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Pro-abortion Students Fail Attempt to Halt GAP at Minnesota and North Dakota Universities

This fall, CBR-Missouri/Kansas Director Bill Calvin coordinated an ambitious tour of four universities in the upper Midwest with combined enrollment of nearly 100,000 students. We reported on the Minnesota schools in the October CBR Communiqué, and we continue here with the remaining two.

At North Dakota State University in Fargo, the Collegians for Life chapter sponsored our visit and their members joined our CBR team at the exhibit each day. The CBR team was comprised of CBR staff from Kansas and six young staff women from Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. Additionally, there were volunteers from New Jersey, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Kansas, Alabama and New Jersey.

WDAY ABC-TV broadcast a September 23 news story covering our visit. The story gave a good summary of how GAP works:

“An abortion display at NDSU is bringing students out to the streets in protest.”

CBR - If we only had a table with pro-life brochures, would any students have taken note?

“Pro-abortion students were energized to organize their own small protest on our second day of GAP.”

CBR - This activity almost always helps us as students notice the crowd and then come up and see our display.

“A Canadian [sic] based anti-abortion group arrived to campus this week ... Bringing huge signs with graphic pictures and text, comparing abortion to genocide.”

CBR - Our display is massive and we want students to seriously consider our evidence that abortion is genocide.

“They set up on a main corner of campus on Centennial Boulevard.”

CBR - We ask our sponsoring student group to select the most prominent location for our display where there is heavy student traffic.

“Word quickly spread of their arrival, and pro-choice students quickly formed in protest, bringing signs and slogans to the other side of the road.”

CBR- GAP becomes the talk of the campus.

“Other students stopped by each group in between classes; some joining a side, others just asking questions.”

CBR - GAP makes abortion a topic for discussion and debate; whereas prior, it was a settled issue in most people's minds.

Our GAP team moved on to St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and set up the display on Stewart Hall Mall.

Pro-abortion forces flew into a rage. Mr. Calvin reported: “When the pro-aborts threatened to grab one of our microphones which we use to solicit questions from students – and instead use it to harangue the students with their misrepresentations and lies, the campus pro-life club urged us to cancel the open microphone. Instead we decided to go ahead and power up our dual 125 watt speakers, but we only provided a microphone to our speaker, Devorah Gilman.”

Devorah Gilman, Community Liaison for the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, addressing St. Cloud State University

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Large crowds of students were drawn to GAP at St. Cloud University in Minnesota, thanks in part to the belligerent pro-abortion protestors.



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students, spoke forthrightly in front of the GAP display: “Abortion doesn’t unrape a rape victim. Abortion does not make a poor woman rich. And abortion doesn’t turn a frog of a boyfriend into a prince. Abortion does not prevent two people from becoming parents -- it just makes them the parents of a dead baby. We understand that because we believe in human rights. We have to stand up for the rights of the youngest of our kind, who are being killed every day.”

Pro-abortion students, led by the university-funded “Women’s Center” director, became more angry and attempted to drown out Miss Gilman by shouting. That didn’t work as we turned up the volume on the amplifiers. The pro-aborts became increasingly desperate as they threw coffee at Miss Gilman and tried to pull the plug on our power. At the end of the day, the pro-aborts prevailed on the university president to come out and direct the police to stop our use of our microphone.

The next day, after we pointed out to university officials and police that the university president had violated our free speech rights, we were allowed to continue to use the amplifiers and at our request police stopped the pro-abort shouting.

An opinion piece was written by Vicki Ikeogu, a mass communications and social studies major:

... St. Cloud State recently played host to a traveling exhibit funded by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and sponsored on campus by the Maranatha Christian Fellowship.

... The exhibit, titled ‘Genocide Awareness Project,’ is a nationwide initiative to expose students, faculty and staff members on college campuses to what they describe as a new form of genocide: abortion ... there was a massive amount of backlash from the campus community, a backlash that can only be described as an opposition to free speech ...

Institutions of higher learning have a stigma of being highly liberal. To hear some students state the university should not have hosted this because it goes against that traditional college stereotype is nonsense. They are missing the point. Colleges expose one to new ways of thinking. They provide challenges, and, yes, they will express views from both ends of the spectrum. Just because one does not agree does not mean a view has no place on campus ...

This exhibit was so much more than abortion. It was about the opportunity for students to see firsthand the protections this country’s founders gave each and every one of us, the right to express our opinions freely.

<http://on.sctimes.com/1DPjwpq>

We pray that open-minded students read Miss Ikeogu’s article, and that upon reflection, they have a better understanding of what GAP accomplished for their campus, and for individual babies’ lives.



Canadian CBR Community Liaison Devorah Gilman is being interviewed by WDAY ABC-TV in Fargo at North Dakota State GAP.

**Thank you for your prayers and gifts
to CBR as we seek justice
for preborn babies.**

“You shall follow what is altogether just.”

DEUTERONOMY 16:20a

Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to bless students who sponsor GAP and Christian College Project
- Pray for the Church to take abortion seriously

Events

Christian College Project

December 2 Biola University

Urban GAP

January 22 March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Reproductive “Choice” Campaign (trucks)

Through Dec. 6 Key States Initiative – Louisiana

“Choice” Sign Outreaches

December 10 High School Choice Chain; Raleigh, NC

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, 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

December 8 Biola University – Pro-Life Chapel



Biola Reverses Abortion Photo Ban

By God's grace, CBR made history December 2, 2014 when our staff member, Diana Jimenez, became perhaps the first student at any Christian college in America to conduct a public abortion photo display pursuant to a private university regulation authorizing such exhibits.

Some prominent pro-life advocates rushed to congratulate the university when the administration apologized for harshly punishing Miss Jimenez in May 2013 for her public display of an abortion photo. Biola's president promised to lift the school's ban on demonstrations of this sort. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham was rather more skeptical and withheld judgment until he saw how the new regulation would be interpreted. It now appears that the trust of our more optimistic friends was well-placed. The administrator responsible for approving such exhibits told Miss Jimenez that he was open to the display of our entire Genocide Awareness Project next spring. That would represent a vitally important break-through.

Biola initially sought to confine this December display to the least trafficked area of their authorized display zone, but relented when Miss Jimenez insisted on the most visible zone. Of great significance is that Biola's Sanctity of Life Club participated in this sign display. Their involvement helped give Miss Jimenez's tactics legitimacy.

The student newspaper covered the display with a substantial article that, though not perfect, was quite fair by campus newspaper standards. This news story drew so much attention to the abortion photos that some 80 students turned out for a Pro-life Chapel forum the following week. Gregg Cunningham was invited to speak and focused his remarks on the importance of training and inspiring future pastors to mobilize their churches against child sacrifice. Hardly any students left before the program ended.

We thank God that Biola's administrators proved themselves to be entreatable. It took years of relentless pressure, but to their credit they reconsidered their position and eliminated their prohibition against the public display of abortion photos and moved Biola one step closer to offering courses on sanctity of life matters, and perhaps one day to full pro-life majors!



Gregg Cunningham addresses students at Biola University Pro-Life Chapel December 9, 2014.



Biola student Ariana Gruber stands with Diana Jimenez at Biola University in La Mirada, California. In steady rain, they held the CBR sign that reads: "Would Jesus use bloody pictures to make His point? He already did."



Sanctity of Life Club students hold a CBR sign while Biola students walk by. Many looked intently, but few stopped to talk. We hope it was primarily due to the rain and not apathy.

CCBR Measures Positive Results

Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, our affiliate, continues to boldly educate Canadians about abortion. They commissioned the same pollster used by their politicians with the goal of the data being viewed as reliable and professional. Here are some encouraging results reported in CCBR *End the Killing* Christmas 2014 issue:

- We targeted 110,000 people in the 'Hamilton Mountain' riding, where 80% reported seeing one of our [abortion] images over the past year.
- When asked explicitly how seeing an image of an aborted fetus impacted their view of abortion, 42.3% of respondents said that it made them feel negatively towards abortion.
- We cut the number of people who felt 'positively' towards abortion by 18-22%!

We know what it takes to shift the culture. It's hard work, but it's working!

Kudos to this powerful affiliate of CBR. May God continue to bless them with success!

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Canadian CBR staff member Devorah Gilman



Biola's Sanctity of Life Club officers Jessica Schildt and Matt Norwan stand with Diana Jimenez at the Biola University Christian College Project on December 2, 2014.

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