Trees up problems for allergy sufferers

By Karin Tindall
Staff Writer

Unknown to a great majority of Cal Poly students, faculty and workers, there are a large number of trees on campus which are harmful to their health, according to research being done by one Cal Poly professor.

According to Lee Parker of the biological sciences department, "there are a tremendous number of cultivated plants on campus which are harmful. While this is for students who suffer from hay fever or allergies to pollen.

There are several harmful trees, such as mulberry, olive, elm, birch eucalyptus, and liquid amber, which are in abundance on campus. When it comes to allergies, the mulberry is "one of the most dangerous trees in the U.S.," explained Parker. "We have them around the Health Center," he said, "where we are trying to treat people, some with allergies."

Trees found around the Faculty Office Building include major species: liquid amber, birch and eucalyptus. Parker said that liquid amber or sweet gum trees are commonly used for landscaping, but they are a serious reaction. Birch trees are equally as serious. Eucalyptus, he said, are normally not serious except, as on campus, when they are in abundance.

"Clearly, the landscapers didn't understand the problems these plants can produce," said Parker. He added that it's an ongoing thing. "Not only are these plants trouble now, but most of them aren't mature yet," he said, "so the problem is destined to get worse."

Parker and local allergist Dr. Art McCan, who is a board member with the American Lung Association., said allergists and local allergist Dr. Art McCan, who is a board member with the American Lung Association, number academically numbered and socially by undergraduates. See PULSE, page 5.

Ski buffs brave journey to ‘hit the slopes’

By Matt Weiser

Staff Writer

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 frosted 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 plopped into five buses in the wee hours of last Friday morning with the Cal Poly Ski Club for a day at Mt. Reba/Bear 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 the 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 of the snow problem."

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 of Fresno, Chico, Sacramento, San Francisco and Hayward were among the other schools attending.

"Bear Valley 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 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. "I 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 was one of the other schools attending. See SKIING, page 8.

Landscape equipment displayed

Architects hold trade show

By Carolyn Clancy
Staff Writer

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 Architecture 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, See LANDSCAPE, back page.
Pay up and shut up

DOWN TO EARTH

Jeff Kelly

students in your footsteps will get the exercise they so desperately need. And that was not all.

Last quarter, you rose up, asking us how you could help relieve the dire financial plight faced by athletic recruits to this campus. Once again you stamped to the polls to give a few extra dollars of your money for athletic scholarships.

(Baker removes glasses for emphasis. Camera closes in on his face; his expression darkens.)

Now, some cynical observers have questioned the particulars of these referendums, even going so far as to compare them to electoral processes in the Third World. Well, I guess some people are just sore losers. We feel that the referendum process is a linchpin of democracy, balancing fairly the needs of students and Administration. We hope to use the referendum process again to solve future financial difficulties.

As you know, those of us in Administration, from myself all the way down to the clerks on the first floor, care about your needs. You can always be assured that we'll go extra mile to help you out of a tight situation. Unfortunately, this kind of service doesn't come cheap. Therefore, I'm sure you'll understand the need for a 10 percent CSU systemwide fee increase that will be implemented soon.

Like those of us here in Administration, your student leaders have your best interests at heart, as well. (Camera pulls back, revealing ASI President Kevin Swanson standing at Baker's side. Swanson is resplendent in a tweed sportscoat.)

KEVIN SWANSON: That's right, President Baker. Those of us in ASI have always strove to do the best job possible for the students. We offer a myriad of useful services and presentations, such as the very television show you're watching right now. Now, some of those same Gloomy Guses that President Baker spoke of have accused your student leaders of padding their resumes and engaging in power games at the expense of students. Let me assure you, nothing could be further from the truth.

We in ASI always have your best interests at heart. Unfortunately, we live in an era of limits. We regret it deeply, but we fear it will be necessary to increase your ASI fees by 10 percent soon. This is only to offset our soaring insurance costs. Why, in just one year, our premiums have gone from...

BAKER: Thank you, Kevin. And thank you, students of Cal Poly, for your attention and continued support. (Camera slowly pulls back, fade up "Pomp and Circumstance of America.") Together, we can build a better tomorrow. And remember, an education at Cal Poly — even at $300 per quarter — is still a bargain.

letters to the editor

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 and 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 both ways 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.

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

Local resident found unconscious with chest hair mysteriously ripped out

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**Newsbriefs**

Wednesday, January 28, 1987

**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 said 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."

With American military ships on the move in the Mediterranean Sea, Reagan, in his sixth annual State of the Union address, also vowed not to sit idly by "if our interests or friends in the Middle East are threatened ... by terrorist blackmail."

He said it was not wrong to try to establish contact with a nation of strategic importance and "certainly it was not wrong to try to secure freedom for our citizens held in barbaric captivity. But we did not achieve what we wished, and serious mistakes were made in trying to do so."

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**calendar**

**Wednesday 28**

- The Counseling Center will hold a workshop on "Incest: A Support Group for Women" from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.
- ASI Outings will show videos featuring kayaking, skiing and windsurfing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Escape Route.

**Thursday 29**

- The Financial Aid Office will offer help in completing the Student Aid Application of California (SAAC) in a workshop from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday in University Union Room 219.
- "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 "Heal 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.

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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 Mascy, 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.

“Many students don’t make the deadline, so they miss out.” It’s up to the student’s benefit to at least try to apply for aid from the federal government,” said Mascy.

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 a program that places students in a part-time job to earn money awarded by the federal government, is also included in the Student Aid Application.

Of the most popular forms of financial aid are the Guaranteed Student Loan, said Mascy. 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 Mascy. It enables undergraduates to possibly receive up to $2,500 a year.

Manuel Alvarado, a senior majoring in mechanical agriculture, has received financial aid for the past two years. “The money I get all goes for registration books and fees,” he said.

To ease the confusion surrounding financial aid forms and eligibility requirements, Cal Poly offers aid workshops offering on-campus workshops in January and February. SAAC workshops will be held Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m., and Feb. 5, from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 219 of the University Union. Workshops will also be held Feb. 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Yeomiste Hall, Feb. 18 from 2 to 3 p.m in U.U. 219, Feb. 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m in Santa Lucia Hall, Feb. 12 from noon to 1 p.m in U.U. 219 and Feb. 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Trinity Hall.

Technical backgrounds preferred

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 ever filled. These openings are due in part because only 2 percent of the U.S. population is involved in agriculture, while 80 percent of the Third World is involved," he added.

"Because countries are asking for fewer generalist volunteers, liberal arts people 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 like a poker game,” Bowles said. "Each recruiter took their applications and said this is my best person, and we compared them, and the people who were nominated had 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 gain the qualifications they need first, then come back.”

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.

"People may be highly qualified, but they must also be good representatives,” Bowles said. "A person must be flexible and a self-starter with the do-what-you-can-when-you-can attitude.”

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

On top of a two-year service requirement, volunteers also attend training programs to learn languages and cross cultural differences.

"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.

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.

"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 the fashion of the younger crowd," she said. Cal Poly's average student age of about 21 years is somewhat of an advantage to Donatello because she likes dating younger men anyway.

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 flattering," she said. And when she pulls out her blue Cal Poly identification card, a tell-tale sign of her graduate status, instead of the more common pink card for undergraduates, people are impressed and skeptical.

Another graduate student who proves there's no generation gap between himself and his undergraduate colleagues is Paul Rys, a 33-year-old working toward his master's in agriculture.

Rys received his undergraduate degree in philosophy, but admits that farming is in his blood. He walked onto the Cal Poly campus one day while visiting a friend, saw everything the university had to offer and decided to enroll in the master's program.

"I'm the oldest student in most of my classes, but I mix right in with everyone else. Being the second oldest of seven children makes it easy since I've always been around younger people," he said.

But a couple of amusing incidents have occurred that remind him of his "above-the-average-student" age. For instance, fellow students in a basic soil science class mistook him for the lab instructor when he walked in the room. Rys takes it all in stride, with an obvious carefree and relaxed attitude about his graduate level standing.

"I hang around with whoever is in my classes. Younger people are a source of energy and I enjoy that," he said.

Rys is slowly progressing toward his master's degree and is in no hurry to get it. "I'm perfectly happy just selling my vegetables at Farmer's Market on Thursday nights," he said.

Bob Agapalassia is in the master of business administration program at Cal Poly. He came here because of the personal relationship between student and professor, the unbeatable price and the location.

When Agapalassia was an undergraduate in economics, he felt as though he was "really in the middle of campus life." But now that he's a graduate student, he feels totally removed, although he's only 24.

"I don't have the time or interest to be active in the university social life. My concerns are different than those of undergraduates. They're worried about what classes to take, while our concern is what to do after finishing school," he explained.

Getting along with the younger student population is not much of a problem for him since he's 30 years away. Agapalassia said, But being in the master's program does tend to make for a lonelier social life, he admitted.

"At the graduate level we don't come in contact with many people. In the MBA program, there are only 40 second-year students. Most are married and have outside lives. It's difficult for unmarried graduate students like myself to meet new people," he said.

Being married and a grandmother doesn't stop Betty Campbell from fitting into at Cal Poly. Campbell is 50 years old and holds a 4.0 grade point average in the MBA program. She chose to attend Cal Poly because she lives in the area and because it's a "family school"—her husband and children also attended the university. Campbell's purpose in attending a master's is to combine it with her undergraduate degree in mathematics and eventually teach at a junior college.

"Being married helps me be a more serious student and my husband is very supportive. Of course, I don't fit totally in the social scene," she said, "but I'm accepted happily by the younger students. They come to me for advice and they ask me out to lunch. They make me feel really comfortable."

Campbell said that she feels a little more out of place in her three undergraduate classes than in her graduate classes. And when buying a parking permit, she always gets the same question: "Is that faculty or student parking?"
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 3:30 p.m., offers six paid tutors, all of whom are senior English majors. Two of them, Pelly Parv 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," said tutor Don Vermeulen.

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 guy wrote about living as a political prisoner in Central Somalia. He got up and left, then he haunted the prison guards."

According to Harrington, the lab is especially busy for the first three weeks of each quarter.

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

Students can come in and get quick fixes, or in other words, have someone tell them that their writing isn't all that bad."
From beyond this world
A woman claiming to be the channel for a 2,000-year-old entity is met with protest

"The first time he came into my body, I threw up for an hour and a half ... his energy was so much that people passed out when he touched them."

— Penny Torres

Penny Torres, 27, claims to be the channel for a 2,000-year-old entity who preaches "Love yourself" and "You are God." Torres has been bringing Mafu's teachings to the country preaching about the best way to live isn't usually the way most people think. Some people got upset. But when a woman came to San Luis Obispo last week claiming to be the channel for a 2,000-year-old entity who preaches self-love, some people got upset.

Her lecture, which took place Jan. 22 at the San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall, was prematurely brought to an end when Torres, speaking as Mafu, apparently became frustrated by a Christian group that came in protest of Mafu's teachings. The group stood up and began praying when she tried to lead the audience in a group meditation.

Speaking as Mafu, she first warned her group, telling them that they were playing games and that they were wasting the time of the people who came there to meditate. She asked them to allow others "their own truth," or else she would be forced to call in the "militia."

The group did not acknowledge Mafu's warning and continued their protest. Torres, acting as Mafu, told her audience she would end the teaching and return at no cost Thursday with 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 yours," 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 above it. We both peed our pants and ran into the other room screaming. He followed us," Torres said.

She said that once she and her husband calmed down, Mafu asked her if she could use her body in order to bring the world to "superconsciousness."

"At first I didn't accept it, but Tony really took to the idea," Torres said.

"Since Tony saw him too, I knew I wasn't crazy but I thought I was possessed by the devil. I don't blame people for being skeptical. I was at first, too," she said. "I questioned Mafu — I still do — and only for the past one and a half months have I found this valid for me."

Torres said she was just a housewife and a mother to her two-year-old son Andrew before Mafu began channeling through her in June 1986. "I stayed at home taking care of my baby and watching soap operas all day and waited for my husband, Tony, to get home from work."

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

Torres wore a mauve oversize 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 speaking as Mafu, because he 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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had about 50 percent of their
runs open and five chair lifts
operating, accessing snow that
was a little thin in some places.
Skiers from 23 different schools
participated in an obstacle
course, and were treated to a
barbecued chicken lunch and
music courtesy of disc jockeys
and a sound system from a local
rock station.
"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
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tually get 300 or 500 people
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a real good program for skiing."

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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. Ellingham, Comsat Inc., and 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. Kohler, 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.

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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. Ellingham, Comsat Inc., and 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. Kohler, 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.

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Team doctor sports colorful past
Former hell-raising hearse driver emerges 20 years later as respected community physician

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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 weight-lifting regime.

However, your fear would quickly turn to respect after noticing his professional attire 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 “boozers” (an East Coast type of party), his stint in a motorcycle gang, his semi-pro football career, his hearse, and his wife.

Fulmer is the Cal Poly podiatric consultant, a member of McNell’s dream team (for those who donate $2,500 to Poly in 10 years), was the Mustang Booster Club president from 1984-86, the SAT Secretary in 1986, is the principle fundraiser for his PTA, teaches 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 as “boozers.”

“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 if it I could.”

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

“I had a Harley-Davidson, which I kept for several years,” he said. “But the gang was really no 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 and a dance,” he said. “It was an awesome car — you could cruise at 110 mph and it was deathly silent. It had an automated roll out back the coffin sat on, which rolled out about eight feet. It was the perfect tailgate, 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.

“It 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 to 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 kept me 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 football coach Jim Gleed.
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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.

While failures in the Kremlin's space program have often gone unreported, 1986 appeared to be a successful year. The state-run media, have predicted 1987 will be another busy one, beginning with a mission to the new Mir space station.

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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"It's a comaraderie, 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 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.

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

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Association, began trying to determine pollen counts in San Luis Obispo about a year ago.

To aid in their research, a pollen collector was purchased with funds from the American Lung Association. This collector, which sits on top of the Fischer Science Building, collects pollen, which is then sent to Santa Barbara Research Institute.

The original goal of Parker and McLean's work was to find out what was in the air because there was no one doing that kind of research in the area," said Parker. The closest studies were being done in San Jose and Santa Barbara. From there, McLean started correlating the pollen in the air with an increased number of new patients. According to McLean, approximately 10 to 20 percent of the population of an average city is affected by allergies. In San Luis Obispo County, said McLean, the percentage is a bit higher. "Here, things are more acute," he said, adding that about 25 percent of the county is affected.

A spin-off to their research, said Parker, was the realization that more careful planning is needed when using certain plants for landscaping purposes. "We don't need trees that have a negative aspect in landscaping," said Parker.

Parker and McLean are also trying to correlate the amount of pollen with the weather, for example rain and humidity. "By trying to predict what kinds of pollens are in the area," said Parker, "it is easier to predict the worst pollen times."

McLean said that the main peaks of pollen production occur in May, with an average of 15.9 percent, and in August, with 10.5 percent, while the lowest percentage occurs around January with about 5 percent. This percentage, McLean explained, correlates with the percent of new patients seen monthly as compared to patients seen throughout the entire year.

Parker also said that "pollen walks" are held on campus in the spring to get allergy sufferers familiar with the plants they are allergic to. "A lot of sufferers know the names of the plants they are allergic to," said Parker, "but they don't know what they look like." He said that the walks are very helpful for this reason.