

## Standing in the GAP

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**Director's Corner**  
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*Dear Partners and Friends,*

*Have you joined the most effective pro-life team on the planet?* It ain't braggin' if you can do it. Of course, it's not us ... it's God, it's the pictures, and it's you. We have the mandate and we have the tools; we just need you! When you're on our team, *we never lose. We win hearts, change minds, and save lives on campus ...* wherever we go. *Would you join our team?* A bad economy puts more pressure on parents to abort, but leaves us with fewer resources to save them. *Please join our team, today!*

*Fletcher*

### CBR supports cloning humans ...

*... and we need your help to do it!* That's right, we need one more pro-life supporter just like you. *We must clone you!* If we can find another supporter just like you, we could double, even triple, our outreach in the coming school year. *What a blessing that would be!* Wouldn't it be great to have two of you? Would you help us find another pro-lifer like yourself?

1. If you are not already, please consider becoming a regular monthly supporter. *It only takes 8 monthly supporters to add one more major university to our schedule.* Pro-life students are begging us to come and help them, but we can't help them unless you help us.
2. *Give this newsletter to a pro-life friend* and ask him or her to support our campus work every month.
3. Host a gathering of Christian believers in your home. One of our staff members will present our ministry to your Christian friends and family. Call us at 865-609-9033 to *schedule an event at your home.*
4. *Invite Fletcher to speak at your church, Bible study, or other gathering of mission-minded believers.* His talk, "How to be a Pro-Life Hero" has been well-received at both Catholic and Protestant churches.

*We need your special gifts as well. Your gift of \$900 will buy pro-life handouts for 9000 college students/voters.*

*The 2012 elections are just around the corner.* If you want us to educate voters this fall, we need to hear from you now! *Your gift of \$450 will pay for a tank of truck fuel, something we'll need to visit a campus near you.*



*Silent No More at the University of Rhode Island. Their t-shirts said, "I regret my abortion; Please ask me about it." That a male volunteer would wear the shirt was a real bonus.*

### Pro-Abortion Rams Butt Heads With the Truth at the U of Rhode Island

*Southern Hospitality, in the North?* Yes, the pro-aborts came out in force to protest the GAP display at the University of Rhode Island (URI), but we were really struck by how polite most people turned out to be, regardless of whether they agree with us or not. There wasn't much chanting and few open displays of hostility against our team. Pretty calm. Not sure why.

Perhaps the people of Rhode Island are just naturally polite. Perhaps Rhode Island promotes a small-state, small-town culture. Perhaps the 4 police officers at the site put everybody on their best behavior. Perhaps the state is so blue (left-wing), they viewed us more as a curiosity than a threat to their "rights." But whatever the reason, it was much more civil than it would be a few months later in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

*Calm down?* Still, we overheard one student complain as she walked between the protesters and our display. She said, "Why can't both sides just calm down?!" We had to laugh as we thought, "This is as calm as it gets!"

*Silent No More at URI.* Another reason for civility might have been the 4 women and 1 man who wore t-shirts that said, "I regret my abortion; Please ask me about it." Their courage had a powerful effect. Students would approach one of them and say, "I'll talk to you, but not anybody else."

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**Marie attended the Pro Life Training Academy (PLTA) on Sunday and showed up on Day 1 with a shirt that said, "Rape victim; Pro-Life." On day 2, her shirt said, "Abortionists profit from human trafficking."**



**More than 30 pro-life activists attended the Pro Life Training Academy (PLTA). They learned how to articulate and defend the pro-life position. Many would participate in the URI GAP.**

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**Pro-lifers out in force!** Another group out in force was the local pro-life community. About 30 attended the Pro Life Training Academy (PLTA), many of whom came out to staff the GAP display. That kind of presence makes a strong statement.

**Rape victim turns heads and hearts.** The most dramatic witness came later in the afternoon from another rape victim who taped the words "Rape victim; pro-life" on a black shirt, stood defiantly in front of the abortion pictures, and faced the protestors across the street. They gaped at her, and a number of them immediately abandoned their protest.

**Media.** We got unbelievable coverage on the front page of the student newspaper, plus a whole 2-page spread of photos that included some of our best GAP signs. Based on an online search, it appeared to be the first mention of abortion in the student paper since 2008! Talk about ignoring injustice. Yikes!

**Great quotations.** We spoke to many who supported us, as well as many who did not. Hearts and minds were changed:

*This is great! I've been asking for this for years. It's based on scientific fact!* (URI staff member)

*There are many girls on this campus who have been through this, but the truth needs to be told.* (male student)

*I want to get away from sick people like you.* (female)

*Yeah, it's definitely not what they tell you it is.* (passerby)

*I think this is awesome and honorable that you guys are here. We college kids are a tough crowd.* (female student)

*You guys are pigs. I hate those zeroes.* (protester)

*Shocking, but I guess that's the point. I'm pro-choice but I'm willing to hear your point of view.* (female student)

*I agree with you, but I need to be careful what I say while at work.* (male staff member)

*We're in a country where we don't want to be accountable for our actions and that scares me.* (male passerby)

*Thank you for what you guys are doing.* (male passerby)



**Good apologetics training, like CBR's Pro-Life Training Academy, allowed high-school student Safie Lamin to speak with confidence, even among older, more advanced students.**

**One of the more clever signs we've seen: "Who are u-terus to tell me not to abort?"**

**Answer: citizens with a conscience.**

**After 2 days looking at the truth of abortion, we pray he will never be tempted to kill his own child.**



**More to come?** We'll do more of this, but only if you help. *If only 8 people give \$100 per month, we can add another major university to our schedule every year.* Perhaps you can't give \$100, but you can give something. God called each of us to be either goers or senders. **We'll go! Please send us.**