



CBR Communique

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GAP Returns to Kentucky Universities

CBR's fourth GAP visit to University of Kentucky (UK) in Lexington was April 6-7, 2011. UK Students for Life sponsored our display so their fellow Wildcats could again be educated about abortion. Most students were amazed when they saw our large photomural display which contrasts abortion with other forms of genocide.

We know of one baby potentially saved by GAP.

"What does it look like at 5 weeks?" asked a student named Wayne. He then broke down crying. Wayne's girlfriend was 5 weeks pregnant and he did not want her to abort. He took a flyer and information with the hope of changing her mind. We pray that he was successful.

Many people believe abortion should be legal if the baby is diagnosed with a birth defect. They have a eugenics point of view -- they are not thinking about the babies or the fact that they could grow up to be adults if given the right to live. Consider this male student who told us, "I had a birth defect and the doctor wanted my mom to abort me. Thank God she didn't."

There was also a woman who rode up in her electric scooter chair. She was born with spina bifida in 1948. She has two children, a master's degree, and previously worked on the UK staff as a coordinator for disabled students. She is pro-life, and

she sees a positive difference in the students as we've conducted each GAP display.

There was extensive media coverage of GAP. These articles can be found on the blog of CBR's southeast director. Visit www.FletcherArmstrongBlog.com and search for "Kentucky." One thoughtful letter was written in *The Kentucky Kernel* by English and Philosophy major Philip Timmerman:

"I've heard almost everybody around campus talking about it."

University of Kentucky student who came to the April 2011 GAP display.

Despite accusations positing the contrary, it seems to me that the recently displayed so-called Genocide Awareness Project, sponsored by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, did achieve its goals, and efficiently.

The images ... were indeed grotesque and disturbing, but the observable effect was exactly what CBR had intended: to engender discussion amongst those who might not otherwise have given the issue any consideration. Two women who had abortions, as well as representatives of the Center for Bioethical Reform, stood by to answer questions, respond to protests and engage in debate. They were calm and professional, and, though the air was tense, the discussion that took place near the display was civil. ("Genocide Awareness Project Uses Shock Tactics to Achieve its Goal," April 14, 2011)

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CBR Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong (wearing KU cap) speaks with a crowd of students at Kentucky University GAP. (Photo by Meredith Hunt)



Long-time CBR Southeast staff member, Jane Bullington (at left), engaged students who came up to the Eastern Kentucky University GAP display on April 4-5, 2011.

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We do not conduct our work expecting gratitude from anyone, but many UK students said, “Thank you for your presence on campus.” These students included a woman from India as well as a woman from International Studies. Perhaps they better recognized abortion is often an injustice against *both* mother and child.

A female student from Russia was conflicted about abortion. She commented, “In my country there are so many orphans that no one wants and no one will adopt ... But this I can see is so wrong.” The student further expressed confusion about religion, stating, “As long as we believe in God, they are all pretty much the same.” The volunteer shared Jesus’ words from John 14:6, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” She responded, “Is that really what it says in the Bible?” The volunteer urged her to read it in the Bible herself. Although we focus on human rights and scientific evidence on secular campuses, GAP provides numerous opportunities for spiritual conversations with students.

One student participated in a lengthy debate in which she and another student argued that too many children are in foster care and we can’t take care of them all, all the while emphatically stating, “IT IS THE WOMAN’S CHOICE.” Finally, this young woman’s defenses came down and she acknowledged she’d had an abortion. She cried, saying she felt we were judging her for her choice. The volunteer gently explained that God loves her, can forgive her, and has a purpose for her life.

Thankfully, a post-abortion ministry (www.GoDeeperStill.org) partnered with CBR by providing a table next to the display. Deeper Still staff members were available to minister to this student and others whose need for post-abortion counseling became apparent through the impact of GAP. Deeper Still was also present at EKU GAP and other recent universities.

Planned Parenthood felt compelled to respond to GAP. PP President Elizabeth Licitis told the student newspaper, *The Kentucky Kernel*: “We’re out here in response to them. We have been waiting for this display to come because we feel people are seeing this and they have no support. We’re here as support, to show what we believe and what Planned Parenthood has to offer.” (“Abortion Display Fuels Debate,” April 6, 2011)

GAP did the superior job of showing what Planned Parenthood “has to offer” by displaying their deeds through photos of babies butchered in abortion clinics. Planned Parenthood will be fully exposed for their charade of caring for women. Yet our presence will long be remembered because of the truth of the photos and our gentle manner of speaking with students.

“This has impacted the campus,” a male student told us. “I’ve heard almost everybody around campus talking about it.”

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Students for Life sponsored GAP for CBR’s second visit to their campus on April 4-5, 2011. (Kentucky pro-lifers brought GAP signs on campus another time, so this was actually the third time GAP signs have been displayed at EKU.)

We carefully train our staff and volunteers to handle questions and arguments that people raise. One woman was part of the pro-abortion protesters, but she talked with a member of our team for over an hour. She responded with statements like, “You’re making the issue too simple ... I can’t argue with that ... I see your point.” Finally, she said, “You’re too difficult to argue with so I’m going to find someone else to argue with.”

One mother saw GAP on campus and then brought her two sons, ages 10 and 14, to see GAP on day two. She wanted them to see what abortion looked like and told them that the choices they make can make a huge difference. Their eyes were wide as they absorbed the pictures. Other parents have also chosen to make GAP a teaching opportunity for their children.



Students at Eastern Kentucky University experience the GAP display on April 6-7, 2011.



“What is this? This is very terrible!” asked a woman from India who works on campus and whose husband is a professor. She continued, “I love many things about America, but this I do not like [abortion]. I could not do this. It would kill my soul; it would kill my heart.” She could not take her eyes off the pictures.

This tender lady would have been appalled to hear what another female student told our staff, “At my high school having an abortion was a cool thing to do. The entire cheerleading squad had multiple abortions.” CBR’s outreach also extends to high schools, where the truth is desperately needed.

The student newspaper, *The Eastern Progress*, ran an editorial on April 14 entitled “Abortion Debate is a Stalemate.” The rambling piece concluded that we will never agree on abortion even though: “It is a serious matter and one that deserves serious contemplation. It is also something that no person who has never been through it can truly relate to. ...Only the women and families who have dealt with the issue directly can ever know what it’s like. Therefore, in the end, it seems to remain a decision that must be made on an individual basis.”

If only the editorial staff could have “related to” what the preborn child who is aborted “has been through.” Then they might have recognized that there is more than one “individual” who should be considered.

Thank you for your support as we educate and exhort people to protect preborn children.

“In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”

JOB 12:10

Prayer Requests

- Planning and conducting fall 2011 GAP’s on campuses
- Funding and volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and run our trucks

Events

August 15	Urban GAP Columbus, OH, Statehouse
August 27	Pro-Life Training Academy Lynchburg, VA
Aug 29 - Sept 2	GAP at Liberty University Lynchburg Radford
Aug 31 - Sept 1	GAP at Radford University Radford, VA
Sept 16-17	Student Leadership Conference Knoxville, TN



Volunteer Joni Wiegand spoke with these two students at University of Kentucky GAP. The student on the right was amazed that a sign photo showing an aborted baby’s arms & legs was authentic. Joni gives her painful testimony of aborting her twins on the home page video on CBR Southeast’s website, www.ProLifeOnCampus.com (The entire 8 minute video is well worth watching; Joni speaks at 6.25) (Photo by Meredith Hunt)

CBR Sweden Takes on an Island

People on the Island of Gotland could not imagine the effect CBR Sweden would have when the abortion photo truck and handheld signs arrived for the July “festival” for politics and media. All the important politicians and journalists were there for a week of debates, seminars, and more. We are pleased to share this July 23, 2011 report from CBR Sweden Director Mats Selander:

Our summer campaign on the Island of Gotland went really well. The police had only granted us permission to demonstrate one hour per day (we had applied for six hours per day). So we changed our banners into “sandwich-man-banners” that one person carries on his/her front and back, all while our pro-life truck drove around the city for three days. The political and media elite of Sweden could not miss us. Two big tabloids wrote about us [with abortion pictures on their editorial page](#). That has in turn created a big abortion debate on Twitter (some abortion liberal said that she was tired of Twitter since abortion is the only issue people discuss there). Even some “big shots” (people who write on a regular basis in media and are generally accepted), [one in the secular media and one in Christian media, are now supporting us and the use of abortion images. And other Christian leaders also give their support. We’re seeing a breakthrough in Swedish media right now, all this is due to our summer campaign. Praise the Lord!](#)

*“ It got me to thinking about the abortion I had 33 years ago.
I very much regret it. I was only 16 1/2 and
didn't realize what I was doing. ”*

Woman who visited AbortionNO.org, August 12, 2011.



CBR Midwest conducted Urban GAP in downtown Cincinnati on August 11, 2011. Hundreds of visitors and workers in the downtown area saw the face of abortion on our photomurals.

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