Students protest Bush speech

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UA students were nearly arrested yesterday after staging a sit-in in the ROTC building to protest the war in Iraq, the military recruitment of young people and President Bush’s State of the Union address.

Students, alumni and members of the World Can’t Wait left their anti-war rally on the UA Mall to march to the ROTC building and sit on the lobby floor with their arms locked.

Gabriel Matthew Schivone, an undeclared freshman and member of the World Can’t Wait, watched as police surrounded the building, declaring it a “crime scene.” He said he was worried his friends would be arrested.

“I understand why they’re doing it,” he said. “But I’m personally just worried about a few friends.”

University of Arizona Police Department spokesman Sgt. Eugene Dahl said the police response was necessary in case the group became violent.

Faculty prepared to meet with Shelton

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Some people spend their spare time watching TV or reading, but one UA scientist found a different way to utilize his free time.

He built a death ray.

MikeBushroe, senior staff engineer at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, began building his ancient weapon of doom after the July 7 episode of the Discovery Channel show “MythBusters” showed viewers the supposed death ray of Archimedes, the ancient Greek engineer.

Each week, “MythBusters” tries to debunk ancient myths and legends by restaging them using both small-scale and full-sized models to design, make and test.

“I would never call it a science show,” said Bushroe, who works in the Molecular and Solid State Physics Laboratory.

“I would call it a physics show, but I can’t use that word anymore.”

Though Shelton is not a minority, he is “enlightened, educated and concerned” and can still make a difference with diversity issues, Farwaneh said.

“If more minorities are able to have positions of power and equity, then one day there could be more minorities as university presidents,” Farwaneh said.

Keith Dienes, an associate physics professor, said the UA will benefit from Shelton’s research background and his service on the Hubble Telescope Committee.

“My connections to NASA and the atmospheres community should be extremely useful in pushing the strength of physics and astrophysics on our campus,” said Dienes in an e-mail.

Dienes said Shelton, who received his master’s degree and Ph.D. in physics, will be able to use his wide-ranging background to effectively serve the many needs of the university.

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