



Students Discuss Holocaust Internationally

Students separated by an ocean are conversing about a book they are reading in class through an Internet cyber café.

Lana Bernhardt from the International Book Sharing Project, a program sponsored by the American Friends of the Ghetto Fighters' Museum in Israel, introduced 61 students from Mrs. Phyllis Bixler's three English I classes to their own cyber classroom.

During this orientation, Ms. Bernhardt demonstrated how

students will use cyberspace to communicate with their Israeli peers at Yigal Alon High School in Nazareth about a shared reading project and learn more about the students and Israeli culture.

This innovative, Internet-based study program has paired Notre Dame Academy directly with another high school in Israel for the study and online discussion of *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize



Ms. Bernhardt and Mrs. Bixler and several English I students.

recipient.

An important part of the process is when the students get to know one another prior to actually reading the novel. This is the second year for Notre Dame Academy in the International Book Sharing Project.

Alumna appears on Ellen DeGeneres



Sara and Ellen enjoying her photo

She had no idea that posting a silly grade school photo on her Facebook page would cause such a stir. Friends persuaded **Sara Schlachter Best '85** to submit it to *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, which periodically features funny fan photos.

Sara submitted the photo and three days later, she received a late night phone

call from *Ellen's* producers. The next Tuesday, she received another call asking her to fly to Hollywood for a whirlwind taping. "I had a blast! It was so fast and surreal," said Sara.

Her TV debut was well-received. She's heard from several long-lost friends and received a lovely note from a neighbor of hers when she was a child.

Her photo with wild hair and tablecloth dress may be outrageous but there's a lesson to be learned. Sara said, "we all change and grow but we must preserve the natural joy we all had as a child."

Upcoming

Alumnae Events

- *Alumnae Association Meeting— NDA Resource Center (Library) 5:30 to 7p.m., Tues., Dec. 1*
- *Social Gathering & Networking— Mancy's Italian on Monroe St.. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wed., Dec 2*

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Forward to other alums and send us their e-mails so we can keep everyone in the loop!

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