Community reacts to slayings

Gathering provides outlet for grieving

By Carrie Hughell
Mustang Daily

Through tears and heartache students, faculty and the community came together at Cal Poly's and Cuesta College Tuesday morning to express their feelings and remember Rachel Newhouse, Aundria Crawford and Kristin Smart.

Remember week, a week of information and action, has been planned for this week, April 25-30, for some time now, according to Juan Gonzalez, vice president of student affairs.

"Sadly, this week coincides with the announcement that investigators have positively identified the bodies of Rachel and Aundria," Gonzalez said.

With tears in his eyes Gonzalez offered words of condolence.

"We all pray for the families of these two young women. We want to express our sorrow and our outrage, that they were taken from us," he said.

Gonzalez continued that he hoped the university's decision to allow handprints to be painted.

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Nine other neighbors joined Langley at a makeshift news conference in the remote, rural Davis County Tuesday morning, to express their feelings and remember Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford.

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Handprints aren't graffiti

By Andy Castagnola
and Cathy Lee
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Handprints aren't graffiti anymore. Administrators changed the policy Tuesday.

Red handprints are no longer considered graffiti, Cal Poly administrators decided Tuesday.

Associated Students, Inc. President Dan Geis and Women's Center public relations coordinator Whitney Phanseuf wrote a letter to administrators proposing that they drop the handprints from the current graffiti policy.

Instead, Geis and Phanseuf want the handprints to be an education tool in connection with Public Safety, according to Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs.

Frank Lehens, vice president for administration and finance, responded to the letter, agreeing to establish guidelines that only allow legitimate handprints to be painted.

Lehens would not comment on the letter.

For the last two years, the university has considered the handprints — which mark the location of an assault on campus — a violation of university policy.

Tose Yaredini, English sophomore and red handprint advocate, said the university's decision to allow handprints to be painted.

"Handprints are not uncleanliness," said Yaredini.

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**Official urges students to report stalkings**

By Alexis Garbeff

Mustang Daily

During a Cal Poly female student's sophomore spring quarter, she had several classes with the same male student. That summer she coincidentally had the same job as the male student. When she showed up for classes in the fall, she found out he changed his schedule — identical to hers.

The female student became wary of the male student's presence, even though he never made a verbal threat toward her. She would notice him toward her. She would notice him off key. He started showing up there, said the female student, who continued from page 1 of her house, even after she moved. "I always thought he was a little off key. He started showing up around places, even downtown. Everywhere I would go he would be there," said the female student, who requested anonymity.

*According to California Penal Code Section 646.9 a stalker is "any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety." Knowing this definition, the female student filed a complaint with Call Public Safety and the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

"They said I could either press charges, get a restraining order or leave it alone," the female student said. "I wanted to put it on record, then if anything happened to me, they would have a basis for it.

The man finally stopped following her after she told some of her male friends. She assumes they confronted the male student.

*According to Cal Poly Investigator Mike Kenneth, many students think they have been stalked.

 Students who think they are being stalked must first file a criminal report. After a police investigation, the case moves to the San Luis Obispo District Attorney's office to be reviewed. Kenneth said most students are reluctant to reveal their identities since the suspected stalker receives a copy of the report listing the name of the accuser.

The accuser's name is necessary, Kenneth said, for police to find witnesses to the stalking. Kenneth said some students have revealed their identities, and one case is currently at the district attorney's office.

Child development senior Megan Hulsey said she would reveal her identity if she was being stalked. "I think I would report my case and reveal my identity because if I run away, the case wouldn't be followed through," Hulsey said.

"Obviously I can't keep myself protected, I would need help," Hulsey said.

Investigator Bill Miller of the district attorney's office believes victims should not be reluctant to file a police report.

"If they are being followed, and they feel victimized, they should file a report, regardless of (the stalker) has not made actual threats," Miller said.

Miller believes it is important for the police to investigate each stalking situation because the police may know something else about the stalker. In some cases the stalker may be a paeder.

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from her door.

Malouthas said Krebs "definitely thought he was macho and often talked about beer.

Malouthas said Krebs would show her patients around his room that he tucked into his jackets when he left for his job at 54 Lumber Co.

Neighbors also criticized the parking system that monitored Krebs because they were not informed by parole officials when he returned to the area.

"We applied for the parole officer to have access to criminal records from other areas such as this," Mary Ann Vasconcelos said with birds chirping in the background. "We believe the goal of law enforcement focused too much on protecting Rex Krebs." Krebs rented a small apartment at 3880 Davis Canyon Drive. He told the owner of the house he had spent time in prison, but had been released in the 1987 sex offenses, according to neighbors.

The owner believed his tenant. She rented a room to him for eight months, never mentioning to neighbors that Krebs was a sex offender.

Neighbors were not aware of the recent kidnappings and murders Krebs allegedly committed.

Neighbors commented frequently during a pickle house interview with the Fresno Bee. Krebs called himself a "monster" and asked for his story that happened here.

"If we see a different vehicle, we call our neighbors to check up," said Vasconcelos, who stated that few neighbors have phones or electricity.

Surrounded by three TV cameras and several journalists, neighbors said they couldn't watch the night's news cast, because many of them do not have TVs.

Neighbors seemed to be in good spirits and have bonded through this tough ordeal.

"We all know what kind of cars we run away, the case wouldn't be followed through," Hulsey said.

"Those cases only underscore the importance of Take Back the Night but said they thanked us for supporting the handprint campaign, and most of them were removed.

Conner said she thinks the Rachel Newhouse and Aurora Crawford cases only underscore the importance of the handprints.

"It seems as if the handprints are gone, awareness will be lowered. It may put students in a false sense of security during this time," Navarro said.

Correction policy

Mustang Daily publishes corrections on its own and in its own voice as soon as we are told about a mistake by any one — our staff, an unsolicited reader, or an aggrieved reader who is passionately loved by the object of her stalking. She goes to great lengths to contact the person with her delusion, usually wealthy or more famous.

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handprints is a victory for all women. Ermelinda de la Yezand y and five other students gathered signatures in front of administration offices to keep the handprints.

"The Women's Center suggested we get 1,500 signatures, or no one is going to look at the petition," petitioner Jenna Conner said.

Yezand y said they collected about 850.

"I want to graduate knowing future Cal Poly students will be aware that violence can happen here and they need to be careful," Conner said. Other students supported Conner.

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"I think it is wrong for the administration to look at the handprints as vandalism. It is self-awareness. My friends and I are more aware when we see them," said Ashley Uyeda, a psychology freshman.

Early Spring, an environmental engineering freshman, signed the petition and agrees with Uyeda.

"I think it is a positive image. And to let people recognize what happened, it is not a bad thing," Starr said.

Aida Navarro, a social science junior and petitioner, said the petition is specifically directed toward administrators who do not support the handprints.

"We do not mean to direct this to all of the administration. Some of the administration have shown support and signed the petition," Navarro said.

Conner said they do not have a problem with the administration, but simply don't agree with its policy.

"Conner and Navarro are not part of Take Back the Night but said they support it.

"We did it on our own, and they thanked us for supporting the handprints," Navarro said.

Conner said they put up 100 fliers on campus yesterday to promote their petition.

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Students protest PAC parking

Group gathers in front of Performing Arts Center lot

By Steven Geringer
Mustang Daily

More than 15 people marched down Grand Avenue Tuesday protesting event parking regulations. Students are required to pay a $32 fee in order to park in an event parking lot. For an event parking lot is considered to be "the most convenient or close-in parking" according to a Public Safety brochure.

"We are out here to prove that we aren't going to be quiet," said Rachel Raymond, a member of the Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors for the College of Liberal Arts. "We want (the administration) to realize that the students are a priority."

Protesters say safety is a main issue and chose signs that reflected their opinions. Some signs read, "We shouldn't have to park in the dark" and "Park at your own risk."

By Steven Geringer

"We arc out here to prove that we
are doing the right thing.
"They should be upset, and so am I," Carr said. "It's very unfair. These students are forced to park way down the lot where there is no protection. The same thing will happen to the students that have happened with the missing girls."

Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez said both parties must realize that they need to understand each other's perspectives. Gonzalez said "We, the students need to spend time with the students, and in a real earnest manner, and understand exactly what the concerns are."

Computer science senior Vinh Pham said that he chose to protest because he felt that students are not getting equal representation.

"I think that the first-class customer of the university must be the students," he said. "The patrons have become first-class and we have been downgraded to second-class."

Assistant Director of Cal Poly's Women's Center Mary Pat White said she questions who the university is listening to.

"Like everyone else, I am appalled at what happened to the three women," said White. "I want to be a part of making this campus safer. It's a safety issue and I have to ask, 'who is this university for, the students or the patrolmen?'"

Concern: Students and staff say they are worried about their safety walking across parking lots at night.

Cal Poly faculty lobbying in Sacramento this week

Political science professor and Cal Poly California Faculty Association President Phil Feltzer marched up to Sacramento Tuesday along with hundreds of other CFA members.

CFA, which represents the 20,000 faculty members of the California State University system, spent all day Tuesday lobbying with the legislature at the state Capitol. Thursday, the CFA plans to hold a news briefing, "A State of Emergency at CSU," at noon. At 5 p.m. CFA will hold a demonstration during Chancellor Charles Reed's speech at the LWSK Conference.

CFA is heading to Sacramento on Thursday with some goals in mind.

The faculty wants to explain the need for additional funding based on increased enrollment and workload. The members also want the CSU to provide health benefits for the increasing number of part-time lecturers employed by the system.

ASI elections begin today with free lunch for voters

Associated Students Inc. candidates hope to spark a higher voter turnout in this week's election than in previous years. Voting for the ASI election will take place today and Thursday.

Voter participation higher ever reached above 10 percent of the student population, said chair of the board candidate Rachel Raymond.

The criminal investigation of Rex Allan Krebs may have overshadowed this year's ASI election, she said, "ASI elections really are not the big deal now," Raymond said.

The candidates have made a strong effort to get the word out about the elections, the engineering senior said.

Free and frequent meetings with student clubs are some ways the candidates try to get the attention about ASI, said Damien Johnson, also running for chair of the board.

A hot dog barbecue, hosted by Johnson and John Moffatt, the sole candidate running for ASI president, produced a crowd of about 300 students Tuesday.

"We really try to bring students in," Johnson said.

Moffatt said offering cheap food helped lure the students in.

"A good way to the mind is through the stomach," Moffatt said.

Other candidates running in the ASI elections are Darren Cordova, Kevin Gemini and Kris Elliot for the College of Agriculture; Melissa Varack, Abhaya Maniar, Raji Dhamdha, Sean Cooley, Eric Held and Teddy Lantern for the College of Business; Brian Caruso and Liberty Lewis for the College of Architecture; Lewis Smith for the College of Science and Mathematics; and Sam Abome, James Owens, and Patrick Finucane for the College of Engineering.

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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

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Representative's report

ASI Programs & Service Committee

Meetings: Thursdays from 3:30 PM in UU 220

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ASI This Week

SAVE CAL POLY!

• The future of Cal Poly is at stake!
• We chose Cal Poly for its good reputation, now we're responsible for maintaining it!

Urgent Issue:
Your state Senator/Assemblyperson is voting May 13th to revise the state budget. Write a letter to help lobby for $390 million of state money for Cal Poly.

Who: All students and faculty of Cal Poly.

What: We've got the letters printed-out, just stop by and sign on the dotted line. It'll only take 1 minute.

When: Now! Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: ASI Executive Office, upstairs in the UU (UU220)

Why: It's your school; it's your obligation to fight to preserve its reputation.

Save us from the Poly Plan
Write a letter today!

Club Events

ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB OR CLUB EVENT HERE, COMPLIMENTS OF ASI

Pick up forms in ASI Executive Office (UU220)

Encourage the state to provide additional funding! Pick up a letter in the ASI Executive Office (UU220) today!

Bike for Thursday, only $5.00 UU Plaza

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. wheelie/white lightnings

Friday, Day of Cal Poly, Thursday, May 6. Open from 11 -12, 33-28th. Reception at UU Gallery 12:30 -3 p.m.

College of Agriculture Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00 -6:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00 -6:00 p.m. in Building 5, Room 211 (lobby).

College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 3/20 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in Building 5, Room 305.

College of Engineering Council Meetings are held every Monday from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Liberal Arts Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. in Building 10, Room 241.

College of Science and Math Council Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in UU219.
Remembering our lives and our friends

Looking up into the infinite darkness of the ceiling, I began to think about my life. I remembered, "I remember living in the house as a child, totally startled and confused. During that time, I hurt, and crying was no stranger. I remember my family being strong and making regular visits to the hospital, praying and hoping for the best. I watched my mother lose a head full of black silky hair as she covered her scalp with a scarf. During my mother's infection with cancer, I remember my father saying, "Cancer is nothing but a name to God." This experience taught me to be strong and have faith in the midst of trouble. My mother is alive and healthy today thanks to the prayers and faith of my family."

As I left high school and attended my first year in college, I knew all my friends would stay healthy and grow old, just like me. I remember receiving a phone call at home that two friends were killed in two separate car accidents.

These were people I went to school with. I remember playing baseball in front of my house with my buddy, Dwight. He used to hit home runs over the apartment complex, and now he's dead. How could this be? I remember how close I was with friends, someone I cared about, beautiful and talented with a promising future, and she's dead too. I didn't want to believe it, but we had real friends dead and gone. These experiences taught me to respect and cherish life, because tomorrow is not promised to anyone.

As I lay there on the bed, I thought about the hard work my father put into raising my family. Every morning he would wake up around 4 a.m., take a shower and drive to work. He always told his brother and me that he wanted the best for us. I remember he would bring us lunch at school from Taco Bell about twice a week, and all the other kids would want a piece of my taco or burns. My father did all the little things and was always there for us. His favorite words to this day are, "Son, I want you to do better than I did. Work hard, love your family, and keep God at the head of your life."

As I share some of my life experiences, I ask you to take some time to simply reflect upon your life experiences. It is important to realize the origins of who you are, and how you came to be. Never forget where you came from.

Let us keep the families of Kristen Stant, Rachel Newman, Andrea Crawford, Columbine High School victims and the people of Kosovo in our prayers.

Dennis Johnson Jr. is a journalism senior.

Victim of assault says red handprints are necessary

Editor:

I am writing to comment on the controversies surrounding the red handprints that serve as reminders of the locations where assaults have taken place on campus. I believe that the university's negative attitude shows a great deal of ignorance and disrespect. As a survivor of multiple assaults, I have seen how courage, even totally ignorant, must be. We need to remember that the people around us, even those who seem to help, can hurt us.

In an assault, the attacker attempts to make the woman he attacks feel that he has power to control her against her will — that she is worthless and helpless. The ignorance of those who seek help can only compound the problem. By encouraging and trying to cover up the handprints, Cal Poly is sending the message that the attackers were right, the survivor is helpless, and her message is unimportant. Taking away these symbols suggests that we, the survivors, have something to hide, that our own worth and safety is far less important than the school's image to the public. We cannot accept this.

No handprints mark the places I was assaulted, for this happened before I came to Cal Poly. Yet it is easy for me to recognize the value of the handprints. They serve not only as memorials to wrong acts against innocent people, but to open the eyes of those who

here live to recognize that assault happens everywhere.

The handprints are one beginning of empowerment, recognizing that there are ways to fight back, that we are not helpless. The administration, as well as the student community, should support and recognize the purpose of the red handprints, for until we are aware of assault, we cannot combat it.

An anonymous engineering student.

Letters to the Editor

Reader tells patrons to stop buying items from El Corral

Editor:

The consumer prices charged by El Corral Bookstore have been an issue since the beginning of winter quarter. I contend that at that time, it was changing 15 percent higher than the publisher's suggested retail price for textbooks. Based on two different studies, one that I conducted and a follow-up study by two members of Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors, both came to the same conclusion. As a result, they proposed a resolution to the ASI board. The resolution was in part, "El Corral Bookstore be strongly encouraged to lower its courseware prices to a maximum ceiling of the publisher's suggested retail price." To head off the impending vote and possible passage of this resolution, El Corral's management made concessionary statements that led many of us to believe they were, in fact, going to lower prices on their textbooks in line with the resolution. Has that happened? Not! In the latest survey conducted on April 20, textbook prices at El Corral were still 10 percent higher than the publisher's suggested retail price. Its advertisements in Mustang Daily would have us believe otherwise. This ad states in part, "An anxious lowest prices" (March 11).

Does anyone else get the impression that our bookstore is nullifying the marketing strategy of a car dealership? That is an insult to the integrity and intellect of all Cal Poly students. I am outraged by this attempt to dignify, as should every student in this university. They overcharge us, then they advertise us.

El Corral Bookstore does not deserve our patronage. Students do not have much political power at this university. What we do have is economic strength. We need to exert our dollar power. Last year the bookstore reported more than $12 million in total income, with a gross profit of more than $3 million. It made too much money off students last year to treat us in such a condescending manner. We propose we come and drown from buying anything from El Corral until it comes back our trust and patronage. The only way it can do this is to stop overcharging for textbooks. Until it removes its 10 percent courseware premium, don't buy anything from it unless you absolutely, positively, have no other choice. If all students stick together on this, we can effect change not only for ourselves, but students following us. Picket lines, anyone?

Jerry Zimmern is a kinesiology senior.
The foundation deserves thanks for helping Poly

Editor:

Ever since I've been a student here, I've had a strong dislike for the Foundation. Every time the Foundation increased its operations, I was pissed off. Whenever someone wrote to Mustang Daily about how much the Foundation sucks, I identified with them — especially Jon Wilson's anti-Foundation campaign. But I've been thinking about things for a while, and I've realized the Foundation wouldn't have gotten anywhere if it hadn't been for the administrators. I began to blame all of our problems on them. Although they do waste quite a bit of our money, they still don't have enough in the first place. That is why they invite the Foundation to help them out. If the state of California would support higher education more and quit decreasing our state funding, we wouldn't even need the Foundation. The state had given us projects. I've been in issue it the administrators. I began to hate all of my money, they still don't anywhere it it hadn't heen for the Foundation increased its operations, Foundation wouldn't have gotten the Wilson's anti-Foundation campaign. I was pissed off. Whenever someone wrote to Mustang Daily about how much the Foundation sucks, I identified with them — especially Jon Wilson's anti-Foundation campaign. But I've been thinking about things for a while, and I've realized the Foundation wouldn't have gotten anywhere if it hadn't been for the administrators. I began to blame all of our problems on them. Although they do waste quite a bit of our money, they still don't have enough in the first place. That is why they invite the Foundation to help them out. If the state of California would support higher education more and quit decreasing our state funding, we wouldn't even need the Foundation. The state had given us projects. I've been in issue it the administrators. I began to hate all of my money, they still don't anywhere it it hadn't heen for the Foundation increased its operations, Foundation wouldn't have gotten the

A vote for experience

Editor:

The recent tragedies this campus has been faced with make it easy to ignore the college life that must continue beyond our grief. Right now the goals of increasing campus safety and awareness are some of the most important for the future of Cal Poly. Rachel Raymond, candidate for Associated Students Inc. chair of the Board, has been an advocate for safety on campus since her arrival here in 1995. Whether she has been petitioning for brighter lights on campus or marching with Take Back the Night, her presence as a leader in these areas and many others has been noticeable. Raymond's commitment to student safety, increasing diversity and ethical leadership is evident when examining her numerous contributions to Cal Poly. Her involvement as a Public Safety Community Service Officer, Take Back the Night member, Multicultural Advisory Board member, and positions held over the years with ASI have shown she has the drive and experience to make real changes at Cal Poly. Raymond understands the intricate details of serving as an ASI representative, yet she won't back down to the administration when she is fighting for the students. She has stood up to the administration in the past and will continue to do so.

Even during the stressful times of last year, Raymond has continued her commitment to the clubs and activities she is involved with. She has attended every Take Back the Night meeting without fail and even helped hike up the "P" and cover it with a huge red handprint. Raymond has also assisted my roommate with an event parking protest to picket the decision to put Performing Arts Center patrons' needs over students who wish to park with their Cal Poly permit during an event. Raymond has listened to our concerns, complaints and input for making this a better university. These are only two examples among many I know on this campus who can say Raymond has helped them in some way. Every year it seems fewer and fewer students turn out to vote, and I have to admit I am usually one of the many who don't care. This year, though, we have a chance to vote for someone different. Someone with the communication skills, experience and enthusiasm to make Cal Poly the university it has the potential to be: a safe, diverse, positive learning and growing experience. Please vote for Raymond for ASI chair of the board.

Whitney Phaneuf is a journalism junior.

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ASI Election: Polling Locations

Agriculture—In front of Ag Building bridge
CAED—In front of Architecture and Business buildings
Business—Front of Business and Architecture buildings
Engineering—South side of Dexter Lawn
Science and Math—In front of Fischer Science
Liberal Arts—In front of Math and Science building.
Police arrest Lodi High student

Youth had pipe bomb at home, officers say

LODI (AP) — A 15-year-old boy has been arrested after police discovered he was manufacturing an explosive device and for possessing an explosive device at school, both felonies. The boy was being held at Peterson Juvenile Hall.

Police also arrested a 13-year-old for manufacturing and possession of an explosive device for his alleged involvement in making the bomb.

News

"We must pledge to never forget what has happened in our community and how we have been touched."

— Colleen Mitchell
organizer of Remember week

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Defying the odds, the Giants are at it again

How do the Giants manage to win? How can a team that has lost its best player to injury, lacks a No. 1 starter, and given up a league leading 12 homens be leading the National League with the most wins? It's all about putting the pieces together, and the Giants have the best man at putting together pieces in manager Dusty Baker.

Poker fans go to bat with teams that are constantly written off as base­

ment-dwellers in the offseason. They have been sticking to one strategy this year: Simply outscore your opponents. That's easier said than done with their starting pitching, or back thereof.

Other teams, like Atlanta, count on pitching to win games. That's not the Giants' style, seeing as their starting rotation is about as stable as the Titanic.

The team's supposed No. 1 starter, Mark Gardner, is on the disabled list. Kirk Rueter, the team's most depend­

able starter last year, is 1-4 with a 13.50 ERA this season.

The Giants never know which version of the team will show up: Is it the 1998 team's winner of two seasons ago or the one who struggled to a 7-12 record last year?

With this situation, the Giants are forced to find starting pitchers who can do it all. They got a converted shortstop, Joe Nathan, to pitch seven innings of shutout ball in his major league debut last night.

Their bullpen, however, remains one of the best in the game. If the starting pitching can somehow get the game to the bullpen, there is a chance the Giants can breathe a sigh of relief. That sigh turns into a cheer when closer Robb Nen comes into the game, who is as good as it gets in save opportunities this year.

Hitting has been the amazing part of the Giants' 1999 season. They keep scoring runs even though their leader, Barry Bonds, is out for 10 weeks.

Ellis Burks has been a bright spot for the Giants. He brings both power and fielding ability to right field (unlike Glanville Hill).

Jeff Kent still seems to be hitting well, as long as he gets ahead in the count. Down 0-2 in the count, it's Kent swinging at another ball in the dirt, striking out. When ahead in the count, any pitcher who tries to get a strike over will surely pay with a Kent double in the gap.

With Baker at the helm, the Giants will continue to surprise people, although they shouldn't. They've done the same thing the last two years.

Matt Sterling, who can take Barry Bonds' spot in left field but will hit ninth in the lineup, can be reached at msterst@polymail.calpoly.edu

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