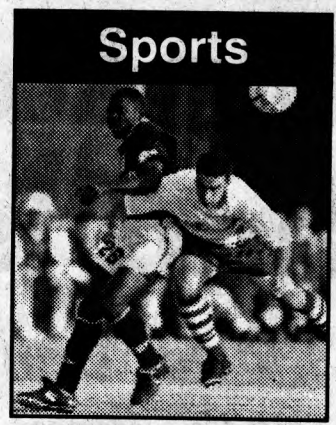


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White students declining

By Kelly Abel
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New statistical research provided by the Institutional Research Office at De Anza shows a sharp decrease in the White student population and an increase in the Asian and Hispanic student populations since 1990.

Administrators, faculty, and students see the rapid growth of ethnic diversity at De Anza in a positive light.

White student enrollment at De Anza College has declined by nearly 20 percent. De Anza president Martha Kanter attributed the statistical decrease to the growing number of educational institutions in the area. "Other institutions have recruited older, white students," said Kanter. "Competition is more of a factor now. The increase of technical schools is drawing away many of our short-term students."

When asked why De Anza has not been successful at keeping the enrollment rate from declining, Kanter said, "We put all of our money into the classrooms-not marketing."

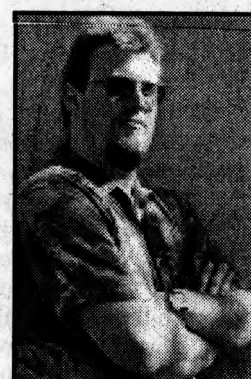
According to De Anza's Master Plan, programs have recently been developed to recruit older students in the 30+ age group. The third paragraph on page 48 of the Master Plan describes De Anza's need to "attract older students to programs that are more flexible and can be delivered to accommodate working professionals."

The MasterPlan states that programs such as "Partnership for Excellence" (state level), Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network, Inc., and the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (local level) are "examples of significant partnerships that bridge edu-

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DASB VP of Technology resigns

By Nelson Ching
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Scott Bechtle resigned Nov. 24

Vice President of Technology, Scott Bechtle resigned from office to the surprise of the De Anza Student Body Senate.

Bechtle, who has held office as a senator the longest out of the current senate, had been a senator since November of 1996, and had been Vice President of Technology since 1997.

"For the past three months the committee was put up against the wall," said Bechtle. "We were given unrealistic deadlines, and I was under the impression that my job was on the line if I didn't make these deadlines," said Bechtle. "I

Bugs take over Flint Center for Bay Area movie Premiere

David Foley of "News Radio" and "Kids in the Hall" fame, and also the voice of "Flick" in the new movie "A Bugs Life," attended the Bay Area opening of the held at the Flint Center on November 21. The invitation only event caused much controversy due to a large white tent parked in Staff Lot A from Nov. 18 until Nov. 22.

Maya Angelou to speak at Flint Center

By Saadia Malik
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Maya Angelou: author, poet, historian, conductor, actress, singer, songwriter, playwright, film director, and civil rights activist, will be speaking at the Flint Center on Dec. 4.

Originally Angelou was scheduled to speak at Flint on Nov. 10, but she postponed due to illness, according to John Lomonaco, coordinator of the event. Lomonaco said that Angelou is now fine and able to appear at the Flint Center.

Lomonaco, a former bookstore owner coordinates various speaker

particular reason as to why he asked Angelou to speak here.

Although Angelou has not said exactly what she'll be speaking on, Lomonaco presumes that she will speak about literacy, reading and poetry.

"We won't know what she'll be speaking about until she tells us on stage," said Lomonaco. "I haven't asked her to speak on a specific topic."

The event was sold out on Nov. 10, but after it was postponed, some tickets were returned and are now being resold. Tickets for the first ten rows can be purchased through John Lomonaco Productions by call-



Asian students number as many as white students

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cation and industry with targeted goals and measures of achievement.”
 Another possible reason for the decline in the Caucasian student enrollment may be found in the rise in the number of students who check the “other” box on registration forms. Since 1990, there has been almost a five percent increase in the “other” category. Students of a mixed racial heritage may feel as though “white” is not a true representation of their race, said Jean Miller, who has been an English/Women’s Studies instructor at De Anza for ten years. “I certainly know that students of a biracial or mixed racial heritage resent having to choose a single category...that is probably a real factor.”

Along with the “other” category, the Asian and the Hispanic student populations have increased since 1990. The Asian student demographics show a 10 percent increase, and the Hispanic student population has risen steadily to a 3 percent increase.

The statistics reflect Santa Clara Valley’s growing ethnic distribution. Nancy Hein, from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, reports that from 1990 through 1996, the Asian population

increase has been 21 percent, and the Hispanic population increase has been 23 percent in the Valley.

A Caucasian, first year student and lifelong Sunnyvale resident, Wendy Thorman said that she thinks De Anza’s ethnic demographics are a direct result of the surge of new high-tech companies and other Silicon Valley businesses to develop in the past ten years. “Here at De Anza, we’re in the middle of technology-and fast food, so we have everything. There are more people flocking to the Bay Area. A lot more than say, the rest of the country.”

“Our new VP of Student Services, Robert Griffin, is working to build relationships with area high schools to help students to become better prepared—that’s for all students. I think that kind of activity will have a positive effect in bringing and helping more students of color here on this campus,” said Miller.

Miller believes that increased diversity would be positive for De Anza. “It would send a message to transfer institutions that we are a rich source of well trained, bright students of color who may want to go on to their insti-

tutions,” said Miller.

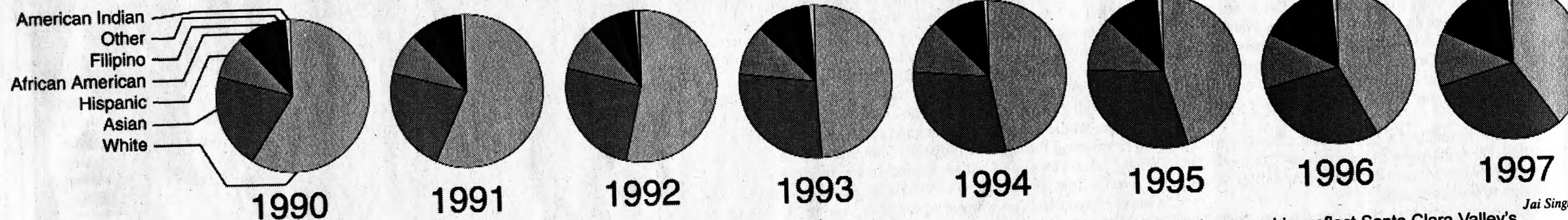
Kanter also believes that ethnic diversity boosts the college’s reputation. “The ethnic composition of De Anza makes De Anza very attractive to other colleges. They actually come here [to recruit] because of the diversity,” said Kanter.

Even with the multitude of different races and cultures, faculty members and students generally don’t see much racial tension at De Anza.

“I have not seen an increase among students of racial tension,” said Miller. “There has been more visible work by some groups and organizations...to get more multicultural books in the library. Other activities by student organizations have helped to provide a better context and a better environment [for students].”

“Everyone that I’ve met has been really open and friendly,” said Thorman.

Kenny Williams, a black, second-year student at De Anza had a similar response. He said, “I haven’t noticed any racial tension displayed toward me or any of my friends. It seems like everybody gets along here.”



According to statistics from the Foothill - De Anza Institutional Research Office, the Caucasian student population at De Anza has been steadily declining since 1990, while the Asian and Hispanic student

population has been on the rise. De Anza’s demographics reflect Santa Clara Valley’s growing ethnic population.

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Campus Notes

De Anza observes world AIDS day

Dushan “Dude” Angius, President of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, will be showing “The Los Altos Story,” an emotional, and sensitive 30 minute film about AIDS in observance of World AIDS Day. The event will be in the Student Council Chambers from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

Public Access Station Wins Five First-Place Cable

The items needed are for children birth to 13 yrs old, as well as items for mothers like hairbrushes, cosmetics, and perfume. The collection will be given to the families at the Bill Wilson Center in Santa Clara and the Volunteers of America Brandon House in San Jose. Drop-off boxes will be at various locations on campus and around the community.

Sentencing trial postponed for former DA student

Board is moving forward with Smart Card

The District Board approved the master contract with CyberMark for implementation of the new student smart card program. As part of the program, the District is finalizing contracts with First USA for an affinity credit card program that will provide the District commissions on student participation with the credit card. Contracts for related services will follow, including a con-

De Anza takes part in the Great American Smokeout

By Shadi Rahimi
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Student Health Services took part in the 21st annual Great American Smokeout on Nov. 17. The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is a month-long nationwide effort to encourage smokers to quit.

Although the event officially took place on Nov. 19, Student Health Services decided to take part in the event two days early. This is the 12th year that Student Health Services has taken part in the event. On Tuesday, November 17, Student Health Services set up a booth in the lobby of the campus center where many students received information and advice on quitting smoking, and were given free fortune cookies with anti-smoking messages. Also at the booth, Student Health Services handed out “survival kits,” with gum, candy, pamphlets, and “Take Charge” smoker helpline cards. Students were also able to enter a drawing for a sweatshirt and C.D. case after completing a tobacco quiz.

Despite numerous efforts by the American Cancer Society to eliminate smoking, an estimated thirty percent of people ages 18-25 in the U.S. smoke. Furthermore, everyday approximately 6,000 people under age 18 start their first cigarette. Student Justin Cordova said, “I’m not smoking, but I’m addicted and it’s difficult to quit.”

At the Student Health Services Center, various materials are taken year-round on campus to inform and help smokers quit. Pamphlets and newsletters offer advice and information about smoking at the center. Furthermore, Mary Loew, Health Educator at the center, is working on an instruction book, titled “Celebrating Cessation: De Anza College’s Little Instruction Book for Quitting Tobacco.” The book will contain stories and advice from tobacco addicts; specifically De Anza faculty, staff, and students. Loew is still accepting contributions, and addicts are encouraged to submit their advice to Student Health Services, where the book will be available when finished.

Mary Donahue, P.E. Division and faculty advisor of the Outdoor Club, offers her advice in the book.

New Juice



Students enjoy fresh smoothies at the Natural Juice bar offers students healthy, on-the-run a... Center. In addition to a variety of smoothies and sweet grass shots - “Mother Nature’s ver... Jason Strutz, the most popular smoothies are...

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