

Fans get the shaft, money talks

WHEN was the last time professional baseball players thought about their fans? It wasn't anytime in the past decade and it definitely isn't now.

Pro baseball players have much better things to devote their time to, such as getting more money.

Money, money, money.

In fact, they are so concerned with how much they are worth, they don't even care that the season will be postponed. This leaves some fans, like myself, with mixed feelings.

I find it hard to feel any pity for the players who demand they be paid a starting salary of \$105,000. I can't think of any other field in which someone would be hired on as a neophyte at \$105,000. Why study to be a lawyer if so much money can be made throwing a ball and hitting it with a stick?

Now, the owners are offering the players \$90,000. I'm sorry, but this is not exactly scraping the bottom of the barrel. But, the players just will not accept this pay; they want \$15,000 more. This, of course, doesn't account for the benefits all players enjoy.

And, the players would be paid this salary even if they just sat on the bench the entire season.

Another concern the players are fighting their owners over is whether they should have a two-year or three-year period before they can receive salary arbitration.

In other words, baseball players want to

SPORTS FORUM



By Jill McLaughlin

be awarded even more money than their starting salary within two years instead of waiting three years to see how much they are really worth. If the player is worth anything at all, he will prove himself anyway.

So, because of these few disputes between the team owners and snout-nosed players, the fans will not be watching any games on April 2, formerly the opening day.

WITHOUT fans, baseball is nothing. The game exists because of the fans and I don't see one player who is concerned at all about the fans. It's as if the people who fill the stands don't exist.

This isn't what a ball game was created for. We reward the ones who are outstanding and we don't reward those who can't cut it.

The players today want to be rewarded no matter how they play and they could care

less about the people who faithfully watch them.

Despite the price fans pay for tickets, game programs, parking and food these faithful still flock by the millions to watch a good number of fat, lathargic, tobacco-chewing, money-hungry and pampered babies.

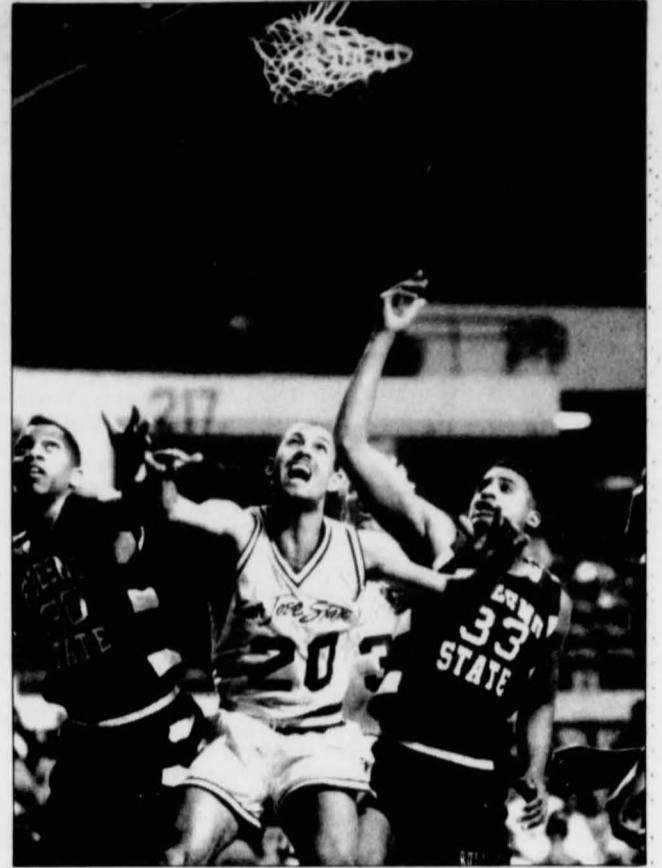
These athletes serve as roll models to the children of this country. It's bad enough that superstars like Jose Canseco don't bother showing up for autograph signing sessions.

The practice of letting down those bright-eyed youngsters in little league uniforms is running rapidly through baseball like an epidemic would run through an elementary school. These kids just might as well idolize Wall Street's Gordon Gecco.

The same youngsters don't seem to be having problems starting their baseball seasons around the country, even on their meager salaries of nothing. Why does little league continue? Maybe because young players play for the excitement of the sport. This is where real baseball still thrives.

I say the owners should bring in minor league players and fire the professional idiots they are dealing with now.

Maybe we could go back to watching real baseball instead of watching a bunch of fools running around the diamond with no other concern than good old American cash. *Jill McLaughlin is an Associate Editor*



Kelly Davis — Daily staff photographer

REACHING FOR IT — SJSU's Andre Brooks, 20, fights for a rebound against Fresno State's Tod Bernard, 33, during Wednesday's 71-56 loss to Fresno.

Hit it!

SJSU's Lyn Cadigal executes a forehand shot in Tuesday's match against UC Davis. Lyn lost her match (0-6, 0-6). Later in doubles play with her sister, Flor, she lost (3-6, 3-6).

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We are now on the sixth week of instruction, and the Associated Students wishes you the best in all of your classes. Student involvement is the key to success at San Jose State. However, not much has been seen this spring. Well, if you haven't gotten involved in the past, here is your chance. Elections are coming March 28th and 29th. Here is your chance to make your voice count.

Also, there are a lot of committee positions open. Applications are available in the A.S. Chambers. And remember, board meetings are every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Chambers. Everyone is welcome.

Remember, this school is yours. GO SPARTANS!
Damian Trujillo
Director of communications

ETHNIC OUTLOOK

Hello, my name is Andrew Flores, and I'm your Director of Ethnic Affairs for A.S. The purpose of this "Outlook" is to inform the student population at San Jose State of the many ethnic events that are happening on campus. But first of all, I would like to thank the Greeks who participated in the African Step Show and the contributors who made Black Awareness Month a success. The following are upcoming programs which might interest you:

1. **RAZA DAY** on March 26th in the Student Union
2. **INTERNATIONAL FOOD BAZAAR** will be held once again on April 25th and 26th.
3. **CINCO DE MAYO** Committee meets every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the A.S. Chambers to organize the upcoming festivities that will take place on May 4th on 7th Street and later that night in the SUREC, with bands performing live. Come to the meetings and help out. I'll keep you posted on our progress.

The second purpose of this newsletter is to inform the student population at San Jose State that your Director of Ethnic Affairs is more than willing to listen to any grievance you might have about this campus, whether it be racially or sexually motivated. If you feel that something is lacking on campus, bring it to my attention and I will make sure that the right people do something about it. The time has come for every student to be heard, and the place to speak is here. Feel free to write me a letter or call in regards to any of your concerns. You're the people who put me here, and I will do my best in the remaining months of this school year to make sure your voice is heard.

DON'T FORGET, THINK AND YOU WILL BE AWARE! DON'T BE AFRAID TO QUESTION. IF YOU FEEL THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG, QUESTION IT!

ANDREW FLORES
Director of Ethnic Affairs

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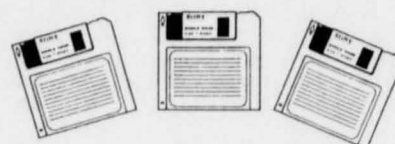
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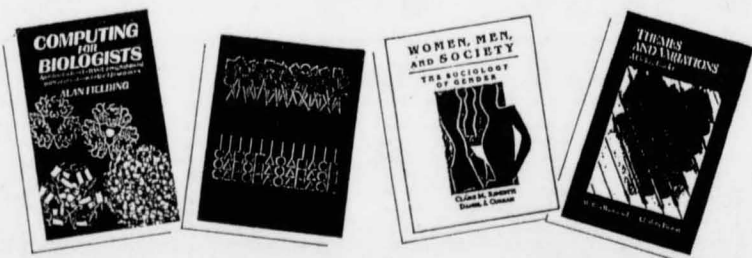
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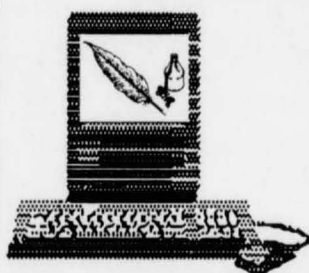
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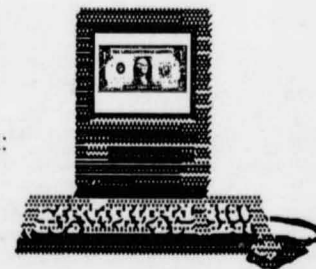
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