Fraudsters contact students through the Cal Poly Housing Web site about empty rooms, and then request the money wired back through Western Union.

Kristen Marschall
MUSTANG DAILY

Bruce Jones needed someone to sublease his mobile home for the summer and following year. He put up an ad on the Cal Poly Housing Web site and received a reply within days. Not long after, he found himself thousands of dollars in debt.

A scam artist, using the name Julia Williams in particular, has targeted several students like Jones, a civil engineering junior, through the housing Web site. Claiming to be from Africa or England, the impostor sends over a sum of money in traveler's checks that is more than what the student is asking for — as somewhat of a down payment — but back out at the last minute and requests a refund.

In Jones' case, the person claiming to be Williams told him a total of $3,800 split between four checks of $950 each, which Jones hadn't waited for the traveler's checks to go through, but assumed they would. And without a second thought, he wired nearly $3,000 of his own money to who he believed was Julia Williams, only to find out soon after that the checks had bounced and he was in debt — with Williams nowhere to be found.

Unfortunately, Jones isn't alone. Several students have become victims of fraud in their attempts to sublease their San Luis Obispo residences.

The police have received several reports of such fraud in the last few months, said Lt. Chris Staley of the San Luis Obispo Police Department (SLOPD).

"We realized there was a trend with this whole thing," Staley said. In police briefings, such cases became more prevalent and officers pointed out that they had recently dealt with similar cases.

Most cases deal with an impostor using the Williams alias who asks to have the money wired back through Western Union to an account in Oklahoma. The fraudster typically sends a total of $3,800 split between four checks of $950 each, which Staley believes was done intentionally to make the amount under $10,000.

"It's unusual, but that's the way I want this department to run," Watton said.

Watton believes that accessibility and communication are two key factors that the UPD needs to have in order to have a successful relationship with the community and student population.

"We're willing to talk with any student, including all the fraternities and sororities and any clubs," he said.

Watton joined the UPD in 2002, bringing nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience to campus. Former UPD Chief Tony Aelts sees Watton as an ideal candidate to take over the position he vacated in January.

"Bill is a consummate professional," Aelts said. Aelts noted that Watton's "good character" and experience in municipal and university policing will help make him an effective leader.

Prior to coming to Cal Poly, Watton was a police lieutenant for the city of Atascadero for 12 years, serving 18 months as interim police chief for the city. However, Watton recognizes that he has different responsibilities now that he is chief of police for a university and not a city.

"Our department is more community policing oriented, more so than a municipal police department," Watton said. This translates into an effort to keep an open communication with the campus and surrounding community, which Watton admits will become more difficult as the campus population grows with the addition of new students and programs.

Kevin Cuneo
MUSTANG DAILY

Watton named permanent chief of police

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"If you've never heard an organ, (the FSK) is more incredible than the most incredible synthesized organ," said Dennis Koh, a current member of the FPAC Board of Advisers and FPAC founder.

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State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was critically injured when a gunman opened fire on a bus stop crowded with summer school students, police said.

Police in San Francisco quickly responding officers to five high schools Wednesday, a day after the shooting near Mission High School.

Witnesses said the gunman died on a crowd of young people at a Municipal Railway bus stop shortly after summer school classes were dismissed.

He chased fleeing students and hit the unidentified 16-year-old boy in the back.

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A Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh talks to supporters after Friday prayers at a mosque in Gaza City Friday June 23, 2006.

Ibrahim Barzak

The Associated Press

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Get your hands off my Heine!

Emily Rancer
MUSTANG IMMY

Did you know that your dictionary spelled "freedom" wrong? I did. "Freedumb" is how it should really be spelled. Know why? Because criticized follow whatever definition our leaders decide to give us. As Americans, it means we can eat all the burgers we want, but it's our own fault if we get fat. Freedumb means we all have a shot at going to a public university, but boy are those thousands of dollars in loans a bumper.

And American freedumb means you can risk your life fighting in Iraq, but how dare you take a wigg of Corona a day before your 21st birthday? We should really be spelled. All diys before my very own 21st birthday, eat all the burgers we want; I mean, have all the burgers we want.

Americans, it means we can go to a public university; but unfortunately, our attitude toward alcohol can't be switched over to European standards as fast as a free-dumb that the leaders of our great nation set so we had to follow in line, right?

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Craft Center summer classes start sizzling

Jandy Jones
MUSTANG IMMY

Whether it's the professor drooling on about logarithms or learning the history of California, boredom comes in many forms.

However, the Craft Center in the University Union can offer students and others a change from the monotony. Kevin Sill, a desk assistant, said the Craft Center offers 11 classes this summer and each one lasts for six weeks. Classes start the week of July 3 and can cost from $50 to $60.

Sill, a mechanical engineering senior, has taken the classes at the center and now teaches the jewelry smithing class.

"Students teaching the class is more relaxing," he said.

The classes the Craft Center is offering this summer include ceramics, bicycle maintenance, jewelry smithing, jewelry casting, film developing, flame working, glass introduction, stained glass, wood lathe, skateboard workshop, and wood introduction, Sill said.

In the jewelry casting class, students will learn how to make wax molds of jewelry and use a process called "lost-wax casting" to create the final product, he said.

The wax is put into a mold, removed and then the mold is filled with molten silver or bronze.

The jewelry smithing class works with metal to create shapes and jewelry, Sill said. This class is different from the jewelry casting class because students do not use models, but instead melt the metal together to make the projects, he said.

Flame working is small-scale glass blowing and students will create items such as marbles or pendants. Glass blowing uses a similar process but the projects are mostly beads and pendants.

In skateboard workshop, students will learn how to "make boards with weird patterns," he said.

This class may take longer because of all the steps they have to go through," Sill said.

Registration fees go up to $20, which goes toward an unlimited-use pass to the art center and to materials. Classes start the week of July 3 and spaces are limited. Students interested in classes should go to the Craft Center or check out the Web site at www.asu.calpoly.edu/asu/craftcenter.

The Craft Center's summer hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and the center is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.
TASTY FOURTH OF JULY RECIPES

Kevin Cuneo
MUSTANG DAILY

Baby Back Ribs with Plum Sauce

4 Whole slabs baby back ribs
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green onions
4 cloves minced garlic
1 16 oz. beer in a can
1 16 oz. plum jam or jelly
1 1/2 cups ketchup
1 1/2 cups honey
1/2 cup minced green onions
1/2 cup minced green peppers
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup seasoned salt
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1 1/2 cups plum jam or jelly
1 1/2 cups ketchup
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup minced green onions
1/2 cup minced green peppers
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup seasoned salt

Rub the chicken inside and out with vegetable oil. Place the chicken inside the can. Cover the chicken with beer. Cook for 25-30 minutes. Turn the ribs over. Place the remaining ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth. Grill until the juices run clear and the chicken is fully cooked. Open beer and drink half. Repeat with the remaining half. Serve with the chicken. For more information, contact the Historical Society at 473-2250.

SLO County fires up Fourth of July festivities

Sara Hamilton
MUSTANG DAILY

With the Fourth of July fast approaching, many Cal Poly students are looking forward to celebrating the birth of the nation with food, festivities and fireworks. Many local communities are planning celebrations for Tuesday, some of which include concerts, parades, barbecues, contests, and of course, fireworks displays.

To the north:
Cayucos: The annual Sand Sculpture Contest will start at 9 p.m. on the beach. A parade through the downtown area is slated to begin at 10 a.m., followed by bingo at 11 a.m. and a barbecue at the Vet's Hall. The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. For more information, call 995-1200.
Templeton: The Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m., and the annual Independence Day Parade is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. After night falls, people will be setting off fireworks in and around Templeton Park, one of the few places in San Luis Obispo county where fireworks are permitted.
Cambria: The Picnic in the Park event will start at 10 a.m. in Shamel Park and includes entertainment, games and prizes, food, smoothies and a bounce house. There will be a fireworks display over the ocean at dusk.
Morro Bay: Family-oriented activities begin at noon in Tidelands Park. When the fireworks show starts at dusk, the south end of Embudadero Street will be cordoned off for spectators. Early arrival is recommended, as this area tends to fill up quickly. For more information, contact the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce at 772-4467.
Atascadero: Independence Day will be celebrated at the Lake Park with a barbecue from 5:7 p.m. and live music by the Atascadero Community Band until 8 p.m. Paddleboats, bikes and kayaks are also available to rent. For more details, call 466-2044.
Paso Robles: Nearby wineries have a good view of the fireworks display at the Barony Schwartz Sports Complex. The Meridian Winery will hold its ninth annual Fourth of July Celebration at 6 p.m., where the admission charge is $16. The Robert Hall Winery's third annual Independence Day Celebration starts at 5 p.m. and features a barbecue, snow cones, face painting and live music by The Mighty Croom Dogs.

To the south:
Pismo Beach: The annual Concert on the Pier will have live music starting at 2 p.m. Scott Wiggins and the Big Daddy Blues Band are scheduled to perform. This year, the evening fireworks show will be set to music, which KZOO 93.3 will broadcast live starting at 9 p.m. Contact the Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce at 773-4362 for more information.
Arroyo Grande: The Fourth of July in the Village celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a live concert by Trio Con Brio in the gazebo, located downtown on Short Street. The South County Historical Society will be serving hot dogs, lemonade and ice cream. Like Templeton, Arroyo Grande permits the sale of fireworks to the public. For more information, call the Historical Society at 473-2250.
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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Bush unaware of Hungary's political past

President Bush recently returned from his diplomatic trip to Europe, where he spent two days in Budapest, Hungary, helping commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising against Communist tyranny. I followed the president's trip very closely, as my parents are Hungarian and I have traveled to Hungary many times, and I concluded the president's ignorance was not exposed with his interpretation of Hungary's past, but with his interpretation of the country's future. President Bush did a wonderful job of praising the brave Hungarians who fought against their Soviet oppressors. The president even acknowledged the mistake the American administration made when it chose not to support the fighting Hungarian uprising, which was ultimately crushed by Soviet tanks and troops. "We've learned from your example, and we resolve that when people stand up for their freedom, America will stand with them." However, it was when the president extolled Hungary as being "a model for emerging democracies" that I saw an ignorance towards the country's current political disposition. President Bush seems unaware that Hungary is slowly returning to its Communist roots. For the first time since the fall of the Berlin Wall, Hungary's Socialist Party, MSZP has been consecutively re-elected as the majority party in the Parliament and it doesn't look like it will be taken anytime soon. Not only is the Socialist MSZP a very popular political party, but many former high-ranking Hungarian Communists significantly influence MSZP's policies. In addition, President Bush shook hands and affectionately extolled Hungary's Prime Minister, Ferenc Gyurcsany, seemingly unaware that Gyurcsany began his political career in Hungary's Communist Hadsap Szevénseg (KISZ), which stands for the Organization of Young Communists. Clearly President Bush was right when he praised Hungary's Democratic past, unfortunately he was dead wrong when he extolled Hungary as being a model for emerging democracies.

Patrick Molnar
Business administration sophomore

Sex columns help educate, clear up misconceptions

Lara Loewenstein
DAVE BRUIN (UCLA)

I suppose my biggest regret as a college sex columnist was never coming up with a sassy name for my weekly musings—such as Cal's "Sex on Tuesdays," Boston College's "Sex and the Universit-y" or my favorite "Cornellingus" from you can probably guess. Unfortunately, I don't think the letters U-C-A-L could have themselves to a clever acronym—at least none I could think of (Under the Covers and Lactating Acid) and certainly none that could even come to Cornell's stroke of genius. So my column remained nameless, but it remained the "sex column" nonetheless.

Independent of name (or lack thereof), college sex columns across the country are criticized. Some say they promote stereotypes of the sexually promiscuous college student. Others are concerned that a sex column is not appropriate material for a newspaper—be it a college publication or otherwise. But most disappointingly, they're criticized because many college sex columns are written by forlorn high school girls who arrive at college and decide to start an extracurricular hobby as self-proclaimed "sex experts." According to the critics found in a USA Today article, that absolutely must lead to false information and misguided advice. By stereotype me I'm fortunately not one to be offended. I'm even one to realize sometimes there is a hint of truth in stereotypes. After all, I was an awkward college sophomore when I started this column. Not exactly a sexpert by any standards, nor am I one now. But this shouldn't matter. I strongly believe when I began this job that a college newspaper could only benefit from a good sex column. And now, over a year later, I am even more convinced. If this column has done anything, it has continually reminded me of the ridiculous misconceptions people have about sex. Or, if not misconceptions, the guilt complexes or complaints. These include more mechanical problems such as erectile dysfunction, more elusive anxieties about sex, more frequent questioning one's sexuality and questions about rape and sexual harassment. Many of these issues can be best addressed in a newspaper column because it's anonymous. You don't have to sit next to anybody; nobody even has to know that you read it. As to false information and misguided advice: When the most likely way for you to get your high school girl friend to fool around with you is to get her to take a virginity pledge (a Harvard study found that 52 percent gave up their pledges within a year) and that high school students in federally funded abstinence-only programs are taught that abortion can lead to suicide and sterility and that half of all gay male teens in the United States are HIV positive, then I think the critics need some serious target practice. I've barely been able to write a column without having to stop myself from going off on a rant about the ridiculous ways this country thinks of sex ed. False information and misguided advice? Enough said.

The fact that I'm not a "sexpert" should not even be an issue. Just like other columnists, I've had to do research so that I don't present false information or misguided advice, and my columns have undergone the same scrutiny and editing process as everything else that gets published in the Daily Bruin. As to the stereotype that all college students are promiscuous. That's obviously not true. According to the 2002 Ashe Center Student Survey Report, about 30 percent of the undergraduate population on this campus has never had sex, but that doesn't mean they're abstaining from all sexual contact. And it certainly doesn't mean they will abstain from all sexual contact in the future. People should ideally know everything they need to know about sex before they have sex, not after.

Sex columns are a little ridiculous — it's ridiculous that there's a need for them. It's ridiculous that we're continuing to have to fight for rights that should be obvious such as abortion and birth control. It's ridiculous that factual and helpful information is not more readily available and even more ridiculous that one of the best ways to get misguided advice is to attend a high school sex ed class. Newspapers pride themselves on preventing factual information that pertains to their readers. That's why college newspapers are the perfect place for sex columns. If done correctly, sex columns present information and advice that pertains to the mainstream college readers — college students —
NBA Draft Results

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2. LaMarcus Aldridge PF - Chicago
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44. Samardo Samuels C - Louisville
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48. Thomas
49. Vulcan
50. Dunbar
51. Mouat
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53. Lou Williams PG - Atlanta
54. Lindsey Hunter SG - Philadelphia
55. Pizzala
56. Hyungdo Shin
57. Willie Green
58. Goudelock
59. Grayson
crossword

Go crazy for the Cup, America

Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

With the World Cup upon us, I think I know why Americans do not like football, or soccer, or football. I tend to keep an inter­
national tone throughout this piece, since we are about to be made miserable as a country in that department.

First off, Americans love scoring, unless you are watching the heralded Brazil versus the Pele-slammed Ballistic under-7 match-up, you are not going to see much of it.

However, goals do not nec­

essarily constitute action. I believe soccer resembles baseball in the realm of American sports, for two reasons: it is perceived as slow, but because underneath the mind-numbing inactivity, a torrent of strategy and gamesmanship exists.

The reason that draws people to baseball are omnipresent in football. Passes set up other plays. Defenders play dangerous, in anticipation of players scoring. That is the reason that the World Cup is so exciting. Picture the World Classic. As it was supposed to be, players fighting to represent their country, not being asked to do so.

The reason is a tournament that features unparalleled competition and skill. I don’t know if Americans realize it, but soccer is kind of a big deal in the rest of the world.

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ers to the mix, work so they can watch Togo and South Korea battle each other.

It’s not that I think Americans are too dumb to appreciate foot­

ball, quite the contrary. I think we should be apt to accept a sport that can be played anywhere, by any­

one, that requires equal parts precision and aggression. How cool is it that Angola got the chance to play Portugal, a country that dominated for hun­
dreds of years? What other sport would you see that?

Football is the victim of precon­

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Poly finishes in top 10 for rodeo finals, Londo wins second consecutive all-around award

Jandy Jones

The Cal Poly men’s rodeo teams finished in the top 10 out of 63 colleges and universities at the National Rodeo Finals in Casper, Wyo. The men’s team finishes No. 9 overall and the women’s placed No. 8. Individual team members were also able to place in the top 10 in their events.

“Anytime you place in the top 10 back there (Casper) you are doing good,” team member Ben Londo said.

Each event had around 40 competitors, and coach Frank Miller said the competition seemed a bit stronger than last year.

Londo was able to take home the award for the men’s all-around for the second consecutive time.

In order to be in the chase for the all-around, a contestant has to compete in two events or more. Londo competed in the bareback riding and the saddle bronc riding. He finished No. 4 in the saddle bronc and, in the top 30 in the bareback riding. Bareback riding is usually one of Londo’s best events but he had a tougher time at the finals this year.

The construction management senior was unable to score on one of his three horses making the goal of men’s all around a little harder to reach.

“1 didn’t think I had a chance to win it especially after I missed the average in the bareback riding,” Londo said.

Contestants compete in one performance and two sections of slack for a total of three times. The combined total of three scores or times is what constitutes the average for the performance. The top 12 competitors in each event are able to compete in the final round.

Ted Burt finished No. 10 in the steer wrestling and No. 8 in the bull riding.

Kalli Collins finished No. 9 in the goat tying, she came in first in first and fifth in one of her performances.

Other team members that placed in the top 10 individually were Kelsey Johnson and Sadie Myers. Johnson placed No. 6 and No. 4 in two separate performances and Myers placed No. 7. Dallas Osburn and Joseph Clanet both competed in the team roping. Osburn placed No. 5 in one performance and Clanet also placed fifth in another performance.

Battle for the Cup heats up

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Red cards, yellow cards and even a little vomit have been present this week as the 2006 World Cup continues to make its historical mark.

An astounding 291 yellow cards and 23 red cards were handed out in the first 52 matches, which has surpassed any other amount in previous World Cups.

Some are wondering if the referees are being fair, especially during the Portugal versus Netherlands match that took place on Sunday, when an unpreceded four red cards were given in 90 minutes. Portugal ended up defeating the Netherlands, 1-0, off a Nuno Morais goal in the 23rd minute.

Italy also advanced, after a 1-0 victory over Australia. The long goal came off the foot of substitute Francesco Totti, after a questionable foul in the box. Italy will face Ukraine in the quarterfinals tomorrow.

England’s David Beckham, known for his free kicks, (among other things), scored the only goal against Ecuador on such a play Sunday, paying England’s way to the quarterfinals. After his goal, which was in the 66th minute, Beckham vomited on the field due to dehydration and proceeded to leave the match with three minutes remaining.

England tied Sweden, 2-2, in group play, one of the most exciting performances and Clarot also placed No. 5 in the race.

France beat Spain 3-1 on Tuesday, as the two teams battled it out for the chance of moving on to the quarterfinals.

French legend, Zinedine Zidane, scored the final goal in extra time, continuing his retirement tour and capping France’s 3-1 victory over Spain.

Zidane also added an assist off the head of Patrick Vieira in the 83rd minute. The play came after yet another questionable yellow card. French striker, Thierry Henry, took a dive near the box after minor contact with a Spanish defender.

France will face ’02 champion Brazil in the quarterfinals on Saturday, in a rematch of the 1998 final, which France won.

The United States was defeated last week by feel-good story Ghana, 2-1. Ghana was brought back to reality, suffering a defeat to Brazil, 3-0, on Tuesday. Brazil, who beat out Germany in the 2002 World Cup, 2-0, is scheduled to play France on Saturday, while Germany and Argentina are set to duke it out tomorrow.

Brazilian stars Ronaldo, Adriano and Ze Roberto scored goals in the fifth, 45th and 84th minutes respectively. The Jupiterman looks strong, as he seeks a repeat for the first time since…well, they did it in 1962 with the help of a guy named Pelé.

Berlin is the biggest venue out of the 12 host cities. The city’s stadium holds up to 72,000 soccer-crazed hooligans, according to ESPN.

So, with only eight matches remaining until the final is played on July 9 in Berlin, tensions are heating up, as the crucible of elimination play will produce the final two Cup contenders. Will it be a repeat of 2002, or will England, Argentina, Germany or France overthrew the champs? Stay tuned.