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Why are These SUNY Buffalo Students so Afraid?

Pro-abortion students and professors were in an uproar when we took our Genocide Awareness Project to the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York (SUNY Buffalo) on April 15-16, 2013. This was our first visit to this campus and we were sponsored by UB Students For Life (UB SFL). The first SUNY GAP was 10 years ago on the Albany campus.

Six history professors were so incensed at our thought-provoking comparisons of abortion to genocide that they wrote a letter publicly condemning GAP. Video here (report begins at 1:18): <http://bit.ly/1327Mdt>

GAP quickly ends the games that pro-abortion professors play to keep students in the dark about abortion. When we visually expose the horror of abortion, students are propelled to seriously look at an issue that most thought was settled. They must also face the reality that their prior decisions to abort were destructive ones.

One professor became agitated to the point that foul language was the focal point of her diatribe. Numerous media outlets reported on the incident involving Laura Curry, an adjunct professor in the Department of Media Studies:

‘Where does it say I can’t use the f**k word in public?’ the professor shouted at students. ‘I can swear because that’s part of my vocabulary. That’s part of my First Amendment rights!’

‘I can swear in public because that is profane,’ she continued. ‘That image is swearing to me. That is profane to me.’ View video footage here: <http://bit.ly/11fca7a>

Student protestors at SUNY Buffalo were emboldened on day two to line up in front of our one-tier display in order to block our photos signs from passersby.



On the first day of GAP at SUNY Buffalo, a single line of student protestors stood 20 feet away from our display.

Campus police gave Ms. Curry a warning about her language and then arrested her for disorderly conduct. Ironically, police may have overreacted to make this arrest, yet they did not act when our First Amendment rights were denied the following day by a mob of students.

Darius Hardwick, Director of CBR-Midwest, coordinated this GAP. He encountered difficulty negotiating a suitable GAP display site and size with Thomas Tiberi, University at Buffalo Director of Student Life. When Tiberi tried to shift our site to an undesirable field, Darius produced photos of an inflatable jousting event previously held at the site we wanted. CBR always does advance research work so we know what free speech and other activities the schools have permitted in the past at our desired location; this gives us ammunition to fight back against routine attempts to limit our visibility and therefore, our effectiveness. Tiberi tried various maneuvers, including insistence that our display not block adjacent bike racks! As Tiberi was losing ground, he said the fire inspector had to approve our display location. Thankfully, the fire inspector walked right out and repeatedly said, “That’s fine,” to all the parameters, to Tiberi’s dismay, so our team quickly began to set up.

After we erected the GAP display, 20 to 30 pro-abortion students came out to protest, holding their hastily made poster-board signs about 20 feet away from our barricades. They were led by Phil Tucciarone, a junior chemical engineering major, and Chelsie Hinckley, a senior English major, who created Facebook groups to rally students to oppose GAP.

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It was nearly 4:00 p.m. when the pro-abortion protestors shifted to the front of our barricades in an attempt to block our signs. Darius informed two police officers near the display that this was unacceptable for the students to interfere with our First Amendment rights. Since our team was preparing to take down the display at 4:00 p.m., Darius said he would not press the issue, but if it happened the next day he would do so. He began taking down the display and soon noted that the protestors had been moved. A UB Students For Life member said it was university policy that they could not block us.

By day two pro-abortion students were so riled up that they took extreme measures to cover up our large abortion photo display. Darius was monitoring the forecast which predicted morning thunderstorms with winds of 27 mph, so he followed CBR safety protocols and only put up one tier of signs. Protesters started gathering around 10:00 a.m. When four students moved in to block our signs, Darius immediately addressed it with the police. The police confronted the protestors, but only one or two moved away. Other pro-aborts saw how they could more readily block our one-tier display, so they formed a solid row of signs and umbrellas blocking visibility of GAP. The police lieutenant now told Darius they were not going to prevent the pro-abort students from blocking our display, so Darius asked to speak to his chief. When the police chief showed up, he said no New York law was being broken. Darius asked about the university policy that was enforced the day before and the chief pled ignorance. He said the pro-aborts have the right to free speech, so Darius countered, "One person's right to free speech ends when it infringes on another's rights." The chief replied, "I am not going to debate constitutional law with you."

Darius decided it was time to bring out the 3x4-foot "Choice" abortion photo signs and had our team hold them in front of the row of protester signs blocking GAP. Immediately, the entire mob came over in front of the display and blocked the "Choice" signs. The protestors were 4 to 6 people deep. All sense of order was lost. When our team raised the signs overhead, pro-aborts covered them with their slogan signs. The police did nothing. Administrator Tiberi addressed the crowd, but only asked that a fire lane be kept clear. Darius phoned to apprise CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham of the situation and put Gregg on his cell

Two campus police stand back while protestors block visibility of our one-tier display, but at SUNY Buffalo protestors could not totally cover our "Choice" signs when our team members raised them overhead.



The SUNY Buffalo protestors celebrate police inaction. This police lieutenant refused to move protestors back from our display, pursuant to his chief's injudicious direction.

phone with the chief of police. The chief restated his "No New York law was being broken" line, telling Gregg that he was not going to do anything; he then attempted to hang up on Gregg. Wind conditions were calm enough to permit the second tier of signs to go up, so Gregg directed Darius to put them up. The cover-up students scrambled, then stood on chairs and held bed sheets tied to umbrellas to try to cover the signs up. They were both desperate and determined to shut down our evidence that abortion is an act of violence which kills babies.

The police stood by and watched it all unfold without taking any action to protect our First Amendment rights. Their inaction has earned the university a lawsuit. Our American Freedom Law CenterSM lawyers are eager to take our case. We thank God for these highly capable attorneys who work for us without charging fees.

WKBW News Channel 7 (Buffalo) ran a short report about the protest on April 17:

Hundreds of students have surrounded the very small group of anti-abortion protestors, using large sheets to block the images they deem graphic.

Students say they're offended by the billboard-sized pictures and accuse protestors of hijacking the campus. Most students say this is not about anti-abortion or pro-choice but say they're gathering for different reasons.

'The pictures are graphic and people are offended,' said Darius Hardwick, Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. 'But that's because abortion is graphic and abortion is offensive...'

We received a follow-up email on April 27 from Christian Andzel, the president of UB Students For Life. He wrote that the persecution of pro-life students continues:

... a few days ago I stood up for UB SFL in a class I sat in on. The professor was one who slandered the club and all of its members when she said we were similar to those who lynched blacks. How disgusting.

... I have since been drummed up to go see the Student-Wide Judiciary on Monday to correct any wrongs that may have occurred.

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I will certainly attend to make sure I am not charged with anything. ...I wanted to keep you aware of this recent movement to silence those who stand for Life. Pray for us. ...

UB SFL has such a bright future ahead and I will make sure that this recent anti-freedom of speech campaign does not deter the club. The Truth always wins.

The pro-abortion students likely thought they scored a victory by covering up GAP much of day two. To the contrary, the enormous conflict caused by the counter-protesters is why Huffington Post, Fox News, Ms. Magazine (<http://bit.ly/13Pt0ik>) and many other media outlets picked up the story and blogged on it. More people now know about CBR and GAP, and the story keeps getting told not only by the media but via word-of-mouth.

Todd Starnes' Fox News report included a statement made by UB: "...It is a fundamental value of UB that all members of the campus community and their invited guests have a right to peacefully express their views and opinions, regardless of whether others may disagree with those expressions." Additionally, protestors may not: "...limit or prevent the speaker's freedom of expression..."

Obviously, the university did not live up to their lofty statement as they did not let our pro-life message be freely "heard" (or seen). Our next step will be to see them in court so we can protect the rights of the courageous UB Students For Life as well as pro-life students across America. Pray for our success.

Canadian CBR Power Team

We are proud of our north-of-the-border affiliate, Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. Executive Director Stephanie Gray continues to boldly lead her youthful team in strategic work to end abortion. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham and Director of Crisis Pregnancy Outreach Lois Cunningham have gladly participated in training summer intern and staff. The following are only a few reports about CCBR's excellent work:

- **GAP:** CCBR brought a team of Canadian university students to work alongside our U.S. staff to reach university students at four Florida universities in February. When volunteers experience the power of our Genocide Awareness Project, many are energized to become CCBR summer interns and even full-time staff members. CCBR now has almost 20 team members.
- **Choice Chains:** "We're at high schools every single day! ... One young man who we met outside John G. Diefenbaker walked up to us immediately after seeing the pictures, said, 'That's wrong!' and took large stack of pamphlets (I'd say 30) and started walking up to his classmates, handing them out saying, 'Here, end abortion! Hey guys, check this out, you need to see this. End abortion!'" (March 7 report from CCBR staffer Lauren Kyfiuk)
- **Anti-Gendercide Campaign:** CCBR is waging war on gendercide; on International Women's Day they sent thousands of educational postcards featuring our 24-week abortion photo which graphically illustrates that baby girls are being killed in Canada just because they're girls. See this video: <http://bit.ly/13214u5>



When wind conditions permitted us to erect our second tier of signs, pro-aborths stood on chairs and hoisted umbrellas and sheets to cover up the truth about abortion.

Thank you for standing with us to seek justice for preborn children and the mothers who are being coerced into abortion.

"He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth."

ISAIAH 42:4A

- Pray for our international CBR affiliates
- Pray for students sponsoring GAP to stand strong against persecution

Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

- April 8-9 University of Missouri
- April 8-9 Auburn University
- April 8-9 Western Michigan State
- April 10-11 University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa
- April 10-11 Eastern Michigan State
- April 15-16 University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- April 22-23 Columbus State Community College

Urban GAP

- April 13-14 Washington, D.C.

Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

- April 6 Marriott Hotel, Dana Point, CA

"Choice" sign outreaches

- May 11 Komen Race For The Cure, Washington, D.C.
- May 12 Komen Race For The Cure, Philadelphia
- Weekly Maine - Portland (Fridays), Augusta (Thursdays), Bangor (Wednesdays)
- Weekly Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, and Rockville, Maryland.
- Also at Northern Virginia Metro stops, Washington, D.C., and Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.



Hey guys, check this out, you need to see this. End abortion!



**Canadian teenager who saw CCBR
photo brochure outside his high school.**



We are preparing a lawsuit again SUNY Buffalo because campus police refused to protect our First Amendments rights.

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