

U VIEWS

Student Opinion Poll

Race relations on campus: Do you think they're getting better or worse?

BETTER	WORSE
31%	56%
SAME 6%	
NOT SURE 8%	

White people, black people, Mexican, Asian, it doesn't matter, it's not getting better. Michele Brown, senior, California State U., Northridge • Race relations on campus are really good here in Akron, Ohio. I've been to two other colleges, and I've felt the same there, too. Gregory Frenk, junior, U. of Akron • Every day the white students are becoming more hostile toward black students. They feel like we're taking their jobs and their scholarships and their money, but in fact, those monies never really belonged to them in the first place. Patrice Frasier, senior, U. of Maryland • Worse, because minorities don't really want equality. They demand special treatment. Carrie Miller, freshman, Western Michigan U. • Race relations are not improving, because there's no one enforcing these ideas. The negativity is supported more than the positive. The faculty — everyone from the campus police to the university president — need to get together and do something about it, and not just the students. Katrice Gillespie, sophomore, Rutgers U. • There's still a lot of sectionalism on campus. The hatred and the dislike for another culture is more covert. People need to be more overt with their feelings and possibly learn something, because without discussion and dialogue, there will never be any eradication

of those biased or stereotypical views of another culture. Angine Harriott, sophomore, U. of Pennsylvania • Worse. I think black people are starting to gang up on white people. I believe in a thing called reverse discrimination. I don't think whites are the only ones guilty of racism. J.T. Carter, freshman, Western Kentucky U. • Better. But in certain arenas, they just can't improve. People are fixed in their ways. Dennis Dobbs, senior, U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities • We'd be fools to think that we could fix the problem of race relations in a generation or two — we're just the children of the people who've been through it first-hand. It's going to definitely take our children and maybe even their children to take care of this problem. Benjamin Bryant, sophomore, U. of Texas, Austin • Worse. Minority radicals have taken over buildings, and the administration has given such radicals special privileges. Affirmative action, black anti-Semitism and segregation are also causes. James McCloskey, senior, Cornell U. • There have been increased reportings of harassment and discrimination in all aspects of campus life at Texas A&M. I have never really dealt with race relations [or had] problems with it, until I came [here]. Elizabeth Green, junior, Texas A&M U.

Music Poll

What is your favorite type of music and band?

You said everything from Gothic industrial to Polynesian, and almost all of you were loathe to use that "A" word, but here are your top 10.

[percentages]
Alternative 27
Rock 16
Heavy metal 9
Rap 9
R&B 9
Country 8
Dance 5
Punk 5
Jazz 3
Classical 2

It was even harder to nail you down on a favorite artist, but here are the top 10.

1. Green Day
2. Nine Inch Nails
3. (tie) Black Crowes
4. (tie) Boyz II Men
5. Metallica
6. (tie) The Beatles
- R.E.M.



My favorite type of music is R&B, and my favorite group is Zhané, because they are just hype and mellow all at the same time, which pretty much reflects me. Joanne Henderson, sophomore, Kent State U. • My favorite kind of music is reggae — definitely Bob Marley, Peter Tosh and Yellowman. Mona Sarafa, sophomore, East Carolina U. • My musical interests cover about everything. I like Queen mostly, just because of their great diversity. Heck, I also like Barry Manilow. But don't tell anybody that. Fred McConnell, junior, George Washington U. • My favorite type of music is ska music — the Toasters, the Specials, the Skeletons. I also love punk rock. My favorite punk band is Rancid. Greg Raelson, freshman, Colorado State U. • I'm a fan of the Grateful Dead. But I'm also a fan of Carlos Santana's new project with his cousin and brother, Santana Brothers. And I'm a huge fan of the Dave Matthews Band. There's a lot of fantastic music out there that tends to get lumped together, and that's a shame. Michael P. Rogers, junior, U. of Alabama • My favorite type of music is the Beatles. I'm a Beatlemaniac. My

favorite group? Well, it's the Beatles! Marcia Anick, sophomore, Mankato State U. • I don't like '70s rock and roll. I don't like any kind of classic rock-and-roll crap. I don't really care for country, and I don't like rap. I like jazz. I love punk. Techno's OK. Blues is OK. I really like new music and experimental music. My favorite band is They Might Be Giants. Steve Martin, second-year medical student, U. of South Florida • Mid-'80s metal, back when heavy metal was truly at its peak. Heavy metal is the greatest music there ever was. Chris Ferguson, sophomore, Murray State U. • Definitely country — the only music way to go. And Sawyer Brown is the only band around. Melanie Miller, senior, Eastern Illinois U. • My favorite kind of music is techno, rave, trance, breakbeat music — music you hear at a rave. My favorite band: Deee-Lite. Scott T. Duke, sophomore, Southern Oregon State College • My favorite type of music is rap. I like Tupac Shakur and any rapper who is out there trying to better the black community. RaSaon Carr, sophomore, U. of Cincinnati



Wiggin' Out



When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro.

And this is deeply weird. Evidently, the latest political fashion symbols are — get this — surgical masks.

Thanks in part to an Internet user group, hundreds of students at dozens of colleges nationwide are wearing surgical masks on- and off-campus as a symbol of protest.

"In a world where rain is poison and sex is death, these masks are an emblem of isolation," says J.P. O'Connor, a senior at UCLA and founder of the MasksOn movement. "I wear a mask on the outside because it's how I feel on the inside."

O'Connor, who claims he has signed up more than 30 college chapters, says, "Response has been overwhelming."

The MasksOn founder recently added a new twist to his protests — rainbow-colored clown wigs.

"It's an expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters of every color," O'Connor says. "Do you know what happens when you put all the colors together? You get sunshine."

Whatever, dude. You can reach the MasksOn movement via e-mail at: MasksOn@aol.com.



Poll Question

Is Major League Baseball dead?

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