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Holocaust Survivor Chronicles Life

During World War II, Faye Schulman photographed Nazi actions and fought with a Soviet rebel group.

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A Holocaust survivor enraptured a near-capacity crowd in Hamilton Hall on Tuesday night as she spoke about her experiences as a member of a Soviet anti-Nazi partisan organization.

Speaker Faye Schulman narrated a slide show that contained photos from her life with the group and the tragedies that

she suffered during World War II.

The talk was co-sponsored by the Center for European Studies, the curriculum in peace, war and defense, the University Center for International Studies, the Center for Slavic Eastern European and Eurasian Studies, and the Department of History.

Schulman began by describing her life before the war began. "Life in my town was exactly the same as life today."

As the war continued, the Nazis invaded Lenin, a town in the Soviet Union where the teenage Schulman and her family lived. "The Nazis loved to have fun," Schulman told the crowd. She went on to describe their "sense of humor," including incidents in which the soldiers

would tear a child apart limb by limb.

Schulman said she occupied herself during these horrific times by taking photographs of the scenes around her. "I was a photographer since I was a child - it was always in me."

Soon afterward, the town of Lenin was destroyed and all its residents murdered. The non-Jews were burned to death, and the Jews were murdered and buried in three trenches.

Schulman escaped to the woods, where she was accepted by a group of anti-Nazi partisans. "They thought I knew how to be a doctor, and so they let me stay with them," she said.

The anti-Nazis attacked Nazi groups, blew up trains containing Nazis and

burned homes the Nazis occupied.

Schulman even burned down her own home to save it from the Nazis after her parents were killed. "I did not want the Nazis to live there," she said.

After three years, Schulman was liberated and moved to Russia. But she and her husband felt so guilty for living comfortably compared to other Russians that they eventually moved to Canada, where they now reside.

"I still practice Judaism in respect for my parents and my heritage," Schulman said. "There is no reason to be ashamed of being Jewish - the Holocaust and the war only proved what kind of people we

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Faye Schulman served as a nurse, soldier and photographer for a Russian resistance group during WWII after escaping from the Nazis.

State Will Get 1st Female Lt. Gov. On Election Day

A UNC professor says gender is not a real issue in the lieutenant governor race because all three candidates are women.

By ALICIA GADDY
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After Nov. 7, North Carolina will have a female lieutenant governor for the first time in its history - no matter who wins.

The three people vying for the post - Reform candidate Catherine Carter, Republican candidate Betsy Cochrane and Democratic candidate Beverly Perdue - are all female. The only question is which will go down in the history books.

UNC political science Professor Pamela Conover said electing a woman to this office would be a step forward for the state. "Anytime we get women into office, I think it's important and it begins to change things."

But Conover said gender would not be a real issue in the race because all the candidates are female. "When you have (more than one) woman running, it neutralizes the impact of gender."

Cochrane and Perdue, the race's two front-runners, have both served several terms in the state House and Senate.

Cochrane has served as a state representative for four terms and a senator for six. She was the first and only woman to serve as Senate minority leader, having also served as House minority leader and Senate minority whip.

Purdue has served two terms in the state House and five terms in the Senate. As Senate Appropriations Committee chairwoman, she has been a chief architect in balancing the state's budget since 1993, she said.

In addition to their past government experience, both are former schoolteachers. Cochrane is an Advance resident and graduate of Meredith College, an all-female school in Raleigh. Perdue, a New Bern resident, is also a Meredith College graduate.

Carter, a Blowing Rock resident, has studied environmental topics at various colleges and ran for California State Assembly in 1996, receiving 10 percent of the vote.

With the candidates' similar backgrounds, experts say the race will come down to their plans for education and the economy.

UNC journalism Professor Ferrel Guillory, who is an expert in Southern politics, said a major discrepancy between the candidates is that Perdue advocates a more powerful government

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Digital Divide



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National Disparity Manifest in CCI's Plan to Equip Students With Laptops

By CHRISTOPHER OWENS
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Joy Diggs knows firsthand how not owning a computer can be a bump in the road when navigating the information superhighway.

During her high school days in Houston, Diggs depended on others to use their computers or take her to the library where the Internet was accessible.

Diggs, a UNC freshman, received her first computer through the Carolina Computing Initiative. "I didn't own a computer while growing up because of monetary problems," she said. "So coming to UNC helped me to learn the computer. I didn't know the Internet or even how to e-mail before I came here." Her story is indicative of the nation-

al gap between the computer haves and the have-nots, causing the country to recognize technological disparities in socioeconomic classes.

And Diggs' transition from novice to computer literate is an example of how CCI is working to overcome these disparities.

With online resources, networked classrooms and e-mail assignments becoming popular, the Internet is an ever-growing tool for students.

The term "digital divide" was coined by President Clinton to refer to the lack of Internet access available to students in inner city and rural areas, taking into account economic and racial factors.

Clinton has endorsed federal programs to wire schools and libraries to the Internet. Since 1994, he and Vice

President Al Gore have joined volunteers in wiring schools around the country.

The federal Commerce Department issued a report in 1997 titled, "Falling Through the Net," in which statistics show that the gap between families with and without computers has widened since 1994.

The report further explained how a family's economic factors can affect its likelihood of having a home computer.

According to the study, 42 percent of American households owned a computer in 1998. The percentage has risen 51.9 percent since 1994.

Moreover, the study shows that 19.3 percent of black and Hispanic families have a household computer, compared

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State Commission Aims to Bring Net To Rural Areas

By FAITH RAY
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The state of North Carolina has established a special commission to bridge the technological gap separating rural and urban communities across the state.

The N.C. Rural Internet Access Commission was established to combat the problem of slow economic development and a lack of Internet access in rural North Carolina.

The 21-member commission will advise and make recommendations to the General Assembly, the governor and the N.C. Rural Redevelopment Authority.

Gov. Jim Hunt appointed UNC-Wilmington Chancellor James Leutze as commission chairman Oct. 18.

Leutze said UNC-system schools would play a key role in linking rural and urban communities and helping find answers to technical problems.

"We're a regional university and have a lot of rural counties around UNC-W," he said. "We've been working with communities to get (Internet) access."

Leutze said all N.C. universities have a responsibility to reach out and help people statewide.

He said he talked with other university chancellors Tuesday about providing the same assistance in other regions across the state.

"Universities (in rural areas) are ideally positioned because they are surrounded by poor communities," Leutze said. "It is perfectly legitimate that universities provide help in this regard."

The goal to bridge the digital divide between rural and urban North Carolina will impact the state's economy and education opportunities, he said.

"We hope to train students in rural schools to level the playing field," Leutze said. "We realize there are two North Carolinas - poor, rural North Carolina and prosperous North Carolina."

"I would contend North Carolina can't exist for long as a society that's half poor, half rich," he said.

Melinda Pierson, spokeswoman for the Department of Commerce, said Leutze was selected due to his interest in the technological advancement of the state and 28 years of experience in higher education.

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Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, passes the microphone to student Henri Congleton for a question. Lee visited Mary Scroggs Elementary School on Tuesday afternoon to help students learn about politics.

Scroggs Students Interrogate Lee

By STEPHANIE GUNTER
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Students at Mary Scroggs Elementary School fired a barrage of questions at a local senator Tuesday, on topics ranging from education and gun control to the environment and drug abuse.

Fourth- and fifth-graders at Scroggs attended a mock town meeting with Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, held as a chance to learn more about government.

"I hope they will gain a better understanding of the democratic process and how government officials speak for them," said fifth-grade teacher Beverly Schieman.

The students, who also are participating in an online mock election, said they were excited about the event and had prepared a variety of questions for Lee.

"I wanted to ask him a question about education because he said that parents would have to take responsibility for their kids if they misbehave in school," fifth-grader Hope Maxwell said. "So that's what I wanted to ask him about."

Some students said they wanted to learn more from Lee's expertise.

"I've been to Washington, so I want to know what a senator is like and stuff," said Andrew Bonds, a student in Schieman's fifth-grade class.

Fourth-grader Cory Trainor focused his question on teacher pay.

"How do you ensure that schools get the best teachers who are not just there for the money?" he asked.

Lee responded by saying he does not believe teachers can be paid enough to compete with private industry. But he said he feels they should be compensat-

ed enough so they do not feel they are taken advantage of.

Fifth-grader Abigail Owens asked about violence in the schools. "How do you plan to keep guns out of schools?" she asked.

Lee answered by encouraging students to speak up if they know of a fellow student carrying a gun to school.

Students also used the town meeting to form and express their own opinions on Lee.

"I hope to learn more about the senator," said Devon Glenn, a fifth-grader.

When asked if he would vote for Lee if he could, he said he was still not sure. "I'm not sure because I have to listen to other senators," he said.

But fifth-grader Jonathan Wright had

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