



Holocaust survivor tells Meredith community about the horrors of hate

David Faber tells about enduring the murder of his family and life in, eight concentration camps and living with the memory of the Holocaust.

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David Faber, the speaker at the Chapel service last Wednesday, experienced a childhood much different than many of ours. As a

young boy, he was routinely called a "Christ killer" at school and teased about being Jewish on the playgrounds. These were the happier parts of his childhood, before the Nazis plowed down Polish defenses in World War II, detaining Polish Jews in concentration camps as the troops made their way closer to the Soviet border.

In August of 1939, Faber's childhood was ended when Panzer divisions of the Luftwaffe swept into

Katowice, his hometown.

"I just remember thinking that we were all going to die. We had heard about what the Nazis had been doing throughout the rest of the conquered regions. I knew we were in trouble," Faber said when he talked to Dr. Carolyn Happer's Holocaust class last Wednesday.

Happer's class has been reading Faber's book, *Because of Romek*, a book that has been widely acclaimed as one of the best

ever written from the point-of-view of a child.

Because of Romek gives an account of the many heartbreaking experiences Faber endured in the concentration camps. He shares with his readers the night he was forced to watch his older brother, Romek, be tortured to death by notorious Nazi concentration camp leaders, Grunow and Rommelmann.

He tells about the feelings of despair, loneliness, and anger that he felt upon the

murder of the rest of his family.

Readers also learn about how he was forced to take gold teeth out of the mouths of corpses as they were brought out of the gas chamber, how he conspired with Russian partisans when he only 14 years old, and how, at age 18, he only weighed 72 pounds when he was liberated from Bergen-Belsen in 1945.

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Vickers announced as December commencement speaker

Marcia Vickers, a 1983 Meredith graduate, will return to campus to give the commencement address next month.

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Marcia Vickers, a 1983 Meredith graduate, will be speaking to the winter graduating winter class of 2002 on Dec. 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Auditorium.

Marcia Vickers is the associate editor of *Business Week* magazine. She began her work with *Business Week* in 1999 as the Department Editor of markets and investments.

In 2000, Marcia became the Associate Editor, which promoted her to be the principal markets reporter and commentator for the magazine.

Vickers had many jobs before her current one with *Business Week*. She has

been a writer for the *New York Times* Sunday Business Section and was the Editor-in-Chief for the trade magazine, *On Wall Street*.

The combination of these jobs has given her opportunities to appear on such news shows such as, "Moneyline" and "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings" and others on CNN, CNBC, ABC and National Public Radio, and "Money Talks".

Vickers said her experiences here gave her more confidence to tackle the "real world".

"At Meredith, I was a writer for the newspaper, then called *The Twig*. I was also a senior class officer and wrote a play for Stunt, among other things. In a smaller environment, I was able to gain leadership experience, as well as hands-on experience doing things I probably wouldn't have been able to do at a

large university," Vickers said.

Vickers was asked to give the commencement speech in a written letter from Dr. Maureen Hartford.

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