

## U.S. to get new look next century

WASHINGTON—Hispanics will eclipse blacks as the nation's largest minority group in the year 2010, the government said Tuesday in a report that predicts a considerably different America by the mid-21st century.

By 2050, the U.S. population will be almost evenly divided between minorities and non-Hispanic whites, the Census Bureau said.

The bureau's new projections also forecast faster general population growth than previously expected, estimating that the U.S. population will reach 392 million by 2050. That's 52 percent more than the 258.7 million Americans today.

It's also up 9 million from a projection issued just last year.

The projection was changed to account for the return of many military people from abroad, updated birth and death statistics, and information showing how new immigration rules have affected the population, said Jennifer Day, a Census Bureau demographer and author of the report.

Minorities will increase their share of the population, the report said as the growth will affect America's non-Hispanic whites, the group that has dominated the nation's politics, economy and culture throughout most of its history.

Their share of the population will drop from 76 percent now to 68 percent in 2010 and 53 percent in 2050. Their number will increase from 188.6 million to 205.8 million.

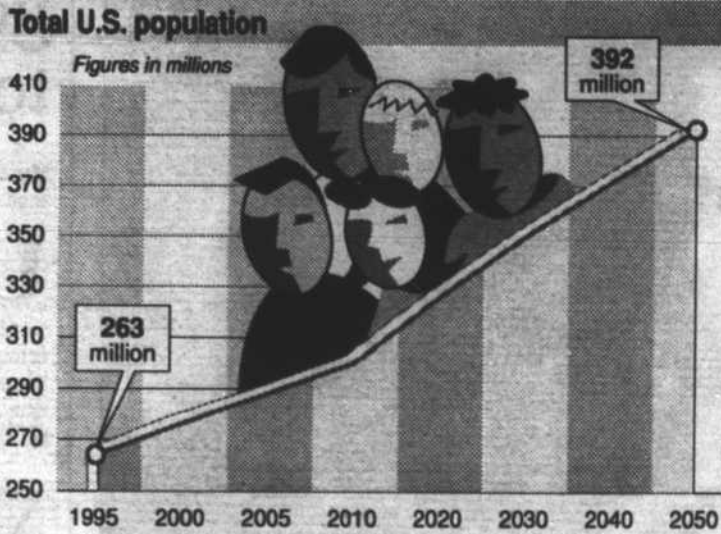
The explosion in the Hispanic American population is projected to center around a baby boom. Births accounted for about two-thirds of the projected Hispanic increase; immigration accounts for the rest.

Black births are expected to increase steadily by 60 percent between now and 2050, and Asian births are likely to triple. American Indian births will increase by half.

The rapid increase in Hispanics

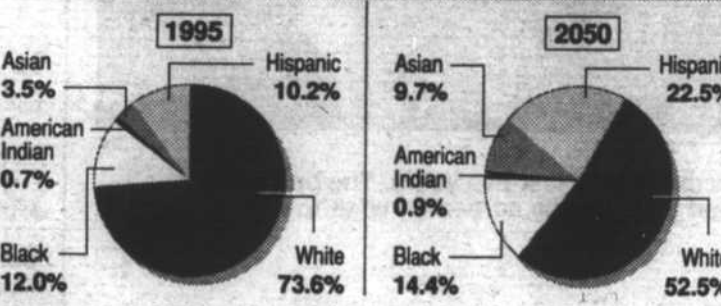
### U.S. population boom

The nation's population is growing faster than expected, and is projected to grow to 392 million by the middle of the next century.



The racial/ethnic distribution of the nation's population is expected to continue to change, with Hispanics projected to surpass Blacks as the nation's largest minority by the year 2010.

### Percent of population by race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau compared to other minority groups will bring changes to America from the classroom to the Congress.

"The mushrooming numbers should translate into a much more

vigorous political clout, with more Hispanic members of Congress," said Rep. Jose Serrano, a New York Democrat and leader of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

## Senator disputes charges

AUSTIN, Texas — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, indicted on charges of misusing her office during her 2 1/2 years as state treasurer, called the allegations "sleazy politics" aimed at erasing GOP gains in Texas.

Mrs. Hutchison, whose landslide victory in June made her the first woman senator from Texas and a rising star in the Republican Party, was accused along with two former aides of using state employees and state equipment for personal and political reasons and destroying records as part of a coverup.

The grand jury did not specify whether she used her Treasury office to further her Senate bid and didn't elaborate on the alleged abuses.

But former aides have charged that she made a habit of sending staffers on personal and political errands, including helping her find

and fix up her home.

Mrs. Hutchison has maintained the investigation was spurred by Democrats angry over losing a Senate seat that had been theirs since Reconstruction. District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who led the investigation, is a Democrat.

"I think the citizens of Texas see through this," she said. "They see that this is sleazy politics."

Mrs. Hutchison, 50, and two former treasury aides were charged with official misconduct and tampering with records and evidence. The charges against Mrs. Hutchison carry more than 60 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines.

She is the 10th U.S. senator ever to be indicted in office. Nothing in the Senate rules automatically bars her from remaining in office while she fights the charges, although the party could strip her of committee assignments.

## Nebraskan senators split on abortion vote

OMAHA—Nebraska's two Democratic senators were on opposite sides of a 59-40 Senate vote Tuesday that keeps restrictions on federal funding for abortions for the poor.

U.S. Sen. Jim Exon was one of 21 Democrats who joined 38 Republicans in voting against lifting the 17-year-old ban on federally financed abortions. U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey was one of 34 Democrats who voted to lift the ban; six Republicans joined them.

Senators voted instead to slightly liberalize current restrictions. Medicaid can now be used to pay only for abortions for women whose lives are in jeopardy; under the bill, funds would also be provided when pregnancies result from rape or incest.

A spokeswoman for Nebraska Right to Life applauded the Senate vote but said the fight against abortion funding is not over.

"Basically, what we look to know is trying to exclude abortion coverage in the national health care reform," said Julie Schmit-Albin of Nebraska Right to Life. "It is our concern that what the Clinton administration was not able to achieve on this vote, they will try to do on the national health care reform."

If abortion is a covered procedure under a universal health care benefits package, it would mean taxpayers would be forced to support abortion through their health care premiums, she said.

## Benes urges more research on green space

By Becky Becher  
Staff Reporter

ASUN President Keith Benes vetoed the student government resolution protesting a proposed green space, despite his own opposition to the idea.

Benes said he vetoed the resolution because it addressed only the issue of displaced parking and failed to address cost and safety concerns.

The resolution was written in response to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier's proposal to replace the parking lot

north of Nebraska Union with a flat, grassy area.

Benes said the resolution was passed with a false sense of urgency and without examining the issue closely enough.

"We have time to look into this a lot deeper," he said.

Benes said he would support future legislation opposing a green space if senators still were opposed to it after further examination.

Benes said the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska would take steps to study the possible

impact of the proposed green space. Benes said he planned to introduce a bill to create a committee to research the green space proposal.

At an open forum Wednesday at noon in Nebraska Union, students can express their opinions on the issue to administrators.

At Wednesday night's ASUN meeting, John Benson, director of Institutional Research and Planning, will give a presentation on long-term campus plans and will hold a question-and-answer session for interested students.

## Triplets

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reer plans. Mixing and matching is a way of life for the brothers—one that generates a lot of reaction, Mike Adolphus said.

"The way we dress and the way we are works as a great conversation starter," he said. "We've met a lot of people—a lot of good friends this way."

Californians weren't as responsive

to the triplets' dressing practices as the UNL community has been, they said.

"Back in L.A., a lot of people were mad that we got a lot of attention," Mike Adolphus said. "We haven't gotten any of that kind of stuff here."

UNL's response, from both students and professors, has been one of curiosity, they said.

"We've gotten a lot of questions, like if we called each other the night before to see what each other was wearing," Jeff Adolphus said with a laugh.

"Most people know we're just out to have fun, like anybody else," he said. "If they don't, they're probably just jealous. And we're not going to step down to that level and get into it with them."

Clothes shopping for three can be an interesting and time-consuming experience.

"Man, sometimes we spend two hours in a store," Mark Adolphus said. "But the salespeople love us."

"Yeah, we've even gotten discounts in the past," Jeff Adolphus said, laughing.

## Gambling

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"We do get students who play, but it seems there isn't a big problem with them because it's mostly on weekends," Hangman said.

UNL students who play keno normally are sensible with their gambling practices, she said.

"College kids don't really constitute what you'd call our big spenders here," she said. "Usually, it's a dollar here, a dollar there—just out to have a good time."

A volunteer with Gamblers

Anonymous, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said students attended GA meetings occasionally.

"We get some college-age students in once in a while," he said. "We never get a great number of them."

The rarity of getting students into help organizations stems from the problem itself, he said.

"For a person to get help, they have to admit they've got a problem and that they need help," he said. "That takes time—sometimes a long time. Later in life they realize there are problems there."

The brothers know full well, however, that clothes don't make the men. And turning a few heads hasn't made them lose theirs. They're keeping themselves focused.

Besides taking 12 hours of the same classes a piece, the three business majors work at the University Bookstore and for the university maintenance department.

And the brothers say one thing is for certain: They all hope to stay close, wherever they may be, whatever they may wear.

"We want to stick together, as long as it works out," Mark Adolphus said.

"All for one, one for all," Jeff Adolphus said.

Mark Adolphus agreed, grabbing a cassette tape by Brand Nubian and inserting it into his stereo.

The tape's first song, "All For One," blasted out, filling the Schramm Residence Hall room with deep bass and funky lyrics about unity.

"You might say it's kind of a theme song for us," Mark Adolphus said over the music. "That's how we feel about each other."

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