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Suicide shocks Pennsylvania campus

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For years, Kathy Change tried to bring attention to her message of world peace by dressing in tight T-shirts and thong bikinis, waving flags and playing music around the University of Pennsylvania campus. No one seemed to listen.

On Tuesday, the students couldn't help but notice. On that day, the 46-year-old Change calmly walked to a large metallic peace symbol in the heart of the campus, doused herself with gasoline and set herself on fire.

The suicide, carried out in front of 50 people, was meticulously planned as a final, last-gasp attempt to draw attention to her beliefs.

"My real intention is to spark a discussion of how we can peacefully transform our world," Change wrote in a statement she delivered to

students beforehand. "I offer myself as an alarm against Armageddon and a torch for liberty."

Students who for years had walked by her with indifference or vague unease as she ranted on couldn't stop talking Wednesday about her spectacular suicide. They remembered little of her message, though.

"It's a tragedy," said Justin Piergross, 22, as he sat a few feet from the shiny peace sculpture. "I think a lot of people just didn't give her any respect because she was a bit different."

To 21-year-old Kate Saliba, a Penn junior, the almost daily performances were like a "show." "People would be sitting by the library and just cringe," she said.

"What was she against? Everything," said Kyle Bartlett, 24, a graduate student from Little Rock, Ark. "Destruction of the rain forest. Gov-

ernment with a capital G."

Throughout the morning, people milled away across the College Green and passed before a shrine of sunflowers, purple lilies, lit candles and colored beads left at the foot-high peace sign along with a balloon the message: "In memory of one who died in pain."

Change was something of a mystery, the only thing anyone knew about her was she listed an address in the city's dense Powelton section in West Philadelphia and police said she was from Springfield, Ohio.

It wasn't clear how she supported herself or whether she had any family, though a radio interview she once said that her father was an engineer and her grandfather a

INTERNET

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Steve Reed, an international relations graduate student, said video conferencing will allow for diverse teaching styles in the classroom.

"We can share information with universities from around the world," he said. Other presentations will include how to locate, download and use databases.

Reed said understanding how to use the Internet will give students easier access to information.

"Most students are aware of the Inter-

net," he said. "But I do not think many of them know how information can be gathered instantaneously."

The program will feature other aspects of the Internet such as international relations, foreign policy and international conflict resolutions.

Reed said the Internet is linking the world.

"People say the world gets smaller every day and this is just another symptom of it," he said. "The Internet allows for a more enhanced global community."

Today's forum will be held in 292A MSC from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SHOCKLEY

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"I want him to go back to A&M and finish his degree," Joe Shockley said. "He loves A&M and it means a lot for him to get his degree. We think it's attainable."

Trevor Shockley said he would like to return to A&M some time next year. "I miss A&M," he said. "I'm looking forward to coming back."

Seale said cognitive and visual problems would interfere with Shockley's return to school right now.

"That's not to say he won't be able to go to school later," Seale said. "He's a pretty determined young man."

Shockley's physical therapists are helping him fine-tune his walking, and he will have a cornea transplant to improve his vision.

Joe Shockley said Trevor's returning

to A&M is largely related to the success of the eye surgery.

He said the amount of reading and studying required of college students would cause problems for his son because he has trouble focusing.

"When it's such an effort to read, he can't retain things," he said. "Because of the head injury, listening doesn't provide him with good retention."

Trevor Shockley thinks of his injuries as a minor setback considering the progress he has made.

"I thank God I survived what I went through," he said. "There's no way to understand what happened to me."

Seale said Shockley's recovery will continue to progress.

"He'll probably continue to make gains, just not as significant or dramatic as his gains up to this point," Seale said. "I think Trevor calls himself a miracle. That's pretty accurate considering the severity of his injuries."

CONTEST

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Kovar joined six other finalists in the competition ceremony in the Rockefeller Center in New York. Finalists were allowed to fly with a guest to New York at the expense of the sponsors.

Kovar, who is originally from Rockdale, took mother with her to New York. She said her husband declined the invitation because it was "lady stuff."

The other finalists won \$10,000 for their own charities.

Newman judged the contest and when he was to decide between Kovar's dish and another contest, Kovar said a friend of Newman's in the audience donated another \$50,000 so there could be two grand prizes.

After choosing the grand prize winners, Newman lunch with the winners of the contest.

Kovar said she never imagined she would be lunch with Paul Newman.

"(Newman) is a very nice man," Kovar said. "He seems real genuine."

She said Newman changed the name of her dish "Butch's Wild West Tex-Mex Salad" because of a name he started in previously.

Larry Medearis, manager of the College Station Kroger, was invited to New York as well.

Still Creek Boys Ranch is a home for boys whose parents are either unable to support them or have deserted them. The Ranch houses 19 boys and relies on donations to stay open.

Medearis said Kroger plans on donating the money to the Ranch, which is approximately 15 miles from College Station.

"I knew they (Still Creek) were trying to integrate for girls yet," Medearis said. "They don't have facilities for girls yet."

Margaret O'Quinn, co-founder of Still Creek, said the money will be put to good use.

"We run strictly by donations," O'Quinn said. "It's such a big blessing."

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