

# Holocaust survivor speaks to capacity audience

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participation in the resistance against the Nazis. Faber, who was born in Poland, witnessed the murder of his parents and six of his seven siblings during the Holocaust and was imprisoned in eight different concentration camps, including Auschwitz.

During the presentation, Faber recounted many of his childhood memories as well as his final moments with his various family members.

"They were torturing him, punching into him and hitting him again and again," Faber said telling about the death of his brother. "They took out a red hot poker and pushed it into his left eye. I was 14 years old, just a boy, and I was watching my brother die."

Faber's visit to Elon was sponsored by the Liberal Arts Forum, the History Department, the Office of Residence Life and Hillel, the Jewish campus life organization. Together, these organizations brought Faber to North Carolina for one week where he spoke at Elon, Meredith College, North Carolina State and Chapel Hill.

"I hope it was educational," said Steve Anderson, Assistant Director of Residence Life. Anderson said the presentation was

planned to be meaningful, important, as well as inspiring. "I hope it gave the audience something to take with them for their generation and future generations."

Faber lectures frequently for no cost, and his book is a required reading at many middle and high schools as well as colleges and universities across the nation. His book was recently published in German and is now a part of the curriculum in many schools in Germany.

Many students who attended the presentation said they enjoyed the chance to hear Faber speak. "I think every book I have read about the Holocaust pales in comparison to this. I've read people's accounts, but to actually hear someone's account and to see them choke up and cry about it so many years later is one of the most moving experiences of my life," said freshman Trista Duval.

The presentation lasted almost two hours, and at the conclusion of the lecture, the audience rewarded Faber with a full minute of standing ovation.

Before concluding, Faber offered some advice and words of warning to those in the audience. "You are the future of this great country and you must learn to respect each other. It doesn't matter if you're black, white,



David Faber



Hispanic, Jewish or Catholic—there is one god and he loves us all." He said, "Unless you learn to accept each other, you are going to destroy each other. You can live together," said Faber, "it doesn't matter what race or religion you are."

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Students crowded Whitley hoping to see David Faber. They found most of the seats were occupied, and they were forced to listen to Faber from the floor or outside the auditorium.

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