

Auschwitz survivor Golden tells of nightmare

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Diana Golden, a survivor of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland, visited campus last Wednesday to tell of her World War II ordeal for Dr. Donald Epstein's class concerning the Holocaust. The last part of April and the first part of May is designated as the Holocaust Remembrance time.

During the time of the Nazi invasions, Golden lived in the Island of Rhodes off of Italy, where she was born. She said,

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"Everything was fine until the Second World War started." At that time it was not immediately that "we were suppressed by deeds, but by the press," Golden said.

But the situation was only to get worse for Golden's family. The family would later be separated; the majority of which would die. There were three survivors from Golden's immediate family. They were one of few families with that many survivors.

Still, it was not the end of the ordeal for the trio when the Nazi concentration camps were liberated. The Russians did not want to let the Italian Jews return to their country, because

Candidate Kopetski addresses ASG

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"I'm not just another Democrat running for office, I'm an Oregonian running for office," said Mike Kopetski, a candidate for Congress, at last week's Associated Student Government meeting.

Kopetski, one of five Democrats running for the newly created fifth Congressional district, has had 14 years of experience in the state and federal level, but has never held an elected office.

Kopetski's background includes administrative work on the Oregon House Labor and Education Committees. Nationally, he was an investigator on the Watergate commission.

"Oregon is facing very difficult times," Kopetski said at the Thursday meeting. "Our qualified work force is leaving the state to find work elsewhere and our local government's budgets have been seriously eroded. The reason is, people aren't working and paying income taxes. We have to correct this," he said.

Kopetski feels that attracting new business into the state is highly important. One way to

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she said, of Italy's alliance with Hitler. To refute this, the Italians showed the Russians the numbers that had been engraved on their arms while in the camps.

"To this day I wonder how they were able to inflict such pain on people," Golden said. In being shipped to Auschwitz, the prisoners were put into box cars with up to 95 people per car. Then, the occupants were only allowed to urinate and defecate once a day.

When they were put on a ship to continue their journey,

they were issued one can per compartment to use for bodily functions. They could empty it only once a day.

The feeding procedure was to allow one person per family to come up and get one slice of bread for their entire family, regardless of size. This was done at the same time they were to empty the cans.

Upon entering Auschwitz, Golden recalled the first word she learned in the German language was the number she was issued in place of her name, and then engraved on her arm.

Golden's father had died on the way to the camp.

Golden later felt, "he was very fortunate to have died when he did, so that he didn't have to go through even worse pain."

Golden was immediately separated from her mother and a few aunts and uncles upon

entering the camp and never saw them again. She was, however, allowed to stay with her two sisters.

The daily routine for Golden during her eight month stay in the camp consisted of being inspected in the nude by a doctor who would determine

who was fit to work. Those who were not fit were sent to the gas chambers.

In terms of clothing, female prisoners were issued one dress, and "if you were lucky, we were given clogs to wear on our feet," Golden said.

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Prisoners were allowed to shower about once a month, but they had to wait three months before they could brush their teeth. "After three months without brushing, our gums were like bubble gum," Golden said.

Golden was later transferred to another camp where discipline wasn't quite as harsh.

"If we were good and obeyed, we were issued panties," she said.

Golden is now living in Vancouver, Washington with her husband. "I am grateful to be in this country--the country of hope," she said.

In his introductory remarks, Epstein said, "The

Holocaust will go down with the Book of Ester from the Bible."



DIANA GOLDEN

Staff Photo by Duane Hiersche

Harlan takes campaign race to student government meeting

Dale Harlan, a Democratic candidate for the office of Clackamas County Commissioner, spoke to the Associated Student Government two weeks ago.

Harlan served two terms representing the county in the Oregon House of Representatives during the sixties. He chose not to run for a third term and devoted his time to his law practice. He has practiced law in this county for 25 years.

Harlan feels that the county commissioners can help turn the tide of voter apathy. "We need a lot of citizen participation," he said. Harlan pointed out that President Reagan was elected with only 26 percent of all eligible voters for him, "...and that was considered a mandate!" Harlan said.

"The greatest need in Clackamas County government is to establish a well-informed, concerned, and decisive Board of County Commissioners," Harlan said. "Distrust, bickering and pettiness only detract from getting the job done."

Harlan feels that the incumbent, Democrat Stan Skoko, has contributed to the bickering in the Board. He also claims Skoko chooses not to participate in Housing Authority matters, he is opposed or refuses to participate in actions involving the Development Agency, opposes human resource programs and "often votes 'absent,' abstains, or casts the only 'no' vote without explanation," he said. "An elected official has an obliga-

tion to make his views known in public and to vote on the issues fairly and honestly."

There are six Democrats running for the office. At the Thursday ASG meeting, Harlan said that some of the Democratic candidates may have to drop out to consolidate votes and remove the incumbent. When asked if he would be willing to remove himself from the race, in order to enhance another candidate, Harlan said, "Yes, I suppose I would. However, I feel I'm number two or three, if not number one, in the race right now."

Harlan has garnered the support of the Central Labor Council, Oregon Education Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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