

MARCHING FOR A CAUSE



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Men and women march down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington yesterday during an abortion-rights rally. The rally, which focused on protecting women's reproductive rights, included 30 UA students among a crowd of hundreds of thousands.

Students march at pro-choice rally

30 UA students among thousands in D.C. for abortion rights event

By Natasha Bhuyan
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WASHINGTON — Thirty UA students joined hundreds of thousands of activists yesterday to show their support at the March for Women's Lives pro-choice rally held at the nation's capital.

Members of Students for Choice, the Women's Studies Honorary, UA Medical Students for Choice and Planned

Parenthood of Southern Arizona attended the rally on the National Mall to support reproductive freedom, sex education and women's rights.

Kelly Kraus, a women's studies junior and president of the Women's Studies Honorary, said she was proud to show the nation that the UA is pro-choice because many people believe Arizona is "some little Republican state."

"I believe that it is extremely important for young people to speak out for issues that are important to them and will impact the future," said Kelley Brooks, a pre-education sophomore and member of Students for Choice.

Demonstrators cascaded through the streets of Washington, D.C., playing drums, chanting and carrying colorful signs such as

"Keep your Bush out of my bush," "Pro-child, pro-family, pro-choice" and "Bush supports abstinence ... lucky Laura."

Organizers said the primary goal of the march was to send a message to political leaders and inspire the next wave of progressive movement in America.

"There have been 400 pieces of anti-abortion legislation at the state level since 1995," said Katy Quissell, executive adviser to the Women's Coalition. "It's time to change the social landscape of the U.S."

The \$3 million March for Women's Lives, sponsored in part by the American Civil Liberties Union, Black Women's Health Imperative and the Feminist Majority, included a two-mile march,

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Tucson considers 2 percent renters' tax

By Zach Colick
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UA students who rent houses or apartments in town say they're angry that they may have to pay a 2 percent renters' tax that would help the City of Tucson balance an estimated \$1 billion budget.

The Tucson City Council and the city manager will meet tonight at a public forum to discuss the possible renters' tax, which would help the city pay for new services by taxing the roofs over renters' heads.

But students say helping the city out of its financial burden isn't their problem to solve, and it shouldn't cost them more money.

The city council should try and balance the budget by taking money from people who make hundreds of thousands of dollars per year rather than college students and middle-class families who can't afford it, said Bryan Kinney, a media arts junior.

"It's already expensive to rent in Tucson, and since most students live in apartments and are on a very limited income, it seems like it would make it even harder to make ends meet," Kinney said.

Annie Marcus, an undeclared freshman, agreed. "I think this is ridiculous and unfair," Marcus said. "The majority of people renting apartments and homes are UA students who don't need and who can't afford an additional financial burden, even if it's only 2 percent."

Marcus said UA students already contribute "immensely" to the city's economy, and that the city should look at other means of raising funds before taxing renters.

However, not all council members are in favor of the tax's creation.

Steve Leal, Ward 5 council member, said he believes the new tax could cause financial stress to both students and middle-class families who have a tough time paying their current bills.

"This wouldn't be fair at all to families who would be paying more. It would hurt them severely," Leal said. "Too much of Tucson's money comes from families like these who wouldn't be able to afford even this 2 percent hike."

But some UA students say the tax is a good idea if it increases city services and helps balance the budget.

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Admin says more minority faculty hired

By Thuba Nguyen
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More than one year after the UA announced a comprehensive action plan to recruit a more diverse faculty, administrators say they have increased faculty diversity, though some faculty say they've seen little change.

"There is a diversity agenda, and that is to reflect the population in all areas of the university," said Edith Auslander, senior associate to the president.

Juan Garcia, vice provost for academic

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Students 'battle' for dorm bragging rights

By Jesse Lewis
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Almost 350 residents of Coronado and Arizona-Sonora residence halls turned out Saturday afternoon for the first "Battle of the Towers" Olympics competition between the halls.

The competition, held on the volleyball courts behind Park Student Union, was established between the two towering residence halls to determine the campus giant.

The contest featured events like the Chubby Bunny competition, where

residents stuffed large marshmallows in their mouths as teammates cheered them on.

The five-hour event also included games like "Saved by the Bell" trivia, football toss and a spelling bee.

Coronado won the competition after the halls tied in seven events, forcing a tiebreaker. For winning the contest, Coronado got a trophy that will be displayed in the hall.

Johanna Kotyuk, a political science freshman, said it was great to have the two



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Business sophomore Jared Masters sketches during a game of Pictionary at the "Battle of the Towers," a competition between residents of Coronado and Arizona-Sonora residence halls Saturday afternoon.

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