

# Hispanic Enrollment on the Rise; Dropouts Remain High

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More U.S.-born Hispanics are enrolling in four-year colleges but fewer are graduating, a recent study states. The report, released Sept. 5, also predicts this trend could have a negative effect on the nation's economy in 25 years. The study, conducted by the Pew Hispanic Center — a nonpartisan research group — used data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current

Population Survey from 1997-2000. Dianne Saenz, director of communications for the Pew Hispanic Center, said the study was conducted to assess progress in educational attainments among Hispanics. The report found that about 42 percent of second-generation Hispanics age 18-24 who graduated from high school attended college, compared to 46 percent of whites. The report also stated that second-generation Hispanics were more likely

to go to college than foreign-born Hispanics. But only 16 percent of second-generation Hispanics who graduate from high school receive a bachelor's degree, the report stated. Fewer Hispanics, about 1.9 percent, also pursued graduate and professional degrees, whereas 3.8 percent of whites pursued similar degrees. Saenz said Hispanics' lack of higher education will be detrimental for the economy. "Latinos are growing very quickly as a

population group," she said. "In (25 years), up to 5 million baby boomers will retire from the work force. Eighteen million Latinos will be there to take their place. "That's bad for the economy if they are not well-educated." Jerry Lucido, UNC director of undergraduate admissions, said he has witnessed an increase in Hispanic enrollment at UNC. "We've seen an increase in the number of Hispanics on campus," he said. "But it is true that Latino graduation rates lag behind."

Lucido also said the Enrollment Policy Advisory Committee is expected to report initial findings on the subject at the end of the semester. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund Institute, which partnered with the Pew Hispanic Center for the study, plans to provide policymakers with recommendations for improving Hispanic graduation rates. UNC senior John Nichols, co-student coordinator for the Spanish House in Carmichael Residence Hall said that

UNC is a comfortable place for Hispanics but that there is always room for improvement. "The Spanish students here are really dedicated," he said. "But we should extend help to the Hispanic community through programs similar to the Spanish House. The demographics make sense, and to help them is to help the University." *The State & National Editor can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu.*

## UNC-System Schools Offer LGBT Scholarships

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Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students have made headway at UNC-Wilmington with the introduction of a new scholarship targeting financially disadvantaged members of their community and supporters. The Boseman-TenHuisen scholarship, which is awarded by the university but funded entirely by private donors, will be given each year to a member of the UNC-W Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity. The scholarship was initiated about three weeks ago by OutWilmington.com — a news and information source for Wilmington's LGBT community — after it was approached by a student in need. The

student was cut off from parental funds after coming out and expressed a need for funding to continue his education. Representatives of the Web site consulted UNC-W's Division of University Advancement and formed an agreement to start the scholarship. To be eligible, a student must have full-time student status, be a member of B-GLAD and maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. There are no specifications as to the sexual preference of the applicant. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by a board of directors, assembled from B-GLAD members specifically chosen by university officials. B-GLAD faculty adviser Matthew TenHuisen, a mathematics professor at UNC-W, said the scholarship specifica-

tions are not biased but simply based on involvement in B-GLAD's cause. "There has been no backlash because there has been no discrimination," he said. Funding for the scholarship will come from private donors. OutWilmington.com will do the majority of fund raising. Ty Rowell, UNC-W senior associate vice chancellor for planned giving/regional outreach, said the scholarship is the first one of its kind given out by UNC-W. He added that similar private scholarships are given out in the Wilmington area. He said the university has received only positive comments about the scholarship. Shirley Ort, UNC-Chapel Hill associate provost and director of the Office

of Scholarships and Student Aid, said there is a similar scholarship available for UNC-CH students. The Pine Tree scholarship fund was established in 1995. The privately endowed scholarship gives funding annually to two members of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Straight Alliance. Ort said the LGBT-Straight Alliance advertises the scholarship but that students must seek it out. She added that the scholarship and student aid office has developed a good relationship with the LGBT-Straight Alliance. "We have only had positive comments made about the Pine Tree scholarship." *The State & National Editor can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu.*

## SEE SPOT PLAY



Turbo, an 11-week-old boxer, plays with senior biology major Jessica Dangson in Polk Place on Monday afternoon. Dangson took Turbo home for the first time only three weeks ago.

## UNC Ranked 6th in Attracting, Enrolling Black Students

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The Journal for Blacks in Higher Education released a report in its summer issue ranking UNC sixth in the nation for attracting and enrolling black students and maintaining black faculty members. Duke University ranked first in the study out of 26 universities. Robert Slater, managing editor of the JBHE, said the study is an extension of the journal's annual fall report on black freshman enrollment. "We've been collecting standard racial figures for 10 years," he said. "The information was all there; we just have been piecing it together."

JBHE conducted its own in-house surveys of the colleges and universities and also looked to government sources. The result is a report that lists two N.C. universities — Duke and UNC — in the top 10. "These two universities are in a good position because the state surrounding them has a high black populations," Slater said. "Both schools have responded positively to integration of black students and faculty. Thirty-five years ago, there were no blacks at either school." UNC finished sixth because of a noted effort from administrators to increase the number of black students and black faculty on campus, the report stated. The University has nine black faculty

members who serve as chairmen, the highest number in the United States. UNC also ranked second in the percentage of total black student enrollment and first in the percentage of black freshmen. But JBHE's report added that UNC has a very low black graduation rate — 66 percent — and a large racial gap in graduation rates between whites and blacks. Jasmine McGhee, co-chairwoman of the Political Action Committee of the Black Student Movement, said that there are wonderful things happening at UNC but that there is room for improvement. "The Political Action Committee has been working diligently with the administration to address the things that hinder minority students," she said. "The impor-

tant thing is that the administration makes a commitment to increase the number of black students and make them feel safe." UNC journalism Professor Chuck Stone said Paul Hardin, who was chancellor from 1988-95, and Michael Hooker, chancellor from 1995-99, set the tone for welcoming blacks to the University. He said only time will tell if Chancellor James Moeser can maintain the high level of cultural diversity. "Give him a little more time," he said. "His heart is in the right place. We'll know in two or three years whether or not we'll maintain our leadership or grow." *The State & National Editor can be reached at stntdesk@unc.edu.*

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### Sport Club Spotlight

Fall Fest was a huge success, the Membership Drive is over, and now it is time to get to work. Each of the over 50 clubs in the sport clubs program are starting their fall practice schedule and some clubs are even having competitions. Below is a list of home events for this weekend. Please contact the club representatives to find out more information about their events.

Thanks to all officers and leaders who represented clubs at Fall Fest and the Membership Drive and in providing so many great opportunities for students on this campus.

**Best of luck this year!!!!**

### Sport Clubs Action

**Sunday, September 15**  
**Club Football** - 2pm, Henry Stadium Contact: B. Waters, 824-0745, blwaters@email.unc.edu  
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