**Kerry tries to appeal to young voters**

**Mike Glover**

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BOSTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Monday renewed his call for a comprehensive commitment to national service by Americans of all ages, telling college students that "change starts with you" as he proposed to tie aid for college tuition to national service.

"We cannot and we will not pass America's problems on to your generation. But the fact is, this election is not just about what we're going to do, it's about what you're going to do," Kerry said in remarks prepared for an appearance at the University of New Hampshire.

"With college tuition rising higher this year than ever before, it's time to make four years of college affordable and available to every single young American," Kerry said. "We'll help you pay for school, and we'll help even more if you're willing to serve your country. And together, we'll make 2004 the last year that debt and dollar signs come before degrees and dreams for the future."

While Kerry pledged to "offer a lot to young people," his prepared remarks did not specify the relationship he would offer to service.

"But like no president since John F. Kennedy, I'm going to ask young people to give something back. I'm going to ask you to serve your country to go out into your communities and teach children, be mentors, build see Kerry, page 2

**Seniors find college-linked communities stimulating**

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**Agricultural research linked to university communities**

**Jake Ashley**

MUSTANG DAILY

For those tired of wondering where the piles of produce in big chain grocery stores come from — or how long they've been sitting there — the Cal Poly Organic Farm is the answers.

The farm is expanding in Community Supported Agriculture program. Subscribing members will get a week long supply of fresh organic produce, starting in May and ending in October.

CSA members have the opportunity to pick up their box of fruits, vegetables and herbs every Monday or Thursday at the Student Experimental Farm, between 3 and 7 p.m.

Production manager and Cal Poly graduate Michael Silverman said the organically-grown produce should be enough to get you through the week.

"We'll give you enough vegetables and fruit to feed a family or household of four people for that week," Silverman said.

The purpose of a CSA program is to provide security for the farm. Members who pay the $520 for 28 weeks purchase a share of the harvest.

"It provides the farm with the resources to help hedge against the risks of farming," such as drought or flood Silverman said. "They share the risks associated with farming."

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**Campus organic production to provide members with a week long supply of fruits, vegetables and herbs**

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100 memberships this year.
When the CSA program started five years ago, the farm was drasti­cally different. Over the years, stu­dents have planted trees and cleared out rubbish in addition to incorpo­rating two more produc­tion fields.
Before that inclusion, only the Student Experimental Farm was certificated organic. The experimental farm was established in 1969 as a student laboratory for agricultural experimentation. The CSA pro­gram supports the expanded farm by covering management costs, equipment and other improve­ments.
The CSA is building a packing shed and a greenhouse, in addition to enclosing some of the land with a deer fence, Silverman said.
This spring, members may find cauliflower, carrots, arugula, esca­role, chard, kale, salad mix, beets, radishes and strawberries. During summer, members may receive tomatoes, melons (including water­melon), eggplant, celeri, corn, onions and several types of herbs.
John Phillips, horticulture and crop science professor and advis­er for the CSA, said in a press release that the program, in addi­tion to supporting the or­ganic farm, is a better way to get fruits and vegetables.

"This really is a great program for families or friends who like to cook with the freshest fruit and produce," Phillips said. "Depending on customer demand, we're also looking at offering organic eggs and expanding our orchards in 2004." In addition to advising for the program, Phillips is also a CSA member.
"It's attractive to me because it is a ready, convenient supply of very fresh produce," Phillips said. "It's diverse. A lot of things that are there in my box are kind of a nice surprise."
"But the main thing is the fresh­ness," Phillips said, adding that he likes the idea of receiving a box of produce that came from the field only a few hours before.
For those who may have missed out on the CSA program, Silverman said there may be a fall extension.
"Most students will be gone for the summer," Silverman said. "So we offer this fall extension primar­ily with the students in mind," and to those who missed out on the enrollment.
It might be a little difficult to convince students to sign up for the CSA program. Computer science senior Khaled Halsaad questioned the idea.
"It's not something I would pay for," he said. "They might change you on the quality if they take money up front."
Besides his worries of produce quality, Halsaad wonders how disciplined students would be with a week's worth of fruits and vegetables.
"I don't think students have the foresight to predict their consump­tion of produce," he said, adding that most students buy foods based on their cravings.
Earth sciences sophomore Heather Fields agreed the program probably won't work for Cal Poly students. While she tends to eat a lot of produce, she wonders whether others have the money to pay up front.
"Your average college student is probably not going to want to pay that much money, even though if you do the math it would proba­bly be a semi-good deal," Fields said.
She also feels students aren't too concerned about produce quality.
"Your average college student (says) 'I can get some dirty vegeta­bles at Food 4 Less for not very much' and they're fine with that," she said.
While subscription is limited to 100 members, family or friends can split the fee and alternate weekly pickups. The $520 cost of membership may be paid in one or two installments. To reach the CSA, you can call 756-6139.

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Eighty to 100 Los Angeles International flights were affected, other than having to land or on the ground at other airports, with delays ranging from 15 to 90 minutes, Federal Aviation Administration officials said.

All flights remained in contact with the FAA, including through an approach control facility in San Diego County that directs planes landing at LAX.

Los Angeles International, Walker said.

Fresno — A judge ruled Monday that there was sufficient evidence for Marcus Wesson to stand trial on charges he murdered nine of his children.

The ruling came at the end of a preliminary hearing that began last week. Wesson, 57, pleaded innocent to charges he murdered his 25-year-old daughter and eight of his other children ranging in age from 1 to 17. Wesson also faces charges of sexual abuse.

Defense attorneys suggested Monday that the case was a murder-suicide in which the suspect's oldest daughter shot her siblings before turning the gun on herself.

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Ephedra, once hugely popular for weight loss and bodybuilding, has been linked to 155 deaths, including that of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler a year ago.

Washington — Charities fear that potential donors may conclude it's not worth the hassle to itemize their donations if the $2,200 standard deduction some lawmakers are pressing through the House and Senate for the 2004 tax year would plateau or be eliminated.

Lawmakers starting looked into the subject a year ago when government auditors discovered a wide gap between the proceeds reaped by charities and the value of donated cars claimed on tax returns. Charities sometimes make pen­ nies on the dollar for a car's estimated value.

The gap occurs because charities typically sell donated cars at dealer auctions for wholesale prices. Donors calculate their tax deductions by estimating the car's retail value, sometimes ignoring its condition and mileage. Congress and the Treasury Department want to narrow the gap.

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World Briefs

Baghdad, Iraq — As a tenuous cease-fire held in the month-long battle for Fallujah, a radical Shiite cleric was on the retreat Monday, pulling his militiamen out of parts of the holy city of Najaf in hopes of averting a concerted attack.

Still, a U.S. commander said the American military remained to "kill or capture" the cleric, Musa al-Sadr.

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The fallout will dent power bills for years to come.

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Offspring front man reflects on personal, band success

Jonathan Slowik

LOS ANGELES When Offspring frontman Dexter Holland attended USC, he could never get KSRB, or any of its sister stations. Since leaving the Offspring, Holland had been

that they bring on in the guest vocals and local groups of the same bands. Although some of these former members, when they tried to go to a Solid Importance concert and couldn’t get in, he said, it probably wouldn’t make sense.

"They are writing longer songs about what happens to bands when they go on major labels," Holland said. "When we got signed to Columbia, we were really scared. We don’t want anything input from you guys. We want you to put out a record when you’re done, and if you guys are cool with that, then we’ve got a deal. We’ve been able to suing things ourselves, so it’s been great."

Offspring has sold out "incredible" and decreed the things that plague the punk scene today.

"What I see about punk was that it wasn’t confusing, but that it was liberating," he said. "It was about an event that drew crowds, and made it something that this group of people shared together, so the fact that our music was heard by a lot of people was exactly what I would want."

He went on to joke that William Hung, the infamous American Idol reject, was a shocker.

"You should have seen him before. He’s old stuff was actually really good," he quipped, drawing laughter from "The Beat’s Here."

Holland discussed some of the songs from their new album, "Splinter," on the air, including "The Noise," "S前瞻 Me the Details," and "The Worst Hangover Ever." Like their other albums, "Splinter" features a trademark Offspring sound, but includes several songs in which they try new things.

"The worst hangover ever is a very unique way I think people think of when they think of the Offspring," he said. "So we try a few different directions, so Splinter isn’t worried to make sure we’re not doing things that we just aren’t getting along very well anymore."

In addition to the Offspring, Holland heads up Nitro Records, the label he started in 1994. He had always wanted to have a record label, and had been inspired by other labels founded by punk rockers, such as Brett Gurewitz’s Epitaph Records. When the Offspring cohort Gurewitz needed a label, Holland pressed their records in his kitchen, and Nitro was born. After the success of "Smash," he suddenly had the startup capital he needed to expand the lineup. Holland said that he always wanted to be a band member who had a label on the side, not a record mogul, and its success has also allowed him to have enough people on staff to run the label on a day-to-day basis.

During the second half of Friday’s show, Holland showcased some Nitro bands, including A Wilhelm Scram, Ensign, the Dannen, A.E.L., Radix, T.S.O.L., the Original Sinners and touring partner The Scare. One perk as having been Holland said, was getting to meet bands that he admired, such as T.S.O.L. and the Vandals. T.S.O.L. was his favorite band and first introduced Holland to punk music.

They played me their first LP, which was really exciting, because it was something new that I hadn’t heard before."

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April 14th and 15th

CORRECTION

Inadvertently, the Mustang Daily incorrectly reported that the ASI Athletics Scholarship fee would increase $3 per quarter and that the combined fee increases would total $120 for next year. The ASI Athletic Scholarship fee is being proposed to increase $20 per quarter next year, and $5 more in each of the next two years. The quarterly increase for both the ASI Athletic Scholarship fee and Health Services fee referendum pass is approved by the President would be $35 per quarter next year. Below is a summary of key facts. More detailed facts can be found at https://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/fees/index.html.

Health Services fee
The lights went down as the silhouette of Michelle Branch walked through a cloud of pink smoke. With guitar in hand, she started Friday night’s concert with the title track from her newest album, “Hotel Paper.”

At age 20, Branch has already been a leader in the movement of women who write, sing and play their own music. The press has already used such phrases as “old soul” and “wise beyond her years” to explain her skills. And fans appreciate her for achieving popularity without succumbing to pre-fabricated pop.

Friday night, Branch showed off not only her powerful voice (that could have been heard all across campus), but her skills as a guitarist and pianist. Performing such songs as “Breathe” and “All You Wanted,” Branch captivated the audience with her commanding yet sturdy and soothing vocals. With only her voice, her guitar and the sounds of the audience singing along, Branch gave a beautiful ballad rendition of “Everywhere,” which she started and ended slower than the original recording.

Branch created an incredibly gentle energy within the Rec Center with help from a drummer, bass guitarist, electric guitarist and back-up singer, Jessica Harp. Harp commented on her relationship with the pop diva.

“Touring with Michelle is the only chance I get to have girly time with her. It’s fun to be on stage with your best friend,” Harp said. “And this tour is great because we have a younger crowd that enjoys getting into the music.”

Branch’s first single from “Hotel Paper,” “Are You Happy Now?” is an aggressive statement about a personal relationship that took a surprising turn. She performed the song with such strength in her voice and so much emotion that the audience could almost feel as if she were speaking directly to the man who caused her pain. Branch’s most memorable performance of the night, though, was her take on Nirvana’s “Heart-Shaped Box.” Although Nirvana’s style of music isn’t quite the same as Branch’s, she sounded brilliant. With every “Hey... Wait” that she sang followed bright lights shining into the crowd as a few jumped up and down with intense energy.

In between songs, Branch stopped to humorously talk to the audience for a second.

“Someone must know that I have a pirate fetish because there’s one right in front of me,” she said. “It’s very sexy.”

Simeon Trieu, a computer engineering senior, stood at the front of the stage dressed with a bandana on his head and a patch over his eye.

“I did my research,” he said. “I read in Maxim that she has a (pirate) fetish, so I tried my best to fulfill it.”

Not only was Branch surprised by the pirate, but also by a pair of lime green underwear that was thrown on stage.

“I wouldn’t smell them if I were you. They look like panties,” Branch told her electric guitarist. Holding the underwear up, she read the inscription on them: “Please don’t wear them, bought them at a yard sale, don’t know where they’ve been,” as she tossed them back into the crowd with disgust.

Stephanie Briones, a huge Michelle Branch fan, actually bought the extra large green granny panties from the dollar store.

“I hear of women throwing their underwear on stage all the time,” she said. “I just wanted to do something funny to get her attention.”
Remember the Alamo!
Not this time around

The Student Health Advisory Council urges you to VOTE YES on the Health Fee Referendum

- Without the Health Services Fee increase, there will be fewer services and longer waits.
- The Health Services Fee provides students access to basic medical services without additional cost.
- Over 11,000 students use the Health Center annually.
- Cal Poly’s Health Services Fee is the 7th lowest of the 23 CSU campuses. The $15 increase would bring the Health Services Fee up to the average for CSU campuses.

Vote YES on April 14th and 15th
For details on what the budget cuts mean for the Health Center, go to:
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We know it. The Alamo, which was actually fought in March of 1836, is a battle that took place 168 years ago. Why would anyone see a movie about a battle that took place 168 years ago? Why would anyone want to even remember it?

Having seen the movie, managing to stay awake long enough to tell the tale, it’s hard not to come across as a little disappointed. The movie, set up originally to compete against “Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,” had “epic” written all over it.

Sadly, audiences will have to settle for “dull roar,” which is how the movie ends. For more than two hours, the movie pushes itself with the premise that every member of the audience shouldn’t have to know why the Alamo is important, it just is, and keeps it from engaging any sort of sympathy for its characters, making it a sort of Texan “Braveheart” without the heart.

Not to belittle the struggle that actually took place close to 200 years ago, when 200 men defended a converted mission from 1,000 Mexican soldiers led by the Napoleon of the west, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the Alamo is a movie just doesn’t do its namesake justice. Not enough time is given as to why Texas fights for its independence against a Mexican force that won its own from Spain, and there isn’t enough story discussing the movie’s backdrop of revolution.

It’s as if the notion that freedom itself is worth fighting for is enough to pick up a gun and refuse to surrender, despite being outnumbered three-to-one and holed up in an enclosed and poorly fortified area waiting for reinforcements that most likely will never come. The viewer is never told convincingly enough; it’s just assumed, in a think-in-the-box sort of way, that they’d feel the same.

Even the way the movie was filmed — almost entirely in static shots, some of which are very beautiful during scenes of sunset — makes one feel like they’re stuck because there is no movement, except for slow close-ups and pans on explosions. Everyone who graduated from high school should know how the movie’s going to end: the problem is in waiting for it on-screen while the story tries to make a big deal out of everything but the good stuff.

Melodrama ruins the introduction of characters that were, not for their own immortality as American heroes, but for the simple reason that we should know them by name. Do you know Davy Crockett? Do you know Sam Houston? Do you know Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna? Do you know William Travis? Probably not.

But if you paid any attention in history class you know how the battle ends, but the screenwriters decided to finish the movie off with a happy ending. In the movie’s final action sequence, Houston boasts Santa Anna the way Wellington boast Napoleon and Texas is signed over. This is important because later, Texas is forced to join the United States of America and that’s another story.

In the end, the pretense isn’t enough, the melodrama is forced and the characters are courageous, if not endearing. If history teaches us anything, it’s that freedom is worth dying for. What the movie forgets to do is to remind us of that.

To think you can do better? Think differently. Vote YES on April 14th and 15th for a new Editor-in-Chief for the 2004-2005 school year.
Makeover TV can cause extreme mirror gazing

Commentary

My nose looks funny. Instead of the straight, stick jump my bulldog at home predicted me, I got a melon. My eyes are a little too close together, one might say. For a slightly longer time than the best, I am unattractive. On top of that, my speech

Fingerprinting prioritizes safety

Commentary

Patron is not an M-16. At the train stations, or is it as America's sense of security. In the weeks of disillusionment that followed the 9/11 attacks, Americans clung to their patrons as if it were a weapon meant for protection. Not flying the stars and stripes seemed somehow un-American. Military recruitment centers were filled with young men and women ready to make a difference.

While our desperate attempts to make sense of all that had happened were commendable and helped us sleep more soundly, they were simply not enough. Some blamed Osama bin Laden and his followers enough to uniting the United States. Still others pointed toward entire groups, such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

So is that an end our attention should have the National Security Entrance Examination System (NSET), which can be used to examine individuals

Princeton grading won't deflate grades

In response to the article "Princeton to nation 'A grades'" (April 9): The elite Princeton University has taken measures to limit the amount of 'A' grades (only 35 percent maximum) awarded to students. This is an administratively attempt to curb grade inflation. I cannot believe the insane implications and ideas we read by this so-called elite university.

This means Princeton's higher education will no longer be admired with regard to a standard of knowledge. Instead, no matter your personal academic endeavors, your grades will be merely an arbitrary reflection of the relative performance of your peers at that moment in time in the subject. The grades are no longer representative of an advanced level of knowledge or your understanding of the course material.

Furthermore, this mentality does encourage a greater sense of competitive relationships between students, as opposed to promoting any form of collaboration and critical thinking. Why bother with the breaks we need after school, much less get a straight-A student to go to Cal Poly? It is the backbone to fill in our gaps. Sports give us the

Letters to the Editor

'Yes' vote shows pride

Why did you choose to go to Cal Poly? For me, it was the reputation. Cal Poly is the best school for me and I am sure that holds true for many of you. I have great pride in this institution, and it scares me when I see people with no pride what so ever. Yes, I know that the school has inhouse problems and sometimes classes can just take you to the edge. If that is not enough, I just wanted to remind you admittance are next week.

And the last thing I want to do is to say more sorry.

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The Iraqi destruction of American citizens is still paying the price with the blood of American soldiers.

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Letter to the Editor

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Did Bush make decisions in regards to the war in Iraq that were harmful to the American people?

According to MPAA.com, "On July 1, 2004, [MPAA] made another adjustment [to the rating system]. We split the PG category into two groups, PG and PG-13. PG-13 meant a higher level of intensity than was to be found in a film rated PG. Over the past years, parents have approved of this amplying revision in the rating system."

The movie "Passion of the Christ" is an example of a film that included a man's beating and heart being ripped out. Spielberg forced the MPAA to change its rating system to make sure his film escaped a deathtrap "R" rating. And the MPAA did.

"No one in the movie industry has the authority or the power to push the Board in any direction or otherwise influence it... The MPAA policy on its rating system continues to be read... Apparently, that is not true.

Does a film have to be rated to be released? No. Yes, it would be good monetary money. The National Association of Theater Owners, which is comprised of more than 80 percent of theaters in America, have an agreement with the MPAA to only release films that have been rated. Without an MPAA rating, no theater will accept the film.

For the past 40 years, one man has had more influence over popular culture than all the Tipper Gores and Michael Powell combined. He has decided what you see and what you do not see when you pay $9 to see a movie at your local theater.

Jack Valenti is the president of the MPAA, finally. He has always argued that they would not host a film an NC-17 rating based on violence. Since the creation of the NC-17 rating, the films that have been cut with the rating have been given so because of sexuality, not violence.

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LOS ANGELES — A Superior Court judge Monday scheduled a hearing in early June to determine if the long-running human rights case involving Unocal Corp. and a pipeline project in Myanmar should continue.

Judge Victoria Gerrard Chaney also set deadlines in May for lawyers representing the El Segundo-based oil giant and Myanmar villagers to file briefs and replies on why the case should be continued or dismissed.

The case hinges on whether Unocal or its overseas subsidiaries, which were not named in the lawsuit, can be held liable for human rights atrocities allegedly carried out by the Myanmar military in the 1990s to aid the $2.4 billion Yadana pipeline project.

Chaney this week is expected to finalize her order dismissing the case. In the first phase of the trial, which ended in December and January, a jury ruled Unocal had no liability and dismissed the federal case. These rulings prompted the plaintiffs to pursue their cases under state law in Superior Court.

The ongoing trial consolidates two separate cases that date back to 1996, when the plaintiffs first filed federal and state claims in federal court. A judge found Unocal had no liability and dismissed the federal case, which prompted the plaintiffs to pursue their cases under state law in Superior Court.

The federal case was reinstated in 2002 by a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Unocal argued last June before the full 11-judge panel that the case wrongly relies on the 1789 Alien Tort Claims Act and should be dismissed. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a separate case, is considering the applicability of the obscure statute and a ruling is expected this summer.
Cal Poly athletes outside the lines

In an attempt to show what Cal Poly athletes think about beside X's and O's, Mustang Daily gave them a little word association test

Free association with the Cal Poly baseball team:

Gay Marriage
   "Not endorsed by the Bible."
   — Dennis LeDuc
Ralph Nader in the 2004 Election
   "Tree huggers rule!"
   — Choton Tietje
Tofu
   "Vegetarian."
   — Nolan Moor
Martha Stewart
   "A nice lady who cooks."
   — Dennis LeDuc
Visible Thong
   "All right with me!"
   — Nolan Moor
Cal Poly Athletics
   "On their way up."
   — Dennis LeDuc
Briney vs. Christina
   "Briney?"
   — Choton Tietje
Speedos
   "Something only swimmers should wear!"
   — Dennis LeDuc
Secrets and Fantasies
   "Not hot."
   — Nolan Moor

Most Inspirational Person
   "My brother."
   — Dennis LeDuc
Favorite Food
   "Everything!"
   — Choton Tietje
Favorite Movie
   "Coming To America."
   — Fernando Sampson
Faithful Godfather
   "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels."
   — Nolan Moor

Free association with the Cal Poly basketball team:

Tags for the Straight Guy
   "My favorite show!"
   — Eric Jackson
Deadly Thrust
   "You're fired!"
   — Fernando Sampson
Toy Chihuahua
   "Paris Hilton."
   — Eric Jackson
Athletes and Steroids
   "Bonds' curves."
   — Eric Jackson
Reality Shows
   "Too many!"
   — Fernando Sampson
Most Inspirational Person
   "Justin Timberlake!"
   — Eric Jackson
Favorite Movie
   "Tootsie."
   — Fernando Sampson

Mustang Daily staff writer Todd Cooper selectively chose the words for this journey inside the athletes' worlds.

Bonds hits No. 660

Janie McCauley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barry Bonds has sought Willie Mays' approval ever since he was old enough to tag along with his godfather in the San Francisco Giants' clubhouse. Six MVPs, a career list that has done the trick.

Hitting his 66th homer to tie Mays for third place on the career home run list has done the trick.

Bonds is a towering three-run shot Monday that splashed into McCovey Cove, sending the Giants to a 7-5 win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

"It was like a weight was just lifted off my shoulders," Bonds said. "I felt a sense of accomplishment in baseball. It's a relief now to be able to stand next to my godfather and finally feel like I've accomplished something in the game of baseball. It was a big way of getting his approval that I've finally done something."

Bonds connected in the fifth inning on a 3-1 pitch from Matt Kinney (0-1) for his second homer of the season. The estimated 442-foot blast put the Giants ahead 5-4. It was the 28th time Bonds has homered into the water.

The 39-year-old Bonds was greeted at every stadium by teammates and he stepped on the plate, raised both hands in the air and pointed to the sky.

Mays, who turns 73 next month, hurried to congratulate Bonds, giving his godson a hug and a kiss outside the dugout. Mays presented him with a torch symbolic of the number Bonds decorated with 25 tiny diamonds, and a kiss outside the dugout.

Bonds came back out of the dugout and waved to the fans in front of the scoreboard. The sellout crowd of 42,548 seemed to forget about the steroid controversy surrounding their star slugger and his personal trainer.

"The fans appreciate a good baseball player," manager Felipe Alou said. "I know some guys were booing, but they love the guy."

Mays hit his 660th on Aug. 17, 1973, as a member of the New York Mets at Shea Stadium.

Track posts strong showings at UCLA

Jon Takahashi finished tied for fourth at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational last weekend at UCLA. The Mustangs had several top finishes against elite competition.

Sprinter Travis Morse leads team by winning 100, while many other Mustangs have sold finishes.

Jon Takahashi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cal Poly track and field teams had strong showings at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational this weekend hosted by UCLA at Drake Stadium and Marshall Field.

Travis Morse won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.56 seconds, just off a regional qualifying time of 10.50. Paul Edwards posted a second-place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.49 and Joe Pappalardo placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.91. Leighton Heape placed third in the shot put with a mark of 53-03.75.

For the women's team Willamae Cisco and LeBren Martin each placed fourth in their respective events. Cisco recorded a time of 12.49 in the 100-meter hurdles while Martin was timed in 56.76 in the 400.

The women's team welcomed two newcomers to the squad, basketball player Sparkle Anderson and Jessica Eggleston. Anderson placed second in the triple jump with a mark of 39-04.00 while Eggleston placed third in the event with a mark of 39-00.25.

On Saturday, Jon Takahashi finished fourth in the pole vault.

Sprinter Travis Morse wins the 100 in 10.56 seconds.

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