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Protest erupts over Mt. Graham

2 arrests made at Mall demonstration of telescope proposal

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Police were called to a protest in front of the UA Administration building yesterday, leading to the arrest of a UA law student and a Tucson environmentalist.

UAPD was called after Daniel Patterson, an ecologist with the Center for Biological Diversity, was accused of assaulting another protester, said UAPD spokesman Sgt. Eugene Mejia said.

UA students and community members were protesting the building of telescopes on Mount Graham, in Safford.

Protesters plastered "Likins is a liar," "UA off Mt. Graham" and "No more genocide" on signs and held them high in the Mall area.

About 30 protesters stood around the flower bed in front of the building and held a drum ritual in a show of support for the Western Apache Indians, who have historically used Mount Graham as a religious site to gather holy herbs and water, Patterson said.

"The UA has consistently desecrated the sacred values on Mount Graham. There are already mountain ranges that have telescopes on them, such as Kitt Peak, so there is no reason to choose this specific mountain."

The protest escalated as police were taking Patterson in handcuffs to a police car. According to UAPD, the protesters huddled around the officers.

"They began to surround the officers and started yelling and screaming," Mejia said. "For officers' safety, they were asked to stay back repeatedly."

Rachel Wilson, a UA law student and student activist, was arrested as Patterson was being detained. After the arrest, the crowd moved back, Mejia said.

Patterson said his arrest was unwarranted and unnecessary.

"It was totally unjust and unjustified and the university police department was very heavy-handed in their approach," he



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Officers from the UAPD take Daniel Patterson to a waiting patrol car after he was arrested during a protest against the construction of telescopes on Mt. Graham yesterday on the Mall.

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Scene of tragedy reopens for class

Nursing shooting site opened as video room

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A classroom that was once closed off by tragedy has reopened its doors, bringing together nursing students from across the state.

Room 470 in the College of Nursing — where UA nursing student Robert Flores Jr. shot and killed professors Cheryl McGaffic and Barbara Monroe on Oct. 28, 2002, before taking his own life — has been transformed into a \$350,000 teleconference room.

"This is one of those situations that out of the tragedy came a silver lining," said Richard A. Collins, biomedical communications television production manager and teleconference coordinator.

The 1,400 square-foot room seats 60 graduate students, allowing for live presentations and interactions with nursing students at Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University.

The facility's interactive video connection also gives students around the state the opportunity to attend College of Nursing classes at the UA without coming to Tucson.

"It is innovative, pro-educational and it was much needed," Collins said. "Barbara Monroe was a good friend of mine and I can tell you for a fact that she would have been pleased (with the room)," Collins said.

The classroom that once had removable desks and chairs is now filled with four remote-controlled cameras, four video projectors, 30 microphones, top-of-the-line computers and a DVD recording system that makes lectures available for later use.

"The room has been needed for quite

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'Minority myth' troubles students

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Fredrick Floranda's classmates often crowd around him during lecture to try to copy his notes.

It happens a lot, and according to Floranda, it happens because he's Asian.

An agricultural economics senior, whose parents came to the United States from the Philippines, Floranda is one of many Asian students at the UA who has encountered the "model minority myth," a stereotype that indicates all Asian students should excel academically.

According to the myth, those who are of Asian

descent are highly intelligent, hard-working successful individuals and thus comprise the model minority in the United States.

Josie Gin, director of Asian Pacific American Student Affairs said a lot of students, and sometimes faculty members, assume that Asian college-goers are naturally smart and serious students who spend all their time studying and doing homework.

While that kind of assumption might not sound like such a negative thing in a university setting, Gin said the pressures students feel from the model minority

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Charity events run through Tucson

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Instead of dressing up for posh charity balls, members of the UA community are dressing down to run and walk for benefits.

On Saturday, some 40 UA students, faculty and staff attended Tucson's Walk for Diabetes at Reid Park starting at 8 a.m. More than 1,200 people of all ages attended the walk, some with their dogs.

Mary Carter, chairperson of the College of Science Staff Advisory Council, said that more than 200 people donated money to the diabetes walk and raised around \$9,300 from the UA alone.

Other colleges are also participating in and hosting similar events.

The Nursing Memorial 5K has registered over 580 people so far.

Ellice Mellinger, coordinator of the event, said that she "thought it would be a nice way for people to get together, and they'd be outside and getting exercise."



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Fundraiser participants walk in a 'Walk for Diabetes' benefit on Saturday at Reid Park. October is the busiest month in Tucson for charity walks/runs.

Some 500 people are expected to join in the Tucson First Run, said Sharon Bart at the Tucson Running Shop.

Sandy Moomey of the Tucson

Arthritis Foundation also confirmed that more than 100 teams will be participating in their run and walk with

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