

Jewish student stands at controversy's center

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As a hurricane of controversy descended on the Palestine Solidarity Movement conference at Duke University this weekend, Rann Bar-On stood alone at the eye. Bar-On, a graduate student at Duke, is an Israeli-born Jew. He also worked for six months to convince the school to host the PSM, a group that seeks to end the Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip and West Bank through divestment, the economic withdrawal of invest-

ments in Israel. "He has a really interesting story," said Fayyad Sbaihah, a national representative of the PSM. "He has a real understanding of the Palestine situation." Bar-On was born in Jerusalem but grew up in Haifa, an Israeli town on the Mediterranean. From a very early age, his parents took him to political rallies and demonstrations about the Palestinian issue. "I've been going to demonstrations in Israel since I was 5 years old," he said. "From then, I had the

idea of coexistence." His parents continue to be supportive of his activism. "They've been wonderful," he said. As a young man, Bar-On travelled to a number of Arab villages and saw the conditions in which the Palestinians were living. "I asked myself, 'Where are all the kids? Why are we not living together?'" But he didn't start thinking about a specific solution to the Israeli occupation until his family moved to Botswana when he was

13. There he saw firsthand the end of the apartheid regime in South Africa, which had been toppled, in part, by Western divestment. He immediately drew a connection between the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the situation in South Africa. "I saw how similar they were," he said. "It was the same thing between blacks and whites." Bar-On's experiences are one of his biggest assets to the PSM, Sbaihah said. "He's one of the few people with first-hand experience of both," Sbaihah said. He can really understand what apartheid is."

Bar-On didn't specifically get involved with divestment issues until he was an undergraduate at University of Warwick in England. Returning from a trip back home, he said, he was angered by the poor living conditions of the Palestinians. These conditions influenced Bar-On to join the PSM.

As a Jew, Bar-On disagrees with the idea that the PSM is anti-Semitic. "In this country, every anti-Israeli criticism is considered anti-Semitic," he said.

About one-third of the PSM's membership is Jewish and another third is Palestinian, said Sbaihah.

Bar-On said he might be working to end the Israeli occupation for a long time. Divestment in South Africa took more than 20 years, and divestment against Israel is just getting off its feet, though he said he hopes faster means of communication like the Internet will speed the processes.

"I hope I will see (the end of the occupation). I hope to see the end of the violence," he said.

In the meantime, Bar-On plans to be an activist for life. He said he would like to continue working toward divestment in Israel and to work with the PSM after graduation.

"I feel I have a moral and ethical duty for activism," he said.

VOTING

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UNC ONE Card to vote. Amon Anderson, chairman of VoteCarolina, said he hopes the planetarium will be a convenient location for students to vote.

"Whereas on voting day the polling places aren't conveniently located for someone who lives in Hinton James who has to go down Mason Farm Road, you walk right by Morehead going to Franklin Street or class," Anderson said.

Campus leaders said they hope this morning's event will highlight the importance of getting to the polls. "It's not just our civic duty," Calabria said. "Especially in such a tight election, it's something that really matters. It matters about how students are treated and the kind of consideration and respect students receive in our community and in the country."

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KEITH

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After a series of informal meetings between CAA cabinet members and student officials this semester, a summit meeting of sorts was held during the week before Keith's resignation to clear up a list of allegations.

Problems student government brought to the table included mismanagement of the homecoming concert, of the CAA budget and of basketball ticket distribution.

Keith allowed that the CAA has "taken a few tough knocks" this year but attributed much of the problem to people's not knowing exactly what the association's job is.

He stressed that his resignation was unrelated to the criticisms.

Calabria and Student Body Vice President Alexa Kleysteuber said Wednesday that one of the agreements made during the summit was that the SBP should have greater oversight of the CAA president.

"This (would be) helpful so that the CAA president would feel more attached, included, informed, responsible — all those things," Kleysteuber said, adding that she hopes the new president will keep the lines of communication open.

Strunk said she hopes future conversation will help further define details of the CAA's role and regulations. "The CAA has had a lot of little struggles this year, but we've come together as a team."

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FAIR

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comes from. ... They've never seen a peanut plant; they've never seen a cotton plant."

Outside the fairgrounds, Glass said, urban North Carolinians can experience farm life through agritourism. People can go to farms across the state for strawberry picking and Christmas tree cutting. Farmers also sell products such as wine or preserves derived from their harvests.

Glass said such sales are one way farmers supplement their income. "Farmers have been making less and less money," she said. "They may have had the land for five or six generations, and they want to stay on their family farm."

But with more and more small family farms in the state succumbing to corporate agribusinesses 4-H and livestock shows could become things of the past.

"These things I'm doing with my grandchildren are things they'll enjoy doing," Jenks said. "They're things they'll never forget, and neither will I."

The State Fair will run through Sunday night. The grounds are open from 8 a.m. until midnight.

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CONFERENCE

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ers stood in silence then abruptly started chanting and performing an Arabic celebration dance.

Brewing tension

Controversy surrounding the PSM surfaced in August, when it was announced that the conference would take place at Duke.

Despite protest from on- and off-campus organizations — including an online petition with 90,000 signatures — Duke officials refused to cancel the conference, saying that because organizers followed procedure, they would not stop the event.

Still, the weekend remained peaceful. Students across campus held demonstrations, including an event last week by Chabad, the school's Jewish organization, which featured the display of a bombed-out bus. The Freeman Center for Jewish Life also held a counterconference.

A three-day event

During the course of the conference, several panels were held to discuss the ongoing conflict over Israeli and Palestinian borders.

Each panel discussion ended with a question-and-answer session where Bar-On said dialogue was encouraged regardless of point of view. "We want people to engage in debate instead of screaming at us."

But when two men voiced opposing opinions, they were quickly asked to hurry with their questions or take their seats.

Bob Dickman, a 1969 Duke graduate from Burbank, Calif., stood up Friday to ask about the Israeli view, but was met with some opposition. "I feel they are basically endorsing terrorism," he said before the conference. "I want to present another side of the issue."

On Sunday, Rick Dorfman, a student at Rutgers University School of Law-Camden, asked panelists to condemn the violence. But when he tried to discuss the issue, three men blocked him from the microphone and asked him to have a seat.

But for the most part, discussions stuck to the overarching theme of the weekend: divestment.

As the situation worsens, Palestinians continue to suffer human rights abuses at the hands of Israelis, said Diana Buttu, a legal adviser for the Negotiations Affairs Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Buttu also discussed the International Court of Justice's ruling that the Israeli security wall is illegal and that construction should cease. She added that Israelis do not view Palestinians as equal, and that Palestinian homes and businesses are being destroyed to make way.

"It's not just a system of apartheid discrimination," Buttu said. "It's a system of trying to get rid of Palestinians in those areas while talking as much land as possible."

There also were discussions about the history of the U.S. role in the conflict. Most other events associated with the conference were closed to the public.

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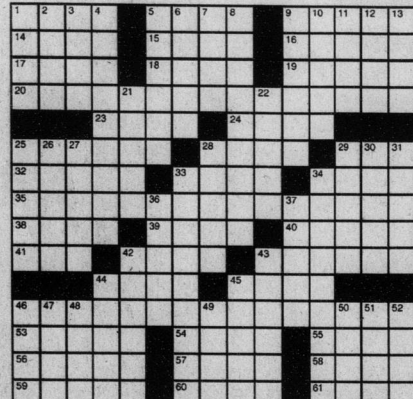
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FILE-SHARING

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Technology Services an idea of what to expect from the program. "We hope to learn enough from that project to be able to offer production services next fall, similar to the way there's a (Carolina Wireless Initiative) pilot project," she said.

Megan Bell, interim assistant vice chancellor for communications, said she does not anticipate that the program will cause network problems.

"There will be no meaningful difference that anyone would notice," she said. "The network would be monitored throughout the entire pilot."

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