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task" since its founding has been to provide training for professional careers in YMCA and other youth and community service agencies.

**ADMISSION.** Graduates of approved high schools with 16 units in college preparatory program eligible; 45% of applicants accepted; 54% of these actually enroll. About 44% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 75% in top two-fifths. Average freshman SAT Scores: 408 M, 441 W verbal, 468 M, 479 W mathematical. *Required:* SAT, interview. *Entrance programs:* early decision, early admission, advanced placement, deferred admission. *Apply* by April 1. *Transfers* welcome; 125 accepted 1976-77.

**ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT.** *Degrees:* AB, BS, BPhEd. *Majors offered* include some arts and sciences, community leadership and development, education, environmental studies, medical technology, rehabilitation services. About 60% of general education requirements for graduation are elective; distribution requirements fairly numerous. *Class attendance* expected. About 95% of students entering as freshmen graduate eventually; 3% of freshmen do not return for sophomore year. *Undergraduate degrees conferred* (446): 58% were in education (substantial majority in physical education), 11% in psychology, 10% in social sciences, 7% in public affairs (all in social work), remainder in 6 other fields. *Special programs:* CLEP, independent study, study abroad, undergraduate research, individualized majors, International Center. *Full-time graduate or professional study* pursued by 33% of students immediately after graduation. *Doctoral degrees:* education 6. *Calendar:* 3 10-week terms.

**CAMPUS LIFE.** College seeks a national student body; 59% of students from New England, 30% Middle Atlantic; 46 foreign students 1974-75. Springfield is an independent institution whose focus is "dedicated service to others." Religious clubs on campus include Newman, Hillel, Christian Science, Christian Association (affiliated with YM-YWCA). About 29% of students live in traditional dormitories; 31% in coed dormitories; rest live in off-campus housing or commute. Intervisitation in men's and women's dormitory rooms unlimited. Sexes segregated in coed dormitories either by wing or floor.

**ANNUAL COSTS.** Tuition and fees, \$2,700; room and board, \$1,450; estimated \$320 other, exclusive of travel. About 46% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$900.

## STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford, California 94305

3,896 M, 2,615 W (full-time) Independent, 1885  
11,710 total graduate and undergraduate

Stanford is one of the nation's most prestigious universities. Its graduate faculty is rated among the very best in the country, ranking with Berkeley and Harvard. Stanford has a unique group of overseas campuses in Berlin, Bonn, Cliveden, Florence, Paris, Salamanca, Tours, Vienna. The 8,800-acre main campus is located on the outskirts of Palo Alto (pop. 57,000), 30 miles south of San Francisco.

**ADMISSION** is among the most selective in the country. About 25% of applicants accepted, 61% of these actually enroll; 95% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high

school class, 99% in top two-fifths. Median freshman scores: SAT, 610 M, 620 W verbal, 700 M, 640 W mathematical; 93% of freshmen score above 500 on verbal, 61% above 600, 17% above 700; 97% score above 500 on mathematical, 81% above 600, 39% above 700. *Required:* SAT (ACT acceptable), 3 ACH including English. *Nonacademic factors* considered of major importance in admissions: diverse student body, special talents; geographical distribution, alumni children of moderate importance. *Entrance programs:* advanced placement, deferred admission. *Apply* by January 1. *Transfers* welcome; 197 M, 133 W accepted 1976-77.

**ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT.** Stanford has moved rapidly in recent years to increase the "flexibility allowed in individual program planning." The grading system permits choice between A/B/C/D/no credit or pass/fail option for all courses, subject only to consent of instructor and department. About two-thirds of freshmen are enrolled in seminars of no more than 12 persons. Senior faculty is increasingly in contact with undergraduates. The far-reaching curriculum reform, in which students were directly involved, includes elimination of the foreign language proficiency requirements for graduation. Extensive study abroad program involves high percentage of sophomores and upperclassmen. University bulletin prepared by 4 freshmen for prospective applicants warns that new students should not be overly influenced "by the balmy California weather and beauty of the campus, academic compensation is strenuous." Administration reports 5% of courses needed for graduation are required; some distribution requirements, however, including 3 quarter courses in each of 3 broad areas, proficiency in English composition. *Undergraduate studies* offered by schools of Humanities and Sciences, Earth Sciences, Engineering. *Majors offered* in Humanities and Sciences in addition to usual studies include African and Afro-American studies, anthropology, Chinese, communications, human biology (with Medical School), Japanese, Latin American studies, statistics; individualized majors as well as interschool majors increasingly popular. *Undergraduate degrees conferred* (1,600): 29% were in social sciences, 21% in biological sciences (almost all in biology), 13% in psychology, 6% each in engineering, English, 5% in communications, remainder in 7 other fields.

*Class attendance* optional. About 87% of students entering as freshmen graduate eventually; 7% of freshmen do not return for sophomore year. *Special programs:* independent study, study abroad, honors, undergraduate research, 3-year degree, individualized majors, technology and society program for School of Engineering, undergraduate special courses and student-initiated courses for credit, intern programs (in Washington, Palo Alto, Sacramento; also some for business management). *Doctoral degrees:* agriculture 10, biological sciences 35, business and management 30, communications 5, computer sciences 17, education 47, engineering 132, English 20, fine and applied arts 10, foreign languages 15, health professions 1, law 1, letters 16, mathematics 18, physical sciences 79, psychology 19, social sciences 69. *Library:* 3,600,000 volumes, open-stack privileges. *Calendar:* quarter, summer school. *Miscellaneous:* Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi.

**GRADUATES CAREER DATA.** *Full-time graduate study*

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pursued immediately after graduation by 48% of students; 16% enter medical school; 1% enter dental school; 20% enter law school. University was one of top 100 producers of medical school entrants in 1973-74 and one of the few from which more than half of medical school applicants were accepted. University also is among top 120 producers of dental school applicants accepted in 1974-75. Medical schools typically enrolling largest numbers of graduates include Stanford, U.C. of San Francisco, UCLA; law schools include Stanford, Harvard, Yale, U. of Michigan. *Careers in business and industry* pursued by 25-30% of graduates.

**FACULTY.** Very high percentage of faculty hold doctorate; many earned at nation's top graduate institutions. Average faculty compensation among the highest in the country.

**STUDENT BODY.** University seeks a national student body; 70% of students from West/Northwest, 13% North Central, 6% New England; 1,252 foreign students 1974-75. An estimated 5% each of students reported as black, oriental, other nonwhite. *Minority group students:* funds to ensure adequate cultural programs; Native American Cultural Center; meeting house for black students; some preferential assignment to certain residences.

**RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION.** Stanford is an independent institution, makes no religious demands on students; non-denominational daily services in Memorial Chapel. Religious clubs on campus include Newman, Hillel, Unitarian-Universalist, Mormon, Quaker, United Campus Ministry, YWCA; chaplains of 14 denominations have offices on campus. Places of worship available on campus for major faiths.

**CAMPUS LIFE.** Stanford provides upperclass students with virtually any residential arrangement, on or off campus (freshmen must live on campus). Students control their own social life and life styles, which vary significantly on this cosmopolitan campus. No university-wide rules on intervisitation; individual houses may establish limitation on hours if they wish. Coed housing reported to be "more mundane" than one anticipates. Rules on alcohol conform to state law; use on campus limited to interior of residence, eating clubs, and social functions in residences not occupied predominantly by freshmen. Cars allowed, but parking often a problem. Stanford's large campus is self-contained community, independent of both Palo Alto and San Francisco.

About 5% of men, 10% of women live in traditional dormitories; 60% of men, 70% of women in coed dormitories; 20% each live in off-campus housing or commute. There are 12 fraternities on campus which about 15% of men join; 15% of men live in fraternities; no sororities. About 10% of students leave campus on weekends.

**ANNUAL COSTS.** Tuition and fees, \$4,275; room and board, \$1,841; estimated \$650 other, exclusive of travel. About 55% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$3,214. University reports scholarships awarded only on the basis of need; nongovernmental loans available to middle-income students.

#### STANISLAUS STATE COLLEGE

(See California State College/Stanislaus)

#### STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

4,064 M, 4,143 W (full-time)

State, 1917

446 M, 426 W (part-time)

11,069 total graduate and undergraduate

A state-supported university, located in a town of 25,000, 145 miles north of Houston.

**ADMISSION.** Graduates of accredited high schools with ACT composite score of 18 eligible; 70% of applicants accepted; 75% of these actually enroll. About 37% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 65% in top two-fifths. Average freshman ACT scores: 20.5 M, 19.6 W composite, 19.6 M, 18.7 W mathematical. *Required:* ACT. *Out-of-state* freshman applicants: university does not seek students from out of state. No special requirements for out-of-state applicants. *Entrance programs:* midyear admission, advanced placement, deferred admission. *Apply:* no specific deadline. *Transfers* welcome; 3,154 accepted 1976-77.

**ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT.** *Undergraduate studies* offered by schools of Liberal Arts, Business, Education, Fine Arts, Forestry, Sciences and Mathematics. About 15% of general education requirements for graduation are elective; no distribution requirements. *Class attendance* optional. About 34% of students entering as freshmen graduate eventually; 38% of freshmen do not return for sophomore year. *Undergraduate degrees conferred* (1,785): 31% were in education (majority in elementary education), 19% in business and management (majority in business and commerce), 15% in social sciences, 6% each in biological sciences (all in biology), fine and applied arts (majority in art), remainder in 11 other fields. *Special programs:* honors, 3-year degree, individualized majors. *Full-time graduate or professional study* pursued by 19% of students immediately after graduation. *Calendar:* semester, summer school. *Miscellaneous:* A ROTC.

**CAMPUS LIFE.** College does not seek a national student body; 98% of students from South. Stephen F. Austin State makes no religious demands on students. Religious clubs on campus include Baptist, Christian Science, Wesley, Newman, Canterbury, Fellowship of Christian Athletes. About 33% of men, 44% of women live in traditional dormitories; 2% of men, 2% of women in coed dormitories; 65% of men, 58% of women live in off-campus housing or commute. Intervisitation in men's and women's dormitory rooms limited. Sexes segregated in coed dormitories by floor. There are 9 fraternities, 6 sororities on campus which about 8% of men, 6% of women join. About 50% of students leave campus on weekends.

**ANNUAL COSTS.** Tuition and fees, \$280 (out-of-state, \$1,360); room and board, \$1,105. About 30% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$300.

#### STEPHENS COLLEGE

Columbia, Missouri 65201

1,647 W (full-time)

Independent, 1833

123 W (part-time)

An independent, liberal arts college for women, located in a community of 160,000, 125 miles west of St. Louis.