University visited by controversial exhibit

With an exhibit comparing abortion to genocide, the Genocide Awareness Project aimed to spark debate and influence students through an interactive photomural presentation.

Sponsored by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, the display stood outside of the Betty Chapman Plaza in front of the Graham Center on Feb. 21 and 22 at Modesto Maidique Campus.

"Genocide is the systematic destruction of a group. In this case it is the destruction of the very young, singling them out," said Mark Harrington, executive director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and president of the Pro-Life Institute.

The exhibit is part of a tour throughout universities in Florida, including the University of West Florida, Florida State University and Florida Atlantic University.

According to Harrington, the organization is also campaigning to establish a pro-life group on campus and have collected "over one hundred names" while the photo exhibit was up.

The project also focuses on training pro-life activists from the United Kingdom, South Africa and Canada.

"I want to fight for respect for human life and advocate loving options, such as adoption," said Amanda Country, a student at Lakehead University in Canada. "I am motivated because my father was an orphan and went to become a doctor. Adoption is an option that is over-looked."

Some members of the University community and local organizations also participated in setting up the exhibit.

"Our goals are to bring awareness about abortion and the reason we work so well with the G.A.P. is because not only are we a local connection, but we also complement them by providing services to the community," said Kristen Weissinger, FIU senior.

The exhibit has been a subject of controversy on other university campuses, including campuses in the Genocide Awareness Project exhibit while holding a "I've had an abortion" sign. While there are no vaccine, there is no cure, and there is no way that we can deny we have a serious and growing problem right here in paradise."

Darrow has incorporated the campaign into his Spring 2011 PHC 6750 course. Students are working in teams of five to come up with an HIV prevention plan for current and future students.

Richards and MacMillin will be part of a panel of judges on April 11, in which the teams will present their plans and be judged American Idol-style for the first-annual Smarty Pants Bowl competition.

"Allan has agreed to play the role of Simon Cowell. Kate will be able to lend our expertise to confront and control the AIDS epidemic in South Florida."

Richards and MacMillin and some students also established a Health Communications Club as part of an expansion of the SJMC’s Health Communication unit. Students interested in joining the club can contact Ordaz at sordan003@fiu.edu.

"We've received some complaints, trespassing charges against the group, after their refusal to turn the billboards inward at the University of Calgary last November."

"We have received some complaints, and banning capital punishment for people over the age of 75 in symbolic moves that are not expected to reduce executions.

Cut backs put jobs on the line

Florida’s legislative session tent to start March 8 could be one of the most explosive in years, with thousands of state jobs on the line as new Gov. Rick Scott presses to cut back on the size and cost of state government.

Whitting down state government was one of former Gov. Jeb Bush’s goals and it’s been attempted by other governors across the country, too, although not often successfully.

But with Florida’s economy in the doldrums, a budget shortfall of at least $3.6 billion and a desire to cut taxes, Scott and a conservative Republican Legislature see a chance to eliminate or curtail programs they see as an unneeded or wasteful.

Rank-and-file state employees, who haven’t seen a pay raise in five years, will lose ground again with changes in their pension and health benefits. Key government services also face cuts.

Scott and legislators are taking dead aim at education, social services and even law enforcement, with police agencies concerned that they’ll have to release some inmates to save housing and feeding costs.

I’m focused on building private sector jobs,” said Scott, who promised during his campaign that he’d create 700,000 new jobs in Florida over the next seven years. “That’s going to be the key."

During his inaugural speech after being re-elected in 2002, Bush said he’d like to empty the buildings surrounding the Capitol that housed thousands of state employees. And now Scott comes to town — the third straight Republican governor — with a similar philosophy to Bush that the private sector fuels America’s economy.

“Government has to get back to its core functions, but only its core functions,” an unapologetic Scott said. And he’s borrowing from some of the strategies he used in building HCA/Columbia, the company he founded, into one of the largest hospital chains in the world. “All of the citizens in our state have had to tighten their belts.”

Scott was elected in part on a campaign message of “Let’s Get to Work,” and his first mission is to do something about Florida’s bleak unemployment situation where one of every eight workers are jobless. He has proposed cutting the
Proposed cuts would reduce workforce by seven percent

Current budget from $70.4 billion to $69.9 billion for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. “They’ve got a real challenge ahead,” said noted University of Florida professor and author David Denslow. He recalled a similar challenge faced by former Gov. Reubin Askew nearly four decades ago when the role of government had a smaller affect the overall economy.

In his Feb. 7 budget message, Scott outlined major cuts in services to balance the budget. Privatization and consolidation are being closely examined as means of meeting that requirement and at the same time putting the brakes on government growth.

Scott proposed cutting pension benefits for state workers, teachers and some local government employees and requiring them contribute 5 percent of their salaries to cut education spending by $3.3 billion or $700 per student.

“True reform,” Scott said in his Feb. 7 budget message, “will make the final decisions on state spending, albeit Scott holds the veto pen.”

House Speaker Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park, and Senate President Mike Harnopolos, R-Merritt Island, are already skeptical about some of the governor’s proposals, particularly the size of Scott’s proposed tax cut. They worry whether the state could maintain essential services if those proposals go through.

“If there’s a way that they can be reduced and still meet the critical needs then I’m open to it, but I think it’s going to be a big challenge,” Cannon said.

“I haven’t seen a way yet that I’m persuaded it’s doable.”

Cannon, however, agrees that this is a good time to take a hard look at governmental operations. He created a Select Committee on Government Reorganization to focus on the core mission of government and eliminate costly, extraneous tasks. Cannon said he wants recommendations from the panel that could lead to “true reform.”

Scott offered few specifics on how he intends to cut corporate income and school property taxes while closing the budget gap. He did, though, say the state needs to do a better job of buying goods and services.

“Our existing budget is bloated,” he said. “We’re not cautious enough about how we spend money.”

Consolidation is another Scott strategy for cutting government waste.

He wants many common state activities ranging from property management to mail distribution to be consolidated under the Department of Management Information. He’d also like to put the Department of Community Affairs under the Department of Environmental Regulation.

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation will pick up some licensing and regulation responsibilities previously assigned to the Department of Health while the Department of Revenue takes over some of DBPR’s alcohol and beverage tax collections.

Ron Saunders of Key West, the House Democratic leader and a former budget chairman, supports a thorough review of state spending, but said most of the rules and regulations now in place were put there by Republicans in the past 15 years.

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Junior marine biology majors Ryan Clavelo and junior Leah Valdes work on dissecting a sea star during their Marine Biology and Oceanography Lab on Feb 22 taught by Nathan Lemoine.

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FIU went to overtime once again against Troy and came out on the winning end with an 85-76 victory to end the season on a high note.

Marvin Roberts, Phil Gary, Tremayne Russell, Anthony Anderson and Stephan Weaver all played their last game at the U.S. Century Bank Arena on senior night as seniors, and it was an emotional night to say the least, especially for Roberts.

“I feel good, I didn’t have a good enough season as I thought I would have had. But today I was hot and my teammates kept finding me,” Roberts said.

Roberts scored a game-high 26 points and is now the 15th all-time scorer in FIU history.

“That’s pretty good it’s a humbling experience to be along with the rest of the people in the past,” said Roberts.

The story of the game was the huge difference in three-point shooting by both teams. The Trojans were three-point shooting machines, taking 45 of their 76 shots from beyond the arc. The Golden Panthers, taking 45 of their 76 shots, were three-point shooting machines, taking 45 of their 76 shots from beyond the arc.

“We tried to have a balanced attack and we wanted to take the ball to the rack and get to the foul line,” coach Isiah Thomas said.

In the first half, both teams remained close to each other as it was a stepping stone for her life. Krajacic felt that playing on this team for her time at FIU was a stepping stone for her life.

“It was a big experience for me,” Krajacic said. “I’m really happy to have met all of the coaches, teammates and people. I feel that this is a step for my life and what I have coming.”

“My dad says that ‘when it’s best time, it’s usually the time to leave.’ This is the best time, and now I have to leave, Gonzalez said. “I’m really that my senior year, we could make it as great as it is.”

At the start of the first half, all three seniors made an appearance in the starting lineup with Liene Jekabsone and Maja Krajacic getting the rare start. FIU (15-15, SBC 10-6) looked out of the pace early, with three-pointers by Michelle Gonzalez and redshirt junior Fanni Hultlasse.

While leading 10-6, FIU allowed Troy (5-24, SBC 14-12) on a go to overrun the Golden Panthers 19-18 with 10:57 left in the first half. Donette McNair led the charge for the Trojans, but it was short lived as FIU would come out on a 10-3 run for a 28-21 lead with 3:19 left in the first.

Freshman Jerica Coley broke the FIU all-time scoring record for a freshman when she stole an inbound pass from Troy and hit a 13-foot jump shot. Besides the accomplishment, the first half was riddled with traveling calls, with the referees blowing the whistle every chance they could.

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Roberts leads FIU with 26 points in final home game

The Golden Panthers opened up a four-game series against Mississippi Valley State on Feb. 25 at FIU Baseball Stadium. After beating St. Thomas early in the week, the Golden Panthers hitting game was up to par again.

In the first inning, Rudy Flores hit a three-run home to bring in Jeremy Patton and Mike Martinez, giving the Golden Panthers the early three-run lead.

Jose Behar provided more offense for the Golden Panthers, hitting a straight shot up the middle to bring in Vandy Barruso home to make the score 4-0. Behar provided more edge to the Golden Panthers having his second career steal to put himself in scoring position and scored on a steal by Garrett Wittels.

The Delta Devils attempted to rally back. With momentum going their way and runners on second and third, Curtis Ford hit a straight shot to second bringing Norman and Derek Wallace home to make it a 5-3 game in the fourth inning.

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Win gives FIU first round bye

The Golden Panthers continued to cruise and releaver Justin Cromartie closed the game for the Golden Panthers.

“We got the bats going early and we are getting used the feel of the new bats,” Patton said. “We definitely need the momentum going in with the double header tomorrow and the other games this weekend.”

FIU 9, MVSU 3

Walks and a hit by the pitcher brought in four early runs for the Golden Panthers in the second game of the series. The bases were already loaded despite MVSU allowing one hit, courtesy of Jeremy Patton.

Shaky pitching by MVSU Steven Barnes contributed to the Golden Panther offense as Barnes walked two consecutive batters. Wittels and Martinez both scored, piling on the Golden Panther lead. Rudy Flores came home after being hit by a pitch.

With the score 4-0, MVSU hit an early base hit to right field, Chris Norman brought MVSU right fielder Michael Lowe in for the score. Late in the top of the fourth Scott Hornestra added a homer to make the score 4-2.

The Golden Panthers continued swinging the bats well. Garrett Wittels hit a deep fly ball between a gap in right field to bring in Ismael Leon and Capote. MVSU got behind the plate and looked to rally but Wittels made a heads up throw to first after Curtis Ford popped over the pitcher to end the inning.

With good defense, Wittels continued to excel. In the bottom of the fourth inning Wittels hit another RBI double, making the score 6-2.

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In the extra period, Jeremy Allen came out on fire, making another RBI double, making the score 6-2.

At his first at bat, Andre Vazquez hit his first collegiate homerun, a two-run shot, extending the lead to 9-2.

Only converting two of 10 three-point attempts.

On the defensive end, they could not seem to find an answer for Regis Huddleston, who had 14 points in the first half alone.

FIU would go into halftime down by just one 36-35.

The Golden Panthers started the second half slow, and let Troy build the lead up to seven with 17:29 left until they finally started to comeback and kept the game close for the rest of the way.

FIU took an early game up with 3:37 remaining when Roberts hit a three to make it 70-70, and then took the lead for the first time in the second half off a DeJuan Wright free throw.

With a minute left, Tremayne Russell dove on the floor for the loose ball and quickly called timeout as the scored time in the second half off a DeJuan Wright free throw.

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The Golden Panthers continued swing the ball to double digits, and ultimately over 20, giving FIU the lead to 9-2. Now we get two days to wrap up the season after a 17-3 run. The FIU charge was led by Hutlassa, Coley, and Gonzalez, who combined for 13 of FIU’s 17 points during the run.

The Golden Panther offense would cool off for next few minutes, but the defense continued with the same intensity, only allowing one basket by the Trojans. Troy began to unravel offensively with miscommunication and bad shot selection, giving FIU a comfortable final few minutes to enjoy a 71-47 victory.

After the victory, the Golden Panthers will now put their focus on the conference tournament, having a first round bye and waiting on the winner of the Troy vs Louisiana-Monroe/Akansas State. FIU’s first game of the SBC tournament will start at 7:30 p.m. EST, in Hot Springs Arkansas.

“We came second in the east. Now we get two days off,” said Russo, while laughing. It’s a good way to wrap up the season after started off a bit rough. They have a lot of heart.”
Target and The Frost Art Museum have teamed up to present Target After Hours, a collaboration that gives students a chance to meet contemporary artists and engage with controversial art, music, film and dance.

This month, Miami-Dade County Public School’s Clinical Art Therapy Department and The Frost Art Museum presented “ARTWORKS!”, the purpose of which is to support art as a healing process. Aside from “ARTWORKS!”, there will be an art therapist present conducting workshops called Storytelling through Art Therapy, which allows participants to experience the benefits of art therapy. This event is taking place from Feb. 23 through Mar. 2.
Easy and practical fashion for guys is not an impossibility

I grew up around a lot of boys, a lot. I was the last kid to come along in my generation and I was the first and only girl. To say that my aunts and mom were excited to have a little girl to play dress-up with is an understatement.

Somewhere between the princess costumes and tea parties, though, my mom forgot to show my brother Danny how to dress like a human being.

I always get annoyed with boy fashion because I think it’s so easy for them. You have three basic elements to worry about: a shirt, pants and shoes. No one cares or even notices if guys have a visible panty line or if their necklaces tangle their outfit together. Sure, I could give them some pointers in the area of color coordination, but I never did until I was in the middle of Television City.

This weekend, my mom and I crept into the abyss that is my brother’s room and chose an outfit that didn’t have the right lace ties their outfit together. Sure, I could have a little girl to play dress-up with is an impossibility.

WHEN: All day
WHERE: MMC
HOW MUCH: Free

We kept all salvageable solid color v-neck and crew neck tees. These tees work for day and night with a pair of jeans and what my brother calls his “nice sneakers” which is basically any kind of sneaker that’s not made for the gym.

I agree with the “nice sneakers” idea. Converse are a favorite of mine and I’ll always have a soft spot for the look of Converse, dark wash jeans and a nice button-down shirt. It’s a really high school look but so cute.

Oh, and if I ever see a guy wearing a pair of SuperGus (the Italian version of Converse) I’ll buy him a few so we can have a mini wardrobe revamp.

We hosted with his dresser. My God, boys have so many tees. Whether it’s a novelty tee with their favorite childhood cartoon or comic or tee shirts from every single sports team they were ever a part of or fan of, boys seem to keep them all. Danny still has his elementary school physical education tee. By the way, Danny is 27. How that shirt lasted 20-odd years in his care is beyond me. I love my brother, but he’s a slob and incidents like the survival of this shirt are a mystery.

When going through my brother’s drawers, there was no sympathy for memorabilia. If the shirt had a stain or a hole, it had to go. I didn’t care if he thought it was the coolest Chev-Buca shirt he’d ever seen in stores.

He was allowed to keep his “Doug” t-shirt collection. Shirts like “Let It Beet” one shows quirkiness and personality. Plus, who doesn’t like “Doug”?中枢

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Jeans are an essential for both guys and girls. The dark wash rule applies to guys the same way it does for girls: dark washes are slimming and give a more polished look. The Gap offers a variety of styles from their “1969” collection.

The chain retail store has mastered the art of cutting jeans for men. They are flattering to all sizes and shapes.

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Passion Parties are an educational and fun girl’s night

Last Wednesday night I came home to around 15 young women seeing, talking about and touching sex toys in my living room. There were powders, creams, oils and gadgets that can’t even be shown on network television.

My roommate and I decided to throw a Passion Party as a fun girl’s night in for our group of friends. A Passion Party is an adult sex toy party. We thought it would be a great idea to have these products shown in the comfort of a friend’s home because it’s a safe and more private environment.

While these parties have been around for a long time, many women have discovered they can actually have a lot of fun talking about sex.

Women nowadays are taking control of their sex lives and a Passion Party is certainly a great way to start; it’s female freedom in its wildest form.

These parties can take many names and forms but the major franchises include the Brown Bag Party, Passion Parties, Shimmer Parties and Pure Romance.

Our representative works out of Miramar and she told me she chose to get into this business because it was “new, exciting and could help keep couples together.”

She believes that if you could educate women on how to get the most out of their sensuality and how to give the most in their relationshps through their sensuality, maybe the nation’s divorce rate would go down.

There is strong evidence that relationships could use some help.

A study released last year by the Kinsey Institute revealed nearly 25 percent of the women surveyed said they were unhappy with their sex lives. Other studies show that number is even higher at 50 percent.

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Post-abortion syndrome a myth

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It seems quite common that scientific research is indifferent to anti-abortion activists. Despite numerous findings that abortion does not cause breast cancer, and despite well-documented studies on the reality of fear mongering women could cause your life, complete with drug abuse and mental anguish, to spiral downward, anti-choice activists seem to cling to appealing the fear of women that something terrible will happen to the mental health of a woman who chooses to abort.

Chief among the fear tactics is the push of anti-choice advocates to lament about “post-abortion syndrome.” A study led by Dr. Priscilla Bowman of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, who coined the term, concluded that women who had an abortion “were at increased risk for anxiety, mood disorders and substance abuse.”

The “research” spread like wildfire and was utilized into the perpetuation of this myth.

Finally, on Dec. 13, 2010 Dr. Julia Steinberg, of the University of California, San Francisco, and Dr. Lawrence Fintzer of the Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit research organization that specializes in reproductive and sexual health, analyzed the same data that Coleman reviewed. Their results were much different.

According to The Washington Post, the new study “failed to find the same link, even without taking into account other key factors such as a history of mental health problems.” Furthermore, Steinberg stated “We were unable to reproduce the most basic tabulations of Coleman and colleagues. Moreover, their findings were logically inconsistent with other published research — for example, they found higher rates of depression in the last month than other studies found during respondents’ entire lifetimes. This suggests that the results were substantially inflated.”

In 2011, it is trembling that there still needs to be a conversation about why abortion needs to be safe, legal and de-stigmatized. There are a myriad of situations in which a woman chooses to have an abortion. If anti-choice activists are so concerned with women’s mental health post-abortion, they would actively promote the de-stigmatization of abortion, not contribute to it by making inflammatory statements about a “syndrome” that the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association do not recognize as a mental health issue.

With hope, the new analysis of data, analysis that is more sound than Coleman’s, which would help women find the courage and support they need to face the challenges of their lives.
The Overtown Youth Center, on NW 14th St., is a program of the Alonzo Mourning charities. The center was established in 2003. It was the vision of a local real estate agent, Martin Z. Margulies. By way of the Margulies Foundation and the support and assistance of Alonzo Mourning, former player of the Miami Heat, the center was built. The intention of the center is to provide a stable, safe place for the children in Overtown. It offers in-school, after-school, summer and weekend programs for children that help build character, physical fitness, academic achievement, and arts, including “family oriented” activities. The program is for children from second grade to 12th grade. According to Klein, some students are monitored even after graduation.

It took Klein many attempts to be able to compose the partnership between the center and the Honors College.

“A lot of people want to get involved with [Mourning],” Klein said. “So, they’re very cautious about who they’re letting in. It took a lot of effort and I wrote a lot of letters.

Carla Penn, executive director of the OYC at the time, agreed to the partnership with the University and was firmly established in April 2007. Every Tuesday at 5 p.m., OYC students come to the Biscayne Bay Campus to receive tutoring from members of the Honors College, mainly from the Tau Sigma Alpha Honors College club.

Klein teaches and provides practice SAF and ACT exams for high school students holding real timed sessions to better prepare them. According to Klein, two vans belonging to OYC bring the students over on Tuesdays.

“It inspires me,” 12th grader Chanel Walton from Center of Life Academy said. “It makes me feel important and it really helps us with the SAT and prepare for college.”

On October 8, 2007, the first luncheon was created to celebrate the higher education potential of the hard working students and the bridge built between the Honors College and OYC.

A few students from the ceremony this year, which took place on Feb. 15 in the Wolfe University Center ballrooms, claimed that they would love to go to FII when their time comes.

“It helps me realize that college is a good place to be,” eighth grader Ka’Neesha Brown from Doral Middle School said. Klein is the 2011 recipient of the University’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Service award largely due to the founding of the partnership initiative and for other services related to OYC and FII campus such as the two-hour tour of BBC to 30 middle school students from OYC and for creating an OYC Book Club. As of August 2010, the total hours of community assistance and participation in events Klein had on and off campus was 3,000 hours.

“I wasn’t aware this was something I was passionate about until I started doing it,” Klein said. “It’s something I think is important. Nothing feels better than [the] giving of yourself and making a difference in someone else’s life. Doing the program made that clear to me.”

University-wide campaigns have origins in SJMC class education at the Miami-Dade Health Department.

At the end of Spring 2009, Richards and MacMillin hosted a lecture at the Wolfe University Center for students to watch the series. Representatives from the Miami-Dade Health Department along with Cruz were on-hand to answer students’ questions. Clips from this question-and-answer session are also available on the website.

MacMillin knew Neil Hecker, vice president of Programming at WPBT2 from his years in public television. He was supportive and inter- ested in the topic to help educate the community and offered to air a one-hour special with all this content titled “Tell Somebody: The New Face of HIV/AIDS.” It aired on WPBT2 Oct. 15, 2009, which was National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.

“We had been told by many students who have watched the series that it did propel them to get tested and tell their friends to get tested,” said MacMillin.