Poet: Humans crave challenge

By Nick Smith
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Former Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky discussed yesterday how humans relate to one another and how our sadness derives from a desire to be challenged.

"More than 700 people attended his lecture, ‘Sadness and Exaltation,’ in the North Ballroom in the Student Union Memorial Center. The lecture emphasized how people have a general desire to be challenged by others. This trait is not a factor of adolescence, Pinsky said, as it can be seen in people of all ages. "I have concluded that what human beings crave is a desire for difficulty," Pinsky said. "This is why the kids are staring at their GameBoys and their Xboxes."

"I think it's incredible they were able to get someone like that here," Antoine said.

"It's important part of learning comes from the act of creating, whether by playing an instrument or reciting a poem aloud," Antoine said. "The school board would be foolish to invest in laptops and software because they become obsolete," Pinsky said. "The cello and the piano will not become obsolete."

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Robert Pinsky speaks on ‘Sadness and Exaltation’ in the Student Union yesterday afternoon.

Format to ‘Tune Out’ tonight

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Phoenix-area pop-punk band The Format will take the Centennial Hall stage tonight. With more than 1,600 tickets sold, student leaders said they're hopeful the remaining tickets will be bought to fill up the auditorium.

General public and student tickets have been on sale since mid-October for $10, and there are still about 800 tickets left to fill the 2,400-seat venue, said Ryan Patterson, special events coordinator for the Associated Students of the University of Arizona.

Patterson said they will likely break even on the talent costs for The Format show.