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SUBJECT: **MULTIPLES AND THE PURSUIT
OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this survey was to gather information from those mothers whose multiples had at any time attended a place of higher learning. Special areas covered were: choice of school, financial aid, field of interest, rooming together and jobs after graduation.

METHOD: This survey was filled out by those mothers whose multiples had ever attended a place of higher learning. The sample consisted of 62 moms.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. A. 81%--both multiples attended college
B. 19%--only one attended
2. A. 33% of multiples were girls
B. 33% were boy/girl twins
3. 85% of the multiples were 18-30 years of age
4. 15% were extremely competitive in high school
5. A. 42%--enjoyed being together in high school
B. 39%--went their separate ways in high school

CHOOSING A SCHOOL:

6. 74% made a mutual decision to attend or not attend the same school
7. A. 33% attended the SAME school all the time
B. 19% attended the same school only some of the time.
8. Why did multiples attend different schools?
A. Majority said to get away from each other (growing experience)
B. Many said to get away from the competition of being multiples
C. Some said because of varied interest, i.e. different majors
9. None of the multiples attending different schools had the same major

FINANCIAL HELP:

10. A. 33% - expenses were a factor in deciding to attend same school
B. 8% - expenses were a factor in deciding to attend different school
11. Two families got tuition discounted when multiples attended same school
12. Most said that high school Guidance Counselors weren't aware that some schools offer discounts to multiples.

- 13. A. 32% - scholarships received by both multiples
- B. 31% - scholarships received by one multiple

14. 3% of the multiples received scholarships from their local/state MOTC

ROOMING/LIVING TOGETHER:

- 15. A. 39% - Both multiples left home to go to school
- B. 24% - one multiple left home to go to school
- 16. 50% of the multiples roomed together while attending the same school
- 17. 33% of the multiples attending different schools found it emotionally difficult to be separated from each other
- 18. Most moms said that the separation of the multiples during college helped them to grow as individuals

FIELD OF INTEREST

19. A. 8% - same major B. 13% - same minor

GRADUATION:

20. A. 50% graduated from different schools at different times

B. 25% graduated from the same schools at the same time

JOBS:

21. 15% secured jobs in the same or related fields of interest

22. 66% of the moms thought that there was less competition between their multiples now that they are out of school and working

CONCLUSION:

Finances and personal interests/preferences of the multiples play a large part in their choice of a college and career.

Many additional comments were written by the members and will appear in a future issue of MOTC's Notebook under the heading "Survey Comments."