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Sports Editor

1. It doesn't matter what ethnicity they are as long as they bring in points. When you're part of a team that is as close to each other as we are, we see past the ethnicities. We're more concentrated on winning than we are about the ethnicities of those running in the race.

2. Our team is very diverse. Though there is a correlation between mastery of a specific event and their ethnicity, we value every ounce of skill we can get. We tend to joke around about race, [but] it's never been a serious issue.

3. Yes, I do. However, the fact that their friends are in it is more of a contributing factor rather than ability. The fact that people tend to hang out around people of similar ethnicities plays a bigger role than genetic predisposition.



Junior Bianca Nguyen, Varsity Track Member



Senior Renee Cruz,  
Varsity Softball Captain

## Diversity in Sports

Ethnic backgrounds are often disregarded when it comes to high school athletics. However, diversity plays a key factor in the success of a team; the reason being is that having many views is an important aspect of victory. Diversity provides teams with different insights and also with new perspectives. Diversity also creates changes and new ideas that can be beneficial to a team. Having different ethnic backgrounds allows student athletes to learn each other's culture which has a lasting effect on how people respect other ethnicities later on in life. Being able to respect everyone is not easily accomplished, which is why being part of ethnically diverse team is significant. Some high school athletic organizations are dominated by just one or two ethnic cultures. This can damage one's ability to work with, or even interact with another individual of a different ethnicity. When a person cannot even interact with someone, how does one expect to learn from or respect another person? One simply cannot do so without any proper experience. To be able to relate with others is an invaluable skill that can be taught with something as simple as being part of a diverse athletic.

**1. Do you feel it is important for sports teams to consist of different ethnicities?**

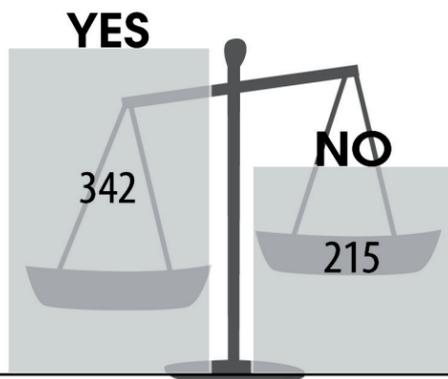
**2. Do you feel that your team is comprised of multiple ethnicities or is it primarily composed of one?**

**3. Do you think certain sports overwhelmingly attract specific ethnicities?**

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DO YOU FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SPORTS TEAMS TO CONSIST OF DIFFERENT ETHNICITIES?



Total Students Surveyed: 557



Freshman Ethan Spencer  
Varsity Boys' Volleyball Middle Blocker

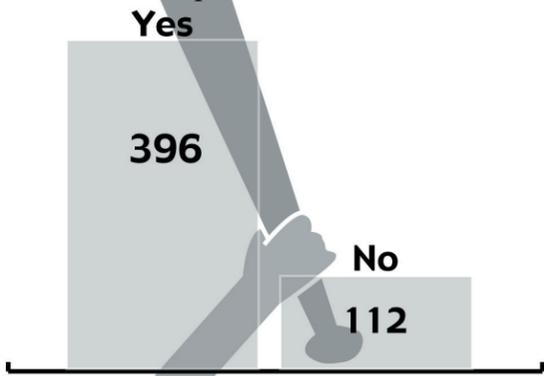
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1. [Having a team] comprised of players who come from different ethnic backgrounds is always good, but in the end what matters most is the team's chemistry and every individual players' work ethic and dedication.

2. [Our] team consists of 16 players: 13 who are purely Asian, two who are a mix of Caucasian and Asian, and one Latino student. Our team isn't very culturally diverse, but ethnicity isn't everything when it comes to sports.

3. Different sports have different origins. So yes, each sport does attract people who come from different backgrounds.

Do you think certain sports overwhelmingly attract specific ethnicities?



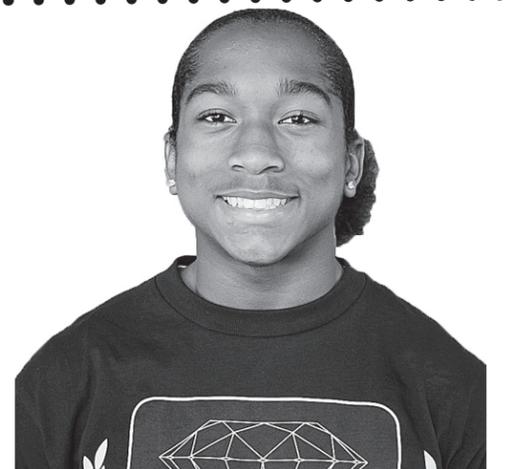
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BY TINA CHEN  
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1. Yes, I do feel it is important that sports consist of different ethnicities because it expresses the uniqueness of what the sport has gone through over time.

2. At first glance, the softball team doesn't seem diverse, but we are actually composed of different ethnicities. I have teammates who are of Caucasian, African American and Asian background. The common thread between us is our love for the game.

3. I don't believe certain sports attract specific ethnicities, but what I do believe is that certain sports attract certain personalities. A sport like softball appeals to a strategic mind that understands the importance of teamwork.



Junior Ezra Brodus, Varsity Track Member

BY KEVIN KONG  
Staff Writer

1. Yes, diversity is important because you don't want sports to have tension with different racial groups. Therefore, everyone can get along with each other.

2. Overall, there are different ethnicities in the track team, but it's mostly consisted of Asians.

3. Yes, because certain sports are intimidating for some ethnicities, and I feel that certain race groups favor a certain type of sport. Some ethnicities are afraid to interact with other races so they pick a sport with their own ethnicity to feel comfortable.

**Sid's Spot**

BY: SIDNEY AUNG  
Sports Editor

## Developing Positive Characteristics for the Future

Participating in sports is an important part of the high school experience and can help develop lifelong skills in the process. It builds character and teaches self-discipline; not to mention that it also rewards athletes with many unforgettable memories and experiences.

Success follows hard work; athletes learn this concept as they consistently push through obstacles and practice hard throughout the season to perform well. A rigorous work ethic is crucial in college and the years that follow, and developing this skill early on through participation in

high school sports is important. You can learn the ordinary academic material in a classroom, but there are lessons to be learned outside the classroom as well. Being able to balance both schoolwork and sports will truly allow you to hone your time management skills.

The lessons passed down from an experienced coach to an athlete will prove to be beneficial. Great coaches do not just teach the fundamentals of the sport and the strategies that come with it, they go beyond the ordinary scope of teaching the basics and help student athletes discover

what they're truly capable of. A coach can serve as a role model to athletes and set precedence for them to follow. They can also build positive relationships with students and coach them not only to be successful athletes, but also to be successful people.

Participation in high school athletics is stereotyped to be fit only for the "jocks" of the school, but it is encouraged for everyone to participate. Although time consuming, the benefits of being in a sport are great and can build lifelong characteristics.