Faculty concerned over smoke regulation

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With all University campuses going smoke-free on Jan 1, 2011, the FIU chapter of the United Faculty of Florida want to make sure their privileges don’t go up in smoke.

In a letter delivered by hand to University President Mark Rosenberg, Kathleen Wilson, president of UFF-FIU, wants two questions answered: the authorization of reasonable exceptions including bringing the caped crusader along with several animated incarnations.

“We look forward to President Rosenberg’s response as to when we can meet with representatives from the University and begin to bargain over the impact of the smoke-free campus policy,” said Wilson in an interview with Student Media.

The University Board of Trustees gave the final approval for the tobacco ban at their Sept. 24 meeting, with all voting yes except Student Government Association representatives Darriet Perry and Darian Malary in running over 100 yards.

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WITHIN THEIR GRASP

Midterm election youth vote goes down

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While a new study from Harvard’s Institute of Politics shows that 60 percent of young voters between the ages of 18 and 29 are concerned they won’t be able to meet their bills and obligations in the current economy, the youth vote during the mid-term elections went down an 18 percent in comparison to the 2008 elections.

CBS News reported that only nine percent of voting youth cast their ballots for their preferred candidates during these midterm elections.

“It’s a selfish world,” said Ana Bush, a sophomore studying at FIU. “If people feel like it doesn’t have any effect on them directly, they don’t care and ignorance is bliss.”

Senior Alexandra Montesino thought otherwise, attributing the declining amount of votes to a lack of information.

“I believe that the main reason the youth isn’t voting is because they are uninformed especially at the state level,” she explained.

“They don’t know or understand what’s at within their grasp.”

Michael Uslan
Producer of Batman: Dark Night Rising

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Ever since he was eight years old, Michael Uslan has always wanted to be a part of the creative team behind Batman.

Uslan, 59, is credited as executive producer on every film in the franchise from 1989’s Batman to 2008’s The Dark Knight, along with several animated incarnations.

Uslan spoke to an audience of hundreds in the Graham Center Ballrooms on November 10 about his various life experiences including bringing the caped crusader onto the silver screen.

“You’re looking at the ultimate comic book geek. I was that guy that every Wednesday was at the comic book shop, picking up comics. By the time I was 14 years old and the girls found out that I was reading comic books, I was used to call ‘date challenged,’” said Uslan.

By the time he graduated high school, Uslan was the owner of over 30,000 comics.

While enrolled at Indiana University in the 1970’s, Uslan proposed the first ever accredited course on comic books. Uslan described how he convinced a skeptical dean within the university to approve the course by asking the dean to describe the story of Moses.

“The Hebrew people were being persecuted, their first born being slain. A Hebrew couple put their infant son in a basket and sent him down the Nile. He’s discovered by an Egyptian Family, then grows up to become a great hero to his people,” recounted Uslan.

Uslan then recounted asking the dean to describe the origin of Superman.

“The planet Krypton was about to blow up. A scientist and his wife put his infant son on a rocket ship and send him to earth. There he’s discovered by the Kent’s who raise them as his own,” said Uslan.

Uslan would soon get approval and later gain media attention for the course, eventually working at D.C. Comics and writing for the Batman comic series. He would soon shift his focus towards pushing for the production of a “dark, serious Batman movie.”

During his lecture Uslan expressed disappointment for the 1966 television series starring Adam West and Burt Ward, which was a comedic interpretation of the comics.

“I made a vow. Somehow, I will wipe out from the collective consciousness of the world culture three little words: pow, zap and whom,” Uslan said.

The process of producing a new Batman movie would take over ten years for Uslan, who would assemble the money to purchase the screen rights for Batman in 1979 and then spend much of the following decade searching for a Hollywood studio and producer to tackle the project.

It would culminate with the popular success of the 1989 film, Batman and subsequent sequels.

“Batman has no superpowers. His greatest superpower is his humanity. His rough gallery of villains is untouchable. And in my heart of hearts, when I was eight years old, if I studied really hard and if I worked out really hard and if my Dad bought me a cool car that I could be this guy,” said Uslan.

He concluded the evening with a question and answers session, prefacing the session by asking the audience not to ask for specific information about the next Batman film, The Dark Knight Rises, currently in pre-production. Afterwards, he was available for autographs.

“I’m here to tell students that a blue collar kid with no connections and no money was able to make his dreams come true.”

Michael Uslan
Wilson, who represents more than 940 faculty members in UFF’s FIU chapter, presented the letter to the president a month later on Oct. 25. Since then, the union has received responses from the upper administration and both sides are attempting to set up a meeting to address the two main concerns through the bargaining process.

The smoking ban had not been voted in a comprehensive way to the UFF-FIU nor were they given an opportunity to “meaningful input into the decision,” Wilson said to Student Media.

“The Board of Trustees has the right to implement that policy without bargaining with us but we have a right to bargain over the impact of the policy over the people we represent,” said Professor Lorna Veraldi, chief negotiator for UFF-FIU and journalist professor at the University. “I asked the president to write the letter to the president.”

Since the regulation will prohibit smoking anywhere at any time on all University property, the UFF-FIU argued in its letter that teaching and other scheduled activities “must be scheduled so as to permit reasonable breaks during the workday for employees to leave campus to smoke.”

Such breaks would need to be for “reasonable amounts of time to drive to non-campus property and to find parking upon a return to campus,” the letter said.

While Rosa Jones, vice-president of student affairs, stated during the BOT meeting that the steering committee in charge of facilitating the transition will take an educational approach to the smoking ban for the first six to eight months, the UFF-FIU felt that the specific punishment for faculty must be immediately addressed.

“It is not clear from the policy what would be the potential disciplinary consequences, if any, of either a first violation or repeated violations of the Policy. Before the Policy is implemented, clear procedures need to be articulated, in keeping with the principles of progressive discipline, due process, and protection of activities that fall outside the scope of employment set forth in the BOT-UFF Policy on Disciplinary Action and Job Abandonment,” according to Wilson’s letter.

The steering committee has recently created a separate committee that is to address the issue of sanctions.

Social enforcement will be the preferred method for the first six to eight months, after which a period of “positive reinforcement” will follow. The committee would then address what kind of consequences are appropriate for University members who fail to abide by the regulation.

“I don’t think that the University or the trustees have thought about what this will mean to someone who is found smoking on University property,” said Veraldi, who admitted she is not a smoker. “One of our big concerns is whether this does mean this to our employees. So if a faculty member or librarian is found smoking in their vehicle in the parking garage, will they be subject to discipline? Could they be fired? Could they have pay taken away?”

UFF-FIU representatives hope to reach an agreement in the next two weeks so that faculty becomes aware of the sanctions before the campus turns smoke-free on Jan. 1, 2011.

“I know that the University has said and that they’re sincere that they want this to be a positive policy rather than a punitive one and that they’re offering ways to stop smoking tobacco,” said Veraldi. “But I think that we have to recognize that this is a campus where people are commuting here on very tight schedule and there are people who have chosen to smoke. There will be consequences for that and they have to know what those are.”

Support for President Obama down amongst students

She feels this is the main reason why a large amount of students are not interested in politics.

At the youth town hall, President Obama explained that throughout elections people emphasize differences.

“Although I am a proud Democrat,” he said, “I’m a proud American and I think that all of us believe, regardless of our party affiliations, that this is a critical time where we have to solve big problems.”

Montesino explained this is the main reason why she voted: “Because we need changes to be implemented to boost our economy and lower the unemployment rate.”

“I find it important for someone who is trying to make a difference in the world through his or her career to have an input on who our political leaders are,” said Bush.

Now that midterm elections are over, Obama declared that he hopes people start emphasizing on what everyone has in common in terms of political views, instead of emphasizing the differences.
FOOTBALL: FIU 52, TROY 35

Panthers rank first in Sun Belt after trouncing Troy

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For the first time in its young history, the Golden Panthers have sole possession of first place in the Sun Belt Conference.

The panthers gave them a performance to remember. The Golden Panthers scored a record 31 points in the second quarter, the most points ever scored in a second quarter by a Golden Panther team. It was also the most points Troy has ever given up under their head coach Larry Blakeney.

The past has humbled me. It makes you appreciate things that you have now," said red-shirt senior safety Ashlyn Parker. "When we get turnovers, it motivates the offense and it motivates the defense."

"We saw it on film that they had a lot of gaps," said Cristobal said jokingly.

"We’re excited but the moment this plane lands in Miami, the focus will be turned to ULL," Cristobal said.

DID NOT MAKE THE TRIP

Running backs Jeremiah Harden and Khedrick Rhodes did not make the trip. Harden injured his toe and Rhodes has a lower body injury. Their absence will be felt as the Panthers went on a 9-2 run to gain a 20-14 lead. Ultimately the set closed 25-16, allowing the team’s seniors to have the final point at home.

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For the full recap, check out www.fi.usm.com

Seniors get final home win

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On a night where seniors Natalia Valentins and fans Medved were being honored for their play at FIU, the Panthers gave them a performance to remember.

FIU swept the University of South Alabama on Nov. 13 in convincing fashion (25-12, 25-12, 25-20) to lock in the third seed for the Panthers in the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

"I think this the best game yet," junior Sabrina Gonzalez said. "Coach even said it. I feel that every aspect of the game, we were on point and everyone did their job."

The team set a school record with a hitting percentage of .494, breaking their previous record of .486 which was set in 2006 against Troy.

The Panthers (19-10, 12-4 SBC) went to work early, with freshman Una Tnikidula setting the pace for FIU to take an 18-9 lead. The Jaguars (11-20, 6-10 SBC) struggled defensively to match the intensity of the Panthers, who were attacking and clicking on all cylinders. South Alabama would not do much, as FIU cruised to a 25-12 set win.

The second set seemed like deja vu, as FIU once again jumped out to a 18-7 lead. The Panthers were led offensively in the set by sophomore Jovana Bjelica and Gonzalez with five blocks a piece.

The third set was more of a struggle for the Panthers, as the Jaguars rose up to FIU’s level of play. While holding the lead for the first time in the match, 12-11, the Jaguars once again struggled to play solid defense as the Panthers went on a 9-2 run to gain a 20-14 lead. Ultimately the set closed 25-16, allowing the team’s seniors to have the final point at home.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL: FIU 89, FMU 73

Wright, Frederick lead FIU to season opening victory

DeJuan Wright and Eric Frederick have been waiting long enough. After transferring from junior college this summer, the two new Golden Panthers were finally on the court together for a regular season game.

And they made the most of it in a blowout win over Florida Memorial on Nov. 12, a final score of 89-73.

“Me and DeJuan, all summer, that was all we’ve been talking about,” Frederick said. “We were texting each other like ‘you ready?’ all summer. I think we are so used to each other now, that we all meeting up at FIU now and its easy for us to gel together on the court.”

Wright had 21 points and 14 rebounds as Frederick put together another double-double with 16 points and 10 boards.

The 6-foot-3 guard was hitting the glass all night, a big reason why FIU, who was the worst rebounding team in the Sun Belt Conference last season, edged FMU (0-1) in rebounds for the game by one.

“[FIU Assistant Coach William Eddie] always taught me since sixth and seventh grade to rebound, rebound, rebound because I’ve always been kind of gifted athletically so I really pride myself on rebounding the ball.”

Wright also got loose for an alley-opp dunk in the game, a display of athletic ability the team did not have in abundance a year ago.

“I’m reckless, really,” Wright said. “I tell Phil [Gary], Jeremy [Allen] and our guards that I like to get out on the wings, and whenever I’m on the wing I look for it because I know I’m able to get up there and throw it down. When I see that opportunity, I lick my lips.”

Wright and the rest of the team employed a disruptive defensive disposition from the beginning of the game.

The Golden Panthers (1-0) held FMU to 42 percent shooting and forced 18 turnovers on the game. FIU had 10 steals on the game, led by Wright’s four.

“It was a good win for us,” Head Coach Isiah Thomas said. “Anytime you open up and get a win, you are happy with it. I thought we had some good moments in the game and we had some not so good moments in the game. The last five minutes, we didn’t play as well as I wanted us to play, but we had a unit out there that hadn’t practiced much together. We were kind of small out there, but still there were some things that we needed to execute that we didn’t quite execute.”

The Golden Panthers were never in any real trouble, however, as they carried a 43-27 lead into halftime and saw their advantage balloon to as high as 31 points in the second half when they took a 62-31 lead with 13:49 left.

If there was anything FIU struggled with during the game, it was free throw shooting, where the team was only 59 percent. However, FMU posted an even worse clip from the stripe, meaning FIU was never in serious danger of losing the game.

In addition, the Golden Panthers were 8-for-18 from 3-point territory.

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FASHION FINDS

Michael Uslan, executive producer of the Batman film franchise, lectured to students at FIU about his journey from comic fan to executive producer.

**MU:** My contention for my proposed college course on comics was simple: the ancient gods of Greece and Rome still exist, today they wear spandex and capes. As I note in my lecture, the Greeks called him Hermes and the Romans called him Mercury, but I call him the Flash. The Greeks called him Poseidon and the Romans called him Neptune. I call him Aquaman. It’s that heroic storytelling tradition that manifests itself in the pages of comic books.

“It’s become a truly indigenous American art form, as indigenous as jazz. There’s an appreciation for it now that there wasn’t a few decades ago.”

**TB:** Comics tend to change tone and ideas with time. What was being done by Dick Sprag and Bob Kane in the 1940s and 1950s is not what Frank Miller and Alan Moore would be doing in the 1980s. Artists and writers would be your favorites?

**MU:** I love reading the 1939 issues of Detective Comics, before Robin, and seeing Batman the original way he was created by Bob Kane and Bill Finger and shortly thereafter with input from Jerry Robinson.

“The lone creature of the night, stalking the shadows. And then the emergence of the costumed super villain, the Joker, who I consider to be the greatest super villain ever created. Another period I love is when Julius Schwartz was able to convince the powers that be at DC to let Batman return to those lone, dark, serious roots of his. Then Denny O’Neil and Neil Adams came in to facilitate that. They restored order and identity to Batman after the ‘pow-zap and wham’ era of the 1960s.”

“I loved Frank Miller’s deconstruction of Batman for his Dark Knight Returns graphic novel. People look to the movies and look to the cartoons and sometimes forget that it’s the writers, pencillers, inkers and people who are in the trenches of the comic books world who week after week for seventy years have managed to find interesting ways to bring readers back.”

**TB:** What is, ultimately, the biggest challenge of translating comics onto the screen?

**MU:** It’s very simple; it’s been a struggle for Hollywood to grasp this over the decades. The wrong way to bring comic book characters is to have merchandising and Happy Meals be the tail that wags the dog.

“You can’t simply take characters and concepts and violate their integrity in an attempt to cater to toy companies and merchandisers.

“You have to find filmmakers who have a passion and a certain talent, who have a vision while respecting the integrity of the characters. Of course, just because Batman is gritty and dark does not mean that Spiderman and Superman should follow in the same direction. You have to respect the origin of the story.”

Cold front launches search for the perfect pair of boots

Thanks to our two-day cold front last week, all I had on my mind were boots, pumpkin pies and Christmas carols.

Being the compulsive shopper that I am, I went on a hunt for the perfect boot to get me through the fall/winter mindset.

My mission was to find a boot I could wear in our ever-changing Miami winter climate.

“I’ve always wanted a pair of beautiful, cognac-colored riding boots, but I’ve never had the guts to spend my money on them, and I haven’t been very successful convincing my mom to get them for me either.

“T hey were at the top of my shopping list and, as usual, I couldn’t find anything that looked good and was in my budget. I was giving my cheap self some wiggle room and thinking of it as a birthday present to myself. My price limit was $320 and I still couldn’t find anything I thought was worth the money.

I used Nordstrom as my starting point and belted straight for the Frye boots.

Frye is pricey but well worth it because they have trendy styles made from good quality materials, a very rare thing. They range from $279 to $450, and I was sticking to my price point, so that was a bust.

Next to Frye boots at Nordstrom, everything looked cheap and sub-par. And that’s because I didn’t even go near the Tory Burch boots. I might have cried and gone into a deep depression if I had.

I was tired that day and decided to quit my shopping expedition.

I ventured out to the online shopping world. I don’t usually like to shop online because there’s nothing more enjoyable than a big department store or bargain shopping. It’s the whole trying-on process that’s exciting and the suspense of a store having an item you fell in love with in your size.

I checked out Pipeline.com as a launching point. The site is easy to use but the prices are regular price so I just use it to get ideas and head to Amazon.com and Marshall’s to find the shoes or at least something similar.

My top contenders are “Rhonda” by Corso Como and the “Halima” by Lauren by Ralph Lauren. Both have the straight and sleek appeal of a classic riding boot and the beautiful cognac color that I dream about.

I’m not all about embellishments on boots, but these are so perfect. The price is decent as well, coming in at just under $200.

As for other boot styles, I’m a fan of the bootie style. It’s cute and great for nights out but isn’t complimentary to all legs. Over-the-knee boots are amazing if you’re brave, but remember you’re going to run the risk of looking like a streetwalker.

I don’t recommend wearing boots with shorts. It’s a contradicting thing to do and the person always ends up looking like they were confused when they got dressed in the morning.

And lastly, please don’t wear Uggs.

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‘Kinect’ with your inner dork to have a great time

When Microsoft displayed their motion device, Kinect, at this year’s Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, the collective eyebrows of gamers and reporters were raised.

This was especially true as a little girl played a virtual tiger cub named Skittles in a demo of “Kinectimals”.

Perhaps the skepticism and doubt were too premature because Kinect is a genuinely entertaining device and has the potential to be very popular. Because of how the unit works with “Dance Central,” “Kinect Adventures” and “Sonic Free Riders”, this is your standard compilation of mini-games to please people using the machine. Games include surfing on a raft down rapids and jumping around on a rocky mine cart track to collect coins.

During the game, the system prompts players with system prompts with nothing in front of you will cause those around you to shower the room with an array of infrared lights, which is what helps it detect your movements and distance.

There’s a drawback to this, however. Because of how the unit works, the unit requires there be six to eight feet of free space between you and the player to move closer and farther from the unit.

“Dance Central” was a little more involved in that players have to pull off dance moves seen on the screen. It offers more than 650 dance moves to songs like Lady Gaga’s “Poker Face” and Snoop Dogg’s “Drop It Like It’s Hot.”

By no means should anyone ever actually try to dance like this outside the game. That said, the game was still rather fun and really gets the body moving. One of the game modes even keeps an estimation on how many calories a person is burning just by playing.

Another game mode spikes up the difficulty by mixing four songs together and changing up moves you perform without warning.

If anything, this one will work pretty well at parties because of how entertaining it is and how people watching will no doubt enjoy the show players are putting on.

Last and certainly least is “Kinectimals”. “Sonic Free Riders.” Sonic and friends have once again hopped on airboards in a race to see who’s best. This title feels sloppy as I had to constantly recalibrate the camera to help the game pick up when I was trying to turn, dive by leaning forward or backward.

As much as I didn’t give this too much play because dealing with the camera adjustments got too frustrating. Hopefully, Sega can patch the game to correct the problem.

Overall, Kinect is a neat device if you’re willing to drop the $150 price of entry. The system has potential if developers can embrace the technology. While you look like a fool playing the device, you’ll likely not care after a while because you’re having too much fun.

SCORE: 8/10

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China made a scapegoat, distraction

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With politics being as polarized as they are, it is always nice to see a rare bit of bipartisanship in Congress. It’s just that shame that what united the two parties was an ill-conceived and ultimately unhelpful attack on China.

There is no doubt that, lately, China is a byword for American decline and economic insecurity. From our politicians to public interest groups, the consensus among policy makers seems to be that China is either a direct cause or a rapidly rising competitor whose gain is automatically our loss.

This sentiment, however, like the tariffs and China bashing that it predicates, is dangerously distracting and unhelpful. Prior to adjourning for the midterm elections, Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives passed a bill aimed at retailling against China for undervaluing its currency. This would likely translate into higher tariffs on Chinese exports.

In any case, the House is hardly alone in its concerns about China. United States Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner pressured the International Monetary Fund, which oversees the global financial system, to urge China to take a more flexible, more market-oriented exchange-rate management system. This is basically a fancy way of telling China to stop keeping its currency cheap.

The idea is that if Chinese exports become more expensive, domestic producers of similar goods can finally compete in an even-playing field, providing jobs and invigorating the economy. If only they could do so.

To be sure, China is not innocent. Its government, indeed, keeps the cost of its currency artificially low in order to keep its vital exports cheap and the country globally competitive. From a self-interested, strategic perspective, this tactic makes sense, whatever harm it might cause.

Certainly, such cheap exports do cause some damage to domestic production — up to a point. There is no denying that manufacturing has declined precipitously in this country and it is certainly true that most of what we once made is now being built in China.

But Chinese dominance in manufacturing is a by-product of our decline, not the cause of it. After all, manufacturing has been in decline for weeks long, before China’s rise began in the 1980s. They are simply riding the process. Forcing the Chinese to make their goods more expensive, or slapping on tariffs to that effect, won’t suddenly revitalize our economy. At best, it will just shift the problem somewhere else. Vietnam, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and a slew of other nations all have plenty of cheap labor and even cheaper currency.

We should also take a lesson from history. Back when Japan was in China’s place and U.S. manufacturing was just beginning to decline, we pressured them to raise their cheap currency too. Obviously, it didn’t work, and since industrial activity remains in decline to this day.

At the end of the day, the problem with manufacturing is a domestic issue that requires a domestic solution. It is unrealistic and unfeasible to expect other countries to change their ways for our sake.

Like it or not, globalization is a reality that we must adapt to, not resist. We should focus less on foreign scapegoats and more on supporting policies that will strengthen industry at home.

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“The happiest part of my Happy Meal is my toy. I look forward to my delicious burger with fries and I am always anxious to receive my toy.”

The above words are of the words of a second grade boy, and his novel perspective on the Happy Meal, is quite refreshing.

As the children of San Francisco and the entire nation look forward to the delicious Happy Meal and its toys, McDonald’s and other fast food restaurants are reaping the rewards that come with a kid’s meal.

According to the Center for Nutrition and the Environment, “Childhood obesity rates and is one typical example of this approach to tight childhood obesity. This is too strong of an approach.

To help lower the rate of childhood obesity, parents and children should be educated about proper nutrition and the risks associated with such a disease. Solely depriving chil- dren of their toy is not going to contribute to the reduction of child obesity rates and is only going to make customers upset and bitter. Parents should decide what their children eat, not the government.

One of the most successful ways of ensuring children drink nutritious beverages is to ban the Happy Meal. At the end of the day, the idea is that if Chinese consumers do not make that choice, their children will not either.

We should also take a lesson from the story of how high the obesity rate in this nation is outrageously high.

According to the Center for Disease Control, “Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years. The prevalence of obesity among children aged 6 to 11 years increased from 5.5 percent to 18.1 percent.”

I agree that something needs to be done to stop this increasing rate. However, I disagree with this approach to tight childhood obesity. This is too strong of an approach.

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Big Brother: keep fingers out of Happy Meal

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- Percent daily intake based on cal 2000 calorie diet: 32

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TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Nativism, its effects on US policies will be discussed

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Nativism is a policy of favoring native inhabitants as opposed to immigrants, and it is quickly spreading through American politics.

This way of thinking, according to The New York Times editorial chosen for this week’s TTR, goes against what the authors of the Federalist Papers thought. They sought the law of nations as a high author merit that the politicians should become more sensitive to other states and opinions to the world around us.

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court prohibited the execution of those mentally retarded, due to the fact that it is looked down upon around the world.

Students who plan on traveling overseas need to be aware of this problem. How Americans are seen is very significant in how Americans are treated, Macdonald said. "I think that this is important because with the current xenophobic attitude of some of the politicians we should become more sensitive to other states and opinions to the world around us."

The TTR on “Does World Opinion or The Law of Nations Matter to Americans?” isiral choise “A Respect for World Opinion,” a New York Times editorial that explores how nationalism is spreading throughout the United States, around which to base the discussion.

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Harvard Law School, where Elena Kagan was dean, required every first year student to take international law. Republican Sen. Jon Kyl in The New York Times article said, “I’m troubled by it because it suggests that you could turn to foreign law to get good ideas.”

The U.S. can help shape its image if it takes interest in other countries because this will impact how others see the U.S. ideals and legal system, according to the Times article.

In the past decisions have been made based on how other countries view certain issues, according to the article. "In the op-ed piece, it indicated the Declaration of Independence itself was an appeal to the ‘opinions of mankind,'” Macdonald said. "I think that this is important because with the current xenophobic attitude of some of the politicians we should become more sensitive to other states and opinions to the world around us.”

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The TTR on “Does World Opinion or The Law of Nations Matter to Americans?” will take place on Nov. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 159 of the Wolfe University Center.

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to join and a free lunch is provided.