**Lecture discusses peace in Middle East**

**ANALIA FIESTAS**
Staff Writer

With topics ranging from energy alternatives, discrimination laws and U.S.-Israel affairs to freedom of speech, Ron Klein, the 2011 A Forum for Free Student Expression at Florida International University Honors College Aesthetics and Values Award winner, addressed a crowd of 150 students and faculty members yesterday at the Auditorium.

"I found that it is very interesting to engage students on the concerning issue," Klein said.

Klein began "Peace in the Middle East" by citing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, emphasizing its prohibition of discrimination based on race, color or national origin. Using this legislation as a reference, Klein noted that despite this law, some schools are consciously misinterpreting freedom of speech with harassment based on discrimination.

"This is one of the problems we need to fix immediately," said Klein.

Currently, a lot of places in the world have the type of technology that Israel created," said Klein.

Klein also believes that this alternative is the only solution that can really save money. Klein then proceeded to introduce the audience to "Better Place," a program that has already raised $8 billion dollars to support the alternative energy campaign, "Think Blue--Think Green."

Aside from the energy crisis, Klein spoke about the different types of government in Middle Eastern countries, past and current wars, and foreign affairs between the United States and Israel.

"Probably one of the most significant things we can do in this country to help ourselves and the people of Israel is to have an energy policy to promote energy alternatives and green technology," said Klein.

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"Peace in the Middle East" drew strong reactions from its attendees. "I found that it is very interesting to hear a former representative speak about politics right in front of your face. I also agree with him in a lot of his claims and do understand that there are many options to fix all the issues that Israel is going through," said Ph.D. student, Rebekah Israel.

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**LOCKED UP FOR LIFE**

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Relay for Life 2011 took place on March 4 and raised $86,559.23. Delta Phi Epsilon jailed team members, waiting for donations from people to get them out. For more photos, turn to page four.

**PAVER award given to University law professor**

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Staff Writer

Judge Jose M. Rodriguez has been an adjunct professor with the Legal Studies Institute since 1994, but this year was his first time winning the Mario P. Goderich "PAVER" Award.

The PAVER award was established in 2005 and is granted by the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA). CABA was founded in the state of Florida in 1974 and includes judges, lawyers and law students of Cuban descent.

The award is named after its first recipient, Mario P. Goderich, the first president of CABA.

Only one CABA member is selected per year for the award, which is given to those who demonstrate professionalism, achievement, values, excellence and respect.

Rodriguez was taken by surprise and had no idea he would be awarded the event.

"Somebody thought I deserved it and I am very humble," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez now joins the ranks of other past recipients, including Florida Supreme Court Justice Fred Lewis.

"I know all of the past winners and I am very humble to be a part of this group," said Rodriguez, who insists that he does not solely focus on awards. "I don’t think I should be awarded for doing my job, that’s my award."

In addition to being an instructor for the Paralegal Program at the University’s Legal Studies Institute and currently serving as circuit judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Family Division, Rodriguez serves on several judiciary committees including the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

Over his career, Rodriguez has received dozens of awards and certificates, so many that he cannot remember them all.

"I have achieved other awards and certificates but this is the first time an organization has recognized me," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez’s commitment to the University has been undeniable ever since he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in 1978.

"Not only has he worked with the Legal Studies Institute since 1994, he has also taught courses for the Criminal Justice Department.

“I like to teach what I know,” said Rodriguez, who looks to add to his career field by applying to the Third District Court of Appeals right next to the University as a way of staying close to home.
Speaker’s opinions leave some in attendance unhappy

with the lecture’s keynote speaker and disagreed with his opinions on U.S. affairs and threats with the Middle East.

“I’m personally not too happy with the speaker. I don’t agree with most of his views points. I don’t think Iran is that much of a threat for Israel, for example,” said junior, Sean McMahon.

Along with “Peace in the Middle East,” Peace Week at FIU held other lectures, film screenings and food giveaways.

“Klein covered a lot of issues concerning the Middle East and the government of the United States. The lecture covered a very broad angle of the Israeli Peace week and I see that as a very successful meeting,” said Sterling.

Israel Peace Week is an initiative that focuses on threats facing the Jewish states along with its accomplishments and values in an oppressive Middle East. The program’s priority is to inform college students about standing up for the Senate of Israel and its defense for peace.

These weeklong events also counter an anti-Israel initiative known as Israel Apartheid Week and sponsored separately by Students for Justice in Palestine at FIU.

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The memorandum assured that the University’s departments will have staff patrolling vigilantly to address any safety issues.

While many find these changes to be an inconvenience, others understand that they come with the perks and discounts the Fair allots FIU students.

“Even though parking could be crazy, students are able to get major discounts on tickets, and I figure that it’s part of the deal with having a property together,” said Raphael Maup, junior and biology major.

The University has also assured that a staff member will be monitoring the traffic circle. The Youth Fair and Expo will open from March 17 to April 3.

Using the promotion code “FIUFair11,” the University community can purchase discounts online tickets at http://tickets.fairexpo.com/FIU/.
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Golden Panthers downed by poor second half play

double down

Western Kentucky. Both teams were conservative with the ball, burning the shot clock down to the last second. With both teams protecting ball possession, neither team was able to establish an offensive presence, scoring a combined 19 points in the first 13 minutes of the first half. Holding an 11-8 lead, the Trojans would clamp down on defense to force turnovers, giving the Trojans a 12-4 run to finish the first half with a 23-12 halftime lead.

The second half was off to a slow pace with no team scoring in the first four minutes until Coley hit a layup. The score by Coley sparked a quick outburst of offense for the two teams, allowing for both teams to trade baskets. After cutting the deficit to nine, the

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Late error gives FIU a tough loss vs. St. Joseph’s

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Parks and Williams then advanced to second and third respectively. The Hawks won the game on an error by McClain which allowed Williams to score from third base. FIU completed the weekend tournament with a 3-2 record.
RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life raised $86,559 this year. The money raised at the event goes to the American Cancer Society.
1. Tom Pupo from Alpha Rho Chi builds a house of cards. 2. Tiffany Walker, senior psychology major, works the cotton candy machine at the Psi Chi Honor Society table. 3. Arturo Abereu dances on stage as part of the Ms. Really Relay competition. 4. Benjamin Rosa dresses as Captain America representing Phi Delta Epsilon, the international medical fraternity. He’s joined by fellow student Efren Diaz. 5. Matting Garcia, a junior psychology major, Christina Doura and Gabriella Silva, senior psychology majors, play a supersized game of Jenga. 6. Hali Charron, senior psychology major, lights a candle during the Luminaria ceremony with her father. Participants light candles in dedication to those who have succumbed to cancer during the ceremony. 7. A student takes a photo with his cell phone during the Luminaria ceremony.

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DeSimone flirts with no-hitter in victory

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Staff writer

After a close win the previous night the Golden Panthers look to complete a three-game sweep against Seton Hall on Mar. 2. FIU had the runs they needed, and the defense to close the game against the Pirates. With no-hits going into the eighth inning the Golden Panthers came close to repeating history once again for the second time in less than a week.

Righty Daniel Desimone, who prior to this game had pitched eleven innings with eight outs, had his best outing of the season.

Desimone was four outs away from the record books when Sean Gusrang connected a double down the left field line in the eighth inning to wipe off his no-hit bid. Desimone tossed a complete game, allowing one run on three hits as he struck out seven, one shy of his season total. His pitching helped the Golden Panthers (11-2) win a close 3-1 decision to complete the three-game sweep over Seton Hall.

“I had to stay ahead of the hitters, change up was working for me.” Desimone said.

According to the senior pitcher, he envisioned an outing like this in his sleep.

“I had a dream the night before that I got it, but in the sixth inning today I noticed I was close... I threw a bad pitch and he did what he had to do,” Desimone said.

After giving up a hit in the eighth, Desimone allowed two more hits in the ninth inning, including a run to break his complete game shutout. Sullivan would single off a bunt and Genovese would double a deep ball to right center to give the Pirates a consolation run.

“About the sixth inning I glanced up [at the score] and noticed a bunch of zeros and it started to hit me,” Desimone said.

Desimone’s no-hit bid was not a surprise to Coach Turtle Thomas. Who expected a solid pitching effort, but our bullpen is showing up,” said Thomas, after the game.

“It’s important to have good pitching against good teams.”

As the bottom of the fifth inning, Joel Capote singled out down the left field line. Catcher Behar would complement Capote by doubling a deep ball to left center field bringing Capote in to score the first run of the game.

Pablo Bermudez would lay a sacrifice bunt, advancing Behar to third. T.J. Shantz would hit a bunt single, bringing Behar home to expand the led to 2-0 in the fifth.

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the three, the game would have gotten out of hand for the Golden Panthers before the second half even began.

In the second half, everything that could have gone wrong for FIU did go wrong. The defense that they played with up until the second half was some of the best defense they played with all season, but they could not carry that on when they needed to the most. Their defensive collapse due to the fact that they couldn’t buy a basket in the first or second half. With the poor offensive production, it caused defensive to fold.

“We couldn’t make a shot and consequently because we couldn’t make a shot we started pressing and the more we pressed the more out a sync we got,” said Thomas. “We ended up turning up the ball trying to force things instead of letting the game come to us before you know it the game had ballooned to 20 points.”

The Blue Raiders went off to start the second half on a 21-12 run which completely destroyed the confidence of the Golden Panthers, and made it tough for any kind of comeback to occur. Their 21 turnovers in the game not only affected their offense, but their defense as well, as Middle Tennessee scored 23 of their points off the turnovers.

FIU would not be able to make any sort of comeback in the second half to have a chance of perhaps staying in the game, and as the game ended in a 73-38 loss it was already time to look on to next year’s team, that will be returning a majority of their top players including Phil Taylor, Eric Frederick, Dejuan Wright, Jeremy Allen, Dominique Ferguson, a highly touted recruiting class and for the time being, coach Isaiah Thomas.

I’m looking forward to next year, we got some experience and we won more than we did last year and got a little further than we did last year in terms of games,” said Thomas on the future of FIU’s all-time leading assists leader with 359 career assists.

FIU 52, ULM 51

Fanni Hutlassa saved the day for FIU against ULM in the Southwestern quarterfinals, as the women’s basketball team overcame a Warhawk comeback with a 52-51 win in on March 6.

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Time would not be on the Golden Panthers side, allowing the Trojans to finish off FIU 47-37, to advance in the SBC tournament.

The Golden Panthers finished the season with a 16-16 mark on the season, 10-6 in the SBC. Coley led FIU in scoring and rebounding for the season with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

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Jobless college grads in need of aid

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Young people, especially college graduates, are being hit by the country’s employment. Unfortunately, recent and upcoming graduates may have a harder time than they think getting into their preferred professional career. At 12 percent, Florida’s unemployment rate is among the highest in the country, according to bls.gov. The website also states that the rate of 25 to 34 years of age has a whopping unemployment rate of 18.2 percent and the age group of 25 to 34 has an unemployment rate of 11.3 percent, revealing that those who should be the heart of the workforce have a combined unemployment rate of almost 30 percent. This is a considerable number for what should be the most eager, available and prepared group looking to start careers. Keep in mind, these statistics reflect those who are actively looking for work. Those who have given up the job search are not even counted in these statistics. The federal government has attempted a few things to kick start the economy, including bank and corporation bailouts, a few things to kick start the economy, so to speak, leaving a failing system. Companies should also include people under a certain age in their equal opportunity employment consideration to provide more job opportunities for younger workers, as a group. Every student has a goal in mind when working towards a college degree, and no graduate wants to return to a low paying job and living with their parents after spending a considerable amount of time and money obtaining a degree. However, a college degree is not the easy ticket to a high-paying job that it is used to be. Rising unemployment rate and the assurance that it is taking a much higher and specialized education to land a secure job than it used to.

Many employees of the older generations are delaying retirement and holding on to their jobs in light of the state of the economy. These professionals are taking the money for running, so to speak, leaving a failing system behind for the younger generation. Depending on how you look at it, this could be an opportunity to really change how many aspects of our society operate when our generation finally does inherit the work force, as the current systems of banking, oil use, food production and entertainments are outdated and unsustainable. We still have a while to go before things start improving. It is surely discouraging for young people who have still been getting laggard texts from their college degrees. However, it is surely discouraging for young people who are still looking good for soon-to-be college graduates. More legislation should be passed to help young people get educated and into professional career writing.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The editorial published on March 7, 2011 was riddled with vague platitudes and errors in its argument. The author(s) confuse revenue cuts with spending cuts and shift the blame for our state’s sub-standard education on our teacher pay not having much to do with the lack of improvement. This does not bode well for the future of virtually every area of the workforce, producing a generation of jobless, patently inexperienced and hopeless young people. It is unfair that young and eager workers should get fewer opportunities just because the majority of the jobs are already taken, and fewer new ones are coming up. Young people deserve help in these tough times too. After all, we are the future of this country.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Photo exhibit highlighted world locations, life of author

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If pictures are worth a thousand words, then Rolando Dal Pazzo’s photos speak in several different languages.

For one month, Dal Pazzo’s photographs captured the attention of students walking by the photo gallery in Academic II, room 101, at the Biscayne Bay Campus. The exhibition, “Green Card #0123456,” is a series of portraits pictures, showed every day situations in the faces of men, women and children with something in common: not being from any particular place.

The images were shot in Europe, South America and the US somehow reflecting the life of the author.

Dal Pazzo, an Italian, born in Venezuela but American since 1984 is a photographer, jeweler and instructor at the University, Miami Dade College and South Miami Elementary.

On his latest exhibit Dal Pazzo used slower shutter speeds on every single image, producing clear photographs with a vivid light.

“The colors look almost surreal,” said George Vargas, psychology student at the University. “They are not colors you see on a daily basis.”

For Loretta Butler, fine arts major, the images at the exhibit work as a music scale with different tones but a clear sense of harmony.

“The image captures the individuals in a very natural environment,” said Butler. “They seem to go together in a familiar way.”

For Dal Pazzo, the exhibit dealt with the idea of belonging and not belonging at the same time.

“It has to do with not being from any particular place,” Dal Pazzo said.

“I am one of those,” Dal Pazzo completed a bachelor’s degree in the University, then received a master’s degree in photography at California College for Arts and Crafts, and a master of sociology back at the University.

From the dark room in the photo lab at Modesto Mandique Campus, Dal Pazzo sees clearly what motivated him to be a photographer.

“I bought a camera when I was 20 years old to look at the world,” Dal Pazzo said, “but buying a camera doesn’t necessarily make you pay attention to the world.”

Now at 56, Dal Pazzo teaches photography, but also learns from his students.

“My elementary school students are much better photographers than I am,” Dal Pazzo said, “just the way they see world is so unique.”

Dal Pazzo exhibition finished its cycle the week of Feb. 28 but his work can be seen at his website www.rolandonadalpezzo.com.

The new photo exhibit at Biscayne Bay Campus Gallery, by Lissette Schaeffer, “Familiar Intimacy,” started on March 1 and will go on for the next three weeks.

Roleando Dal Pazzo, photography professor at the University (above left), with photos from his exhibit, titled “Green Card #0123456.” The exhibit ran for a month in February and were shot on three different continents.

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After over a decade of experience in the broadcast and documentary-making business, Professor Moses Shumow is sharing his knowledge and skills with students at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

“I am very pleased to be at FIU,” he said. “There are a lot of interesting things going on here and they are really looking into the future of the industry.”

He joined the FIU community in Fall 2010 as an assistant professor at SJMC. Last fall, he taught Writing Strategies and Global Media and Society. This semester, he teaches Multimedia Production, Global Media and Society, and the Global Learning course “How We Know What We Know.”

“It’s important not to memorize, but to create critical thinkers and help shape students’ careers,” said Shumow. “Teachers have an important role to play in that.”

He wants students to re-think their roles as story-tellers and put news into context, clearly and concisely.

“We live in a media environment where we get snippets of news every day, but it’s about telling the story and piecing it together.”

Shumow was originally born in New Mexico to a Ukrainian father and Texan mother. He grew up in a small town of about 300 people and attended an alternative elementary school, which together with the large Hispanic population of the state, helped influence his career.

Pursuit for his passion took Shumow to Boston, where he attended Emerson College and earned a master’s degree in Broadcast Journalism in 2001. He says his career really took off during this time.

When the tragedies of Sept. 11 hit the United States, Shumow became a research production assistant on “Frontline” for PBS. He did research, tracked new information and helped piece together the timeline of the events that day to help produce a series titled “Inside the Terror Network.”

He got to travel with reporters from the British Broadcasting Corpo ration and The New York Times, and he said this experience was one of the highlights of his career.

For nearly a decade after that, he freelanced on teams producing nationally-broadcast programs for PBS, Discovery Networks, History Channel, National Geographic, Fox Deportes en Español and others.

Shumow said his time at those media outlets was exciting and the work he did was very challenging but rewarding.

“We worked with a lot of really talented people with tons of experience and I learned something from all of them,” Shumow said.

“Getting to see your name in the credits – even if it flies by! – is a good feeling and you feel like all of your hard work paid off.” Shumow said of his work being shown nationally.

He eventually decided to bring his talents to South Florida in 2006 for more stability, earning a doctorate in communication from the University of Miami in 2010.

Prior to teaching at FIU, he had experience as an instructor in broadcast studio operation at New Mexico University. He was also a teaching assistant in Internet News Reporting at Emerson College, as well as several media and communication courses at the University of Miami. This is his first full-time teaching position.

“I have always enjoyed teaching and found it very rewarding,” said Shumow. “I want to share knowledge, whether through film or classroom.”

Being a professor also allows him to pursue his own interests. He continues to conduct research on South Florida’s immigrant journalists and how they produce and consume media, with a focus on Venezuelans.

“I realized the Venezuelan community in South Florida was exploding and there were a number of immigrant media outlets serving this group and that it could be an interesting topic for a doctoral dissertation,” he said.

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