

sive report on the experiences of kids with gay parents in schools. It's filled with graphs, stats and tables."

Information included in the report says that gay parents tend to be much more involved and proactive in schools; half of the students with gay parents experience intimidation and bullying; and a fifth of parents feel they are mistreated and not included by school officials.

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Campus climate survey released

CHARLOTTE — Do you consider your campus to be gay-friendly? Does your campus have work to be done on transgender issues? What does it mean to be an LGBT student, staff or faculty member on your campus?

Campus Pride seeks undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty and administrators who identify as LGBT people to participate in the comprehensive assessment through the National LGBT College Climate Survey. The survey is housed under the Q Research Institute for Higher Education (QRIHE), the national center for the scholarly study of LGBT people in higher education.

The QRIHE is owned and operated by the national non-profit organization Campus Pride. Dr. Susan R. Rankin of The Pennsylvania State University serves as

research director. Dr. Warren J. Blumenfeld of Iowa State University is the associate research director. Institutional Review Board approval has been granted nationally for this study. In accordance, participation is confidential and data specific to individual higher education institutions will not be identified in the final analysis. Once completed, any participant will have the opportunity, if chosen, to register for \$500 cash and a free cruise aboard RSVP Vacations.

"Nationally there is much work to be done - to better serve LGBT students and the larger campus community. Our goal is to provide an assessment that can create positive change and safer, more inclusive LGBT colleges and universities," Rankin said. She added, "Campus Pride's National LGBT College Climate Survey offers an annual, comprehensive means to provide valuable information for program planners and policy makers in tackling emerging issues on campus."

This research examines emerging issues, trends and changing demographics of LGBT people in higher education. Research allies include American College Personnel Association - College Educators International, Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Human Rights Campaign, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, National Youth Advocacy Coalition and RSVP Vacations.

For more information, call 704-277-6710 or email info@campuspride.org. To participate, visit www.campuspride.org/research.

Queer groups abound

STATEWIDE — Whether you are a Facebook, MySpace person or you are engaged in Google, Yahoo, etc., groups, there's always one that will meet one's taste palette. There's no exception to that in the Tar Heel State.

Among a fast growing network of LGBT and/or friendly Meetups are:

The Winston Salem LGBT & Straight Allies: They will be attending an Adam Foundation Martini Night event on April 8 at 6 p.m. They will meet on March 23 and April 27 at 7 p.m. with PFLAG Winston Salem Adult Support Group (which is held on the fourth Monday each month). lgbtfriends.meetup.com.

Lesbians Who Love Movies: On April 4, there will be a dinner/movie night at 6 p.m. at a member's home in Hillsborough. www.meetup.com/Lesbians-Who-Love-Movies.

Geeks and Gaymers of NC: Bad Sci-Fi Movie Night, March 28 at 5 p.m. at a private residence in Durham. geek.meetup.com.

Homme Artist and Artisans: They will meet on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Charlotte. www.meetup.com/homme-artist-and-atisans.

Triangle Couples Without Kids Social Group (DINKs-if we must): On March 27 at 7 p.m. they will meet for a social gathering.

childfree.meetup.com.

Charlotte Gay Professionals: On April 3, join members at a local restaurant for an evening of networking and socialization. www.meetup.com/The-Charlotte-Gay-Professionals-Meetup-Group.

Others to consider are: Triangle Community Works Game Night (gayrights.meetup.com/319); Fayetteville Area LBT Friends (www.meetup.com/The-Fayetteville-LBT-Meetup-Group); Lesbian Couples (www.meetup.com/lesbiancouples); Lenoir Gay & Lesbian Community (www.meetup.com/Lenoir-GLBT-Social); Triangle Area Gay Scientists (gaypros.meetup.com/328); and more!

Visit the Meetup site at www.meetup.com and search for one of a multitude of groups near you. Some are closed which require moderator approval for membership.

Yahoo groups include ones for NOW chapters, PrideSisters, GLBT Pagans, Rainbow Kids NC and NC Family, to name a few.

Got an LGBT-focused group or organization (religious, sports, social action and more) to promote? Let us know We'll be glad to share the news with our readers. ▽

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