Holocaust Degree Makes Debut

By GAVIN OFF

The determination and persistence of a history professor whose family died during World War II has finally paid off

after years of hard work.

Dr. Irene Shur, history professor for 45 years at Pennsylvania's West Chester University, recently watched her plan to implement the nation's first master's degree program in Holocaust and genocide studies come to fruition.

Shur, a pioneer of Holocaust studies, said she first had the idea of creating a the graduate program more than 20 years ago when the film "Holocaust" captured nationwide interest. "I saw an interest in students who wanted to know about (the Holocaust)," Shur said. "As soon as I opened my course, my goodness, it was wall-to-wall students."

She said the master's degree required the completion of 30 credits and an

Heinke said unity among the system schools was important as students begin lobbying their legislators. "One of the

problems with state government is that Chapel Hill is seen as going out on its

own a lot," he said. "So when a Chapel

separated the two groups and left offi-

Binder said fights might break out

between organizations mainly out of

support for their respective fraternities and sororities. "Sometimes groups just get very excited when their fellow broth-

ers and sisters step," he said.

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said requirements included courses in tory, criminal justice and psychology.

But Shur said students did not mind taking a wide variety of courses. She also said students' religious affiliation did not determine whether or not they enrolled in a Holocaust course, since 95 percent were Christian and others Muslim

But Christopher Browning, a UNC history professor who specializes in Eastern European and Holocaust studies, said a master's degree in Holocaust and genocide studies did not attract the interest of many UNC students. "I think it's not at all bad to have some place in the United States (offering a degree in Holocaust studies)," he said. "I don't think every school should have such a thing."

While he said enrollment in the Holocaust course he taught was impressive, Browning said UNC did not have the facilities to implement a graduate program. "There is an interest in taking courses, but that is considerably different than a degree," he said. "Chapel Hill doesn't have the breadth of faculty to do

a graduate program properly."

But Loretta MacAlpine, WCU's assistant director of public relations, said
Shur was determined to make the program a success. She said the master's program would begin in fall 2000.

She said the plan finished a tremendous effort by Shur to bring increased interest and awareness to the Holocaust. "This is her life-blood," MacApline said. "Dr. Shur has been very supportive of this type of study for a very long time." Deflecting the credit, Shur said stu-

dent interest in the Holocaust would make the program successful. "It was the students who were pushing me," she said. "They wouldn't let me slow down."

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Both representatives said the group's proposal for combining some items of legislation into one bill was a possibility.
"(Inkso) said that a proposal like that would fly," Chapman said. "She said she thought it sounded great."

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sorority member at ECU, also performed at Greek Freak. She said that although her sorority didn't win, she still had a good time.

Hill initiative is developed, it's not given the recognition that it should be.

Although students have not fully started their lobbying campaign, two local representatives have given them positive feedback about its feasibility.

Last week coalition members met with House Speaker Pro Tem Joe Hackney, D-Orange, and Rep. Verla Inkso, D-Orange, chairwoman of the

McCracken said fighting at Greek Freak was unusual. "The last two or three years there's been absolutely nothing," he said. "The Alphas have done an outstanding job. At the end of the program, the scholarship and charity checks were doled

and Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. President LaMar Mack announced the winners. Sorority Delta Sigma Theta Inc. from

Virginia and fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. from Texas won the money.

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"Yeah (the judging) was fair," she said. "It would have been nice to win the money, but stepping is supposed to be

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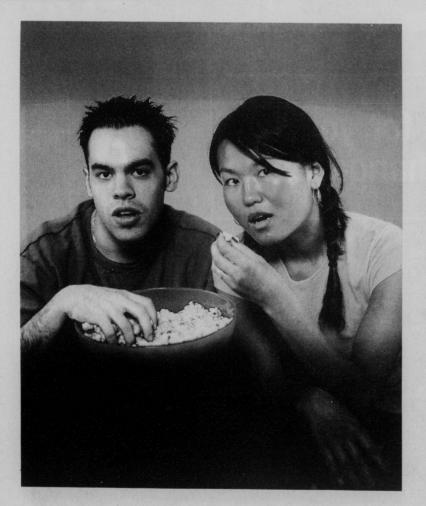
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Grannies," who dressed in calico dress

es and straw hats. Representatives from SEAC put on a skit protesting CP&L's expansion. SEAC Co-chairwoman Heather Yandow said student involvement was extremely important.

"This campaign is one of student input as well as community input," she said. "We're in that radius — if something

happens, we're going to be affected."

Orange County Commissioner
Margaret Brown was present at the rally,
as well as Chapel Hill Town Council
member Kevin Foy. Brown stressed the importance of the county's involvement in the protest. "There was no way for a citizen or N.C. WARN to ask about the expansion publicly. That's where we stepped in," she said, referring to the county's suit demanding public hearings.

CP&L anticipated the protest by sta-tioning security officers outside the main gate. These precautions proved unnec

essary as the crowd remained calm.

The organizers of the rally, in an attempt to demonstrate responsible waste management, even equipped the main gate with on-site portable toilets. Overall, Warren seemed pleased with

the progress of the protest, citing the group's success in delaying the expansion of the waste disposal pools. "CP&L is six to eight months behind schedule," he said. "We intend to stop this thing."

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