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Whites get better GPAs at black schools

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■ The Review

U. of Delaware

An Educational Testing Service study of the correlation between race and grades has determined that whites at traditionally black colleges have the highest GPAs, while the opposite is true of blacks at white colleges.

White students at predominantly white schools have the second highest GPAs, followed by black students at tra-

ditionally black schools. Black students at white colleges have the lowest GPAs.

The study of 12 traditionally black colleges and 18 traditionally white colleges took into account 20 independent variables including a student's background, financial status and the environment of the college.

"Controlling all the variables, race is still a significant factor in predicting grades," said educational studies Assistant Professor James E. Davis, who

conducted the study.

Davis said there is also a correlation between feelings of discrimination as reported by the subjects of the study and grades. The study showed black students experienced more racism at white schools than whites at black schools.

The statistics are especially significant because of the increasing number of black students attending schools where whites are the majority, he said. Before 1964, 89 percent of blacks attended traditionally

black institutions, but that figure has dropped to 18 percent.

Although black students get better grades at black schools, Davis said, "We can't rely on black colleges to educate all black students."

"We must make the environment at the white institutions more conducive for black students," he said. "The question is how. We have to eliminate racial stereotypes about students — and that has to come from the top down."

Center first to treat student drug addicts on a college campus

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■ The Daily Targum

Rutgers U.

To combat the high percentage of student substance abusers who don't receive appropriate treatment, Rutgers U. has established the nation's first partial-residential and inpatient treatment facility for college students.

The traditional treatment route for student substance abusers is for them to enroll in an off-campus inpatient rehabilitation center.

But the New Jersey Collegiate Substance Abuse Program promotes ongoing identification with student life by allowing those undergoing treatment to remain on campus and continue with at least limited coursework, NJCSAP Director William Frankenstein said.

Frankenstein estimated that 12,000 to 25,000 substance abusers attend New Jersey colleges and universities, and less than 3 percent of them receive adequate treatment.

The center, which officially opened in April, accommodates 15 resident patients and 20 "day" patients, NJCSAP counselor Elaine Handleman said. The inpatient facility already has treated about 20 students.

Although it will focus on Rutgers students for its first two years, the center eventually will admit students from all New Jersey colleges.



TOMMY COMEAUX, THE DAILY REVEILLE, LOUISIANA STATE U.

This Chinese student joined 350 other demonstrators at a pro-democracy rally at LSU.

Some Chinese students attending U. S. schools afraid to return home

By Monika Bauerlein

■ The Minnesota Daily

U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities and Dick Lipsey

■ University Daily Kansan

U. of Kansas, Lawrence

Confusion reigns at the U. of Minnesota and in the U.S. government about whether, and how long, Chinese visitors fearing government persecution can stay in this country.

But it remains clear to many Chinese students, including those at the U. of Kansas, that in light of the executions of pro-democracy activists in China, they won't be going home soon.

"Right now it's almost impossible for students to go back," said Deng Yanpei, a U. of Kansas graduate student. "Students who joined the

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Male-only group provides forum to talk gender

By Liz Dougherty

■ The Brown Daily Herald

Brown U.

You don't have to be a male feminist to join Men Discussing Gender. You don't have to be politically motivated. You don't even have to be a "sensitive" man.

You just have to be male, and that's about it. Every two weeks, between seven and 25 men meet at Brown U. to discuss issues related to gender.

Members talk about experiences some had while growing up such as learning not to cry, or they may address less serious issues, such as why George Bush was voted one of the 10 sexiest men last year. Once the group watched the film "Tootsie" and then discussed gender roles.

"Once we got beyond the jokes, we discovered that we all had a lot in common," group co-founder Eugene Ingolia, a senior, said.

The purpose of the group is to provide a forum where men can discuss issues of gender without fear of embarrassment, of offending women or of looking non-masculine or overly masculine, group co-founder Richard Duke, a junior, said. Members are more interested in getting diverse perspectives on gender issues than taking a particular stance on the issues.

"None of us are really experts," Duke said. "Some of the guys would consider themselves male feminists, but we don't try to have some kind of group identity."

Since its founding a year ago, Men Discussing Gender has filled the need for "some place where men could get active about figuring out relations between the sexes, and about figuring out themselves," Duke said.

Reactions to the group vary. "Some women say things like 'You're not oppressed. What the hell are you going to do, play poker and drink beer?'" Duke said.

However, he adds that most are joking, and they generally are supportive.

Male reaction is different. "My guess is that a lot of people perceive it as having kind of a whiny environment," Duke said. But the misperception that only whiny men talk about gender issues is what groups like Men Discussing Gender are trying to dispel, Duke said.

The only guidelines of the group are that everyone's opinions are valued and that no definitive answers on any issues are presented.

Sex in men's bathrooms worries gay activists

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■ The Independent Florida Alligator

U. of Florida

Seven past seven on a Friday night. A 40-year-old man — short and dumpy with thinning gray hair wearing a wedding ring — walks from the men's bathrooms in Library East to the men's bathroom in the basement of an empty and dark Peabody Hall.

No one would be here this late unless they wanted one thing. After all, this is known as the busiest place on the U. of Florida campus for anonymous gay sex.

We must be a scary sight to this unassuming man. A reporter and a photographer don't come down here often, especially at night. "Will you talk with us?"

He shakes his head. Looking up, he smiles nervously and tears start to glaze his eyes. He brushes by with his hands still in his pockets and walks quickly across the Plaza of Americas to his car.

He'll be back. Maybe not this week, but

Stall walls covered

U. of Florida maintenance workers are going to stop men from using glory holes in campus bathrooms once and for all — they're lining stall walls with stainless steel panels.

The Physical Plant used plastic to fill the holes it found in Library East and the music building with plastic material as a temporary measure until the steel plates arrived. The steel plates will prevent people from drilling through the walls again. ■ Judy A. Plunkett, *The Independent Florida Alligator*, U. of Florida.

definitely this month. As peculiar as it sounds to many straight people, bathroom sex is one of the most discreet ways for gay men to meet other gay men.

"If heterosexuals could go to a public restroom and have quick, anonymous sex with someone they'd never have to see

again, some of them would be regulars, too," one campus homosexual said.

The "regulars" at UF range from 17-year-old freshmen to 21-year-old fraternity brothers to 50-year-old professionals who drive to Gainesville from as far away as 40 miles. They meet in designated campus bathrooms at all times of the day and night to have oral, anal or hand sex.

Dave, a 23-year-old UF student, estimates he has had bathroom sex about 75 to 100 times since he was 17. He stopped in 1987 shortly after transferring to UF from a large Northern university. As a freshman, Dave had oral sex or mutual masturbation in campus bathrooms up to three times a week. Like UF, the Northern university had one bathroom with a well-known reputation for anonymous sex.

"No one went to the bathroom there," Dave said. "Everyone knew what was going on. I remember sitting outside

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