

Jews, Christians discuss 'Holocaust'

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'Just remember'

Persons who had watched the NBC mini-series "Holocaust" gathered last week to comment on the show they'd been watching for four consecutive nights.

The Jewish Student Union (JSU) and the Campus Christian Ministry (CCM) co-sponsored a panel discussion Thursday evening in the EMU that served as a forum for those who viewed the program.

The national program depicted the plight of European Jews during Hitler's regime. An estimated 120 million viewers saw it.

On the panel were Doug Huneke and Anne Kelsey from CCM, Alise Kimberg, wife of a rabbi, and Saul Toobert and Philip Mannheim, JSU faculty advisers.

As an introduction, Mannheim said, the program is "something you don't want to watch, but can't help watching."

Huneke compared his television-watching experience with his visit to Auschwitz death camp in Poland. About 1,500 people entered and toured the camp in groups of 30, he said. Each group stayed for a one-hour maximum.

He said it was the only camp he'd visited where people were openly weeping and expressing emotion, yet they were "shuttled from point to point — nobody had time to stop, to reflect, to look, to feel."

During the show he said, "there was no point where one could stop and weep, no point where we could stop and reflect on our feelings."

He was also disturbed, he added, by the contrast of the commercial interruptions — seeing a dozen people get shot one minute and then seeing Bill Cosby or a pantyhose commercial.

"I had high expectations for the series — but then nothing could have met them," he said.

Audience reactions ranged from anger and bitterness to shock. Some skirted political issues, others offered personal comments. Many felt the program was flawed and "soap operish," but one audience member remarked, "How many millions watched and know something they didn't know before?"

She cited an example of a fifth-year University senior who did not know prior to the program that Russia was part of the allied forces during World War Two.

An elementary school teacher said "Americans needed a soap opera-type thing — that they wouldn't watch otherwise."

Her students, she said, were shocked for the most part, but there was also kidding in the halls like, "You Jew, I'm going to incinerate you."

"I just wanted to turn it off," Kelsey said. "I didn't want to watch any more." But her 11-year-old son insisted they watch every night.

"To me, that's where the meaning came in — the interaction between us. I found my son's reaction to the whole thing very meaningful."

One woman said there was hardly time to make



transitions between the impact of the program and going on with everyday life. She said she found herself having flashes of the event in the wrong places, "like in the supermarket or while reading to my kids."

Some expressed shock at the capability of human beings to commit such atrocities. "Don't kid yourself," said Kimberg. "We are all capable of becoming Nazis"

"Everytime you say 'Look at them,' you're missing the point," she continued. "While we're telling stories and talking about other people, we're also talking about ourselves."

Facing the fact it happened at all is difficult, Kimberg added, but every once in awhile in our "cushioned world" we get a reminder.

"There is nothing as painful as noticing the numbers on the arm of a man rolling up his sleeves when he's washing his hands or a woman handing you change in a store," she said.

An older member of the audience who was in Germany during World War II said "the world knew and the Germans knew" about Hitler's plan for the 'Final Solution.' "His intention was always the extermination of the Jews." The man cited Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf," which stated his plan before he was even in power.

One blonde-haired young woman said she grew up "wishing and pretending" she wasn't Jewish. She said her home in Southern California was spray-painted with Nazi symbols, and her family was on a Nazi mailing list. She said the program was a very emotional experience for her.

Another teacher's ninth graders agreed that maybe the Jews shouldn't have been killed, but that the homosexuals "asked for it."

Huneke said in our own community we are now performing the rituals of the concentration camps with homosexuals.

"We are subjecting to a 'democratic vote' their unalienable right to a job," said Toobert.

Other contemporary parallels cropped up, among them Pro-Palestinian and Third World statements.

"Paraguay, Brazil, Chile all parallel Nazism. What of the oppression all over the world?" one man said.

The differing opinions and political beliefs caused static and tempers flared.

Another man's comment brought the many sides together: "If we sit back, we're not learning from history. It is not Arab. It is not Jew. It is we who are doing it." The crowd broke into applause.

Huneke also said the victims of the Holocaust are "being killed a third time in memory."

"We burn them, we burn their books, and in the 1960s when we were building memorials to these people, there is no mention of Jews." He said nowhere on the Auschwitz site is there a mention of Jewish deaths.

The forum closed. What to do? Many resolved to read more, to learn more about other political systems.

Kimberg said, "Life can be celebrated. Teach children to appreciate their lives. Every moment has potential. Teach them the potentiality of good."

A voice from the back of the room said, "Remember. Just remember. It will help you."

Art show begins today

The University's annual undergraduate art show will be held this week from noon to 4 p.m. daily, in Room 167, EMU.

The free showing will feature judged drawings, photographs, paintings, standing sculptures and tapestries.

Entertainment by Charles Dowd, jazz vibraphonist and University assistant professor of music, will open the show today.

Group says nursing home care is good, but profits are too high

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Nursing home care in the Eugene-Springfield area may be adequate, a report by the Lane County Long Term Care Council (LTCC) says, but the cost for that care is "startlingly high."

The report, the first of its kind in the state, was released Friday by LTCC chairer Jim Davis and outlines 12 major recommendations for the improvement of nursing home care. Included in those is a recommendation for an investigation into the profits made by most homes.

The LTCC, a 12-member citizens group, began the nursing home study more than a year ago, Davis says. During that time a five-member evaluation team visited 12 area nursing homes and gathered information on the types of patient care provided, the staff skills, the care's costs and the environment of each institution.

Although the group found the level of nursing home care to be better than many other areas of the state, the cost for that care was unusually high, Davis says.

"The trend toward profit orientation in the nursing home industry is disturbing and somewhat distasteful," the report says. "The first and foremost objective of any nursing home should be effective care of the patient. The concern for profit doesn't quite seem to fit."

The average cost of nursing home care is nearly \$30.46 a day or almost \$900 a month, the report says.

Those findings have led the group to recommend that the state Legislature begin an investigation into the profit situation in Oregon's nursing home industry and evaluate effective alternatives to institu-

tional care, Davis says.

"Some of the questions that an investigation should answer are whether the prices could be lowered and adequate care still be given and just how big the nursing home profits really are," Davis says. Most homes in the area are either corporate owned or under multiple ownership, and the profits don't always go back into the improvements of the home's care.

"The whole question of cost should be looked into," Davis says.

"We don't want any large corporations or private owners to make big profits off the care of seniors. We want the seniors care to be the first priority."

Among the group's recommendations is that more homes become non-profit, Davis says, which could mean lower prices and better care. Only one of the evaluated homes was non-profit.

In other areas, the group reported that many patients in need of a doctor's care are not receiving the attention they should.

While nursing home doctors are supposed to visit the institutions as often as needed, some patients' medical charts are signed by the doctors without first seeing the patients, the report says.

"Many times private doctors were not always looking after the patients as they should," Davis says. "Some doctors had the charts sent to their offices and signed them without ever seeing the patients."

The group's recommendations for better nursing home care could probably be instituted without any additional cost to the operators, Davis says.

"It shouldn't cost very much to follow our recommendations because they should already be doing most of what we have recommended," he says.

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DICK — there is a lot to learn. — Remember always have an open mind. Good luck, you Big Bro, Ben. 4:24

THETAS CONGRATULATIONS!!! ...hope I can keep you all satisfied. We all know the third name must be the charm. 60 Dates. — Happy — Love, Plop. 4:24

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CLAM, Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin. 4:24

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