Holocaust survivor faces haunting past

By Christine Powell

Fourty-one years later, Toivi Blatt sat face to face with his oppressor.

Trumbling and trying to block out his conflicting emotions, Blatt uttered, “Do you remember me?”

Karl Frenzel, 17 years older than Blatt, could easily have been related — an older brother or uncle. Perhaps, like Blatt, he had a ruddy complexion, fair skin and blue eyes. All but the receding hairline and double chin matched up. More distinguishing, though, were their respective pasts.

In 1943, Frenzel worked as a senior staff member at the Sobibor Nazi death camp in Poland, the same place where Blatt was a Jewish prisoner.

This weekend, Blatt, an author and public speaker, brings his story to Cal Poly with a lecture on campus.


Markarian said, “In the future, the UU may be a good location.”

The Marquee Committee, made up of Markarian and four others, spoke with Cal Poly architects about the marquee design plans.

The architects emphasized that Cal Poly has a park-like aestheticism to its campus, so they made sure to fit in the marquee in a way that would not distract from the campus’ comfortable, spacious atmosphere.

Although the committee has looked at several designs, it has not settled on a specific one.

“Right now we want to get the signs out there in the middle of nowhere,” Markarian said.

The committee based its proposals for marquee sites on heavy traffic flow and how close the marquee would be to a power source.

The UU Capital Accounts reserve for the purchase of any capital expenditure. This includes equipment with a value of at least $1,500 that will last for three years, and Bill Ashby, director of business services.

Markarian and Ashby researched which signs would be the most effective and cost-efficient for Cal Poly. They looked at quotes from different companies such as Daktronics and decided that $67,000 is the highest amount they want to spend.

With the board’s approval, the committee has begun its search for the right location for the new marquee.

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Peers choose outstanding employees

By Matt Sterling

Three university employees were chosen by a committee of their peers as Cal Poly’s 1999-2000 outstanding employees. Druci Reese, administrative support coordinator for the music department; Ellen Stier, an administrative assistant in the computer science department; and Bonnie Krupp, a research and planning analyst in the computer science department, were chosen for their contributions to their departments and the university.

The winners were nominated by their co-workers. Then a committee of past winners interviewed those who work with the winners and chose the winners.

“I have a lot of respect for all of the people who won before me,” Reese said. “Some of them are my heroes — people I go to for help when I have questions.”

All three recipients of the award were named on the Cal Poly Staff Council, which was in existence from 1993 to 1998 to improve communication between staff members and departments.

“Working together on the staff council was really how we get to know each other,” Krupp said.

Reese, who also received the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Staff Award last year, credits her awards to the support she receives from the music department.

“I surround myself with great people, so they make me look good,” she said.

The 14-year Cal Poly employee interacts with students all day. She said she maintains close relationships with a lot of them, since there are only approximately 80 music majors.

“It’s very hectic, and we always have students running in with a crisis or a faculty member with a crisis, because everything is centered in this building,” she said.

Because of this, Reese and her co-worker Michele Abba consider themselves at the center of the music department.

“However, my input is as valid and as valuable as the department chair or a student,” she said. “We really work together to make the department better.”

Stier, described by a co-worker as “the foundation of the department,” sees herself as the common denominator for the computer science department.

She also considers herself honored.

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Cinco de Mayo festivities are sparse, excluding restaurants

By Robin Nichols

Cal Poly’s campus will remain relatively quiet on Cinco de Mayo this year. Students will have to find celebration and entertainment downtown and at local restaurants instead.

Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, as some believe, but an important event in Mexico’s history, and a national holiday commemorating the event on May 5, 1862, at Puebla, Mexico. MECHA, Cal Poly’s Chinese organization, has no events planned for the day.

Most of the merriment in San Luis Obispo will take place in Mexican restaurants, such as Ley’s Orejas and Tornilla Flats.

“It’s going to be nuts. I’ll be the place to be,” said Pepe Delgado, general manager of Ley’s Orejas. Ley’s will be selling beer and tequila at happy hour prices all night, starting at 4 p.m. It also plans to have dinner specials to accompany the festivities.

Tornilla Flats will also be having drink and dinner specials in honor of the holiday, followed by dancing, owner Ruth Ellis-Nimish said.

However, another popular San Luis Obispo Mexican restaurant will not be changing its daily repertoire in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

“I think the Americans celebrate it more than the Mexicans,” Erpe Delgado’s general manager Barbara Fleckenstein said. The restaurant will keep everything just the same, with no special deals or events, she said.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the victory of Mexico over the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862, during the time of the Civil War in America. The day was an event that brought pride for Mexico and is still celebrated as such today.

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On the day of their meeting, Frenzel, just released from 16 years in prison, spoke in a tone of remorse. He admitted he did not use the same method to burn others. He remembered Frenzel in a different light than what he saw in the man with the heavy gut sitting across from him. Frenzel was once an efficient guard who led incoming transports of Jews to gas chambers. To drive work ers, he did his usual berating for their slowness and other infractions.

Those who became sick, or who were caught committing "crimes" such as stealing food, he personally led to execution sites.

For the sake of getting the story, Blatt was not impressed by the 61-year-old man who was not a part of his guilt.

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"This is for the students — there’s a lot of times students need for projects," said Bonnie Krupp, an administrative assistant in the computer science department.

Krupp analyzes statistics for publications such as Polyview and the Cal Poly Facebook, as well as providing information about the campus for prospective students.

“We provide some real general information about the campus that a lot of times students need for projects or reports," she said.

The 11-year Cal Poly employee is a founding member of the Staff Scholarship Committee, which gives scholarships to staff members and their dependents.

"I get to interact with lots of people on campus, which is great," she said. "I have a lot of contact with people, not so much with students all the time, but with other staff and faculty."

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use to be grouped with past winners of the award.

Co-workers surprised the Cal Poly employee at department meeting last week with the news of the award.

Stier takes it upon herself to perform tasks, she said.

"I had one faculty member tell me that she came here because she met a fellow scholar when she was in graduate school. She has been known to tell fellow scholars "pictures, it’s not he changing its daily repertoire in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

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Gold Rush era saloon dishes up good brunch, good times

Wild west is gone, but Pozo Saloon endures

By Monica McHugh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Built in 1858 and nestled in a small town 20 miles east of Santa Margarita, the Pozo Saloon has amidst rolling green hills and farmland.

Today only about 11 people live in the town of Pozo. During the Gold Rush era, however, Pozo was a bustling wild west town made up of general stores, blacksmith shops, two hotels and three saloons to quench travelers’ thirst.

Customs were very different in those days, according to a pamphlet titled “Memories of Pozo,” written by June Robbuck Sheckley Clark. Clark and her family moved to Pozo in 1939, when about half of the population consisted of Spanish settlers and half were descendants of 49ers who had come to California looking for gold.

The importance of Pozo as a rest stop diminished by 1900, when most of the Gold Rush era saloon dishes up good brunch, good times.

Walking into the Pozo Saloon today is like walking back in time. Everything, including tables, chairs, floors and walls, is made of wood. Snackskins, stuffed animal heads and old photographs, including one of the last hangings in California, adorn the walls. A huge oak tree stands outside the front door and dollar bills cover the ceiling. The building has no doubt seen everything.

“The Pozo Saloon has a great sense of days gone by, good food and camaraderie,” said local David Dawson.

“But I think what I like best about the place is that it’s only 300 feet from my house!” He added that visitors don’t seem to mind traveling farther.

“It is such a pretty area that people like the drive,” Dawson said. “It’s a great place to stop and have a burger, and the tri-tip is hard to beat.”

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Top, remnants of a hearty brunch entered at the Pozo Saloon.

Right, Cal Poly philosophy senior Mike D’Aaroot and agricultural engineering alumna Rosarita Clipperton enjoy Sunday brunch at the saloon in Pozo.

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“Through the years, the Pozo Saloon has been an attraction for locals and travelers.” – said local David Dawson.

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The issue: Parking for freshmen dorms

Leave your cars at home

Cal Poly will never be able to meet current and future demands for parking on campus. The solution is to change the culture on campus by using alternative transportation, carpooling, limited freshman parking and restricted permits for students living close to campus. However, the culture change will not occur quickly enough. It is imperative that a low-cost plan is implemented to help alleviate parking problems. Parking restrictions for freshmen on-campus residents will provide a piece of the parking solution.

Although the completion of the parking structure will somewhat relieve the parking crunch, factors such as Tidal Wave II and new on-campus housing will further add to the parking problem. Limiting the number of freshman cars on campus is the first logical step in mitigating congestion.

According to the Master Plan, Cal Poly has the most successful program for reducing single occupancy vehicles. However, there is still a great demand for student, staff and faculty parking on campus. Cal Poly should emulate other universities' policies of restricted freshman parking.

At University of California, Los Angeles, only one in six residence hall students receive parking permits. These students are chosen using a campus-wide point system. The parking situation at UCLA is on a completely different scale and makes the problem at Cal Poly seem minute. However, the point system can be implemented at Cal Poly to determine which freshman residents can receive permits.

At University of California, Santa Barbara, residential student permits are assigned on a lottery basis. This is another option Cal Poly could use.

At first, not having a car may seem like an inconvenience, but incoming freshman will soon realize the vast number of residents Cal Poly has to offer. A majority of dorm-life necessities, such as snacks, toothpaste, stamps and health care, are available on campus. Students looking for part-time employment have a wide variety of jobs available. Recreation options are also abundant.

Furthermore, dorm life without a vehicle is virtually painless because the campus is close to the community. San Luis Obispo provides a convenient and easy-to-use transportation system when it is necessary to travel to and from campus. The bus system is free with a flash of a student identification card, and numerous buses travel through campus every hour.

Although not having a vehicle while living on campus as a freshman may require some creative solutions for transportation, it is neither difficult nor unfair. A carpooling program can easily be designed for traveling to and from one's hometown. Rides can be easily accessible by posting a notice on the message board in the University Union. Amtrak and buses provide an affordable and convenient route to and from home.

Parking is a nuisance in the Cal Poly community. An alternative solution is essential to relieve the lack of parking for students, faculty and staff. San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly provide the resources for on-campus residents to easily survive without a car. It is time to promote a car-free culture not only among freshman but the entire Cal Poly community.

Restricting freshman parking will open up at least 1,000 additional spaces. Although this policy is not a solution to the parking problem at Cal Poly, it should be the first step in relieving the parking issue.

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Cars mean independence

You've been accepted to Cal Poly, paid your dues, have your car packed and are ready to move into the dorms. Unfortunately, you can't bring your car.

The revised Master Plan contains a proposal that might limit the number of incoming residents who can bring their cars to school.

I understand parking has been a problem this year for everyone. Delays in the construction of the Grand Avenue parking structure have caused more people to drive around like vaults looking for somewhere to leave their cars. Others just hop on the bus to avoid the frustration.

Residents have a special situation.

In limiting parking for residents, the school is also limiting their freedom. Unlike the majority of the college population, approximately 1,000 dorms live here on campus. This is their home, and the parking lot is their driveway.

Sure, residents can walk down to class or ride the bus into town, but they lose the freedom to escape Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo. Unless they find some other means of transportation, they can't go home when they want. They also can't take off for the weekend with friends to destinations outside San Luis Obispo County.

We all remember the days when we were 15 and couldn't wait to drive. We wanted the freedom to go where we wanted, when we wanted. When we finally got that little plastic card bearing our name and picture, we were elated. We no longer had to depend on our families to drive us around or be friends with people just because they'd take us places.

Who wants to go back and relive that feeling? Being away from home and adapting to college life is enough of a struggle. Taking away the freedom to drive a car leaves new residents feeling stranded and alone.

Dorms also face other parking challenges on campus. I know that living here on campus and using the parking lot has been a challenge for me. I always get a parking spot on the other end of the lot and have to carry everything back and forth. It took me forever just to move in.

People don't slow down or stop at the light on Grand Avenue as you're hugging your laundry across the street to put it in your car. It's even worse when you're carrying a few boxes or bags to save yourself a trip back and forth. In addition to that struggle, we're not even allowed to work on our cars or wash them in the parking lot. On occasion, I've even spotted general parking stickers in the resident parking areas, taking one more spot away from residents who have to hunt for spaces in the already crowded lot.

Residents give up many car-related privileges by living on campus. Whoever came up with the idea to limit resident parking hasn't experienced life on campus and doesn't appreciate the need to have a car.

So what if off-campus residents have parking nightmares? There's a big difference in the needs between dorms and off-campus residents — this is home for the dormies. They don't have anywhere else to keep their cars.

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Gay issues are too slow to come out of Cal Poly's community closet

I'm gay. There, I said it. That wasn't so hard. I'm fine with it, actually. My family is fine with it. Even my 80-something grandmother is fine with it, and she grew up in a time when the word "gay" was simply not uttered. The only reason I should be concerned about saying that I'm a lesbian is society.

Actually, ladies, sorry to disappoint you, but I'm not a lesbian. However, wonder if saying I was gay changed some people's opinion of me, even before knowing who I am or without reading the rest of this article. With the coming of the new millennium, I had hoped the nation would be more accepting of so-called "alternative" lifestyles. I was against Proposition 22 (requiring marriage between a man and woman only) and thought that enough other voices shared my views to keep the bill from passing. I was wrong. For some reason, the majority of the California voting population can't accept gay marriages.

Last Sunday, more than 3,000 gay and lesbian couples were "married" in Washington, D.C., in an attempt to compel legislators to pass a law allowing same-sex unions. They were faced with protesters but not as many as I would have thought. Only 15 demonstrators turned out for the event. Thankfully, most of the couples blew it off and had pictures taken with the shouting crowd as souvenirs. Obviously, they were used to the disapproval.

Locally, there are outspoken community members who have problems with homosexuals. David Weyrich, the Gazette newspapers became a hot topic in the media when he clarified his refusal to print articles or announcements that portray homosexually-positive.

"We strongly believe in the family, as God defines it," Weyrich said in a recent News Times article. Like Proposition 22, Weyrich is perpetuating the viewpoint that gays cannot commit to or love each other in traditional ways.

Here at Cal Poly, I see very little representation of the gay community.

Maybe it's because I'm not looking hard enough, but other than the infamous GLBBU posters, the population seems to keep a low profile.

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demonstrators turned out for the event. Thankfully, most of the couples blew it off and had pictures taken with the shouting crowd as souvenirs. Obviously, they were used to the disapproval.

Local, there are outspoken community members who have problems with homosexuals. David Weyrich, the Gazette newspapers became a hot topic in the media when he clarified his refusal to print articles or announcements that portray homosexually-positive.

"We strongly believe in the family, as God defines it," Weyrich said in a recent News Times article. Like Proposition 22, Weyrich is perpetuating the viewpoint that gays cannot commit to or love each other in traditional ways.

Here at Cal Poly, I see very little representation of the gay community. Maybe it's because I'm not looking hard enough, but other than the infamous GLBBU posters, the population seems to keep a low profile. I can understand why. With a debate deemed "feminine" by gay students, Cal Poly isn't exactly conducive to coming out of the closet.

The battle over homosexual rights remains strong in cities like San Luis Obispo, but there's not much one side can say to convince the other side to change its position. Bible-quoters argue that it isn't God's will for a man to be with a man or a woman to be with a woman. Gay rights supporters say they believe love is what's most important, and the issue is more than just a matter of sex.

Whatever the individual's opinion, what I can't stand is someone else making my decisions for me.

And if I were gay, I would want to decide for myself whom it was legal for me to marry.

Robin Nichols is a journalism sophomore and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

College women should not walk in shame of their whole identities

Megan Arenaz

Anyone who's known me more than a few months is bound to notice I have a nice collection of odd pet peeves. Some I've had ever since I can remember.

I've always hated the witty dialogue newscasters feel they have to exchange between segments or at the end of a broadcast. Everyone is familiar with the horrendous chanting, such as "Today is the 10-year anniversary of my sister-in-law's neighbour's optometrist's dog's purchase!" It's fabulous that these people have friends, family and neighbours they'd like to talk about with their co-workers in front of the entire community, but hearing it drives me absolutely insane.

An annoyance I've recently acquired stems from my almost-exclusive pedestrianism of the last eight months. With walking as my sole method of transportation, I've developed a certain hatred for individuals who stop their cars in crosswalks rather than behind the white lines. I have been known to project this hate by walking across the hoods of perpetrators' cars.

One of my oldest pet peeves, however, is something that reaches far beyond annoyance and into the realm of things that emotionally hurt. I hate seeing young women walk with their arms crossed.

One look across the blonde, blue-eyed, tanned sea that is our student body makes it evident that body image is important at Cal Poly. Body image in itself, however, isn't the problem. It is important for individuals to be aware of who they are mentally, emotionally and physically, because these aspects make up who we are. I know, with out consulting my driver's license, that I am 5-11 and weigh 150 pounds. But I also know what my favourite books are, why I'm a hori­

Turn in application to Andy Castagnola in building 26, room 226 by Monday, May 8.
River Way Ranch Camp is looking for instructors for martial arts, gymnastics, go carts, computer graphics classes, dance, wave runner use, and water skiing.

River Way Ranch Camp is looking for counselors to train enthusiastic positive students how to lead campers in any of the activities that they have to offer. If you've always wanted to be a lifeguard but never had the funds to train, they will train you for free and give you the opportunity to lifeguard their aquatics programs over the summer. The camp is also providing courses in CPR and first aid for those positions that require it, as well as for anyone who is willing to learn. As if the camp doesn't offer enough excitement in itself, the first week of counselor training is June 18, allowing enough time for any pre-job vacations.

After training, there is a variety of different schedules the counselors can work with, providing for those students who may only want to work half the summer, as well as those who are looking for a full summer position. Don't worry about additional costs of living. River Way Ranch Camp will handle your room and board needs. In addition to the traditional counselor positions, like lifeguarding and archery instruction, River Way Ranch Camp is looking for instructors for martial arts, gymnastics, go carts, computer graphics classes, dance, wave runner use, and water skiing.

And if perhaps you're out of practice, or need a little training yourself, the camp will be there to hone your skills. Their recruiters will be hosting an interview workshop at the camp from May 6-7, with complete transportation provided. You can contact the camp by phone at (559) 787-2551, on the web at www.riverwayranchcamp.com, or by email at rwrcamp@ AOL.com.
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Baseball needs series win at Sac State

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Two teams fighting for an NCAA tournament bid face their most important series of the season when the Cal Poly Mustangs travel to face the Sacramento State Hornets in a three-game series this weekend.

The Mustangs are coming off a sweep of UC Riverside, where they saw both the pitching and hitting aspects of their team peak. They improved their overall record to 28-21, and they stand at 11-10 in the Big West Conference. Mustang hitters put up 19 runs over the three games, and the pitchers allowed just five runs.

Jared Blackburn provided one of the strong pitching performances for the team, throwing seven innings of shutout ball and allowing just two hits while striking out six.

"That weekend was finally where everything seemed to come together for us," he said. "Throughout the year, our pitching has struggled, but our offense has struggled at one time or another, but last week pretty much everything was solid." Sacramento State's conference record is 12-9 while its overall record stands at 19-27. The games against Cal Poly are the Hornets' final conference home matches this season.

In their previous meeting, Sacramento State took two of three games from the Mustangs early in the season. Blackburn said that Cal Poly is looking to return the favor.

"We're hoping to get a little payback," he said. "Our first series with them was one that we thought we could have won, so we think our chance are pretty good.

The Hornets fell to Fresno State in a non-conference game on Tuesday, 15-2, but beat the University of Pacific, last week in two games, continuing their solid conference play. They have lost only one Big West series all season, which puts them right in the middle of the race for the conference crown. Both teams have only 10 games remaining, so each one is crucial.

Sacramento State is riding the hot bat of Big West Player of the Week Rick Gonzalez, who has .591 (13-for-22) in last week's games, scoring six runs and having at least one RBI in each contest. Cal Poly counters with the duo of Steve Wood and Jason Barringer, who each hit well and had most of the team's offensive success.

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Mustang outfielder Jason Barringer has hit five home runs this year.

Athletes, clubs prepare for Wild weekend

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Roadrunners open season at home tonight

By Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Central Coast Roadrunners kick off their Premier Development Soccer League season tonight at 8 p.m. against the San Fernando Valley Heroes in Mustang Stadium.

In a preseason poll, the Roadrunners were chosen by league coaches as the No. 1 team to beat in the Western Conference.

"This is the most talented group we've had in five years," Roadrunner General Manager Larry Smyth said. " Unlike previous years, this team has no holes." The Roadrunners return key players, like midfielder Dana McGregor, forward Sean Henry and goalkeeper Michael O'Brien. Forward Sean Henry joins the team from Santa Barbara.

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"We've just got to start off," Wilson said. "The team has not practiced together yet. We have 22 possible starters, and we will have to sort out the starting lineup." However, Smyth said the team's talent can overcome the lack of practice time.

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