The world on a shoe string

Cal Poly students find ways to travel the world in a dire economy

Omar Sanchez
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

When the train showed no sign of stopping, Benjamin Thompson and his two friends had no choice but to jump. They were in a small town in Croatia thousands of miles from home with only a backpack full of essentials to sustain them for the next three weeks.

The train was a train wreck over the last three months ought to agree that this system no longer works, if it ever did."

As the economy worsens and college costs increase, student loans, students like Thompson and his friends Anthony and Adria Tsigovich invited him on this trip to Croatia, he knew hotels weren't an option. Instead they relied on the hospitality of strangers.

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The deadlocks have often left the state unprepared to pay its bills, including paychecks to state workers, refunds to businesses that supply prisons, state hospitals and other facilities. The latest stalemate, to enact a midyear budget fix because of declining revenue and set the budget for next fiscal year, also held up state income tax refunds.

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"They served us spaghetti and we drank wine while we discussed politics," said Thompson. "They hated Bush, but were crazy about Obama so I gave them my Obama pin I had and they were crazy," he added.

For three college students on a budget, couch surfing was a cheap way to learn another culture and have a place to eat and sleep for free.

The Web site serves as a place where couch surfers can congregate and communicate, each with their own skills or requirements.

"I had these California state quarters that I thought were a cool way to learn another culture," Silvey said. "I had safety tips for people new to couch surfing. Surf in small groups like he did and stay with hosts who have a good reputation and use common sense."

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"After my trip to Europe, I definitely was more cautious of where I keep my money," Silvey said. "We got warned the last day we were there.

Silvey didn't have much luck with strangers. When he did trust someone he had a gift certificate for a hotel. It was a good service.

"Couch surfing doesn't require you to bring a ton of things with you, but whatever you bring should be useful. If you have a sweater, bring that. Some of the people I hosted had to save on travel expenses.

"I had these California state quarters that I would give away to the people I thought were cool. So that they would have something to remember me by," he said.

When it came time to leave the Galants, the group went online to find another host in Croatia. But the system isn't fail-proof, Thompson said. In some cases, the host never answered their phone or replied via e-mail.

"I have to have a back-up plan in this situation," Thomson cautioned. "We ended up staying at a hotel." After he left Croatia, Thompson reflected on what he could have done and bought to make his experience more comfortable.

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"I suggested packing three pairs of underwear, a couple of shirts and pants, jacket, socks, sleeping pad and a good book. "I made the bad choice to bring my laptop with me. It was dumb because everyone there had Internet access."

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Briefs

State

LOS ALAMOS, Calif. (AP) — As a SUV filled with foreign students veered off a highway, slammed into a tree and burst into Haines, killing six of the seven people aboard, Santa Barbara County say ani­mals are being put down.

The driver, 13-year-old Jeannie Oxowski of France, was the only survivor. The names of the victims, more than 140 miles northwest of their destination, officials said.

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CAMBRIA, Calif. (AP) — Laid-off workers at the Dancing Star Foundation sanctuary in rural Harmony near Cambria and Cayucos say they face an economic crisis.

Laid-off worker Sheldon Rowley says animals are being put down simply because they are old or lame. Dancing Star Foundation Vice President Jane Morrison says the animals have medical problems, even though the concessions operate without getting cut because of the economic crisis.

International

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's state that adopted the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment a decade ago, has now become the latest battleground in the fight for same-sex civil unions.

It would be the fifth state to legalize the alternative to gay marriage if the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Republican governor approve a civil union bill. The measure was passed by the state House this month but it now faces the Senate, where a divided committee is to vote Tuesday.

Republican Gov. Linda Lingle has declined to comment on the issue and it's unclear whether she would veto the bill.

Gay rights organizations argue that civil unions would promote basic equality in the nation's most ethnically diverse state, but opponents fear the erosion of an island culture that values conventional family ties.

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent will be making judicial history when he enters a courtroom Monday — but it won't be the kind he'll want to remember.

Kent will join the handful of federal judges who have taken part in a trial as a defendant, and he will be the first to face trial on a sex crime charge. The 59-year-old judge is accused of fondling two female court employees as he tried to force himself on the women and have them perform sex acts.

Jury selection in his trial was set to begin Monday. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to $250,000.

WORDS ON THE STREET

"Do you think last week's New York Post cartoon crossed the line of satire? Why or why not?"

"Well it depends on how credible the source is. If (The New York Post) was credible, it would have been a bigger deal." — David W., physics junior

"There is no line. It's freedom of speech, they can do whatever they want. Anyone who says different is a fascist." — Issac Miller-Gadrie, computer engineering

"When it comes to the president, Bush got a lot of stuff like this. So I think (Obama) is fair game." — Daniel Holliday, business junior

"They have a right to print it. It may be over the line for some people but it's still a freedom of speech. (The New York Post) is trying to make a point." — David Humphries, mechanical engineering junior

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FBI: 4 activists arrested over UC incidents

Marcus Wohlsen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four animal rights activists connected to incidents targeting University of California biomedical researchers at their homes have been arrested, federal authorities said Friday.

The FBI arrested the four on suspicion of violating the federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for allegedly using force, violence or threats to interfere with animal research.

Members of the San Francisco Joint Terrorism Task Force on Friday arrested Maryam Khajavi, 20, of Pinole, and Joseph Buddenberg, 25, of Berkeley, in Oakland.

Federal agents arrested Nathan Pope, 26, of Oceanside, and Adriana Stumpo, 23, of Long Beach, on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C., as they returned to the US from Costa Rica.

"It is inexcusable and cowardly for these people to resort to terrorizing the families of those with see Activists, page 4

Human Rights and Freedom in the Middle East

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Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert has just had a peregrine falcon making its nest atop the San Jose, Calif. City Hall named after him.

It helps to have fans in high places. Just ask Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert, who has just had a peregrine falcon making its nest atop San Jose City Hall named after him.

The male falcon was dubbed "Esteban Colbert" by San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, an admirer of Stephen Colbert’s. Like the human Colbert, Esteban is comfortable before cameras; he and his new mate, Clara, have their rooftop rendezvous beamed throughout the world by way of a FalconCam the city installed when falcon babies turned up on City Hall three years ago.

The falcon is the third wild bird or mammal to be named after the host of "The Colbert Report." Breeders at the San Francisco Zoo named a bald eagle Stephen Jr. after Colbert in 2006.

Last month, researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz, christened a pair of elephant seals Stellephant Colbert and Jon Seaburt, the latter after Colbert’s fellow Comedy Central pundit, Jon Stewart.

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over how to deal with the red ink that began showing up just weeks after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the budget on Sept. 23. The problem was crafting a plan that would generate the needed two-thirds support.

They didn’t agree on a combination of tax increases, spending cuts and borrowing to eliminate the deficit until early Thursday morning, after nearly a week of almost around-the-clock sessions in the state Senate.

Even then, the two-thirds majority was reached only after Democrats made concessions to Republican Sens. Abel Maldonado, including ballot measures that would create an open primary system and freeze lawmakers’ pay when the state runs a deficit.

"Now the minority party has the dominant voice because they are holding us hostage," said Sen. Lori H[farkin, a Berkeley Democrat who chairs the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee.
Levy family’s grief endures, despite break in case

Garance Burke  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the first weeks after her only daughter disappeared, grief hit Susan Levy so hard she could not move from a fetal position on the living room couch.

By the time Chandra Levy’s skull and bones were found in a park in the nation’s capital a year later, her mother had found enough strength to dial Washington police detectives to ask why it was taking so long to find her daughter’s killer.

Now, eight years after Chandra’s death, Susan Levy said the sudden reappearance of a former drug addict in the slaying may resolve the crime, but it will do nothing to stem her family’s heartache.

“This helps a little,” said Levy, standing in the den of her central California home. “But we still don’t have our daughter and we have a lifetime sentence without her. Grief is like a marathon. You don’t get over it. It recycles itself.”

Chandra Levy was 24 and had just completed an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons when she disappeared in May 2001 after leaving her Washington, D.C., apartment.

After authorities questioned her congressman, Gary Condit, in the disappearance and revealed his affair with Levy, media from around the world descended on the family’s split-level home amid the orchards of Modesto, a sleepy city 90 miles east of San Francisco.

Susan, her husband Bob and their son Adam retreated, and drew the blinds hoping to cope with their anguish in peace.

Another mother, Donna Raley, rang their doorbell to offer support, and said she found Susan wasn’t eating.

Chandra Levy’s mother Susan Levy, second left, flanked by unidentified members of a victims advocate group called “Wings of Protection,” stands outside her Modesto, Calif., home to answer questions from media, Saturday, February 23, 2009.

The family’s hopes that she might still be alive were extinguished.

“We used to hope for her to have a happy life, and a fulfilling career,” said her father Bob Levy, an oncologist. “We started praying for her to be reincarnated.”

Hobbled by pain, the couple explored Buddhism, Hinduism and Christianity, and Chandra’s father began keeping a log of signs that his daughter’s spirit was present — small things, such as a rainbow after a storm, or her grandmother’s dream that Chandra wanted to send her parents a message.

They also looked for solace in Modesto’s close-knit Jewish community, he said.

Each Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, they would pray at Congregation Beth Shalom for those who had passed.

Associated Press Writer Samantha Young contributed to this report.

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Democrats hold 24 of the 40 Senate seats, with one vacancy in a heavily Democratic district, and 51 of the 80 Assembly seats. At least three Republicans in each house are needed to reach two-thirds majorities.

The draw-out negotiations and required granting of favors to lawmakers in exchange for their votes has increased calls for elimination of the two-thirds requirement, at least for the budget and perhaps for tax increases.

Hancock has introduced a constitutional amendment that would require only simple majorities to approve budgets.

“California needs to have a normal democracy like every other state in the nation except Rhode Island and Arkansas,” she said.

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, has proposed one that would allow lawmakers to approve budgets with 55 percent majorities if they do it by June 15. After that, it would take two-thirds votes.

Because constitutional amendments also require two-thirds votes to pass, the Legislature, supporters of the change almost certainly will need an independent initiative campaign.
Joshua Radin performs at Downtown Brew on Friday Night. Radin played much of his set without a microphone due to a noisy crowd.

A sea of fans chanted and cheered at Downtown Brew Friday night in an effort to coax Joshua Radin back to the stage for one more song. After a good amount of this, long past the moment the music usually comes back out to play another tune, faces dropped with the realization that it just wasn’t going to happen. And why should it? He didn’t even play a whole show to begin with.

If the name Joshua Radin doesn’t immediately ring a bell, you have probably heard him before without realizing it. His breathy, emotional songs have made their way onto each movie soundtracks as “Garden State” and “The Last Kiss,” as well as shows like “Scrubs.”

Radin’s career has been coming right along, having just played at El Paso DeGettes’ wedding last summer amongst other things. Now on tour with his sophomore album, “Simple Lines,” he told CNN reporter Shannon Cook that it is based on his life, and that the lyrics are a kind of journal entry. Radin’s songs cover most every area of day-to-day human existence, touching on topics such as falling in love, falling out of love, friends, family and politics. Each song perfectly incorporates a catchy tune laden with dripping sentiment. It is the sort of music that is easy to relate to, each of his songs telling a familiar story.

With this in mind, it was a bit of a shock when Radin artfully directed a not-so-nice sentiment to a few concert attendees. “Fuck off” was not exactly what anyone expected from the sweet-faced romantic’s mouth, but “fuck off” is what everyone got. There was also a “douchbag” thrown into the mix, as well as one or two statements lending the idea that he wouldn’t be coming back to San Luis Obispo anytime soon.

So why did this happen? What could have made the night go so sour? What did we, San Luis Obispo, do wrong?

We weren’t quiet enough. There were people talking in the bar a low murmur from the very back of the crowd could be heard and it was evident that after a few nonchalant remarks about the talkers, Radin just couldn’t take it anymore. That’s when the verbal abuse began.

If you were amongst the majority of the people there who were genuinely excited to hear Radin play, then you know how heartbreaking this concert was. Around the time that he unplugged his guitar and purposefully sang out of reach of the mic, everyone who was not plastered to the very front was hanging their heads-in shame. We were not worthy of hearing the musical god it seemed, even though we were quiet. We did what he said. Hell, we were ready to match to the bar and start hitting people with our purses if it meant Radin

You’ll Dye laughing

Krizia Torres
STAFF WRITER

Comedian Jeff Dye will come to Cal Poly’s Chanuss Auditorium tomorrow night, fresh off his comedy tour with the Season 6 final five of NBC’s “Last Comic Standing.”

“I haven’t been to Cal Poly before. I have never heard of the school before. I’m going into it blind. I hope no one throws naval stars at me and throws bottles at me on stage,” Dye joked.

This past summer, the 26-year-old “Washingt” native competed on “Last Comic Standing” against thousands of aspiring comedians and placed third. In order to be on the comedy reality show, more aspiring comedians have to go through an audition process. Dye was the only person in the history of the show not to audition.

“I was hand-chosen by Bill Bellamy, the host of ‘Last Comic Standing,’ in Seattle,” he said. “He saw me. They were doing a thing originally on NBC where Bill Bellamy would go from town to town and surprise comics to go on (the show).”

Dye’s comedic material originates from everyday life observations. He jokes about working out at the gym, Starbucks, Coffee and Campbell’s Soup.

“I think a lot of comics just joke about sex a lot. I watch TV or I read the paper. I see homeless people. My jokes are pretty much from everything in life that’s not dirty. I feel like I have a whole plethora of things to joke about,” Dye said. “I feel like there are a lot of other funny things that happen. I could go to a restaurant and find a lot of funny things to observe.”

Ever since “Last Comic Standing,” Dye’s career has been taking off with recent TV and movie offers.

“More people know who I am (now),” he said. “But as far as my family and my personal life, it hasn’t really changed anything. But when it comes to my comedy career, it opened me up into a different level that I’m really grateful to be at.”

Dye’s comedic career started when he was young, always preferring around and being the funny guy at school.

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Radin performance turns unexpectedly dramatic

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**From slums of Mumbai to the Academy Awards**

Bibh Harris
"It's fantastic. It's beyond our dreams," said Tanvi Ganesh Lonkar, who played the "middle" age protagonist, Jai, as he glanced around the gaggle of famous faces jamming the long red carpet outside Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.

Lonkar is one of the six actors who play the three lead characters in three different stages of their lives. The group chattered happily away to reporters picking up microphones and cameras on their gorgeous faces.

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For Radin and Ashar, there was a frisson of excitement this week to get visas, passports and tickets after their parents decided at the last minute they wanted them to travel to the awards ceremony. Everything came through Thursday, and on Friday they were cruising Mumbai in an air-conditioned SUV, doing last-minute shopping and getting advice.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**One political party shouldn't hold all power**

For the past eight years, systems that the general population has been a part of with the government. Bush held record low approval ratings, and the only acceptable opinion one could hold was one completely opposed to Bush. I propose that Bush is not responsible for our recent lack of faith in the government (or approval ratings). The real culprit here is that Bush holds the Presidency, House and Senate simultaneously.

Our government was implemented with the idea of checks and balances. The House, Senate and executive office prevent each branch from holding too much power and becoming (more or less) corrupt. Unfortu-

nately, party lines have become rather distinct. Democrats and Republicans follow party values without consideration, which is the most votes was forwarded on to everyone who shared in the presidential race. I'm not sure if this is the best way to encourage institutional change.

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**Romance dies, desperation lives on the Internet**

See a cute boy lately? Did you not ask for your number? Was she just scared? Did you just not have the time to talk to her? Don't worry, Missed Connections is here to save you from a life of loneliness and desperation.

If you're shy and have trouble talking to guys, maybe you thought you were destined for an adulthood spent with 12 cats and stacks of newspaper; but with the advent of Missed Connections you can put yourself out there just enough to not have to risk your pride or anonymity.

You're unfamiliar with Missed Connections? Allow me to fill you in. Craigslist doesn't just sell you on a job, toaster or a 1990 Chrysler Lakhorn anymore; it picks men and women who you may have barely noticed. Just post a random and practically non-existent meeting you had with a completely stranger, or confess that you have been stalking the guy at Powell's Sweet Shoppe for three weeks, and maybe they'll tell you on a bevy of creepy stalkers who may or may not have a mental illness will, but at least you aren't alone).

Why didn't I think of this? It's gold mine.

I took the liberty of posting my own Missed "Com-sex-ton" yesterday. I studied for the hours deciding how I would structure my own post and after reading about missed connections at McDonald's, Starbucks and the movie theatre, I knew just what to do.

Of course this is completely in jest, but still I felt myself wanting to check my e-mail every 10 minutes hoping to get a response. Who knows if this was because of the excitement of having news to report back to you all, but a dark part of me thinks the simple act of posting a Missed Connection showed me right into the kind of desperation that I believed

only existed in "He's Just Not That Into You".

**Sometimes more than a will is needed for a way**

In response to Eric Baldwin's letter to the editor, I would like to apologize, on behalf of civil society, for placing mandates on you and others to prevent murder, theft, rape, and all those other things that we decided people should abstain from. We are sorry for forcing people to behave in ways that we think are important.

The purpose of having those who attended Focus the Nation vote was to encourage institutional change. This change would reaffirm Cal Poly's commitment to sustainability. As for your argument that change should come from the little people and not just the large players, you are correct. You just missed the point. Everyone who voiced their opinion, including you, are a "small player" at this institution. The idea which got the most votes was forwarded on to the larger players here on campus to show them that there is a wait out there for change.

Sometimes it takes a mandate because not everyone is willing to change for the collective better. For example, the recent financial crisis has resulted in thousands of people losing their jobs, pensions, homes, and quality of life. Talk to anyone affected by this mess and I think the major-
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his second run on a well-executed safety squeeze, before being re-warmed with a quick lift to set the tone in the eighth inning that resulted in an RBI double for the team's tenth.

"We came out swinging and we played hard," Bush said. "You know, sometimes you get hit by a pitch and the home plate umpire is always important. Now we have the momentum going into the second game."

On the mound, junior righthander Matt Leonard went 4.2 innings for the Mustangs, giving up three runs, walking two batters and striking out three others. After setting out last season due to Tommy John surgery, Leonard was happy to get back on the mound in a competitive game.

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in was pretty good so hopefully I'll continue to have confidence when I step out on the field!"

The Owls struck first with runs in both the second and third innings. The Mustangs were able to tie up the score at two runs a piece by taking advantage of an error by Rice's shortstop Chad Mozingo and a wild pitch from their starting pitcher Mike Oyola in the bottom of the third inning.

The Mustangs brought in senior righthander Eric Massingham with one out in the fifth inning. The Owls then strung together a series of hits and capitalized on an error to score four times after the pitching change, which widened the scoring gap to 6-2.

The Mustangs were quiet un­
til junior shortstop Kyle Smith scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning.

Cal Poly scored three more times in the bottom of the eighth inning. They put together a pair of base hits by sophomore first baseman J.J. Thompson and Smith and an array of walks and hit batters to tie the game up again at six.

Massingham was able to shut down the Owls in the top of the ninth inning, clearing the way for the bottom of his team's lineup to try to end the game with a run and secure him his first win of the season.

With one out, freshman left fielder Bobby Crocker singled to center field and then stole second base, putting him in scoring posi­
tion for the number eight hitter J.J. Thompson. Thompson was able to turn on a hard fastball from Rice's fourth relief pitcher Matthew Reckling that flew to the wall in center field, scoring Crocker to win the game.

"I was just trying to put the ball in play to move the runner over and have someone else behind me take care of it," Thompson said. "The team battled hard, Matt Leonard came back and pitched a great game and the bullpen did their job. It just feels good to win."

The Mustangs travel to Fresno State to play a single game against the defending national champion Bulldogs Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Beiden Field.

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**softball**

GAME 1: CAL POLY 3, KANSAS 1

GAME 2: UNLV 6, CAL POLY 5

 Sophomore lefthander Ana Cahn struck out a career-high 10 Jayhawks and allowed just three hits in the victory over Kansas (6-9) on Sunday at the Oregon State-hosted Central City Classic.

Cal Poly senior second baseman Stephanie Tam led the way offensively with three hits against Kansas.

Junior catcher Sara Kryza came up big for the Mustangs, driving in the game winning run in the sixth with a pinch-hit single.

In the late game with the Rebels, Cal Poly came out flat, trailing 8-0 after just two innings.

The Mustangs would chip away with two runs in the third and fourth innings, and a single run in the sixth but could never get within three runs.

Tam continued her stellar day with another three hit performance, giving her a total of six hits in the two games.

The Mustangs will return to ac­
tion at the Cal State Fullerton-hosted DeMarini Invitational, Feb. 27- March 1 at Anderson Field.

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Mustangs sweep twin bill against Rice

GAME ONE

Clinton McGuie  
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly baseball team jumped on Rice early and often, beating the 2003 national champions 10-3 Saturday afternoon at Baggett Stadium.

Following a difficult 10-7 loss Friday night against the Owls, the Mustangs stomped over freshman left-hander Taylor Woff, who gave up five earned runs in three and one-third innings work, in the first game of a double-header.

Cal Poly scored at least two runs in each of the first four innings, giving the Mustangs a 9-1 cushion.

Setting the tone early, senior center fielder Ryan Lee hit the first pitch Cal Poly saw for a base hit. After a sacrifice bunt and a stolen base, Lee was sitting on third with one out and a chance to score. Junior third baseman Adam Buschini took advantage of the opportunity, hitting a sacrifice fly to center field to bring in the first run of the game.

Those guys in front of me are doing great," Buschini said of driving in the first run. "With them always getting on, it helps me out a lot.

Buschini had a game-high three RBIs on 1-2 hitting. He bunted in the run of the game, giving the Mustangs a 9-1 cushion.

Junior second baseman Matt Jensen slides home scoring a run against the Owls in Saturday's first game.

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GAME TWO

Cassandra Kays

In what turned out to be a better's duel, the Cal Poly baseball team beat No. 3 Rice University in the last of a season opening three-game series. The Mustangs were able to rally back after being down 6-2 in the fifth inning to beat the Owls 7-6 Saturday night at Baggett Stadium to complete a day-night doubleheader sweep of the 2003 national champions.

The Mustangs were 1-1 coming into the game, having lost the season opener Friday 10-7 and winning the later game of Saturday's double-header 10-3.

According to Head Coach Larry Lee, the team had to first put Friday's loss behind them in order to be successful in Saturday's games. "It was a good win, on how we responded after losing Friday night," Lee said.

Lee acknowledged that beating team's like Rice can only add to Cal Poly's early season confidence. "It was a good win, on how we responded after losing Friday night's game behind us. We played extremely well in the first game, and then today we got sloppy defensively in the fifth inning. We put

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