

Local production a 'Dynasty' version of duel legend

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Get ready to howl, all you guys and ghouls. Just when you thought it was safe to go out at night, the UNC students who formed Maco Light Productions in 1985 have combined their talents with Student Television to create "Shadows of Dromgoole."

The production is a 40-minute gothic satire loosely based on the legend of Peter Dromgoole, an 1831 UNC student who was supposedly killed in a duel with his girlfriend's ex-suitor and buried under a rock on Piney Prospect hill, where Gimghoul Castle stands today.

"Shadows of Dromgoole" will premiere on Village Cable channel 11, at Spanky's, and at Peppi's Pizza on Monday, April 21, and Wednesday,

April 23, at 11:00 p.m. The Union will also broadcast the production in the lower video lounge on Tuesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 24, at 12:00 noon.

Mike Wilson, the show's co-writer and founder of Maco Light Productions, described "Shadows" as a mix of "Dark Shadows" and "Soap." "We're also taking stabs at "Dynasty," "Dallas" and "Falcon Crest," he said.

Most of the filming took place at Gimghoul Castle, a local curiosity to many UNC students. It is the meeting ground for the Secret Order of Gimghouls, a fraternity which includes such members as William C. Friday and Frank Porter Graham.

The show's filming began before Thanksgiving and was originally five

segments, Wilson said, but because of the pressures of exams, the length was cut to two segments for this year. However, Wilson said, with all the turmoil, confusion and multiple story lines the saga could extend beyond the two parts.

The story centers around the cursed Dromgoole family, who founded the town of Dromgoole Berry and its college where they reside. The Dromgooles and the Bowns, whose son Cleo shot Peter Dromgoole in the back during a duel for Fanny's honor, have been feuding for the last 150 years.

Fanny, who ran to England after the duel, is featured in the first segment of "Shadows," titled "Widow Come Home." While in England, she was bitten by Count Dracula, and now

returns 150 years later to Dromgoole Berry as a virtuous vampire.

In the meantime, Peter has been revived from the dead by Sam "Doc" Barrett, a chemistry grad student and a boarder at the castle who practices "alchemical genetics," the art of creating the living from the dead.

Evil J.C. Dromgoole, eldest male descendant of the Dromgoole Dynasty and a J.R. Ewing clone, is chairman of the Dromgoole College Board of Trustees, the town mayor, and Senate hopeful. J.C. is played by Paul Tourtillotte, who also plays Antonio in Playmakers Repertory Company's "Much Ado About Nothing."

His sister, Grace Dromgoole, played by Patricia Barnett, associate professor of drama, is the Jane Wyman-like

matriarch of the Dromgoole clan who is actually a witch.

Put those characters with Booker, "a bitchy Benson" Wilson said; an Alexis Gretchen Bowman; and her daughter, Rebecca, a sorority girl who falls for the revived but confused Peter, a fraternity brother, plus a cast of vampires, fiends and fiendresses, and you have the "Shadows of Dromgoole."

Joe Shugart, who plays Cleo Bowman, said that although the main characters were evil as well as funny, the characters with the smaller parts were just as effective. "Fanny is probably the lead, but there are some smaller characters who will steal the show away," he said.

Wilson said the show had political views and supernatural views combined

with subtle humor. "It's not Laurel and Hardy, or knee-slapping humor most of the time," he said. "The humor comes from ludicrousness."

He said he hoped the show would make people think twice about some of the ridiculous shows they watch. "This is an alternative type of viewing," he said. "It's meant to entertain, but also to resemble the shows people watch if they were pushed a little further."

The second segment of the show, titled "When the Hurlyburly's Done," is in pre-production stages now, Wilson said. He and co-writer Andy Briggs hope to have it out in the fall.

Wilson said that if nothing else, "Shadows," the first venture of its kind, would open doors for students who wanted to create their own films.

"I hope the campus will continue the legacy," he said.

Shugart agreed. "This will let students know it can be done," he said. "They can say, 'Look at them — they did a 40-minute film. We shouldn't get defeated.'"

UNC group to join lobby

By LIZ SAYLOR
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About 20 UNC students will protest the nuclear arms race Thursday with almost 1,000 of the nation's college students in Washington, D.C., for the third annual National Student Lobby Day.

"Overall, if you see 800 to 1,000 students lobbying together, it has an effect," said Matt Tiedemann, a sophomore from Hartford, Conn., who is co-chairperson of Students Taking Action on Nuclear Disarmament (STAND). "That's not an insignificant minority. It will show legislators there is a contingent out there of voters."

Tiedemann said the UNC group recruited students from other schools in North Carolina, including five from N.C. State, which did not have a STAND group on campus.

The three petitions for the lobby are against "Star Wars," President Reagan's proposal for satellite-based defense, against first-strike weapons and for a comprehensive test ban.

STAND's goal is to "educate and act," Tiedemann said, and the group tends to be liberal, which may explain why N.C. Senators Jesse Helms and John East did not cooperate with the student group. Tiedemann said he could not get an appointment for the group to meet with East in Washington, and he was still waiting for a response from Helms.

"The East aide I talked to actually laughed, when he heard I was with STAND at UNC," Tiedemann said. "The Helms office said he'd call us back, but I doubt it."

At last year's lobby about 30 students from states other than North Carolina crammed into Sen. East's office, he said.

"The people who go don't have to be experts on the issues," he said. "It's a good learning experience for people who go, (and) . . . shows people they can act on the issues."

Tiedemann said a few members, well-versed on the issues, would lead the national group in discussions with members of Congress. The rest will be there for moral support, he said.

"The lobby plays an important role for those (legislators) on the borderline and can swing votes," he said.

The Libyan situation may take away some of their press coverage, Tiedemann said, but they would tie in their arguments with this timely issue.

Students who want to go can contact the Campus Y or fill out a form to the legislator of their choice, available in the Y building. The group will deliver the forms directly to the legislators' offices in Washington.

The group will leave from the Morehead parking lot Wednesday evening and spend that night in a Washington church. They plan to return Thursday night, after completing their demonstrations and appointments with legislators.

Parking lots become sites of car break-ins

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A surge in automobile break-ins occurred in Chapel Hill over this past weekend according to Chapel Hill Police Planner Keith Lohmann.

"There was not one particular location this weekend but mainly in large parking lots," he said. So far there have been no arrests.

Most of the recent break-ins were at apartment complexes and shopping areas, usually during the evening or night.

According to Chapel Hill and UNC police reports, 13 cars were burglarized and two others vandalized last weekend.

Seven cars on campus and one parked at Granville Towers reportedly had stereo systems stolen.

Also, radar detectors were reportedly taken from a car parked at Chancellor's Square and one at Pinegate Apartments.

Part of an air conditioning unit reportedly was taken from an automobile on Burning Tree Drive and \$250 in cash was reportedly stolen from a car parked on Piney Mountain Road.

Evidence suggests that there may be an organized crime syndicate responsible for these recent thefts, Chapel Hill Police Chief Herman Stone said.

"There has been too much of a volume for an individual to be behind it," Lohmann said. He added that police had increased patrols in areas which appear to be potential problems.



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