Cal Poly reacts to reported sexual assaults

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The three recently reported sexual assaults triggered quick responses throughout Cal Poly.

President Jeffrey Armstrong assembled a task force to develop a set of recommendations to promote a campus community that does not tolerate sexual assault. Campus-wide emails were sent reminding students to be respectful, responsible and safe. The most recent email—sent on behalf of the task force and signed by Cal Poly Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton— informed students of the anonymous tip-line and asked students to "look out for each other."

The Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource (SAFER) and Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) programs held several forums throughout campus involving students, faculty and staff, Greek life, members of the Week of Welcome (WOW) program and University Housing.

Christina Kaviani, coordinator of the Gender Equity Center, said the forums facilitated dialogue to break down victim blaming, encourage bystander intervention and provide risk prevention tips.

"(The Gender Equity Center) has been trying to think about the ways we can use these horrible incidents to have positive program development and more education come out of it," Kaviani said.

The aftermath

In the immediate aftermath of the reported rapes, Kaviani saw an increase in sexual assault survivors coming to the Gender Equity Center. She said approximately 15 people affected by the reports came to the center to talk about their concerns and questions.

Hollie Evans, the executive director of the SARP Center and the center's adult rape program, spoke to the hard decision to report the assault to law enforcement.

"It is not unusual that three rapes happened," McCray said. "Rape is one of the most underreported crimes. What is surprising is that three rapes were reported to law enforcement. By the first young woman stepping forward and talking to law enforcement, it probably allowed the opportunity for other women to come forward and have a voice."

The SARP Center saw 312 sexual assault survivors in 2010. Of these cases, 60 percent (187 people) chose to report to law enforcement in San Luis Obispo. This is the opposite of the national average, where cent of the survivors do not report the assault.

"Something at (the) SARP Center that we combat all the time is that San Luis Obispo is so safe, rape doesn't happen here," McCray said. "Rape happens everywhere, to all people of all ages, across all races and sexual orientations. It's happening here, we're just not talking about it."

But as a result of the reported sexual assaults, people are talking.

Associated Students Inc. (ASI) President Sarah Storelli said she has heard classmates and people around campus talking more about sexual assault.

"Sexual assault is not usually the first thing you think of when you come to SLO," Storelli said. "But the facts are, one in four college women are sexually assaulted. These crimes directly affected our peers. We know these people; we go to classes with them. I feel it really hit home for people to actually talk about it."

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"He figured since I was sleeping, he would try his luck," Thomas said. "That was his idiotic attitude. When I woke up and we were having sex, he was so angry and shocked I didn't think about being physically afraid of him. But the first came from the fact that someone could come in my room at any moment, and I had no one to come forward and speak about her own experience."

Surviving sexual assault

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Over the course of that night, Thomas consumed approximately four beers in five hours. But that should not matter, Thomas said. "Guys don't think twice about having four beers and crashing on a friend's apartment floor, why should we?" Thomas said. "We're being told to live more oppressed lives so we can avoid being raped — that's not solving the issue. Cautionary measures aren't good enough because the majority of rapes are acquaintance rapes or date rapes. How can you live in a way where you protect yourself from the person who you feel is protecting you?"

Nationally, approximately 73 percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated by a non-stranger, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) website. At the SARP Center in San Luis Obispo, it is 94 percent.

Thomas did not press charges against her perpetrator because she said she did not want to have to confront and hurt her mother. "I would have had to stand up in front of my mother and tell her that your son is an awful guy who hurt me in a way that has affected my home as an adult, has affected the way I raise my son and has affected everything about who I am," Thomas said. "She was so proud of him. I didn't want to look her in the eye and have to do that to her."

Thomas said she applauds the three women who decided to report the alleged rapes, because it brought the issue to the public's attention.

"There are reasons to press charges but more, probably, for the benefit of society than those poor girls," she said. "I feel like they are heroes for holding these men accountable when really the reward to them is scant. We as a society do not deserve their selfless giving. How much good they are doing by bringing attention to this is inspiring."

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Andres V. Fernflorcs, director of Student Affairs, said the sexual assault task force is helping to make these improvements. It consists of Academic Senate Chair Rachel Fernflorcs, Morton and Storelli.

The task force met several times last week to discuss what they are going to do. "Our job as a university is to make sure our students can do the very best that they can do," Fernflorcs said. "I don't see how they can do the very best if we don't address this. How are we helping our students if we're not doing everything possible so they don't have to sit in class thinking about a sexual assault they have been through, or if they are sitting in class hung over? We have to do everything we can, and then the students have to choose." Essentially, Fernflorcs said, they will oversee a 360 degree evaluation of the programs offered at Cal Poly dealing with sexual assault and alcohol consumption.

With only three weeks left of spring quarter, the task force wants to hear from different groups on campus, student leaders and faculty and staff. It plans to do so by having three retreats with the different groups.

"Right now we're overwhelmed with input," Fernflorcs said. "We can't address each constituency appropriately, so we'll talk to the people who are leading the programs. We'll talk to the students, we'll talk to the faculty and then we'll go to all the other groups and individuals who are offering their ideas and who are applauding efforts beginning to change the climate."

The first retreat, happening this week, is geared toward programs that are already Cal Poly affiliated and deal with sexual assault and alcohol consumption. They will perform a self assessment of their programs.

The second retreat next week will host student leaders, including sorority and fraternity representatives.

"We will be involving greek life in the retreat — they really need to be part of the solution," Fernflorcs said. "Fraternities could be so much a part of the solution and culture change."

When Sigma Phi Epsilon president Rick Collette was asked if he saw fraternities being part of the "solution," he could not comment.

The last of the three retreats will take place during finals week for faculty and staff to assess strengths and weaknesses of the programs.

Over the summer, the task force will continue to work by asking the community for input. The task force will then compile a set of recommendations.

"We are the president's task force, we have to answer to him, so ultimately at the end of the day he needs a list of recommendations based off of our 360 degree evaluation," Fernflorcs said. "He'll decide what is reasonable, possible and implementable."

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The riot involved about 150 inmates in Folsom, Calif., officials said.

An inmate who was recovered after a riot Friday morning at one of the two state prisons, it was not immediately clear what caused this.

At least two inmates at California State Prison, Sacramento, were stabbed multiple times and were taken to an outside hospital for treatment, following the riot at about 10 a.m. Prison officials did not identify any of those involved, nor their racial or ethnic groups.

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SULLIVAN SOLAR POWER, a San Diego-based solar system provider, opened a new location at 18 Technology Drive last month with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and electric car demonstrations.

The business chose to expand into Irvine as its second location because of the city’s reputation as an up-and-coming business hub, said company founder Danid Sullivan.

Eventually, Sullivan said he would like to see an infrastructure of electric vehicle charging stations built in Irvine and the surrounding region.

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Yemen's political crisis took a dramatic turn Sunday when an armed mob loyal to embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh surrounded an embassy, trapping the American and other ambassadors inside for hours until they apparently were flown out in a Yemeni military helicopter.

The tense episode — a deep front to Washington and Yemen's Gulf Arab allies — means the end of a U.S.-backed plan for peaceful transition from Saleh's 32 years in power, and raises grave concerns for what comes next in the bloody uprising that's raged for more than three months.

On Sunday, Saleh again balked at signing the agreement drawn by the Gulf Cooperation Council, as armed mobs took to the streets of the capital and surrounded an embassy where at least five U.S., European and Arab envoys were meeting about the crisis, according to witnesses and news reports.

Late Sunday, the GCC announced it was withdrawing the initiative.

Though ruling party officials described the crowds outside the embassy as peaceful demonstrators, Saleh's government is widely seen as responsible for allowing the standoff.

"What we've seen today is something that Saleh is doing something he has done again and again... creating a crisis and then 'swooping in' to solve it," said Gregory Johnson, a Cairo-based Yemen expert with Princeton University. "Hopefully, the deeply flawed, very problematic GCC deal can now be put to rest."

Saleh supporters massed outside the United Arab Emirates Embassy, blocking two entrances and at one point attacking a convoy bringing the GCC's top mediator, Abdul-latif bin Rashid al-Zayani, to the compound, news agencies reported. Mobs surrounded other foreign embassies, the Chinese ambassador's convoy also came under attack, according to news reports.

"Everybody is worried. We can't leave the embassy," an unnamed Saudi diplomat told the Associated Press before the apparent helicopter rescue.

After nightfall, according to news reports, Yemeni military helicopters landed and whisked the diplomats to a Yemeni military helicopter. Some officials said helicopters landed in the compound, but vehicle convoys ferried out the diplomats.

"At the palace, top officials from Yemen's ruling party signed the accord. Saleh was expected to sign but did not. On state television, he later said he refused an agreement signed "behind closed doors" and demanded that opposition leaders be present.

Representatives from the Joint Meeting Parties, a coalition of Yemen's establishment political parties, signed the deal Saturday. They have refused to enter the presidential palace while Saleh remains in control.

"If they don't comply, they are dragging us to a civil war, and they will have to take responsibility for the bloodshed in the past and the blood which will be spilled later on because of their stupidity," Saleh said in an address carried by state television.

"Saleh had been a U.S. ally in the fight against al-Qaida, whose Yemen-based branch is now considered the most active and dangerous in the world.

Perhaps because of Saleh's help with counterterrorism efforts, President Barack Obama's administration has appeared at times reluctant to press too hard for Saleh to go, Yem eni officials complain. Obama barely mentioned Yemen in his speech Thursday on the rebellions spreading through the Middle East.

The Obama administration backed the plan put forward by the GCC, a consortium of Arab Gulf nations, which calls for Saleh to resign and transfer power to his vice president within 30 days. In exchange, Saleh would receive immunity from prosecution. At least three times, Saleh has agreed to sign the accord, only to back out at the last minute.

After the latest collapse Sunday, which coincided with Yemeni National Day, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reiterated the president's insistence that Saleh step down.

"President Saleh is a cat with more than nine lives," said a Washington-based U.S. official who visited the region earlier this month. "The official, who was not authorized to make public statements on the matter, spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Even with a deal with Saleh, the American official said, a transition period is likely to be tumultuous, with Yemeni officials less focused on tracking down members of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, as the Yemeni wing is called.

"A successor government may become far more preoccupied with very legitimate domestic priorities — creating a new government, holding elections, trying to prevent the economy from going even further downhill — and that may mean taking their eye off the terrorism threat that worries us so much," the American official said.

"Already, the official added, "our counterterrorism cooperation with Yemen is less intense because they're so distracted by the domestic crisis."
Obama pushes for new No Child Left Behind law

President Barack Obama used his weekly address to make a fresh push for an overlooked domestic priority, urging Congress to act on his proposed overhaul of the No Child Left Behind education law.

In calling on lawmakers to give local schools greater flexibility, the president highlighted progress made at Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, Tenn., where he delivered a commencement address Monday.

"We need to reward the reforms that are driven not by Washington, but by principals and teachers and parents. That's how we'll make progress in education — not from the top down, but from the bottom up," he said.

Obama last called on Congress to act in March, citing a Department of Education report that found that 82 percent of the nation's public schools were the right goals. But what hasn't worked is denying teachers, schools and states what they need to meet those goals of No Child Left Behind.

Although members of Congress and administration officials have continued to meet on education reform, it has been a low priority amid fierce debates on fiscal issues and the economy.

Republicans used their weekly address to discuss energy prices. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas accused Obama of "seeking to impose more regulations and taxes on oil and gas companies," which she said could further raise prices at the pump.

"It is not enough for the president to talk about producing energy in America. We call on him to put policies in place that cut the bureaucratic red tape and put Americans to work doing it," Hutchison said.

Obama recently outlined plans for expanding petroleum exploration in Alaska and extending leases in the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic Ocean. Competing plans were introduced in the Senate: Democrats seek to end subsidies for oil companies while Republicans propose expanded drilling.

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**Bromance**

Taking your friendship to the next level

J.J. Jenkins is a journalism freshman and Mustang Daily freshman columnist.

"Bromance — Describes the complicated love and affection shared by two straight males."

— Urban Dictionary

In my time as the Mustang Daily freshman columnist, I’ve written about romance and co-mance, but as my time winds down, I cannot forget to mention the most important “mance”: bromance.

Bromances are unique because they are not searched for, they are realized. This was certainly what happened in my case.

My bromance started during Week of Welcome (WOW) when our group first gathered together and awkwardly introduced ourselves by saying our name and an adjective that started with the first letter of our name to describe ourselves. Because “J” adjectives eluded me (there aren’t that many to start with), I went to my default, “Jolly J.J.” To my right, a guy stepped forward when his time came — “I’m Naughty Nick.”

Naughty Nick and I did not seem like natural friends. I was a nerdy cross-country runner who could not complete a sentence in front of a cute girl. He was a natural athlete with an effortless flow of game around his many suitors. But there was something about our back-and-forth banter throughout the week, about everything from sports to eating habits, that clicked.

On the last day of the week, our WOW leaders gave us each a poster of the group that everyone signed for each other. Nick’s tagline on my poster read, “Homicide for life, son. Don’t be too much of a heartbreaker.”

I suspected that would be the extent of our relationship, but we never got rid of each other. We started by going to lunch during the week and then hanging out on weekends.

Our bromance has reached Vince Vaughn/Owen Wilson status from “Wedding Crashers” (I will not tell you who is who).

Even as the year progressed (crushes changed and I managed to find co-mance and romance), our relationship did not falter. Our group of friends even joked that I cheated on Naughty Nick with my girlfriend because jealous.

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easily often abound. She just learned to accept that she is No. 2. But the bromance is more than just a friendship between two guys who talk about girls and wear matching "bro tanks" (for the record, we do not do that). It is the type of relationship where a simple word, look or eye movement can convey a whole range of thought. Most importantly, bromances often flourish when opposites really do attract. However, some women are baffled by bromances, as they do not understand the origins of this unique relationship. Considering this misunderstanding, I thought I'd take a moment to explain.

Since we were young, girls have had a natural tendency to move in packs, a sort of natural defense mechanism against older guys. The relationships within the pack vary between animosity and friendship and disgust and admiration. The only certainty is that guys can seldom pierce the pack. On the other hand, guys try to be alpha males in pursuit of the girl or girls that breed solidarity. Rarely do you find "The Hangover"-like wolf packs in the wild. Yet when that special guy comes around, like when you find the girl of your dreams, men just click no matter their differences. Thankfully, bromances do not have to be exclusive. This weekend I got the opportunity to exploit that fact in Cal Poly's very own version of the Amazing Race.

Naughty Nick signed himself up with another friend (a girl — the ultimate bromance: betroil) and challenged me to a duel, scavenger hunt style. Since bromances thrive off competitiveness, I could not back down and enlisted the support of my roommate, with whom I am also involved in a bromance (there are no limits to guy love).

Our team name? "Team Bromance." We made the most of our opposing qualities, demonstrating the power of the bromance to combine and make an unstoppable opponent. While he solved Sudoku, I used my powers as a journalist (aka Google on an iPhone) to find the remaining clues. Combine that with a little cardio, and my fellow bro and I finished the race in first, placing ahead of Naughty Nick. Though, I do credit him with part of our victory because he showed me how to unleash the power of a bromance — but do not tell him that because he will try to grab a part of my winnings. I guess that is just the nature of a man love.

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MONDAY, MAY 23

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may think that your humor is completely appropriate to a current situation, but take care that someone isn't rubbed the wrong way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may feel as though progress is slow, but in fact you're using the time well and making efficient choices that move things forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are likely to respond far more emotionally than expected to a situation that, for others, is nothing more than routine. Keep it together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may not be able to provide the support a friend or loved one really needs, but you can make it up in other ways when the time comes.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You'll be able to mix with all kinds of people, no matter what side of the issues you ultimately fall out on. You can get along.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may have to do a little doctoring in order to have things fall out according to the vision you had when you began.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Share your ideas with someone not directly involved in your current project and you'll come up with a new idea of getting what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll have a chance to sit late in the day, but not before you engage your talents and accomplish something that makes a mark.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — What you have to offer is more than worth the effort it will take to deliver the goods in the time you have to get the work done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A meeting may be scheduled in which an offer is made that takes you back — and propel you forward into a future of many opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Remember to let others know the routine of a mission you have scheduled for what may prove the busiest part of the day. Stay in touch.

Bromance is more than just a friendship. It is more than just two guys who talk about girls and wear matching 'bro tanks.'

— J.J. Jenkins
Freshman columnist
Elephants or donkeys: it doesn't matter

The majority of the articles that come out of this column come from current political issues and pertain to those that most well-informed Americans are aware of.

This week, I chose to talk about an issue that has been on my mind ever since I was a kid. This issue, which became apparent to me through watching the news, seeing countless debates and elections and even politics, opinions and political affiliations too seriously. This is a truth that most well-informed Americans are aware of.

Conservative columnist

Andrew Newnow is a wine and it doesn't matter

life, but has gotten to the point

that people tend to put their political ideals in front of more important aspects of life. I have experienced this fact first hand.

I have one of the most loving and close-knit families a person could have, and I am very grateful for that. I have more than 20 cousins, and family gatherings of 50 or more people are quite common. We enjoy laughs and are always excited to see each other.

In the midst of this great family love lies a sort of tension that became apparent as I grew up. My family is split down the middle in political ideals; one side is Conservative, while the other is Liberal.

As a result, a lot of trash talking occurs on each side. Some of which comes to a forefront at family gatherings.

The point is that even my family experiences a divide due to a difference of opinion.

This same divide appears to be forming in the fabric of American society. I have seen people express hateful feelings toward others and myself because they simply see the world differently.

To this American here lies the problem: It appears that people are forgetting the meaning of an opinion, and letting their egos get in the way of reality. It's called an opinion for a reason.

The reality of the universe is that obviously you should not allow ourselves under the elephant or donkey banner and come together under the red, white and blue.

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— Andrew Newnow

Conservative columnist
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Pacific tied the game in the second inning with first baseman Brian Martin taking a lead-off walk to start the inning and right fielder Allen Riley brought him home on a double to centerfield.

Cal Poly regained the lead in the seventh, with a walk to Crocker and a sacrifice bunt from Denver Chavez, advancing Crocker to second. After a wild pitch sent him to third, Crocker beat the throw home as Mike Miller grounded to shortstop Josh Simms.

In the eighth inning, Mitch Hahniger padded Cal Poly’s lead with a solo home run. The homer was Hahniger’s fifth in the last nine games.

Pacific rallied back in the bottom of the eighth with a pair of singles, and runners in scoring position with no outs. But the Tigers were only able to score one in the eighth before pitcher Jeff Johnson came in and struck out three to earn his fifth save.

Despite the series victory, the Game 1 loss against Pacific cost the Mustangs a chance to be second in the Big West. With a 2-1 series victory over UC Riverside, UC Irvine clinched the No. 2 spot in the Big West while Cal Poly took the third seed.

The Mustangs will play out the last week of their schedule on the road, facing non-conference opponents Stanford and Cal State Bakersfield. Cal Poly takes on Stanford May 24 at 5:30 p.m. and will finish the season with a three-game series against Cal State Bakersfield starting May 27 at 6 p.m.

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on the day and a berth to the national championships.

"Today, I was kind of up and down," Gonzalez said. "A couple bogeys slowed me down, but I had a great finish."

Gonzalez has earned All-Big West Conference first-team honors three times. The Mustang golfer from Monte Vista High School in Danville, Calif., won three tournaments in his four-year Mustang career and competed in his third NCAA regional this week.

Gonzalez averaged 72.8 strokes per round as a senior during the regular season, with five top-10 finishes and 12 rounds of par or better, including four rounds in the 60s. He won the Folino Invitational hosted by Cal State Fullerton in Irvine on March 22 for his third career collegiate title.

Gonzalez now has 19 career rounds in the 60s and 53 rounds of par or better thus far, finishing in the top 10 a total of 17 times. Gonzalez’s career average of 72.59 strokes per round is second to Mustang career record-holder Travis Bertoni (71.700).

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Mustangs ignite offensively, overpower Pacific in finale

Mustang Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly men’s baseball team clinched its fifth Big West series of the season, after taking two of three from Pacific this weekend to finish out the conference schedule. The Mustangs finished the season 15-9 in the Big West.

After splitting the first two games, the Mustangs defeated Pacific 21-0 in Game 3, earning season highs with 21 runs and 22 hits.

Sophomore pitcher Joey Wagner earned the win, improving to 4-2 on the season, after throwing seven shutout innings and giving up two singles.

The Mustangs scored eight runs in the first six innings, and added another nine in the seventh inning — their highest scoring inning of the season.

As a team, Cal Poly hit six home runs, four coming in the seventh, including two from center fielder Bobby Ciocker, one from freshman left fielder Jimmy Allen, one from catcher Jordan Hadlock and two three-run home runs from first baseman Tim Wise. Allen has earned 11 hits in his last 18 at-bats.

Twelve Cal Poly batters earned hits on route to the team’s largest margin of victory in more than three years. The last time the Mustangs scored more than 20 runs in a game was in their last game of the 2010 season, with a 25-8 victory over Cal State Bakersfield.

Cal Poly dropped Game 1 of the series with a rare loss from starting pitcher Mason Radeke. Radeke gave up nine hits and four walks as Pacific scored in four of the first five innings. Radeke’s ERA is now 3.31 and he fell to 8-3 this season.

Cal Poly’s lone run came in the third inning when Allen, who reached second on a double to center field, was driven home on a single by Mike Miller.

But Pacific answered with a run in the fourth and two in the fifth as the Tigers cruised to a 6-1 victory.

The Mustangs evening the series behind starting pitcher Steven Fischback, who earned five wins and two no-decisions in his last seven starts. Fischback gave up just one run and struck out seven in a narrow 5-2 Cal Poly victory.

The Mustangs jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first, before earning two hits and no runs over the next five innings.

Gonzalez qualifies for national championships

Mustang Daily Staff Report

Men’s golf standout Geoff Gonzalez made history this weekend. Gonzalez finished tied for fourth in the NCAA Colorado Regional at the Colorado National Golf Club on Saturday — becoming Cal Poly’s first NCAA Division I National Championship qualifier.

He almost aced his last tee shot, landing the ball within a half-inch of the cup and sinking the putt for his fourth consecutive birdie and a final-round of 66.

“I’m real proud of myself and our program,” Gonzalez said in a release. “This is a great day for Cal Poly golf.”

Gonzalez, who parred the par-72 course on Thursday and Friday, began the final round in 26th place and had an up-and-down day Saturday with four bogeys and 10 birdies.

Starting on the back nine, Gonzalez bogeyed three of the last five holes and made the turn at one under par. He also bogeyed the No. 5 hole on the front nine, his 14th hole of the day, and was at two under par with four holes to play.

“A few bogeys the fifth and walked up to the sixth tee,” Coach Jason Anderson said. “I just might as well birdie the last four.” Gonzalez said, “So he decided to go for broke, and I did.”

Gonzalez hit one within three feet of the cup on the sixth hole and made the putt for a birdie.

On the seventh hole, Gonzalez’s second shot landed pin high on the fringe. He chipped to within four feet and made another birdie.

On the eighth hole, Gonzalez hit a wedge shot to within three feet of the cup en route to his third straight birdie.

On the ninth and final hole of the round, Gonzalez struck a ball into the wind and it stopped a half-inch from the hole. He completed his six-under-par 66 with his fourth consecutive birdie, his 10th birdie.

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— Geoff Gonzalez
Cal Poly senior men’s golfer