New yogurt shop brings competition to downtown

Angela Watkins
MUSTANG DAILY

Yogurt Creations (left) boasts eight flavors and a variety of toppings, which could make it competition for Bali's Yogurt (above).

The latest addition to the Yogurt Creations franchise offers enough toppings to satisfy even the pickiest frozen yogurt lover. The huge variety — including delicious chocolate bars — is accompanied by an upscale style that is downright soothing. Owner John Bolton considers the new downtown San Luis Obispo location to be the franchise's flagship store.

The first Yogurt Creations store opened in 2003 in Arasca. Bolton opened a store in Arroyo Grande before arriving in San Luis Obispo on April 9. "San Luis Obispo was a natural extension for us to come into," Bolton said. "We've been wanting to come to San Luis Obispo for three to four years."

It takes the former home of Mo's on Court Street, which situates the new shop across the street from Bali's Yogurt. But Bolton said he isn't afraid of the competition he faces downtown.

"Competition is good," he said. "The only people we're here to satisfy are the customers."

However, Bart Schwan, owner of Bali's Yogurt, is not too excited about the extra competition.

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Clinton grinds out victory over Obama

David Expo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hillary Rodham Clinton ground out a gritty victory in the Pennsylvania primary Tuesday night, defeating Barack Obama and staying off elimination in their historic race for the Democratic presidential nomination:

"Some counted me out and said to drop out," the former first lady told supporters cheering her triumph in a rally in Philadelphia before arriving in San Luis Obispo on the same day, and Obama already is the clear favorite in a test in two weeks time in Indiana. North Carolina votes the same day, and Obama already is the clear favorite in a Southern state with a large black population.

"Now it's up to you, Indiana," Obama said at a rally of his own in Evansville after Pennsylvania denied him a victory that might have made the nomination his.

He criticized John McCain, the Republican president, without mentioning his by name. "We should."

In a campaign marked by increasingly personal attacks, Clinton was winning 55 percent of the vote to 45 percent for her rival with 85 percent counted in Pennsylvania. A preliminary tabulation showed her gaining at least 52 national convention delegates to 46 for Obama, with 60 still to be awarded.

That left Obama with 1,694.5 delegates, and Clinton with 1,561.5, according to the AP tally.

Clinton scored her victory by winning the votes of blue-collar workers, women and white men in an election where the economy was the dominant concern. Obama was favored by blacks, the affluent and voters who recently switched to the Democratic Party, a group that comprised about one in ten Pennsylvania voters, according to the surveys conducted by The Associated Press and the TV surveys conducted by The Associated Press and the TV

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Senior Prom benefits Alzheimer's Association

Sara Wright
MUSTANG DAILY

More than 300 Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo senior citizens attended the second annual Senior Prom — twice the number of last year's attendees — and helped raise more than $3,569 for the Alzheimer's Association.

The three-hour event, hosted by Cal Poly's Student Community Services, was held Sunday at the Manse on Marsh, a senior living community at 475 Marsh St.

"The event was a huge success, thanks to so much support from friends and family," said assistant professor Brandon Styles, director of senior services for SCS and organizer of the Senior Prom. "We had very dedicated friends help, and this event would not have been nearly as successful without them."

Styles was inspired to create the event because of the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease in his family.

"It's my nonprofit of choice," he said. "It's very close to my heart."

While geared toward senior citizens, attendees ranged in age, with small children present as well.

Betsy, a Manse on Marsh member who attended the Senior Prom last year, said, "They have done another great job this year."

Music included live jazz music played by Cal Poly students, and dancers young and old were constantly on the dance floor when prizes weren't being auctioned off.

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petition and said he feels the two stores are a little too similar. "I have to say I'm a little frustrated because I started the soft-serve yogurt in SLO, and I know other towns have soft-serve, but it's frustrating when they set up right across the street," Schwan said.

Ball's, originally part of a deli on Foothill Boulevard, has been located downtown for 11 years and has a loyal following among locals and Cal Poly students. It has fared well, even with the introduction of G's Italian Freeze and Goldstone Creamery just down the street. "I think we got a better location, better reputation," Schwan said, but he admitted Yogurt Creations has him considering chang­ing Ball's to keep up. Schwan might add toppings and is interested in receiving suggestions from Cal Poly students on how to improve the store.

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More than $7,000 in door prizes, raffle tickets and auction items won during the event, and event co­ordinators sold items at the door in addition to tickets to raise money for the San Luis Obispo office of the Alzheimer's Association. Styles and other volunteers worked hard to spread word of the Senior Prom, gather donations and prizes, and organize the event. Styles hopes the Senior Prom will become a nation­wide event to benefit Alzheimer's Association offices around the U.S.
**Briefs**

**State**

CONCORD (AP) — A man accused of a triple shooting in a Concord supermarket parking lot is back in California after being arrested in New Orleans.

Terrance Brewer is being held on $2.25 million, charged with two counts of homicide as well as burglary and assault.

Authorities say Brewer opened fire during an apparent drug deal on the night of March 16, killing 20-year-old Adam Bells and 21-year-old Abdel Mejia. Mejia’s older brother was injured in the shooting.

**National**

OLDSMAR, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say 69-year-old central Florida woman found an 8-foot-long alligator prowling in her kitchen late Monday night.

Sandra Prost says the gator must have pushed through the back porch screen door and then went inside through an open sliding glass door at her home in Oldsmar, just north of Tampa. It then apparently strolled through the living room, down a hall and into the kitchen.

**International**

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A lawyer says a close ally of Colombia’s president is seeking political asylum in Costa Rica after prosecutors ordered his arrest for alleged paramilitary ties.

Attorney Jose del Carmen Ortega says his client Mario Uribe entered the Costa Rican embassy Tuesday morning after Colombia’s chief prosecutor issued an arrest warrant. The former senator is a second cousin of President Alvaro Uribe.

**WORD ON THE STREET**

“What are your favorite frozen yogurt toppings?”

Compiled and photographed by Shannon Boren

- “Rainbow sprinkles on the top and bottom.” — Katie Heyer, animal science sophomore
- “Probably strawberries and pineapple on original flavor Pinkberry.” — Elle Navarro, construction management freshman
- “It depends on the kind of yogurt. If it’s chocolate or vanilla, you go with a broken candy bar. If it’s something like strawberry, you go with fresh fruit.” — Justin Gonzales, business administration senior
- “Definitely hot tamales on straight vanilla yogurt.” — Derek Brockover, aerospace engineering senior

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DNA testing moves to west Texas ranch

Michelle Roberts
Associated Press

State authorities began a second day of court-ordered DNA testing Tuesday on members of a polyga­ nist sect, an effort they hope will begin to untangle the group's com­ plicated family relationships.

Officials in a massive custody case are trying to identify the parents of 437 children taken from a west Tex­ as compound more than two weeks ago. The testing of ranch residents was taking place in the courthouse square as a handful of deputies in cowboy hats stood guard.

David Williams, 32, a former member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, came on his own from his home in Nevada, hoping to take custody of his son. Williams said he doesn't pay attention to the news and only heard his three sons were in state custody from a friend.

Clutching a Book of Mormon and photos of the boys ages 5, 7 and 9, Williams looked at his feet as he said his children were "taken hos­ tage by the state."

"I have been an honorable Amer­ican and father, and I have carefully sheltered my children from the sins of this generation," Williams said. He declined to describe the mother of the boys as his wife, and declined to offer details of why or when he left the sect.

A judge ordered last week that the DNA be taken to help deter­ mine the parentage of the children, many of whom were unable to de­ scribe their lineage. Some of the adults have been ordered by the state to submit to testing; others are being asked to do so voluntarily.

Authorities believe the sect forces underage girls into marriages with older men. No one has been arrest­ ed, but a warrant has been issued for member Dale Barlow, a convicted sex offender who has said he has not been to the Texas site in years.

Rod Parker, an attorney for the FLDS, said he is afraid authorities secretly intend to use the DNA to build criminal cases against mem­ bers of the group. But state Child Protective services spokesman Greg Cunningham said, "We're not in­ volved in the criminal investigation. That's not our objective."

Ten lab technicians hired by the state spent Monday collecting samples at the San Angelo coliseum and fairgrounds serving as a shelter for the children who were removed from their Eldorado compound during an April 3 raid.

"Some of those technicians were to be sent to Eldorado on Tuesday to collect samples from the possible parents.

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Singer/songwriter trio unite forces for tour

Daniel Seguin

Eloquent poets, gifted songwriters, melodic vocalists. Of the many available terms, talented musicians best describes the guys of the current Three Headliner Tour.

Lee Coulter, Jakob Martin and Aaron Bowen are the three multi-talented musicians involved with the tour now rolling up and down the Golden State.

The Three Headliner Tour rolls onto campus Thursday night. The guys will jam their unique blend of individual styles at Backstage Pizza beginning at 6 p.m.

Bowen spoke fondly about touring with fellow musicians and friends alike.

"These are two guys that I respect as entertainers and performers but especially as artists," Bowen said. "It felt like a no-brainer that we should get together and do something."

Fellow musician Coulter echoed Bowen's sentiments.

"We are essentially emphasizing the talents of three different artists," Coulter said. "I've been enjoying being able to play with two musicians who really know their stuff and what they're doing."

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Coulter is a 23-year-old musician who originally hails from Logan City, Australia. Although having some moderate success as a producer, Coulter said he came to the United States four years ago "to check out the music scene and see what it was like because it wasn't really happening for me in Australia."

He said he hopes one day to return to his native Australia, bolstering as successful a music career as afforded him in the states until just fine.

Classically trained and termed "very serious" at a young age, 27-year-old Bowen has been playing music since he was five.

He learned instrumental guitar in his teen years as well as a mix of bebop and jazz, which helped to further influence his eclectic style.

In terms of Bowen's style, he said he is "a complex mixture of older jazz and ragtime mixed with 1930s and 1940s influences."

As the self-proclaimed poet of the three, 23-year-old Martin is very conscious toward his modern-day audience.

He said he always "tries to speak honestly and frankly about how I see the world through my music."

Very much into an acoustic swing of rock and pop intermixed with a heavy poetic flow, Martin said that today's listeners are always in search of lyrics that contain something meaningful.

"They're tired of hearing the same old thing," Martin said. "They want something of substance."

Martin continued on in the same vein as he boiled it

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playing together, C'oulter, Bowen and Martin are an unstoppable musical force to be reckoned with. As individual musicians, each one of the guys is an essential powerhouse of musical talent. Each individual is highly capable of playing multiple instruments, including everything from keyboard and guitar to banjo and harmonica, writing both songs and poetry alike, and singing lead vocals. Each musician is an independent producer in his own right as well, playing together, Coulter, Bowen and Martin are an unstoppable musical force to be reckoned with.

Coulter summed up these thoughts and ideas in his own words, "We are doing a mixture of solo stuff, three-part harmonies and we get up and jam on each others stuff as well," Coulter said.

Coulter continued on in the same vein, extolling the wide range of the guys and their performance as a single entity. "When we get together, you get a whole range of different emotions and different feelings," Coulter said. "It's not going to be just one mood all night long. It goes from being dark and mysterious to absolutely silly and fun."

Individually, the guys are on fire in terms of their solo careers. As they progress through their smokin' hot California tour, Bowen said that this is something truly not to be missed coming out of the performance. "I think we've got something worth checking out," Martin said.

"This is something you just can't miss," Bowen said. "When we are all on stage, rockin' out, this is something you just won't get next week so definitely be there."

ASl would be hard-pressed to find a better place to start a series than with comedian Owen Smith, an inventive up-and-coming talent who currently works on two TV shows: CW's "Everybody Hates Chris" and BET's "BETU.

Born in the Bahamas, Smith rose through the ranks after embracing comedy full-time at the age of 19. He has since gained significant notoriety, being featured on comedy programs such as Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," BET's "Comic View" and HBO's "Def Jam Comedy." He's also been featured in a number of commercials, doing bids for McDonald's, Coca-Cola, Blockbuster and the Illinois Lottery.

Smith's style of comedy is far from easy, touching on everything from the funny to the dark. "I've been around the block a few times directly to the people, giving impromptu stand-up routines in public places such as trolleys, parks and street corners. Some have likened his style of comedy to that of Dave Chapelle in that Smith addresses social issues through his comedy, but in a way that is palatable to people from just about every background. "He addresses social issues, politics and a wide range of other topics," Curro said. "His style isn't offensive to anyone and is geared towards college humor, as he tailors his acts to the specific colleges he's performing at."

The event takes place at 8 p.m. tonight in Chumash Auditorium. It is free for students with a valid PolyCard and $10 for community members.

Comedian Owen Smith will bring his humorous insight on life and the college experience to Chumash Auditorium at 8 p.m. Associated Students Inc. is sponsoring the event, the first in its "Truly Funny" series.
As you might have guessed, the subject of the album is indeed LUST. But the songs address not just the visceral surge of everyone's favorite emotion but also its messy side effects. The haunting "Dead Sound" is a prime example, focusing on the guilty, empty reflection of a boy's wandering heart: "And now you go through a million gods / And try to pick what's right / When nightfall comes and you're still alone / Do you feel it deep inside? / Dead Sound."

The deadpan, reverb-heavy vocals achieve the incredibly strange effect of emphatic detachment, perfectly suited to expressing the emotion of the lyrics with devastating accuracy. (Watch the video if you get a chance.)

Probably their most diverse song set, these tunes cover straight-up surf rock ("Black Saris"), doo-wop balladry ("Expelled from Love") and generally ditch their previously narrow musical template. (Their first EP was all in B-flat minor, and their first full-length album was in B major.) My personal favorite (today) is the thrashing "Blush," which temporarily forges the standard fare harmonizing in favor of Sun Noodle solos belting out the beautifully upfront exposition, "Despite my hurtful ways / I can still make you blush."

Considering that everyone and their mom had pretty much written off the Raveonettes as used-up-sepia-tinted-chewing-gum-retro-gimmick-rockers a couple years ago, this lusty record really is somewhat of a miracle — a resurrection, a-ally. Praise be.

Jose Be Wilbur is an architectural engineering senior and a business director for KCPR, San Luis Obispo. 91.3 FM.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**GROW UP**

Last Friday, as I was leaving the parking garage on campus, I came across an unfortunate individual who was standing next to his bike, Mitsubishi Eclipse.

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**WEDK**

I totally agree. I know it’s an American and cowboy tradition, but I’m pretty sure the animals don’t really like it, and in today’s society, it could easily be considered animal abuse. I agree.

**Response to “End the Cal Poly Rules”**

Sorry, but this article just didn’t cut it. Promoting consumerism is not green. You should be promoting the idea of buying little or nothing first, buying locally made things second, and then start talking about trendy green things shipped halfway around the world. I fully support fair trade and renewable products, but please remember that shipping anything a long distance is not very green. And now for a pop quiz: What can you do/produce to help support “revalorization” of our economy? You might not even come up with an idea like Jamba Juice (minus the styrofoam cup). Your alternative is a Walmart in every neighborhood... really... check out Walmart in Las Vegas.

**HOPE**

**And you thought gas was expensive...**

As a college student, I'm sure most of you have had the chance to enjoy a nice cold beer. I hope you remember this days fondly because they may not be over until you are willing to pay a hefty price.

Democratic Assemblyman Jim Beall from California’s 24th Assembly District has proposed a 1,500 percent increase in the tax placed on beer. Right now, for every bottle or can of beer you drink, there is a $0.02 tax. Beall proposed amendment to the California Constitution would raise this to $6.30 per bottle or can — that’s equivalent to $1.90 six-pack. Before you throw your next party, please realize that you would be paying nearly $50 in taxes alone for a keg.

Beall expects this legislation to generate $2 billion in tax revenue for the state per year. Beall’s legislation would levy this tax directly on beer manufacturers, reasoning that “As responsible corporate citizens, breweries should be willing to pay their fair share of the damage that alcohol wreaks on society.” The problem is that beer companies could not possibly afford this amount and would pass it on to the consumer. Our state and its citizens are being stretched economically right now, and putting such a heavy tax on beer would deter spending and hurt the economy more. We should try to stimulate the economy, hence the economic stimulus checks that were recently approved by the federal government.

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Live, learn, be green

We attend college to prepare ourselves for future careers and experiences. As students, we rely on Cal Poly to provide this relevant and comprehensive education and ensure our post-graduation success. But what if there’s something lacking in this supposedly “well-rounded” curriculum? The issue of climate change is well-known, and although its cause may be debatable, it is certainly a reality we face. As students, we are directly influenced by the information we receive from school. Cal Poly is well-regarded in its ability to educate students to become top performers once they graduate. This further is indicated by the recently proposed partnership between Saudi Arabia and Cal Poly. But can we continue to call ourselves the best if sustainable design still remains vociferous from the majority of classes? Maybe, but not for much longer. During my past four years at Cal Poly, I’ve noticed that the administration seems to have a one-track mind and it stands and ends with money. President Baker’s constant fundraising campaigns have helped the university to update facilities and increase enrollment, neither of which contribute to a meaningful education, because really, buildings don’t teach people to thrive.

In this field graduating at a time of war, however, is no easy task. Does all the Clinton coverage mean that CNN doesn’t care about the information we all face. In this way, we might all be able to look forward to a greener future. Erica Janott is an industrial engineering senior and a Mustang Daily liberal columnist.

GUEST COMMENTARY

To read the original article titled “The liberal media made me do it” by Patrick Molnar, please go to http://tinyurl.com/4gmaji.

Molnar’s article an example of liberal bias

I don’t know if Mr. Molinar was short on time and had to rush out a quick article, but rather than discredit the idea of “liberal media,” he did all we were instructed. And in doing so, he is hypocritically throwing a job at Fox News for being “fair and balanced,” yet taking it easy on McCain.

What about those, Mr. Molinar? Is the media unbiased or does it just hurt you to hear it’s liberal? Does all the Obama vs. Clinton coverage mean that CNN doesn’t have a liberal slant? It was once said that my public good is good. This may not be true, but good, compelling news includes every publicity. This may not be true, but good, compelling news includes everything. This may not be true, but good, compelling news includes the issue of climate change.

I agree that the Pentagon’s 81-page report on terrorism, itself, sounds like an attack being made by Congress, but that it’s not. Instead, what we now have is another round of the arms race.

Molinar concludes that he didn’t notice the changes at Veranda Cafe; “New menu, new blueprint,” and the cornbread was gone. But then the change’s begin. The fateful day came last week. I suppose all good things must come to an end.

Christopher Federicks is a mathematics major, a Mexican food lover and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.

GUEST COMMENTARY

What happened to you, Veranda?

Long ago, so long ago, I remember a time. By long ago, I mean my freshman year, but that can still be considered long based on the measurement of time. Veranda Cafe used to be jumping, the cutting edge, the epitome of campus food. Students and professors alike were seen enjoying each other’s company, a situation that does not always occur in class. But what happened to you, Veranda?

Now, granted, things have changed since the time I remember. Change happens; that is the case with life. Veranda underwent some of those changes. But for this article, let us assume Iran wasn’t being helped by Al Qaeda. Iran is still and quiet. The cornbread was my favorite, and I loved it more than scooping it up with warm tortilla chips. Then, when I became a sophomore, my PdD Daily editor. I wanted to indulge in the deliciousness once I knew, we would have to come from my own pocket. A small price to pay for that cornbread. But then the changes began. The cornbread was no longer complimentary, Free Desert Fridays seemed more and more stale, and the chips next to my burrito seemed to be diminishing in number. Those problems were doubled. I could pay a little extra for cornbread, I was usually full before I could finish my chips, and the dessert was just going straight to my waist. I came to accept these things (after much crying and contemplation of why this might be happening) with things changing. Then the changes came more suddenly. Free Desert Fridays disappeared. I was down to about four chips with my burrito (which seemed to be decreasing in size as well), and the cornbread was gone. The salsa bar and soda fountain moved to the other side of the wall, creating problems to refill both. The day of doom to the Veranda I once knew was approaching.

That fateful day came last week. I read the warnings from the Mustang Daily alerting of changes, the advertisement proclaiming a new menu at Veranda Cafe (“New menu, new staff, come see what we have to offer now!”). I took the challenge. I went to see the new Veranda Cafe. The atmosphere that used to be jumping, warm, and checkered cloth was now still and quiet. The cornbread was still MIA, and I grabbed my ticket to fill out my order. It was a bittersweet moment. The Morns were gone, and I was forced to get the “new” Morns, or in this case, the Baja. I sat down and waited, unsure about what this change meant. The Baja was placed in front of me, my heart sank.

No more red sauce. What happened to you, Veranda? What happened to the cornbread? What happened to the dessert? What happened to the atmosphere, Chef Ed and my Morns burrito? And what about the red sauce? A chili con carne that comes like that seems unhealthy.

My smaller burrito left me hungry, and with only four chips at my disposal, I didn’t even receive the satisfaction of scooping up any leftovers with a crisp crunch. I suppose all good things must come to an end.

Steve Sherman is an industrial engineering junior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.
Jake Long a Dolphin, top pick in NFL draft

Steven Wine

DAWVE, Fla. — Jake Long seemed at ease in his new role as the NFL's No. 1 draft pick, leaning into a news conference microphone to talk about his mean streak while his mother sat in the corner, nodding as she smiled.

The Miami Dolphins were grinning Tuesday, too. They signed the Michigan left tackle to a five-year contract with $30 million guaranteed, and they'll select him with the top pick in the draft Saturday.

The deal allows the Dolphins and Long to avoid a possible holdout.

"It's really important for us to know Jake is going to be on the field for us on time when training camp begins in July," coach Tony Sparano said. "That was critical."

Long's total contract package is for $57.75 million, said a person familiar with the negotiations who didn't want to be identified because the Dolphins declined to reveal terms. Last year's top pick, JaMarcus Russell, signed for $61 million with the Oakland Raiders but missed all of training camp before reaching a deal.

The Dolphins becomes the highest-paid lineman in the NFL and a 6-6, 315-pound cornerstone in a rebuilding project for the new Dolphins regime led by Hillenbrand. Last season Miami went 1-13, and the offensive line has been a chronic problem in recent years.

"Jake was our guy from the beginning," general manager Jeff Ireland said. "Jake Long was on the top of our board for a long time. There wasn't a whole lot of debate. We thought it was a very good fit with the Miami Dolphins."

With both needs as well, the Dolphins were interested in trading the top pick for multiple lower choices. When no suitors surfaced, they began negotiations last week with Long's agent, Tom Condon.

"It's such a great honor to be the No. 1 pick," Long said. "I don't think it has sunk in yet. It's something every kid dreams about. I'm just thankful for us on time when training camp begins in July."
Wagner earns All-Big West Second Team selection

Raiza Canelon

Brycen Wagner has the most interesting picture on GoPoly.com. Not a typical golfer with pleaded plaid pants and a polo shirt, he looks like he jumped straight out of the late 1970s with golf clubs in hand. If he had theme music following him during tournaments, it would most likely be classic rock.

Born and raised in Santa Barbara, Wagner, 23, got a late start to his golfing career, having picked up the sport when he was 13.

“To be honest, I started golfing after I watched ‘Happy Gilmore,’” Wagner says. “It changed my life.”

“Happy Gilmore” is a comedy about a hockey player (played by Adam Sandler) who becomes a golfer.

At first glance, Wagner seems to have the persona of a surfer, with his laid-back presence and enthusiasm for life. He experimented with skateboarding, surfing and — naturally — hockey before discovering golf as his passion.

“At the course I played in Santa Barbara, Freddy Couples was a member, and I used to see him around, and he really motivated me to be a better golfer,” Wagner says. “I really looked up to him.”

Wagner’s favorite part of golfing is the freedom of being outdoors.

“It’s a game that you can do by yourself or with others, but it is laid-back and the people make it such a great atmosphere,” he explains.

Wagner feels his greatest strength in golfing is his consistency.

“I really feel that I am a steady and even golfer,” he says.

Entering Monday’s Big West Conference Championships at Tijeras Creek Golf Club in Mission Viejo, Wagner’s 73.7 average was second for the Mustangs, and his four top-20 finishes and two top-10 finishes were both team highs.

At the 14-team Cal Poly Men’s Intercollegiate at Cypress Ridge Golf Course in Arroyo Grande on March 27 to 28, he took first place individually by carding 71s in three consecutive rounds for a three-under-par 213 total. His performance led the Mustangs to top honors in the team category as well, with a seven-over-par 871 total.

Wagner tied for 18th at the conference championships, finishing with a 221 total upon carding a 72 in Tuesday’s final round en route to an All-Big West Second Team selection.

Cal Poly, the 2006 Big West champion, finished seventh amongst eight teams.

“I don’t make the highest numbers but I don’t screw up, either,” Wagner says. “Golfing is all about reacting to the shots, and nothing in school like math or science can really prepare you for the game — you just play.”

Wagner’s family often has come to see him play and supports what he wants to do. He is a social sciences senior, unsure about his post-graduation plans, but would like to keep playing.

“I would really love to go pro in golf, but that’s a hard career to enter,” Wagner says. “I’m going to take that step and give it a shot.”

Cal Poly senior Brycen Wagner finished with the best individual score at the 14-team Cal Poly Men’s Intercollegiate on March 27-28.

Mustangs lose lead, fall at Cal

After winning 8 of 10, Cal Poly surrenders 7-1 advantage before resuming Big West play

After getting out to a 7-1 lead in Berkeley on Tuesday afternoon, the Cal Poly baseball team surrendered its lead to fall 10-8 to No. 7 Cal at Evans Diamond.

The Golden Bears outlasted their rally by scoring twice in the bottom of the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly by Michael Capparuta and a single by Charlie Cutler.

Josh Satin blasted his 13th home run of the season in the fifth frame to cut the lead to 7-4, but the sixth was when Cal did most damage, crossing home plate five more times on four hits to pull ahead 9-7.

The surge was aided by Satin intentionally being walked, Brett Jackson being hit by a

Sharks win game seven 5-3 to advance

The San Jose Sharks’ Joe Thornton, center, is congratulated by Jeremy Roenick (27), Matt Catile (18) and Christian Ehrhoff (10) after scoring on the Calgary Flames in the first period of their seventh game Tuesday night in San Jose. The Sharks, who scored four times in the second period and won 5-3, will face the Dallas Stars in the Western Conference Finals.

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