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CBR Victory at SUNY Buffalo GAP

April 28 and 29, 2014 were victorious days for CBR and our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP). Yet, it took a spiritual battle to achieve this victory. Last year, when State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo Students For Life (SFL) sponsored us to bring GAP on campus, the administration attempted to deny us the prime display location. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham had to threaten a lawsuit, and they backed off. During display set-up, SUNY administrators wanted to reduce the size of our display, but we forced them to retreat after another threatened lawsuit. When pro-abortion obstructionist students blocked visibility of our display with bed sheets and signs and umbrellas, the police just stood by and would not stop them despite repeated requests by CBR and Students For Life on both days. Gregg Cunningham even had a phone conversation with the Chief of Police, who refused to do anything.

CBR is unwilling to cower in the face of government officials who deny us our First Amendment rights; too much is at stake. We secured the expert services of American Freedom Law Center and filed a lawsuit against SUNY.

The lawsuit was still proceeding as Matt Ramsey, the president of Students For Life, invited GAP to return to SUNY this spring. This lawsuit cleared the way for our attorney, Rob Muise, to work with SUNY lawyers to effect a better situation this year. The school attorney was present almost the entire display time to help ensure our free speech rights. Because of our lawsuit, this year campus police handed out slips of paper to pro-abortion students warning them not to block our display. When one upset student jumped and reached over our barricade, CBR-Maryland Co-Director Samantha



Pro-abortion students at SUNY were prevented from blocking our GAP display like they did last year, thanks to our lawsuit against the university.



High winds at SUNY on day two of GAP caused our staff to take safety precautions by down-sizing and using reinforced bracing of our display. Our staff nonetheless stood out in the wind and rain and continued to educate students that abortion is an act of genocide. Volunteer Laurice Baddour offers brochures at the left, while CBR-Maryland staffers Jonathan Darnel and Samantha Linnemann, (in pink jacket), are standing next to volunteer Frank Diorio, (behind the display barricade). At right is a SFL volunteer.

Linnemann asked the Chief of Police to intervene; he immediately told the student to get down and gave him their warning slip.

The Spectrum student newspaper published an April 29 story about GAP:

The pictures [again] sparked counter protests ... Students were offended by an analogy found on one of the pictures, comparing the abortions that take place in America to genocide – many students described this as ‘disrespectful,’ especially because Monday was National Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Some students handed out condoms and chanted about their right to choose, while other groups were less serious and dressed up as wizards and protested the ban of Crystal Pepsi.

Christian Andzel, the 2012-13 Students For Life president, who graduated from UB in December with a degree in history and political science, was handing out pamphlets Tuesday afternoon. Under the pouring rain, he was among other volunteers in raincoats and plastic coverlets who approached students.

‘We’re out here to stand for human rights for all human beings,’ he said. ‘The more the slaughter of human beings, the

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GAP Moves Students from Selfishness to Gratitude at UNC-Chapel Hill

The power of CBR's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) was on full display at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill on March 31 and April 1, 2014. A student newspaper editor was not yet mature enough to recognize the significance of GAP, so he gave GAP a "thumbs-down" rating and dismissed us with this blurb: "This week, the quad was greeted with lovely images of aborted fetuses and abused children as part of a pro-life protest. The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform ... found the perfect way to ruin the first perfect day of spring. Sometimes that whole First Amendment thing is a bummer, isn't it?" Daily Tar Heel, April 3, 2014.

In stark contrast, a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate had time to reflect on the impact of GAP and sent us this email the day after GAP:

Dear Genocide Awareness Project,

From 2005-2009, I was a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. On multiple occasions I saw your anti-abortion presentation and was shocked to see the dismembered little bodies. I was pro-choice when I was in college mostly out of selfishness and lack of knowledge as to the development of a fetus. I am now officially pro-life after having my first daughter and finally realizing WHAT is going on when a baby is developing in the womb. My SIX-WEEK baby had a HEART BEAT ... and we are allowed to kill them?

I will not give you my whole story; I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for what you do. I am sure that you get much more argumentative and accusatory feedback than positive feedback. Please let me tell you that when I heard my baby's heartbeat, and I tracked her growth, I remembered your posters on campus and finally understood what you were fighting for...I'm only sorry it took me so long.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO, your project made a difference in my life.

Eugenia Wittick

As we have now taken GAP to hundreds of university and college campuses, we have established good precedents that not only help us get on campuses, but they also help other pro-life groups that use our photos at schools. Some administrators seek to prepare students for GAP by issuing statements, such as UNC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp, who sent an email that informed students: "The University's responsibility is to remain a vibrant intellectual community in which all viewpoints can be comfortably expressed and heard in an atmosphere of civility and respect." DailyTarHeel.com also reported that: "The presentation [GAP] follows all UNC procedures and policies covering events and facilities use." <http://bit.ly/1m2Linz>

Civility was not the approach of Feminist Students United (FSU) and other pro-abortion groups that organized a counter-protest to GAP on Tuesday. They loudly tried to distract students from seeing and hearing our message. The school newspaper reported that FSU even offered "guides to escort people away from the exhibit who



GAP volunteer Julie Thomas courageously wears her "I regret my abortion – Silent No More" t-shirt. This opened up many opportunities for her to share her testimony at UNC-Chapel Hill Genocide Awareness Project.

are uncomfortable" [sic]. This patronizing action is commonly used at abortion clinics. The Daily Tar Heel reported on one student's response to their actions:

But Tony Mellon, a UNC senior, said he found the student protesters, and not the display, to be hostile. 'Protestors were yelling over the anti-abortion displays, playing loud drums and placing their signs and petitions in front of where the displays were positioned,' he said. 'You can't shut someone up just because you don't like it,' Mellon said. 'It's very distracting to what they're trying to do and what they're trying to do is their right on a public university under the clauses of free speech.' <http://bit.ly/1pECpVI>

During the protest chain, a staff member spoke briefly with a student and then offered to sit some distance away from the protestors. They sat together for 20 minutes, saying very little, but thoughtfully reflecting on the images. Then he said, 'You have some compelling arguments. Although I am pro-choice, that doesn't mean I always will be. You've dissected this complex issue and made it very difficult for me to be pro-choice.'

Tony, an African-American student, was looking at the GAP signs and listening to a NARAL woman ranting about "hate." He then pointed to the GAP signs and asked her, "How is that hate?" She replied, "I've had an abortion, and I'm not ashamed of it, but their signs are trying to shame me for my choice." Tony was not buying any of it. He spoke further with our staff and two other students, "It seems like anything pro-God, pro-morality, pro-creation, etc. gets stifled on this campus. It's ironic that they try to profess tolerance, and yet with their appeal to the Dean, they are trying to shut you up, and take away your rights. That's what is hate. If we don't have

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the First Amendment, we don't have anything. With them trying to get you guys off campus, we might as well be back in the 50's. It's just like the racist saying, 'Get in the back, n***.'" "

A female student appeared to be on the verge of tears when a staff member asked if she wanted to talk. Katie shared, "Before seeing your display, if I had gotten pregnant, I would have had an abortion. I never really thought what abortion did to a baby or even if it really was a baby. But NO MORE; NOW I know the truth. I have a post-abortive friend and I am going back to talk with her and provide resources to move her toward healing."

A volunteer gave us her feedback on UNC-Chapel Hill GAP: "As I look back, even though UNC-Chapel Hill was difficult, I could see that God was certainly with us and working. What an experience that was indeed!"

CBR-UK Display Changes People's Minds

At CBR Headquarters, we are continually blessed to see our international affiliates grow as they apply CBR principles to publicly speak up for the babies. Here is an encouraging report from Andrew Stephenson, CBR-UK's founder:

Protecting the right to show abortion photos is vital at a human level. A girl from Sheffield, England, quickly changed her mind on abortion, and she granted CBR-UK permission to capture her newfound position on film. <https://vimeo.com/90070273>

This video was taken on our trip to Sheffield and Manchester. Prior to Gregg's help in clarifying the law on the use of images we would have likely been shut down as soon as we had set up.



In both Sheffield and Manchester, the police took the decision of the court seriously when we handed the ruling to them. Of particular interest was Sheffield. The police

approached us and said they would have to see what happened with complaints from the public, insinuating that if there were some, we would have to close down our display. I handed them the decision from the Brighton Court, and they came back saying they realised there was nothing they can do as the pictures had already been tested. They spent the remainder of the time standing with us facilitating our lawful display.

We have now become so confident of this strategy and our freedom we have upgraded our banners to supersize (in UK terms, these are MASSIVE).

The team here are so grateful to the Cunninghams and our American allies. We have transformed the abortion debate here in the UK only because you have stood with us.

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more we are driven to stand out here – no matter the weather ...'

Samantha Linnemann, the project manager and site coordinator of the Center, said the organization chooses college campuses because this age group is not only the most likely to have abortions, but is the future of policymaking and abortion law.

'College students are the future of America, the future politicians, future lawmakers and future voting citizens,' Linnemann said. . .

For Linnemann, sharing the images is essential to the abortion debate.

'The images are disgusting because abortion is disgusting. If abortion should be legal, why should we not be able to see it?' Linnemann said. 'Why would anyone be afraid to show it?'

<http://bit.ly/1wYiCQq>

Last year's SFL president, Christian Andzel, is now enrolled at Liberty University School of Law and has agreed to help us overcome this Christian school's ban on student displays of abortion photo signs.

We will continue to show abortion photos until adequate numbers of Americans are disturbed enough to make it illegal. CBR will also continue to help international pro-lifers do the same in their countries.

We thank you for your faithful prayers and support of CBR. God is with us as we boldly expose abortion as a deed of darkness.

"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." EPHESIANS 5:11

- Pray for volunteers and resources for our affiliates
- Pray for pastors to lead their churches in pro-life ministry

Events

Matt. 28:20 Church Project

June 20-22 Elevate Music Festival, Prescott, Arizona
June 20 -21 Firefly Music Festival. Dover, Delaware

Urban GAP

July 18-20 Artscape, Baltimore, Maryland

Reproductive "Choice" Campaign (trucks)

June 20-21 Dover, Delaware

"Choice" sign outreaches

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, Towson University and Rockville, MD. Also at Northern Virginia Metro stops; George Mason University in Fairfax, VA; Montgomery Community College in Rockville, MD; Washington, D.C.; and Old Town Alexandria, VA.

Training Seminars/ Speaking Engagements

June 19 Pro-Life Training Academy (PLTA)
Dover, Delaware

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UNC-Chapel Hill student who saw GAP



GAP volunteer Brian McKinney patiently answers student questions at UNC-Chapel Hill Genocide Awareness Project.

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