Student Involvement Survey—Part II
March 2003
Highlights

Background
In their review of twenty years of research on the impact of college, Pascarella and Terenzini (1991) state that “one of the most inescapable and unequivocal conclusions we can make is that the impact of college is largely determined by the individual’s quality of effort and level of involvement in both academic and nonacademic activities” (p. 610). Two of the specific factors they found to be strong contributors to the impact of college on students were interpersonal involvement and co-curricular involvement.

The March Aggie R-r-ring telephone survey on student involvement was initiated in order to collect benchmarking information on Texas A&M students’ co-curricular involvement. For time purposes, questions were separated into two surveys. “Part I” (conducted in Fall 2002) covering topics such as whether or not students are involved in activities, how students discover involvement opportunities, and why students decide to become involved outside of the classroom. “Part II” centered on student participation in activities and events such as films, concerts, and lectures on campus and within the community. A representative sample of the undergraduate student population on campus (508 students) was obtained for the survey.

Results
What is the likelihood that you would spend time doing the following?

- The top three activities chosen were hanging out with friends, listening to music, and attending a sports event.

How many university sponsored speakers have you attended this semester?

- 44% did not attend any speakers

How many university sponsored concerts have you attended this semester?

- 65% did not attend any concerts

How many university sponsored major events have you attended this semester?

- 27% did not attend any major events
- 40% attended three or more

What types of concerts would you attend on campus?

- 72% chose rock concerts
- 62% chose country concerts

Are you interested in being involved in any activities interacting with faculty outside of class?

- 60% said they were interested in activities interacting with faculty outside of class

Please indicate the single best location for the following on campus activities.

- Movies: Rudder
- Dances: MSC
- Live Bands: Rudder (including the fountain area)
- Speakers: Rudder

During this semester, how often have you been to these off-campus activities?

- Restaurants/Fast Food Dining: 60% said weekly
- Community Sponsored Events: 66% said weekly
- Religious Services: 39% said weekly
- Bars: 44% said a few times a month
- Parties at Fraternity/Sorority Houses: 44% said a few times a month
- Parties at Private Houses or Apartments: 44% said a few times a month
- New Movie Releases: 64% said a few times this semester
- Arcade Video Games: 57% said a few times this semester
- Outdoor Recreational Facilities: 49% said a few times this semester

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