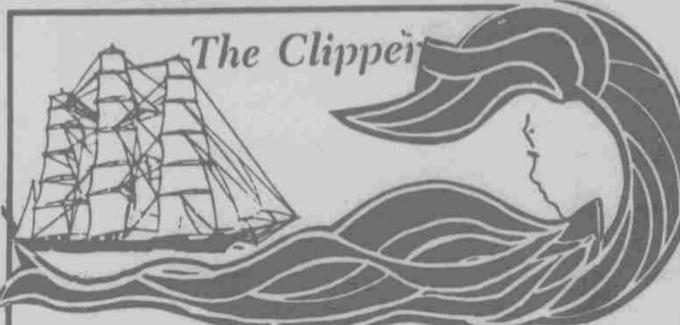


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Prof. teaches Holocaust class

Livia Rothkirchin focuses on 'positive' aspects of Auschwitz

By Dorothy Pritchard
Staff Reporter

Livia Rothkirchin still bears the number that Nazis branded on her left arm when she was 22. She left the concentration camps of Auschwitz in 1945, but the number and a desire to teach the positive aspects of the Holocaust remain with her.

Rothkirchin is a visiting professor of Holocaust studies at UNL and UNO. She is also an author, editor, historian and leading researcher in the study of the Holocaust.

But she didn't always intend to study the Holocaust. It was a year of her life she wanted to forget. It was a time when she wanted to be in school, a time to plan her future. Instead it was a nightmare.

"It was a very horrible experience," she said. "Instead of being young and studying and enjoying life, to be put into a . . . well it was very horrible."

Her voice trails off as she remembers the place where her parents were killed, a place where plans were "unreal." She refuses to elaborate on her personal experiences though. She doesn't believe her "emotional load" has a place in her work. It would compromise her objectivity as a historian and a teacher, she said.

Besides, Rothkirchin believes there has been too much focus on the negative and not enough focus on the positive aspects of the Holocaust. She tries to teach the positive.

The "first wave" of literature after the war dealt mainly with Nazi ideology and racial prejudices, Rothkirchin said. But the "second wave" deals with the

them alive. It showed man's will for freedom," she said.

Rothkirchin said students today are interested in the "human touch" of survival literature.

"This makes us more palatable — the human touch. It's inspiring, it gives you hope. It shows you there is something in human beings you cannot destroy," she said.

Rothkirchin, 63, said the 15 years she spent as editor of Yad Vashem Studies in Jerusalem has been the most gratifying of all her occupations. Yad Vashem is the Israeli Holocaust Memorial.

"I think as an editor, I helped to integrate the history of the Holocaust into the mainstream of literature," she said.

In 1950 she received a doctorate in Slovak Studies and Anglo-American literature from Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia. She was a visiting scholar at the Oxford Center for post-graduate Hebrew studies, and in 1961 she wrote her first book, "The Destruction of the Slovak Jew." She received the Max Nordau Prize for history in 1973 and has written entries for the Judaica Encyclopedia. Her plans are to finish her current book, "The History of the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia."

' . . . people created music and poetry, while even on the threshold of death.'

—Rothkirchin

testimony of the survivors. It is this outpouring of man's will to survive that Rothkirchin tries to convey in her lectures.

"How people struggled, preserved life, despite the dehumanizing efforts of the Nazis. How people created music and poetry, while even on the threshold of death. That is what helped keep

ASUN defers to Roskens

By Lee Rood
Staff Reporter

UNL student leaders say they did not testify at the Nebraska Legislature's budget-cut hearing last week because of bad timing and their desire for the university to be represented by one voice.

ASUN President Chris Scudder and Government Liason Committee Chairman Andy Pollock said because they had little time to prepare for the hearing and they did not want to contradict NU President Ronald Roskens, they felt it best if he spoke for the entire university.

Scudder said that if she or other students were to have gone to the hearing and only talk about their respective colleges, some might think they didn't care about the other colleges on campus. By letting Roskens speak, Scudder said, the university as a whole was represented.

Pollock said he doesn't think he hurt the university by not testifying Friday.

Pollock said committee members could get the clearest view from Roskens because he did not have enough time to prepare for Friday's hearing.

Scudder and Pollock said they feel they will be more successful by talking to senators one-on-one than if they had made speeches Friday.

"Taking the capitol by emotional storm is not the way we are going to win it this week," Scudder said. "It's one-on-one conversations that will win or lose it for the university."

Both Scudder and Pollock said they think students should try to contact their senators to stop the proposed \$1.6 million budget cut from being passed.

Former ASUN President Gerard Keating, who helped organize several

demonstrations against NU budget cuts last year, said he thought students should have been represented at the hearing.

But Keating said, "with these special sessions it's hard to put something respectable together."

Keating said he plans to contact Scudder soon to organize a major demonstration in the spring against the cuts.

"Until the students take a more active role in demonstrating against the cuts," Keating said, "the state Legislature will continue to do so."

Student group starts petition to voice opinions

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crowded classrooms and limited goals condemns Nebraska to a mediocre future. We call upon the state Legislature to continue their commitment to superior education, not as a luxury that is nice only when it is easily affordable, but as a necessary investment in our futures and the future of Nebraska."

Caldwell said copies of the petition will be distributed to state senators, the governor and possibly the media before the regular session.

Caldwell said he is tired of the university and students being scapegoats when the budget needs to be balanced. There needs to be a strong student movement against cuts to higher edu-

cation, which hasn't happened in the past, he said.

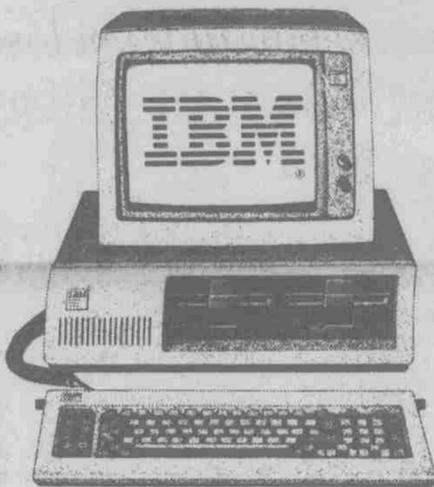
Patricia Savage, a member of the Young Democrats, said the group was "horrified" when it found that none of the student representatives at the university were testifying at the Appropriations Committee hearing last Friday.

She said that several people who signed the petition thanked the group for giving them a chance to give senators their opinion.

Caldwell said they sent petitions to Wayne State College and Peru State College but haven't received any response from either college.

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