

Chai Week events promote Jewish awareness, heritage

By Vicki Cheng
Staff Writer

We were all at home ... and they came to arrest all the people in our apartment house. (French policemen) proceeded to knock on every door of the apartment house and say, "You have 10 minutes to collect your belongings and come downstairs!" Ten minutes! And what's etched in my brain for the rest of my life is the knocking on doors and the words "ten minutes."

This memory was just the beginning of the 31-month ordeal suffered by Robert Clary, a survivor of the Holocaust. The Parisian-born actor, whose resume includes "Hogan's Heroes" and "The Bold and the Beautiful," spoke in Gerard Hall on Monday, relating his personal experience with German concentration camps.

Clary emotionally addressed the issue of the Revisionist movement, which supports the idea that the Holocaust was a hoax and a lie.

One big room, like a shower room. One big, massive door. Lock the doors. Shut off the light. And hear screaming

and crying and praying and you knew what was happening to them. Excrement. Vomit. Blood coming out through the nose and ears. Children with skulls crushed in the struggle of death. That's how my parents died. How could they have done this just because they were Jews?

Clary, who had kept silent about his experiences for 36 years, was so concerned that history would forget the nightmare of the Holocaust that he unlocked the door to his past and began to speak in 1980 at high schools and on college campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

Clary was just one of many speakers invited by Hillel, UNC's Jewish student organization, to speak during Chai Week, a campuswide program exploring Jewish culture.

Although about 400 students are members of Hillel, much of the rest of the campus knows little about the workings of the organization, said Hillel President David Kessel. He explained Hillel's purpose was to provide Jewish cultural and social programs, as well as to perform service projects and to educate the campus about Judaism.

First celebrated at UNC last year, Chai Week is now one of Hillel's biggest projects.

"I think it really raised awareness about Judaism and about Jewish students on campus," said Hal Greenwald, Hillel's program director. "I think that what we saw was a real increase in sensitivity on the part of non-Jews toward the culture of Jews. With all this talk about multiculturalism on campus, it's hard for non-Jews to appreciate that Judaism is a distinct culture and that Jews are a cultural minority."

Chai Week's programs attract Jewish students who are not active in Hillel, as well as non-Jewish students who are interested in Jewish culture, Kessel said.

He said his involvement in Hillel was one of his most rewarding experiences at UNC. "What Hillel represents to me is a meaningful and significant personal lifestyle. I came to UNC, and I realized I was different because I was Jewish."

Jews and non-Jews alike are invited to Chai Week activities, which include:
■ A panel to answer Jewish custom questions at 4 p.m. today in 212 Union.

■ Marshall Dayan, an attorney from Raleigh, who will speak on capital punishment from the Jewish perspective at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 213 Union.

■ A Shabbath service to be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Hillel, with Cabalah, or Jewish mysticism, as its theme. Rep. Martin Frost (D-Texas) will also speak about Jewish politics.

■ Rabbi Rachel Cowan will speak about interfaith dating at 7 p.m. Sunday at Duke University.

Chai Week is an opportunity for Jewish students to get back to their roots, Greenwald said. "It's hard for a young Jewish person to remain attached to his community," he said. "I'm very impressed by our Hillel students who do that because they are fighting the same kinds of things that all ethnic minorities are fighting. The allure of assimilation is very powerful."

Clary said he speaks out to prevent his culture from being forgotten.

Thirty-six years of silence is enough. As a survivor ... I have a duty. I have to leave a legacy. I cannot go to my grave silent. And it's not for my sake ... but for history's sake.



Robert Clary

DTH/Ernie Sandlin

UNC's International Week showcases foreign cultures

By Jackie Hershkovitz
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to taste Greek delicacies, learn about Arab culture, watch a classical Indian dance or hear an American jazz band perform?

International Week, which lasts until Friday, is designed to bring to UNC the tastes, sights and sounds of a wide variety of countries and cultures.

Sunday's International Festival included a Chinese lion dance, fashion show of traditional Asian dress, martial arts demonstration, Indian dance and slide shows about Turkey and international art.

International Week gives University students the opportunity to interact with foreign students, said Moahad Dar, member of the Muslim Student Association and International Students Advisory Committee.

"A country or a culture is not just a picture—it's a living, breathing thing," Dar said. "Talking to people who are actually from that culture is the best way to understand it."

Victoria Muse, Association of International Students president and ISAC member, said International Week gave foreign students an opportunity to showcase their cultures.

"I think they want to share their cultures with the rest of the University," Muse said. "Most of them have so much to offer but don't always get the chance to."

Arzu Onar, an ISIC and AIS member from Turkish Cyprus, said she looked forward to talking about her country. "Sometimes an American will ask me about my culture, and it really makes me think," she said. "When you grow up in a culture, you don't think about it much."

Members of 10 campus organizations representing Arabic, Asian, Indian and Turkish students worked with AIS and the International Center to plan the week's events.

"The University is sort of a microcosm of the world," Dar said. "It's nice

to see that there are enough groups from different parts of the world to make this happen."

Muse said: "Such diverse student groups have never been involved to this extent before. This is really a festival given by the students for the students."

For more than 10 years, AIS has been responsible for finding speakers, organizing festival booths and coordinating entertainment.

Muse said the committee had some political disputes. The Arab-American Association wanted to show a film about Palestinians, but the committee decided against the movie because of its political bias. Because of problems last year, the committee also decided that no flags would be displayed.

The week's theme, "Diverse in Culture—United in Spirit," is intended to reflect common features of all people.

"There are certain traits people share regardless of their skin color, culture or region of the world," Dar said. "We're all human beings, and that's what brings us together."

Onar said the theme seemed particularly pertinent because of recent progress toward greater world unity. "We were thinking of the breakdown of communism and the pending unification of Europe," she said.

"Although there are issues that divide us, it's really important to come together at this point."

The rest of the week will include:
■ A lecture by Maker Kothari, sponsored by the MSA, will address ethnic diversity within Islam 7 p.m. today in 208-209 Union.

■ An international dinner in the Second Phase section of Lenoir tonight.

■ The film, "The Arabs—A Living History," sponsored by the Arab-American Association will be presented at 6 p.m. in 101 Greenlaw.

■ A tour of Indian sculpture will be given 12:15 p.m. Friday in Ackland Art Museum.

■ An international mixer will be held 8:30 p.m. Friday in 211 Union.

Take a plunge: Scuba Club, classes teach how

By Howard Thompson
Staff Writer

The hobby sounds too good to be true. Travel to exotic lands; explore unseen worlds out-of-reach to the untrained and unequipped. View strange and alien life forms in an otherworldly backdrop.

This is not just a late-night science fiction movie scenario — for the certified scuba diver, such a far-off, mythical adventure lies just a few feet below the surface.

And, in spite of the sport's image, people other than die-hard adventurers and daredevils receive diver certification. Tony Scheer, University law student and 21-year diving veteran, said: "The sport's reputation precedes it. People think it is something daring and macho."

Scheer, who runs the University's scuba diving physical activity program, said the fear caused by this image could be an obstacle for many new divers.

"More than half of the students feel comfortable in the water, but a fair number are not sure it's right for them," Scheer said. "That's a big part of the job."

Scheer fell in love with diving while watching Jacques Cousteau on television when he was 5 years old. He took his first lessons when he was 13. "It took a few years doing a paper route and

saving birthday presents to get the money," he said.

Many students take the class because of less romantic motives, he suggested. "You have to take a P.E., and scuba is regarded as more fun than some of the drier sports. It's either this or practice your backhand all semester."

The class consists of about 12 hours of class work and 20 hours of pool work. In addition, students take four certification dives within six months of taking the class — usually in a nearby flooded rock quarry, although the class has gone to Florida in the past.

Water World dive school in Durham, recognized as a five-star facility by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, offers similar programs year-round. Shelly Stanley of Water World said the class entailed a three-hour commitment twice a week for three weeks and four certification dives within six months.

Although material retention is high, Stanley said courses taught in three weeks required special considerations. For instance, Water World recommends that students buy their own gear. "Diving is an equipment-oriented sport," Stanley said. "It is important with a short course to get comfortable with your own stuff."

Larry Boles, a senior certified through the University's physical activity program, said the longer class provided

more time to acclimate. "The class is excellent because you have the whole semester to become comfortable with the training and equipment."

Scheer added that the semester of study provided a wider scope. "It is not unusual to go beyond what a dive store does since the class is designed for young 20-year-olds versus normal people."

Boles is now a certified dive master, which allows him to lead dives, and serves as an officer of the UNC Scuba Club. The club organizes periodic diving trips throughout the year and offers advanced dive training.

Larry Chanas, another club officer, estimates the club's core membership at about seven, "everything from new divers to instructors," who meet irregularly — whenever they are planning a trip. The club has gone to the N.C. coast, Louisiana and the Florida keys.

The club is planning a Spring Break trip to Cozumel, Mexico. "Anyone in the club can come, either divers or non-divers just going for a vacation," Chanas said.

Boles said: "It's not your typical Spring Break destination. You can't drink alcohol and go diving."

Prohibitive costs can cause problems with exotic diving trips. Chanas estimated the Cozumel trip could top \$500, not including dives, which can cost up to \$85 each.

Certification fees can also add up, although Stanley said the perception of diving as an exorbitantly expensive hobby was deceptive. "It's not as expensive as people think."

Stanley said the class and open dives cost about \$300, with additional equipment costs of about \$500.

Boles said reduced cost was another advantage of the physical activities class. The University charges a \$150 course fee. "You can't do it cheaper," he says.

Dive trips need not be costly either. Boles said the N.C. coast offered interesting diving opportunities. "North Carolina is one of the best places for wreck diving," he said, referring to shipwrecks off Cape Hatteras and German submarines sunk off the coast during World War II.

Club membership also can defer costs on club-related trips up to \$35 per dive. "And it only takes three members to make a club trip," Chanas said.

All the divers agreed that any danger was small and that any fear was unnecessary. Scheer said, "Many people think it's like skydiving, but it's not like you are jumping out of a plane."

And once certified, enthusiasm for the sport outweighs any fear, even for divers three or four stories underwater, he said. "If you are properly trained, the odds of serious injury are very low," Scheer said. "All it takes is preparation."

Next on Oprah: Local pastor warns about apocalyptic racism

By Emily Russ
Staff Writer

A Chapel Hill pastor who wrote a book about the connection between worldwide racism and the end of the world is seeking to deliver his message on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

The Rev. Michael Evans contends in the book "One Nation Under Attack!" that the escalating problem of worldwide racism signals the impending end of the world.

Publishers of Evans' book are working with representatives of the television program to arrange a possible appearance for Evans.

Evans said no definite plans had been made. "We are talking (even though) we are at the very entry level stages of talking."

Evans, pastor at The Lord's Church on U.S. 15-501, described his book as a work of "prophetic racism" that would call attention to rising ethnic strife.

Racism is described as "unscriptural, outdated and counterproductive" in the book, Evans said. The Bible points out that increased racism is an indicator of the end of the world, he added.

The book was written to heighten awareness of racism and to demand action to stop the discrimination. It highlights not only problems of racism, but

also suggests cures, Evans said. "I am going beyond the body of Christ and making a battle call."

Most U.S. citizens are uninformed about worldwide ethnic tension because they focus on race relations in the United States, he said.

People in America do not understand that racial tension is a global problem, Evans said, citing Northern Ireland, South Africa and Yugoslavia as examples of worldwide ethnic strife.

Evans said that he and his publishers also were "fishing around in the University system" to speak to students about this problem.

February, which is Racial Awareness Month, is the perfect opportunity to address this problem, he said.

The book is divided into four sections that identify and address the problem of racism.

The book's first section is based on the first 12 chapters of the book of Genesis and is designed to help readers understand their roots, Evans said.

Chapters in the second section are devoted to the "pros and cons" of ethnicity. The third and fourth sections of the book describe a hands-on approach for combating racism from a Christian perspective.

The book, released in June 1991, is Evans' second.

Sign of the Fish Christian Bookstores has copies of the \$8.95 book in several of its Triangle stores, said co-owner Joanna Hicks.

LAST TANGLE
HAIR SALON
welcomes
KATHY THOMAS
(formerly of Head Over Heels)
to our staff
\$1500
SHAMPOO, CUT, BLOW DRY
WITH KATHY ONLY
113 1/4 W. Franklin
Convenient Franklin St. Location
Across from Kinko's
Call for appointment
929-1007
Coupon required offer expires March 1, 1992

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE
INITIATORY POWER!
&
Receptive Devotion
Can the two be combined ...
in your personality?
in your family?
in your community?
We work especially with masculine/feminine principles (Yin/Yang)
where applicable. Individual & couple counseling.
105 N. Columbia St. Suite 600
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Janet Briggs, MTS
Kenneth Briggs, MD*
(919) 933-0830
*diplomat: American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY
11 a.m. UNC-Russia Exchange will be selling tickets to Friday's Jell-O wrestling in the Pit for \$5.
Noon: Black Faculty/Staff Caucus will hold its general body meeting in 212 Peabody.
3:30 p.m. University Career Planning and Placement Services will sponsor an interviewing workshop in 210 Hanes.
4 p.m. Undergraduate Sociology Club will hear alumnus Athan Manuel speak on possible careers for sociology majors in 150 Hamilton.
Freshman Orientation interest session will be in 208 Union.
4:30 p.m. UNC Accounting Students will offer free tax help at Carr Mill Mall until 6:30 p.m.
5 p.m. UNC Vegetarian Society will hold a free feast in Gerard Hall.
AIBESC will meet in the Union. Check Union Desk for room number.
5:30 p.m. Newman Center will have its student night with dinner followed by an ice cream social.
Asian Students Association will meet and hold elections in 206 Union.
6 p.m. Wesley Foundation will offer a home-cooked meal followed by a program on understanding differences within religions.
UNITAS will have an open discussion on the film "The Fringe Dwellers" in the fifth-floor lounge of Carmichael Residence Hall.
7 p.m. Student Environmental Action Coalition will meet in 211 Union.

Presentation by Wallace Computer Services will be held in 210 Hanes. Sponsored by UCPPS.
MSA welcomes Wahaj Ahmed to speak on "Diversity in Islam" in 208-209 Union.
Carolina Comic Book Club will meet in the Union.
UNC Pre-Law Club will hear U.S. Magistrate Judge Trevor Sharp speak in 206 Union.
IROKO will discuss plans for summer in Ghana in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge in the Union.
Student-led New Alliance Party will meet in 218 Union to have a planning/training session for getting Lenora Fulani on the N.C. ballot for U.S. president.
Freshman Orientation interest session will be in Morrison Rec Room.
7:30 p.m. Sexual Knowledge Dating Game to increase your sexual knowledge will be in the Union Cabaret.
8:15 p.m. UNC-Russia Exchange will meet in 224 Union. All students who plan to Jell-O wrestle on Friday should attend.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
UNC Math Contest is available in 365 Phillips.
Carolina Athletic Association is accepting applications for the 1992-93 cabinet staff. Applications are available in Union Suite A and are due Feb. 21.
UNC Learning Skills Center will be offering workshops from noon to 1 p.m. in 104 Phillips Annex: Study Skills & Time Management — Feb. 21.

Your First Apartment?

• fully furnished
• 2 bedroom, 2(1/2) bath
• townhouse/garden condos

KENSINGTON TRACE
Mon.-Fri 9-5 weaver dairy rd. 967-0044

• clubhouse, pool, tennis
• free CH bus pass
• school/summer leases

Preleasing for Summer & Fall at Spring Prices!

Books in French for Children

Bull's Head Bookshop
UNC Student Stores 962-5060