Ski buffs brave journey to 'hit the slopes'

By Matt Weiser

A belated winter has left many snow skiers with an uncertain future on this planet. These are the people you may see bumping into walls around campus. You might catch them pawing at the frost build-up in the freezer, or staring wishfully at a serving of mashed potatoes.

The obvious problem is lack of snow, and it has been driving skiers crazy ever since the leaves fell and the snow didn't.

A bunch of Cal Poly skiers couldn't wait for Mother Nature any longer, however, and piled into five buses in the wee hours of last Friday morning with the Cal Poly Ski Club for a day at Mt. Reba/Beaver Valley.

The lack of snow was the first setback for the trip, according to Gar Moss, vice president of publicity for the Ski Club. They originally planned to visit Sierra Summit, but snow absence caused a complete closure of that resort during the week.

"Sierra Summit basically shut down because of the snow conditions," said Moss. "We decided to get out of that deal because we really didn't know if we had any snow and we knew that they had no lifts going.

In a salvage effort, the destination was changed to Bear Valley, which offered decent snow coverage with 50 percent of its runs open. The Bear Valley management also had a "College Bash" planned for that day. They put together a special package deal and invited schools from most of the state to attend.

Landis Vander Karr, an assistant director of marketing for Bear Valley who graduated from Cal Poly last June, was one of the people involved with setting up the College Bash Day. The University of the Pacific, UC Davis, and the State Universities from Fresno, Chico, Sacramento, San Francisco and Hayward were among the other schools attending.

"Cal Poly got a real good deal because we wanted to salvage their Sierra Summit trip," said Vander Karr. "So we worked out a special deal with them."

The Cal Poly Ski Club originally had a deal with Sierra Summit that included transportation, a lift ticket, a T-shirt and a barbeque lunch for $27. That deal went sour when Sierra Summit closed, but Bear Valley agreed to accommodate the same deal at the same price.

"College students are the future as far as skiers," Vander Karr said. "They’re on a tight budget; they're looking for a good deal. This is considered more of a promotional event, where the area really isn’t making any money off it. They’re actually just extending their hospitality to all these universities, with the motive of bringing them back again."

With a destination once again, the Cal Poly skiers set out on a journey that would amount to about 18 hours of bus time and only four hours of slope time. Moss said.

The problem was transportation, according to Ski Club president Dominic Bohnet. He said they were using a particular bus charter service for the first time, and for the last time.

Bohnet said that one of the buses actually blew its motor a short distance from the resort, and that another ran out of gas just as it entered the parking lot getting back. "That company was just a joke," he said. "They were just trying to get into the market, so they were undercutting everyone else."

Bohnet added that the driver of the bus he was on was slightly inadequate. "He wasn’t thinking — that was the problem. He didn’t have the competency to read a map," he said.

Aron Kahn, a skier who went on the trip, agreed. "The bus trip sucked but the skiing was great," he said.

"Luckily for the skiers, a storm moved through the area that night and dropped a few inches of new snow. "Again, I can’t believe it. The college students brought the snow with them," said Vander Karr. "Last year at Sierra Summit they came up and they brought all that snow with them, and this year they did it again."

Vander Karr said Bear Valley

Landscape equipment displayed

Architects hold trade show

By Carolyn Clancy

The only irrigation products most students need are watering cans and thirsty houseplants. But for landscape architects, keeping up with the latest innovations in irrigation products is crucial.

Along with irrigation products, other landscaping items such as outside lighting products, sprinkler equipment, plants and sod were presented Monday by manufacturers in the third annual Landscape Architects Trade Show in Chumash Auditorium.

The show was sponsored by the student chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for the purpose of keeping students...
Tragedy remembered

One year ago today Americans' supreme confidence in technology was shaken when the space shuttle Challenger exploded over Cape Kennedy.

Witnessing seven astronauts die live on television was a horrible shock. But in the year following the disaster a different kind of fear lingered. The fear came with the realization that high technology can be flawed — fatally flawed.

Astronauts have been regarded as heroes since the early days of the space program. They are the last cowboys, the first riders on the final frontier. In mastering the mind-boggling technology and taking it to new heights they made Americans feel like there was no limit to what could be accomplished through the new technology.

But the Challenger disaster changed all that. Americans no longer have blind faith in technology. Advanced weapons systems such as the Strategic Defense Initiative, with its Star Wars technology, is being more closely examined.

New weapons technology is not being questioned by only those in favor of unilateral disarmament, either. The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sam Nunn, is against SDI not only because of its cost, but because of serious doubts about its feasibility.

We agree with Senator Nunn and others who question SDI and other new weapons systems. A healthy dose of skepticism will make this country a little safer for all of us.

Pay up and shut up

DOWN TO EARTH

Jeff Kelly

Jaywalking dangerous for all concerned

Editor — You, the students of Cal Poly, may do it every day but you won't think about it. I'm talking aboutjaywalking.

On Jan. 14, while riding my motorcycle on campus, a woman illegally crossed the street in front of me, never bothering to check for oncoming traffic. I was forced to stop, but my brakes locked, and I went down. I suffered scrapes, bruises and considerable damage to my bike.

The woman stopped only to offer a brief, "Are you OK?" leaving me dazed and without help. I was lucky; someone cared enough to help. Overcoming the fear of getting involved, he didn't leave the scene of the accident. He made sure I wasn't going to ride off and get into a worse accident.

All it takes to avoid injury and accidents is awareness. Don't assume the right of way as a pedestrian; look before you walk. If you ride a bike or motorcycle wear the proper equipment — it saved me from serious injury.

Remember, not only can the pedestrian get hurt but also the cyclist; going down at 25 mph hurts.

FORREST BOOZER
Coup attempt fails in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino said Tuesday the military had blocked a coup attempt by "misguided" troops and captured most of the mutineers. Several hundred rebels still held a radio and television station.

Aquino warned the public in a nationwide radio and television address to clear out of the area around the broadcast complex in suburban Quezon, which was seized by rebellious soldiers before dawn Tuesday.

About 500 troops loyal to the government were surrounding the complex and used tear gas and water cannons to disperse supporters of ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos who rallied outside to back the mutineers.

The military said the mutineers also attacked two military bases and the military headquarters in Manila but were put down.

Aquino said in her speech that the military had blocked a move by "misguided military personnel" against her government, and called on those still holding the broadcast complex to surrender.

Reagan tells State of the Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said Tuesday night that his failed effort to reach out to Iran and win the release of American hostages in Lebanon was his "one major regret" but he called on the nation not to be "obsessed with failure." "Are We Helpless Before Lawlessness?" will be the title of a lecture on Christian Science at 11 a.m. Thursday in the left wing of Chumash Auditorium.

A UC Berkeley professor will speak on "Heat Transfer: Innovation in Technology?" at 11 a.m. in Science B-5 Thursday as part of the Engineering Lecture Series.

Lois Banner, a history professor at USC, will speak on "Women's Studies and Men's Studies: A New Director for all the Disciplines?" at 11 a.m. Thursday in University Union Room 202A.

The Placement Center will hold a job search workshop for all majors at 11 a.m. Thursday in Business Administration and Education Building Room 206.

A seminar on the "Soft Skills" of leadership, sponsored by ASI Outings, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in University Union Room 220 as part of the Arts and Humanities Lecture Series.

The Counseling Center will hold a "Re-Entry Discussion Group" workshop at 11 a.m. Thursday.

The Learning Assistance Center will hold a workshop on procrastination from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday.

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A wide variety of financial aid opportunities is available

By Diane Zundel
Staff Writer

The lofty price of a college education is a well-known fact, but many Cal Poly students don't realize that about 9,000 of their fellow students received some form of financial aid this past year. This aid included state and federal grants, scholarships, loans and work study programs.

Clare Macey, a financial aid counselor on campus, encourages everybody to apply for aid because "there are so many programs available for all types of students." She said that more than 1,100 scholarships are awarded each year by the Cal Poly scholarship committee. Whether a student is a former rodeo queen or a junior concentrating in accounting, scholarships cover many majors and student characteristics.

But Macey stresses that now is the time to apply for financial aid for the 1987-88 school year. The rush is on because March 2 is the deadline for all programs.

"Many students don't make the deadline, so they miss out. It's to the student's benefit to at least try to apply for aid from the federal government," said Macey.

She explained that by filling out just one form, students are applying to all state and federal grants and loan programs. This application is the Student Aid Application for California, commonly known as the SAAC. Work-study participants are also included in this program that places students in a part-time job to earn money awarded by the federal government, is also included in the SAAC.

One of the most popular forms of financial aid is the Guaranteed Student Loan, said Macey. Undergraduates may borrow up to $2,625 a year for the first two years of study with this loan. For the remaining years, a student may borrow up to $4,000 a year, she said.

The Pell Grant is another common form of aid to help pull a struggling student through school. This is the largest federal grant available, said Macey. It enables undergraduates to possibly receive up to $2,500 a year.

Manuel Alvarado, a senior majoring in business administration, got a $2,300 Pell Grant last year, which enabled him to continue his studies. Alvarado noted that "without the Pell Grant I would not have been able to continue school." He now has an average of 16 credits a semester.

The Guaranteed Student Loan is the most Flexible of the federal loans, Alvarado said. "I used it to pay rent and buy food and books." He also added that "I wouldn't have been able to go on if it weren't for the guaranteed student loan." Alvarado is graduating this spring with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Staff Writer

Peace Corps recruiting gets competitive

By Anna Cekola
Staff Writer

Students with agricultural, science and math backgrounds may have a better chance of being accepted into the Peace Corps, according to a Los Angeles area recruiter.

Scott Bowles said that increasing competition in the liberal arts areas of teaching and community service have made technical skills more sought after in recruiting.

"Many people don't realize how competitive Peace Corps has become, but countries are asking for volunteers with more technical skills," Bowles said.

"Agricultural programs are a good shot because they are very rarely even filled. These programs are in great need in the countries where they are," Bowles added.

Because countries are asking for fewer generalist volunteers, liberal arts and math majors have not been as lucky in becoming accepted for positions. Last year only 160 people were requested in the traditionally larger community service section in the approximately 62 countries served.

"Last time the 16 offices in the United States filled 39 seasonal community service positions, we basically held a lottery," Bowles said. "Each recruiter took their applicants and said this is my best person, and we compared them, and the Peace Corps picked who they wanted from there. We nominated people who were master's degrees in social work and 20 years experience.

Although only one of 14 applicants are now accepted into the Peace Corps, Bowles offers hope to those who don't make the first cut.

"If someone wants to be accepted into the program enough, they will eventually get in," Bowles said. "We're looking for the kind of person who will go out and get the qualifications they need to make the first cut."

In addition to qualifications such as bachelor's degrees and experience, volunteers must also have such characteristics as suitability and flexibility to handle cultural differences.

Campus recruiter Lee Stone said that increasing competition in another culture stretches your capacity to function in situations where you don't know exactly what's going on and what to do. Stone said that "If someone has a lot of patience and leads to much sensitivity to pick up social and communica­tion skills which are often different."

Bowles also stressed the importance of a flexible attitude in another culture.

"Peace Corps is recruiting people with a you-can-when-you-can attitude," Bowles said.

Ranking first in the state and 52nd nationwide, Cal Poly has provided many volunteers in technical and liberal arts areas.

"Peace Corps seems like a two-year break from what you normally do," Bowles said.

Volunteers receive monthly allowances which range depending on the economics of the country served and a readjustment allowance which is provided when a volunteer returns.
Many graduate students find some surprises await them as they continue their education under different circumstances

With four or five years of college under their belts and a bachelor's degree in hand, most students are eager to kiss classes and book-good-bye forever. But for one group of Cal Poly students, one degree just isn't enough. Their desire is a master's degree in English, computer science, education or one of 12 other graduate programs offered at Cal Poly. Graduate students may have high levels of ambition, but their numbers on this campus are comparatively low. While last quarter there were a whopping 14,758 students seeking their first degree, there were only 991 graduate students. Of these, 441 were post- baccalaureate, meaning that they held an undergraduate degree but were not necessarily in a master's program. This included those seeking a credential or a second bachelor's degree. That left a humble 550 students striving for a master's degree.

These students are the minority on campus for the simple reason that Cal Poly's emphasis is on undergraduate study. Marilyn York, coordinator of Graduate Student Services at Cal Poly, explained that the California State University campuses just don't focus on graduate studies. Instead, they provide complimentary programs at the graduate level, she said.

So a student aspiring for an in-depth graduate program has to go to one of the University of California campuses, such as at Berkeley or Santa Barbara. Here the concentration is more on master's programs and intense research, said York.

Why would a student choose Cal Poly over, say, Berkeley, as a place to earn the golden master's? York offered as an explanation a phrase for which Cal Poly is so famous, "It's never bothered me because I've lived in San Luis Obispo most of my life and this town is filled with younger people. Besides, I enjoy the music and fashion of the younger crowd," she said. Cal Poly's average student age of about 21 years may be somewhat of an advantage to Donatello because she likes dating younger men anyway.

Aside from the technical aspects of attending a university which doesn't cater specifically to graduates, what about the more down-to-earth problems? When you're the only master's candidate of 12 students crammed in the library's elevator, and the oldest one at that, what's that like?

For Allison Donatello, a 31-year-old student seeking her master's degree in city and regional planning, there's "no problem at all" attending a university saturated with younger undergraduates.

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Donatello came to Cal Poly after deciding that she wasn't making enough money working in her undergraduate field of landscape architecture. She chose to get her master's here because "for the money, it's the best bargain in the country."

She said that she looks young so she fits in just fine at Cal Poly. When venturing to local bars, she still gets asked for her ID, but that's "always flatter-
Getting the ideas on paper
Lab offers aid to those with writer's block

By Donna Taylor

The Junior Writing Test is nothing more than a few hours' stress for some Cal Poly students. But for those who have difficulty writing, it can be a nightmare.

The Writing Lab offers a valuable service to those suffering from writer's block.

"The student tutors help with everything from class essays to the JWT to theses for master's degrees," said Mary Kay Harrington, coordinator of Writing Skills. "The lab was begun in 1982, and we have about 200 students a quarter trooping through to get help on a regular basis."

The Writing Lab, located in Library Room 208 and open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., offers six paid tutors, all of whom are senior English majors. Two of them, Pelly Parsons and Steve Crump, are English graduate students.

"In order to be a tutor, you must be a senior in English, have a working understanding of the language and its grammar, and have infinite patience," Harrington said.

As the other tutors busily work with their clients, tutor Michael Churchman described his most unusual case.

"One sample JWT question we give students is to describe the worst conditions you have lived under," said Churchman, who has been a tutor for a year. "This one girl wrote about living as a political prisoner in Central America, and being beaten by the prison guards." According to Harrington, the lab usually has for the first three weeks of the quarter.

"The JWT is given on the third Saturday of each quarter, so we get a lot of business in the beginning," the tutor said. "Several students return for help on essays, applications, etc., and each tutor has developed quite a following."

Many ESL (English as a Second Language) students visit the lab, said Harrington.

"There was one student from Somalia who had no knowledge of English before coming to Cal Poly," she said. "He failed the JWT and then latched onto the Writing Lab. He spent about three or four hours a day there, and practiced hours on end with the tutors and I. I told him he needed to get more sleep, but he said, 'I'll sleep when I get back to Somalia.'" Darned if he didn't pass the test with a 10 out of 12."

Harrington said that although most of the feedback from the lab is positive, one student wasn't very happy with it.

"This guy was very nervous about passing the JWT, and he practiced all of the sample questions we gave him," said Harrington. "The test date came, and he had mistakenly thought that the topic would be chosen from our list. He was so upset he just got up and left, then he haunted us, making threats towards the tutors and the lab. But that was a very unusual case."

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By Catherine Hernandez

From beyond this world
A woman claiming to be the channel for a
2,000-year-old entity is met with protest

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milita. The entity announced "A religious war has begun, but it is in they," and Torres walked back stage.

Torres charged $15 for anyone who attended her lectures, including the press. She does not allow photographers to take pictures during the lectures because she said it distracts the people from Mafu's teachings.

Earlier in the evening Torres, as Mafu, had debated with a woman who identified herself as a Christian and called Mafu "satanic." During the exchange of words, people in the audience began to stand up in a show of support for Mafu and whispers of negative comments filled the room. As Mafu, Torres completed her conversation with the woman by saying she was happy the woman had found her own truth.

Torres then returned to the front of the room and, still speaking as Mafu, scolded her believers. She told them it was wrong to pass judgment on someone who had the courage to come to the meeting and speak her truth and call Mafu satanic.

Torres told the audience that if they judge others, they are judging themselves. "You must allow them their truth to be allowed your's," she said.

She then explained that when people are denied their truth the consequence is "war, a religious war."

Backstage before the show, Torres described the first time Mafu appeared to her. "I had been hearing Mafu's voice in my head and I thought that I was going crazy. At one point I thought my husband had another woman and was dragging me to get my baby. I was sitting on the bed sobbing and telling him about it while Tony sat in a chair next to me. All of a sudden the bed levitated and Mafu appeared in front of the room and, still watching soap operas all day and waiting for my husband, Tony, to get home from work."

New Torres runs Mafu Teachings, a business that revolves around Mafu's lectures, retreats, audio and video tapes, and private readings that focus on Mafu's message of "Love yourself" and "You are God."

Torres wore a mauve oversized blouse, white pants and had bare feet when she welcomed the crowd at the Veteran's Hall. She said that before Mafu came into her life she would never have been able to address such a large crowd, much less do it with her hair pulled back and without makeup on.

She said she pulls her hair back while teaching because she doesn't like her hair in his face. She said Mafu has also asked her not to wear makeup and to wear loose clothing because her body expands while he is in it.

"I used to gain 20 pounds when he would enter my body," she said. "Now my body has ad-

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The college students brought the snow with them.'
— L. Vander Karr

"Once the people were up there the skiing was great," said Bohnet. "If you take that one aspect (transportation) out of it, it was a success. Everything worked out pretty good. We learned quite a bit from it."

Vander Karr said the Ski Club deserves credit for their efforts. "They have a real good system there," he said, "Their club’s probably the number-one ski club in the West Coast. They’re active, they’re organized; they actually get 300 or 500 people together and they go places. It’s a real good program for skiing."

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Challenger still affecting commercial satellite industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — When he kicked commercial satellites off the space shuttle in August, President Reagan announced a policy designed to create a U.S. private-launch industry, but so far only one company has received a launch deposit.

The fledging private launchers are competing with the French, Chinese and even the Soviets.

A year after the Challenger accident, communications satellite companies that had planned to launch from the shuttle are still rethinking their long-term business plans and sorting out their options.

"Challenger has really turned the commercial satellite industry almost upside down temporarily," said Troy D. Ellis, executive vice president for satellite programs.

Besides the delays it caused, the accident also pushed insurance rates to the sky and availability has been uncertain.

"The typically quoted prices on launches are twice what they used to be — around $60 million, up from about $30 million before the accident," said John E. Bohrer, president of Hughes Communications Inc.

High prices and launch uncertainty combined to drive new companies from entering the market and force companies already there to take a new look at expansion plans. Many experts said the industry had an excess of satellite capacity even before the accident.

"It's not impairing the system, but you can't say it's not a loss," said Robert Leahy, a spokesman for Intelsat, a cooperative of 112 countries, which is the world's most frequent user of launch services.

"People aren't shaking over this; it's not something that's going to put us out of business, but they are concerned about it. ... We're all concerned about it because a delay in one area runs delays all the way down the road. It pushes everything back. It delays the introduction of new capabilities, state-of-the-art capabilities, in space where some satellites are nearing the end of their lifespan," he said.

Anxiety in the industry heightened in August when President Reagan announced that the shuttle was getting out of the business of launching commercial payloads. Reagan said at the time the action would spur a private-launch industry.

When Challenger exploded Jan. 28, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had 44 contracts to send commercial payloads on future shuttle flights. Only about a third of those payloads will be launched from the shuttle through 1992, with priority going to military and scientific payloads when the shuttle resumes flights in 1988.

One American company — Martin Marietta Corp., which built Titan rockets for the Air Force — has received a deposit on a launch. Federal Express agreed in September to reserve space aboard a Titan 3 rocket, while also reserving space on Ariane for the same satellite.

Leahy hinted that Intelsat may take an option on a launch with Martin Marietta.

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Since the start of the book club, it has raised $4,000 for the juvenile welfare league. The club members have read everything from romance novels to science fiction and biographies.

"I'm surprised at what people are willing to part with to help the kids," said one member.

"It's a great way to get people involved," said another.

The club also helps to promote reading among children.

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Most people in this world lend themselves to easy categorization. That is, born a square, grow up a square, live as a square. It is a human tendency to look at the way people dress, the car they drive, their personal history, and for better or worse, classify them as some type of person.

Not so with Dr. Dan Fulmer. Your initial impression of him might very well be fear. And rightfully so. He is a bear of a man, standing 6-foot-3 and carrying a well-proportioned 295 pounds, thanks to a dedicated weightlifting regime.

However, your fear would quickly turn to respect after noticing his professional acumen and learning he is a podiatrist, happily married and a father of three.

His image would be further enhanced if you could hear his friends, associates, and patients talk about him. He is described as being “kind,” “caring,” “giving,” “a driving force,” “willing to sacrifice,” “extremely skilled,” and on and on. Indeed you could fill up several pages with nothing but compliments.

Then as his friends and he begin to talk about his history, his image once again must be turned around, and you wonder why he didn’t end up as a professional bouncer, much less a highly-respected and valued person in a small, conservative community.

Some of this history includes the five colleges he attended, his lost days at “bohoons” (an East Coast type of party), his stint in a motorcycle gang, his semi-pro football career, his hearts, and on and on.

Fulmer is the Cal Poly podiatric consultant, a member of McNeil’s dream team for those who donate $2,500 to Poly in 10 years), was the Mustang Booster Club president from 1984-86, the SUMAT secretary in 1986, and the principal fundraiser for his PTA, teaching reading and math on Tuesdays at a local grade school and coaches several grade school athletic teams.

If you know nothing of his past, he would be easy to characterize as the giving alumnus, the talented doctor. But when you learn of his earlier exploits, he becomes somewhat of an enigma.

Fulmer was born in upstate New York in the small town of Beacon, where he lived until he was 17. He bounced around three different colleges in the area, playing some football, and spending much of his time at “bohoons.”

“We used to take fire trucks out to the country, and get drunk. Sometimes I’d literally disappear for days,” he said. “I don’t think I was quite ready for school yet.”

In 1966 he came to California at the urging of some friends.

“I wasn’t sure what I was going to do,” he said. “I thought I’d live on the beach. I was going to bum it if I could.”

During his six-month stay on the beach at Huemer he joined a motorcycle club.

“I had a Harley-Davidson, which I kept for several years,” he said. “But it was the real big deal. I was only involved with them for a couple of months.”

Somewhere in here he managed to play semi-pro football for the Santa Maria Hawks, and later played for the Fresno Raiders.

After all this, he was talked into coming to Cal Poly to play football by then-head coach Joe Harper. Fulmer was on the team for a short period of time, but was ruled ineligible because he had played semi-pro football.

Right around this time he acquired his hearse, which he still has a picture of in his office.

“It was a ’57 Pontiac hearse, and I got it for a song,” he said. “It was an awesome car — you could cruise at 110 mph and it was deathly silent. It had an automated coffin sat on, which rolled out about eight feet. It was the perfect tailgater, we even had a bar set up in back.”

In August of 1970, when he was a senior at Poly, he was involved in an accident on his motorcycle.

“I was a bloody mess,” said Fulmer. “And the doctors at the hospital said I needed to stay for several days and have someone take care of me.”

But since he didn’t have any money, he got his roommate to talk a female co-worker into taking care of him, which she is still doing today, because in December of the next year they were married.

Fulmer received his bachelor’s degree from Poly in physical education in 1970, and stayed to earn his master’s degree in biological science in 1971. He then taught kinesiology for one year, again at Poly, before going to podiatry school in San Francisco in 1971, and graduated five years later.

From 1976 to 1978 he was a resident in surgery at a hospital in San Diego, and in 1978 he set up his own practice, which he kept until 1981.

In December of 1980 Fulmer and his wife sat down to talk about their future.

“We had always planned on coming back to San Luis,” he said. “And I was looking for any excuse; could find. I had a home and a practice, but we decided we wanted to leave.”

The next day when he arrived at his office, he received a letter from a man looking to buy a practice.

Four days later Fulmer had sold his practice, and his home was on the market.

“I started working in San Luis,” he said. “But my wife had to stay in San Diego while we tried to sell our house. It was a true trying time in our relationship. I was driving back and forth every weekend.”

When the house was sold Fulmer and his family settled in San Luis Obispo, and his effect on the Cal Poly athletic program has been felt ever since.

“Dan was the first guy off campus to volunteer to come into the training room on a regular basis, rather than try and fit the athletes into a schedule book,” said Cal Poly soccer coach Dave Yoneda. “And when he tells me to do something, he knows that it will get done to a level that he considers as adequate.”

He affects the athletes he treats more than just as a physician. “He is much more than a doctor,” said women’s track coach Lance Harter. “His insight and expertise is unquestioned, and he is highly recommended by his peers. I value him as a friend, and I think all the athletes who have dealt with him feel the same way.”

“He’s a great guy,” said former Poly football player Jim Gled. “You can tell when someone really cares about what’s wrong with you.”

Some of this feeling comes out when Fulmer talks about his role as a doctor of athletes, a role that has brought more than 2,000 of them under his care.

“Some of the most important things in the whole coating of the kid is going to feel, and if there’s going to be any residual problem, the team doesn’t matter as much as the kid matters.”

One obvious question is why he would put himself in over his head into the Cal Poly program, when both financially and family-wise his time could be spent in other ways.

“I think he feels he owes something back,” said Yoneda. “When he came here, he could have gone in any direction. We need more people like him, willing to give something back.”

Former football coach Jim Sanderson expressed similar sentiments.

“He is one of the guys who I think got something out of the university and wants to give something back,” said Sanderson. “He found a home here. He has a love affair with the community and the university, which is nice because he gives so much.”

Fulmer has his own views on his role in San Luis Obispo.

“This job I have, with being involved with the athletes, is so much fun it embarrasses me to make money at it,” he said. “I can’t spend hours watching football on TV, but if I knew people, or even one person on a team, it makes it very personal.”

Fulmer’s impact on Cal Poly athletes stretches beyond the training room.

In 1984 he became president of the booster club, a post he held until 1986, and served as SUMAT secretary of that same year.

“When he came on board we had lots of problems,” said Harter. “He helped unite the booster club, and appeared a lot of ego. He brought in teamwork, enthusiasm and was very much a driving force in bringing in more funding than ever to our program.”

Since helping to straighten out some of the booster club’s financial problems, Fulmer said his political aspirations in this area are already clear.

DARYL SHOPTAUGH/Mustang Daily
Soviets to continue space work

MOSCOW (AP) — In the year since space shuttle Challenger's explosion halted manned U.S. space exploration, the Soviet Union has forged ahead with an ambitious program of endurance missions, space construction and inauguration of a second orbiting station.

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No date for the launch has been announced, but the Tass news agency reported Jan. 16 that the Progress-27 cargo vessel had been sent to the Mir station to take fuel and supplies for a manned mission to begin soon.

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But this doesn't mean his fund-raising career is over. He is currently the principle fundraiser for his PTA, organizing an annual auction that raises about $5,000. He also teaches math and reading once a week to grade-school kids, and coaches youth soccer, basketball and baseball.

One of his favorite pastimes is weightlifting, an activity he has been involved with off and on since high school. He began lifting religiously (twice a day) in 1981 with All-America javelin thrower Karen Smith, and before experiencing problems with his wrists, was bench pressing well over 600 pounds.

"We tend to gravitate towards things we can do well, and let's face it, I'm no runner," said the barrel-chested doctor with a smile.

"It's a camaraderie, it's inside, it's not cold," he said laughing.

"Plus most of the athletes I work with (as a doctor) lift. It helps me to get to know them, empathize with them."

Two of his other passions are bicycling and roller skating, both of which he does regularly with his wife and three children.

"It's because when you bike or roller skate you feel smooth and graceful," he said.

"No matter what your size is, everyone moves about the same on a bicycle."

Whether he's smooth and graceful or not, the prevailing opinion of Fulmer was summed up simply by Sanderson.

"He's a great guy," he said.

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Fulmer, the staff, expert guidance in frame and contact lens selection, and affordable fees.

Fulmer, the miracle of the event. "It's a fast-growing, changing industry. If (students) can learn as much as possible before they get out of school that just helps them that much more."

Richman said, "The responsibility is on the teachers to become more aggressive to get manufacturers to come to classes."

In this way students can learn about changes within the landscape architecture industry.

One problem MacLean had in putting the show together was a large lawnmower that was to be displayed which wouldn't fit through the doors of the auditorium. But instead of having the show, said MacLean, the mower brought the show extra publicity by sitting in the University Union Plaza all day Monday.

There were more guests at the show this year than last year, but student turnout was less than expected.

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