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Ex-Israeli political leader speaks on terrorism

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A terrorism forum led by an ex-Israeli political leader packed students into the Warwick Center Ballroom last week.

Michael Bar-Zebar, Ph.D., opened the evening sharing personal anecdotes of Israeli terrorism that he had experienced. Although Bulgarian by birth, Bar-Zebar participated actively in Israeli politics, and served in the Israeli military. In relating his background, Bar-Zebar offered audience members a glimpse into the political mindset characterizing some Middle Eastern leaders.

Bar-Zebar said that people often ask him if bin Laden's politics are representative of those of the Middle East. Bar-Zebar responds they are not.

"[bin Laden] is fighting a war against America," Bar-Zebar said. "Very low on his list of priorities are the Middle East situation, the struggle of the Palestinians."

Bar-Zebar continued, saying that the attacks were a strike against Western id-

ologies.

"He blew [the World Trade Center] up not for the military or for the freedom of hostages,

(bin Laden) did it because it is part of his war against the West, which is known to him as the "Great Satan," Bar-Zebar said.

Bar-Zebar rounded out his talk by offering some advice for fighting the terrorist threat.

"One must remove the head of the snake," he said. "Once the leaders are gone, the others will follow. It is very important to have... an organized network (between Western and Middle Eastern societies) that can work together."

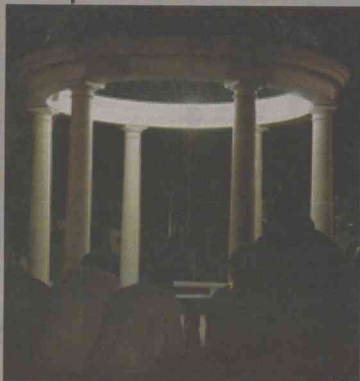
He also said cooperation across ethnic lines would be essential.

"We will be bound to live together, side-by-side, forever," he said.

So, let us come to the table of peace and to the gether," Bar-Zebar said.

The evening concluded with a question-and-answer session between the audience and a panel of professors, including Wynona Kleinberg, associate professor of political science at UNCW; Sanford Silverburg, a professor at Catawba College; and Cindy Combs, associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The discussion covered implementation of de-

Campus Gazebo Dedicated



Shinn Plaza, between Honors and International Houses, was dedicated Tuesday. The gazebo was built in honor of Dr. Gerald Shinn, UNCW professor emeritus of philosophy and religion.

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Anti-war protest springs up on campus

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The Environmental Concerns Organization held a rant — which is an open forum for current concerns — last week to ensure that some voices did not get stifled in political upheaval.

A small but vocal group of students on campus who openly oppose the war got to speak their minds at the ECO forum in the University Commons.

The rant put no censorship

on content, and many members of ECO said they feel this rant was a step in the right direction for freedom of speech.

The rant began around 11:30, and microphones and speakers were furnished for students who wished to speak. Sidewalk chalk was provided for those who wanted to write their feelings. Tables with coffee and free peace sign buttons surrounded the perimeter of the forum.

Subjects, however, were not

limited to the war. Many students expressed concerns over President George W. Bush's ability to lead and bias in the media.

The rant rated only a second glance by some, as others slowly walked by. As the event continued, people slowly began to congregate, sprawling out on the grass and sidewalks.

Nicole Marschhauser, president of ECO, who is also against the war, said that a rant is a place where a group of

people can get together and discuss their opinions openly on current political matters in a welcoming environment.

Marschhauser and those in ECO spoke frequently of the neo-war facing the world.

"A neo-war is basically the idea of a war that isn't like other wars. It is something totally new and hasn't been defined yet because it isn't really a war," said Marschhauser.

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