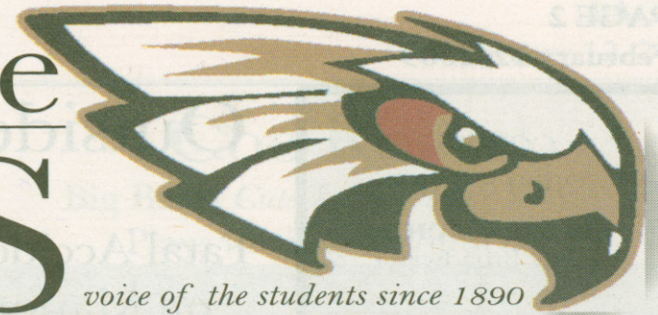


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A Haunting Collection of Letters and
Personal Artifacts from the Holocaust
Will Be On Campus Saturday

Letters From Hell

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News Editor



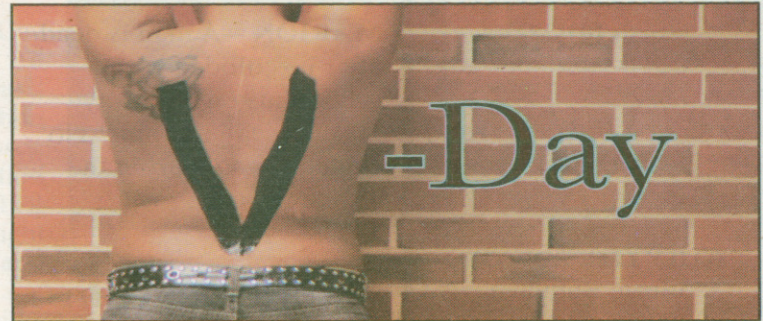
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A postcard and currency from Auschwitz.

A large collection of letters, postcards, currency and other artifacts from the Holocaust will be on display in the Perrine Gallery of Stewart Memorial Library this Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Professor of Physics Steve Feller will also be giving talks about the money of the concentration camps at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the library AV theater.

Prof. Feller is co-author, along with his daughter Ray, of a book about the money used

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BEN KAPLAN

Students Work to End Violence Against Women

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In the past week you may have seen ({}i) plastered about Coe's campus in reference to V-Week. But what is ({}i), V-Week, V-Day, or anything V-related? The *Cosmos* is here the help you out.

V-Day is the global movement to stop violence against women and girls; it acts as a "catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness,

new global campaign to "call attention to the wide-scale atrocities committed against women and girls in the Eastern DRC." Lead by Schnell, the Teach-In gave information about the war-torn history of Congo, and how it has affected women and girls. The Eastern DRC has been identified as the most dangerous place to be a women or a girl in the world; rape has been used a war tactic and recently violence reached a new extreme.

Holocaust Letters

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Coins from the Lodi ghetto, in World War II concentration camps. *Silent Witnesses: Civilian Camp Money of WWII* details how money was used and issued in these environments.

The collection of Holocaust artifacts is from the collection of the Florence and Laurence Spungen Foundation. The artifacts and letters give a detailed, personal glimpse of the Holocaust; they span almost the entire length of the Nazi regime, from 1933 to 1945.

"One of the most heart-breaking artifacts and historical evidence of Nazi desecration is a torn fragment of a hand-written Hebrew parchment from a Bible scroll

(Tanakh). A German soldier used the holy scripture to wrap a parcel he mailed from Russia to Austria in 1942," said Daniel Spungen, a Spungen Foundation board member.

Besides the desecrated holy scroll the collection contains a number of important pieces. It contains the earliest known piece of mail sent from a concentration camp, from the Dachau camp in 1933 as well as a collection of letters carried out of the Warsaw Ghetto through sewers by Jewish children.

"These actual items from the camps tell their own stories. They are truly silent witnesses," said Prof. Feller.