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Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

## WWU FOLLOW-UP SURVEY OF FALL, 1994 ENTRANTS

### TELEPHONE VERSION

(Conducted Spring 1996)

**To begin...are you currently enrolled?**

**IF YES, CONTINUE**

**IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 24.**

1. Are you...

1. Currently a declared major, (What is your declared major?) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have an intended major, (What is your intended major?) (CAN LIST TWO)  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Or are you undecided?

#### **ANSWER Q. 2 AND 3 ONLY IF ANSWERED "UNDECIDED" TO Q. 1.**

2. During the last two months, how often did you think about what field to major in?  
Would you say....

1. Never    2. Once or twice    3. A few times    4. Fairly often    5. Very often

3. Which of the following statements accurately indicate how you are feeling about  
deciding on a major...more than one can apply. First,

1. I have plenty of time to decide on a major; the issue is not stressful.

2. I've narrowed the field and feel close to a decision.

3. I feel I'm not getting the help or input I need to decide on a major.

4. I am really anxious to decide on a major and to get started in it.

5. There are lots of fields I would like to major in.

6. There are no fields I would like to major in.

7. I can't get into the major I most want.

4. Please indicate whether each of the following factors is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason for your choice of a major. First, job opportunities and income in the field. Would you say major, minor, or not a reason...

	Maj	Min	Not
a. JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INCOME IN THE FIELD	1	2	3
b. Enjoying the nature of the work	1	2	3
c. Feeling you could contribute to society in this field	1	2	3
d. Improving yourself as a person	1	2	3
e. Grades you received in this major	1	2	3
f. Liking the professors or introductory courses in this major	1	2	3
g. Ability to complete the major within an acceptable time	1	2	3

5. So far during this school year, have you felt the need for advisement in each of the following areas, and if so, did you receive the advising you needed? First, understanding or selecting GURS. Did you feel a need for advisement in this area, and did you receive it?...

	No Need	Needed, Not Rec'd	Needed & Rec'd
a. UNDERSTANDING OR SELECTING GURS	1	2	3
b. Selecting a major	1	2	3
c. Understanding the requirements of a major or getting into a major	1	2	3
d. Selecting courses to prepare for entry into a major	1	2	3
e. Selecting courses within a major	1	2	3
f. Career planning or other long-term life planning	1	2	3
g. Counseling regarding personal life issues	1	2	3

6. Would you say you are making solid progress toward your degree during this quarter?

1. NO      2. YES

7. The next question asks about the relative importance you place on two opposing educational goals while attending Western--obtaining a degree and learning a great deal.

Do you place....

1. Much greater importance on obtaining a degree,
2. Slightly greater importance on obtaining a degree,
3. Both equally,
4. Slightly greater importance on learning a great deal,
5. or, Much greater importance on learning a great deal

8. How clearly do you know what you want out of college? Do you know exactly what you want, or are you mostly, somewhat, or not at all clear about what you want?

1. EXACTLY      2. MOSTLY      3. SOMEWHAT      4. NOT AT ALL

9. Which is more important to you at college....

- A good social life,      1  
or Studying hard and learning...      2  
or do you give these equal importance?      3

10. When you registered for this quarter, were any of your first choice courses unavailable to you? (IF YES: How many?)

1. NO      2. YES, ONE      3. YES, MORE THAN ONE

11. Of the courses you are taking this quarter, how many are:

Your first choice that you want or need      \_\_\_\_\_  
Second choice that are still useful for your program of study      \_\_\_\_\_  
All you could get when you registered      \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please indicate whether you would be willing and able to enroll at each of the following times in order to get a class you need. First, 8:00 a.m. Would you say definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not....

	Definitely	Probably	Prob. Not	Def. Not
8:00 A.M.	1	2	3	4
3:00 p.m.	1	2	3	4
4:00 p.m.	1	2	3	4
5:00 p.m.	1	2	3	4
Evenings, one hour per day per credit	1	2	3	4
Evenings, 2-3 hour meetings, fewer days	1	2	3	4

13. During Winter quarter, approximately how often did you use Wilson Library?

(PROMPT IF NECESSARY)

1. NEVER      5. ONCE PER WEEK  
2. 1-2 TIMES      6. TWICE PER WEEK  
3. 3-5 TIMES      7. 3-4 TIMES PER WEEK  
4. 6-9 TIMES      8. DAILY

14. Realistically, if Wilson Library hours were extended, we'd like to know how often you would make use of various hours. I'll ask about the first eight weeks of the quarter, and then the last two weeks of the quarter (meaning dead week and finals week). Okay, during the first 8 weeks, Would use the library 7-8 a.m. weekdays never, under once a week, or over once a week.

	<u>First Eight Weeks of Quarter</u>			<u>Last Two Weeks of Quarter</u>		
	Never	Under 1/ week	Over 1/ week	Never	Under 1/ week	Over 1/ week
7-8 A.M. WEEKDAYS	1	2	3	1	2	3
11 p.m. - 2 a.m. weekdays	1	2	3	1	2	3
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Sundays	1	2	3	1	2	3
8 a.m.-noon Saturdays & Sundays	1	2	3	1	2	3
5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays	1	2	3	1	2	3
2 a.m. - 7 a.m., daily	1	2	3	1	2	3

Now, let's repeat those times thinking about the last 2 weeks of the quarter.  
(REPEAT LIST)

15. If you used the Library during any of the hours listed in the previous question, would you need primarily:
1. A place to study...
  2. Access to books and periodicals and a place to study...
  3. Or, Full Services (copy room, reference librarians, etc.)

16. Assuming the Library were open additional hours with a staff of 2-3 librarians throughout the building, would safety concerns prevent you from using the library during the 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. period, while you are in the library. Would you say definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not...

	Definitely	Probably	Prob. Not	Def. Not
a. WHILE IN THE LIBRARY	1	2	3	4
b. And how about, <u>going home</u> from the library?	1	2	3	4

17. On average, how many hours per week, if any, do you engage in active physical recreation?  
Would you say....

1. Less than one hour per week, **SKIP TO Q 20**
2. One to three hours per week **CONTINUE**
3. Or, Four or more hours per week **CONTINUE**

18. During the '95-96 school year, how often on average have you engaged in each type of activity or used a facility on the following list I will read. Also, for facilities you have used, I'll ask you to evaluate how well Western's current facilities meet your needs. Okay, first...aquatic activities, indoors. How often do you use it? Never? Once per week, 1-2 times, or more than 3 times per week?

(IF FACILITY IS USED): Now, how would you evaluate this facility as far as meeting your needs? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor...

	<u>How often you use each</u>				<u>Current Evaluation of Western</u>				
	Under once	1-2 times	3+ times		Excel-	Good	Fair	Poor	No
	<u>Never</u>	<u>per week</u>	<u>per week</u>	<u>per week</u>	<u>lent</u>				<u>Use</u>
b. AQUATIC ACTIVITIES	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	9
c. Aerobic fitness facilities	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	9
d. Strength fitness activities	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	9
e. Gym or courts	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	9
l. Track and field activities	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	9

19. How many hours per week, if any, do you use indoor recreational facilities such as health clubs or swimming pools off campus in Bellingham?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours per week.

20. Are there other types of physical recreation facilities you would use at least once a week if they were available at Western (e.g., archery, climbing wall, mat room, dance studio)?

1. NO

2. YES ...what facilities? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Would you spend more recreation time on campus if existing indoor facilities were enlarged or improved? Definitely probably, probably not, or definitely not?

	Definitely	Probably	Prob. Not	Def. Not
a. EXISTING INDOOR FACILITIES .....	1	2	3	4
b. How about if existing <u>outdoor</u> facilities were enlarged or improved?	1	2	3	4
c. And what if <u>new</u> types of facilities were added?	1	2	3	4

22. What are your reasons for engaging in physical activity? Please indicate whether each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason.

	Maj	Min	Not
a. First, for enjoyment; fun; feeling good	1	2	3
b. Stress release	1	2	3
c. Aerobic fitness; general health; weight control	1	2	3
d. Strengthening; specific skill development	1	2	3
e. Meeting people; social time	1	2	3
f. Part of your major, minor, or job	1	2	3

23. On average so far this quarter, how many hours per week have you spent...

a. Employed for pay? (PROBE AS NEEDED)

1. 0-4 HRS.    2. 5-9 HRS.    3. 10-14 HRS.    4. 15-19 HRS.    5. 20-25 HRS.    6. 25+ HRS.

b. Doing homework for all your courses?

1. 0-4 HRS.    2. 5-9 HRS.    3. 10-14 HRS.    4. 15-19 HRS.    5. 20-25 HRS.    6. 25+ HRS.

c. Socializing with friends?

1. 0-4 HRS.    2. 5-9 HRS.    3. 10-14 HRS.    4. 15-19 HRS.    5. 20-25 HRS.    6. 25+ HRS.

**IF NOT ENROLLED, BEGIN HERE--- AT Q. 24**

24. During a typical quarter at Western, how many times did you meet with any faculty members outside of class for more than five minutes?

\_\_\_\_\_ times [IF ZERO, SKIP TO Q26]

25. During a typical quarter at Western, how many times would you say you met with professors outside of class for each of the reasons I will list. First, to get advisement concerning school? (READ ANSWERS AS NEEDED)

	Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-10 times	Over Once per week
a. TO GET ADVISEMENT RE: SCHOOL	1	2	3	4	5
b. To get acquainted or make yourself known	1	2	3	4	5
c. To discuss careers or life planning	1	2	3	4	5
d. To discuss course grades, how to improve	1	2	3	4	5
e. To discuss ideas (e.g., from a course)	1	2	3	4	5
f. To assist the prof. with a course or project	1	2	3	4	5

The following questions ask about a variety of issues. For each statement, please indicate whether you agree or disagree and how strongly.

26. First, I enjoy courses more and am more motivated to study when I get to know the professor informally. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or are you undecided?

1 . strongly agree    2 . agree    3 . undecided    4 . disagree    5 . strongly disagree

27. Academically, the only issue is gaining knowledge; there is nothing to be gained from talking informally with professors outside of class.

1 . strongly agree    2 . agree    3 . undecided    4 . disagree    5 . strongly disagree

28. The best thing about talking with professors informally outside of class is that they get to know you and your grades go up.

1 . strongly agree    2 . agree    3 . undecided    4 . disagree    5 . strongly disagree

29. I would feel more prepared for life if my education at Western had included more small classes where students are able to discuss and exchange ideas.

- 1 . strongly agree      2 . agree      3 . undecided      4 . disagree      5 . strongly disagree

30. At least one introductory course I took at Western discouraged my interest in majoring in that field.

- 1 . strongly agree      2 . agree      3 . undecided      4 . disagree      5 . strongly disagree

IF RESPONDED "1" or "2" .....please indicate what major(s):

31. When you were a senior in high school, what was the highest degree you planned to complete?

1. HIGH SCHOOL    2. ASSOCIATE    3. BACHELORS    4. MASTERS    5. POST-MASTERS    9. DK

32. At present, what is the highest degree you plan to complete?

1. ASSOCIATE      2. BACHELORS      3. MASTERS      4. POST-MASTERS

33. Please indicate how much Western has led you to grow in each of the following areas. First, understanding and appreciating the arts. Would you say a lot, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

	<u>A</u> <u>Lot</u>	<u>Some-</u> <u>what</u>	<u>A</u> <u>Little</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>at All</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Applic.</u>
a. UNDERSTANDING & APPRECIATING THE ARTS	1	2	3	4	9
b. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	1	2	3	4	9
c. Defining and solving problems	1	2	3	4	9
d. Understanding differing philosophies and cultures	1	2	3	4	9
e. Being ready for a career	1	2	3	4	9
f. Being able to develop a satisfying meaning for life	1	2	3	4	9
g. Being a leader or social activist	1	2	3	4	9
h. Having intellectual self-esteem	1	2	3	4	9



34. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of GURS. Would you say very, mostly, somewhat, or not at all?

	<u>VERY</u>	<u>MOSTLY</u>	<u>SOME- WHAT</u>	<u>NOT AT ALL</u>	<u>NOT APPLIC.</u>
a. QUALITY OF GUR COURSES	1	2	3	4	9
b. How about, the quality of your major courses	1	2	3	4	9
c. Professors at Western	1	2	3	4	9
d. Academic advising at Western	1	2	3	4	9
e. Career and employment advising at Western	1	2	3	4	9
f. Interaction with faculty outside of the classroom	1	2	3	4	9
g. Your overall learning experience	1	2	3	4	9
h. Being treated with respect as a person at Western	1	2	3	4	9
i. Western Washington University, in total	1	2	3	4	9

35. How likely is it that you will complete your bachelors degree at Western? Would you say...

1. Definitely    2. Probably    3. Probably Not    4. Definitely Not  
 5. ALREADY GRADUATED    6. DO NOT PLAN TO COMPLETE A DEGREE

36. Please indicate whether you experienced each of the following problems while at Western and, if so, whether you sought and received satisfactory assistance with the problem. First, have you experienced loneliness and depression? .....

(IF YES)-- Did you receive satisfactory assistance, or not???

**0=NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS PROBLEM**

**1=YES, RECEIVED SATISFACTORY ASSISTANCE**

**2=YES, DID NOT RECEIVE SATISFACTORY ASSISTANCE**

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | a. Loneliness and depression  |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | b. Serious difficulty with time management                          |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | c. Inability to make important life decisions such as career choice |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | d. A serious shortage of money                                      |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | e. A clear case of unfair grading by a professor                    |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | f. Drinking or using drugs more than you wanted to                  |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | g. Serious confusion over life meaning                              |

**IF NOT CURRENTLY AT WESTERN:**

37. How long do you plan to remain away from Western? (PROBE)

1. ONE QUARTER    2. TWO QUARTERS    3. ONE YEAR  
 4. MORE THAN ONE YEAR    5. PERMANENTLY

38. Why did you decide to leave Western?