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President visits Davis-Monthan AFB

Determined few turn out to protest Bush

By Seth Mauzy
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While hundreds gathered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base yesterday for President Bush's Tucson appearance, a dedicated group of more than 50 opponents of the administration showed up outside the event for a small protest.

Protesters gathered about 2 p.m. yesterday, 40 minutes before Bush was scheduled to speak. They assembled at the corner of East Golf Links Road and South Swan Road, outside the base's Swan Road entrance, to protest Bush's Tucson visit to talk about issues related to illegal immigration.

While about one-third of the protesters held signs demanding immigration reform, many took the opportunity to voice their dissatisfaction with other elements of Bush's agenda, from the war in Iraq and torture to abortion.

"I'm out here mainly to protest the war," said Sarah Gettinger, a history senior. "But I disagree with everything the Bush administration is doing."

Gettinger said she also disapproved with how Bush has been handling the problem of illegal immigration.

"My main problem with the border issue is the wall that's being built along our border, because if you look at walls in history, like the Berlin Wall, they didn't really work," Gettinger said. "A wall won't stop coyotes from bringing truckloads of people across the border."

Gettinger was one of only a few UA students who made it to the eastside protest, which Gettinger said was likely because of the event's distance from campus and the early afternoon time.

"I think it has a lot to do with timing, not apathy," Gettinger said. "A lot of students are in class till 4 or 5, and with finals and graduation approaching, protests probably

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Bush outlines guest worker program

By J. Ferguson
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President George W. Bush tried to wade through the political minefield of illegal immigration yesterday by calling for a guest worker program that does not include a clause for automatic amnesty.

A backdrop of 45 U.S. Border Patrol agents stood behind Bush as he spoke at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Bush outlined a three-part plan called "Securing America Through Immigration Reform."

Bush said a key point of his plan is a guest worker program, which allows for illegal immigrants to enter American society, at least temporarily, without fear of legal repercussions. Bush said the guest worker program would allow law enforcement to "focus on those who mean this country harm."

Bush told the crowd of Border Patrol agents, custom officials and members of law enforcement that members of Congress, including those in his own party, may not agree with his plan.

"There's a lot of opinions on this proposal — I understand that. But people in this debate must recognize that we will not be able to effectively enforce our immigration laws until we create a temporary worker program," Bush said. "The program that I proposed would not create an automatic path to citizenship, it wouldn't provide for amnesty — I oppose amnesty. Rewarding those who have broken the law would encourage others to break the law and keep pressure on our border."

Bush's guest worker program does not create an automatic path to citizenship or provide amnesty for illegal immigrants, and the plan did not outline how long the guest worker program would allow illegal immigrants to stay in the country before being forced to go home.

Bush also called for strict enforcement of current immigration laws as well as the need for Congress to pass new immigration laws.

He offered an anecdote of a federal law that

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Claire C. Laurence/Arizona Daily Wildcat
President George W. Bush addresses a crowd of supporters yesterday afternoon at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Bush made a short stop in Tucson in order to discuss his viewpoints on Arizona's Border Patrol and his opposition to granting amnesty to the illegal immigrants who are currently residing in the U.S.

Scholar plans to research, teach

Triple major first UA Marshall scholar since '97

By Ariel Serafin
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For the first time since 1997, the UA has a recipient of the Marshall Scholarship, a prestigious national award that provides recipients with full funding for two or three years of graduate study in the United Kingdom.

Scholarship winner Ajit Divakaruni, a senior majoring in biochemistry, mathematics, and molecular and cellular biology, said he will use the funding to pursue a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Cambridge University.

Divakaruni's scholarship is worth

about \$60,000 and will fund his tuition and living expenses during his time studying in the United Kingdom, said UA Director of Nationally Competitive Scholarships Karna Walter.

"I feel like I'm just a regular guy, but having an aptitude for math and science has taken me places beyond my wildest dreams," Divakaruni said. "It's changed my life."

Although there is not a firm set of qualifications that all Marshall scholars possess, each of them is exemplary, Walter said.

"The bar is set really high," Walter said. "Every Marshall scholar has a slightly different profile."

A total of 40 Marshall scholars are chosen from eight regions across the country, Walter said.

Because Divakaruni attends the

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QUICK HITS

Engineering Design Day involves students

The electrical and computer engineering and aerospace and mechanical engineering departments plans to host an Engineering Design Day competition today involving more than 70 students.

Fourteen teams of five to eight graduating seniors from both departments' capstone design programs will be demonstrating the results of their semester projects in a poster board display.

Engineers from the industry will be on hand to judge the displays, and awards will also be given.

The event runs from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the North Ballroom of the Student Union Memorial Center.

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Ajit Divakaruni, a senior majoring in biochemistry, mathematics, and molecular and cellular biology, received a Marshall Scholarship last week. The scholarship will take Divakaruni to Cambridge University for two years and will include tuition, books, room and board.