



GAP at Florida Universities Exposed Abortion's Reality

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR BIO-ETHICAL REFORM, CBR-Midwest, and CBR-Florida teamed up to plan and conduct a Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) tour of four Florida universities in February. This tour was the joint idea of Canadian CBR Executive Director, Stephanie Gray, and Mark Harrington, CBR-Midwest Director, who last year envisioned training a large team of pro-life people at several Pro-Life Institutes and then giving them an opportunity to apply their knowledge at a GAP. Additionally, training was provided to minister to the many abortion-wounded people who approach the GAP displays wherever we go. The team of 39 included staff and volunteers largely from Canada, but also included a handful from Ohio, Florida, and two pro-lifers from South Africa. (The pair from South Africa just began a CBR South Africa affiliate!) We report here some highlights and notes from the first two campuses.

GAP was held on the University of Florida Reitz Union North Lawn and Plaza of the Americas on February 15-16. Radio station WRUF/ AM 850 reported on February 15: "A controversial abortion project is making itself very visible on campus." The reporter interviewed Katie Cardinale, president of the Pro-Life Alliance, our sponsoring student group. Katie explained how GAP's photomurals "... raise awareness for abortion and show that abortion is similar to other genocides in recent history." The broadcast reported that Planned Parenthood and their student organization Voices for Planned Parenthood showed up with their slogan signs next to GAP: "North Florida's Planned Parenthood director of Education and Communications Natalie Muniz said the group was out to represent women and their right to choose. She said Planned Parenthood's goal was to educate people about the truth with women's healthcare."

Contrary to Planned Parenthood's claim to give women "the right to choose, we know it does all in its power to keep the truth about abortion away from its clients. Thankfully, GAP made it clear to everyone on campus that abortion is an act of violence which kills a baby.

The next stop was the University of Central Florida on



Lauren Kyfiuk from University of Victoria and Peter Csillag from University of Calgary discuss GAP with University of Florida students.

February 17-18.

The UCF campus director of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship came to our defense with an excellent letter to the editor:

Your "Our Stance" column ("Offensive Photos Miss the Point") on Thursday declares that the photos put up by the Genocide Awareness Project miss the point—but the photos are the point. We are a generation raised on visual media. ...

You mock the GAP for trying to "raise awareness" about abortion by pointing out that "it's hard to believe that there are students at UCF who are unaware of abortion" while missing the point yourselves.

The GAP raises awareness of the fact that babies inside a womb are still babies; of course they aren't trying to raise awareness of the existence of abortion. The point is that aborted fetuses are human, and the best way to demonstrate this is by presenting something that resonates: an image. ...

If the shocking images disturb your sensibilities, good. They ought to, because we have an

innate sense that killing human babies is wrong and fetuses are human babies. ... Steve Wimmer ("Shocking images are the point of demonstration," CentralFloridaFuture.com, February 28, 2010)

Contrary to claims by pro-aborts that we condemn women who have aborted, GAP actually provides a place for such women to begin a path of healing. This ministry also extends to men who participated in abortions.

At UCF, a student approached CCBR volunteer Lauren to ask, "What would you say to me if I had had an abortion?" Lauren's loving response prompted the student to continue, "I was pregnant five months ago." She told how she felt forced to abort by the Planned Parenthood counselors, adding, "they didn't tell me I'd feel like this afterwards." She told Lauren, "There isn't a day goes by that I don't think about what I did to my baby. You can tell people that."

University of Arizona GAP Changes Students' Minds about Abortion

GAP VISITED UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA in Tucson for the first time ever on March 22-23, 2010. Logos was the sponsoring student group who reserved the UA mall for our massive photo display contrasting abortion with historically recognized forms of genocide.

CBR Southwest Director Jason Walsh was interviewed by Immaculate Heart Radio (Reno, NV). The broadcast was aired twice throughout the West coast and can be downloaded at the CBR-Southwest website: www.unbornoutreach.org. During the 10-minute interview, Jason explained the need for GAP: "Abortion can be rhetorically explained only so far... You have to be able to show them the visible evidence of what abortion is. We often find many people who are arguing for something that, when they see the images, they are no longer willing to defend [abortion]."

CBR Director of Data Systems Technology Don Cooper discussed our genocide comparisons with one student who finally stopped and sighed and looked down at his feet. He then looked up and said, "I am having a hard time explaining my position on abortion without sounding like I support the Holocaust." It was apparent that the visual evidence coupled with the strong CBR case presented by Don made it hard for this student to any longer defend abortion.

Contrary to pro-aborts' assertions that our display won't change anyone's mind, many students are undecided about abortion.

The second day of GAP, we received this www.AbortionNo.org survey response to how she learned about our website: "My aunt who saw your booth at the



Canadian CBR Executive Director Stephanie Gray addresses a crowd of University of Central Florida students during an open microphone session where students ask questions on the microphone and one of our staff members answers them for the larger crowd.



CBR staffer Don Cooper addresses a crowd of University of Arizona students that gathered for some intense discussion of GAP.

University of Arizona... She was very moved and I've never been sure about her position on abortion, but her mind seems to have changed based on what she saw."

Contrary to pro-abort claims that our motives are political propaganda, GAP is based on incontrovertible facts from the annals of history, disciplines of science and lessons of social reform.

A columnist for the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* (student newspaper), Dan Sotelo, accused our display of being "deliberately dramatic and distort the complex nature of the issue of abortion." ("Warning: Propaganda Ahead," *Arizona Daily Wildcat*, March 24, 2010, <http://wildcat.arizona.edu/opinions/warning-propaganda-ahead-1.1278595>.) Would he say that General Eisenhower was deliberately dramatic when he commanded U.S. troops to take cameras into the death

camp and document the atrocities they found upon liberation? The confused political science student went on: “The pictures are more powerful than any words could be, which is precisely why they are used. They may reflect the political views of the organizers, but one has to question the need for such shock value.” Would this student have asked British abolitionist William Wilberforce why he took other members of Parliament on boats to see and smell the slave ships no one wanted to visit?

In addition to building our case with logical arguments which are illustrated by our graphic photos, CBR has carefully studied First Amendment case law and we closely monitor free speech court decisions. We know our rights and we enforce them aggressively. On April 28, 2010, U.S. District Judge William Downes, a Marine Corps Captain who served in the Vietnam War, ruled on whether or not the University of Wyoming could cancel a speech by Bill Ayers on the grounds of the university president’s concern “that it would provoke violence.” Mr. Ayers is notorious for bombing U.S. Government buildings and co-founding the Weather Underground, a militant anti-war group; he is also a friend of President Obama. The *Star Tribune* reported:

Downes, now a U.S. district judge, made special note of those contrasting backgrounds when he ruled Tuesday against the University of Wyoming’s decision to ban Ayers from speaking on campus.

‘This court is of age to remember the Weather Underground. When his group was bombing the U.S. Capitol in 1971, I was serving in the uniform of my country,’ Downes said. ‘Even to this day, when I hear that name, I can scarcely swallow the bile of my contempt for it. But Mr. Ayers is a citizen of the United States who wishes to speak, and he need not offer any more justification than that.’ http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/article_97ec98b0-523b-11df-8060-001cc4c002e0.html

During closing arguments, the judge asked the university attorney, “If the First Amendment can’t find sanctuary somewhere on a college campus, where can it take refuge?” http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/article_673dd9b5-635c-5dd7-9038-d85771490ca6.html

To that, we say, indeed! CBR will continue to use the full power of the First Amendment to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” (Proverbs 31:8-9)



CBR-Southwest Director Jason Walsh is interviewed by UATV, the Daily Wildcat TV station, about the connection between abortion and genocide.

The Inspiration of CBR

WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE another testimony from a pro-life leader who has been inspired by CBR:

“The year was 1993 when I, John Ficker and Murray Lewis all attended one of Gregg’s seminars. Gregg made a very convincing case that as long as pro-life folks were content to be dabblers, i.e., a little here and there of pro-life work, we would lose the battle. I was convinced at that time that I would not be that kind of pro-lifer. In 1994 we incorporated as the Sanctity of Human Life Network (SOHLNET), with John, Murray and I as co-founders. Our original work was to be outside the mills on killing days in the Sacramento area. Our work then expanded when we formed Teens for Life and began training teens for pro-life evangelism and direct actions. Two of our teens, now married adults, Jonathan Keller and Josh Brahm, now hold important full-time pro-life positions [with Right to Life Central California] and both are fruit from the tree that Gregg inspired us to grow when we first attended his seminar in 1993. Today, SOHLNET is still taking teens and college age (Commission Life) young people under our wings, presenting the life message at colleges, universities, high schools and churches.

“Thanks for your inspiration, Gregg, and to your wonderful wife for all of her work and inspiration.”

**–Bud Reeves
President of SOHLNET, Sacramento, CA**

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“They didn’t tell me I’d feel like this afterwards.”

–University of Central Florida student who told us of feeling forced to abort by Planned Parenthood counselors



CBR Staffer Ma'May Faucher addresses students' questions at University of Arizona GAP.

Prayer Requests

- Genocide Awareness Project at universities
- CBR continue to inspire other pro-life activists

Thank you for supporting our pro-life work. We need you more than ever. We pray that God is using us to *“restore the hearts of the fathers to their children”* (Malachi 4:6).

Events

- April 17 – Pro-Life Institute at Villanova University
- April 18 – Pro-Life Institute at University of Delaware
- April 19-20 – GAP University of California, Irvine
- April 21-22 – GAP at University of Delaware
- April 26-27 – GAP at University of Temple

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