



Standing in the GAP

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Director's Corner
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Dear Partners and Friends,

We thank God for all you did in 2011 to put the pro-life message squarely in the center of the college campus, *where it's most effective*. And where it can't be ignored. Because of you, CBR visited **23 major universities** enrolling **more than 500,000 students**. (That's half a million, for all you people in Rio Linda.) We added staff and **started new pro-life groups** on campus. We thank God for all you have done, *and for all you will do* in the coming year! *What a blessing to be on God's team, with you!*

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Investing in Lifetimes at Radford University

Did they know we were coming? "Investing in Lifetimes" is the inscription on the Hurlburt Student Center at Radford University (RU). *That's what you were doing* when you supported the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at RU.

Energizing pro-life students. Our hosts were the College Republicans and their President J. P. Monaghan. He was most pleased at the result, noting positive feedback and more RU students joining the College Republicans (edited for space):

I heard a great deal of positive feedback from both students and professors. A friend told me that his philosophy teacher was ecstatic we brought you to campus. I really want to thank your staff and, of course, you for everything you did to make this happen.

It was a good thing most definitely. Like I have told so many (who may or may not have been in favor of the exhibit), if only one person who saw that exhibit chooses life over abortion, then we have done our jobs and saved one of God's miracles, a child's life.

I signed up an additional 38 names during Club Fair last Friday. A lot of that was due to GAP, so thank you for that.

My roommate will e-mail all of the pro-lifers CBR signed up and ask them to either join College Republicans or create an RU pro-life group. Either way, it will be a benefit to this campus.

Once again, thanks so much. Please tell your staff it was wonderful meeting them all.



At Radford University, we set up just outside the Hurlburt Student Center. "Investing in Lifetimes" is the inscription over the main entrance, which was right in front of our huge display. You think they knew we were coming? (God did!)



Pro-abortion professors couldn't defend child-killing, so they celebrated the violence by staging a "Circle of Choice" in front of the GAP display. Very few students joined the "celebration."

Big impact. Megan Ahrenberg complained about the size of GAP in her letter to The Tartan (the RU student newspaper), "The size of these images was so big that even if you didn't want to look at them, they were plastered right in front of your face from **five buildings away**." Mission accomplished.

Barbaric! Student Government Association (SGA) President Lee Hicks said that our display was barbaric. **True!** GAP exposes the barbarity of abortion.

Hate speech? SGA Vice-President Justin Blankenship complained to a TV reporter, "I had countless people come up to me, email me, come to our office and tell me they were afraid to walk across campus. ... We don't oppose free speech. We are in every way for free speech. But when free speech turns to hate speech, we are not OK with that."

In other words, Mr. Blankenship is for free speech, as long as it's his own speech. But if he doesn't like the message, he calls it "hate speech" and demands it be removed. Thankfully, our Founders had Mr. Blankenship in mind when they wrote the First Amendment.

A hornet's nest. A few years ago, I saw a hornet's nest in my yard. My son Chad came out and shot at it with his paint-ball gun. Every time a paint-ball would hit the target, hundreds

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of angry hornets would fly around the nest, looking for somebody to sting. Of course, we kept a safe distance.

And besides, even if those hornets managed to see us (on the other side of the street) and chase after us, I wouldn't have to outrun the hornets; I would just have to outrun my neighbor.

Anyway, we stirred up a real hornet's nest at Radford. The student body appeared to be more pro-life than most, but some professors were visibly agitated, just like those hornets. They couldn't defend child-killing, so they celebrated it. They gathered in front of the display and formed a huge circle. They clapped, danced, and sang "We Shall Overcome." They didn't realize how macabre their festival of singing and dancing appeared, when conducted in front of photos of dead children.

Leader of the Pack. One women's studies professor was a particularly angry sort of person. Tolerance was not on her agenda. If she got within 10 feet of any of us, she would launch into an angry diatribe that continued nonstop until she turned blue. When she paused to breathe, we would try to respond, but she would catch her breath and cut us off.

She would declare our response (which she had not yet heard) to be irrelevant, because we were obviously "irrational" and "illogical." We were tempted to laugh, but we don't know her story. Who knows what is tormenting this woman's soul.

My dream would be to meet her in a debate, where the rules would allow me to speak uninterrupted, but I doubt she would debate me straight up. Abortion advocates win by sewing confusion. Clarity of thought is their enemy. Fallacious dogma cannot withstand scrutiny; it imposes its will only by silencing its opposition. **Fortunately, they can't silence the pictures.**

Educational malpractice. This professor and others like her specialize in teaching unmarketable skills (e.g., writing papers about transgendered studies) to students who must borrow tens of thousands of dollars to pay for the privilege.

On the day of reckoning (AKA "Graduation Day"), these students will learn the hard way that nobody in the productive economy cares about their expertise in "lesbian theory." The political class will hire a few of them for big money at your expense, but there are only so many government jobs to go around.

No wonder the Occupy Wall Streeters are demanding a refund on their college "education" costs. What a scam.

Professors not all closed-minded. Theater professor Lucinda Piro told the Roanoke Times that although she disagreed with both the content and the form of the GAP murals, it does "get students thinking critically. It's a lab for critical thinking and ethical argument."

Pro-aborts agree with us! Radford freshman Joan Laguzza wrote a letter to The Tartan in which she intended to complain about GAP, but she ended up agreeing with us on the most important aspect of the project. She said the photos were assaulting, violent, difficult to look at, nauseating, shocking, traumatizing, etc. **Those are all her words and we agree.** Abortion is all of those things.



CBR Virginia Director Nicole Cooley (left) is Silent No More about her abortion. Her story is a powerful statement. Not only that abortion hurts women, but also that God can forgive and heal. It was enough to convince this student to become pro-life and sign up for a new pro-life group on campus.

But I responded with a fundamental question: How is it that pictures of abortion are too horrific to see, but the act of abortion is OK to do? **(You can link to her letter to The Tartan and my full response by going to FletcherArmstrongBlog.com and searching for "Radford.")**

Bothering people. Ms. Laguzza wanted us to leave our pictures at home and only put fliers on a table, so that she could ignore them. Her complaint reminds us of what they said to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., when he marched against racial injustice. They wanted him to confine his activities to the Black church, where he could talk about racism among people who cared about racism. Everyone else didn't want to be bothered.

But Dr. King knew that in order to change the status quo, he had to show people that racism was much worse than they imagined. It was pictures of Black men and women being attacked with dogs and water cannons—those picture appearing on TV and in magazines reaching millions of American households—that turned the tide against segregation in the South.

Operating principle. Our operating principle actually comes from the King family. Dr. Martin Luther King said that, "America will not reject racism until America sees racism." His niece, Dr. Alveda King, now says that **"America will not reject abortion until America sees abortion."** That's why we are working to show every American what abortion is, an act of violence that destroys a growing child.

Our ultimate goal is to get 375 people to give \$100/month, so we can show abortion to the 50 largest universities in our region. With your help, we'll do it! It is so important to make an annual trip to every school. It's just like freshman math; there's always a new crop of students who are desperate for the truth. Please write a life-saving check of \$50, \$500, or \$5000. No gift is too small and no gift is too large.