9% | 11% | 2% |
| I am having difficulty deciding on a major or career. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 37% | 39% | 35% | 48% | 42% | 31% | 56% | 41% | 58% | 52% | 13% | 44% | 30% | 49% | 46% | 44% | 31% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 16% | 16% | 18% | 19% | 21% | 18% | 19% | 22% | 20% | 16% | 5% | 23% | 11% | 21% | 14% | 22% | 14% |
| Neutral | 14% | 12% | 16% | 10% | 12% | 20% | 9% | 9% | 4% | 19% | 16% | 16% | 16% | 3% | 13% | 11% | 14% |
| Somewhat Agree | 17% | 18% | 16% | 10% | 16% | 20% | 10% | 20% | 16% | 6% | 26% | 11% | 20% | 18% | 17% | 0% | 19% |
| Strongly Agree | 16% | 16% | 15% | 14% | 9% | 11% | 6% | 8% | 2% | 7% | 40% | 6% | 24% | 9% | 10% | 22% | 22% |
| I get along well with others on campus. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 3% | 0% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 1% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 11% | 2% |
| Neutral | 8% | 7% | 6% | 9% | 9% | 7% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 12% | 7% | 8% | 9% | 3% | 10% | 0% | 5% |
| Somewhat Agree | 44% | 41% | 50% | 34% | 41% | 50% | 43% | 43% | 49% | 49% | 45% | 56% | 40% | 33% | 39% | 44% | 46% |
| Strongly Agree | 46% | 50% | 42% | 51% | 49% | 41% | 53% | 48% | 47% | 37% | 47% | 33% | 51% | 61% | 49% | 44% | 46% |
| I have taken advantage of mentoring or tutoring groups. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 29% | 28% | 33% | 25% | 32% | 31% | 28% | 25% | 36% | 32% | 29% | 21% | 24% | 12% | 33% | 22% | 20% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 19% | 19% | 23% | 17% | 21% | 22% | 20% | 19% | 9% | 24% | 22% | 30% | 10% | 9% | 26% | 11% | 20% |
| Neutral | 31% | 30% | 30% | 28% | 30% | 31% | 33% | 28% | 36% | 29% | 28% | 29% | 25% | 24% | 21% | 22% | 28% |
| Somewhat Agree | 11% | 12% | 8% | 15% | 9% | 7% | 13% | 10% | 9% | 7% | 13% | 11% | 21% | 21% | 13% | 22% | 14% |
| Strongly Agree | 9% | 11% | 6% | 15% | 7% | 9% | 7% | 18% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 10% | 21% | 33% | 7% | 22% | 17% |
| I am not managing my time well. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 14% | 15% | 14% | 13% | 11% | 18% | 14% | 18% | 21% | 13% | 14% | 19% | 23% | 18% | 15% | 11% | 15% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 28% | 31% | 26% | 17% | 29% | 25% | 29% | 32% | 30% | 22% | 31% | 28% | 26% | 30% | 36% | 22% | 26% |
| Neutral | 26% | 24% | 27% | 26% | 27% | 30% | 26% | 19% | 21% | 29% | 22% | 31% | 28% | 15% | 17% | 22% | 29% |
| Somewhat Agree | 25% | 24% | 26% | 25% | 26% | 21% | 27% | 21% | 9% | 29% | 27% | 19% | 18% | 27% | 22% | 22% | 22% |
| Strongly Agree | 7% | 7% | 8% | 19% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 11% | 19% | 6% | 7% | 3% | 6% | 9% | 10% | 22% | 9% |
| I am involved with campus activities outside of class. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 15% | 13% | 14% | 19% | 14% | 15% | 11% | 14% | 2% | 21% | 14% | 6% | 15% | 9% | 7% | 11% | 11% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 17% | 17% | 16% | 12% | 12% | 18% | 18% | 24% | 11% | 21% | 16% | 19% | 16% | 9% | 14% | 44% | 19% |
| Neutral | 23% | 21% | 25% | 20% | 27% | 24% | 20% | 21% | 18% | 13% | 23% | 17% | 25% | 27% | 13% | 0% | 17% |
| Somewhat Agree | 26% | 26% | 26% | 26% | 28% | 26% | 28% | 22% | 29% | 25% | 26% | 36% | 22% | 15% | 33% | 11% | 30% |

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| Agree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Agree | 19% | 23% | 18% | 24% | 20% | 17% | 24% | 19% | 40% | 21% | 21% | 22% | 22% | 39% | 33% | 33% | 23% | |
| I am having trouble keeping up with my studies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 12% | 12% | 11% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 12% | 18% | 8% | 12% | 23% | 18% | 13% | 9% | 11% | 10% | |
| Somewhat Disagree | 30% | 31% | 31% | 24% | 32% | 33% | 30% | 35% | 29% | 30% | 28% | 20% | 26% | 34% | 40% | 33% | 31% | |
| Neutral | 26% | 25% | 27% | 29% | 26% | 28% | 25% | 15% | 24% | 42% | 26% | 27% | 30% | 13% | 26% | 11% | 33% | |
| Somewhat Agree | 25% | 26% | 26% | 23% | 26% | 22% | 29% | 30% | 22% | 15% | 28% | 25% | 23% | 34% | 21% | 11% | 22% | |
| Strongly Agree | 6% | 7% | 5% | 12% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 33% | 4% | |
| I like the social life at BGSU. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 2% | 2% | 1% | 8% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 2% | |
| Somewhat Disagree | 5% | 5% | 5% | 15% | 8% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 9% | 6% | 11% | 2% | |
| Neutral | 18% | 17% | 14% | 19% | 15% | 17% | 16% | 13% | 27% | 22% | 14% | 19% | 11% | 0% | 24% | 22% | 12% | |
| Somewhat Agree | 39% | 37% | 43% | 35% | 37% | 42% | 39% | 36% | 31% | 42% | 41% | 46% | 36% | 46% | 39% | 56% | 45% | |
| Strongly Agree | 37% | 40% | 37% | 24% | 38% | 38% | 39% | 44% | 38% | 31% | 39% | 24% | 46% | 42% | 31% | 11% | 39% | |
| I would recommend BGSU to my friends. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | 2% | 2% | 2% | 7% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 6% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 11% | 1% | |
| Somewhat Disagree | 3% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 4% | 0% | 2% | |
| Neutral | 12% | 11% | 11% | 29% | 12% | 9% | 10% | 13% | 4% | 12% | 12% | 14% | 14% | 6% | 6% | 22% | 8% | |
| Somewhat Agree | 33% | 30% | 37% | 27% | 29% | 34% | 30% | 28% | 36% | 47% | 36% | 37% | 31% | 27% | 33% | 11% | 40% | |
| Strongly Agree | 50% | 56% | 48% | 34% | 53% | 53% | 57% | 56% | 58% | 39% | 50% | 40% | 54% | 64% | 56% | 56% | 49% | |

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The survey results show that, in the main, most respondents seem to be becoming academically and socially integrated into college life during their first two months at BGSU. The results also tend to reveal few substantial differences across student groups with the possible exception of students in the College of Musical Arts, for whom the results appear to be more positive. Caution is to be advised in interpreting the results due to the fact that, even though the distribution across groups in the survey sample parallels that of the whole population, some group sizes such as the President's Leadership Academy (PLA) remain quite small. It should also be emphasized that while 2,407 total new students responded to the survey (67% of the first year student class), only 1,559 (44% of the first year class) provided PID numbers which allowed for group comparisons to be made. Greater efforts must be made with future administrations of the survey to collect PID numbers or to collect demographic and group membership data directly. The Office of Institutional Research will use these survey results along with other data in a follow-up analytical study in Fall 1999 which will explore predictors of first year student retention. Feedback concerning how this and other studies and how they can continue to be improved is always welcome.