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Professor uses Holocaust evidence to combat propaganda, ignorance

By Shani Levine

Between the years of 1939 and 1945, Europe was taking part in the Holocaust - the systematic and bureaucratic annihilation of six million Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators.

Today, the Holocaust stands as a tragedy not only for Europe but for the whole world. The tortures, horrors, and murders that occurred during Hitler's attempt at annihilating an entire people must never happen again. Therefore, the Holocaust has to be remembered.

And since the end of the Holocaust, many people, both concentration camp survivors and witnesses to the Holocaust have campaigned to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive in order to combat anti-Semitism and racism. General Dwight D. Eisenhower after visiting a concentration camp shortly after its liberation said, "The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering... I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations to propaganda." In addition, thousands of books, movies, interviews and speeches have been made in order to keep the lessons of the Holocaust alive.

That is why the Roper Organization's survey which says that one in five Americans do not believe that the Holocaust was possible is so disturbing. America's lack of knowledge on the facts of the Holocaust is also not being helped by the increasing

number of people who are saying that the Holocaust never happened through the use of propaganda books and articles.

However, the struggle to educate people about the Holocaust has not stopped. And, on April 19, 1993, exactly 50 years after the heroic Warsaw uprising, 60 Grimsley students embarked on a "Journey of Conscience" which carried them through Europe and the Middle East. Guided by Dr. Pollick, Assistant Director for Jewish studies at Harvard, the purpose of the "trip" was to understand the Holocaust's "most important lesson - that when good people do nothing, evil people can literally do anything and will do anything," Pollick explained.

Through the use of slides Pollick transported the students to various transit (camps for important prisoners), death, and concentration camps. The students were able to "visit" the barracks in which the prisoners were kept and saw the ovens which cremated the bodies of the dead prisoners. They also learned various statistics such as the fact that 1,500,000 children were killed in the Holocaust.

But the point of the presentation and other Holocaust exhibits, such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., which opened on April, 22, 1993, is not to horrify the audience with the evils of Nazi - Germany, but to bring home the lesson that such evil can happen. The way to prevent it is to be vigilant and to constantly fight against all of anti-Semitism, racism, or any other forms of hatred and intolerance.



art by Chris Walker

Stay sober and drug-free on graduation night to win cash and prizes

By Susan Barham

Graduation night is a very exciting time for seniors. It can also be one of the most dangerous nights for celebrating graduates. For this reason, Grimsley's PTSA is sponsoring Project Graduation.

This is the third year Grimsley has had Project Graduation." This is an all night drug and alcohol free celebration for Grimsley's graduating seniors," says 1992 chairman Charlene Barham. This event is held at the Central YMCA on west Market Street and is only open to Grimsley's graduating seniors. Project Graduation lasts from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am on graduation night. Graduates are allowed to leave but must sign out and are not allowed back in. Also, those students who decide to leave forfeit their chances to win a door prize. These include such gifts as money, telephones, answering machines, a television, a dorm size refrigerator, jewelry, and gift certificates. Winners are notified when their name is drawn, but may not pick up their prize until 6:00 am.

Project Graduation is a cooperative effort of Grimsley parents, faculty, and the business community. Senior and underclass parents can make monetary contributions. It is important that underclass parents

support Project Graduation now so that it will still remain a tradition when their children are seniors.

The YMCA will be filled with activities for participating seniors such as : a bingo room, a disk jockey, a make-up demonstration by I Natural, a baby picture contest, a casino room, volleyball, basketball, a caricaturist, photos, face painting, fortune telling, and free food all night long.

The General Chairs this year are Carolyn Gordon, Peg Moore, and Charlene Barham. Tickets will be on sale Meeting Day and will also be sold in the Main Office for \$ 5.00 a person. Along with the tickets, students will receive a t-shirt with a design by Elliott Hundley. For further information, call Carolyn Gordon at 852-3968.

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