Fraudsters target students for sublets

Cassie Gaeto MUSTANG DAILY

As summer quarter is quickly approaching, many students are turning to Cal Poly's housing Web site. Craigslist and Facebook to post rooms for rent or find a sublease. With the rise of the online housing listings, some people creating housing posts have made themselves vulnerable to a new prey by Internet scam artists, and the Cal Poly housing Web site is no exception.

"You would think that the Cal Poly site would be safer than a more open site like Craigslist because it is just for our college community," said business junior Moses Torreblanca, who was recently the victim of an online scam.

Last month, Torreblanca was looking for someone to sublease his room for the summer quarter and made a posting on the Cal Poly Housing and Residential Life Web site. He quickly received an e-mail expressing interest from someone under the name of Cheryl Uronke; although the price that Torreblanca and Bronke had ultimately agreed upon was a total of $1,575 for three months rent plus the deposit, "I usually go at either 9 in the morning or 10 or 11 at night to try to avoid the crowds at the Rec Center," liberal studies junior Alysson Yabumoto said. The Rec Center's hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to midnight. Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 to midnight.

The facility's maximum capacity is 150 people and when that number is reached, students must be limited for safety reasons, said Ron Skamfer, the associate director of Associated Students Inc. recreational sports.

Professor who set milestones passes away

Brooke Robertson MUSTANG DAILY

One of the most prominent women faculty members Cal Poly has ever had passed away May 14 after a year-long battle with cancer.

"She fought a good fight," friend and retired professor Don Morris said.

Sarah Burroughs joined the Cal Poly staff in 1967 as one of the university's first female science professors. She taught courses on nutrition, and became the first woman ever to earn a doctorate in nutrition.

Stabbing occurs near local eatery

Michelle Norgan MUSTANG DAILY

Two men were stabbed in an incident Tuesday afternoon around 3:30 p.m. in the 300 block of Higuera Street, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

A San Luis O b i s p o p o l i c e detective was driving by Ben Franklin's when he saw a disturbance involving several men and called for backup, police said. The responding officers were able to separate the parties and discovered that two of the men had been stabbed.

Police later identified the men involved as Jason Iorio, 23, of Belvedere, Ill.; John Varas, 19, of Las Cruces, N.M.; Michael Moorefield, 24, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Robert Thrasher, 23, of Independence, Mo.; and Adam Caraveo, 24, of San Luis Obispo.

Iorio, Varas, Moorefield and Thrasher were in San Luis Obispo as part of a group that was selling magazines, police said. They were in a van when...
The maximum capacity is rarely reached, only a couple of times a quarter, but there are often more than 120 people during the 4 p.m. hour and that makes it hard for students to work out without waiting around for other people to finish.

The number of students that come in throughout the day looks like a bell curve with the most students in the afternoon and less in the mornings and at night.

If the middle of the day is the only time you have to go, try to go on odd-numbered hours. At 1 or 3 p.m., there are a lot less people than on the weekend, and Saturdays are a little bit slower than any other time.

The day of the week and time of the quarter is because students were late to turn in. However, he said that the friends and family of those students will not be disappointed on graduation day.

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The OAK, which is in charge of evaluations, has a push to have an automated degree audit system where degree requirements are checked on a regular basis. Right now the systems is known as "Poly Progress," available to some students.

"We're hoping that it will be a good tool," Bailey said. "The more automated the system is, the more efficient our office could be.

Until such a system is widely used for instant degree audits, OAK recommends that students turn in their evaluations in a timely manner so they can walk the stage at the right time.

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**Graduation**

"I did everything to ensure that I graduated on time," Marderosian said. "I don't feel like I should have to come back to San Luis Obispo and take another class."

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The OAR, which is in charge of evaluating a student's progress toward a major, strongly encourages seniors to turn in a graduation evaluation form at least four quarters in advance, Bailey said.

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elected to the Academic Senate. She was also the first woman to ever serve on the Senate Executive Committee.

“Sarah Burroughs was a competent and highly respected professor at Cal Poly,” Carter said. “Many of her students looked to her as a role model and mentor.”

Although Burroughs retired from teaching in 1997, she remained active in the Cal Poly community. She regularly attended Cal Poly’s Open House, was a member of the Cal Poly Women’s Club, and never missed a meeting for the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club.

Burroughs also served as the first advisor for the Chi Psi chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi in San Luis Obispo. She had just earned her 50-year pin, said Amy Marsland, Alpha Omicron Pi San Luis Obispo president and business administration senior, in an e-mail.

Burroughs enjoyed Cal Poly and frequently shared her experiences at the university with others, Morris said. He remembered one story in particular:

It was 1967, and Burroughs was driving through the Cal Poly campus with someone from the nutrition department. She had just interviewed for a teaching position after earning a doctorate in nutrition from the University of California, Berkeley, during the same year.

As soon as the words, “you’re hired” escaped her companion’s lips, their car was cut off by a cow crossing a main-campus road.

Burroughs was shocked. She realized the extent of Cal Poly’s orientation toward agriculture, and how different the university was from others.

She chose to make her home in the San Luis Obispo area, and taught at Cal Poly for 30 years before retiring to live in Pismo Beach.

A memorial will be held in Burroughs’ honor at the Shore Cliff Lodge in Pismo Beach on Thursday, June 14 at 3 p.m.
Scientists mimic embryonic stem cells using skin cells in mice

Malcolm Ritter
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — In a leap forward for stem cell research, three independent teams of scientists reported Wednesday that they have produced the equivalent of embryonic stem cells in mice using skin cells without the controversial destruction of embryos.

If the same could be done with human skin cells — a big if — the procedure could lead to breakthrough medical treatments without the contentious ethical and political debates surrounding the use of embryos.

Experts were impressed by the achievement.

"I think it's one of the most exciting things that has come out about embryonic stem cells, period," said researcher Dr. Asa Abeliovich of Columbia University in New York, who didn't participate in the work. "It's very convincing that it's real."

But he and others cautioned that it will take further study to see whether this scientific advance can be harnessed for creating new human therapies. For one thing, the procedure used to get the mouse skin cells to mimic embryonic stem cells wouldn't be suitable. And it's simply not known whether the mouse results can be reproduced with human cells.

"We have a long way to go," said John Gearhart of Johns Hopkins University, a stem cell researcher who also wasn't involved in the new work.

In any case, scientists said, the advance does not mean that research that involves getting stem cells from human embryos should now be abandoned. "We simply don't know which approach ... will work the best," said researcher Konrad Hochedlinger of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, who led one of the three teams.

Embryonic stem cells are prized because they can develop into all types of tissue. So experts believe they might be used for transplant therapies in people who are paralyzed or have illnesses ranging from diabetes to Parkinson's disease.

To harvest human embryonic stem cells, embryos must be destroyed, an action many people oppose.

Scientists have long hoped to find a way to reprogram ordinary body cells to act like stem cells, avoiding the use of embryos altogether. The new mouse studies seem to have accomplished that. Post experiments seeking alternative routes to getting stem cells have generally involved tampering with an embryo or egg.
Students get diplomas denied at first because of graduation cheers

Jan Dennis

GALESBURG, Ill. — Five students will get the diplomas they were denied when cheers erupted for them at a high school graduation, and school officials said Wednesday they would review a get-tough decorum policy.

Galesburg High School officials had said they would not hand over the diplomas until the students involved appeared to have taken valuable time and energy to settle the dispute. They said they are trying to give the good of the community, the school district, the families and the students involved to move on, "superintendent Gene Denisar said in a written statement.

The diplomas were withheld because the school said cheering violated a school policy aimed at restoring graduation decorum. The students until were considered graduates on paper, but they didn't have a diploma.

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The Pop-Tart is a glorious thing. It's a tasty treat packed with sugary goodness much akin to its lesser-known pastry twin, the strudel. Very satisfying, hugely entertaining, ... with all the sprinkles and stuff look to on its face, totally embraced by popular culture, yet highly debatable nutritional content.

Who would have thought that a flat toaster pastry approximately 3 by 5 inches wide and across would creep into the hearts and cupboards of American suburbia to become the confection of the century? Just for the record, I did.

Now, I know there are a few questions floating around campus as to the questionable nature of this column Pop-Tart. But before opening that can of worms, to discuss the tiered nature of this amusing snack by stating the facts; I understand this column, let us discuss.

Know they are basically the sweetest snack by stating the facts; I understand this column, let us discuss the tiered nature of this amusing snack by stating the facts; I understand this column, let us discuss.

Enjoy the delicious cookie filling. A Pop-Tart raw is a Pop-Tart still edible. And finally, I know that maple flavor guy could ever have imagined. To each his own is what I say. And now, without further ado, some exciting Pop-Tart history: Pop-Tarts first "popped up" on the scene in the early 1960s and, contrary to popular belief, were packed up on a rainy day. But due to the toaster thereby causing a huge mess at the end of the world. As far as I'm concerned, melancholia of that magnitude is hugely problematic, as it potential to have robbed the world of X'mores, Cherry trio to pick up on a rainy day. But due to modern food processing technology, today we have Wildberry, Blueberry, and the newest kind of Pop-Tart that you stick in the toaster rather than in the toaster.Yum.

So why was this column called "Pop Tart"? It's simple really. Besides for my intense love for this tasty treat, this column was about every thing "Pop Culture." Pop Culture, Pop Tart, you see the resemblance: both "Pop." Also, I enjoy a good tangy-tart thing, as I am a sassy woman.

Some people eat cereal for breakfast, some choose the godless spawn that is oatmeal. I, on the other hand, choose to stuff my face with the glorious Pop-Tart, don't judge. And there it is, the method behind the Pop tart madness: It's real and it's been great.

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Stagnant thriller sure to 'bug' you

Steve Kasycki
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburg)

If Cronenberg did Steinbeck, the result might be something akin to "Bug." Set in the plains of Oklahoma, "Bug" opens with a slow zoom-in from above at "Evange" director William Friedkin introduces viewers to the isolated setting — the lights of a seedy motel provide virtually the only trace of humanity around. It's a shame that the opening shot is the highlight of the film.

One of the motel's residents is Agnes White (Ashley Judd), a disheveled, 40-something woman who spends her free time drinking, smoking and answering endless phone calls (why she doesn't unplug the phone is a mystery). She wonders if it's her ex husband, who was sent to prison for manslaughter, who spends her free time drinking, smoking and answering endless phone calls (why she doesn't unplug the phone is a mystery). She wonders if it's her ex husband, who was sent to prison for manslaughter, who

Enter Peter Evans (Michael Shannon), a mild-mannered and blandly disturbed man who somehow meets Agnes' friend, R.C. (Lynn Collins). Despite the fact that Evans can't go five minutes without stumbling, one cannot imagine characters this character could imagine, and it strains credibility that he'd end up at a hangout with the hard-partying R.C., left alone start a conversation with her.

Evans bonds with Evans, who then draws her into his web of grandeur (and parently ridiculous) conspiracy theories. After they sleep together in a rather disorienting scene, Evans finds an adrift on the bed sheet, which leads him to his master conspiracy: The government experiment on him, and is using bugs to keep track of him.

Now, any reasonable person, and most unreasonable people, would show Evans the door at that point, but for some reason, Agnes lets him stick around. Is she really that lonely? It can't be for protection, as

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Urinetown ... yeah, we said Urinetown

Cal Poly students present the popular musical through Saturday

Michelle Norgam

A group of Cal Poly students and community members are putting on Urinetown: The Musical, in the Cal Poly Black Box Theater through Saturday.

Of the student members of the cast and crew, the director, stage manager and advertising manager are using the musical as a senior project.

The play is a fun, farcical musical that pokes fun at other works in the genre, but also has deeper political and social meanings.

"I wanted to do something fun so we'd get a wider audience," said Ryan Cordero, a theatre senior and director of the production. "Once I read the script I knew that was the production I wanted to do."

Cordero said that Urinetown makes fun of many other musicals, including West Side Story and Les Miserables. Cordero has also added his own personal spin on the production, adding a musical number that jokes about the play Wicked.

Urinetown also incorporates many musical forms from rap to gospel.

Cordero said he has tried to create an atmosphere for the audience so that from the moment they walk into the theater, they are immersed in the world. He will have actors circulating through the aisles, begging for change, to help set the scene for the play.

"The play is supposed to be lighthearted and even the heavy parts are over the top funny," Cordero said.

The play is essentially the story of a town where everyone must pay to pee. There is a large population of poor people who work constantly just to scrape together enough money to use the bathroom. At the top of this business is the villain Cladwell, who owns the restrooms.

The play also features a love story between the idealistic hero Bobby Strong and Cladwell's daughter Hope.

"What's great is the cast all understand that underneath it's a satire," Cordero said. "They also see that their characters aren't three-dimensional, and once they got that, light bulbs went on about how to play them."

One of the other unique and interesting features of the play that Cordero said he loves is that at times the characters are interacting with one another as well as the audience. The narrator and certain characters turn to the audience and speak directly to them at certain points within the story, helping the audience feel more involved.

Cordero has spent more than a year working on this, and he says it has taken up most of his time. But the combination of a great cast and an interesting production has made it a joy to Cordero.

"I've fallen in love with it," Cordero said. "I go home and think what I can do to make the show better."

Part of the challenge of the production has been working with a small theater.

"We're doing it in a small space, but we've made it work by using the room to full potential," he said.

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Evans simply stands around after the aforementioned ex (an imposing Harry Connick Jr.) makes his inevitable return. It can’t be for emotional connection, as Agnes even notes that all she and Evans ever talk about is bugs.

“Bug” flies straight into acid-laced Vaseline about halfway through, as Agnes abandons any hint of sanity and joins Evans in a descent into abject madness.

With it, the last shreds of credibility are trampled. Agnes’ turn from mild depression into full-blown psychosis is far too rapid, to the point where it’s almost laughable. Apparently Evans has some type of insanity-inducing mojo, but whatever it is fails to communicate itself. Because we don’t believe Agnes’ descent, we lose sympathy for her, and with that, the film loses its viewers.

The actors do what they can to salvage Tracy Letts’ adapted stage play. Judd de-glam and is believable, despite variances of the Oklahoma accent (sometimes it’s not apparent, other times it’s overdone, but mostly it’s adequate).

Michael Shannon, who also starred in the stage play, is the strongest member of the cast, bringing a nervous intensity to his performance. Harry Connick Jr. brings skill and charisma to his small part.

Unfortunately, “Bug” is overwhelmed by its inadequacies. Beyond the aforementioned problems, the film fails to escape staginess, spending the bulk of its 102 minutes in the claustrophobic motel room.

Some of the dialogue is clunky and unconvincing. The third act flies even further off the hinges, announc­ing a character that makes little sense and some additional intelligence-insulting plot developments.

Ultimately, “Bug” is unpleasant and unrewarding. The abrupt ending left silence in the theater, interrupted only by a bit of mild, bewildered laughter. “Bug” probably won’t scare you, but it will leave you miffed that you wasted money on a failed play put to screen.
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This included designign sets that fit together and did double duty, so that there is still space on stage for the actors.
Another challenge in such a small space is that everything is in view, said Krista Schoenbaum, theatre senior and stage director.
"Because everything is seen in a small space, we have to make sure that cast members' facial expressions are right and a dozen other small things," Schoenbaum said.
Schoenbaum said that the production has gotten a huge audience already, and the interest level is extremely high.
"I think that interest is a combination of things," Schoenbaum said.
"It's a student production, which is different, the play itself has been very popular and well-known, it's funny and people want to see it, and there is a large cast with a big group of fans.
Part of the production's strength has been the large number of students involved, said Greg Correia, theatre senior and male lead, Bobby Strong.
"It's refreshing to work with other students and nice to be under the control of peers," Correia said.
He said that every member is learning from the others, and that he feels free to express an idea with student direction. He said that a fellow student is more open to ideas than a professor might be, because they are still learning as well.
"We have more freedom to experiment with new techniques for things," Schoenbaum said.
She agreed that working with peers helped foster a different atmosphere, but also said that sometimes it can be tricky because someone has to take charge.
"There is this bond, though, because we are all in it together," Schoenbaum said.
Theatre freshman Rocky Jarman who plays the female lead, Hope Cladwell, also agreed that being in a mainly student production was an interesting and rewarding experience.
"It's been exciting and fun and it really motivates me to see Ryan's hard work and passion," Jarman said.
She said it's great to have people to work with who are just as involved in theater as she is, and it is an inspiration that makes her work harder.
Jarman said she knew right away she wanted to be a part of Urinetown. She got a copy of the script long before auditions and learned as much of it as she could.
Although she's been in productions since she was 2 years old, this is Jarman's first lead role.
"Hope is simple-minded and stars are believing everything is good," Jarman said. "Through the show she is exposed to what life is all about, and I get to go from not understanding to showing what I've learned."
Correia also said his character, Bobby Strong, grows over the course of the play.
"Bobby Strong is at first just coasting through life working at a public restroom," Correia said. "There's nothing going on for him, but nothing is really going wrong either."
After Bobby meets Hope, who tells him to follow his heart, Bobby takes his idealism and tries to change his world.
All the cast and crew members agreed that one of the best aspects of the play is its humor.
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In search of the perfect relationship

"Love in the Time of College"

by Sarah Carbone

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America's favorite pastime: the tantrum

I love watching grown men throw temper tantrums. As an avid sports fan, I was treated to two gems last weekend in the form of baseball managers offering full-blown hissy fits, much to my delight.

Friday night provided an outburst for the ages at Phillips-Wellman Ballpark after the umpire ejected his pitcher for apparently using a foreign substance. Wellman is the manager of Double-A baseball's Mississippi Braves.

Wellman stormed out of the dugout, threw his hat and began shouting at the umpire. He proceeded to cover home plate in dirt, outlining the plate with his fingers. All this was pretty standard, unspontaneous jawing that is actually pretty common in baseball.

He then stomped over to third base, pulled up the bag and continued on toward second base. He tossed third into an imaginary pin with his teeth and chucked it toward the plate with his fins toward the outfield gate. This is where he really impressed me and any one else who has watched at least two minutes of ESPN in the last 24 hours.

Wellman dropped to the ground and crawled on his stomach in a military wiggle to the pitcher's mound. He pretended the room bag was a grenade by pulling an imaginary pin with his teeth and checked it toward home where the umpire was standing. The bag exploded with a tiny poof.

The next outburst was on Saturday night. He was ejecting the umpire, picked up second and third base again, and stormed off toward the outfield gate.

After blowing a few kios to the wildly cheering crowd, he offered a final salute, and left.

His performance rivaled those of all time great Earl Weaver, Billy Martin and Bob Knight would all be proud. Wellman received a three-game suspension for his childish behavior.

Not to be outdone, major league manager and perennial time bomb Lou Piniella unleashed a tirade of his own over the weekend.

Since being released in 2004, Halo 2 has shown that without proper supervision, college students become slaves to their television screens in large groups, unable to move or put down their controllers. In the two and a half years since being released, Halo 2 has sold 9.2 million copies around the world. That's a lot of video games (roughly 490 copies for every one Cal Poly student).

How big is Halo 3 going to be? The game is coming in three different versions, the most expensive of which comes with a scale model of the main character's helmet. Microsoft is creating a special edition of its Xbox 360 video player that has game trailers, videos, and artwork pre-installed on it. Microsoft's VP of Interactive Entertainment is calling Halo 3 "the greatest entertainment event of the year." At Cal Poly alone there are 10 Halo-related Facebook groups, with many of them specifically focused on particular dorm buildings (Sequoia, Santa Lucia, and Yosemite) as well as their own Halo communities.

The great thing about Halo is that it transcends its role as a "video game," something which the generational populace and the "cool" people don't waste their time with. Halo is "legit"; it has street cred. People who would never dare pick up and have fun with a video game controller for fear of social rejection by their peers are more than happy to jump into a team slayer, 50 frag-limit multiplayer map on Lockout, or help their buddy get out of the gunner's hot seat to blast their friends sky high with a well-placed grenade, or cause them to back flip in mid-run with a surgically accurate sniper round.

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That's a pretty big accomplishment for a video game.

The proliferation and popularity of Halo didn't really hit me full-force until recently. I went to a friend-of-a-friend's house one weekend and to my amusement discovered the people who lived there were big on Halo. Not only were the big on Halo but they had actually constructed a screen divider that fits over the front of their television to remove (with their Cal Poly engineering education). It divided the TV into quadrants to ensure that there was no cheating happening during four player matches.

It takes a special kind of someone to go out of their way to physically create a supplementary TV accessory that is both durable and functional for the sole purpose of enhancing the experience of one video game. Some students don't even spend that much time with homework in a single quarter. How did we get to this point? How did a seemingly innocuous new video game that first came out in 2001 spawn a dedicated fan base of epic proportions?

Part of it, at least, is that the game is accessible. It is powerful enough to promote strategy, forethought, and teamwork while at the same time simple enough for the average John (or Jane, in some cases) Doe to pick up and have fun with. There are enough possible combinations in blasting your friends sky high with a well-placed grenade, or causing them to back flip in mid-run with a surgically accurate sniper round.

The game can be enjoyed in long, caffeine-induced marathons, or in short spurts right before heading to the bars and parties. And because so many people play, it's not hard to find a fellow Halo player at any given social event.

Sept. 25 is the second Tuesday of the 2007 fall quarter at Cal Poly. It's just early enough in the year to take a day off and get started on your 25 to 35 hour week Halo 3 quota without falling behind in your classes. Welcome the third coming of your hopeless addiction.

Justin Faccio is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

FACT: a special GRADUATION edition of the Mustang Daily will be waiting for you next weekend.
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Brooke followed the check with another e-mail asking that Torreblanca wire $2,000 from her $5,000 check to the United Kingdom to cover her traveling expenses to the U.S. He agreed and after successfully cashing the check at The First Bank of San Luis Obispo, Torreblanca wired the money, which cost an additional $114, to whom he believed was a travel agent.

After a second e-mail from Brooke appeared asking for the remainder of the $5,000 wired to the United Kingdom to cover expenses for a car accident she claimed happened that week, Torreblanca started to see that the check had been deemed fraudulent and that he was responsible for paying back $2,200 to the bank for the money he wired overseas.

The scam has put Torreblanca in a tight financial situation as the money he had saved for rent and living expenses is gone and he has additional monthly fees to pay the bank.

“The bank has been great about working this out with me and setting up a payment plan,” Torreblanca said. “I had heard of different kinds of online scams but not this. I am going to be more wary of who I talk to online and what sites I go to. Students should be suspicious if they receive checks or offers for a greater amount than necessary for the room; that can be a sign.”

This is not the first time that a Cal Poly student was fast out of cash from scams operated through the Cal Poly housing Web site. Last summer, then civil engineering junior Bruce Jones lost $3,000 to a similar con. Other students have received e-mails and been in e-mail correspondence with those trying to use similar strategies to get a renter’s money.

Aerospace engineering senior Erika Berg is no stranger to the world of online advertising for housing as she has subleased her room for the past two summers. This year, she posted her room for sublease on Cuesta Street on “in-house” only Web sites like facebook and the university site for off-campus housing.

“I have had really good luck on the Cal Poly housing site in the past,” Berg said. “I used these sites specifically because I wanted my renters to be college students.”

Two weeks after Berg’s posting, she received an e-mail from a Lola Johnson claiming to be a student from the United Kingdom currently living in Africa with her father and planning on transferring to Cal Poly.

“At first I thought that this response was completely legitimate; I rented to an exchange student a couple of years ago, it was great,” Berg said. “It was funny, last weekend I mentioned this situation to a friend and she explained that there are a lot of housing scams involving renters sending fraudulent checks.”

Johnson then e-mailed Berg Sunday letting her know that she would be sending $3,500 in money orders or travelers checks and would need Berg to deduct the deposit and wire her the remaining balance. This was a red flag for Berg and she has not responded to the infamous e-mail.

The scam, which is becoming increasingly frequent through housing Web sites, consists of the impostor sending a large amount of money, usually over the amount requested by the person subleasing in fraudulent checks. The imposter then asks for the difference or an entire refund sent back to him or her. The imposter’s plan is to get the renter to send the refund before they realize the check is fraudulent and make away with the money.

“If there was a way to track and report her, I would,” Berg said. “With all the summer subleasing right now this is something that students should know about.”

In response to several student reports of scam artists operating through the Cal Poly housing Web site, about one year ago the site began issuing a warning on their home page to make students aware of the scams.

The disclaimer lets landlords know to be aware of the scam and report any fraud to the San Luis Obispo Police Department,” said Marilyn Allison, a staff member at Cal Poly housing.

The warning encourages students to verify information received by potential renters prior to sending a check of their own.

“If the deal sounds too good, then it probably is,” said Bill Proll, detective lieutenant at the San Luis Obispo Police Department. “People are hard for us to investigate because it happens overseas.”

The San Luis Obispo Police Department receives reports of many different scams but only has a few instances of this particular online housing scam reported each year. Torreblanca filed a consumer complaint with the district attorney office in San Luis Obispo and was told he would be notified of any developments.

“People just need to stop and think; if anyone asks you to send them something first, you should be suspicious,” Proll said.

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win was so much sweeter as he stopped 11 shots in the clincher. The biggest roar for him came when Antoine Vermette had the puck slide out to Rob, one of the reasons he left New Jersey for Anaheim before last season.

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With three Big West Conference titles this year, Cal Poly has taken third among eight teams in the Big West Commissioner’s Cup, two spots higher than last year’s finish.

The Mustangs won Big West titles in men’s cross country (fourth straight), volleyball and softball.

“I think that it is great that (Cal Poly) is ranked and that we are known for having good sports teams,” Mustang sophomore volleyball outside hitter Kylie Atherstone said. “I know that all the sports teams are hard-working and doing everything they can to win, so it’s nice to see all the hard work pay off.”

Second-place points were awarded to the men’s basketball team, men’s tennis and men’s golf.

Women’s basketball and men’s track and field took third.

UC Santa Barbara took the top spot for the sixth time in seven years with five conference titles, including a men’s soccer team that went on to win the national championship. Long Beach State trailed by just one point to take second.

The Commissioner’s Cup standings are ranked according to the Big West standings in the conference’s 17 intercollegiate sports. Points are added and then divided. A 20-point bonus is given to first-place finishers.

UCSB reigned with 112.5 points, followed by Long Beach State (111.5), Cal Poly (94.7), UC Irvine (91.9), Cal State Fullerton (75), Cal State Northridge (71.9), UC Riverside (66) and Pacific (51.7).

“Any time that we can bring recognition to Cal Poly through our sport, it is encouraging because we mean it as the right track,” Cal Poly junior volleyball setter Chelsea Hayes said. “I think it’s great that we placed third. Hopefully we can keep building a strong tradition of success at Cal Poly and place first in years to come.”

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Johnny in the Box

What a year!

John Middleton	
SPORTS EDITOR

Well, I’m sad to say this is my last go round for the year. I don’t know what I’m going to do without my weekly spot; life just isn’t going to be the same. It’s bittersweet in a way.

Before I go off on my weekly rant, I have to thank a few people. First and foremost, my main man Tristan and made this entire thing possible. This man is just a grinder, the Bill Belichick of the Mustang Daily. He wrote more stories for the Mustang Daily than the rest of the staff combined. I’m not kidding!

I have to give some love to my boy Frank Stranzl, who was also a big reason my column is in this paper every week. He’s another main reason the sports section has been what it is for the last two years. He’s the reason my first article got in two years ago.

I have to give some love to Cal Poly athletics media relations for always updating me with pointless information that I don’t care off of. I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for Eric Bondick’s tutorial in the world of sports writing. This guy is the ultimate professional, unlike me.

But let not least, I have to give some love to Team 30(). Aaron Middlekauf, my friends. (Congrats Peyton, you needed one bad!)

The most successful year the school has had since Tampa Bay, Carolina and Anaheim aren’t exactly traditional hockey hotbeds but they have been the Caps’ warm weather homes since 2004. Wayne Gretzky made the game a happening in Southern California when he came to Los Angeles in 1988, then the Ducks made it legitimate two decades later with their second trip to the finals.

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Ducks 1st California team to win Stanley Cup

Anaheim won 6-2 in front of its home crowd at the Honda Center to take the series from the Ottawa Senators 4-1.

Ira Pedell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM — The Anaheim Ducks aren’t called mighty anymore. Now they can simply answer to Stanley Cup champions.

The 14-year-old Ducks captured their first NHL title with a 6-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Wednesday night, ending the series in five games in front of the home folks again.

For the first time, the Stanley Cup resides in California and at the expense of Canada, which hasn’t boasted a winner since Montreal in 1993. Calgary, Edmonton and now Ottawa — in its first trip since the Senators were returned in 1992 — each had a chance the past three seasons only to be done in by a U.S. club from the sun belt.

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