

# Study: Face of South Changing

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For all those who thought that the New South was just a saying, think again.

A recent study conducted by Manpower Development Corporation of Chapel Hill showed significant changes in the minority populations of the 14 states of the South.

The number of minorities in the work force in the South is increasing. The percentage of Hispanic employees doubled between 1976 and 1997, and the number of blacks with jobs increased by two percent.

"The South heads into the 21st century with the look and feel of prosperity, but also with a sense of having been all shook up," said the report titled "The State of the South."

The New South includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The study showed there have been large percentage gains in the number of

minorities inhabiting the South, especially in the Triangle and Charlotte areas. Of the five million adults that moved to the region between 1990 and 1997, one million were black and Hispanic.

There has also been significant improvement in the parity of pay between men and women, as well as between the different ethnic groups, according to the report.

Despite these improvements, the study stated that black men still lag far behind white men in salary for the same type of work.

Black men who obtain a bachelor's degree earn an average yearly salary of \$32,000. White males with the same level of education average \$41,000 a year.

Men also continue to earn more than women, despite the fact that the college attendance growth rate for men is substantially lower than that for women.

When it comes to evening out these discrepancies, some said there is only one solution to the problem: education.

Ferrol Guillory, a professor at UNC involved with the project, said, "Higher

education is critical to the future of the South."

This sentiment was echoed by UNC Chancellor Michael Hooker, who stressed that an understanding of the South's new demographics was important to continue to raise the level of education of all ethnicities.

Outside of just race, Robin Davis of the National Organization of Women, said a lot of progress had been made in the higher education of women since the "white male institutions" of the early sixties.

She said a lot of ground has been made up and that it will become more evident as the increasing number of educated women make themselves known in the work place.

All in all, the hope is that this new data from MCD Inc. will be used to increase the understanding of the demographic and labor situation, said Guillory. He said this will enable actions that might improve the gaps between the newly diverse ethnic groups of the South.

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# Dictionary Changes Way It Defines Slurs

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Despite controversy surrounding its definition, the meaning of the word "nigger" has not been changed but merely rearranged in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

The offensive warning label in the 1999 edition, previously after the definition of nigger, is now at the beginning and emphasized by italic form.

"This new treatment is designed for offensive words which often carry emotional weight," said Alicia di Leo, publicity coordinator for Merriam-Webster.

However, there are strong concerns that the rearrangement of the definition for "nigger" is not sufficient enough to modify people's view of the word.

"The definition is not a black person, whether the revision comes before or after the definition," said Reginald Hildebrand, associate African-American Studies professor. He said the revision was unacceptable and inaccurate.

The official definition of "nigger" in both the old and new dictionaries is a black person, a member of any dark-skinned race or a member of a socially disadvantaged class of people.

A passage below the definition explains that the word "nigger," used in literary works by authors such as Mark Twain and Charles Dickens, is now an offensive, racial slur in English.

"It is not a word that defines my people," said Tamara Bailey, president of the Black Student Movement. "It's upsetting. I don't want to see it there."

Bailey said the word "nigger" was not just sometimes offensive, but offensive at all times.

G.I. Allison, the executive director of the North Carolina NAACP, said there was no one set reason why the definition "nigger" was changed.

"There have been complaints across the nation regarding the use of the word," Allison said. "The main problem is the issue of racism."

"There are people who find it appropriate in parts of the nation, and there are those who don't find it appropriate to use the word," he said.

"Nigger" is one of 200 different offensive words, including ethnic, religious, and sexual slurs, in the 1999 dictionary that will be affected.

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## Early Warning

Beginning with the 1999 printing of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary the new format will alert the reader earlier in the entry to an offensive usage.

**nigger** *n* [alter. of earlier *negro*, fr. MF *negre*, fr. Sp or Pg *negro*, fr. *negro* black, fr. L *niger*] (1790) 1 *usu* offensive; see usage paragraph below: a black person 2 *usu* offensive; see usage paragraph below: a member of any dark-skinned race 3: a member of a socially disadvantaged class of persons <it's time for somebody to lead all of America's niggers... all the people who fell left out of the political process -- Ron Dellums>

usage *Nigger* in senses 1 and 2 can be found in the works of such writers of the past as Joseph Conrad, Mark Twain, and Charles Dickens, but it now ranks as perhaps the most offensive and inflammatory racial slur in English. Its use by and among blacks is not always intended or taken as offensive, but, except in sense 3, it is otherwise a word expressive of racial hatred and bigotry.

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are some committees that are under the direct purview of the student body president," she said. "An example of that would be the Carolina Union Board of Directors, where the chair of that committee is not from the executive branch--those kinds of groups are autonomous."

Morrison, however, said he felt the code called for all appointments, including cabinet members, to be brought before student congress. "The constitution says the student congress has the power to 'approve or reject all appointments made by the president accepting such minor positions as may be exempted by the congress by majority vote,'" Morrison said. "Last year, I remember, certain members of the cabinet did not


come before congress for observation." Patel said he felt congressional approval of cabinet would only add to the bureaucracy involved in the process. "I strongly believe that cabinet members should not be approved by congress," he said. "I think it's hard enough for an administration to be successful and trying to legislate who can or cannot be a part of cabinet will only make the executive branch's job more difficult."

Walters said no formal measures had been taken to clarify the student law code concerning the appointments. "We'll try and work it out first and see if there's a compromise between the two interpretations of the code," Walters said. "We're still in the process of talking it out now."

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enrollment had not been a major problem for the system. Additional teachers have been hired, and schedules have been arranged so teachers can change rooms throughout the day to maximize space, he said.

"They basically use other spaces planned for things like labs or arts programs," Hoke said. Also, 23 trailers are serving as classrooms throughout the system. Preparations for next year could help prevent overcrowding from occurring again. An elementary school and an addition to East Chapel Hill High School

will open next fall, followed by a middle school planned for 2001, Hoke said. As for the present situation, Pedersen said the overcrowding was manageable. "(Overcrowding) tends to create some inconveniences but isn't interfering with the quality of instruction."

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director of Health Education for Student Health Service. "Now we just need to get the alcohol-free activities out and make people

aware of them. The Don't Get Wasted campaign is one leg of an overall strategy, but not the connecting piece." Gray said this year Student Affairs and SHS would be conducting a study on campus culture and drinking in conjunction with Cornell University and the Center for Science in the Public Interest

based in Washington D.C. "We will see change," she said. "It's a long process. You can't expect it overnight and dramatic change may take three to four years."

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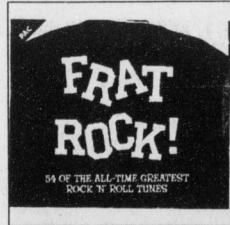
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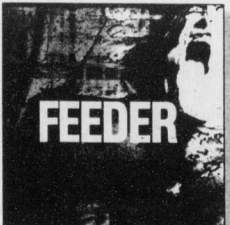
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