

# **QUESTIONS STUDENTS MIGHT ASK AT AN INTERVIEW OR A GROUP INFORMATION SESSION**

Choosing a college, in which students are investing money as well as four years of their lives, is a major decision that should be based upon facts. As consumers they are entitled to certain answers. Yet parents and prospective students often admit to admissions personnel that they do not know the appropriate questions to ask. A set of reasonable questions that might be used in exploring the offerings of any college is offered:

1. What is the average freshman class size?
2. What is the attrition rate at your college for the previous academic year?
3. What is the size of the freshman class that you plan to accept for next year provided your attrition rate remains constant?
4. What is the size of the resident population that you can accommodate without over-crowding your facilities?
5. What percentage of students live on campus?
6. Does the college anticipate an increase in the prices it will be charging next year?
7. Does the college offer any programs or majors that have a quota? What is the rationale for this limitation on numbers?
8. What are the new majors/minors that have been added to the curriculum to meet job market needs in the last three years?
9. Is the college researching any new concentrations that might be marketable?
10. How has it expanded its facilities within the last five years? Is further expansion planned?
11. What academic majors include work experience opportunities?
12. How many students does a freshman academic advisor have as his/her official advisement responsibility?
13. What was the total amount of dollars spent by the college on financial aid last year?
14. Does the college award any scholarships on the basis of academic merit or a talent?
15. How many transfers were accepted in the college last year?
16. How successful have graduates, in my intended major, been in getting jobs in their own or related academic areas?
17. What is the placement rate in professional and graduate schools?
18. Is the library adequate for a student's research needs?
19. What are the chances of my being admitted based upon my high school record?

20. What attention is the college presently paying to such topics as drug-alcohol counseling and campus safety?