Forestry institute proposed for Cal Poly

By Roberta Nordquist
Daily Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about planting a tree with the help of the Internet?

If you have, this just one of the possibilities that has stemmed from the proposed Urban Forest Ecosystem Institute (UFEI) at Cal Poly. The proposal will be reviewed by the Academic Senate this month with a hoped for recommendation for approval.

The UFEI would give recognition on campus to what we call a center of excellence," said Wally Mark, associate dean of agriculture. "This program would provide expertise in urban forestry on campus as well as in the community."

The Society of American Foresters has defined urban forestry as a specialized branch of forestry that cultivates and manages trees for their present and potential contribution to the physiological, sociological and economic well-being of urban society.

UFEI would conduct research on urban forest issues with faculty, staff and student efforts. This would bring new techniques and contacts for use in classes," Mark said. "It would also create employment and internship opportunities for under

By Jennifer Carnes
Daily Staff Writer

Can you imagine starting your first college class on your eighth birthday? Instead of going to a slumber party with friends or to dinner with his parents, that's exactly what 8-year-old Tom Church did.

Eight-year-old Tom Church is taking a Math 100 class at Cal Poly. Daily photos by Dawn Kolmor

Church is very meticulous and even corrected him once in class.

Math senior Kyle Griffin, who has tutored Church, suggested he enroll in the class at Cal Poly.

"He's one of the brighter kids I've run into," Griffin said. "My biggest confirmation (on his ability) came when we had an argument whether linear interpolation is a reasonable way of approximating a logarithm."

Church asked intelligently and had legitimate facts to back up his arguments, Griffin said.

The Math 100 class is "ideal because of the computers," said Jenny Church, Tom's mother. She opted to enroll Tom in a college course rather than a high school class "because of the way it's structured on the computer," she said.

In Church's class, each student has a specialized disk so students can move along at their own pace.

She said she feels Tom is challenged by the class, he said, but the older students do well.

Church said he doesn't talk to many of the students in the class, but he was quick to point out he hasn't had much of an opportunity. Each student works individually, so unless they have questions, talking is at a minimum.

Garett Kenihan, a teaching associate at Cal Poly, teaches the Math 100 class. He said he doesn't treat Church any differently than the other students. He described Church as enthusiastic, and added that

By Travis Money
Daily Staff Writer

In a year where talk of the Cal Poly Plan has dominated conversations, ASI is drafting a plan of its own that hopes to give long-term direction to ASI.

"Over a period of the last five years, ASI wanted to create a long-term plan," said Joshua McDonnell, a city and regional planning senior who is also the chair of the strategic plan committee.

If ASI were to create a long-term plan, it would provide the ability for new officers to continue projects that were created by the previous year's officers, according to McDonnell.

"The transition period is tough for new officers, they all come in with new goals and objectives," McDonnell said. "The strategic plan will give ASI the ability to focus on what is already going on, instead of being stuck in the mud."

According to McDonnell, the strategic plan is designed to be a comprehensive plan that will take effect over a five-year period. He said it is designed to do two things: decide where ASI wants to go in the long run, and provide a means to get there by

ASI to draft a long-term plan to deal with future

establishing continuity. "A lot of ASI groups across the country have one already," McDonnell said. "It's probably something we should have done five to ten years ago.

"Right when things are starting to get done in April (new officers come in)," he said. "The plan will set policy, according to McDonnell, but that policy will not be "set in stone."

Committee meetings and board of directors workshops aside, ASI hopes to get feedback on the way it operates from external sources. "We want external analysis," McDonnell said. "It can bring on a whole new set of ideas simply because it is an external viewpoint. We currently have a focus group with the vice presidents and are using canceled groups."

ASI also plans to conduct a student survey, he said, as the plan is "student-based." The ASI Board of Directors met last night to brainstorm and supply ideas for the five years when funding changes.

"Last night was the first stop in a long process," said Cindy Entzi, a political science junior. "We mostly threw out ideas."

By Michelle Lachs
Associate Editor

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California Board of Regents on Thursday backed away from a second showdown on affirmative action, putting off votes on challenges to their decision to drop race- and gender-based preferences.

"It was the right decision today and the right decision tomorrow," said Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, said in urging the board not to retreat.

A joint committee considering the measures voted 12-4 to postpone indefinitely a proposal by student Regent Ed Gomez that would have rescinded the board's July 20 vote dropping race and gender considerations in hiring, contracting and admissions.

A second proposal which would have put a one-year moratorium on the new policies was postponed by its sponsor, Regent Judith Lovin. That request passed by voice vote.

The July votes, seen at the time as the first major victory for anti-affirmative action forces, were 15-10 on hiring and contracting and 14-10 on admissions.

Some on the board have said not much has changed since those votes, although the issue has haunted virtually every meeting since.

The rare appearance by Wilson, a regent by virtue of his office, was one of several addressed affirmative action this year. The issue, which was the centerpiece of his since-cancelled presidential campaign last year, was not mentioned in his State-of-the-State address last week.

Thursday's action turned back the latest challenges but did not lay the troubling issue to rest. The nature of the vote means both measures can be reintroduced at any time, Wilson said after the vote she hopes to bring her measure back to the board in March.

She said she withdrew the measure because it was clearly headed for defeat. "The overwhelming negative vote produces no good will," she said.

Earlier, a parade of students

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Fire leaves three students homeless

San Luis Garbage's recycling program began in 1976 but must be expanded so that the city can meet state requirements of 50 percent waste reduction by the year 2000.

Whether they recycle or not, RALCO's proposal would not increase resident fees at all. San Luis Obispo residents can actually save money on waste disposal if they make a conscious effort to recycle green waste, attorney Martin said.

Green waste includes shrubbery, lawn clippings and biodegradable materials. By filling city-provided green waste containers, they won't have to pay for as large a pickup package, he said.

For instance, people who pay for premium service currently fill up to six trash cans.

If they were to recycle all their green waste, they might be able to drop down to the "waste roller package," which is only three trash cans, and costs $5.30 less a month.

Increased green waste recycling is essential for the city to meet reduction requirements, according to the council.

San Luis Garbage will encourage green waste recycling. San Luis Garbage will also recommend to the city council regarding San Luis Obispo's recycling program.

The City of Business is hoping a deal fair Jan. 25 from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Business building breezeway. Free food and information is available for anyone who attends. For more information, call Ryan Aziz at 541-4077.

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Clinton: To deliver state of the union
By Teresa Metz
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Deadlock ed with Republicans over a balanced budget, President Clinton will confront a hostile Cong ress for the first time in his State of the Union address Tuesday. His election-year message: All sides should moderate their real world views of crime, education and the deficit.

The speech will open Clinton’s 10th State of the Union address with themes he will throw against his Republican rivals.

Sports talk will be in the air over Clinton’s address, which could provide a new twist on the expiration of a temporary measure that funds airport security.

The speech is expected to focus on themes the president will use to try and win back support from the liberal wing of the Democratic party.

As a way to spark debate about an issue that has been drawing national attention, the president will ask the Congress to approve a two-year, $18 billion plan to increase spending on schools.

The president will also call for an end to a long-running lobbying controversy over a law allowing foreign military sales.

The president also will use the speech to launch a new campaign to get more people to vote.

The speech is expected to attract more attention than Clinton’s previous speeches because of disagreements over the budget.

The president has said he will propose a balanced budget plan if Congress fails to come up with one.

The president’s approval ratings have fallen in recent weeks, but some polls have shown an increase since the economy has improved.

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Windy storm dumps half-foot of snow on Redding, shuts down 1-5
By Kelley McFarland
Associated Press
Redding, Calif. — A blustery winter storm dumped six inches of snow on Redding, Thursday, closing dozens of schools, temporarily shutting down Interstate 5 and cutting power to more than 6,000 homes around town.

The reduced visibility resulted in numerous fender-benders on the rain-slickened roads, but no serious injuries were reported, the Highway patrol said.

The unusual storm, accompanied by winds gusts of up to 50 mph, sent snow swirling into the city about 160 miles north of Sacramento. About three inches of snow fell by noon, and three more inches fell by early evening.

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Reimer said they hope to have 1,600 different tree species available on the web site.

"An advantage to having the electronic information is that it can be updated day to day, unlike a book," Reimer said. "This is also the only program available so far on the Internet.

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Home to Bahia
By Guilherme DePrado

More than two years have passed since I last visited my home country that I love, dream and talk about so much. It was the longest time I had spent away. Brazil (Brasil is the right way to spell and pronounce it) is a land of many contrasts. She is four centuries of history, modern and eternal, baroque and dancing, the capital of happiness and social problems.

I spent my first week in Sao Paulo, Brazil’s business center, where 15 million people move back and forth working, buying, selling, crying, begging and fighting 24 hours a day. Being used to San Luis Obispo’s small town atmosphere, I was amazed. Sometimes I felt like I was in New York City. Sometimes I felt like grieving in shantytowns poorer than anything imaginable. In Sao Paulo, rich people are really rich and poor people are really poor.

I knew not to expect punctuality nor efficiency; everything in Bahia is done with a lot of ceremonies. But I was sure to find a lot of happiness there.

Nevertheless, the experiences I want to share with you started after that first week when I traveled to my hometown, Salvador de Bahia, the place of land where Europe and Africa meet to have fun. She was founded in 1549, and was the first capital of South America. Almost all Brazilian art and music comes from Bahia, making her a phenomenal city. I know not to expect punctuality nor efficiency; everything in Bahia is done with a lot of ceremonies. But I was sure to find a lot of happiness there.

In Bahia, everybody dances — in the streets, bars, balconies, restaurants, commercial establishments and on the beaches. In Bahia, people don’t need good manners, but good health to stay up every night dancing and drinking as everyone else does.

The climate is warm but never too warm — 85 degrees day and night all year long. So I also enjoyed the most beautiful beaches one can dream of. Her 450 miles of coastline offered white sand, coconut trees, clear sea water, fresh water lagoons, plenty of seafood, rain forests and welcoming locals.

In addition to all that, there is the food. Bahian food is classified as many as elaborate as French cuisine, and visiting my relatives was a feast because every Bahian is proud of our cuisine and want every visitor to have plenty. I danced, went surfing, ate a lot and enjoyed my relatives’ and friends as I needed after so long. As all that happened, I realized how much I love the land and the people I call mine, and that’s why I wanted to share all this with my peers here at Cal Poly.

But please don’t get me wrong. The education and experiences I’m getting here is extremely valuable to me, but the moment I get back to the State, I felt like sharing my feelings with others because I’m sure that if someone here here is willing to have a good time, the place to go is Bahia. Ah, Bahia...

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LETTERS

Cal Poly: not a free market

Editor, Mustang Daily: I read Jason Plemons’ column “How ’bout that Poly Plan?” in Wednesday’s Daily (Jan. 17) and was struck by his astonishment at the less-than-ideal state of Cal Poly. He wrote, “The ultimate aspect of the equation is that we, as students, are the customers buying an education from the state. The state, however, seems to be decreasing the quality of its product, yet charging more each year.”

With that statement, we compare the state-run school to a capitalist business. That is an error. Any time a government steps into any market, the roles change. Cal Poly cannot be analyzed by supply and demand, competition or any other capitalist concepts. It is, like any other government-affected system, is controlled by absolute majority rule. What about those who are not part of the majority? Too bad. (If I do not mean racial majority, but rather conceptual majority.)
Russian troops 'wipe out' rebels; 82 hostages survived the assault

By Carol Red
Associated Press

From left architecture junior Scott Neville, computer science graduate student Dave Lewicki and architecture junior Micah beving don't mind showing off at Deerer Lawn / Daily photo by Elsa M. Palma

KREMIL-YURT, Russia — Russian troops on Friday swept into the neighboring Russian border town of Pervomayskaya after the four-day assault found bodies of some 153 rebels were found in and around the village.

While the bodies were found sprawled in snowy ditches, and stacks of ammunition boxes, it is not known how many rebel hostages survived.

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Russian leader

did not live through the barrage and some were forced to bury killed rebels.

Photographers allowed into Pervomayskaya after the four-day assault found bodies lying in makeshift gun emplacements. The village on Monday, unleash their tanks, artillery and helicopter gunships on the gun­ men surrounded there.

On Thursday, Yeltsin said his forces had killed the goons and would go now after rebel leaders who have resisted to taking hostages and attacking Russian towns in their fight for independ­ ence from Russia.

"We have taught (rebcl leader Dzokhar) Dudayev a sound les­ son, and now it is necessary to deliver strikes on Dudayev's strongholds ... to put an end to terrorism on Russian soil," Yeltsin said.

Stating they had given up hope of saving more hostages, the Russians stepped up their bombardment of Pervomayskaya on Wednesday, seemingly intent on destroying it. Russian jets, tanks and artillery pounded the village with hundreds of shells and rockets.

But Yeltsin said 82 of the hostages had been rescued by Thursday afternoon, and that 18 hostages were still missing but "must be presumed alive."

Yeltsin said 26 Russian troops and all of the rebels were killed "unless some are hiding under­ground." The Interfax news agency reported that the bodies of 152 rebels were found in and around Pervomayskaya and 38 gunmen were taken prisoner.

A hostage who escaped on Thursday told the Interfax news agency that he had been forced to bury killed rebels.

"There were a lot of them," Aliyev said.

Another, Niyamuddin Am­ rakhov, said hostages were also forced to dig trenches, carry am­ munition and act as human shields for their Chechen kidnap­pers during the Russian assault.

Russian authorities have given widely different and often contradictory estimates of the number of gunmen and hostages involved, and senior military offi­ cials claimed several times ear­ lier this week that the rebels had surrendered most of the hostages.

Shortly before Yeltsin made his claims, Russian authorities reported 42 hostages had been freed. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomynov had implied the remaining hostages were dead.

"In the village of Pervomays­ kaya, as of Wednesday night, there are no more hostages," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Chernomynov as saying. He gave no details.

Gen. Mikhail Barusnov, head of the Federal Security Service, said troops found no dead hostages in Pervomayskaya, despite Yeltsin's claim of a Nov­ bombardment, although he added that rebels may have buried some bodies.

He said he did not know whether the rebel band's leader, Dudayev's son-in-law, Sultan Roshidov, was killed.

The hostages were among up to 2,000 people who were captured Jan. 9 in the nearby city of Kizylar, to dramatize their demand for a Russian troop withdrawal from their republic.

Most of the hostages were freed the next day, but rebels herded several dozen onto buses to use as human shields. Russian troops stopped them late that day in Pervomayskaya, just short of Chechen's border.

Repeated Russian attempts to capture the village failed in the face of bitter Chechen resistance.

Russian helicopter gunships and artillery resumed the attack on Pervomayskaya on Thursday after about 70 separatist fighters tried unsuccessfully to break out of the destroyed village in the early morning darkness.

The rebels' attack early Thursday morning apparently caught the Russian forces by surprise and it took them several hours to halt the rebels.

Chechen reinforcements wear­ ing white arctic fatigues tired to reach their comrades, the Inter­ fax news agency said. Some es­ caped out of the town, but many were killed, the agency reported.

Bosnian leaders urged to exchange prisoners; deadline set for Friday

By Brian Murphy

In contrast, the troop withdrawal seemed to be going smoothly. NATO officials are con­ vinced that all sides will meet the midnight Friday deadline for a prisoner swap.

Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, a NATO commander, said NATO officials would meet Tuesday morning to assess compliance. But even if the pullback is com­ plete, NATO-led soldiers general­ ly will not patrolled buffer zones be­ cause of the millions of mines buried throughout Bosnia, Walker said.

Fort patrols will only be in mine-free areas. Otherwise, peace-enforcing troops will man checkpoints and surveillance sta­ tions, and conduct aerial observa­ tion. Light armored vehicles will be allowed to buffer zones only with NATO approval.

The release of about 900 POWs is the first milestone, along with the withdrawal of factions from front lines to create a 1-mile buffer zone. The pullback will appear to be "sticking well toward Friday's deadline, but failure to swap prisoners could overshadow that success.

"We are insisting on full compl­ iance," Holbrooke said after a meeting with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic. He did not say what consequences the govern­ ment faces for refusing.

Holbrooke was in Sarajevo with envoys from the major powers seeking to bring the peace process: Germany, Russia, France and Britain. He later flew to Belgrade, where he met with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

He stressed that the mission of soldiers and civilians should be confronted after the first POW release. According to a story run­ t by the independent Committee of the Red Cross, the Serbs and Russians each hold more than 400 POWs, and both claim the Bosnian Croat forces in the village of Pervomayskaya after the four-day assault found bodies of some 153 rebels were found in and around the village.

Yeltsin's exasperation was noted by the government Thursday to meet a looming deadline for missing and prisoner releases it set for Friday to win the Western peace plan.

A London-based official from the International Committee of the Red Cross, which will remain under Serb control, said the Russians offered to swap prisoners only if the Bosnian government accepted the plan. But Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey continued to demand access to Serb prisons and suspected mass graves in Serb-held territory. He has insisted that Serbs violated the Geneva Convention and failed to provide a full list of prisoners.

Dragan Buljajic, the Bosnian Serb responsible for the prisoner exchange, said the government's dense people are not alive, the agreement. He pledged Serb cooperation with international agencies in tracking down the missing after the POW exchange.

"If we pass this test, there is a real chance for peace to come to this region," he told the Bosnian Serb news agency SENA.

"If good will will from all sides, we can find a substantive solu­ tion to this question (the peace agreement)," Karadzic said before meeting with other Bosnian Serb officials in Pale, just southeast of Sarajevo.

"That said the NATO-led forces will not be used to force the Serbs to carry out the peace plan on the Serb-dominated Bosnian Croats and a top U.S. envoy urged the party to provide a smooth. The Serbs have lobbied unsuccess­ fully for an expansion of the ESO to include military forces to be united under a Muslim­ Serb federation. After bombard­ ing the capital for 42 years, Serb fear retaliation when their neighborhoods are turned over to international protection of their enemies' control.

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some of the reasons why there is no diving team. Depending on the meet format, the Mustangs have to concede as much as 18 or 32 points for the two diving events even before anyone actually hits the water.

The Lady Mustangs travel to Malibu Saturday to face a formidable Pepperdine team. Last year, the two teams faced each other in a sprint meet in Irvine.

"Pepperdine has a number of good sprinters," Firman said. "We tend to be better at the 200 (meter) races as a team. (This year) we'll be open to compete against them in the 200 distances and the meet will be a lot tighter."

The men's team will be back in action with the women when the team takes on Cal State Northridge Jan. 27. This will be the final meet before the Big West Conference Championships, Feb. 22-24.

Kiedrowski, Gagnon, senior Kelli Quinn, and freshman Jodie Snowbarger all have chances of placing at the Big West Championships, where the women's squad placed sixth out of nine teams last year.

The men, meanwhile, hope to improve on their last place finish last year with help from Pyka, freshman Eric Wyles, and sophomore Sean Fatioh. "We'll do a lot better in the conference championship than last year," Masi predicts. "We know what to expect, plus we've done well this season against Big West opponents."

SWIMMING: Cal Poly's swim teams have been plagued with injuries and illness this season

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response courses," making him tolerable for the whole season.

Despite the fact that the college doesn't even offer correspondence courses, Cotright said, the NCAA still turned down two appeals.

"We didn't take all of the proper avenues," conceded Cotright, who ended up having to watch his team go 1-26 last year. Cotright finished his sophomore year with one less year of eligibility, and nothing to show for it.

"Some unfortunate things have happened to him," said junior Damien Levesque.

Levesque pointed out that Cotright still boasted the team's morale as much as he could from off the floor.

"I heard from him a thousand times, saying, 'I'm sorry I couldn't be out there,'" Levesque said.

Cotright returned to the floor just in time to experience renewed hope for the team, and an aggressive new coaching style by Head Coach Jeff Schneider.

With the new style came new players, like freshman point guard Ben Larson, and a new position at wing for Cotright — a place where he feels just as much at home as his old point position.

He used to play the wing back at Washington Prep High School, and feels it's where he belongs. "The transition wasn't really that bad," Cotright said, and he is happy he's being allowed to drive to the hoop more, and not worry about starting back.

"Shanta has done an excellent job," Schneider said. "It's like having a second point guard on the floor."

Cotright believes that Schneider's aggressive attitude is the biggest reason for their success so far this year.

"If he still had eligibility, one of us on the team wouldn't be starting," Cotright said.

The "point forward," as Schneider calls Cotright, is eager to predict the team's future, unlike many who balk at predictions or promises.

Cotright virtually guarantees a spot at Cal Poly in the National Intercollegiate Tournament next season, at the very least, and probably won't even be satisfied then.

"You never want to be content as an athlete," Cotright said, but he can sit and be happy for just a little while.
Swim teams meeting expectations

By Peggy Curtin

Despite spending most of their meets in opposing team's pools, the Cal Poly men's and women's swim teams are well ahead of expectations.

"The teams are doing very well so far this year," Head Coach Rich Firman said. "We're competing against some of the best teams in the country, and although the men lost to the UC Davis Aggies, several people have had outstanding performances.

Sophomore Ian Pyka placed third in the 500-meter freestyle at the Irvine Invitational, and scored the team's lone win in the men's 100-62 loss last Friday to Davis.

Krista Kiedrowski continued her string of good finishes by picking up one second, and three first-place finishes at Irvine, and dominating her competition at Davis, winning the 200-meter backstroke, 200-meter individual medley, and swimming the opening leg of the first place 200-yard medley relay.

Freshman Jackie Gagnon also finished first in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle, and second in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle in the women's two victories.

However, the season has not been without its fair share of problems. Both teams have been plagued by injuries and poor health, forcing some swimmers to swim more events.

"The meets are definitely hard because we never know who is going to swim what event," said junior Leah Mas. "Physically, it's draining and mentally, everyone's down. We're just trying to regroup."

Another problem is the total absence of Poly divers for both squads.

Poor conditions of the diving boards at the Mott Gym Pool and the lack of a diving coach are

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The men's swim team won't swim this weekend / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar
Shanta Cotright doesn't want to smile too much, if at all.
The junior guard recently led a Cal Poly men's basketball team to its first win of the season against George Mason last Saturday by scoring 43. Cotright is averaging 17.5 points per game, and scored what was then a career-high 26 points during the season. She also dished out more assists than any other Cal Poly player in 10 years. The team was anything but dreamy. Led by then Head Coach Steve Beason, Cotright said that the team's goals weren't very high-reaching compared to this year. "We weren't really out to win," Cotright said, and he felt that Beason aimed more for learning from each game, knowing that the transition from Division I basketball would be rough. The team just wanted to survive. The dreams then faded into a nightmare the following season for Cotright.

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