

## **Questions Students Might ask at the Interview**

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. A set of reasonable questions that might be used in exploring the offerings of any college is as follows:

- What is the student-faculty ratio?
- What was the attrition rate at your college for the previous academic year?
- What is the size of the freshman class that you plan to accept for next year?
- What is the size of the resident population that you can accommodate without overcrowding your facilities?
- Does the college anticipate an increase in the tuition that it will be charging next year?
- What are the new majors/minors that have been added to the curriculum to meet the job market in the last three years?
- Is the college researching any new concentrations that might be marketable?
- Has the college/university expanded its physical plan within the last five years?
- What academic majors include work experience opportunities?
- How many students does a freshman academic advisor have in his/her official advisement responsibility?
- What was the total amount of dollars spent by the college on financial aid last year?
- Does the college award scholarships on the basis of academic merit or talent?
- Does the college have deferred maintenance?
- How successful have graduates been, in their intended major, in getting jobs on their own or in a related academic area?
- What is the placement rate in professional and graduate schools?
- What are the chances of my being admitted based upon my high school record?

## **Sample Interview Questions a Student Might be Asked**

- Give me a brief autobiographical sketch of yourself
- Who was your favorite teacher in high school and why?
- If you could change one thing about your high school to make it better, what would you change?
- Tell me how your interest in us developed.
- Tell me how your interest in pharmacy, football, etc. developed.
- What are you looking for in your college choice?
- What have you done in your school or community of whom you are most proud?
- If you had any extra time during the day, what would you most like to do?
- How have you been recognized for your accomplishments?
- What's the most interesting activity or job you've been doing?
- When are you at your best? Your worst?
- If you could do high school over, what would you do differently? The same?

- Project ahead ten years. What kind of life would you like to be leading?
- What ways do you have of earning college money?
- What abilities have you not used yet?
- How do you organize your time?
- Tell me about a typical day in your life.
- What was your best job, vacation year, etc. ever?
- What have you done in your life that required a great deal of patience and persistence? How did you handle that situation?
- What are your goals now? How do we fit in?
- What do you think should give a person the most satisfaction in college?
- What have you done to investigate Engineering, Nursing, etc?
- Have you talked to people in the field? What have you read?
- Who do you respect in your community and why?