

# Black percentage dips despite minority rise

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The total minority enrollment at the University increased by 7.1 percent over last year, but the percent of black students at the University fell slightly from last fall, University officials said.

The overall minority enrollment for this year increased by 270 students to a total of 4,090 out of 64,368 students enrolled at the University, according to figures released yesterday by the Department of Public Information.

However, black enrollment dropped by a 10th of a percent, from 3.7 percent in 1985 to 3.6 percent this year.

Minority enrollment comprises American Indian or Alaskan native students, Asian American students, black American students and Hispanic American students.

William Asbury, acting vice president for student services and chairman of the University's Equal Opportunity Planning Committee, said that while freshmen enrollment figures could not yet be released, "my recollection is that the figures I've seen indicate that the drop was in the freshmen class."

The University is under a federal court mandate to increase its minority population to 5 percent by 1987.

University President Bryce Jordan said in a prepared press statement that the overall minority increase "demonstrates the effectiveness of our efforts to recruit and retain sub-

stantial numbers of minority students at Penn State."

When the number of paid acceptances — unofficial statistics based on the number of students who pay their tuition for the semester — were released in August, they indicated a 25 percent drop in black freshman enrollment.

At that time, Robert Dunham, vice president for academic services, said the University administration was concentrating on recruiting black students because they are the focus of the court mandate.

Asbury said the drop in black enrollment at the University would hinder the University's efforts to reach the 5 percent minority objective.

"I would guess that we are not going to be able to reach (the goal) unless we have a big increase in the fall of '87," he said.

Asbury confirmed that 2,365 black students are enrolled at the University this year as opposed to 2,308 last year.

But because of an overall increase of more than 2,000 students Universitywide, the total percentage of black students at the University dropped to 3.6 percent of the population, he said.

Asbury said it is difficult to interpret the figures at this time because the University administration does not know how the figures compare with other educational institutions for this year.

He added that many factors contribute to the decline in black students at the University, but the major

factor affecting the percentage decrease, he said, is the fact that total enrollment increased significantly. This resulted in a greater increase of white students at the University, he said.

Asbury explained that the increase in white students may be a result of white students who would have gone to a more expensive school in the past coming to the University.

An increase in tuition, the perception of a lack of availability of financial aid, and competition between other schools for qualified blacks all affect the number of blacks who choose to attend the University, Asbury said.

The controversy surrounding the University Board of Trustees' decision not to divest its \$8.8 million invested in South Africa also had some effect on the black enrollment figures, he added.

Last winter, a student coalition of all the major black organizations on campus — the Black Student Coalition Against Racism — formed in response to the University's decision not to divest. The group announced its intention to tell potential black students about their perceptions of problems faced by blacks at the University.

It is "clearly a possibility, in fact I would guess it was a significant possibility . . . there is some correlation between the public debate and concern on the atmosphere and the alleged problems at the University," Asbury said.



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## Free at last

American David Jacobsen from Huntington, Calif., waves to the crowd as he is led to the Wiesbaden U.S. Hospital building in West Germany Monday. The 55-year-old Jacobsen had arrived earlier from Cyprus after being freed Sunday by the Islamic Jihad, a Shiite Moslem group who took him hostage in May of 1985.

Jacobsen, looking somewhat gaunt with bags under his eyes, arrived at Larnaca airport from Beirut aboard an American military helicopter and told waiting journalists he felt good enough to run six miles around the airport. Jacobsen was accompanied by Anglican church envoy Terry Walte, who has been acting as a negotiator with Moslem extremists holding hostages in Lebanon.

After holding a news conference here, he departed on a Lear jet chartered by the U.S. State Department for West Germany to see his family and for a medical examination at a U.S. military hospital.

Only one month after blasting the Reagan administration for ignoring his plight in captivity, former hostage David Jacobsen yesterday unabashedly declared his pride in America.

# Higher ed critique on target, University dean says

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The Carnegie Foundation's harsh critique of higher education is an appropriate and legitimate analysis of the nation's colleges, Henry Hermonowicz, dean of the University's College of Education, said yesterday.

"I think the Carnegie report is pretty accurate and its recommendations for reform are legitimate," he said.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which periodically issues reports on the status of education, Saturday released a 242-page report that urged the nation's undergraduate colleges to drop standardized admissions tests and require all undergraduate students to complete a thesis to graduate.

The report, which contained 83 recommendations on how to improve colleges across the nation, stressed that college professors con-

tinued to improve their teaching methods. It criticized universities that push their professors toward research and urged university administrators to equally emphasize both teaching and research from college professors.

"I think Penn State is on track in trying to not overemphasize research over instruction," said William Asbury, acting vice president for student services.

Asbury also urged the University's students, faculty and staff not to comply with the reports' request that universities with major sports schedules like Penn State reduce their sports budgets.

"Penn State is noted for striking a balance between athletics and academics," he said.

The three-year, \$1 million report said the Scholastic Aptitude Test is a facade and called for stricter admissions standards, adding that colleges exist as an open door to anyone who wants to attend.

"Probably fewer than 50 colleges and universities in the United States today can be considered highly selective, admitting less than half the students who apply," the report said.

In support of the reports' findings, Hermonowicz said "the SAT exam has little predictability of undergraduate student performance." It has a 15 percent predictability of success in undergraduate study, he said.

But Judd Arnold, co-director of the undergraduate literature programs, said that although he had not thoroughly read the report, the foundation's proposal to omit the SAT test as an admissions standard is "somewhat illogical."

"The SAT test has a pretty good correspondence between a student's grade-point average and the student's actual performance," Arnold said.

Scott Healy, director and assistant vice

president of the University's admissions office, said that when the University considers a student's admission package, it looks at a student's high school grades, SAT scores, any honors or advanced placement courses the student has taken, and the student's selection of high school courses, all of which have equal weight.

Healy said the SAT score is not the most important factor when combined with the other entrance requirements.

Responding to the report's request that students complete a thesis before graduating, Hermonowicz said: "I don't think it's a bad idea. For most majors, there is insufficient writing skills and ability to synthesize ideas into effective communication."

The University is committed to seeing students achieve a much more broad overview of their culture, said Arnold, who is also an associate professor of English.

He said the University's proposed general

education requirements, which would allow students to take courses that do not relate directly to their major and would broaden a student's education beyond requirements for their major, would help students get a better sense of their culture.

Both Hermonowicz and Arnold agreed there should be a better balance between universities' emphasis on teaching and research.

"I do not think the University rewards teaching as it ought to," Arnold said. Hermonowicz added that at Penn State and generally at other major universities across the country, 90 percent of research is conducted by only 10 percent of the faculty.

The report, titled "Colleges: The Undergraduate Experience in America," surveyed 5,000 of the nation's faculty members, 5,000 undergraduates, 1,000 college administrators, 1,000 high school students and 1,000 high school parents.

# Vote! Vote! Vote!

Registered voters should check the precinct number given on their voter registration card and go to the following polling places:

- Precinct 16 (North State College), at the Church of Christ, 405 Hillcrest, Martin Terrace. This precinct is for voters who live north of Park Avenue and west of Route 322.

- Precinct 17 (Northeast State College) at College Heights School, 721 N. Atherton St., for voters who live north of Park Avenue and east of Route 322.

- Precinct 18 (Northwest State College) at the YMCA, 412 W. College Ave., for voters living in West Halls.

- Precinct 19 (South One), at State College Area Intermediate High School, 650 Westerly Parkway, main entrance. This precinct is for voters in areas west of O'Bryan Lane and Campbell Road.

- Precinct 20 (South Two), State College Area Intermediate High School, 650 Westerly Parkway, auditorium entrance. This precinct is for residents between O'Bryan Lane and South Pugh Street, between Westerly Parkway and University Drive.

- Precinct 21 (South East), at the State College Elementary School, 234 Easterly Parkway, front entrance. Residents and voters living between South Atherton Street and Easterly Parkway or those living east of South Pugh Street should report here.

- Precinct 22 (South Central One) at the State College Senior High School, main entrance, for voters living south of West Irvin Avenue and West Hamilton Avenue and north of Westerly Parkway and west of South Pugh Street.

- Precinct 23 (South Central Two) at the Christian Church, Easterly Parkway and William Street, for residents in the area between East Hamilton Avenue and Easterly Parkway.

- Precinct 24 (East One) is at the Findlay Recreation Room for student voters who live in any East Halls residence halls other than Stone, Snyder, Stewart and Hastings halls.

- Precinct 25 (East Two) is in the Stephens Hall Recreation Room, South Halls and University Terrace, for students voters in South Halls.

- Precinct 26 (East Three) is at Grace Lutheran Church, South Garner Street and Beaver Avenue, and is for those voters living between East College Avenue and East Hamilton Avenue, between South Garner and University Drive.

- Precinct 27 (East Four) is at Pollock Dining Hall, Room 129, and is for voters living in Pollock and Centre halls.

- Precinct 28 (East Central One) is at the Glenland Building, 137 S. Pugh St., Court Room No. 2. Voters in North and Atherton halls and Nittany Apartments should report to this precinct.

- Precinct 29 (East Central Two), at Zeta Psi fraternity, 225 E. Foster Ave., is for voters living between South Allen Street and South Garner Street, between East Beaver Avenue and East Nittany Avenue.

- Precinct 30 (East Central Three) is at Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, 501 S. Allen St., and is for voters living between South Allen Street and South Garner Street, between East Nittany Avenue and East Hamilton Avenue.

- Precinct 31 (East One) is at State College Elementary School, 235 Corl St., and is for those voters living west of South Atherton Street and south of Highland and West Foster avenues, north of West Hamilton Avenue.

- Precinct 32 (West Two) is at Our Lady of Victory School, 800 Westerly Parkway — for those voters living south of Westerly Parkway and West Hamilton Avenue.

- Precinct 33 (West Central One) is at the Hamilton Hall lounge and is for voters living in West Halls.

- Precinct 34 (West Central Two) is at the State College Municipal Building, 118 S. Fraser St., for voters living between College Avenue and Hamilton Avenue, between Atherton Street and Allen Street.

- Precinct 44 (West College Township/Penn State University) is also in the Findlay Recreation Room and is a newly approved precinct for students in Hastings, Snyder, Stone and Stuart halls in East.

This information was submitted by the Undergraduate Student Government's Department of Political Affairs.

## Correction

Because of a source's error, Friday's Collegian incorrectly reported facts on world illiteracy pertaining to women. Out of every three illiterates in the world, two are women.

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### weather

This afternoon, remaining cloudy with maybe a break late in the day. High 49. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 34. Tomorrow, cool with more clouds, and a shower is possible. High 46. Heidi Sonen

# Late drop extended due to water leak

By CHRISTINE METZGER  
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A broken pipe on the third floor of Shields Building spilled an estimated 130,000 gallons of water in the northeast part of the building early Sunday morning, extending the deadline for students to late-drop classes.

"Our computer system was down for most of the morning," said University Registrar Warren Haffner. "To make up for the down time, the late-drop deadline is extended until tomorrow at 5 p.m."

Ardath Johnson, coordinator of

information services at the Office of Physical Plant, said the water seeped from the third floor to the basement. The water caused considerable damage to computer terminals, printers, furniture, files, light fixtures and anything else in the offices, Johnson said.

Haffner said no student records were lost or destroyed.

"We're not yet sure about the extent of the damages," Johnson said. "(Monday) was spent getting the water out of the building and drying things out. (Today) we'll know more about what needs further repairs."

# Student charged for robbery-note joke

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A University freshman was charged with disorderly conduct and causing a false alarm to agencies of public safety early yesterday afternoon after police said he passed a robbery note to a teller at the Nittany Mall branch of Mellon Bank.

Sgt. Diane Conrad of the State College Bureau of Police Services said 18-year-old Glenn McFerran (freshman-business administration) passed a note to tellers saying, "This is a stickup, give me all your money."

Conrad said that after the teller asked McFerran if it was a joke, he answered yes.

No one was injured in the attempt and no weapons were used.

Conrad said that after police received the holdup alarm, police surrounded all exits and proceeded to apprehend two individuals.

The second individual, also 18, was not charged.

McFerran was arraigned before District Justice Clifford Yorks and released on \$5,000 recognizance bail.