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Deonce Whitaker, Joslynn Gallop and Liz Garcia spoke in front of 75 seventh-graders Thursday at Sylvandale Middle School. The athletes are part of an ongoing program by SJSU to promote the importance of good grades. The athletes expressed the idea that kids can accomplish anything they want if they put their head to it.

# Athletes drum up grades

D.S. Perez

About 75 seventh-graders sat on the yellow tiles of the Sylvandale Middle School cafesylvandate white school care-teria Thursday afternoon, star-ing at the large figures who were speaking to them.

They watched silently, occa-sionally having to stand up and

answer — or at least raise their hand — for the man who was pacing back and forth in front of them, a soft-voiced gentleman who held his hands behind his

The man who was dressed in the same blue and gold that matched the stage — and the little boards that held left-over Valentine's Day cards — also had a 1998 total of 1,214 kickoff return yards, an NCAA I-A sin-gle-season football record.

"Why should you stay in school?" Deonce Whitaker, the San Jose State University run-ning back, asked the children. He gestured to Angel Lunczok, who grudgingly stood up and

"So you can get a good job, a lot of money and not be a bum,"

Along with Whitaker were

SJSU athletes Joslynn Gallop of the volleyball team and Liz Garcia of the water polo team. The three athletes were there on behalf of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program at SJSU to tell the children the necessity of a college education, the hard work it takes to be both a student and an athlete and define terms such as grade point average, scholar-ships and the National Collegiate Athletics Association. The program — which stands for CHallenging Athlete's Minds for Personal Success — is

designed to help athletes contribute to the community and prepare them for post-athletic life, said Lawrence Fan, sports information director at SJSU.

Fan said the program is one that Chuck Bell started in 1998 to provide a learning opportuni-ty for student athletes and prepare them for life after gradua-

The talk at the middle high school would fall under the commitment to public service.

Fan and Ron Hannon, director of the SJSU program, said the CHAMPS/Life Skills has five components, one of which is a

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# Gays dispute Knigh

Erin Mayes

Opponents of Proposition 22 spoke out against what they are calling a "divisive measure," Thursday at the amphitheater next to the Student Union.

Proposition 22, the protection of marriage initiative, declares, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid and recog-

and a woman is valid and recog-nized in California."

Meaning, even if people in homosexual relationships marry in a state where same-sex mar-riages are legal, California will not recognize their marriages.
"It's not about protecting mar-

riage, it's about excluding it," said Jennifer Rycenga, an instructor in the comparative religious studies department and member of the campus based organization, Queer Revolution. "There is no elective measure more heinous than voting

on the civil rights of a minority."

Rycenga said the proposition is meant to divide the "have-nots" so they will not be able to organize effectively.

She said she is concerned about "material benefits" that married couples receive, such as shared insurance, hospital visitations, the ability to adopt a child and inheri-

tance rights.
"Marriage is not only about affection or (else) we would not have seen a television show like to Marry



Kohjiro Kinno / Spartan Daily

From left; Rene Navarra, Jennifer Rycemga, Ross Nakasone and Kristin Noel speak against Proposition 22 in front of students Thursday at the Student Union amphitheatre. If Proposition 22 passes, only marriage between a man and woman would be recognized in California.

Multimillionaire.

Ross Nakasone is a field orga-nizer for the No on Knight Campaign, which is opposed to the proposition.

He said the proposition is try-

ing to govern "the most intimate relationships people share with one another."

The No on Knight Campaign has been organized to get citizens to vote against initiatives proposed by California Senator Peter

"I'm unclear as to how it would protect marriage," Nakasone said.
"It attacks civil liberties."

Kristen Noel said she is planning her own same-sex marriage, and the proposition is very hurtful

To walk through the neighborhoods and see the Yes on 22' signs feels like a stab wound," Noel said. I feel that there is enough hate, intolerance and sadness in the world that we should be celebrating love where it is found.

and said being married would help create a bond as a family, regard-

less of gender.
She said she is discouraged by people who don't have a problem with homosexuals but also don't want them to marry because they feel marriage is a sacred bond between a man and a woman.

"Gays and lesbians are people, human beings who want to enter into marriage," Noel said. "I'm getting married because I'm in love."

Nakasone said the wording of the pressition is meant to trick

the proposition is meant to trick voters into voting in the opposite direction of their intentions.
A "Yes" vote will not allow

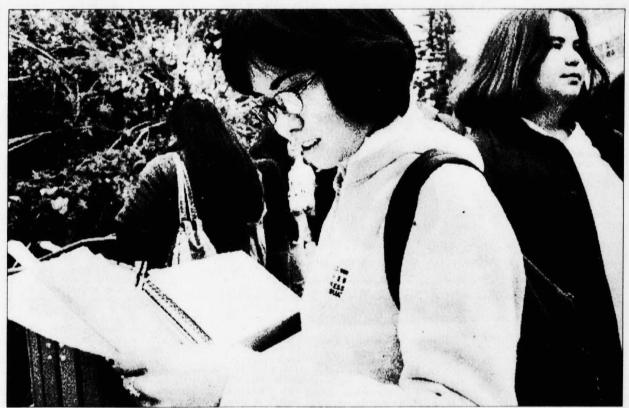
same-sex marriages to be recognized in California, while a "No" vote leaves the present status of homosexual marriages unchanged.

Currently, same-sex marriages are not allowed in California, although Vermont recently legalized them.

"I do find it incredibly restricting, and I think of it as beating a dead horse," said illustration major Joanne Shweid of Proposition 22.
"I see no reason why that salt should be poured in."

Few people seemed to know about the gathering, which took place from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday.

There were less than a dozen audience members and three main



Lexey Swall / Spartan Daily

Nga Nguyen, a junior accounting major, studies for a test. Center after her class was interrupted by a fire alarm. According to Thursday while waiting to be let back into the Boccardo Business UPD, the alarm was set off accidentally by campus facilities staff.

# The high points of pot legalization

Hugo Jiménez

The solution to overcrowded prisons and preventing drug dealers from having easy access to potential customers would be to legalize marijuana, according to members of a panel to discuss

marijuana. The panel discussion put on by Tau Delta Phi Fraternity on Wednesday evening in the Engineering Auditorium brought together a law-enforcement offi-cer, a marijuana advocate, a San Jose State University professor that suffers from glaucoma and a

recovering drug-addict. Although the theory that mariuana serves as a "gateway drug" that will lead to use of harder drugs such as methamphetamines and heroin is unfounded. Dale Gieringer, representative of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. He

said having to buy marijuana drug dealers that also sell harder drugs is how marijuana use leads to other drug use. "Marijuana

is a gateway drug. It's a Gieringer gateway to the dealers of the

harder drugs," Gieringer said. Gieringer added that another roblem with marijuana — or any other drug being illegal is people being put in prison without receiving any help for their addic-tions. He also said one of the main reasons why such a harmless drug is illegal is to promote jobs in

law enforcement.
"It is a kind of job creation. It

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**Boccardo Business** Center after a fire alarm, which sounded for about 25 minutes Thursday, shut off. Some stu-

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dents were taking midterm exams when the false alarm started.

Toyoshiba / Special to the Daily

# **LETTERS**

# **Crime at SJSU** out of control

swear to God, this town is going to burn to the ground one day. I have been noticing certain things about this town, and this school, which makes me ashamed that I live here.

I must admit that I am not from here, and the only reason I live here is because of school.

During the weekend of Feb. 18 to 20, so many acts of crime and hatred occurred right in front of us that it makes my head spin. For those of you who are unaware of what I am talking about, let

me fill you in.
On Friday night, the ATO fraternity threw a hittle party that was shut down early because of noise complaints. After the party broke up, Kenny Nears (a football player here at SJSU) got shot in the leg outside the Spartan Market, located on Eighth and Williams streets. That same night, at the same party, a fight broke out which sent SJSU football player David Coats to the hospital.

I wonder if those who live in the dorms know that they live only a block away from each incident. But these are only a few events that you might have heard of.

What you might have not heard of was the six cars broken into in the parking lot of the Delta Gamma Sorority. The suspect caught lives only two blocks from the sorority house and the school. Or maybe you haven't heard of the all out bar fight, which occurred at the Mission Ale House Saturday night. Even the bouncers and bartenders could not control this one. It carried into the street where individuals were beat uncon-

In the two years that I have lived here, I myself have seen my share of crime. A year ago some friends of mine were walking back from the bars to their house, when gunshots were fired outside the Jack in the Box located just west of campus. My friends were not hit, but still this should not be happening.

In September, I was jumped by three guys just outside of my house. I got away, but still - outside of my house! I also recall a friend of mine once had "rouphies" put in her drink at a party, a friend being-beaten in her car, and another being beaten

for a bike.

This school and community has no sense of decency and respect. When crimes are being committed at such a fast pace, we all tend to simply turn our heads and say, "This can never happen to me." Well, let me let you in on a little secret, just give it time. Especially in this town.

Asher Spittler RTVF

# Crucifying shouldn't be a Christian practice

People who sometimes don't say what they mean are different from mean people.

By mean people, I'm referring to the judgmental, self-righteous folks who mistake their own reflection for that of a divine being.
Usually, these folks can be dis-

missed as narrow-minded, compassionless jerks.

Easy enough. I can accept that some people are less blessed with insight than others.

However, when someone's condemning attitude is disguised as "Christian," I find it harder — if not impossible — to excuse.

I was listening to talk radio

Wednesday morning when a man called in to discuss his concerns regarding John McCain.

I also have several concerns regarding McCain — as I do with all the candidates.

But, this guy was concerned with the fact that McCain divorced his first wife after returning from Vietnam and then married his cur-

Apparently, the radio call-in guy's problem was that a prospective pres-



ident of the United States had - several decades ago — committed the unforgivable sin of getting a divorce. His excuse for passing judgment on a man he had never met was that he was a Christian conservative.

As I listened to him speak on the sanctity of marriage and on the evils of divorce, I thought, "Oh, I guess I missed the announcement about changing the definition of 'Christian' from a follower of Christ to a new synonym for 'pretentious ass.'"

Although I was angered by this man's tone of self-proclaimed moral authority, the reality is that Christians are often — and unfortunately, rightly so — perceived as judgmental. This distresses me.

As a Catholic and therefore a member of the Christian community, I have to wonder which holy book these mortal deities are reading.

This is not an attempt to gather converts to the Christian faith. This is a reminder to pompous practition-

ers of what Christianity should be.

My expectation is not that
Christians always be kind and
patient or that they always do the right thing.

A religious belief does not exempt one from his or her own humanness. However, I do expect people who call themselves Christian to at least

attempt to exemplify the life of Jesus.

Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't remember Jesus ever saying that, as his followers, we have the right to

banish sinners to hell.

I do recall something about loving your Lord God with all of your heart and loving your neighbor as you

would yourself.
I also recollect some advice about removing the specks from one's own eyes before removing the plank from another's eye.

Translation: Fix your own faults before pointing out someone else's.

Of course, Christians' beliefs obligate them to proclaim the truth as they understand it. Very rarely does

this proclamation require words.
When it does, as in giving solicited advice to a friend, it does not need to be critical or cruel.

Jesus did not concern himself with judging others. He concerned himself with treating people — especially the lepers and prostitutes — as the sons and daughters of God.

OK, I realize that for non-religious folk this whole column may seem preachy, and I may seem self-rightous That's fine.

My hope is that those who call themselves Christians will consider what that word actually means and use it correctly.

> Christina Lucarotti is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "Friday Confession" appears Fridays.

# "NEVER MIND THE FLAG CONTROVERSY— THIS IS ABOUT PRESERVING THE RIGHT TO BUY THE GOVERNMENT"



# McCain loses respect, votes with bigotry

t is an ugly reality. Everyone is a target of some kind of racial slur or derogatory comment. Chink," "fob," "nip" — I've "Chink." heard it all.

But for a presidential candidate to casually use the term "gooks" is completely unacceptable.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, a

Republican candidate, used the word "gooks" to refer to the men who held him and other prisoners of war in North Vietnamese camps. McCain used that word in an article in U.S. News and World Report in 1973 and again in October aboard his campaign bus while chatting with reporters.

When the San Jose Mercury News asked him about it Thursday, McCain did not even attempt to deny it or show any hint of remorse. Instead, the unapologetic McCain said: "I hated the gooks and I will hate them for as long as I live."

With the Vietnamese communi-

ty in an uproar — and rightly so — McCain stressed that he specifi-cally used the word to refer to the men who held him prisoner and not the Vietnamese people in gen-

Even so, he doesn't seem to understand when he refers to one person with a racial slur, he demeans and upsets an entire group of people.



STAFF WRITER

He's even attempted to justify by saying "gook" was commonly used term among the soldiers. But there are many words used then that would be considered inappropriate now, such as "the N-word," for instance. Granted, McCain has ample

reason to feel the way he does. He was a POW for more than five years, with two years in solitary confinement. McCain said he was so severely tortured that he attempted suicide twice, and that he still cannot raise his hands above his head because of the injuries he received in prison.

While his feelings of anger are

warranted, they still do not give any man — let alone a man of his

stature — the right to recklessly use hate speech. As a presidential candidate, he is supposed to have high public consciousness and a regard for others.

Knowing he is under scrutiny 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he should be more aware of his speech as not to promote the hate of Asian groups.

When the cameras are turned

off and he's in the privacy of his own home, he is certainly welcome to spew every four-letter word and racial slur in the dictionary for the politically incorrect.

Although McCain said he has recovered from his brutal past, using the term nonchalantly shows he still holds contempt for the Vietnamese.

It shows he still holds a deep grudge. If he didn't, he would have used different words such as "my captors" or "the interrogators." But I suppose you can't expect such a vast vocabulary from someone who compares himself to "Star Wars" hero "Luke Skywalker" bat-tling Texas Gov. "Darth" Bush.

Not only have the Vietnamese been deeply affected by his remark, but so have other Asian

The term 'gook' is equivalent to 'chink' in the Chinese American community. It's offensive to all of and especially to

Vietnamese because it's so fresh in their history," said Daphne Kwok, the executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans, in an article in the San Francisco Chronicle.
McCain's ignorance has put his

entire campaign in jeopardy — as

According to the 1990 U.S. census, Asians and Pacific Islanders are California's second largest minority group. San Jose and Orange County have the largest population of Vietnamese whose party affiliation is largely Republican.
With the upcoming California

primary, the most pivotal stage in the presidential race, McCain may have already lost some votes from the Asian community. He has certainly lost mine.

I'm outraged that McCain, someone who I actually considered as the next president of the United States, had the nerve to say such a

disparaging word.

While he has the right to say anything he wants, I expect a could-be president of the United States to act as a leader and role model for this country. I expect such a person to end prejudices, not encourage them.

Trisha Santos is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer

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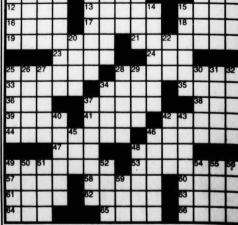
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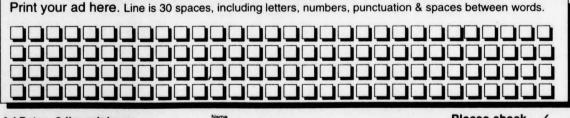
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# Kids

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As for the impact of the athletes speech, it impressed the teachers, who hoped their students would grasp how important education - and discipline

"This was a great thing," said Pam Micali, a seventh-grade teacher at Sylvandale. "They (the junior high students) are not ready of the discipline of a university like Santa Clara University

"They need to start trying (to get disci-plined) now," she continued. "They need to smash this idea of a free ride through athletics, the thought that they don't need to apply themselves. Some think they can just be a good athlete and end up being Joe Montana

Micali said the lack of discipline in junior high students may be the reason the state of California comes near the bottom in national testing.

"If you know you can graduate with bad grades, why strive for good grades?" she

In the auditorium speech, Whitaker explained the term grade point average to the children, and told them maintaining a 2.0 GPA — making A's, B's and C's — is important for students who wish to compete as athletes.

"Everyone's watching you as a student athlete," Whitaker said. "It's important to

The three also told students a smattering of college life. The seventh-graders were amazed that classes could be held every other day, for only 45 minutes, and some classes could be really easy.

Garcia brought down the students' amazement when she said that some of these classes also require 10-page essays or three-day exams.

Some students already knew that Cindy Portilla said her sister goes to SJSU, and even though she couldn't recall what her big sister majors in, she knows the workload her sibling has to deal with.

Lunczok was still amazed with the prospect of 45-minute classes.

"I know, those sound so easy," Lunczok "But those short classes probably teach like heck.

Whitaker said he had to lead by exam-ple in his family, as the sociology major is ple in his family, as the sociology major is the oldest of his family. He stressed to them that they should at least listen to what they had to say about what lies ahead in life, academically. "Sometimes I wish I had a time machine — then I would have paid atten-tion in my science classes," Whitaker said.

Some students may have been intimidated by the size of the athletes at first most of the children barely reached the shoulders of 5-foot-3-inch Garcia.

"Yeah, we must have been giants in there," Garcia laughed afterward.

After explaining what water polo was to the crowd of 12-year-olds, Garcia put down the idea that school gets harder the higher one goes — and that life and sports are in the same category.

Garcia said sometimes she felt like crying from the stress of her schedule, but she couldn't give up.

strong person, I'm a confident person, I can overcome this," she said to the chil-

She then asked if they enjoyed school, and the number of hands was far fewer than the number of little wrists that popped up for kids wanting to be high-

"If you don't like school, than something's wrong with you," she said.

Garcia said part of the reason she came was because it was a way of getting in touch with her past.

When I was their age, friends I saw went off to college. It told me I could do it too," Garcia said. "I would like these kids to see someone who is in college and let them see they have the opportunity to do it."

Gallop told the crowd that dedication

and hard work were part of college life. For an athlete, the schedule includes managing practice, eating, homework and other life choices on precious little time.

"It's really hard ... an overload," Gallop

Gallop also mentioned life is more than sports, as she is going to SJSU to be a teacher, and she will be spending more of her life in that profession than on the volleyball court.

Micali hoped those ideas penetrated the heads of her students, who are still naive to what awaits them in the world.
"There's a lot of kids here who want to

go to college and go a long way," Micali said. "I hope a lot of what was said today has sunk in, but you never know at this age level. But in the future, one day, they'll go 'Oh yeah, I remember when those athletes came in and said that to me.

The event held at Sylvandale was a aldn't give up. change in the type of news that has been concerning SJSU athletes, where head-

# "Sometimes I wish I had a time machine then I would have paid more attention in my science classes."

- Deonce Whitaker SJSU football player

lines of arrests and attacks have been com-

Fan said the athletes' talk Sylvandale was not a public relations

"The (event) was planned ahead of time. independent of anything that has hap-pened," Fan said. "This is not a one-time

Hannon added the events are not pub-

licity stunts.
"This is also to remind the public that our athletes are people too," Hannon said.
"These athletes are doing so much for the community. Unfortunately, no one knows

According to Fan, the program had the baseball team visit the Stanford children's hospital in December. Hannon added the next event will be reading to children on National Read Across America Day, March 2. Football linebacker Jeff Wucinich and gymnast Tanika Byrd will be reading to children at J.W. Fair Junior High School.

Hannon said such visits help raise the morale of the children, as well as remind the athletes themselves there are worse things off the field.

As for the reason Garcia, Whitaker and Gallop were chosen, Fan said it was because they were the top members of

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their respective teams.

Gallop was the co-most valuable player in the Western Athletic Conference in the 1999 volleyball season, and was an honorable mention as an All-American. Garcia has been the top offensive threat for the water polo team.

Hannon added the three were also available for the time slot, as the program cannot take athletes out of classes to participate in such activities.

As he sat on the bench at the end of the day, Whitaker summarized his visit to

"It's cool to be sitting down with all of these kids and being back in this atmosphere," said Whitaker, who has gone to schools to talk before. "It reminds you that you were once this small and in their posi-tion, hearing the bells and loudspeakers."

Luis Luna, who was sweeping the bench areas with a broom, then told Whitaker he wanted to play on the Spartan football team when he grew up.
"Oh yeah, what jersey you want to wear?" Whitaker asked.

Luna replied, "17."
"The "The bear asked whitaker asked."

"That's my number," joked Whitaker — who really wears No. 21. "Don't worry, I'll have them wash it for

# Pot

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law enforcement," Gieringer said. ization of marijuana," he said.

SJSU sociology professor Terry Savage, who spent two years

MacDonald also believes creating with the San Jose Police

"I was in college for 10 years to the police department does not receive a Ph.D. After 13 years of spend much time on finding mariteaching, I make \$50,000 a year," juana dealers or cultivators. MacDonald said. "A person who Savage said possession of less than just has a GED can become a correction's officer and start with a california is a misdemeanor, punsalary of \$53,000 a year."

MacDonald said the high beauty application of the policy of the policy beauty application.

Moulton said people who are along with the use, they have also caught in possession or under the committed other crimes such as influence of drugs should not be probation violations. sent to prison because it's more of a diseas

alcohol use.

that started my addiction," he said. Moulton said he is recovering

abuse, he said it is the only illegal

San Jose Police Sgt. Scott said he believes that Savage "absolutely" no drug, not even marijuana, should be legalized.

"Imagine the message we would creates jobs in drug prevention and be sending to kids with the legal-

law enforcement jobs is part of why Department's narcotics unit, said drugs such as marijuana are illegal. although marijuana use is illegal I was in college for 10 years to the police department does not

MacDonald also said the high he said, people who are caught culnumber of prisons that have been tivating marijuana might have to built in California in the last 30 years face jail time, depending on the is only due to the rise of people being district attorney. Savage added arrested for drug use and possession. most of the people who go to jail for Recovering drug addict Joseph drug use often go to jail because

The three other panel members isease. said they thought legalizing mari-"You wouldn't stick a person in juana would be best.

"You wouldn't stick a person in jail just because they have AIDS or cancer, but prisons are full of drug juana was made illegal by the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937. He have of the reason it was illegal by the care of the reason it was illegal by the provided in the reason it was illegal by the Moulton said.

Moulton added he believed said part of the reason it was illemarijuana served as a "gateway drug" for him, although he said his time. "Reefer Madness" portrayed commit violent acts.

Other than that, MacDonald says, there are no studies that abuse, he said it is the only illegal was just as high as those who did-substance that should be legalized. n't smoke marijuana.

# Pageant to be held

Staff Report

Vietnamese students from several Bay Area colleges and high schools are scheduled to be on hand Saturday for the Vietnamese Student Association's in Morris Dailey pageant Auditorium.

This will be the biggest show that the VSA has ever put on," said Tho Nguyen, emcee of the We have invited students from

UC Davis, De Anza and West Valley College, as well as other area colleges, to come and join in the show," Nguyen said. There will also be non-students and high

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school students attending, Nguyen said.

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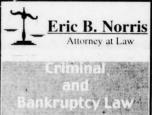
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