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REFLECTING ON DISASTER



Tucsonan Anne Burns bows her head in remembrance of those left dead, injured or homeless in the wake of Dec. 26 tsunami during last night's candlelight vigil held on the UA Mall. The event was a multi-faith memorial service setup through the efforts of the Sri Lankan Student Association.

Tsunami victims honored in vigil

By Alex Grubb
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More than 50 people went out to the UA Mall last night to attend a candlelight vigil to honor the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia and hear speakers from different religions.

The vigil was organized by the Association of Sri Lankans at the UA and featured speak-

ers from various religious groups including Islamic, Buddhist, Presbyterian, Jewish and Bahai Faith. Representatives from each group offered their stories and insights on how they are dealing with the catastrophe and also to offer hope to the community.

Pinnaduwa Kulatilake, geotechnical engineering professor, opened the vigil with a

scientific look at the mechanics of the tsunami and commented on the victims.

"These people need psycho-social assistance. Pray that people get assistance and have a strong mind to cope with this difficult situation," Kulatilake said.

Azad, director of the Islamic Center of Tucson, said Muslims greet each other with "peace be with you," and

said, in a time like this, it is important to recognize how people treat each other and the state of the world.

"The element of good is more than the element of evil. Goodness is the rule, evil is the exception," Azad said.

Rev. Arjahn Sarayut of the Dhammaratanaram Buddhist Temple offered his own words

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Students to protest swearing in of Bush

By Cassie Tomlin
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Protesters plan to convene at Old Main this afternoon to march in an Inauguration Day protest sponsored by 30 Tucson organizations including Refuse and Resist, Tucson Peace Action Coalition and the UA Young Democrats.

The protesters plan to assemble at 3:30 p.m. at the Old Main fountain and walk to the Federal Building, 300 W. Congress St., for a rally at 5 p.m.

Tariq Rahman, a political science junior and member of Refuse and Resist who helped organize the event, said he expects between 500 and 2,000 people to show up to the march.

Once the protesters reach the Federal Building there will be poetry readings, performance art and an open microphone for speeches, he said.

Scheduled speakers include political science graduate student Greg Knehans and Julian Kunnie, director of African American Studies.

Alicia Cybulski, president of UAYD, said the group is participating in the protest to show their unity with fellow Tucsonans who support their goals.

"We want to make sure issues important to us are still listened to and taken into consideration," said Cybulski, a political science senior. "Just because the elections are over doesn't mean there shouldn't be demonstrations of goals and ideas."

Danielle Roberts, UA College Republicans president, said the club will not address the inauguration protest march, but will hold a celebration at Gentle Ben's, 865 E. University Blvd., this evening to view the inauguration speech on television.

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Prof. helps to push anti-bullying bill past committee

After being bullied,
prof. shot man in '55

By Andrea Kelly
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PHOENIX — The UA professor who told his class two months ago he shot and killed a student while in college testified at the Capitol yesterday in favor of a bill to eliminate bullying.

Robert Bechtel, psychology professor, told his classes Nov. 17 he was the victim of bullying from age 4 through college. In January 1955, he brought a gun to his residence hall at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, with the intention of shooting everyone who lived there.

After killing one student, Bechtel stopped shooting and turned himself

into police later that day. In April 1955, he was admitted to Fairview State Hospital for the Criminally Insane. He stayed there for almost five years. When he was discharged, he was tried and acquitted for the murder, with a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Bechtel, who started teaching at the UA in 1976, told the Arizona House of Representatives K-12 Education Committee yesterday that the passage of HB2368, a school district governing board bill that would require documentation and investigation of incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying, was of utmost importance.

Bechtel told the committee his history of being bullied and how he finally acted on his aggression and shot a student in the hall. He encouraged the committee to pass the bill to

help stop what he called a "universal problem."

The committee passed the bill yesterday by a vote of 7-2. Before the bill becomes a law, it must pass through and be approved by the House Rules Committee and the House of Representatives. Then it will be sent to the Senate to go through the same process. If it passes in both the House and Senate, Gov. Janet Napolitano can choose whether to sign the bill into law.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. David Bradley, D-Tucson, and was proposed to him last year by a group of students from Mansfeld Middle School, 1300 E. Sixth St.

"The goal is to get people to realize that this is real," Bradley said.

Bechtel said 90 percent of the pop-

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Robert Bechtel, a UA psychology professor, is seen with his daughter in December 2004. Bechtel was at the legislature in Phoenix yesterday testifying about an anti-bullying bill.

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