Lecture discusses peace in Middle East

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With topics ranging from energy alternatives, discrimination laws and U.S. affairs with Israel, a lecture sponsored by the University’s pro-Israel student group, FIU Shalom, aimed to educate students on the Jewish state’s peace efforts as part of Israel Peace Week.

The peace campaign, hosted at nearly 50 universities across the country, and “Peace in the Middle East,” the lecture on March 3, aimed to engage students on the concerning Middle East.

Serving as the lecture’s keynote speaker was former US Representative Ron Klein. Having served for 14 years in the legislature and four in Congress, Klein addressed a crowd in the FIU Student Union with topics ranging from energy crisis, to engage students on the concerning Middle East.

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.

Apart from the discrimination issue, Klein spoke of what he believed was a more pressing issue — the global energy crisis.

“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.

Claiming that Israelis are devaluing the necessity of oil, Klein praises their reliance on energy alternatives such as the re-birth of the electric car as an example.

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

Presenting it as a great way to take care of our environment, 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.

“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.

Several students were unhappy.
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 threats 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.

RALLY IN TALLY
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Rally in Tally is a free trip, including food and transportation, to Tallahassee to meet with State representatives to make them aware of FIU student concerns. This includes the possibility of allowing guns on campus and the upcoming educational budget cuts.

If interested, stop by the SGA office in GC 211 and/or send an email to sga.lobbying@fiu.edu

Students can apply online at http://www2.fiu.edu/~sga/legislativeAffairs.html
Gonzalez struggled from chipped in 11 points on junior Fanni Hutlassa with 14 points and five led the Golden Panthers score of 47-37 on March 7. Arkansas Little-Rock by a ship by the University of Golden Panthers saw their on Sunday afternoon, the first tournament match-up to lead the Trojans into the turnovers.

Three rebounds and three for FIU, scoring just three next day.

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

Michelle Gonzalez [left] was held to just three points against UALR in tourney loss.

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

The Golden Panthers wrapped up their weekend at the University of South Florida Invitational on March 6, with a high noon matchup against St. Joseph’s. FIU (10-10) fell to the Hawks in the bottom of the seventh with a 3-2 score.

The Hawks scored first in the bottom of the first inning. St. Joseph’s had two runners on with no outs; courtesy of a lead-off single by Dana Parks and Laura Cardone who was hit by a pitch. Both runners advanced on a sac bunt to have runners in scoring position with only one out against FIU starting pitcher Ashley McClain. After a walk to load the bases, Shannon Kramer delivered a two out, two RBI single for St. Joseph’s. The Golden Panthers attempted to score in the top of the third inning. Beth Peller had lead-off the inning with a single off St. Joseph’s starting pitcher Erin Gallagher. Erika Arcuri reached base on a fielders’ choice which retired Peller at second. McClain followed with a single. With two runners on and two out, Brie Rojas lined out to end the inning.

In the fifth inning, the Golden Panthers lead-off the inning with a walk by Peller. Peller advanced to second base on a passed ball. Peller reached third base on an illegal pitch by relief pitcher Taryn Ashway, who entered the game in the fourth inning. Ashway surrendered FIU’s first run on her second illegal pitch of the inning to trim the lead to 2-1. Gallagher re-entered the game at pitcher and issue consecutive walks to Arcuri and McClain. A groundball to third base produced a fielders’ choice which allowed Brie Rojas to reach base and retire Arcuri at third. With two outs, Kayla Burri, singled to right field, scoring McClain from second to tie the game at two.

After spotting the Hawks two runs in the first inning, McClain settled in. McClain held the Hawks scoreless for the next five innings allowing no runs and no hits. The seventh inning would spoil her effort in the circle.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Rochelle Christian had one out single for the Hawks. A sac bunt advanced Lindsey Williams, who pinch ran for Christian, to second base. Parks reached base for the Hawks on a fielders’ choice.

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 Phi Chi Honor Society table.
3. Arturo Abreu 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. Marling Garcia, a junior psychology major, Christina Doura and Gabriella Silva, senior psychology majors, play a supersized game of Jenga.
6. Hali Charon, senior psychology major, lights a candle during the Luminaria 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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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 right field 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 pitch helped the Golden Panthers (11-2) win a close 3-1 decision to start their second half of the season.
“Desimone looked the way he can work if he keeps his defense up,” 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 outing from the senior.
“He’s an outstanding pitcher. He was throwing well all game and he picked off their lead off guy. He really deserved the no-hitter, but our bullpen is showing up,” said Thomas, after the game. “It’s important to have good pitching against good teams.”

The bottom of the fifth inning, Joel Capote singled out to 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 for the second. Bermudez would single to right field to score Behar.
Tommy Sullivan would take the lead to 2-0 in the fifth.
Joel Capote to keep the Golden Panthers in the game.
“For me,” Desimone said.

With key players returning, FIU looks towards future

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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. Their defense was damaged due to the fact that they couldn’t buy a basket in the first or second half. With the poor offensive production, it caused their 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 the ball over 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 21-2 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 Fredrick, Dushan Wright, Jeremy Allen, Dominique Ferguson, a highly recruited class and for the team 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.

Golden Panthers fall just short of championship

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Golden Panthers were not able to stop the Trojans from going on a 10-0 run to make it 35-16 with 11:14 left in the game.
UALR began to burn out clock to finish any hopes of a Golden Panther comeback, holding FIU to six points in five minutes. FIU would push up the pace to cut the lead to as small as 11 with 1:13 left in the game to make the score 45-34.
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 15.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. Gonzalez finished the season with 11 points and 4.1 assists per game, and finished her career at Upper with 1,510 points and 468 assists in 117 regular season games.

Fanni Hutlassa was selected to the first team All-SBC and lead FIU to the NCAA Regional Round.

Hutlassa came up to the charity stripe to seal FIU’s first of two free-throws, allowing the Warhawks to take a 51-50 lead at the basket.

Hutlassa came up to the free throw line with the score tied at 51-51 and 17 seconds remaining.
Hutlassa made the first of two free-throws, allowing the Warhawks to get the lead back and take one last stab at the basket. Hutlassa came up with the defensive rebound as time expired for the win.

Coley led the Golden Panthers with 15 points and sophomore Fanni Mansare had her first career double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds.
With the score tied at 22 with three minutes remaining in the first half, FIU went on a 7-0 run to send the Golden Panthers into the locker room with a 29-22 lead.
FIU began to pull away after halftime, giving them their largest lead of the game. 44-28, with 11:17 remaining in the game.
The Panthers held an 11-point lead at one point and destroyed the Trojans’ ability to score when UALR rallied for a potential upset. Larrie Williams’ layup started a 12-0 run for the Warhawks to take a 51-50 lead with just under three minutes to play.

Gonzalez finished her first of two free throws to score at the 51.
One minute later, Hutlassa came up with the go-ahead point from the charity stripe to seal FIU’s first postseason win since 2008.
Jobless college grads in need of aid

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Young people, especially college graduates, are feeling the nation’s lack of improvement. This does not bode well for the future of virtually every area of the workforce, producing a generation of job-seeking, financially inexperienced and hopeless young people.

A college education is not cheap or easy to obtain and many graduates expect a return on their investment. 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 the 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 means numbers 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 new ones are coming up. Young people deserve help in these tough times too. After all, we are the future of this country.

Politicians could help students and graduates who are trying to enter the workforce by lowering the retirement age instead of raising it, freeing up more jobs across the board. Companies should also include people under a certain age in their equal opportunity employment considerations to provide more jobs for young 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 used to be.

Rising unemployment to graduate with a hard-earned degree and the lack of education and training cuts would make it even more difficult to find work. The federal government has attempted to give students and graduates grants, loans, and fellow Republicans. Yet a study performed by the University of Florida released last year found that the best predictor of student success on standardized tests was where they lived, not those from poor neighborhoods usually do far worse on standardized tests.

Consequently, tying pay to test scores would discourage teachers from working in schools that serve poor students. Sadly, the editorial completely ignores this fact.

Perhaps the biggest mistake made in the editorial was in confusing spending cuts with tax cuts. When attempting to point to the shared sacrifice supposedly evident in the budget, the editorial mentions “tax cuts worth $4 billion.”

Tax cuts, and it’s sad that I even have to point this out, are not the same as cuts to spending. They lead to a decrease in state revenue, you know, the money needed to fund education. “Taxes” are not a program, so lumping tax cuts together with education cuts makes absolutely no sense.

If anything, these tax cuts undermine the point of the editorial, since they create an even greater need for either program cuts or tax increases. They are not, to borrow a phrase from the editorial, “fiscally responsible.”

The Beacon has a long tradition of excellent reporting and editorial writing. I hope that in the future they live up to that standard, and be more careful before endorsing proposals that would cost thousands of jobs amid “tough economic times.”

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 It is unfair that young and eager workers should get fewer opportunities... Young people deserve help in these tough times too. After all, we are the future of this country.

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“The safety of our students and the entire university community is my number one concern. We must continually ensure that the best planning, processes and technology are in place to keep our community safe,” said University President Mark B. Rosenberg in a letter on June 1, 2010. In 2008, the University implemented Panther Alerts, a mass notification system that warns everyone in the University community if there is danger on campus. Since 2008, Panther Alerts has advanced exceptionally, but an alert system that revolves solely around technology has glitches. Panther Alerts should expand its range from only communicating through technology and resume to alternative means when technology fails.

Panther Alert notifies students, faculty and staff that are all hooked up to the network if there is a dire situation on campus, making the community aware of either a serious threat, danger, or a natural disaster. This includes text messages, “in犯mack” where messages will be sent to the phones in classrooms and offices, speakers, electronic signs outside of the Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses, email, the University’s web page, the University’s Facebook page, Twitter and the University’s blog. As intense and thorough as this plan is, I do not think that the system has fully been thought-out. Yes, it is a process, but when horrific situations arise, there is no time to recall last minute improvements. It is too late.

As of last year, Panther Alerts waited 1 hour and 29 minutes to notify the University community about the stabbing of Kendall Berry, or even to say that the offender was still “at large.” According to the Miami Herald, 4,600 students, faculty and staff who signed up did not receive a text message updating the situation. Despite President Rosenberg’s changes since, people have still been getting lagged texts from the Panther Alerts.

Even though there is an abundance of techniques to get the word out, they are all done electronically. I question this technique. It is said that if there is a tropical storm and the electrical power would cease to work, there is no mention of an electrical back up to communicate all the vital information and safe grounds.

Aside from that, not every single person on campus is registered to receive Panther Alerts via text message. This should actually be mandatory for every- one’s safety, especially if the student lives on campus. As soon as a student, faculty or staff members are delayed in the University system, their number should automatically be added to the Panther Alerts system.

Overall, the Panther Alerts system has improved significantly, yet there are still aspects of the system that still needs to be addressed and not ignored.
MEXICO
Military confiscates 1,000 doses of heroin
The Mexican military says it has arrested a man who was carrying 1,000 doses of heroin along with cocaine, methamphetamine and a weapon on a federal highway.

BRAZIL
Carnival group hits by fire cheered in Rio
Strutting in a rainbow of glittering colors, Rio’s samba groups opened two days of Carnival parades with a dazzling show that included a rousing welcome for one of the city bands that lost most of their equipment in a devastating fire the day before.

CHILE
6.2 earthquake shakes northern Chile
A magnitude-6.2 earthquake has shaken a northern region of Chile, but no injuries or major damages have been reported.

Photo exhibit highlighted world locations, life of author
Rolando Dal Pezzo, 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 was on three different continents.

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At the Bay

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER NOW PROFESSOR AT SJMC
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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 one of those.”

Dal Pezzo completed a bachelor’s degree at 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.

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

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

Events that day to help produce a series titled “Inside the Terror Network.”

“I 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.

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

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

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

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