Former ambassador talks politics

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Pierre-Richard Prosper, former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, emphasized the individual effort toward global peace at the United Nations Day Luncheon held on Oct 27th.

"What I learned personally from my work is that an individual can make a difference, and we can't rest to make a difference," Prosper said.

Prosper was nominated for Ambassador-at-Large by President Bush in 2001 and served until October 2005.

Prior to his appointment, Prosper served as a war crimes prosecutor for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, during a time when people still suffered from the immediate aftermath of the Rwanda Genocide in the early '90s.

UCA Model UN faculty adviser, Dr. Mark Mullenbach, said he agreed with Prosper overall, but thought he downplayed the importance of International Criminal Court.

"He seemed to be skeptical of ICC," Mullenbach said. "But I wish we had an institution like International Criminal Court in 1994 [when the Rwandan Genocide occurred]."

President of UCA Model UN Organization Jose Guzzardi said he found the speech fascinating.

"I agree with his position in ICC," Guzzardi said. "His domestic solution in each country seemed very effective."