



Davis Students' Weekends

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Nearly 75% of UCD students socialize with at least some other UCD associates over the weekend, and over 50% socialize mostly with other UCD associates

Of those answering the "overnight" question, 41% did leave Davis overnight at least one night

Leaving Davis overnight corresponds strongly with time spent with UCD people

Methodology

The Monday through Friday week of most UC Davis students includes interaction in study and on social levels with other students and occasional time spent with faculty and administrative staff. What about when the week is finished and weekend socializing begins? Do students continue to interact with UCD people over the weekend? How much does leaving the Davis area affect this? During a February 2002 My UCDavis QuickPoll, we asked students to what degree they socialized with campus associates over the past weekend as well as whether they left Davis overnight. Nearly three quarters of respondents socialized with at least some people associated with UCD over the past weekend. Over half of respondents stated that the people they socialized with over the weekend were "mostly" UCD associates (See Chart 1, Page 2).

What is not clear is how many of those who left Davis would have socialized more with campus people had they remained in town. Of students answering the "overnight" question, 41% left Davis overnight at least one night (See Chart 2, Page 2). Of these respondents, several made comments pointing to their living arrangements outside of Davis and the resulting effects on their weekend activities.

Of students who did not associate to any large degree with UCD people, 83% did leave Davis overnight. Among students who socialized mostly with UCD associates we see the opposite: 83% did not leave Davis overnight (See Table1, Page 2). It is clear that students who stayed in Davis over the weekend were more likely to continue to socialize with UCD people, while **those who left had fewer social contacts with members of the campus community.**

Students participating in the QuickPoll were asked whether the people they socialized with over the prior weekend were mostly associated with UCD, mostly not associated with UCD, or about half associated with and half not associated with UCD. The question defined "associated" people as other UCD students, faculty, and staff. Students were then asked whether they left Davis overnight for at least one night that weekend

Chart 1.

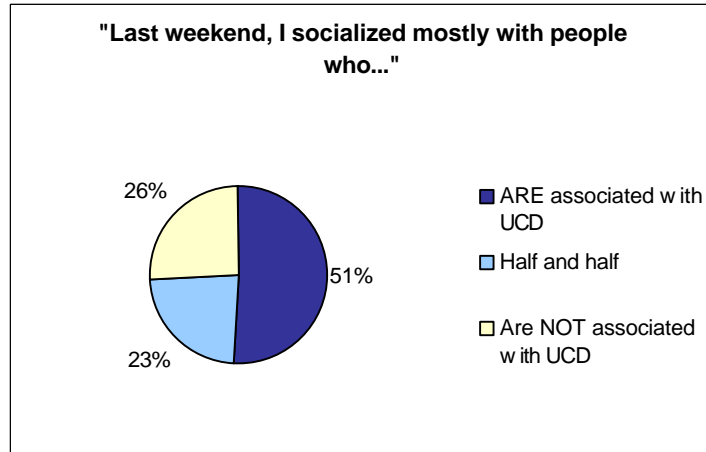


Chart 2.

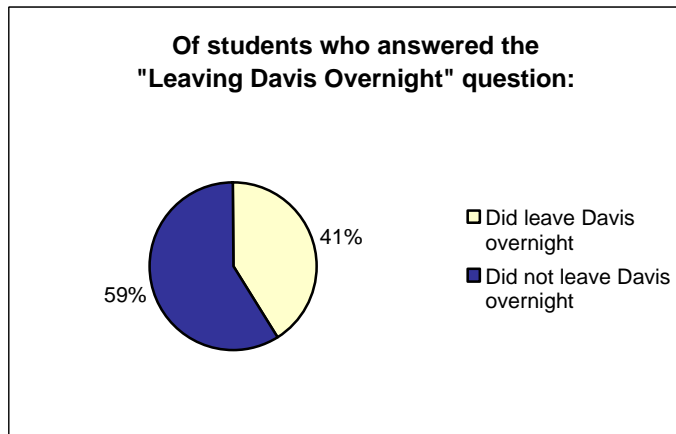


Table 1.

Of students who socialized mostly WITH UC Davis associates AND who answered the "overnight" question:	
Did not leave Davis	83%
Left Davis	17%
Of students who socialized mostly NOT with UC Davis associates AND who answered the "overnight" question:	
Did not leave Davis	17%
Left Davis	83%

This report was compiled by Student Affairs Research & Information (SARI), February 27, 2002, Based on a *My.UCDavis QuickPoll*. The *QuickPoll* ran from February 9 through February 12, 2002 on students' *My.UCDavis* portals. The poll generated 1425 respondents. For more detailed information, contact us at (530) 754-7985.