

# Author dedicated to queen

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British historian while being an American at an American institution," Kennedy said.

Despite growing up in the Midwest, Levin was fascinated at a young age with Elizabeth and British history.

But it was in a course in her senior year of college when she began to look closer at women in England, some of whom held a more infamous place in history.

After doing a project on witchcraft for her class, she began to discover that thousands of English women died for their radical beliefs and actions.

When she moved on to Tufts University in Medford, Mass. to get her graduate degree in history, she began to specialize in women's and British history.

"I loved it," Levin said. "As I was taking the classes, I knew this was the work I was meant for."

Her study of witches in college led her to develop a course of her own. Titled "Saints, Witches and Madwomen," the course focuses on some of the roles women played in medieval history.

Tim Elston, one of Levin's graduate students who is enrolled in the course, said the class has taught him the importance of women's roles in history — and that credit is not always given to them when it is due.

"For far too long, men have taken the glory, whether it was theirs to take or not," Elston said.

In many cases, women had a huge impact helping to make the world what it is today, Elston said. One example is Joan of Arc.

Levin's class makes these realities known, without trying to alienate her male students, Elston said.

"One criticism about women's courses are that they are geared at women to study," Elston said. "But Professor Levin does not put forth an agenda that makes it uncomfortable for most males."

Another stigma often associated with women's courses is that they are not rigorous, Levin said.

This was proved to her while she was teaching her course at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

An outside group that lobbied the university to make the curriculum more intensive saw the title of



**CAROLE LEVIN** poses with one of her five published books, "Political Rhetoric Power and Renaissance Women." Levin, along with one of her students, is in the midst of having another book published.

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Levin's class and assumed it was fluff.

But the students taking the class wrote letters to the group, testifying to its intensity.

Many students were able to vouch for the class's rigor, but the attitude about women's studies still exists today, Levin said.

The history professor spends a lot of time inside and outside of class trying to dispel the myth and emphasizing the importance of women's roles in history.

Having numerous published books is one way of getting the message across.

Her newest book, which is forthcoming, focuses on lesser-known women in medieval and Renaissance history.

One of the women profiled is a merchant's wife, who learned to read and write just so she could correspond with her husband when he was away.

That same woman also agreed to adopt and raise her husband's illegitimate child.

Levin said she hopes the book, which is aimed at a general audience, will help readers understand the courageousness possessed by women throughout history.

"There are so many women in the book who were extraordinary because of their family, or their loyalty to a parent or a partner," Levin said.

"It just shows that women can be extraordinary in a whole range of activities."

## Homecoming royal court includes more non-greeks

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process to be chosen for homecoming royalty, Linder said.

After students apply, a four-person committee consisting of one faculty or staff member, a student who lives in a residence hall, a student who lives off-campus and a greek student assigns a score to each application.

The top-scoring applicants then move on to an interview process with the selection committee. After the interviews, the committee chooses

which of the applicants will be members of the royal court.

"It's all about who applies," Linder said. "If more non-Greeks apply, then more non-Greeks will be on the court."

Boyd said the steering committee's hard work to spread the word was worth the effort.

"I was pretty surprised and pleased as well," he said. "This is a step to show people that things are changing; things are becoming more representative."

# Bahamians make Floyd recovery

MARSH HARBOUR, Bahamas (AP) — Stunned residents of Abaco Island salvaged rain-soaked possessions from flattened homes Thursday as the relief effort for Hurricane Floyd's victims slowly gathered steam.

Survivors of Floyd's 145-mph winds gawked at sailboats flopped onto eroded beaches and seas of sand where tiny coastal villages once were.

Hundreds of wooden homes were exposed to the elements, their roofs ripped off like paper during the storm's rampage Tuesday.

"At least no one died," was a refrain repeated by residents Thursday as they balanced soaked mattresses on car roofs to dry.

Clothes washed of mud littered every free space, laid out on the flattened ruins of some houses, fluttering from uprooted trees and car windows.

Like other Bahamian islands, residents of Abaco and the tiny keys on its periphery, population 11,000, faced the prospect of going weeks without telephone, electricity or reliable water service.

The 700-island archipelago reported one presumed death: that of a Freeport man swept out to sea from Grand Bahama Island. Authorities said they had no word of anyone who was critically hurt.

Bahamians had heeded storm warnings and stayed out of harm's way inside churches and government buildings-turned-shelters.

"The trees were skinned like bananas," said Michelle Rolle, a resident of Abaco's Sandy Point. "This hurricane was by far the worst we've seen, but at least everyone is safe."

Some Abaco residents reported seeing tornadoes.

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**MICHELLE ROLLE**  
resident of Abaco's Sandy Point

Hundreds of homes were flattened, roofless or otherwise damaged in Abaco, Eleuthera and Cat islands. In Grand Bahama, Freeport's international airport was closed because of flooding.

Officials with the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance helped Bahamian authorities assess damage and relief needs, Martinez said.

"There is a great need for fresh water and food," she said.

Most hotels reported only minor damage, including the Atlantis resort on Paradise Island, where 2,000 tourists weathered the storm.

"I just want to get off this island," said Elaine Bryant of Elizabeth, New Jersey. "This is the worst vacation I have had. But I can't blame anyone."

Everywhere, neighbors joined to clear streets, clean homes and stock up on emergency supplies.

In Nassau, market vendors set up their stalls; lines formed again at fast-food drive-thrus.

To the east, Hurricane Gert whipped up 130-mph winds, but forecasters said it would likely turn north today and head into the open Atlantic.

## System would make senior checks faster

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"The colleges have to be very involved with the testing," she said. "It all depends on the resources of the college."

Each college needs to enter the credit hours needed in each area of each major into the degree audit electronic database before the new system can be implemented.

This is a complicated process that could take up to two years for each college to complete, Liss said.

Beth Lee, ASUN academic committee chairwoman, said her committee is encouraging the university's colleges to adopt the degree audit system as soon as possible.

"(Getting a senior check) takes so long," Lee said. "Students get them back after they register for classes. This would be faster for seniors."

Right now, four colleges, including the College of Business Administration, the Teachers College, the College of Engineering and Technology and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, have completed the process and are ready to use the electronic check.

They won't be able to use the new process until every college is ready to go, Liss said.

Hawkey said the degree audit system should make manual checkers' jobs easier.

"Once we are able to automate the program, we hope that students will have fewer problems for us to deal with," he said.

Aside from easing the load for the checkers, there are other advantages Liss sees with the electronic system.

Students, including freshmen, will always know where they stand,

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ASUN academic committee chairwoman

she said. They will be able to visit advisers and together be able to run a degree audit and see what credits students need for their degrees.

Liss said this will be helpful for students who change majors and want to know what credits will count toward the new major, as well as how many classes they still need to take.

The degree audit reporting system also will allow for a "more enriched advising experience," Liss said.

With the electronic audit, advisers will be able to concentrate on a student's interests and talents rather than on what credits he or she is missing, she said.

Final implementation of the project depends on the colleges, Liss said, but work toward the procedure is ongoing.

"It's pretty labor intensive right now," she said.

"It takes quite some time to do. We have to be partners with the colleges to do this."

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