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Tsunamis in South and Southeast Asia: News of the tsunami crisis emerged during the holidays when the University was closed. Consequently, we mobilized to support students and staff who may have been affected. The International Students' Centre was opened in order to make counselling and other support such as assistance contacting family overseas, available to international students whom we felt may have been affected by this crisis. Additionally, all exchange students and international students who might be in the affected areas were contacted by e-mail in an effort to provide academic accommodation if their return travel to the University was delayed. So far, it appears most of their needs have been met outside of the University community, however, we will continue to make all of our resources available if they are needed. Multi-faith memorial services were held on St. George, Mississauga and Scarborough campuses. In the short-term, many student and campus groups are actively involved in fundraising initiatives and contributions are being made to the many organizations that are collecting funds to aid in the crisis. For the long-term, the University is exploring various initiatives, through involvement with universities in the affected region, such as student or research exchanges or provision of educational materials.

Student Services: The Career Centre is hosting an Exploring Careers Symposium January 17th - 28th. The symposium will be opened by comedian Sean Cullen and will include talks on The Realities of Being a lawyer, Putting Your Master's Degree to Work: Career Tips, Tales and Trends; Hot Jobs, Cool Careers; Making A Living While Making A Difference; Ask A Career expert; Feedback Friday; Speaking Of Careers, over 40 career representatives and a Summer Job Fair.