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This research had the objective to study characteristics of National Sport Development Project students, Chulalongkorn University in four categories: general status, athletic skill and ability, academic capability and personality.

Research findings were as follows: In the category of general status, it was found that the students in the project majored in Education, came from the families of 2-3 siblings in Bangkok. Their fathers (guardians) were government officials, and mothers were engaged in private family business. The fathers educated to bachelors degree level, whereas the mothers had high school education (M.S.1 to 5). The average family income was lower than 10,000 baht per month, monthly expenditure of the students was between 1,501-2,000 baht and the source of financial support mostly came from parents. During the school terms, the majority of students stayed with their parents at home. In the category of athletic skill and ability, the study showed that their skill and ability remained the same but the percentage of students who improved their skills was higher than those who deteriorated. In general, the students were doing well in acquiring new knowledge in sports and desiring to improve personal athletic techniques. In the category of academic performance (capability), the total picture showed that the majority of these students were getting grades between 2.00 to 2.49 at present. When comparing the grade of the second semester of the first year with the latest grades, the result indicated that the grades remained the same. But the number of the students whose grades improved was greater than the number of the students whose grades dropped. The actual behavior of the students in the academic category was in the medium range. In the category of personality, the result from the questionnaires revealed that the actual behavior of the students in every area of personality was in the high range. But the information received from interviewing the students' advisors showed that the behavior of the students in the athletic field was good; in general personality, the students had problems in adjusting themselves and lacking intellectualism. In the area of morality, some students lacked a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, punctuality, and identity with the university. However, in some areas of personality, e.g, a sense of responsibility and the ability to submit academic ideas, the students made improvement.